



# Ardea Resources Limited

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**Kalgoorlie Nickel Project**  
*Sustainable and ethical  
nickel-cobalt for the battery  
mineral supply chain*



*Australian Federal Government  
- Major Project Status*





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# Kalgoorlie Nickel Project (KNP) Highlights

## World Class Nickel-Cobalt 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**

\* See Appendix for resource breakdown and ASX release 16 June 2021

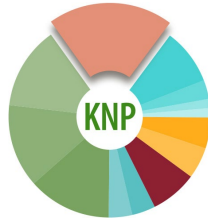


GEOLOGY

## 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
- 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

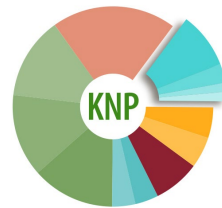


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## 100% Ardea

**High level of confidence and control behind resource**

- The KNP tenements have had 828,180m of drilling completed.
- 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 funding

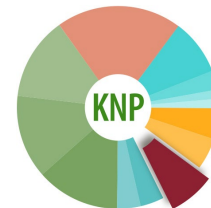


CONFIDENCE

## 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 by-products (current test work)
- Sustainable and ethical supply of nickel and Critical Minerals for a low carbon future

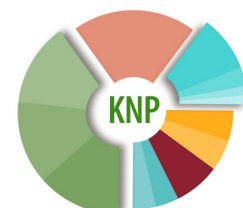


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## Economics

**KNP gains national recognition to fast track permitting & funding**

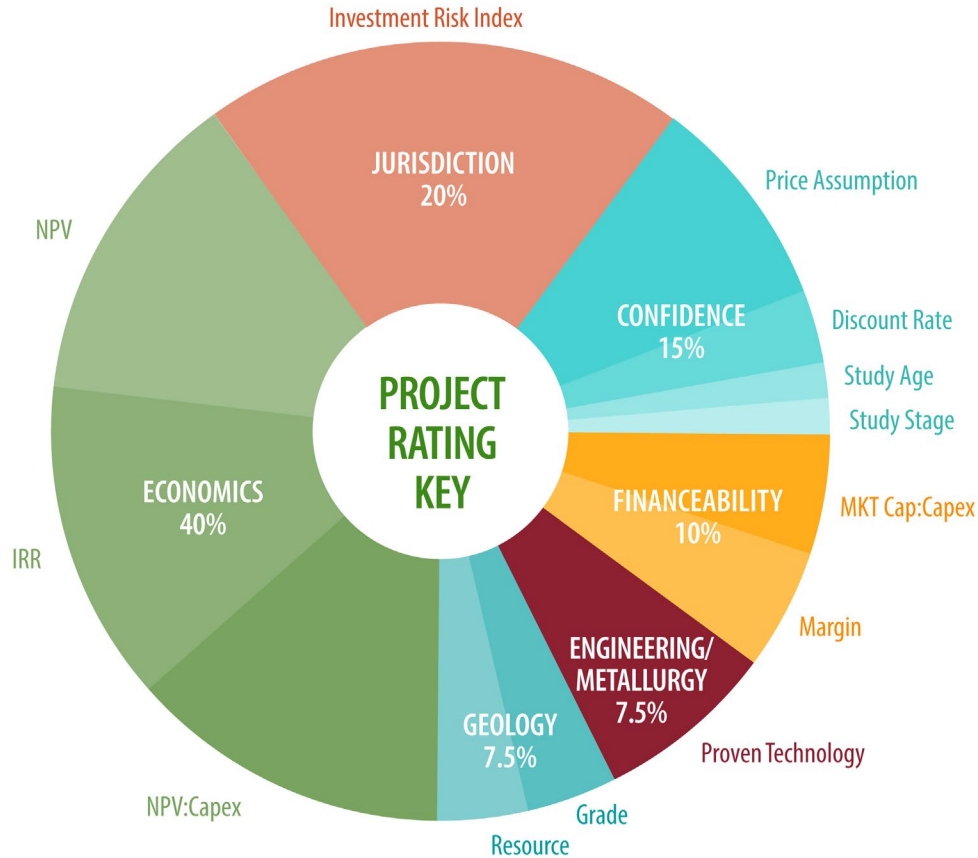
- Awarded Major Project Status by Australian Federal Government.
- Streamlined support, approvals, and funding options
- KNP is ranked #1 in the WA Geological Survey Nickel Resource table (>100kt Ni) (Feb22)
- Metallurgical test work is validating AL & mineralised neutraliser results
- FS work streams underway to deliver a world leading nickel-cobalt-scandium producer
- Committed to nickel sulphide exploration / discovery success



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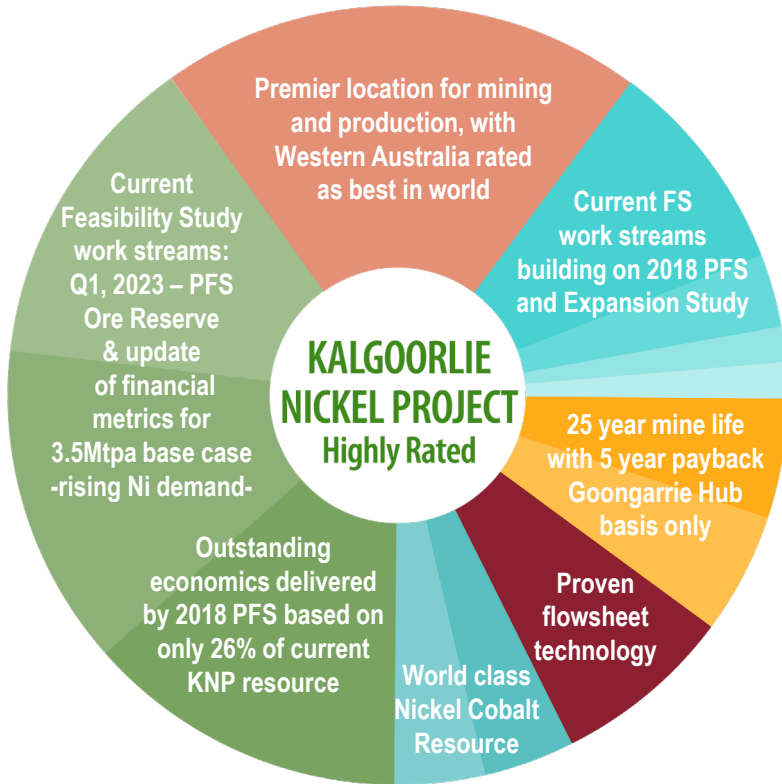
# Standard metrics to look at when rating a project







# Why KNP rates highly in all metrics



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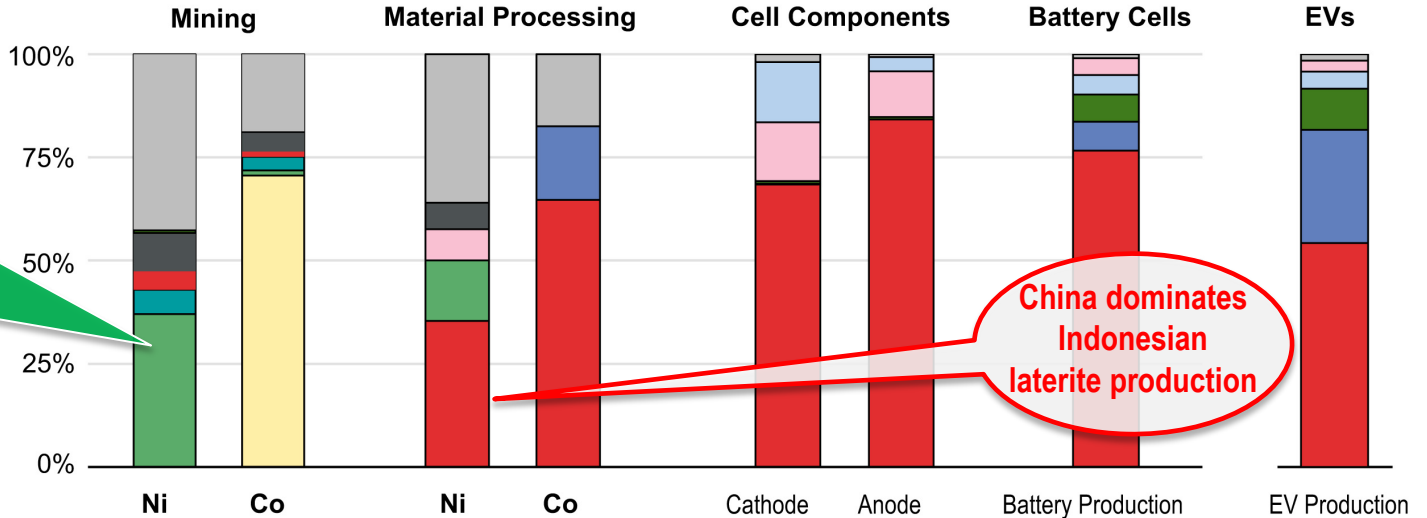
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# China dominates through long term strategic planning

## China dominates the entire downstream EV battery supply chain

Geographical distribution of the global EV battery supply chain



Indonesia produces around 40% of total nickel, but little of this is currently used in the EV battery supply chain

China dominates Indonesian laterite production

■ China ■ Europe ■ United States ■ Japan ■ Korea ■ DRC ■ Australia ■ Indonesia ■ Russia ■ Other

**Notes:** Ni = nickel; Co = cobalt; DRC = Democratic Republic of Congo. Geographical breakdown refers to the country where the production occurs. Mining is based on production data. Material processing is based on refining production capacity data. Cell component production is based on cathode and anode material production capacity data. Battery cell production is based on battery cell production capacity data. EV production is based on EV production data.

ADAPTED after IEA graph  
Sources: IEA analysis based on: EV Volumes;  
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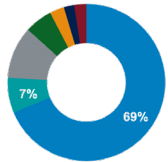
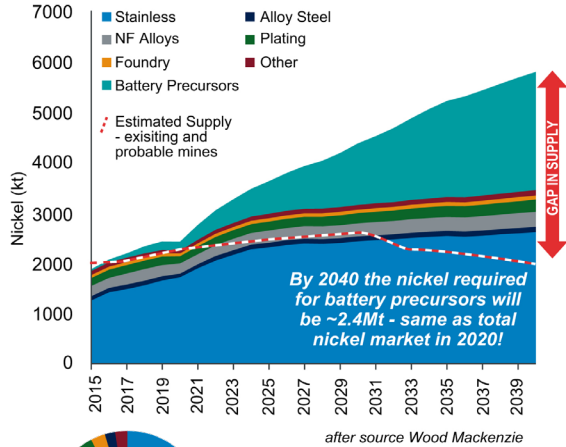




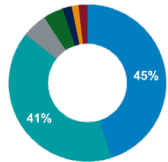
# Nickel use, rapidly growing demand and declining stockpiles

## Global nickel demand by first use

Nickel use in Battery Precursors continues to rise at record levels with demand expected to outstrip supply



**2021**  
battery precursors to use greater share first use of nickel by 2040

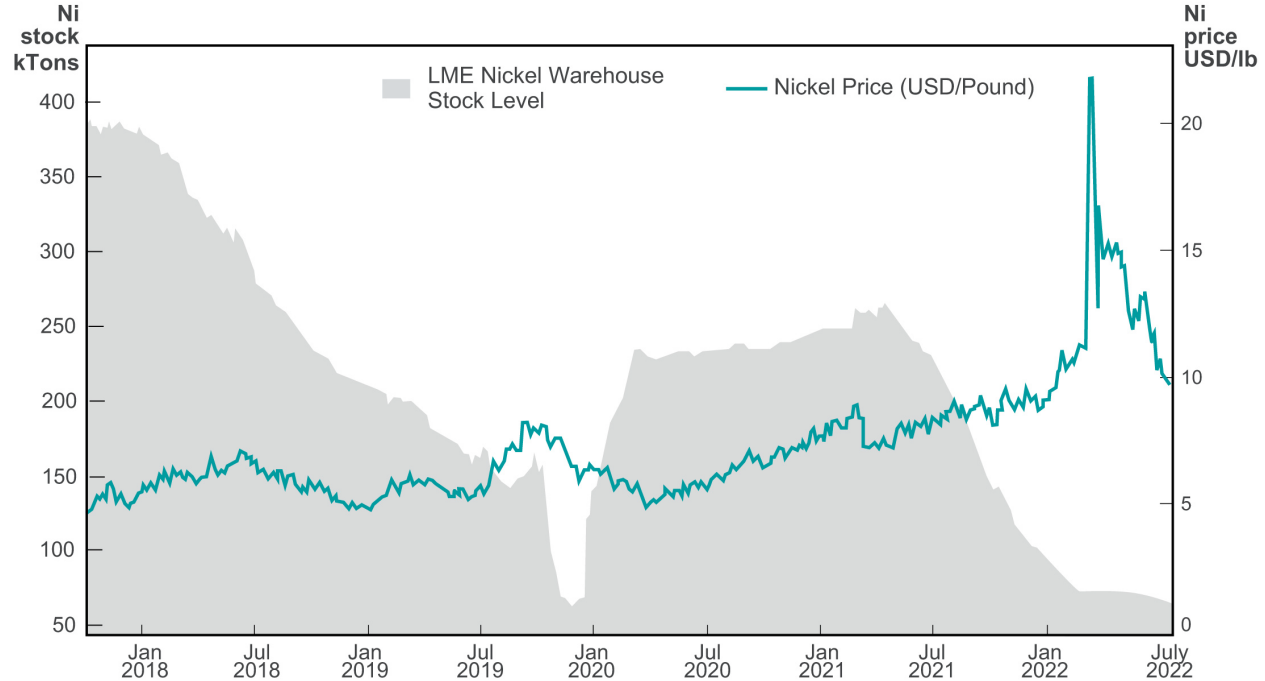


**2040**

- Stainless
- NF Alloys
- Foundry
- Battery Precursors
- Alloy Steel
- Plating
- Other

after source Wood Mackenzie

## Nickel Price relative to LME Warehouse stock levels 2017 to 2022



## The future is nickel rich batteries...





# Lithium-ion battery sector leads nickel demand growth

## 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?
- ESG policies continue to reaffirm governments and companies' commitments to sustainable and ethical supply chains
- 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**

## US grants 'preferred status for Australian mineral exports

John Thomson, 22 Aug 2022,  
[www.miningmagazine.com.au](http://www.miningmagazine.com.au)

Under the US' recently passed *Inflation Reduction Act*, 40 per cent of critical minerals value must be sourced from countries with pre-existing free trade agreements with the US, increasing to 80 per cent by 2027.

Minerals Council for Australia Chief Executive Officer, Tania Constable, said the Act would underpin future demand for Australian critical minerals.

"The *Inflation Reduction Act* is a major step forward for the Australian Government's manufacturing agenda and will help underpin demand for high-quality Australian battery minerals," Ms Constable said. (Extract)

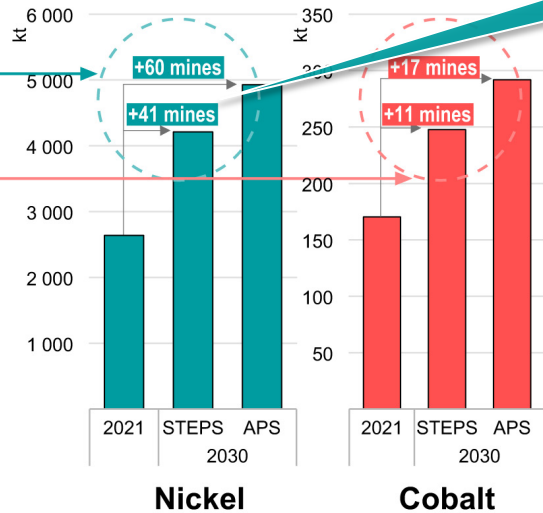




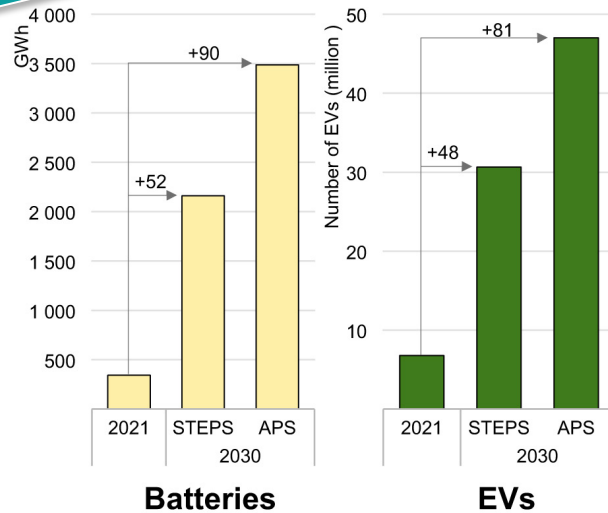
# More Nickel and Cobalt mines needed

## All elements of EV battery supply chains expand significantly to meet projected demand

Number of mines to produce required levels of Ni-Co to meet projected demand in 2030 relative to 2021



Kalgoorlie Nickel Project's nickel-cobalt production is essential to help meet demand



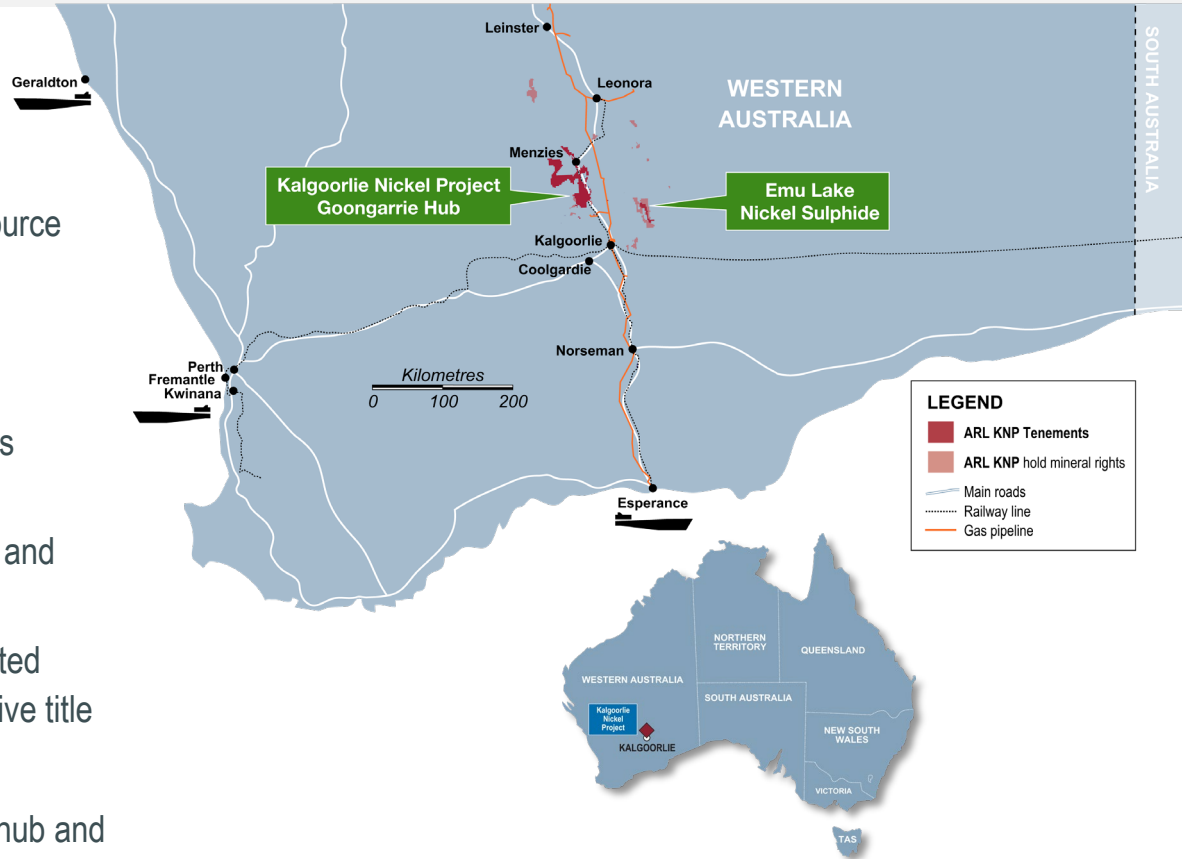
**Notes:** STEPS = Stated Policies Scenario; APS = Announced Pledges Scenario. Number of additional mines/plants/factories required to meet projected demand from the 2021 demand level is shown by the arrows. Projected demand is annual. Metal demand is total demand including EV and non-EV demand. Assumes the average annual production capacities: **nickel mine - 38 kt; cobalt mine - 7 kt; battery gigafactory - 35 GWh; and EV production plant - 0.5 million vehicles.** Nickel demand does not distinguish between Class 1 and Class 2 nickel.





# World's best operating jurisdiction

- All Projects located in Western Australia (WA)
- 4,271km<sup>2</sup> ground position in Eastern Goldfields
- City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder is the prime global resource development and operating destination
  - ✓ 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





# 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
- Semi-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 using elemental sulphur
  - ✓ KNP HPAL neutraliser includes Ni-enriched non-carbonate options
  - ✓ Waste landform regeneration facilitates significant agroforestry throughout the KNP





# The KNP is a Globally Significant Resource....

## and Australia's largest nickel-cobalt resource

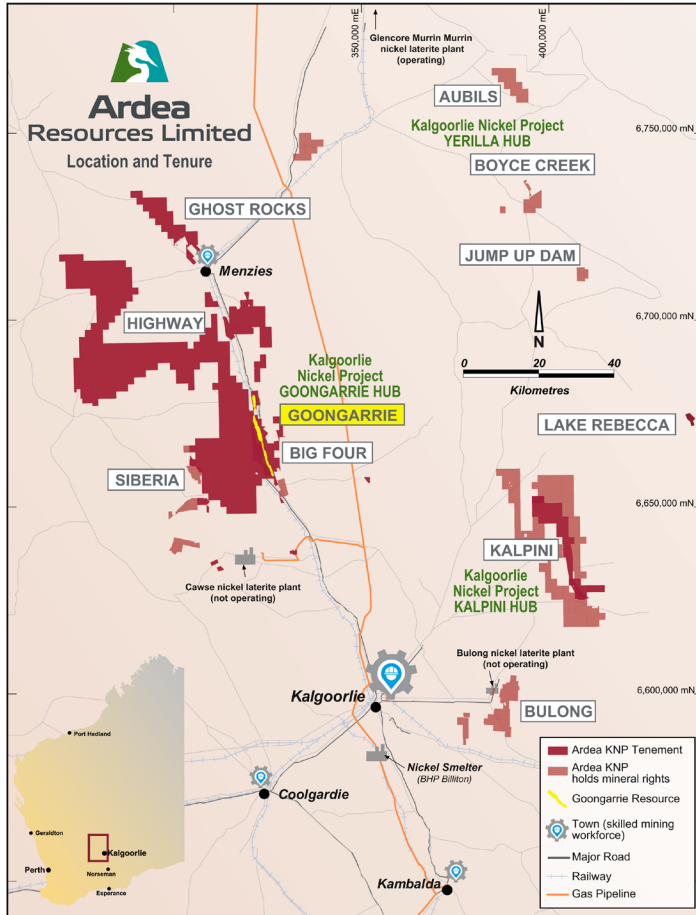
- ✓ Globally significant Mineral Resource **5.9Mt contained nickel & 348kt contained cobalt**
- ✓ Sustainable & ethical supply of nickel & Critical Minerals for low carbon future

### 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

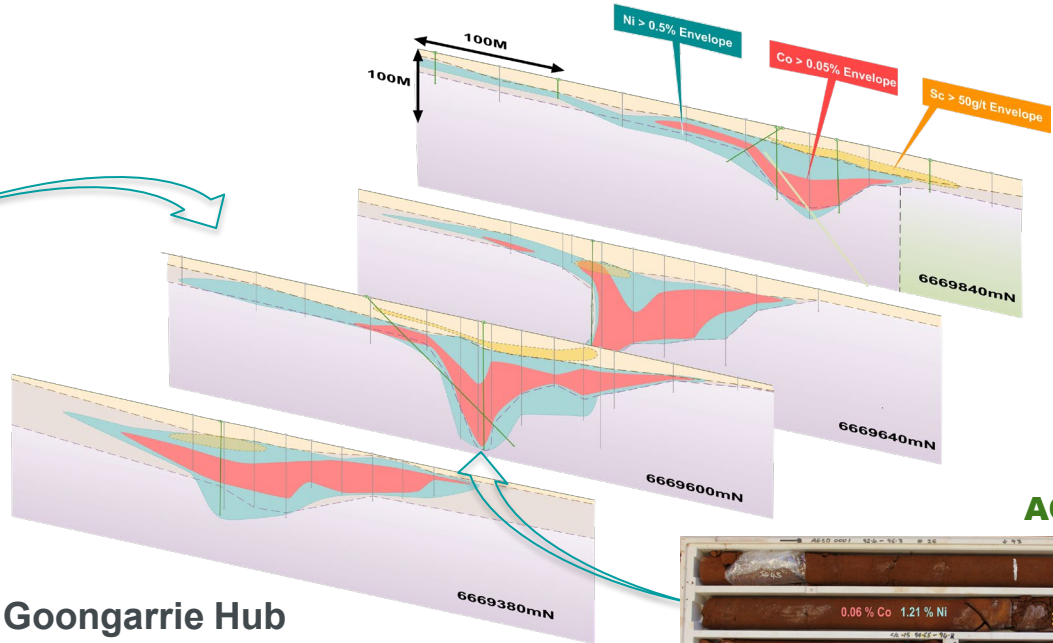
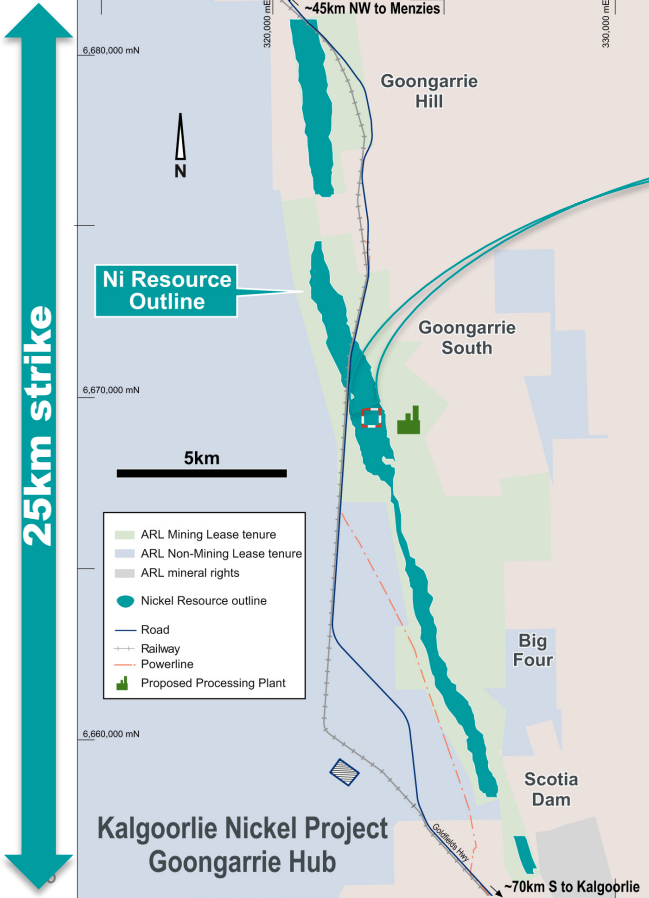


\* See Appendix for resource breakdown and ASX release 16 June 2021





# Simple Mining Characteristics



**AGSD0001**

## Goongarrie Hub

- 25km strike - Uniform Ni-Co laterite mineralisation dominated by **goethite**
- **Goethite** is 'Best in Class' plant feed
- Soft, mainly **free-digging** open-pit mining
- Low strip ratio expected with resource optimisation in progress to define updated Ore Reserve







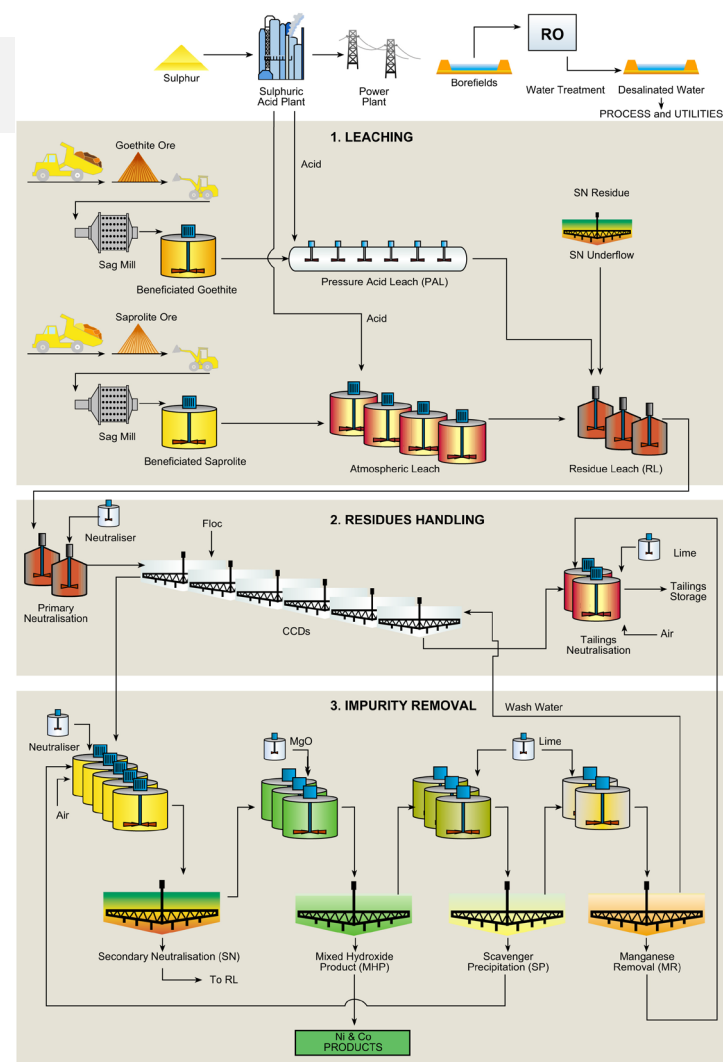
# Enhanced flow sheet

- ✓ Premium goethite ore (excellent comminution, less abrasive, lower maintenance)
- ✓ MHP sale product during ramp up, in high demand and is the new Class 1 nickel
  - ✓ 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 and 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







## Learning from other HPAL operations

**Ardea's KNP project scale has been set at 3.5Mtpa comprising 2 x 1.5Mtpa HPAL + 0.5Mtpa AL circuit**

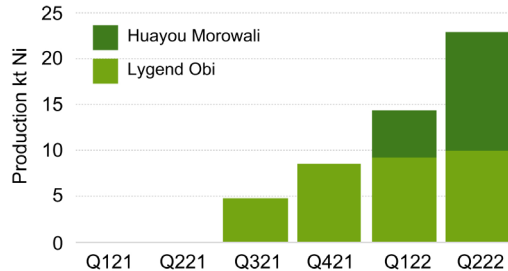
We have selected this combination by learning from other HPAL operations around the world, including the successful Coral Bay and Ravensthorpe operations and some Indonesian producers.

What recent Indonesian HPAL is doing well:

- Fast ramp up
- Reliable HPAL technology

### Indonesian HPAL production (kt Ni)

HPAL projects ramped up to over nameplate capacity successfully, in their first three months



Why **Kalgoorlie Nickel Project** is a more desirable source of nickel than Indonesia:

- Ardea flowsheet incorporates best lessons from the operating and proven operations using HPAL and AL technologies
- Fast ramp up with lessons learned
- The KNP is in Western Australia's Eastern Goldfields which is the premier location in the world for jurisdiction, infrastructure, and skills which guarantees ethical and sustainable production – contrast to poor ESG credentials of most other jurisdictions.
- The KNP flow sheet with the AL circuit will reduce CO2 emissions to 10-15kg/kg – which is less than a quarter of the weighted average of Indonesian Matte producers

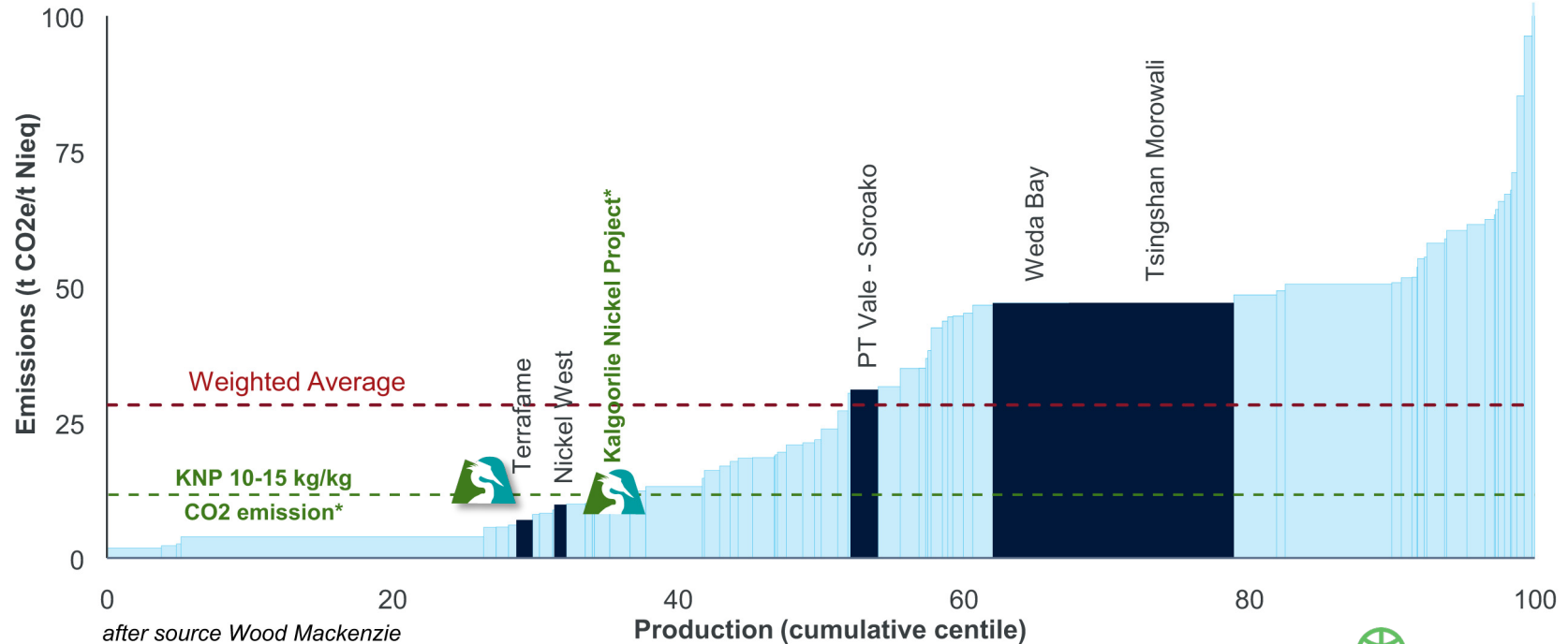




# KNP sustainable and ethical production

## 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

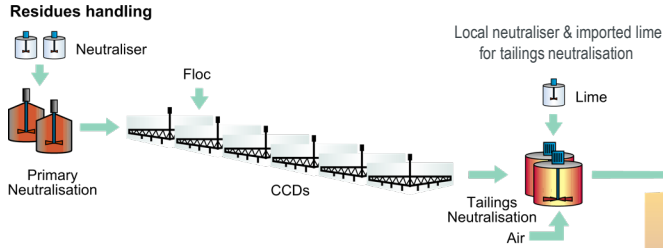


- These figures are provisional, based on the most recent mass balances but subject to changes in mine plan and other metrics for comparison

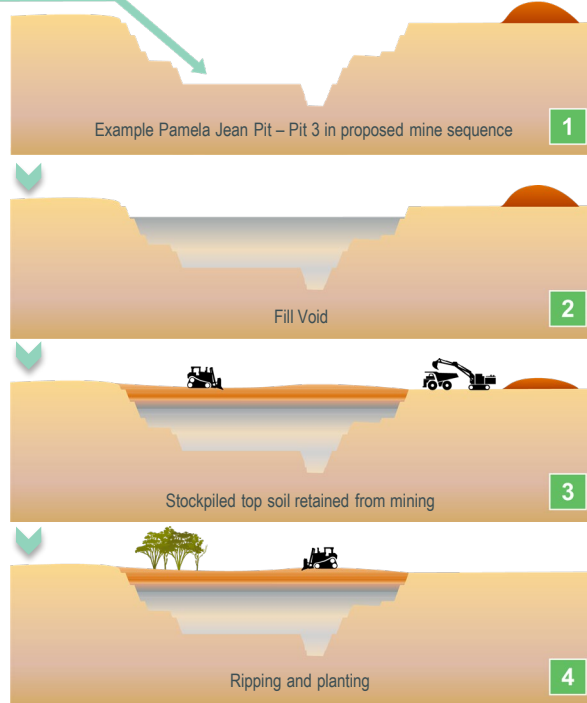
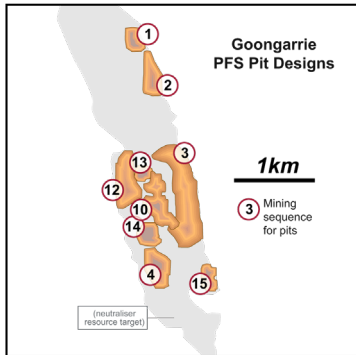




# Tailings Storage in pit disposal and progressive rehabilitation



**Neutralised tailings aggregate pumped into exhausted open pit void**  
Waste material from previous mining can be blended in



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.**

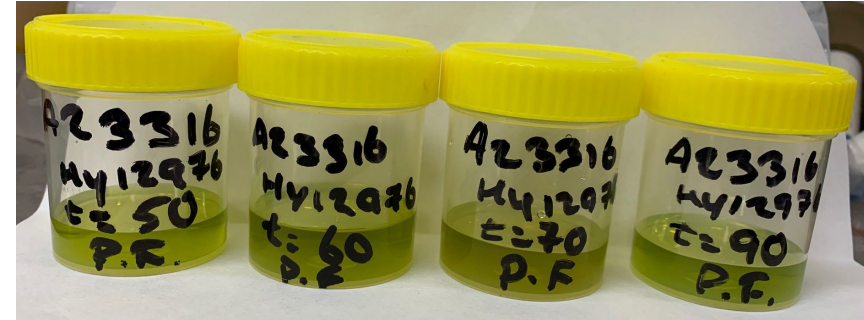




# KNP Development Plan

## Experienced team working with quality partners

- ✓ Industry leading HPAL and AL practitioner, Mike Miller (previously technical management at the operating Ravensthorpe HPAL operation) leading KNP FS
- ✓ PFS in progress on 3.5Mtpa base case producing MHP - Completion March Quarter, 2023
- ✓ Feed grade is 1% Ni and 0.07% Co, reflecting the 0.8% Ni cut-off resource\*
- ✓ Industry leading partners working with Ardea team on FS include ALS, Orelogy, Wood and Rockwater
- ✓ Previous \$35M Vale Inco PFS has already addressed multiple FS work streams
- ✓ Completion of DFS linked to Strategic Partner process, so that partner can have input into project scale and end product specification
- ✓ Accelerated engagement with potential project development funders
- ✓ Ongoing engagement with key stake holders, such as the City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder, Shire of Menzies and Southern Ports Esperance



Top photo: Leach tests have been conducted to demonstrate leach efficiency as a function of time and acid dosage. Bottom photo: 2022 metallurgical testwork has demonstrated the effectiveness of flowsheet developments, such as Atmospheric Leaching.

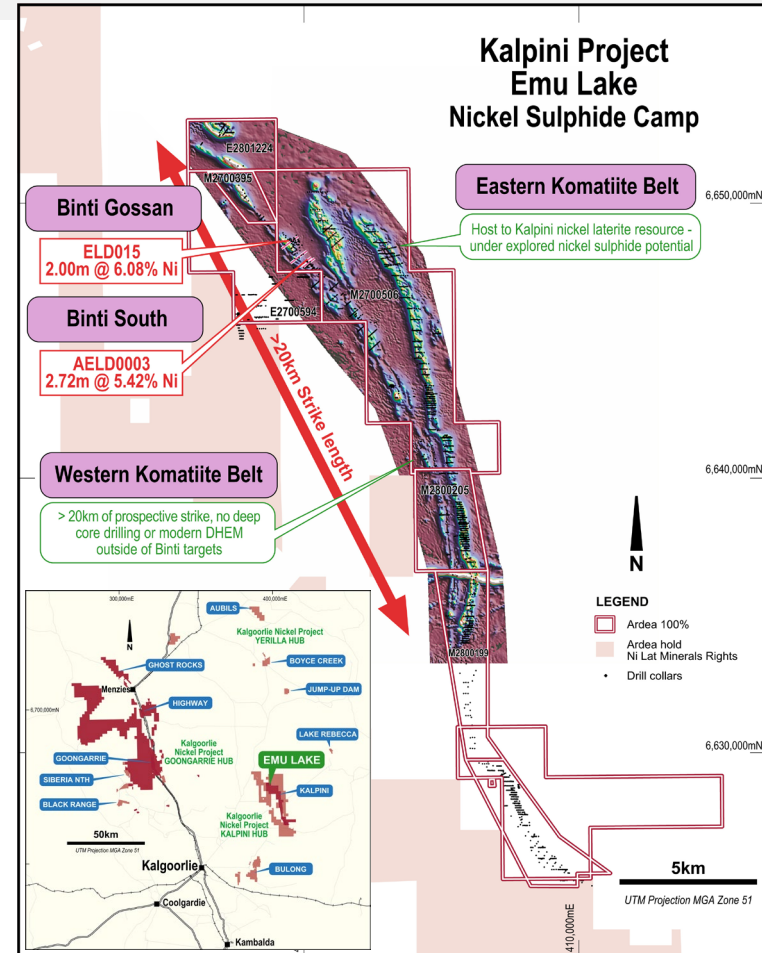




# Nickel Sulphide Upside

## Nickel Sulphide discovery at Emu Lake

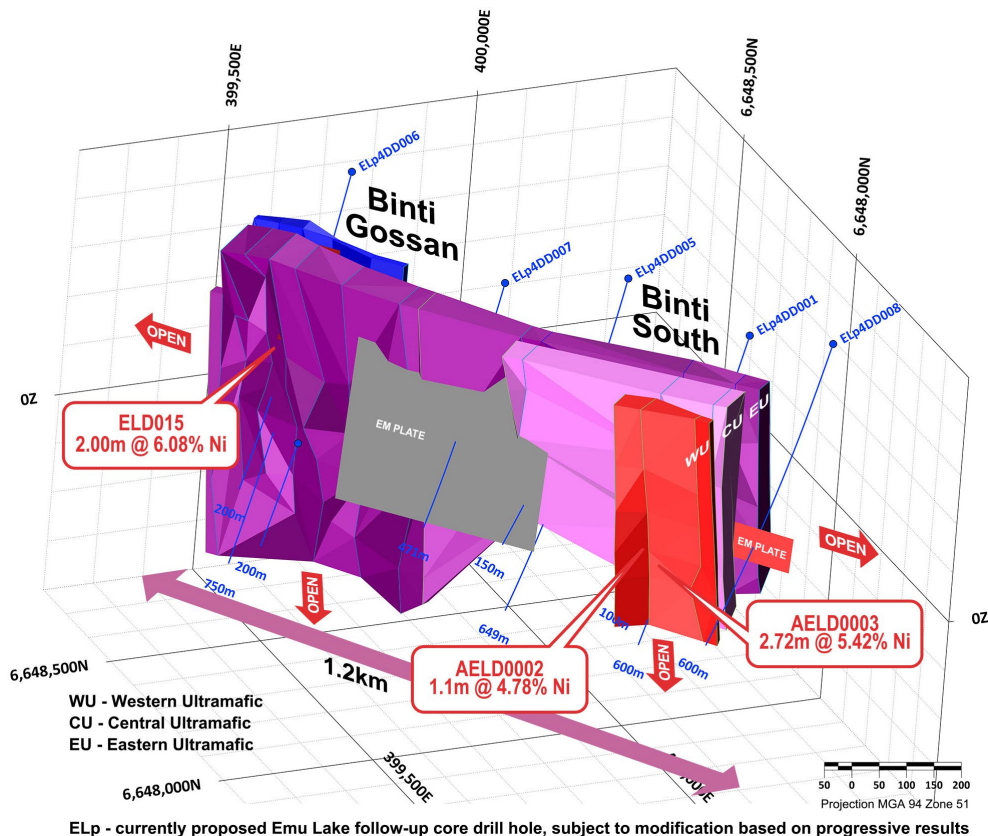
- ✓ 70km north-east of Kalgoorlie on a granted mining lease within KNP Kalpini Hub
- ✓ Exploration at **Binti South Prospect** confirms high-grade massive nickel-copper-PGE sulphide discovery on the Western Ultramafic (WU):
  - ✓ AELD0003: **2.72m at 5.42% Ni** and 0.85% Cu from 391.04m incl **1.23m 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.
- ✓ Historic exploration at the **Binti Gossan Prospect** located 1km northwest along strike from Binti South on an intact felsic footwall contact of the Central Ultramafic (CU):
  - ✓ ELD015: **2m 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 with both the Western and Central Ultramafics hosting magmatic nickel sulphides
- ✓ **20km of prospective komatiites at Emu Lake largely unexplored**
- ✓ Significant scope to extend the Binti 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



## Geological model confirmed

First and second phase follow-up exploration drilling completed (11 diamond holes for 5,123m drilled in 2022 including 4 historic holes re-entered). Drilling and DHEM at:

- Binti South Prospect
- Binti Gossan Prospect
- New target 6km southeast of Binti
- Recent drill program, and DHEM surveys now complete – interpretation underway with **market update shortly**
- Initiate regional technical assessment to generate pipeline of priority NiS targets over 20km strike

## An emerging new nickel sulphide camp



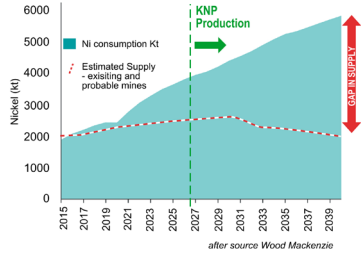


# The Ardea investment fundamentals are compelling...

## Market strength

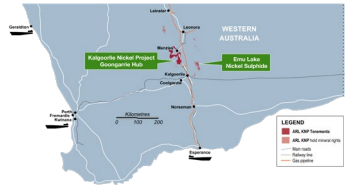
KNP to fill gap between growing nickel demand and diminishing supply

### Nickel demand vs supply



## Premier location

For leading ESG standards, jurisdiction, infrastructure and technical expertise



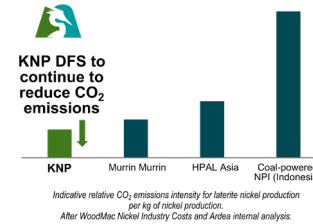
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## Proven flowsheet

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

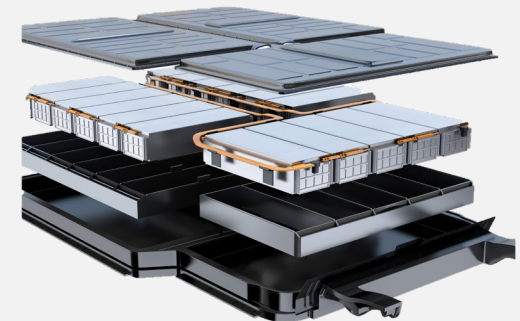
~40kg of Nickel<sup>^</sup>  
Powering the typical  
NCM811 Electric Vehicle (EV)

5.9Mt  
contained Nickel in the KNP\*

Enough for  
>147,000,000  
Electric Vehicles

<sup>^</sup> 12/07/2021 UBS – Battery Material Value Chain

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Appendices

## **Kalgoorlie Nickel Project**

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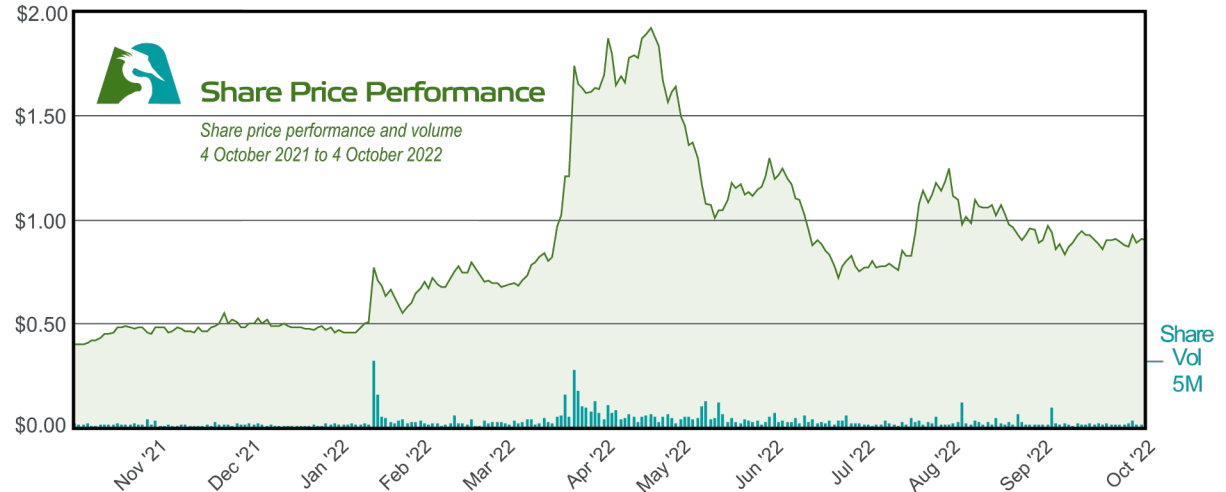
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<b>Andrew Penkethman</b>	Managing Director & CEO
<b>Ian Buchhorn</b>	Executive Director

## Executive Management Team

<b>Sam Middlemas</b>	Company Secretary
<b>Rebecca Moylan</b>	CFO
<b>Matthew McCarthy</b>	GM - Exploration
<b>Alex Mukherji</b>	GM - Land Access & Compliance
<b>Mike Miller</b>	GM - Technical Services

## Listed on ASX (ARL)

Shares on Issue	169,737,772
Performance Rights	4,542,000
Options	4,000,000
Share Price (4 Oct 2022)	\$0.90
52 week high / low	\$2.05 / \$0.43
Cash (as at 30 June 2022)	\$22 million
Market Capitalisation	\$153 million
Board and Management	~11% equity
Top 40 Shareholders	~64% equity







# Strong **ESG** – Environment, Social and Governance

## Ethically Sustainable

- Project designs and work practices based on ensuring the Company minimises green-house gas emission to demonstrate responsible sourcing of nickel and Critical Minerals
- 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 a local office
- Native Title Agreement in place for development of KNP
- Ardea has initiated an education fund to assist children in the Eastern Goldfields of WA
- The Ardea team comprises over 31% female participation
- 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 Councillor 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

Geologist with 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

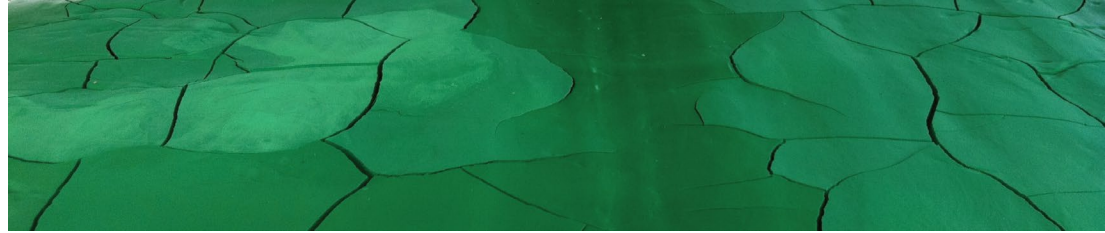
Process Engineer with over 30 years' experience in hydrometallurgical operations with a primary focus on nickel-cobalt production. Extensive study management experience with leading engineering firms.





# 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).





# Projected local workforce – KNP Goongarrie Hub



## 2022

Management, technical, financial and administration workforce of **18** based in Perth and Kalgoorlie






## CONSTRUCTION

> **1500** estimated workforce



*The estimates presented on this slide are based on past and current studies, and other industry examples. It is planned the KNP workforce will be predominantly residential in the Eastern Goldfields of WA, with FIFO option also offered to attract and retain the best team. The estimates do not include indirect employment from local industries (e.g. site services, equipment maintenance & logistics). Final numbers will be defined by in progress Feasibility Study.*


## KNP IN PRODUCTION

### Ardea Labour

 Production	<b>350</b>
 Maintenance	<b>100</b>
 Admin	<b>100</b>

### Contractors

 Production	<b>200</b>
 Maintenance	<b>70</b>

<b>Total Projected Workforce</b>	 <b>820</b>
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# 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
<i>Status</i>	PFS	PFS	<b>ES</b>
<i>No. Trains</i>	1	1	<b>1</b>
<i>Pre Tax NPV<sub>8</sub></i>	US\$ 1.13 billion	US\$ 1.52 billion	<b>US\$ 2.4 billion</b>
<i>Pre Tax IRR</i>	29 %	29 %	<b>31%</b>
<i>CAPEX</i>	US\$ 472 million	US\$ 588 million	<b>US\$918 million</b>
<i>C1 cash cost</i>	US\$ 0.42 / lb	US\$ 0.45 / lb	<b>US\$ (0.34) / lb</b>
<i>Payback</i>	5.3 years	5.6 years	<b>5.1 years</b>
<i>Cobalt sulphate</i>	5,500tpa	6,900tpa	<b>10,000tpa</b>
<i>Nickel sulphate</i>	41,500tpa	55,300tpa	<b>81,000tpa</b>

- ✓ 2018 PFS of 1Mtpa and 1.5Mtpa base case over a 25-year mine life completed (one autoclave)
- ✓ 2018 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
- ✓ **2022 Base case for in progress feasibility study is 3.5Mtpa, with two HPAL autoclaves + AL circuit for improved operations stability and increased production. PFS due Q1, 2023**
- ✓ Scandium by-product credit and nickel and cobalt recovery from mineralised neutraliser not factored in, so offers additional up-side

The information shown on this slide has been previously released on the ASX platform by Ardea in ASX releases, \*Goongarrie Nickel Cobalt Project, PFS study, 28 March 2018 and Goongarrie Expansion Study, 24 July 2018. All the material assumptions underpinning the forecast financial information derived from a production target, in the initial public report referred to in rule 5.17 continue to apply and have not materially changed.







# KNP Mineral Resource

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

Camp	Prospect	Resource Category	Size (Mt)	Ni (%)	Co (%)	Contained Ni (kt)	Metal Co (kt)
<b>KNP TOTAL</b>		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
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>		<b>Combined</b>	<b>830</b>	<b>0.71</b>	<b>0.046</b>	<b>5,879</b>	<b>384</b>

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 Reporting 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).

Deposit	Resource Category	Tonnes (Mt)	Ni %	Co %	Contained Metal	
					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
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>7.2</b>	<b>0.92</b>	<b>0.046</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>3.3</b>
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
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>33.3</b>	<b>1.03</b>	<b>0.081</b>	<b>344</b>	<b>27.1</b>
Big Four	Indicated	12.1	0.97	0.068	118	8.3
	Inferred	2.7	0.94	0.062	25	1.7
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>14.7</b>	<b>0.97</b>	<b>0.067</b>	<b>143</b>	<b>9.9</b>
Scotia Dam	Indicated	2.9	0.98	0.108	29	3.2
	Inferred	1.4	1.02	0.057	14	0.8
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>4.3</b>	<b>0.99</b>	<b>0.091</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>4.0</b>
Highway	Indicated	15.1	1.01	0.053	152	8.0
	Inferred	3.7	0.98	0.053	36	2.0
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>18.8</b>	<b>1.00</b>	<b>0.053</b>	<b>188</b>	<b>10.0</b>
<b>Combined Deposits</b>	Measured	11.0	1.13	0.106	125	11.6
	Indicated	56.5	0.98	0.066	556	37.1
	Inferred	10.8	0.95	0.051	103	5.6
	<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>78.3</b>	<b>1.00</b>	<b>0.069</b>	<b>784</b>	<b>54.3</b>

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# 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).

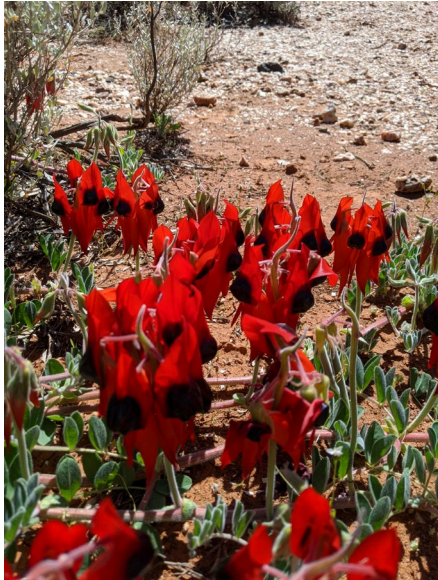
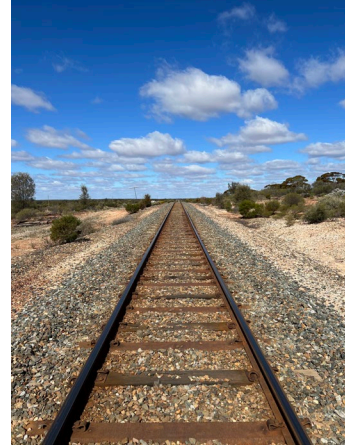
Deposit	Resource Category	Tonnes (Mt)	Ni %	Co %	Contained Metal		Sc Resources	
					Ni (kt)	Co (kt)	Mt	Sc ppm
Goongarrie Hill	Indicated	40	0.65	0.037	260	14.7	10.5	16
	Inferred	29	0.60	0.025	178	7.3	2.0	16
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>0.63</b>	<b>0.032</b>	<b>438</b>	<b>21.9</b>	<b>12.5</b>	<b>16</b>
Goongarrie 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
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>0.75</b>	<b>0.053</b>	<b>820</b>	<b>58.7</b>	<b>76.8</b>	<b>27</b>
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
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>0.70</b>	<b>0.046</b>	<b>440</b>	<b>28.9</b>	<b>34.8</b>	<b>24</b>
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
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>0.72</b>	<b>0.058</b>	<b>118</b>	<b>9.6</b>	<b>11.7</b>	<b>25</b>
<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
	<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>259</b>	<b>0.70</b>	<b>0.046</b>	<b>1,817</b>	<b>119.2</b>	<b>135.8</b>	<b>25</b>

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# Kalgoorlie Nickel Project



Australian Federal Government - Major Project Status