# Re-Energising Australia with Critical Battery Metals Production

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## Global Leader in Sustainability

### QPM believes that the TECH Project boasts unrivalled ESG credentials amongst developing nickel projects



#### Negative CO<sub>2</sub> emissions

- Use of waste gas results in TECH Project reducing Australia's GHG emissions by 238,000 t CO<sub>2</sub>-eq per annum
- Equivalent of ~52,000 typical passenger vehicles
- ISO-compliant calculation independent verification



#### Minimal Waste

- No tailings dam
- No process liquids discharge
- All valuable metals extracted from ore
- Exploring commercial applications for residue to make TECH Project "zero waste"



### Positive working environment

- Developed nation labour laws from ore supply through to final product
- Building and fostering a high-performance culture with motivated employees working to a common goal
- Inclusive workforce
- Building diversity



### Embracing Townsville & regional communities

- Acknowledgement of Traditional Owners Bindal People – CHMA executed to deliver training opportunities and jobs
- Local community sponsorship
- Establishing a presence in the community QPM office opened



### **Corporate Milestones**

| Offtake         | <ul> <li>Binding agreements signed with LG and POSCO</li> <li>Baseload customers for 65% of production</li> <li>Underpins development</li> <li>World class, bankable customers</li> </ul> | <ul> <li>Ongoing discussions with other potential customers</li> </ul>   |
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| Funding         | <ul> <li>A\$20m equity raising</li> <li>US\$15m investment from LG and POSCO</li> <li>Institutional investors joining the share register</li> </ul>                                       | <ul> <li>Progressing on NAIF loan – SAP completed</li> <li>KPMG appointed</li> <li>Debt process commenced – strong interest to date</li> </ul> |
| Value Delivered | <ul> <li>Market capitalisation of A\$291 m</li> <li>~14x increase in share price since 1 July 2020</li> <li>One of the top performing nickel stocks on the ASX</li> </ul>                 |  |
| Board & Mgt     | <ul> <li>Key management appointments</li> <li>Strong owner's team assembled</li> <li>Right mix of skills and experience to deliver TECH Project</li> </ul>                                | <ul> <li>Key Board appointments</li> <li>Calibre of appointments reflects the progress and potential of QPM</li> </ul>                         |



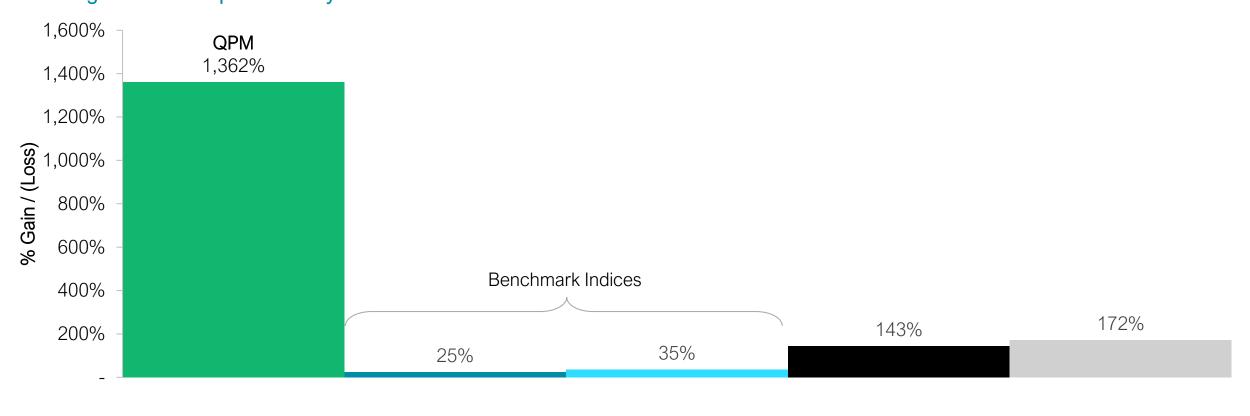
## Project Milestones

| DFS        | <ul> <li>Successful pilot plant operation</li> <li>Engagement of Tier 1 Lead Engineer – Hatch</li> <li>Good progress made on DFS</li> </ul>  | <ul> <li>Confirmed no fatal flaws in flowsheet</li> <li>Key equipment and vendors identified</li> <li>Relationships being built with key vendors</li> </ul> |
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| Approvals  | <ul> <li>'Prescribed Project' status awarded in Queensland</li> <li>State approvals advancing well</li> <li>Strong relationship being built with TCC</li> </ul>  | <ul> <li>Federal approvals progressing well</li> <li>Strong political support from key ministers</li> </ul>   |
| Ore Supply | <ul> <li>Ore supply identified to underpin ~1.5M tpa operation</li> <li>Finalising ore supply contracts with key suppliers</li> </ul>  | <ul> <li>New Caledonia is awash with limonite resources that have no real home</li> <li>QPM offers a solution that is a "win-win"</li> </ul>                |
| Gas Supply | <ul> <li>Tripartite MOU executed with TEC and NQGP</li> <li>Utilisation of waste gas – reinforces ESG credentials</li> <li>Extensive known gas resources that underpin life of TECH Project</li> </ul> | <ul> <li>Potential for monetisation of carbon credits</li> <li>Reducing methane emissions</li> </ul>  |



## **Delivering Value to Shareholders**

QPM share price growth over the last twelve months outperformed benchmark indices and industry peers Price growth for the period 1 July 2020 to 19 November 2021



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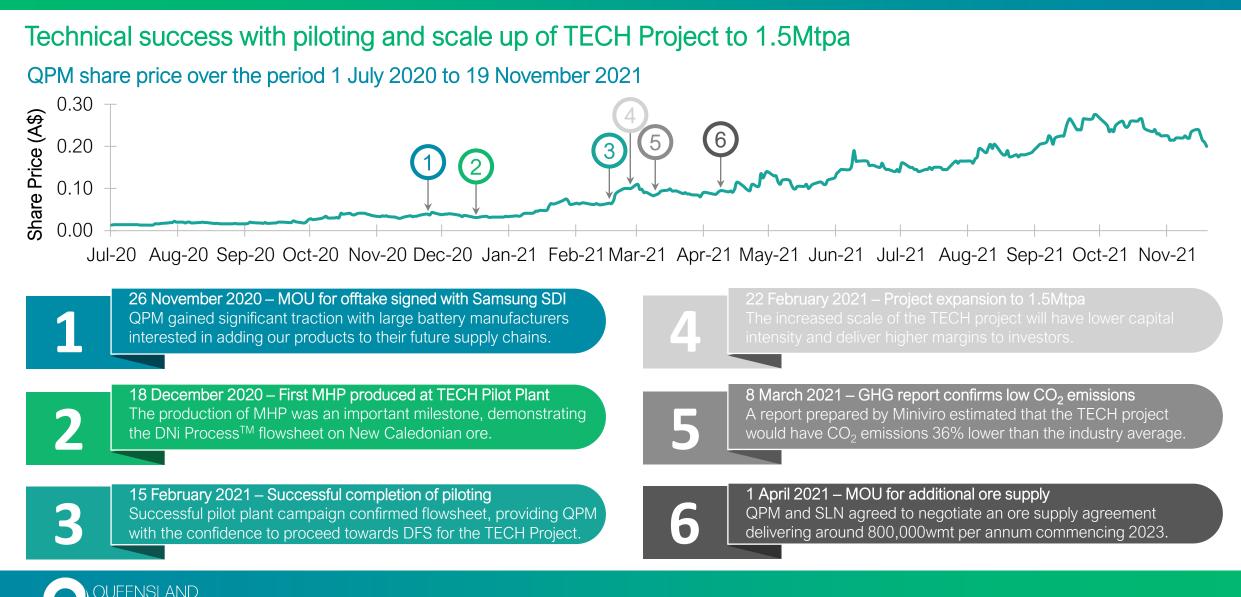
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Industry Peer Average

Nickel Spot Price

The industry peer group is the average of Sunrise Energy Metals Limited (ASX:SRL), Ardea Resources Limited (ASX:ARL), Poseidon Nickel Limited (ASX:POS), Blackstone Minerals Limited (ASX:BSX) and Australian Mines Limited (ASX:AUZ).

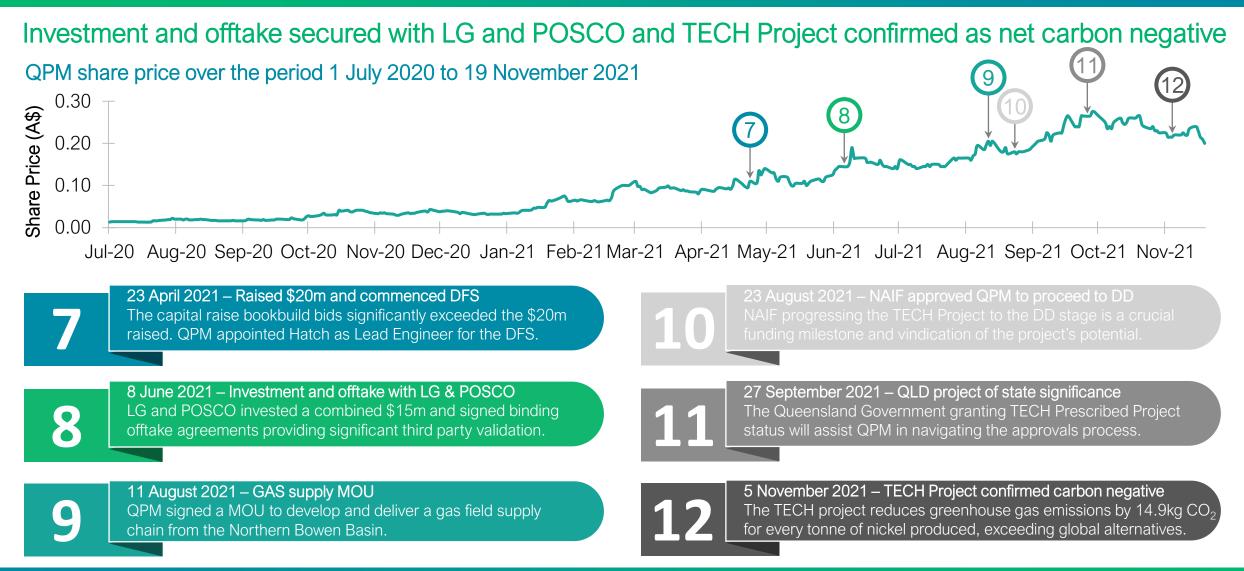


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### Nickel Outlook

### Key themes make the outlook for nickel very positive...

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| QUEENSLAND                          | forward orders have been placed  |
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| Battery<br>chemistry                | <ul> <li>Nickel is what delivers energy density in LIBs</li> <li>Typical passenger EV will require 40-50 kg of nickel per vheicle</li> <li>New battery technologies are a long way from commercialisation – OEMs have committed to nickel chemistry and</li> </ul>   |
| Following<br>lithium's<br>footsteps | <ul> <li>Lithium sector performance has been remarkable and the profile of lithium in the investor community is more significant than nickel – more lithium companies, "lithium"-ion battery name</li> <li>Raw material supply concerns for nickel is arguably greater than lithium amongst battery manufacturers and OEMs</li> <li>QPM believes the equity market is yet to fully understand and value the "supply chain train smash" that could eventuate in nickel</li> <li>Nickel's time is coming</li> </ul>  |
| Supply concerns                     | <ul> <li>Significant new supply is largely Chinese-backed and located in Indonesia – political risk and ESG negative</li> <li>Displacement of nickel matte from NPI will only reduce nickel available for stainless steel – "Robbing Peter to pay Paul"</li> <li>Limited sulfide discoveries – long time from exploration to production</li> <li>High capex for laterite projects – barrier to entry</li> <li>2.2X forecast for nickel demand and 10X forecast for 2030 battery nickel demand (40 - 50 kg/EV)</li> <li>Where will the clean and green nickel come from???</li> </ul> |

### Forecast Nickel Demand

... in addition to current 2.5 Mtpa Ni for stainless steel, alloys, etc!

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## History repeating itself



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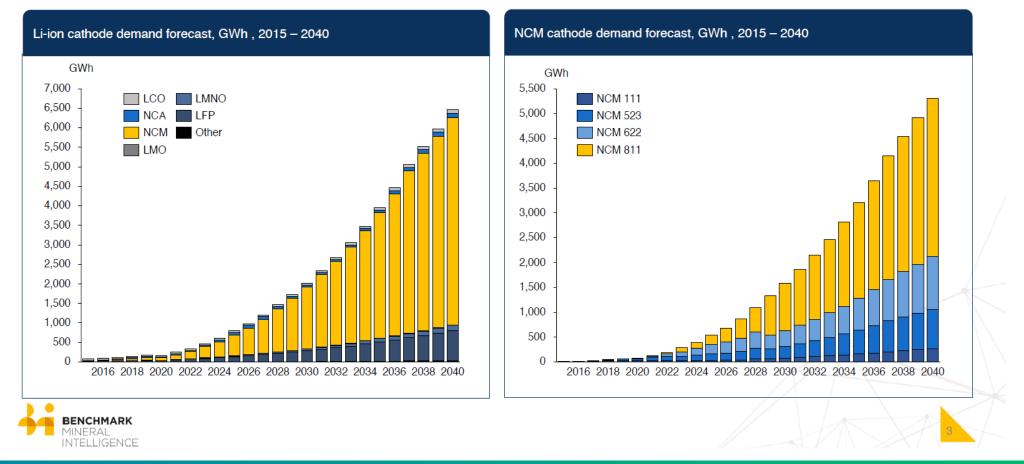
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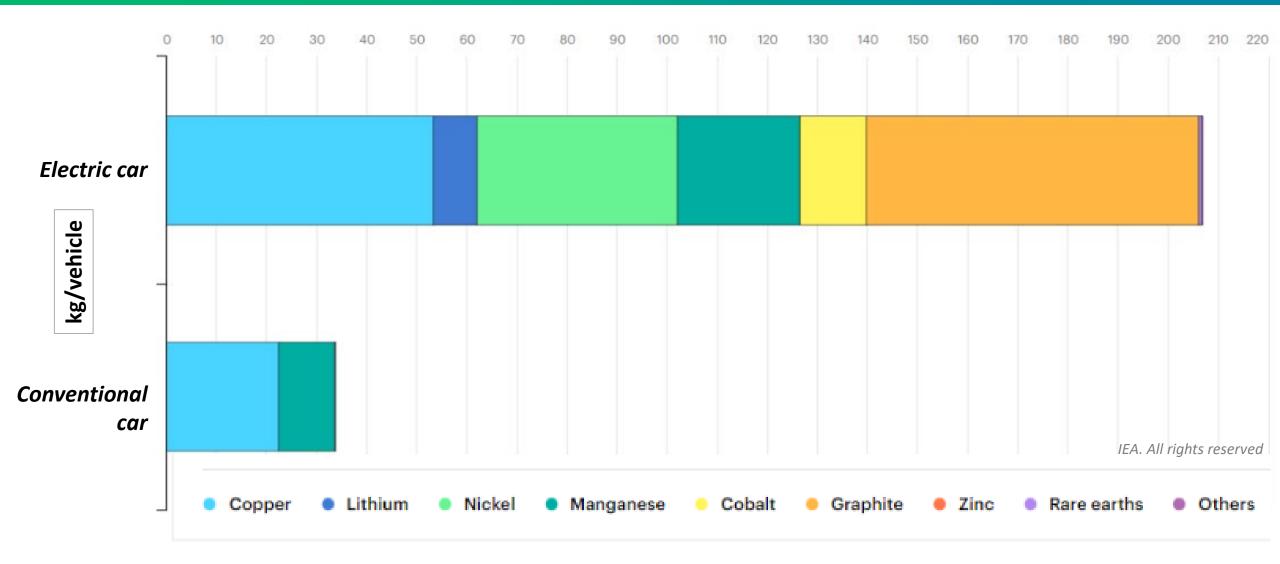
### Nickel-rich batteries dominate the future

### Scale of LiB production increase is forecast to be huge—and nickel-intensive cells will be at the centre of that transition





### Who makes the money in the EV future?





### Project of State Significance



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State Development and Public Works Organisation Act 1971

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This declaration takes effect from the date of its publication in the gazette, pursuant to section 76E(3) of the *State Development and Public Works Organisation Act 1971*.

- TECH Project awarded Prescribed Project status by Queensland Government
- A Prescribed Project is one which is of significance, particularly economically or socially, to Queensland or a region
- Prescribed Project status enlivens the Coordinator-General's powers under the State Development and Public Works Act to ensure timely decision making with respect to approvals for the Project

Project approvals continue to advance



## Looking forward...

### Key goals for the next 6-12 months – success will deliver value for shareholders

- Delivery of a high quality DFS which will provide technical confidence to financiers
- Advancing technical work and commercial opportunities on HPA
- Finalising project approvals
- Finalising key commercial arrangements to support TECH Project
- Delivery of a funding plan to allow construction of the TECH Project
- Securing long-lead time equipment by early detailed engineering



### **QPM TECH Project**

