# CLIMATE SMART MINING

CRITICAL RAW MATERIAL SUPPLY FROM THE WORLD'S LARGEST NATURAL RUTILE DEPOSIT AND ONE OF THE LARGEST GRAPHITE RESOURCES



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#### Rutile - the world's purest natural source of titanium



Pigment (58%)

Welding (31%)

Titanium Metal (11%)







Titanium – designated a CRITICAL RAW MATERIAL by the US and EU based on "supply risk" and "economic importance"

### Natural Rutile - the purest natural form of titanium

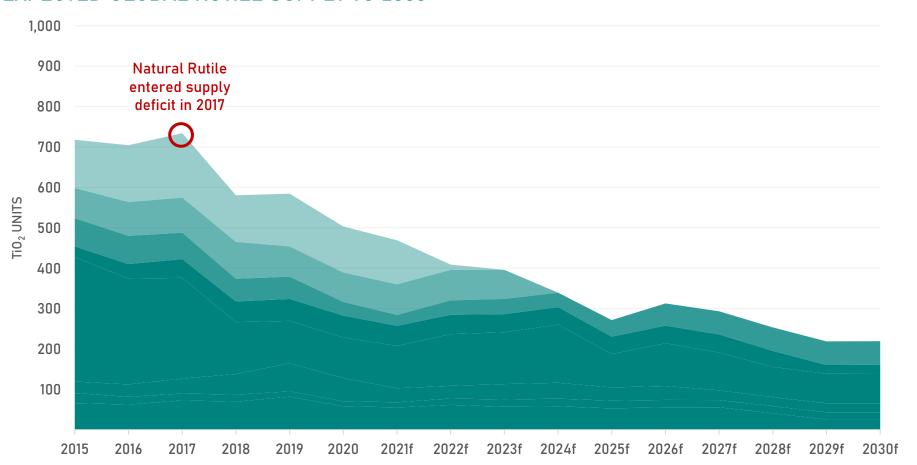




## Natural Rutile - genuinely scarce



#### **EXPECTED GLOBAL RUTILE SUPPLY TO 2030**





70%
Expected decrease in global rutile supply from 2017 to 2030 (~515kt)



2.8Mt
Expected increase in global TiO<sub>2</sub> demand from 2017 to 2030



+50 Years

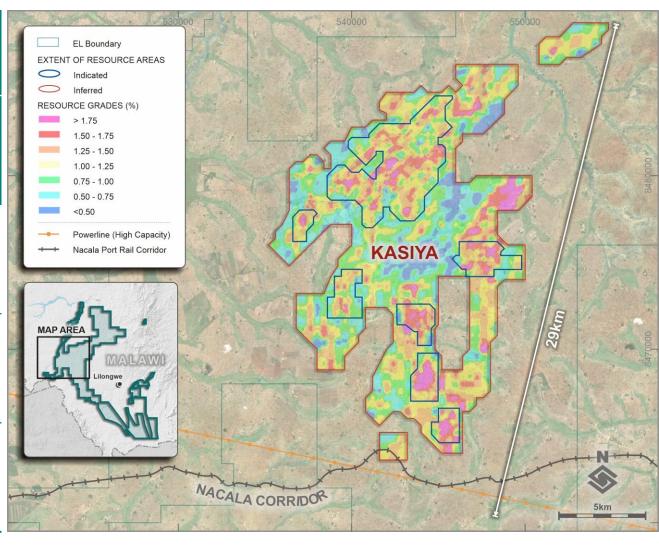
Since new significant, standalone rutile-dominant deposits discovered

Source: TZMI

#### Kasiya updated Mineral Resource Estimate – 1.8 Billion Tonnes



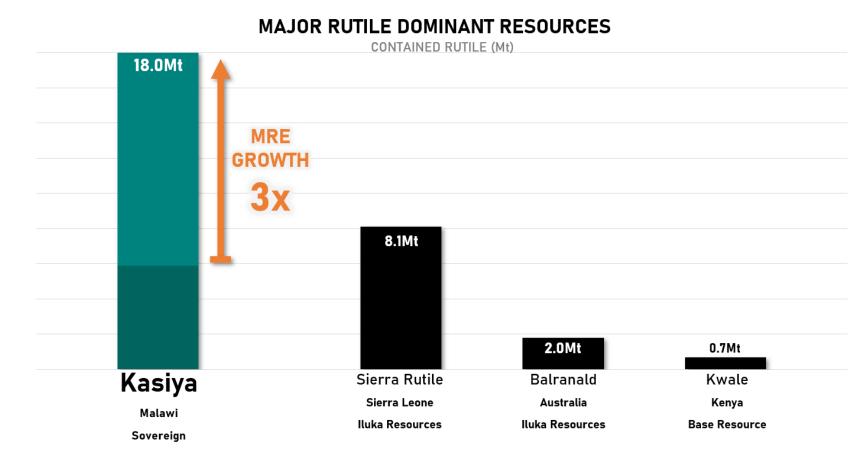
Kasiya Mineral Resource Estimate at 0.7% Rutile Cut-off									
Mineral Resource Category	Material Tonnes (millions)	Rutile Grade (%)	Rutile Tonnes (millions)	TGC (%)	TGC Tonnes (millions)	RutEq. Grade <sup>1</sup>			
Indicated	662	1.05%	6.9	1.43%	9.5	1.73%			
Inferred	1,113	0.99%	11.0	1.26%	14.0	1.59%			
Total	1,775	1.01%	18.0	1.32%	23.4	1.64%			



#### Kasiya - the largest rutile deposit ever discovered



- Kasiya contains more than double the rutile resource as its nearest rutile peer, Sierra Rutile
- New MRE shows a number of new large, but generally discrete high grade rutile zones
- Discovery and delineation of these new high grade mineralised zones has been dominant factor in tripling of the resource base

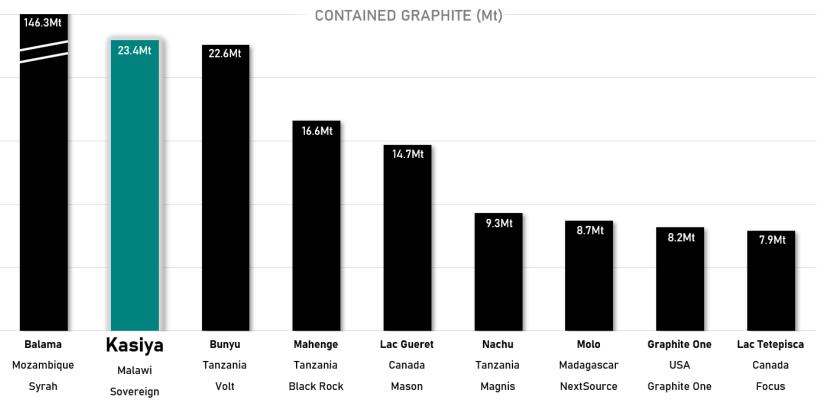


#### Kasiya - one of the largest flake graphite resource in the world



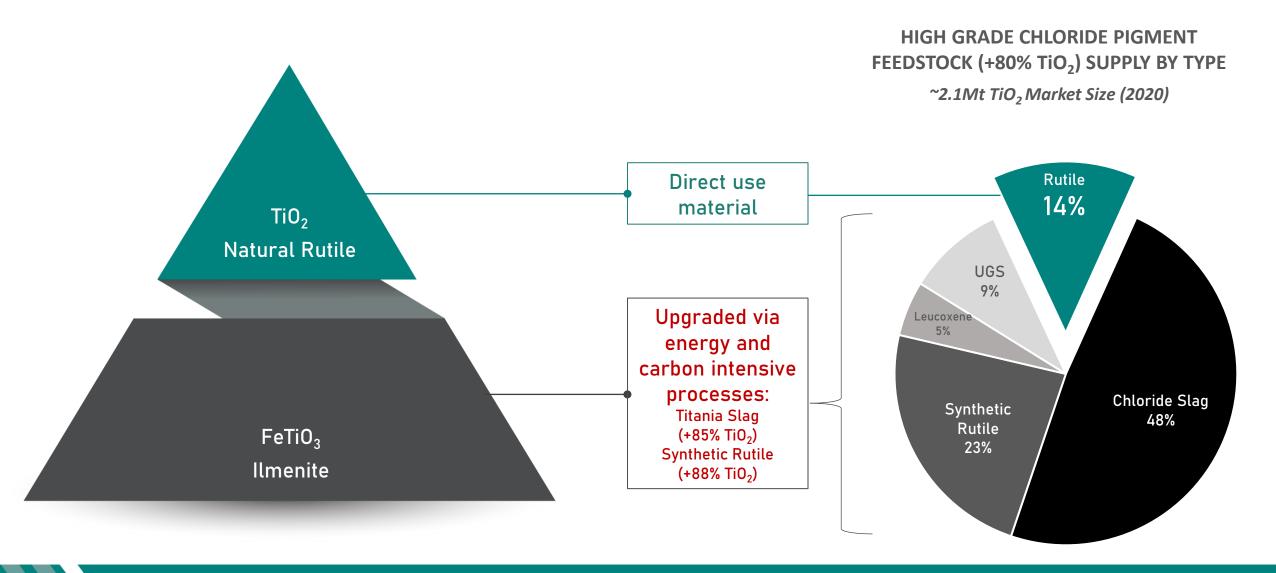
- Graphite by-product from potential rutile production to have a very low production cost compared to graphite-only projects
- Kasiya graphite is highly crystalline and of high purity – important features required for use in lithium-ion battery anodes
- Comprehensive bulk scale metallurgy and downstream test work program developed to confirm commercial potential

#### LISTED FLAKE GRAPHITE RESOURCES



# Natural rutile makes up a small percentage of the total high-grade titanium pigment feedstock market but has a much lower carbon footprint





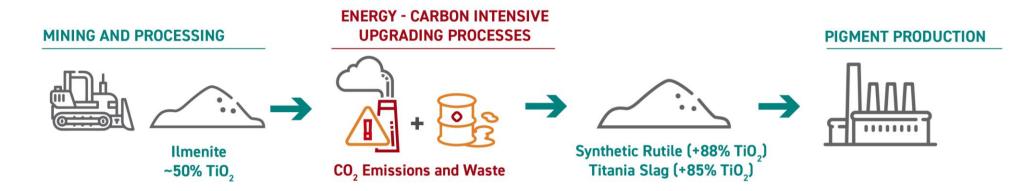
#### Natural rutile - a lower carbon footprint alternative



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Synthetic rutile and titania slag are products of energy and carbon intensive upgrading of ilmenite prior to pigment production



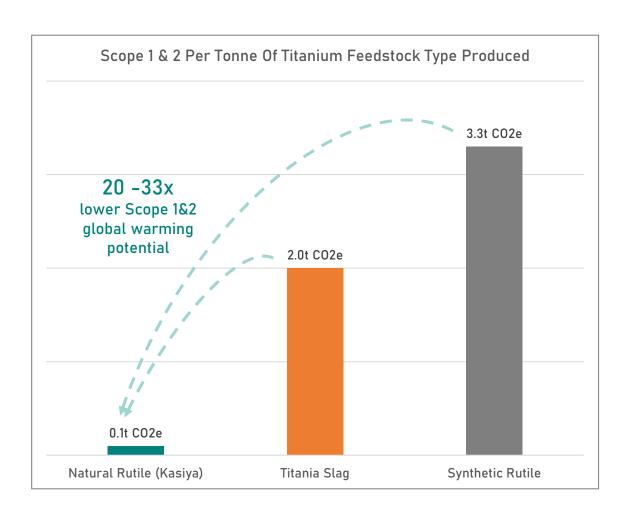
Mined natural rutile is extracted in a form ready for direct pigment production

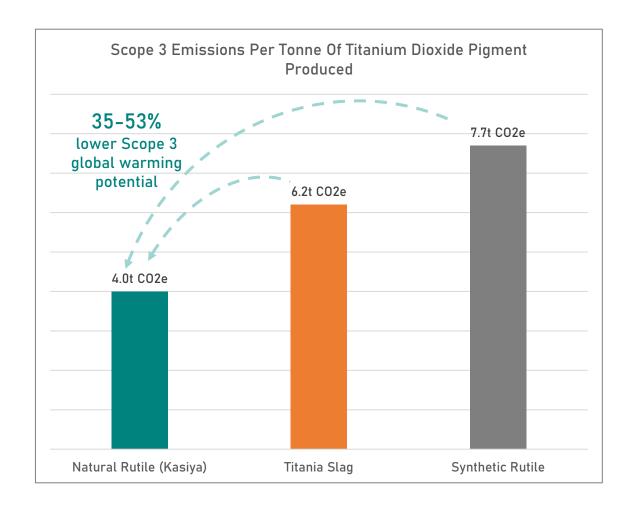
# MINING AND PROCESSING SAVING UP TO 2.8 TONNES CO<sub>2</sub> eq. per tonne Natural Rutile -95% TiO<sub>2</sub>

Source: Minviro Ltd; Sovereign Metals

## Life Cycle Assessment shows carbon emissions reduction potential



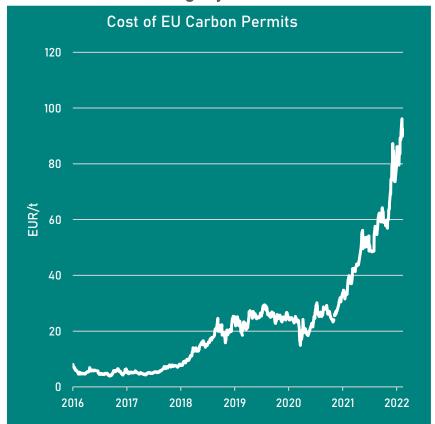


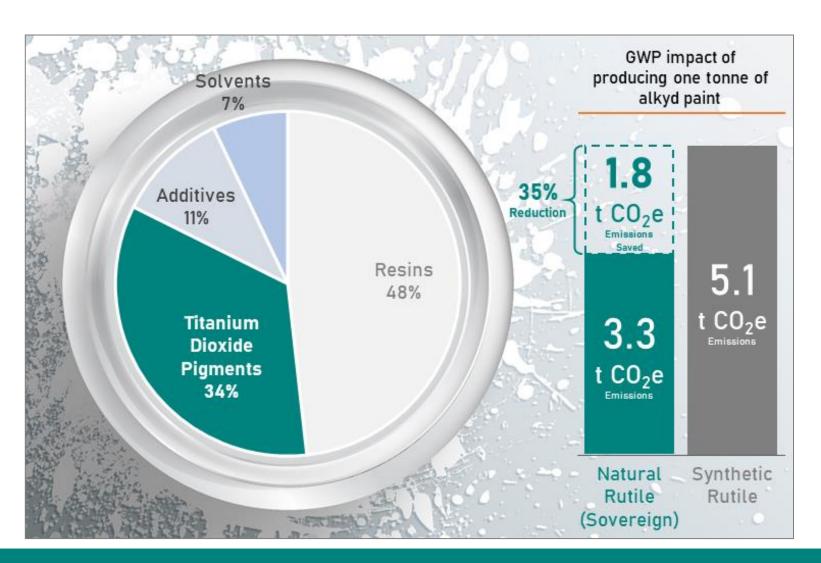


# Lower carbon footprint product demand is consumer driven but also has value-in-use for manufacturers



Industrial plants in the EU must pay for carbon emissions under the EU's Emissions Trading System

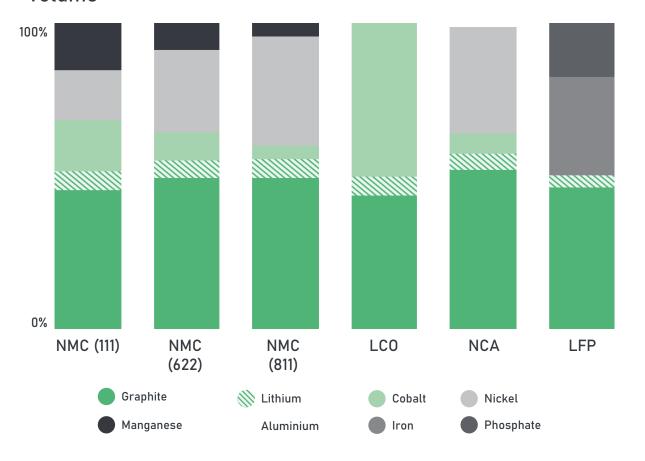


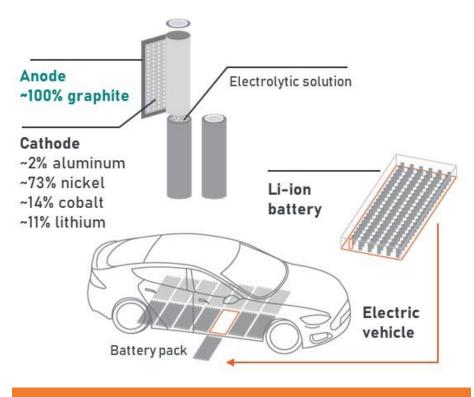


#### Not one, but two raw materials critical for a sustainable future



Graphite is the major active material in lithium-ion batteries by volume







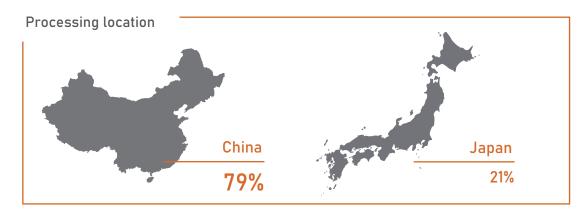
Source: Benchmark Metals Intelligence

#### Chinese graphite dominance threatens electric vehicle ambitions



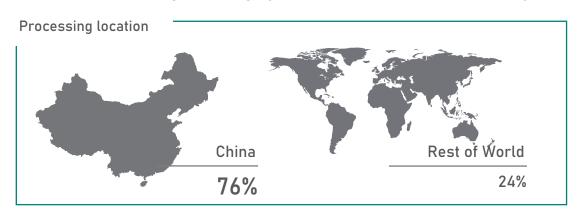
#### Synthetic Graphite

Produced from needle coke via graphitization process.

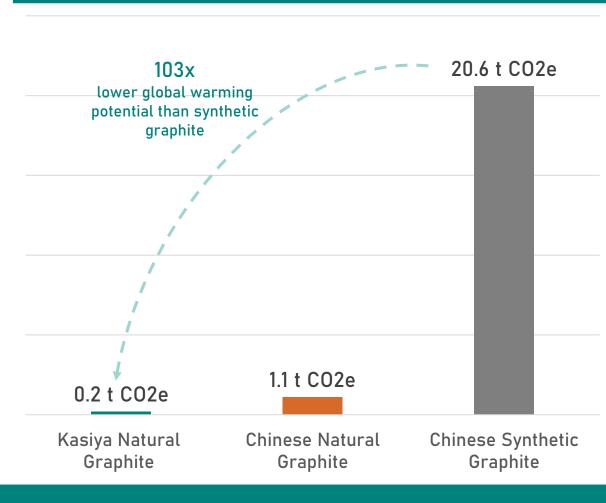


#### **Natural Graphite**

Extracted from mining (natural graphitization occurred over time) and purified.

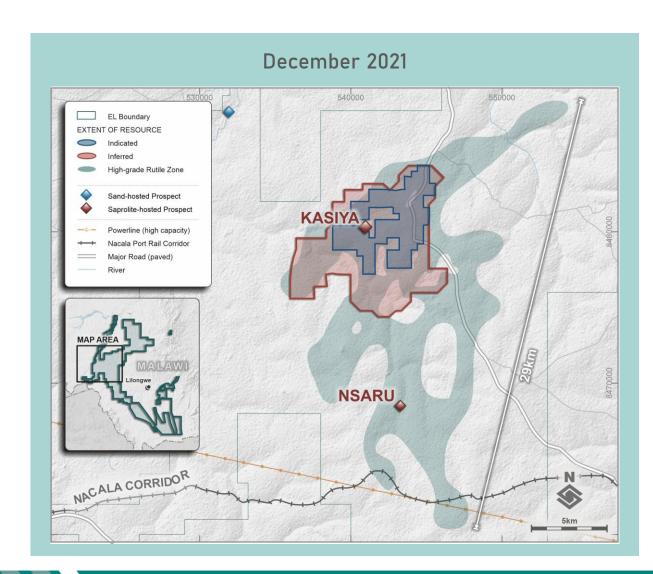


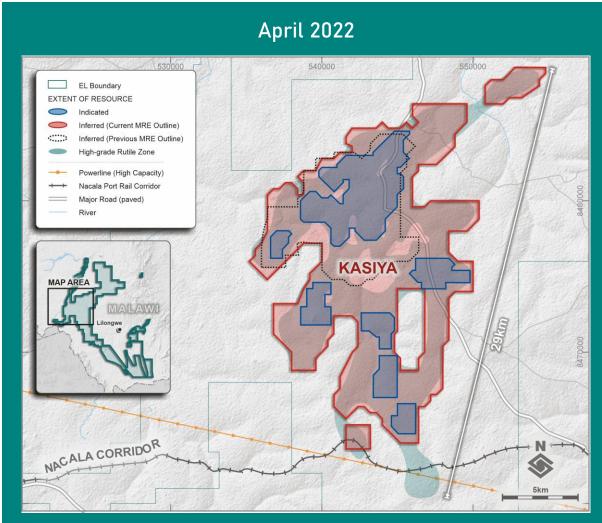
# Global Warming Potential of Producing One Tonne of Graphite



## Initial Scoping Study based on only 30% of total-drill defined mineralisation







#### Initial Scoping Study results: rutile and by-product graphite



Mine life	25 years
Annual throughput	12,000,000 tonnes
Annual production – rutile	122,000 tonnes
Annual production – graphite	80,000 tonnes

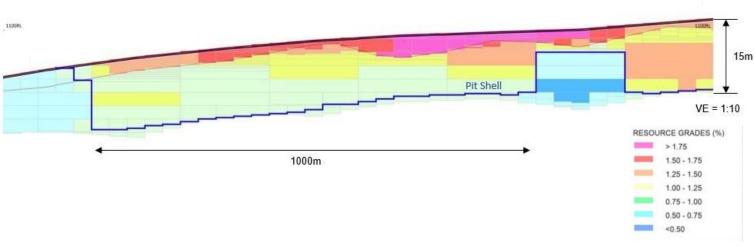
NPV <sub>8</sub> (real post-tax)	IRR (after-tax)	Payback
US\$861m	36%	2.5 years
Total Revenue (LoM)	Revenue (annual average LoM)	EBITDA (annual average LoM)
\$6,266m	US\$251m	US\$161m
Total Capital Cost	Operating Costs (FOB per tonne product)	NPV <sub>8</sub> /CAPEX
US\$332m	US\$352/t	2.6

- Multi-decade mine concept to provide stable, sustainable supply of environmentally-friendlier rutile and graphite
- Very significant contribution to the economy of Malawi and creating over 480 direct jobs and well over 3,000 indirect jobs
- Highly strategic in a rutile market experiencing extreme supply deficit

#### Simple geology

High grade rutile mineralisation from surface

- Rutile mineralisation lies in laterally extensive flat "blanket" style bodies
- All mineralisation occurs in a single, large, and coherent deposit with much of the high-grade material occurring within the top ~5 metres from surface
- Several high-grade mineralised corridors strike NE SW providing significant exploration targets at depth

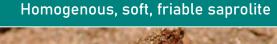




### Simple mining

#### Hydro-mining a proven mining technique

- Long history of successful hydro-mining of heavy mineral deposits across southern Africa
- Numerous African heavy minerals operations use hybrid hydro / dozer mining methods that provide significant operational flexibility



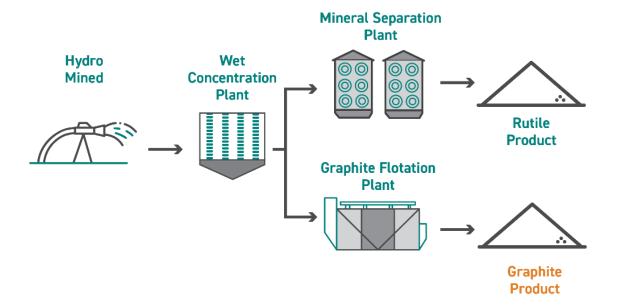




#### Simple processing

#### Premium-grade rutile produced via conventional flowsheet

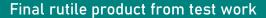
- Robust metallurgy now confirmed from two distinct bulk test work programs
- Significant interest from Tier 1 rutile off-takers
  - First rutile offtake MoU signed with US-based welding product distributor Hascor International
- Conventional graphite flotation plant at marginal incremental cost



94%-100% Stand-out Rutile Metallurgical Recoveries

95.0%-97.2% TiO<sub>2</sub>
Premium Specification Rutile

**96% TGC**Coarse Flake High-grade Graphite

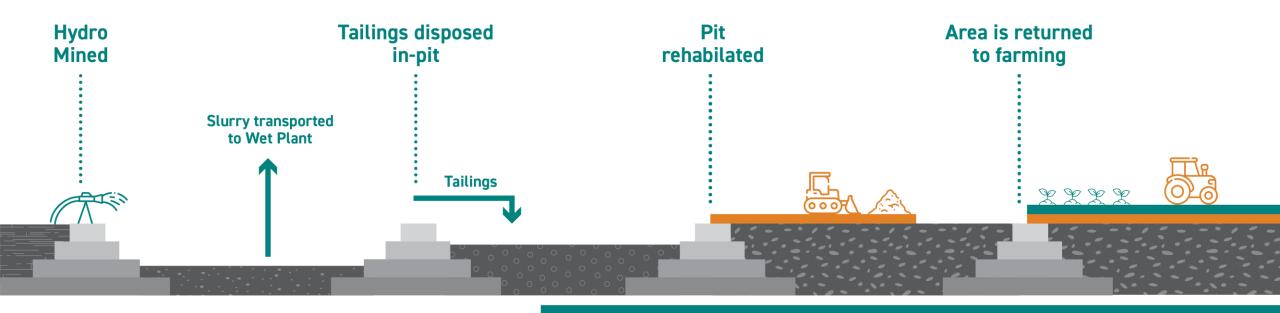




## Simple progressive rehabilitation

Socially responsible and sustainable





- In-pit disposal minimises disturbance
- Progressive returning of land to communities
- Efficient closure campaign at end of mine life



Source: Images from Minerals Council of Australia

#### Low-risk and low carbon-footprint operation





#### Simple Mining

High-grade rutile mineralisation from surface

Soft, friable material suitable for efficient hydro and dozer-trap mining methods



#### Simple Processing

Simple, conventional flowsheet

Single heavy mineral product means simplified back-end mineral separation plant



#### **Progressive Rehabilitation**

Positioned for effective ESG outcomes

Land to be progressively returned to original condition (farms/bushland)

## Powered by renewable energy

Hydro-generated Grid Power | Solar Power System | Battery Energy Storage Solution

#### Malawi Stable, Transparent Jurisdiction



Member country of the Commonwealth



Attracting significant investment



Demonstrable aspiration for mining



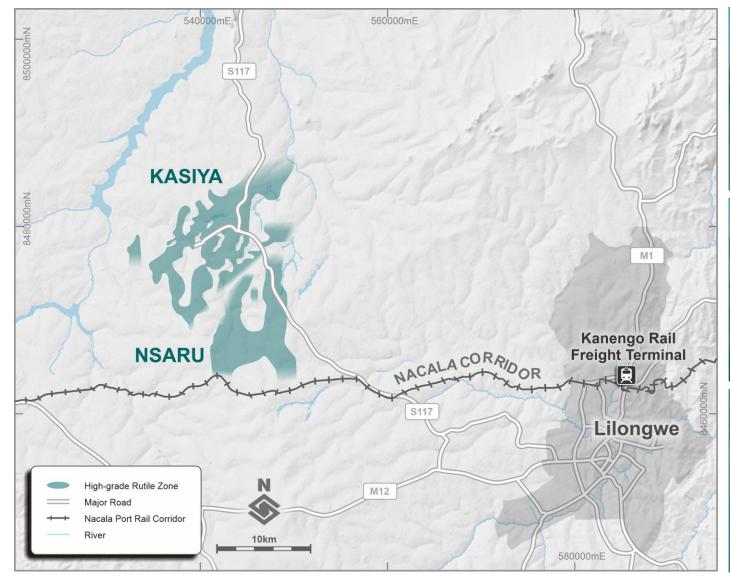
**Excellent operating infrastructure** 





# Operation-ready infrastructure











#### Upcoming news flow



Updated Scoping Study based on new resource - H1 2022



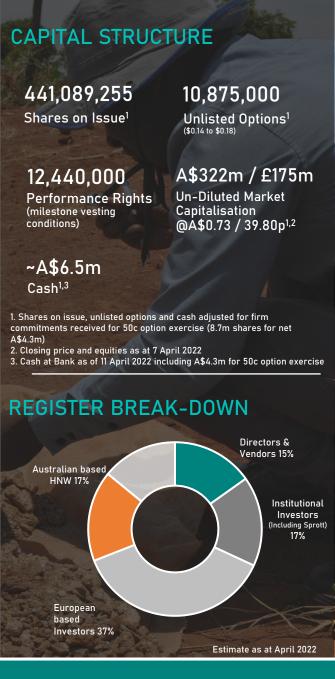
Commencement of Pre-Feasibility Study and ESIA baseline surveys



Ongoing rutile offtake discussions



Kasiya graphite characterisation work program



Source: Sovereign Metals; ASX; London Stock Exchange

# Unlocking the next major source of natural rutile and natural graphite

- Largest natural rutile deposit in the world
- One of the largest graphite resources in the world
- Two commodities with low carbon footprint compared to current alternatives
- Critical minerals for the US and EU based on supply risk and economic importance
- Strong relationships with government and other stakeholders to support the development of Kasiya





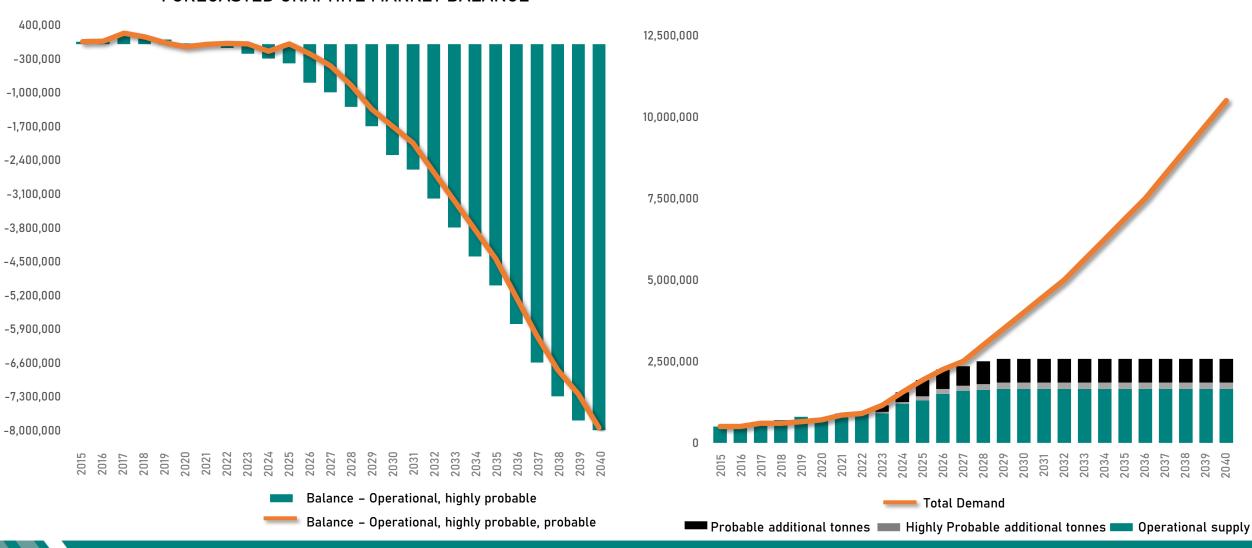


# Thank you

#### Appendix I: Graphite forecasted to be in extreme deficit



#### FORECASTED GRAPHITE MARKET BALANCE

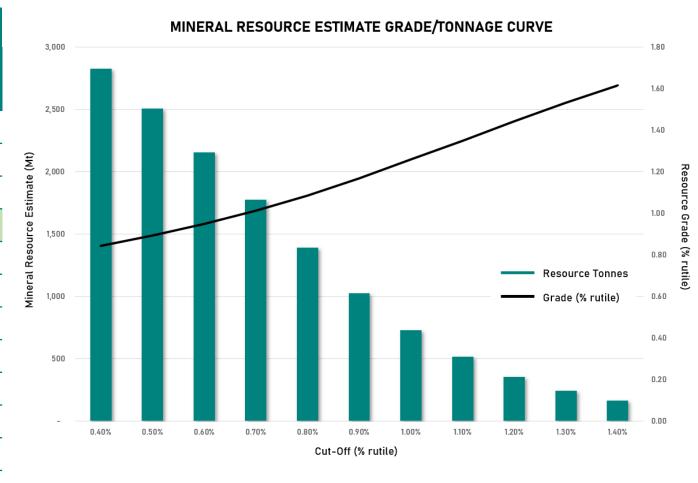


Source: Benchmark Mineral Intelligence, Q4 2021 Forecast

# Appendix II: Kasiya Total Indicated + Inferred Mineral Resource Estimate at various rutile cut-offs



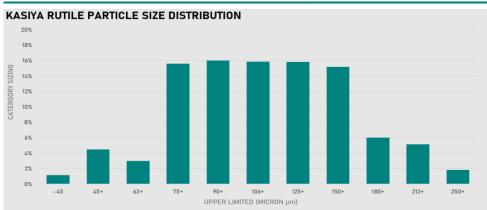
Kasiya Total Indicated + Inferred Mineral Resource Estimate at various rutile cut-offs									
Cut-off (rutile)	Resource (Mt)	Rutile Grade (%)	Contained Rutile (Mt)	Graphite Grade (%)	Contained Graphite (Mt)				
0.40%	2,825	0.84%	23.8	1.26%	35.5				
0.50%	2,503	0.89%	22.4	1.30%	32.5				
0.60%	2,155	0.95%	20.4	1.33%	28.6				
0.70%	1,775	1.01%	18.0	1.32%	23.4				
0.80%	1,391	1.09%	15.1	1.24%	17.3				
0.90%	1,024	1.17%	12.0	1.09%	11.2				
1.00%	727	1.26%	9.2	0.92%	6.7				
1.10%	516	1.35%	7.0	0.76%	3.9				
1.20%	352	1.44%	5.1	0.55%	1.9				
1.30%	241	1.53%	3.7	0.46%	1.1				
1.40%	165	1.62%	2.7	0.43%	0.7				



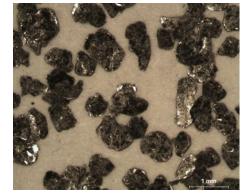
## Appendix III: Premium product specifications



		Kasiya P	Products	Peer Com	parisons
Constituent		100% Recovery Product	94% Recovery Product	Sierra Rutile (Iluka)	Base Resources (Kwale)
TiO <sub>2</sub>	%	95.0	97.2	96.3	96.2
ZrO <sub>2</sub> +HfO <sub>2</sub>	%	0.20	0.21	0.78	0.72
SiO <sub>2</sub>	%	0.67	0.61	0.62	0.94
Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	%	0.99	0.42	0.38	1.25
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	%	0.45	0.38	0.31	0.23
Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	%	0.13	0.13	0.19	0.17
V <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub>	%	0.67	0.70	0.58	0.52
Nb <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub>	%	0.37	0.39	0.15	-
P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub>	%	0.01	0.001	0.01	0.00
Mn0	%	0.02	0.01	0.01	0.03
MgO	%	0.003	b/d	0.01	0.10
CaO	%	0.003	0.001	0.01	0.04
S	%	0.01	0.01	<0.01	-
U+Th	ppm	31	23	26	53



Partic	le Size	Carbon	Weight Distribution	Flake
Tyler Mesh	Micron (µ)	(%)	(% w/w)	Category
+32	+500	96.0	5.4	Super Jumbo
-32 +48	-500 +300	96.6	25.1	Jumbo
-48 +80	-300 +180	96.7	30.9	Large
-80 +100	-180 +150	96.8	10.9	Medium
-100 +150	-150 +106	96.11	14.4	Small/Medium
-150 +200	-106 +75	95.8	7.5	Small
-200	-75	93.8	5.8	Amorphous
То	tal	96.3	100	





## Appendix IV: Commodity price deck



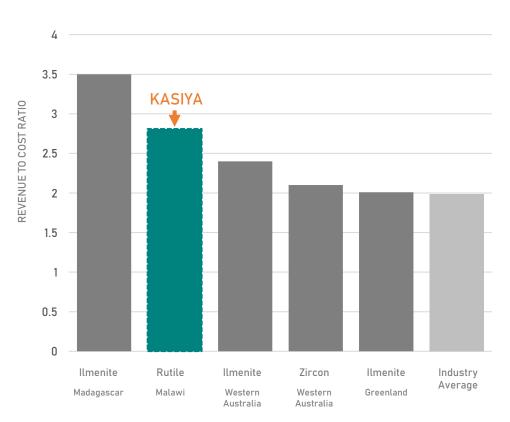
Rutile Price Assumption												
	Sales Mix	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034	2035	Long- term
TZMI Forecast Price –Base (real)		\$1,336	\$1,334	\$1,314	\$1,336	\$1,328	\$1,311	\$1,287	\$1,255	\$1,221	\$1,180	\$1,180
Bulk sales (pigment inducement price)	60%	\$1,336	\$1,334	\$1,314	\$1,336	\$1,328	\$1,311	\$1,287	\$1,255	\$1,221	\$1,180	\$1,180
Bagged sales (25% premium)	40%	\$1,670	\$1,667	\$1,642	\$1,670	\$1,660	\$1,639	\$1,609	\$1,569	\$1,526	\$1,475	\$1,475
Weighted Price		\$1,470	\$1,467	\$1,445	\$1,470	\$1,461	\$1,442	\$1,416	\$1,381	\$1,343	\$1,298	1,298
LoM Average												\$1,346

Graphite Price Assumption				
Flake Category	Micron (µm)	Distribution (% w/w)	Forecast Price US\$/t	Contribution US\$/t
Super Jumbo	+500	5.4	\$2,100	\$114
Jumbo	-500 +300	25.1	\$1,600	\$402
Large	-300 +180	30.9	\$1,085	\$335
Medium	-180 <b>+</b> 150	10.9	\$775	\$86
Medium/Small	-150 +106	14.4	\$605	\$87
Small	-106 +75	7.5	\$515	\$38
Amorphous	-75	5.8	\$425	\$24
То	tal	100	-	\$1,085

#### Appendix V: One of the world's best undeveloped mineral sands projects

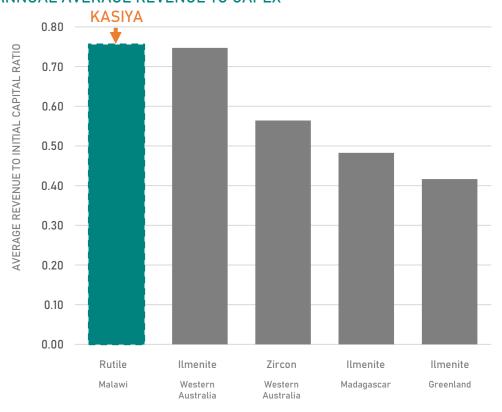


#### REVENUE TO COST RATIO UNDEVELOPED PROJECTS



<sup>\*</sup>Revenue based on average life of mine & costs = operating cost plus royalties Industry Average: TZMI 2022 Estimate

## UNDEVELOPED MINERAL SANDS PROJECT PIPELINE ANNUAL AVERAGE REVENUE TO CAPEX



<sup>\*</sup>Average Revenue based on average life of mine revenue Capital costs: Initial capital costs disclosed in study. Total capital used for phased developments