

# COLOSSUS IONIC CLAY PROJECT

Unlocking a new frontier of Rare Earths in the Poços De Caldas Alkaline Complex

**Investor Presentation** 

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Dr. José Marques Braga Júnior, the in-country Executive Director of Viridis' Brazilian subsidiary (Viridis Mining and Minerals Brazil Ltda), compiled and evaluated the technical information in this release and is a member of the Australian Institute of Geoscientists (AIG) (MAusIMM, 2023, 336416), accepted to report in accordance with ASX listing rules. Dr Braga has sufficient experience relevant to the style of mineralisation and type of deposit under consideration and to the activity that he is undertaking to qualify as a Competent Person as defined in the 2012 JORC Code. Dr Braga consents to the inclusion in the report of the matters based on information in the form and context in which it appears.

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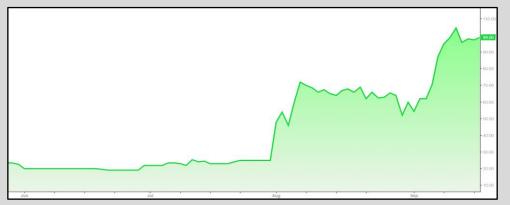


#### **CAPITALISATION DATA**

Current shares on Issue <sup>1</sup>	45,739,556		
Share Price <sup>2</sup>	\$0.99		
Market Capitalisation (MC)	\$45.28 Million		
BALANCE SHEET			
Cash Balance (as of 30/06/23) <sup>1</sup>	\$1.94 Million		
Debt (as of 30/06/23)	Nil		

- Post completion of Capital Raise (Announced 01/08/2023) and issue of vendor shares and upfront payment consideration for Acquisition of Colossus Project
- 2. Closing Price 18 September 2023

#### SHARE PRICE PERFORMANCE<sup>2</sup>



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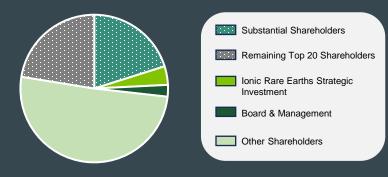
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#### **SHAREHOLDER BREAKDOWN**



#### **BOARD AND MANAGEMENT**





Mr Agha Shahzad Pervez

Executive Chairman

Mr Agha Shahzad Pervez is an experienced corporate accountant, CFO and Company Secretary, with over 10 years' experience working with ASX listed companies. Mr Pervez has previously held senior executive roles at Resonance Health Limited, Equinox Resources Limited and Battery Age Minerals Limited.



Mr Faheem Ahmed Non-Executive Director

Mr Ahmed holds a Bachelor of Engineering and Bachelor of Project Management and has over 6 years of experience in project evaluation, asset management, data analysis, lifecycle cost analysis and risk modelling including projects in the fields of infrastructure, mining, health and transport.



Mr Timothy Harrison
Non-Executive Director

Mr Harrison has over 23 years' of experience as a metallurgist and executive with an extensive record advancing resource companies through to project development. He has a successful track record in fields of processing and hydrometallurgy across multiple commodities, including technology metals experience. Previously, Mr Harrison has held senior positions with BHP, WMC, Fluor, Ivanhoe Australia and Clean TeQ. He is currently CEO and Managing Director of Ionic Rare Earths Limited.



Mr Christopher Gerteisen
Non-Executive Director

Mr Christopher Gerteisen has over 25 years of experience as an economic geologist and executive with an extensive record of managing and advancing resource projects from discovery to start-up. Previously, he has held senior positions with Newmont, Sons of Gwalia, Oxiana, OZ Minerals, PanAust. He is currently CEO and Executive Director of Nova Minerals Limited.



**Dr Jose Marques Braga Junior** *Executive Director, Viridis Brazil* 

Dr Jose Marques Braga Junior is former Principal Geologist at CBMM. His 12 years of experience at CBMM has allowed him to gain a unique skillset in Niobium and Rare Earth mineral assets.

- Oversaw CBMM's full suite of geological activities
- · Led CBMM's team of geologists through exploration strategy
- Specialisation and publications in alkaline-hosted Nb, REE, P deposits, saprolite and weathered ores in Brazil.

Relevant Qualifications: B. Geological Engineering, M. Mining Engineering, PhD Geology. Registered member of AuslMM with qualifications for mineral exploration and evaluation of supergene deposits of REE, Nb, P, Ba and Fe.



#### Dr Klaus Petersen

Executive Director, Viridis Brazil, & Country Manager

Dr Petersen is a seasoned geologist and mining executive with 35-years' experience across Iron, Gold, Copper, Manganese and Rare Earth projects in Brazil. Dr Petersen has built an extensive network with mining investors, financiers, governmental agencies.

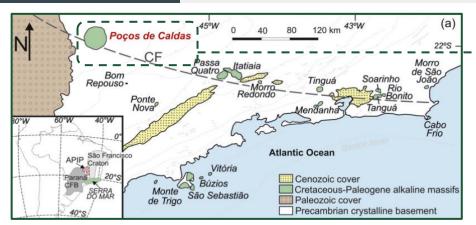
- Co-founder of Target Latin America
- Co-founded numerous Australian, Canadian and Brazilian companies and assets including founding Executive of 2008 IPO of the year; ASX: CTM
- Spent significant time in Poços De Caldas over the last year and is very familiar with lonic Clay Rare Earth hosting mineralisation in the Complex.

Relevant Qualifications: B. Geological Engineering, M. of Science in Mineralogy and Petrology, PhD in Mineralogy and Petrology and is a registered member of AusIMM.



#### **COLOSSUS - IDEAL LOCATION**

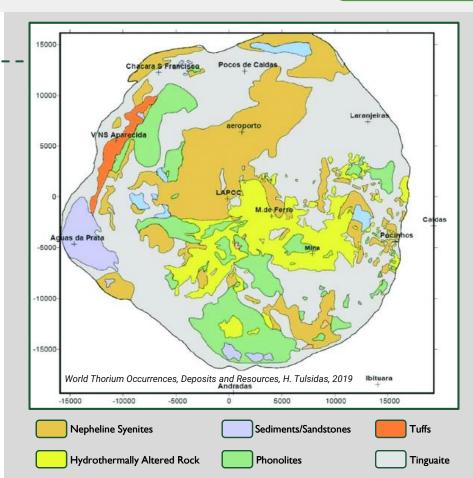




#### **Poços De Caldas**

#### Largest Alkaline Complex in Southern Hemisphere

- Located on the southern border of Minas Gerais, Brazil A Tier
   I Mining Jurisdiction
- Local community is supportive of mining operations with numerous bauxite, phosphate and clay mines and chemical plants. Ample infrastructure, paved roads and mining focused labour force
- The Alkaline Complex measures 33km in diameter and is homogenously mineralised with Rare Earths

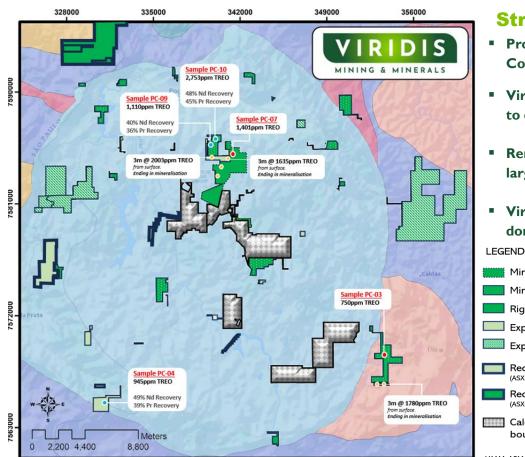


#### **COLOSSUS – STRATEGIC LAND POSITION**



Previous areas of historic auger drilling up to

3meters depth



#### **Strategic Importance of Land Position**

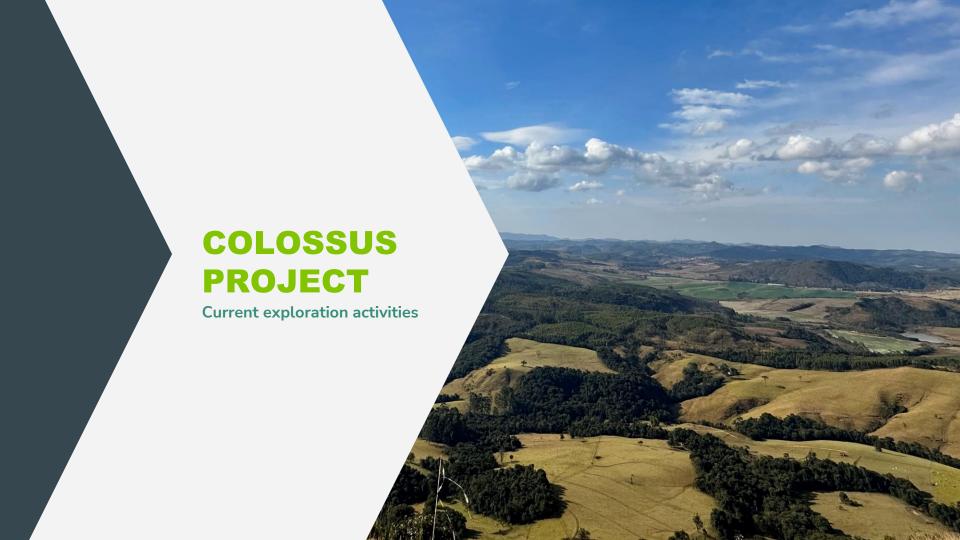
- Proven IAC REE geology in the Poços De Caldas ("PDC") Alkaline Complex.
- Viridis secured a rare opportunity for a large consolidation of areas to develop a substantial Rare Earth Operation in PDC.
- Remainder of significant area's available to consolidate into a single large contiguous project are held by majors such as Alcoa & CBA.
- Viridis to continue to appraise opportunities to expand its dominant footprint.



VMM ASX announcement dated 01 August 2023 'Acquisition Potential Tier One Ionic Clay Rare Earth Project'

Caldeira Mineral Resource Estimate

boundary - 409Mt @2,626ppm TREO

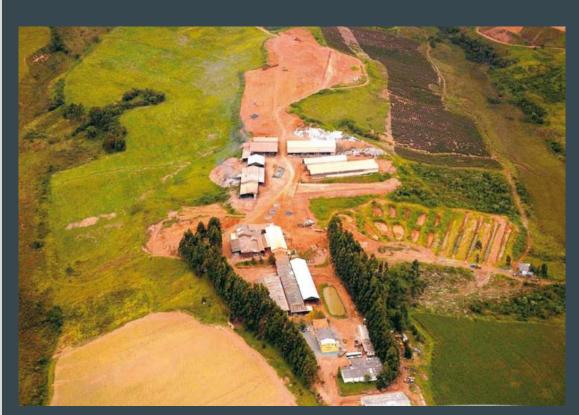


#### **COLOSSUS – PROJECT BACKGROUND**



#### **Acquisition Background**

- Binding agreement signed to acquire 100% of REE rights in Colossus, covering an area of ~91km<sup>2</sup> in Poços De Caldas Complex, Brazil.
- Contiguous to the world class Caldeira Ionic REE deposit (409Mt @2,626ppm TREO¹).
- USD \$1M upfront which has been paid, US \$1M to be paid on 6 month anniversary with 4.75% Royalty>
- Vendors of the Colossus Project have a rich mining history in the region with over 300 registered deposits and currently operate 8 open-pit mines which produce 560ktpa of ore & clay.
- Drill tested by Vendors only within top 3 metres confirming presence of Rare Earths.



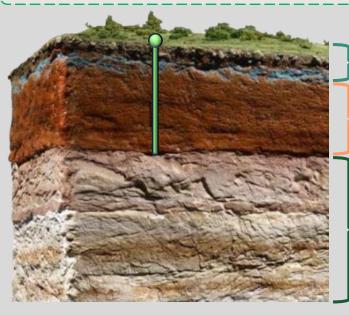
Varginha Mineracao clay processing plant located in Poços De Caldas

#### **COLOSSUS – PROJECT SUMMARY**



#### **Geological Highlights**

The Colossus Project has never been tested beyond 3 metres into the "REE Accumulation" Zone



I-2 metre thick organic humic layer

~2 metre thick "leached layer" where REE ions have been remobilised downwards.
Mostly oxidised clays.

>10m thick "REE Accumulation zone" of highly weathered clayey-saprolite, with affinity to ionically bond liberated REE ions. 1,2

- A total of 34 historic holes were completed by hand-held auger to a depth of 3 metres. All holes were drilled from surface and ended in mineralisation<sup>4</sup>:
  - 3m at 2,003ppm TREO (22% MREO)
  - 3m at 1,997ppm TREO (22% MREO)
  - 3m at 1,785ppm TREO (34% MREO)
- Both Cupim South and Caminho Das Pedras (Colossus) prospects share the same saprolite hill which the Cupim Vermelho Norte (104Mt @2,485ppm TREO) and Dona Maria (94Mt @2,320ppm TREO) resources are formed on, respectively<sup>3</sup>.
- Hole CVN-187 was drilled 5m from Colossus intersecting 15m @3,127ppm TREO. Hole DM2-06 was drilled <5m from Colossus intersecting 11.3m @2,502ppm<sup>3</sup>.

- 1 Adsorption of rare earth elements in regolith-hosted clay deposits, A. Borst, M. Smith et al., 2020
- 2 Review on the Development and Utilization of Ionic Rare Earth Ore, X. Luo, Y. Zhang, H. Zhou et al., 2022
- 3 ASX:MEI Announcement dated 01 May 2023 May 2023 'Caldeira REE Project Maiden Mineral Resource'
- 4 VMM ASX announcement dated 01 August 2023 'Acquisition Potential Tier One Ionic Clay Rare Earth Project'

#### **COLOSSUS – A TRUE IONIC CLAY REE PROJECT**



	lonic Clay <sup>1</sup>	"REE in Clay"	Hard Rock
LEACHING	Ammonia Sulfate (weak salt)	HCI, Nitric Acid, Sulfuric	HCI, Nitric Acid, Sulfuric
AGENT		Acid, Aqua Regia	Acid, Aqua Regia
LEACHING	Room	50 – 80	U <sub>P</sub> to
TEMPERATURE	Temperature	Degrees	800°C
LEACHING	3 to 5	< 2	< 2
PH LEVEL		(highly acidic)	(highly acidic)
LEACHING	I5 to 60 minutes	2 – 24	2 – 24
TIME		hours	hours
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Viridis obtained exceptional recoveries through Ammonia Sulfate leaching at pH4, room temperature, with 30 minutes leaching cycle and no sample preparation. This illustrates Colossus as a true Ionic Clay Project which will benefit from superior leaching and extraction economics.

1 Review on the Development and Utilization of Ionic Rare Earth Ore, X. Luo, Y. Zhang, H. Zhou et al., 2022

#### The Ionic Advantage

- Despite lower grades & recoveries of Ionic Clay Rare Earths, the extraction of Ionic Clays is multi-folds cheaper from an operational and capital perspective.
  - Key barrier to entry for Hard-Rock Rare Earth projects is start-up CAPEX. Hence, the low CAPEX lonic Clay's using simple extraction provides a highly economic & disruptive opportunity for Viridis.

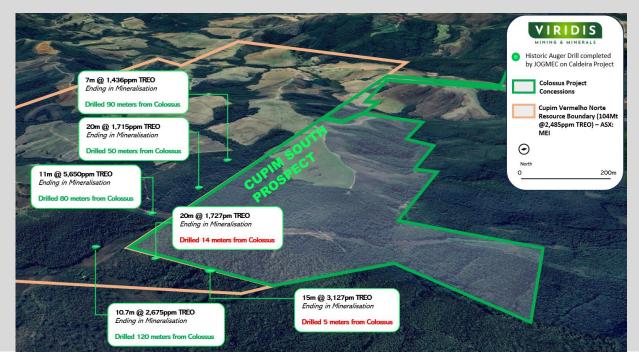
#### Colossus Metallurgy<sup>2</sup>

- Preliminary metwork at has proven Colossus hosts
   IAC mineralisation through surface grab samples
   from "leached layer" sent for Ionic testing.
- Exceptional average recovery of 46% and 40% for Nd and Pr respectively with Ammonia Sulfate, with no sample preparation taken prior to sending to lab.
- Significant scope for optimisation as Viridis intends to complete deeper advanced metallurgical testing.

2 VMM ASX announcement dated 29 August 2023 'Initial Metallurgical Work Confirm Colossus True AIC Project

#### **COLOSSUS - DRILLING COMMENCED**





#### **Colossus Drilling**

- Phase I of maiden drilling program will focus on Mining Licenses which are adjacent to the Dona Maria I & 2 IAC resource.
- Three auger rigs mobilised which will be able to test depth extensions of historic 3m auger holes.
- Phase II will focus on Southern and Western Licenses, with priority drilling on the Cupim South Prospect.

Satellite image of Cupim South Prospect, an extension of the Cupim Vermelho Norte resource body near JOGMEC historic auger holes.

#### Value for shareholders is generated by the drill bit

- Viridis has commenced drilling within 6 weeks of signing the agreement to acquire REE rights to the Colossus project.
- Over the following months Viridis intends to conduct aggressive drilling in order to progress the Colossus Project into a potential Tier-I Ionic Clay mineral resource.



#### **RARE EARTHS - RACE TO DEVELOP WESTERN SUPPLY CHAIN**

Poços De Caldas Alkaline Complex presents an opportunity to be the next South China Rare Earth Hub

"Significant investment by governments in the US, the EU and Australia is now going into rare earths...However, there must be further financial support throughout the supply chain to reduce dependence on China." – Wood Mackenzie

# Australia joins Western alliance on critical minerals



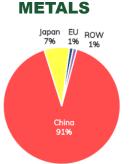
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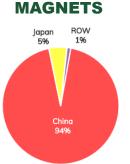


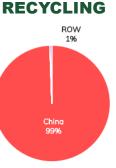
#### **CHINA CONTROLS EACH STAGE**











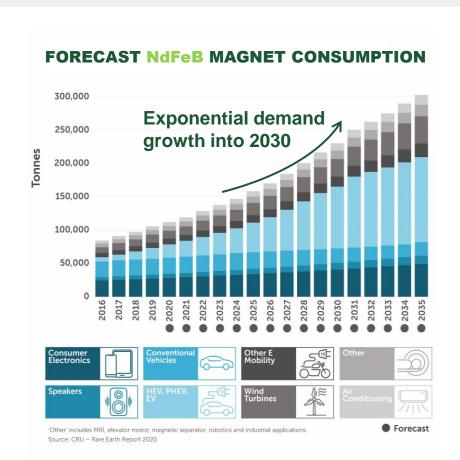
#### **RARE EARTHS – TECHNOLOGY METAL FOR A GREEN FUTURE**

# EACH HYBRID VEHICLE USES 4.5KG OF REE ON AVERAGE UV Glass: Cerium LCD Display: Europium, Yttrium, Cerium Sensors: Yttrium Electric Motor: NdPr, Magnets: NdPr Lanthanum

#### **NET ELECTRIC CAPACITY ADDITIONS**

Dysprosium, Terbium

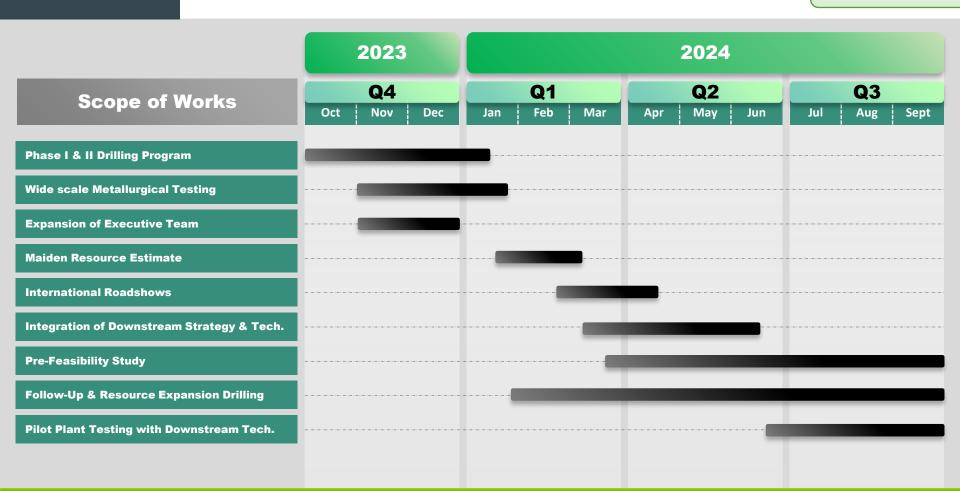






#### **COLOSSUS PROJECT ANTICIPATED WORK PROGRAM – NEWSFLOW**





#### **INVESTMENT HIGHLIGHTS**

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- Poços De Caldas is unparalleled in terms of geology, for both size & grade of Ionic Rare Earths.
- Alkaline Complex homogenously enriched in Rare Earths and is gaining global recognition.
- Highest grade for Ionic Clays globally.

- Preliminary met-work from multiple grab samples of Saprolite returned Ionic Mineralisation.
- Samples underwent NO drying or crushing prior to laboratory analysis, and were taken from the leached layer. This indicates significant upside for metwork optimisation during secondary testing.



- Second major mover into the Poços De Caldas ("PDC") Alkaline Complex.
- Remaining concessions which could potentially be consolidated into one contiguous major REE Project are held by major corporations focussed on Bauxite & Alumina.
- Colossus drilling has never tested the body beyond 3 metres depth.
- All shallow holes ended in mineralisation.
  - Historical drilling & grab samples to date are all assayed from humic & leached layers, where REE grade tends to be lowest.

- Highly experienced In-Country team to advance Colossus at a rapid pace.
- Dr Braga led CBMM's entire geological team. Dr Petersen is a geology veteran in Brazil with significant experience in Ionic Clays hosted within the PDC Alkaline Complex.
- Consistent news flow expected with aggressive maiden drilling programs now underway.





### **THANK YOU**

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