

## **Letter to Shareholders**

Dear IperionX Shareholders,

As we enter 2023 with confidence, I wanted to take a moment to reflect on the past year of rapid progress and achievements and share our conviction with you, our valued shareholders, in the future of our company.

I want to summarize the progress in our two main businesses - Metals Technology and Critical Minerals – and lay out our priorities for 2023.

### **Metals Technology**

The IperionX Metals Technology business controls over 40 patented titanium manufacturing technologies that have the potential to significantly reduce the cost and carbon emissions of titanium metal production.

Titanium is a superior metal, prized for its high strength-to-weight ratio and superior corrosion resistance. However, due to historically high production costs, titanium metal is typically only used in high-end applications in the aerospace, defense, and medical industries. We believe that our technologies could make titanium metal cost-effective with aluminum and stainless steel, metals that have combined annual markets of ~ \$480 billion<sup>i</sup>, and capturing just a small fraction of these markets would activate exponential growth. I discussed the potential revolutionary nature of this innovation with Harvard Business School professor Willy Shih, a conversation he recounted in his July 10, 2022 Forbes article entitled "Manufacturing Process Innovations: A 'Bessemer Moment' for Titanium?"

IperionX is now a leading low carbon, circular titanium metal producer. We are producing high quality titanium powder from titanium scrap at our pilot production facility in Utah and we have used these high-quality titanium powders to accelerate our commercial sales program with over 40 potential customers that want low carbon, circular titanium metal. The highest priority customers have successfully progressed from the exchange of technical data; to titanium metal powder qualification and then onto titanium part prototyping.

IperionX's first customer was the luxury watch maker Panerai, a division of the leading luxury goods company Richemont. Our contract with Panerai validates the performance of our patented titanium technologies and the quality of our low carbon, circular titanium metal powders, which are superior to aluminum and stainless-steel in most applications.

This validation is important for customers in our other high priority sales verticals – especially the global automotive, bicycle and consumer electronic markets. These global markets are many times larger than luxury watches and offer IperionX a near-term pathway to rapidly scale our business.

For example, the Swiss watch industry produces ~13 million watches p.a. for a select group of global customers that expect the highest quality, strength and sustainability metrics from their watch purchase. In comparison, the global smart watch market is over 173 million units p.a. with a like-minded customer base who also demands strength, quality and sustainability. In addition to smart watches, the global consumer electronic market extends to tablets, laptop computers and mobile phones.

In September 2022 we announced that South Boston, Virginia would be the site for our Titanium Demonstration Facility. We expect to begin construction of this compelling project in mid-2023 and forecast that it will produce at a start-up capacity of 125 tonnes p.a. Once commissioned, we intend to quickly expand capacity of the facility to commercial scale - in a low risk, modular fashion.

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The potential economics of our Metals Technology business are highly attractive. Spherical titanium metal powders for 3D printing can sell for ~US\$250 per kg and we estimate that our operating costs will be \$120 per kg (inclusive of a 50% contingency) at the start up capacity of 125 tonnes p.a. These unit operating costs are expected to significantly fall as we scale production towards our aim of being a titanium metal producer of over 10,000 tonnes p.a. in 5 years.

In summary, over 2022 we confirmed the technical and commercial superiority of our patented titanium metal technologies, progressed our plans to rapidly scale titanium production and made outstanding progress with a wide range of potential customers across the automotive, consumer electronic, bicycle, aerospace and defense sectors.

In 2023, our priorities are to scale our titanium metal production in Utah and Virginia, secure a wide range of long-term customers and continue to expand our highly valuable metal technology patent portfolio. We believe that IperionX has reached the threshold of rapid growth and commercial success – we are very excited about the next twelve months.

### **Critical Minerals**

Our Critical Minerals business is fundamental to re-building a highly valuable U.S. based titanium and critical mineral supply chain. Our Titan Project in Tennessee covers more than 11,000 acres of surface and mineral rights, and is already the largest JORC compliant mineral resource of titanium, zircon and rare earth critical minerals in the U.S.A.

In 2022, IperionX announced the outstanding results of a Scoping Study on the Titan Project, demonstrating the potential for this asset to be a sustainable, low-cost producer of critical minerals which is forecast to generate strong free cashflow over multiple decades.

The U.S. has quickly become one of the most attractive global jurisdictions to own a critical minerals project. The passing of the Inflation Reduction Act, and other U.S. government incentive programs, provides a wide range of financial and funding opportunities that will support and enhance the development of the Titan Project. No other global jurisdiction has the compelling combination of low energy costs, world class infrastructure, skilled workforce, low taxation and high levels of domestic demand.

In 2023, our priorities for the Titan project are to secure the environmental permits and complete the feasibility studies necessary to be construction ready by late 2023. We are experienced developers of highly valuable global mineral projects, and we are confident that the Titan Project will soon be recognized as a world class critical mineral project.

# Corporate

In 2022 we continued to grow our talented and experienced team, who are working tirelessly to deliver our vision for a 'Titanium Age'. We made significant progress in building our team, with senior appointments including President, Chief Operating Officer, VP of Metal Production, VP of Sustainability and VP of Government Affairs. This outstanding team will continue to grow in 2023.

We are grateful for the long-term support of our shareholders as we build a strong, profitable and highly successful company. We encourage any of you with questions to make contact with us at any time.

As we look ahead to tasks at hand this year, we remain highly focused and committed to delivering significant value for our shareholders. We will deliver our core priorities, maintain financial discipline, strive for operational excellence and technical innovation. We will continue to invest in our people and our communities – which are essential for our future growth and success.

Thank you again for your support. We look forward to continuing to work with you to build a very successful future for IperionX.

Sincerely,

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CEO and Founder of IperionX

This announcement has been authorized for release by the CEO and Managing Director.

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## **Competent Persons Statements**

The information in this document that relates to Exploration Results, Mineral Resources, Production Targets, Process Design, Mine Design, Cost Estimates, and Financial Analysis is extracted from IperionX's ASX Announcement dated June 30, 2022 ("Original ASX Announcement") which is available to view at IperionX's website at www.IperionX.com.

The Company confirms that a) it is not aware of any new information or data that materially affects the information included in the Original ASX Announcement; b) all material assumptions and technical parameters underpinning the Production Target, and related forecast financial information derived from the Production Target included in the Original ASX Announcement continue to apply and have not materially changed; and c) the form and context in which the relevant Competent Persons' findings are presented in this report have not been materially changed from the Original ASX Announcement.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>i</sup> Statista - Smartwatch shipments forecast worldwide from 2016 to 2025

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>ii</sup> LuxeConsult, Morgan Stanley Research estimates

iii Statista - Smartwatches - Statistics & Facts