

# LEADING THE CHARGE IN AUSTRALIAN RARE EARTH CLAYS



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# Corporate Snapshot

Capital Structure							
Total number of shares currently on issue	97,133,664						
Options on issue	20,700,000						
Share Price (a) 26 Apr 2023)	\$0.11						
Market Cap (undiluted)	\$10.7m						
Cash Balance (at 31 March 2023)	\$2.9m						

Shareholders	
Top 20	53.7%
Board and Management	25.0%



### **OVERVIEW**

- Salazar Rare Earth Element (REE) Project in southern Western Australia has a substantial JORC (2012) compliant resource:
  - Newmont Deposit Inferred Resource of 43.5 Mt at 1192 ppm total rare earth oxide (TREO) (CSA 2018)\*
  - Over 9000 meters of drilling completed in Q1, 2023 to increse
     Newmont resource and explore O'Connor prospect
  - Beneficiation studies and metallurgical testwork underway
  - Fully funded with Newmont resource upgrade expected in Q2, 2023
- Nevada Lithium Project prospective for large scale sedimentary hosted lithium claystone deposits in the world class Nevada lithium district
- Hermit Hill Lithium Project prospective for pegmatite hosted lithium in the Northern Territory, with field activities expected to commence at the completion of the wet season





# **EXCELLENT LOCATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE**

- Located 120 km north-east of the township and deepwater port of Esperance, Western Australia
- Dominant land position for a total combined area of 745 square kms within a tightly held region, prospective for REE clays
- Close to essential infrastructure with port, rail and air services nearby
- Established mining region with a skilled local workforce, strong mining culture and local community
- Esperance region has been earmarked as a potential location for major renewable energy and green hydrogen hub



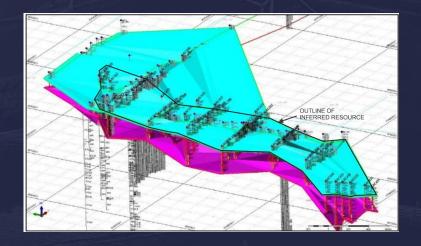
# NEWMONT REE DEPOSIT

- Newmont Deposit has an inferred JORC Resource of 43.5 Mt at 1192 ppm TREO\*
- Previous owners drilled 133 holes for a total of 5519 meters drilled.
- Infill and extensional drilling completed during Q1, 2023 with Newmont resource upgrade in Q2, 2023
- Mineralogy comprises high grade REE in kaolin clay which also includes an inferred JORC Resource of 28.3 Mt at 23.4% Al2O3 (at 10% cut off)\*
- Lab testwork shows leach extraction to achieve a High Purity Alumina (HPA) 99.99% (4N) product
- Very low background radioactive elements (thorium and uranium



### Inferred Mineral Resource Estimate by CSA Global - 2018

Cut-off TREO + Y2O3 (ppm)	Tonnes (Mt)	TREO + Y2O3 (ppm)	TREO (ppm)	LREO (ppm)	HREO (ppm)	U (ppm)	Th (ppm)
0	67.7	861	721	620	241	6	27
500	43.5	1192	991	847	344	7	26
1000	19.9	1734	1419	1202	532	7	23



# NEWMONT COMPARISON TABLE

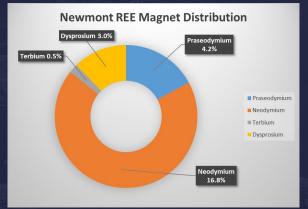
The Newmont resource grades and tonnages compare favourably with other known clay deposits outside of China and Myanmar\*

Company	Deposit	Resource Category	Status	Resource Million Tonnes	Grade TREO Y <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> ppm	Cut-off	Pr <sub>6</sub> O <sub>11</sub> ppm	Nd <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> ppm	Dy <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> ppm	Tb <sub>4</sub> O <sub>7</sub> ppm
West Cobar Metals (WC1)	Newmont, WA	Inferred Resources	Exploration	43.5	1192	500 ppm TREO+Y <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	50	200	36	6
Heavy Rare Earths (HRE) <sup>1</sup>	Cowalinya, WA	Inferred Resources	Exploration	28	625	300 ppm TREO-CeO <sub>2</sub>	29	109	17	3
		Measured	Exploration	1	894	325ppm TREO-CeO <sub>2</sub>	40	148	22	3.9
Australian Rare Earths (AR3) <sup>2</sup>	Koppamurra SA/VIC	Indicated		63	839		38	143	21	3.9
		Inferred		38	782		35	133	20	3.6
	Makuutu, Uganda	Indicated	Feasibility, due October 2022	404	670	200 ppm TREO-CeO <sub>2</sub>	30	110	10	3
Ionic Rare Earths (IXR) <sup>3</sup>		Inferred		127	540		30	90	10	2
		TOTAL		532	640		30	110	10	2

High REE grade -1192ppm (TREO + Y<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>)

Comparatively high Dysprosium and Terbium Heavy Rare Earth Oxide (HREO) distribution

High grade and distribution of 4 Magnet Rare Earth Oxides (MREO) up to 25% of basket



<sup>\*</sup> Refer to WC1 ASX announcement 8 September 2022

¹ HRE Prospectus 22 August 2022

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> AR3 ASX announcement 17 April 2023

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> IXR ASX announcement 3 May 2022

# **NEWMONT METALLURGY & STUDIES**

Previous technical work on the Newmont deposit has involved reputable institutions including the CSIRO, the University of Western Australia and the University of Newcastle and mineral processing firms Nagrom and Amdel

Early metallurgical testwork and characterisation studies show the REE clays are amenable to acid leach processing with low background radioactive elements (thorium and uranium)

Three streams of metallurgical testwork and beneficiation studies are currently underway:

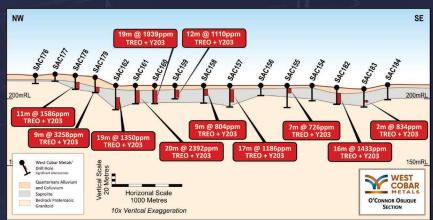
- 1. ANSTO is undertaking the next stage of leaching studies aimed at optimising previous leach test results utilising hydrochloric and organic acid
- 2. The ARC Centre of Excellence for Enabling Eco-Efficient Beneficiation of Minerals (COEMinerals) is undertaking beneficiation studies on the Newmont Deposit to support project economic studies
- 3. Nagrom scouting beneficiation testwork is being carried out at O'Connor prospect



### O'CONNOR PROSPECT

- The O'Connor prospect is located 10kms to the south-east of the Newmont Deposit within granted tenement E63/1469
- O'Connor has 32 holes for a total of 901 metres\* with REE drilling returning high-grade, near surface thick intersections intersections:
  - SAC160, 19m @ 1939 ppm TREO + Y2O3 from 8m
  - SAC161, 20m @ 2392 ppm TREO + Y2O3 from 7m
  - SAC162, 19m @ 1350 ppm TREO + Y2O3 from 17m
  - SAC179, 9m @ 3258 ppm TREO + Y2O3 from 14m
  - SAC178, 10m @ 1586 ppm TREO + Y2O3 from 10m
  - SAC188, 23m @ 1454 ppm TREO + Y2O3 from 16m
  - SAC157, 17m @ 1186 ppm TREO + Y2O3 from 15m
  - SAC159, 12m @ 1110 ppm TREO + Y2O3 from 8m





# NEVADA LITHIUM PROJECT

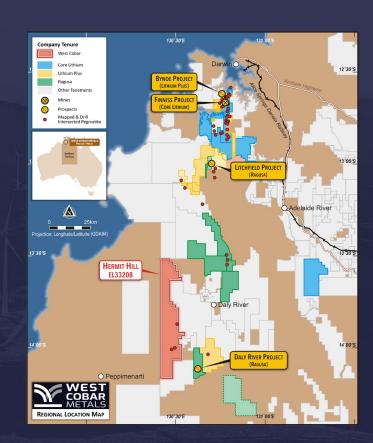
- Two areas (Montezuma Well and Big Smokey Valley) prospective for large-scale sedimentary-hosted lithium claystone deposits in Nevada, USA
- Within the world class Nevada lithium district and similar geology to known major lithium deposits in the region including:
  - American Lithium (TLC deposit)
  - American Battery Technology (Tonopah Flats deposit)
  - Ioneer (Rhyolite Ridge deposit)
  - Century Lithium (Clayton Valley deposit)
- 350km southeast of Tesla Gigafactory and close to essential infrastructure with access to roads, air services, and skilled local workforce
- Reverse circulation drilling is planned to test the areas for claystone-hosted lithium mineralisation once drilling approvals are in place



# HERMIT HILL PROJECT

Located in the Litchfield Province, roughly 100km south-southwest of Core Lithium's Finniss Lithium Project and Lithium Plus Minerals' Lei lithium prospect, and 30km west of Ragusa Minerals' Tank Hill lithium discovery

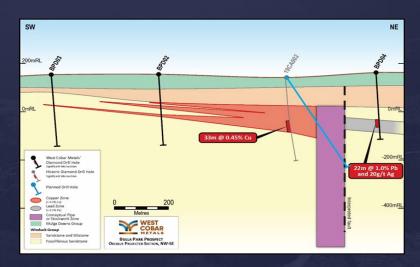
- Hermit Hill project area comprises a significant landholding (667km2) within an emerging, underexplored lithium province in the Northern Territory
- Desktop review shows the Hermit Hill Project is prospective for lithium based on the identification of pegmatites in historic drilling
- West Cobar is working to identify drilling targets and expects to commence on field activities in June at the completion of the Northern Territory wet season



# WEST COBAR NSW PROJECTS

Three projects at various stages of exploration 100-200 km west of the Cobar district in NSW:

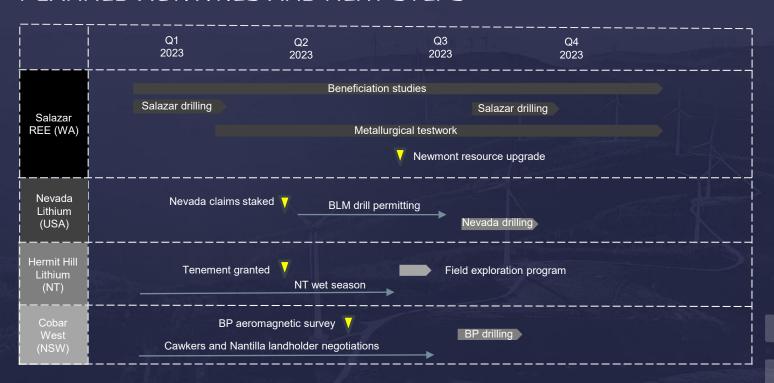
- 1. Bulla Park prospective for Cobar style copper (+silver) discovery hole (19CA002) intersected 33m @ 0.45% Cu from 232m
- 2. Cawkers Well sediment-hosted gold target
- 3. Nantilla Copper/base metal/gold (geophysical target)



### **QUEENSLAND**



# PLANNED ACTIVITIES AND NEXT STEPS



#### **BOARD AND MANAGEMENT**

# HIGHLY EXPERIENCED TEAM WITH A STRONG TRACK RECORD



Robert Klug (LLB, B Comm) – Non Exec Chairman

- Australian qualified resources and corporate lawyer with 30 years' experience
- Previously nine years as General Counsel and Company Secretary at Sandfire Resources



David Pascoe (B.Sc (Hons), M.Sc) - CEO

- Geologist with 30+ years experience worldwide exploration, evaluation and mining.
- Previous Chief Geologist and Exploration Manager positions. Co-founder Bulla Park Metals (West Cobar Metals)
- Numerous discoveries Magellan (WA, lead),
   Tocantinzinho (Brazil, 2Moz Au), Kerimenge (PNG, 1Moz Au)



Kevin Das (B.Sc Geology (Hons), GAICD) - Exec Director

- 20+ years' experience as geologist and resources investor
- 13+ years' REE experience, instrumental in the discovery of the Browns Range rare earth deposits in WA
- Co-founder and Managing Director of mineral investment and project acquisition firm ARD Group



Ron Roberts - Non Exec Director

- 35+ years' experience in all aspects of exploration, data management and land access
- Ex Sandfire Resources from listing, through to discovery and rapid growth into ASX 200 company
- Co-founder Bulla Park Metals (West Cobar Metals)



Mark Bolton - Non Exec Director

- 30+ years of experience in the resources sector.
- Mark was a Director at Ernst & Young's Corporate Finance division,
- Since then has held senior executive roles for several companies listed on the AIM, ASX, LSE and TSX including Global CFO for First Quantum Minerals

### Matt Szwedzicki (B Eng (Hons), B Comm, GAICD) - Non Exec Director

- 20+ years of resources-focused corporate and commercial experience (capital markets, M8A, corporate strategy)
- Founder and Managing Director of Spark New Energies (energy company focused on the UK)



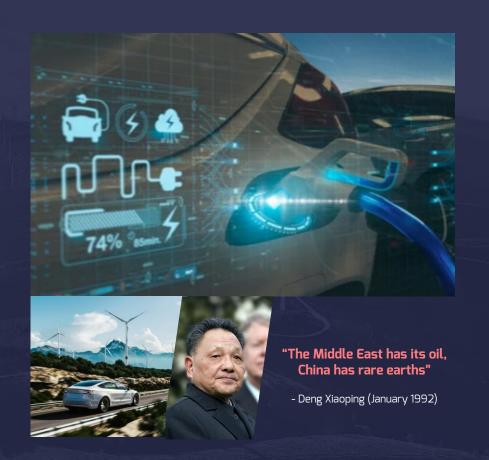
### Craig McNab - Company Secretary

- Experienced Chartered Accountant & Fellow member of the Chartered Governance Institute (Chartered Secretary)
- Initially qualified at PwC & has held senior corporate compliance roles at Anglo American plc & De Beers UK
- Provides corporate compliance services to a number of ASX-listed resource companies



# WHY RARE EARTHS

- Rare earths are critical raw materials with high economic significance and high supply risk to the Western World and future economies
- China dominates the global REE supply chain with increasing geopolitical tensions, the development of alternative sources of supply has now become a priority for Governments and Industry
- Increasing global efforts to decarbonise with Governments worldwide are committing to ambitious targets to transition to green economies
- Rare earths are critical for the manufacture of permanent magnets which have compelling supply/demand dynamics driven by green energy in particular electric vehicles (EVs) and wind turbines





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