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Ardea Resources Limited - Kalgoorlie Nickel Project

Globally significant sustainable and ethical Critical Minerals



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**World Class** 

Kalgoorlie Nickel

**Project** 

Mineral Resource

5.9Mt contained nickel,

384kt contained cobalt

plus Sc & other

Critical Minerals\*

Includes:

**Goongarrie Hub** 

High grade component:

784kt contained nickel.

54kt contained cobalt

Enough for >147.000.000

Electric Vehicles<sup>^</sup>

# Premier location

# For jurisdiction, infrastructure and technical expertise

- WA is the premier global destination for development of minerals operations
- Well established health, safety and environmental policies
- Over 125 years of continuous mining with strong stake holder support in a well credentialled jurisdiction
- Access to skilled professionals in an infrastructure rich region
- Semi-arid Great Western
  Woodlands environment, and
  historic mining jurisdiction
  conducive to best practice safe
  tailings management/rehabilitation

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# High level of confidence and control behind resource

Kalgoorlie Nickel Project Highlights

 The KNP database contains 19,308 drill holes with 454,730 samples and 512,167 sample assays with QAQC

100% Ardea

- Detailed geological logging has resulted in a robust and repeatable model
- All KNP Goongarrie Hub resources are on Granted Mining Leases with a Native Title agreement in place
- Ardea has full custody of all aspects of the KNP development
- 100% off-take still available linked to project development funding



## **Proven flowsheet**

# MHP production with industry leading low carbon emissions

- Premium goethite ore (excellent comminution, less abrasive, low consumable consumption, lower maintenance)
- MHP or PCAM product to meet Strategic Partner requirements
- FBICRC membership
- Ni:Co:Mn ratio well suited to NCM811 battery technology
- Additional Critical Mineral byproducts (current bench-scale metallurgy)
- Sustainable and ethical supply of nickel and Critical Minerals for a low carbon future

# KNP DFS to continue to reduce CO<sub>2</sub> emissions KNP Murrin Murrin HPAL Asia Coal-powered

Indicative relative CO<sub>2</sub> emissions intensity for laterite nickel production per kg of nickel production.

After WoodMac Nickel Industry Costs and Ardea internal analysis.

## **Advancing**

# KNP gains national recognition to fast track permitting & funding

- Awarded Major Project Status by Australian Federal Government.
- Streamlined support, approvals, and funding options
- KNP is ranked #1 in the WA Geological Survey Nickel Resource table (>100kt Ni) (Feb22)
- Metallurgical test work in progress with encouraging AL feed material studies
- DFS work streams underway to deliver a world leading nickelcobalt-scandium producer
- Committed to nickel sulphide exploration and discovery success

Australian Federal Government
- Major Project Status

<sup>^ 12/07/2021</sup> UBS - Battery Material Value Chain - based on 40kg Ni powering typical NCM811 EV

<sup>\*</sup> See Appendix for resource breakdown and ASX



## Ardea Resources Corporate Overview

#### **Board**

Mathew Longworth Non-Executive Chair

Andrew Penkethman Managing Director & CEO

lan Buchhorn Executive Director

#### Listed on ASX (ARL)

#### **Executive Management Team**

Sam Middlemas Company Secretary

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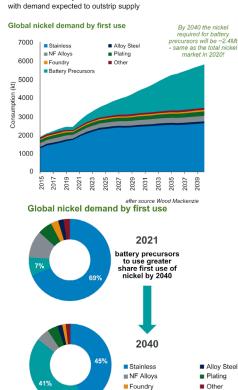


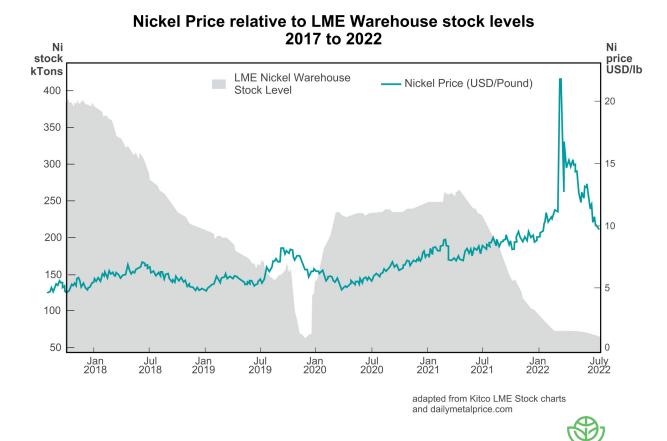


## Nickel use, rapidly growing demand and declining stockpiles

#### Nickel consumption by first use - the future is batteries

Nickel use in Battery Precursors continues to rise at record levels





Battery Precursors

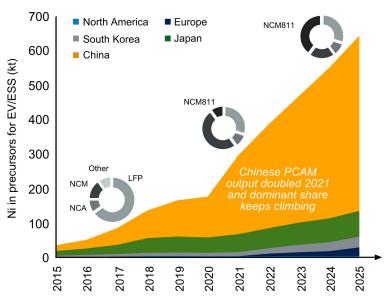


## Lithium-ion battery sector leads nickel demand growth

#### Global demand for nickel sulphate in batteries rising steeply

China currently dominates both NiSO4 and PCAM/CAM

#### Nickel demand in battery precursors



after source Wood Mackenzie PCAM NCM NCM811

- Precursor Cathode Active Material
- CM nickel-cobalt-manganese CM811 - nickel-cobalt-manganese 811 (~80% nickel + ~10% cobalt
  - + ~ 10% manganese content in the cathode of the LIB)
- NCA nickel-cobalt-aluminium LFP - lithium-iron-phosphate

### Lithium-ion battery supply chain

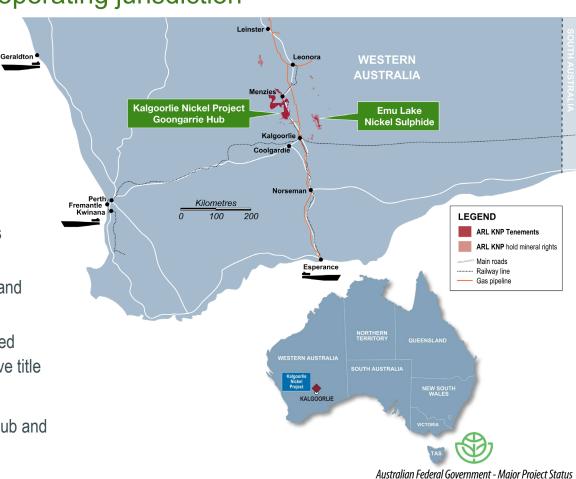
- China dominates the lithium-ion battery (LIB) supply chain through long term strategic planning
- The rest of the world is rapidly trying to catch up
- Billions of dollars are being invested in LIB plants, but where will the battery mineral supply come from?
- The supply response must include all nickel resources
- Especially those that can provide sustainable and ethical supply = Australia
- Especially those with supportive Government and communities = Western Australia
- Large scale deposits that can guarantee long term supply = Kalgoorlie Nickel Project





## World's best operating jurisdiction

- All Projects located in Western Australia (WA)
- >3,400km<sup>2</sup> ground position in Eastern Goldfields
- City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder is the prime resource development and operating destination within WA
  - ✓ Very strong mining support from Local Government and Community
  - Multitude of world-class mining operations serviced from the City
  - ✓ Ardea maintains a local operations office and active stake holder engagement
  - Road and rail network pass through granted Goongarrie Hub mining leases with a native title agreement in place
- Direct infrastructure links to key Kwinana battery hub and Southern Ports - Esperance





## KNP Recognised as a Globally Significant Resource

#### Nickel projects with resources >100 Kt contained nickel Resources estimated according to JORC 2012

Project	Status	Owner	Resources (M1)	Av. grade	Contained	Av. grade (% Co)	Contained Co (t)	Resource date
Kalgoorlie Nickel Project*	Pre-feasibility	Ardea Resources	830.0	0.71	5879	0.05	384 000	16/06/202
Mt Keith'	Operating	BHP Group (Nickel West)	643.7	0.58	3730			30/06/202
Weld Range*	Exploration	EV Metals	385.3	0.64	2466	0.04	154 120	29/10/2013
Murrin Murrin	Operating	Glencore	235.7	0.99	2340	0.08	181 198	31/12/202
Leinster <sup>a</sup>	Operating	BHP Group (Nickel West)	194.8	1.04	2024			30/06/202
Wingellina	Feasibility	Metals X	215.8	0.91	1952	0.07	151 087	30/06/201
Ravensthorpe	Operating	First Quantum / Pohang Iron and Steel Co.	331.8	0.57	1904	0.03	87 270	31/12/202
Avalon*	Exploration	Wingstar Investments	169.8	0.83	1403			31/12/2013
West Musgrave	Pre-feasibility	Oz Minerals	393.3	0.31	1227	0.01	48 236	09/12/202
Cawse*	Exploration	Wingstar Investments	176.5	0.69	1220			31/12/2013
Honeymoon Well*	Exploration	BHP Group (Nickel West)	176.8	0.69	1218			30/06/202
NiWest	Pre-feasibility	GME Resources	85.1	1.03	878	0.07	55 320	30/06/2019
Cosmos	Under development	Western Areas	64.4	0.97	625			30/09/202
Wilconi	Exploration	A-Cap Resources / Blackham Resources	78.8	0.74	583	0.07	55 160	17/09/2019
Julimar	Exploration	Chalice Mining	330.0	0.16	523	0.02	53 000	09/11/202
Jericho³	Exploration	BHP Group (Nickel West)	74.0	0.55	407			30/06/202
Forrestania	Operating	Western Areas / Great Western Exploration	17.9	1.61	287			30/06/202
Savannah	Operating	Panoramic Resources	13.5	1.56	210	0.10	13 328	07/05/202
Canegrass*	Exploration	Huntsman Exploration	29.6	0.71	209	0.06	17760	27/11/200
Nova-Bollinger	Operating	IGO	11.8	1.76	208	0.06	6 694	31/12/202
Kambalda	Operating	Mincor Resources	5.3	3.80	199			30/06/202
Silver Swan – Black Swan	Feasibility	Poseidon	30.9	0.63	195			30/06/201
Julia*	Exploration	Wingstar Investments	25.9	0.74	193			31/10/201
Black Hills*	Exploration	Zetek Resources / Western Resources	30.0	0.64	192	0.03	9 000	18/09/200
Quicksilver	Exploration	Golden Mile Resources	26.3	0.65	170	0.04	11 354	19/11/2018
Mt Edwards	Exploration	Neometals	10.2	1.60	164	0.05	1 387	30/06/202
Pardoo	Exploration	Caeneus Minerals	50.0	0.30	152	0.03	15 000	31/03/201
Windarra	Exploration	Poseidon	9.7	1.53	148			16/07/2014
Mt Thirsty	Pre-feasibility	Conico / Barra Resources	26.8	0.52	140	0.12	31 543	09/09/2019
Norseman	Exploration	Galileo	25.1	0.49	122	0.11	27 386	11/12/2018
Grey Dam	Exploration	Carnavale Resources	14.6	0.75	110	0.05	7 174	26/02/2019
Pyke Hill	Exploration	Cougar Metals	10.5	0.99	104	0.09	9 030	30/06/201
Sherlock Bay	Exploration	Sabre Resources / International Exploration	24.7	0.40	100	0.02	5 420	31/05/201

Resource estimates have been rounded

\* Includes the JORC 2004 resource for Lake Rebecca

\* Resource estimates are not JORC 2012 compliant

\* Jacquistes Valabindia resources

¹ Includes West Jordan resources
For more information

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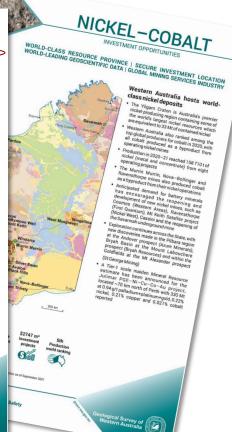
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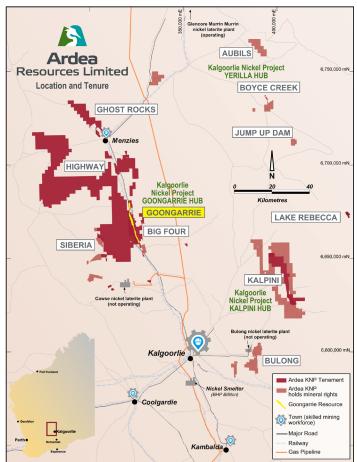
eological Survey of Western Australia



- Kalgoorlie Nickel Project (KNP) tops the table in recent Geological Survey of Western Australia publication February 2022
- KNP is the largest nickel-cobalt resource in Australia and one of the largest in the world
- All Goongarrie Hub resources located on granted mining leases fast tracking path to production
- Awarded Major Project Status by Australian Federal Government in March 2022 opens up streamlined access to approvals and funding



## **Globally Significant** Resource



✓ Globally significant Mineral Resource 5.9Mt contained nickel & 348kt contained cobalt
 ✓ Sustainable & ethical supply of nickel & Critical Minerals for low carbon future

## Goongarrie Hub - High grade component -

## 78Mt at 1.0% Ni and 0.069% Co\*

784kt contained Nickel, 54kt contained Cobalt

- Kalgoorlie Nickel Project (KNP) Feasibility Study (FS) scope covering Goongarrie Hub including satellite pits at Highway and Siberia North
- Two 1.5 Mtpa High Pressure Acid Leach (HPAL) trains, supplemented with a 0.5Mtpa Atmospheric Leach (AL) processing operation (3.5Mtpa) focused on treating +1.0% Ni and 0.07% Co and subject to a reserve update as part of the in-progress feasibility study (FS)
- FS evaluating the potential revenue contributions from mineralised neutraliser, scandium and other Critical Minerals, including Rare Earth Elements (REE) throughout the KNP



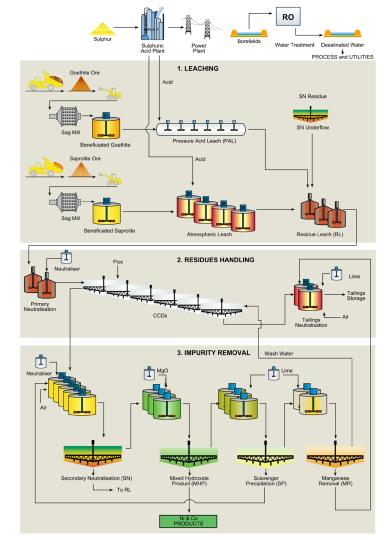
## Enhanced flow sheet

- ✓ Premium goethite ore (excellent comminution, less abrasive, lower maintenance)
  - ✓ MHP sale product during ramp up, in high demand
  - ✓ Evaluating PCAM production through FBICRC membership
  - ✓ Additional Critical Mineral by-products (current bench-scale metallurgy)



#### **Process Metallurgy**

- ✓ High ore grade + slurry density = Optimised Capex & Opex (best in Australia\*)
- ✓ Proven HPAL Ni & Co Extraction = Efficient, low energy intensity, proven "off-the-shelf"
- ✓ Atmospheric Leach (AL) viable Ni extraction demonstrated in Vale Inco 2009 PFS
- ✓ AL = Stability for acid plant (energy generation), maximises resource utilisation
- ✓ Water Options = Using pit drainage + licensed borefields
- ✓ MHP = Known technology & chosen feedstock for lithium-ion batteries
- ✓ PCAM optionality for additional value add within Australia = Supply chain diversity
- ✓ Potential for significant by-product credits from Sc, in addition to base case Ni-Co





## Proven technology

### **Coral Bay HPAL Example**

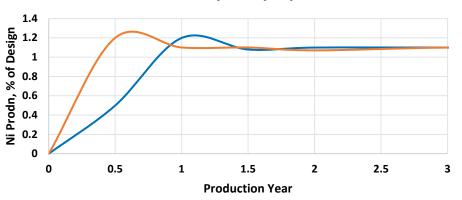
- ✓ HPAL chemistry is well known and has been applied successfully since the 1960s
- ✓ Single reactor
- Recovery of waste heat = Energy savings



#### Ramp up rates

- ✓ Horizontal autoclave at Coral Bay built Train 1: 2005, Train 2: 2008
- ✓ At Coral Bay name plate production capacity exceeded in first year of production and thereafter
- ✓ Goongarrie Hub flow sheet and materials of construction all successfully utilised at existing operations

#### **Coral Bay Ramp Up**



—Train 1 —Train 2





## **KNP** Development Plan

### **Experienced team working with quality partners**

- ✓ Completion of DFS linked to Strategic Partner process, so that partner can have input into project scale and end product specification
- ✓ Previous \$35M Vale Inco PFS has already addressed multiple FS work streams, allows expedited DFS
- ✓ Industry leading HPAL and AL practitioner, Mike Miller (previously technical management at the operating Ravensthorpe HPAL operation) leading KNP DFS
- ✓ Gap Analysis Study by independent international engineering company, on Ardea's Goongarrie Hub nickel-cobalt project completed and supports Ardea's increased project scale of 3.5Mtpa for the DFS
- ✓ Feed grade is 1% Ni and 0.07% Co, reflecting the 0.8% Ni cut-off resource\*
- ✓ Testwork underway at ALS metallurgical laboratory to confirm AL addition to flowsheet
- ✓ Independent logistics study has confirmed autoclave transport route through the Port of Esperance and via road to the Goongarrie plant site
- ✓ Two Goongarrie groundwater extraction licences have been granted
- ✓ Accelerated engagement with key stake holders, such as the City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder, Shire of Menzies and Southern Ports Esperance

#### **Indicative Pathway to Production**





# Optimum Location - sustainable and ethical mineral supply

- Large contiguous KNP land holding allows unimpeded site planning to minimise ultimate site footprint
- Open Mediterranean woodland highly amenable to low-impact development and rehabilitation
- Arid environment, facilitates well managed tailings disposal
  - Rehabilitation procedures well established over last four decades in Kalgoorlie open pit gold sector
  - ✓ No ocean submarine tailings disposal
  - ✓ No valley-fill tailings dams
  - ✓ No active seismicity issues
  - ✓ No tropical high rainfall
- No conflicting land use demands
  - ✓ KNP purely a mining jurisdiction
  - ✓ No competing land use, such as food production activity (as in Eastern Australia laterite districts)
- Low carbon future
  - ✓ KNP HPAL plant steam, heating and power generated off grid through burning elemental sulphur
  - ✓ KNP HPAL neutraliser includes Ni-enriched non-carbonate options
  - ✓ Waste landform regeneration facilitates significant agroforestry throughout the KNP

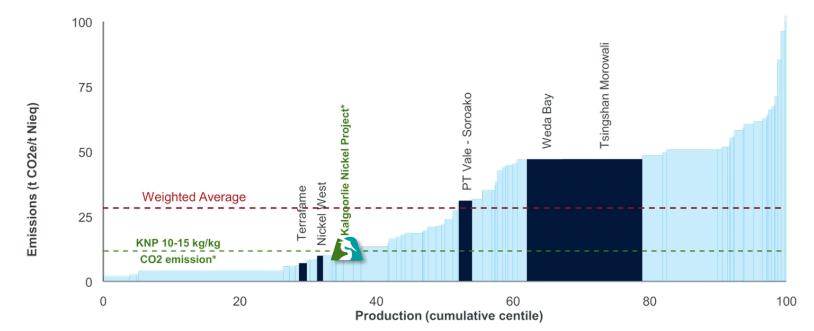




## **KNP** sustainable and ethical production

#### Nickel industry CO2e curve (Scope 1 and 2 only) for 2021

Ardea's provisional CO2 emission calculations sit at less than half the weighted average and less than a quarter of Indonesia Matte production

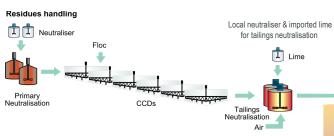


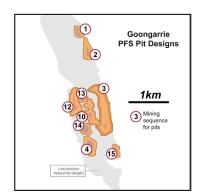
after source Wood Mackenzie

These figures are provisional, based on the most recent mass balances but subject to changes in mine plan and other metrics for comparison



# Tailings Storage in pit disposal and progressive rehabilitation





Multiple shallow pits mined in sequence, provide an ideal platform for sequential in pit tailings disposal.

This allows progressive rehabilitation to occur concurrent with sustainable nickel-cobalt production.



Neutralised tailings aggregate pumped

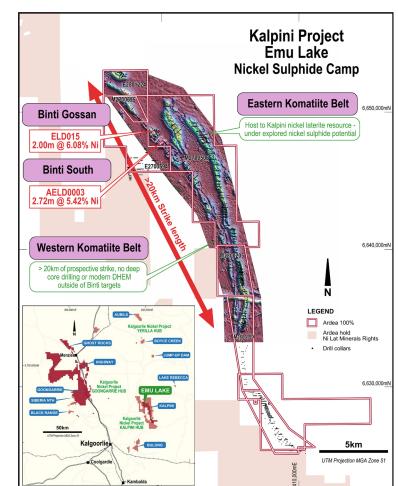




## Nickel Sulphide **Upside**

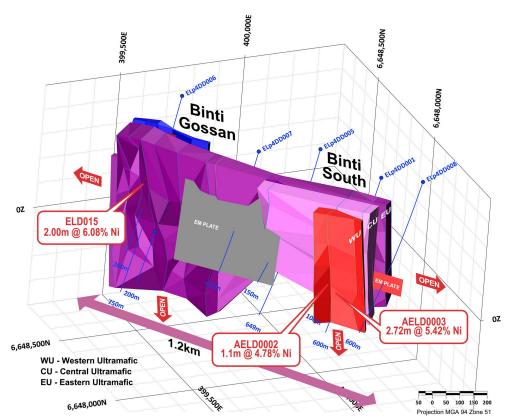
### Nickel Sulphide discovery at Emu Lake

- √ 70km north-east of Kalgoorlie on a granted mining lease within KNP Kalpini Hub.
- Exploration at Binti South Prospect confirms high-grade massive nickel-copper-PGE sulphide discovery on the Western Ultramafic (WU):
  - ✓ AELD0003: 2.72m at 5.42% Ni and 0.85% Cu from 391.04m incl 1.23m at 8.22% Ni and 0.56% Cu from 391.04m\*.
  - ✓ AELD0002: 4.8m at 1.44% Ni and 0.16% Cu from 365.9m incl 1.10m at 4.78% Ni and 0.16% Cu from 366.9m.
  - Discovery confirmed on an intact felsic footwall demonstrating thermal erosion textures analogous with the Silver Swan nickel deposit 35km west.
- ✓ Historic exploration at the **Binti Gossan Prospect** located 1km northwest along strike from Binti South within an intact felsic footwall contact of the Central Ultramafic (CU):
  - ELD015: 2.0m at 6.08% Ni and 1.82% Cu from 336.0m incl 0.6m at 18.82% Ni and 5.57% Cu from 336.3m^
- ✓ Multiple flow surfaces identified and all **prospective for hosting nickel sulphide**.
- ✓ 20km of fertile komatiite strike at Emu Lake.
- ✓ Significant scope to extend the Binti Gossan and Binti South discoveries and make additional nickel sulphide discoveries.
- √ The discovery of massive nickel-copper-PGE sulphides in the highly underexplored Kurnalpi terrane is very significant





## Emu Lake Nickel Sulphide **Discovery**



ELp - currently proposed Emu Lake follow-up core drill hole, subject to modification based on progressive results



#### Geological model confirmed

Extensive exploration underway, including:

- Drilling and DHEM and interpretation of results for
  - Binti South Prospect
  - Binti Gossan Prospect
- 3D geological model to locate where the Western Ultramafic is untested
- Developing technical ranking system to generate pipeline of priority NiS targets over 20km strike

# An emerging nickel sulphide camp

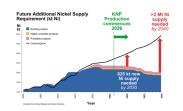




# Why invest in Ardea - The fundamentals are compelling...

## **Market strength**

KNP to fill gap between growing nickel demand and diminishing supply



## **Premier location**

For leading ESG standards, jurisdiction, infrastructure and technical expertise



#### **Nickel resource**

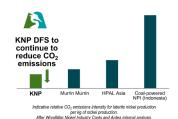
5.9Mt contained nickel, 384kt contained cobalt plus Sc and other Critical Minerals\*

Will continue to grow with exploration underway



#### **Proven flowsheet**

Desirable MHP production with PCAM optionality and industry leading low carbon emissions



#### Successful local team

All Board members have lived and worked in the Eastern Goldfields of WA

All staff based in WA

Board and management skill set covers technical and corporate

From discovery through to project development and operations

## ~40kg of Nickel<sup>^</sup>

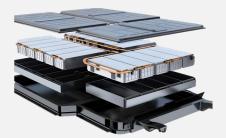
Powering the typical NCM811 Electric Vehicle (EV)

5.9Mt

contained Nickel in the KNP\*

>147,000,000
Electric Vehicles

^ 12/07/2021 UBS – Battery Material Value Chain
\* See Appendix for resource breakdown and ASX release 16 June 2021







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Appendices

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## Strong ESG – Environment, Social and Governance

## **Ethically Sustainable**

- Project designs and work practices based on ensuring the Company minimises green-house gas emission to ensure responsible sourcing of nickel and Critical Mineral supply
- A low carbon future is possible through proven KNP HPAL and AL flowsheet
- Waste landforms will benefit from regeneration agroforestry at KNP
- Semi-arid environment, and historic mining jurisdiction conducive to best practice safe tailings management

## **Socially Minded**

- Strong support from the communities in which we operate and maintain a local office
- Native Title Agreement in place for development of the KNP
- Ardea has initiated an education fund to assist children in the Eastern Goldfields of WA
- The Ardea team comprises over 31% female participation, all in key management roles
- Ardea advocates fair representation for all community groups

## **Strong Governance**

- Values are based on respect, integrity, empathy, inclusion and teamwork
- Employer of choice
- Environmental Social and Governance (ESG) considerations are at the forefront of the way in which Ardea does business
- Ardea's Board continue to strengthen and document policies to underline ESG
- ESG compliance inherent in flowsheet and project development





# **Experienced** team working with quality partners



#### **Board and Executive Management Personnel**

✓ Balanced financial and corporate experience, strong technical expertise in exploration, discovery, project development, metallurgical optimisation, compliance and operational management

#### Mathew Longworth Non-Executive Chair

33 years' experience across exploration, project evaluation/development, operations and corporate management. Invaluable experience on the key Ardea exploration and development projects, being the KNP nickel-cobalt-scandium deposits.

#### Andrew Penkethman Managing Director, CEO

Resources sector executive with over 27 years' experience, including project evaluation, exploration, discovery, resource development, feasibility study management, permitting, stakeholder engagement, mine development and operations management. Extensive ASX, TSX and AIM experience.

#### Ian Buchhorn Executive Director

Mineral Economist and Geologist with over 40 years' experience. Lived and worked in the Eastern Goldfields for over 20 years undertaking exploration, project evaluation and development. Operated as Registered Mine Manager in the Kalgoorlie Goldfields, City Councilor 1992 – 2006

#### Sam Middlemas Company Secretary

Chartered Accountant (CA) with more than 30 years' experience providing financial and corporate secretarial services.

#### Rebecca Moylan CFO

Experienced CFO with expertise in financial and corporate management, accounting, project financing and contract negotiation including 12 years in the mining industry. This has included positions as CFO and Company Secretary of several ASX-listed companies.

# **Matthew McCarthy** General Manager - Exploration

Geologist with over 20 years experience in minerals exploration and business development in all stages of the exploration process across several commodities, with a focus on nickel exploration. Has been involved in major greenfields and brownfields nickel sulphide and gold discoveries, and completed resource definition programs, scoping and feasibility studies.

## **Alex Mukherji** General Manager - Land Access & Compliance

Over 25 years mining industry experience including compliance reporting, drafting and negotiating Native Title, land access, commercial agreements with assessment of business development opportunities. Corporate representation with stakeholders, including State and Commonwealth agencies.

## **Mike Miller** General Manager - Technical Services

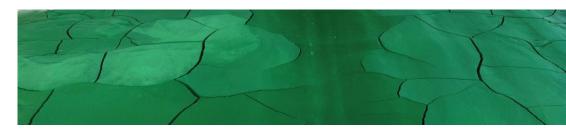
Process Engineer with over 30 years' experience in hydrometallurgical operations with a primary focus on nickel-cobalt production. Extensive study management experience with leading engineering firms.





## **KNP** Superior HPAL Intensity

- ✓ Good ore grade + good slurry density = Lower Capex & Opex \$\$
- ✓ Atmospheric leach = stable operation, utilizes saprolite resource
- ✓ MHP Product = known technology & good market acceptance



#### **Operating data from Australian HPAL Producers**

Performance Driver	Ardea	Bulong#	Cawse#	Murrin	RNO^	Metric	Ardea Rank	Comment
Atmospheric Leach	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	-	#1	Stable operation and full resource utilisation
HPAL Feed Density	45%	31%	35%	38%	42%	% Solids	#1	The higher the better = Maximises plant throughput
Residence Time	70	75	105	90	60	minutes	#2	The lower the better = Maximises plant throughput
Slurry Grade Ni	7.55	2.89	3.07	3.87	7.39	Ni kg/m3	#1	The higher the better = Increased revenue stream
Slurry Grade Co	0.59	0.23	0.24	0.34	0.31	Co kg/m3	#1	The higher the better = Strategic Co-Product credits

#### Data Sources

Ardea – Goongarrie Hub testwork results from PFS and Expansion Study, ASX release 28 March 2018 & Goongarrie Expansion Study, 24 July 2018 and ongoing project assessment as part of completing the DFS.

Bulong, Cawse, Murrin - ALTA 1999, An Engineering Comparison of the Three Treatment Flowsheets In WA Nickel Laterite Projects. RNO – ALTA 2001, Observations from the RNO Pilot Plant at Lakefield Research, 2000 AD.

^Ravensthorpe Nickel Operation (RNO) figures based on design numbers on upgraded beneficiated ore from the Halleys Deposit which has since been mined out. # Bulong & Cawse – care and maintenance

Ardea data is based on non-beneficiated material (with always an option to beneficiate selected KNP geo-met types, notably at Highway & Goongarrie Hill).



## A high-quality nickel and cobalt project

#### Outstanding results delivered from 2018 PFS\* and Expansion Studies

#### Flow sheet enhanced and project scale increased for in progress Feasibility Study

	1.0Mtpa	1.5Mtpa	2.25Mtpa
Status	PFS	PFS	ES
No. Trains	1	1	1
Pre Tax NPV <sub>8</sub>	US\$ 1.13 billion	US\$ 1.52 billion	US\$ 2.4 billion
Pre Tax IRR	29 %	29 %	31%
CAPEX	US\$ 472 million	US\$ 588 million	US\$918 million
C1 cash cost	US\$ 0.42 / lb	US\$ 0.45 / lb	US\$ (0.34) / lb
Payback	5.3 years	5.6 years	5.1 years
Cobalt sulphate	5,500tpa	6,900tpa	10,000tpa
Nickel sulphate	41,500tpa	55,300tpa	81,000tpa

- ✓ PFS of 1Mtpa and 1.5Mtpa base case over a 25-year mine life completed (one autoclave)
- Expansion study of 2.25Mtpa with a 25-year mine life completed (one autoclave)
- ✓ 94.5% nickel and 95.5% cobalt recovery life of mine
- ✓ Pre-cobalt credit C1 costs in line with current worldwide operators
- ✓ High Pressure Acid Leach (HPAL) 5th generation plant is a proven design, successfully operated in other laterite projects globally
- ✓ 2.25Mtpa case based on only 26% of Goongarrie Resource
- ✓ Base case for in progress feasibility study is 3.5Mtpa, with two
  autoclaves + AL circuit for improved operations stability and
  increased production, with financial modelling current
- Scandium by-product credit and nickel and cobalt recovery from mineralised neutraliser not factored in, so offers additional up-side



## **KNP** Mineral Resource breakdown

#### Kalgoorlie Nickel Project nickel-cobalt JORC Code (2012) Mineral Resource Estimate

Camp	Prospect	Resource Category	Size (Mt)	Ni (%)	Co (%)	Containe Ni (kt)	d Metal Co (kt)
KNP TOTAL		Measured	22	0.94	0.079	207	17
		Indicated	357	0.72	0.047	2,584	168
		Inferred	452	0.68	0.044	3,088	199
	GRAND TOTAL	Combined	830	0.71	0.046	5,879	384

Note: 0.5% nickel cutoff grade used to report resources. Note figures are rounded to reflect degree of certainty and may not tally. The information shown on this slide has been previously released on the ASX platform by Ardea in ASX release 16 June 2021.

In accordance with the Australian Securities Exchange Limited Listing Rules Appendix 5A:

The information in this report that relates to KNP Exploration Results is based on information originally compiled by previous full time employees of Heron Resources Limited and or Vale Inco. The Exploration Results and data collection processes have been reviewed, verified and re-interpreted by Mr Ian Buchhorn who is a Member of the Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy and currently an executive director of Ardea Resources Limited. Mr Buchhorn has sufficient experience that is relevant to the style of mineralisation and type of deposit under consideration and to the exploration activities undertaken to qualify as a Competent Person as defined in the 2012 Edition of the 'Australasian Code for Resorting of Exploration Results. Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves'. Mr Buchhorn consents to the inclusion in this report of the matters based on his information in the form and context that it appears.

The information in this report that relates to Mineral Resources for the Goongarrie Hill, Goongarrie South, Big Four, Scotia Dam and Highway nickel-cobalt deposits that comprise the Goongarrie Hub is based on information compiled by Mr James Ridley who is a Member of the Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy, a full time employee of Ardea Resources and has sufficient experience relevant to the style of mineralisation and type of deposit under consideration and to the activity which he is undertaking to qualify as a Competent Person as defined in the 2012 Edition of the Australasian Code for Reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves. Mr Ridley consents to the inclusion in the report of the matters based on this information in the form and context in which it appears.



## Goongarrie Hub Mineral Resource (0.8% Ni cut-off)

Summary of Mineral Resource Estimate from the Goongarrie Hub, based on a 0.8% Ni cut-off grade, comprising resources at Goongarrie Hill, Goongarrie South, Highway, Big Four, Scotia Dam and Highway (ASX release 16 June 2021).

Danasit	Resource	Tonnes	Ni	Со	Contair	Contained Metal		
Deposit	Category	(Mt)	%	%	Ni (kt)	Co (kt)		
Goongarrie Hill	Indicated	5.3	0.92	0.050	49	2.6		
	Inferred	1.9	0.92	0.034	17	0.6		
	Subtotal	7.2	0.92	0.046	66	3.3		
Goongarrie South	Measured	11.0	1.13	0.106	125	11.6		
	Indicated	21.1	0.99	0.071	208	15.0		
	Inferred	1.2	0.92	0.043	11	0.5		
	Subtotal	33.3	1.03	0.081	344	27.1		
Big Four	Indicated	12.1	0.97	0.068	118	8.3		
	Inferred	2.7	0.94	0.062	25	1.7		
	Subtotal	14.7	0.97	0.067	143	9.9		
Scotia Dam	Indicated	2.9	0.98	0.108	29	3.2		
	Inferred	1.4	1.02	0.057	14	0.8		
	Subtotal	4.3	0.99	0.091	43	4.0		
Highway	Indicated	15.1	1.01	0.053	152	8.0		
	Inferred	3.7	0.98	0.053	36	2.0		
	Subtotal	18.8	1.00	0.053	188	10.0		
Combined	Measured	11.0	1.13	0.106	125	11.6		
Deposits	Indicated	56.5	0.98	0.066	556	37.1		
	Inferred	10.8	0.95	0.051	103	5.6		
	Grand Total	78.3	1.00	0.069	784	54.3		



## Goongarrie Hub Mineral Resources inc Sc (0.5% Ni cut-off)

Summary of Mineral Resource Estimate from the Goongarrie deposits based on a 0.5% Ni cut-off grade (ASX release 15 February 2021).

Danasit	Resource	Tonnes	Ni	Со	Containe	ed Metal	Sc Re	esources
Deposit	Category	(Mt)	%	%	Ni (kt)	Co (kt)	Mt	Sc ppm
Goongarrie Hill	Indicated	40	0.65	0.037	260	14.7	10.5	16
	Inferred	29	0.60	0.025	178	7.3	2.0	16
	Subtotal	69	0.63	0.032	438	21.9	12.5	16
Goongarrie	Magaurad							
South	Measured	18	0.94	0.085	172	15.4	18.2	40
	Indicated	82	0.71	0.049	587	40.2	53.1	23
	Inferred	10	0.64	0.033	61	3.1	5.5	24
	Subtotal	110	0.75	0.053	820	58.7	76.8	27
Big Four	Indicated	49	0.71	0.047	345	22.9	31.9	24
	Inferred	14	0.68	0.043	95	6.1	2.9	24
	Subtotal	63	0.70	0.046	440	28.9	34.8	24
Scotia Dam	Indicated	12	0.71	0.065	82	7.4	11.2	25
	Inferred	5	0.72	0.043	37	2.2	0.6	22
	Subtotal	17	0.72	0.058	118	9.6	11.7	25
<b>GNCP Total</b>	Measured	18	0.94	0.085	172	15.4	18.2	40
	Indicated	182	0.70	0.047	1,274	85.1	106.6	23
	Inferred	58	0.64	0.032	371	18.6	11.0	23
	Grand Total	259	0.70	0.046	1,817	119.2	135.8	25