# Re-Energising Australia with Critical Battery Metals Production

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# Company Snapshot

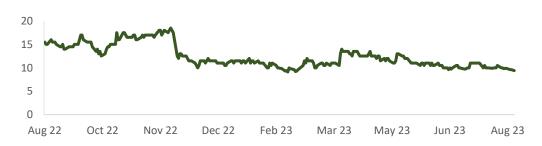
Company metrics	
Market capitalisation	A\$130.3m
Debt (30 June 2023)	Nil
Pro Forma Cash <sup>1</sup>	A\$61.7m
Enterprise Value	A\$68.6m
Shares outstanding	1,985m
Options outstanding	49.8m
Performance rights	66.1m

<sup>1-30</sup> June cash balance, adjusted for recent Placement and cash consideration received from Moranbah Project acquisition.

Substantial shareholders	
General Motors	9.9%
LG	5.0%
POSCO	2.1%

Moranbah Gas Project – Guidance (A\$m)						
Jun H 2024 Dec H 2024						
Revenue	76.8	94.4				
EBITDA	11.9	28.4				

### **QPM** share price – 12 months

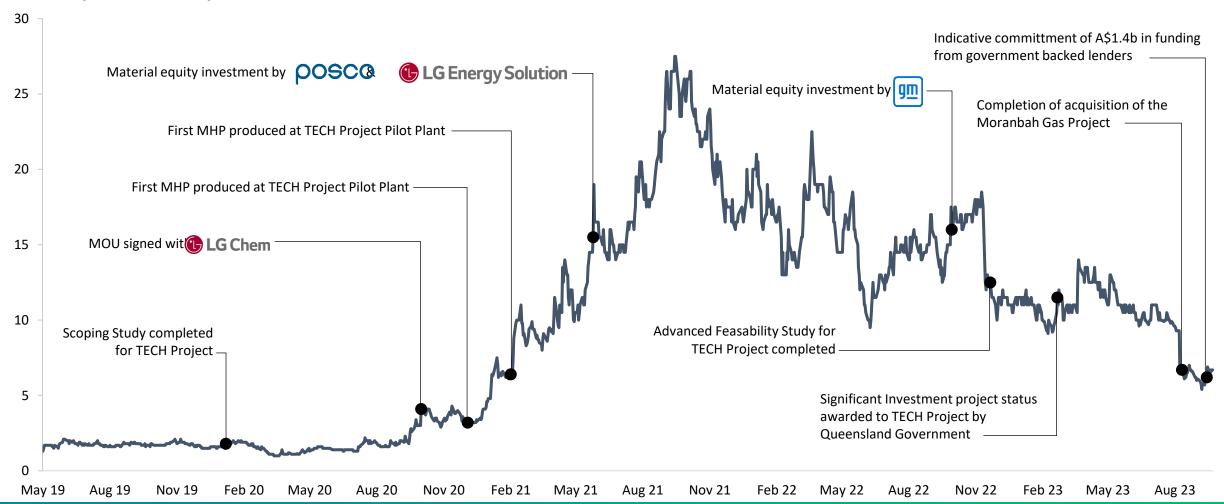


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# Share Price History and Milestones

### Share price since acquisition of QPM





# TECH NICKEL - COBALT PROJECT



# Vertically Integrated Advanced Manufacturer



- Will be 6<sup>th</sup> largest domestic gas producer on ASX and growing
- Targeting 989kt CO<sub>2</sub> emissions reductions from utilising waste coal mine gas<sup>1</sup>
- Standalone business that will generate earnings
   Gas supply for the TECH project.

### **New Caledonia Ore Supply**



- 1.6m wet t per annum
- High grade 1.6% Ni / 0.18% Co
- Four established miners

### **TECH Project**













~600,000t Hematite

~4,000t HPA

 Global leading ESG credentials goal – working towards zero solids waste and negative CO<sub>2</sub> emissions and zero process liquid discharge

Project of State Significance + Significant Investment
Project status from Qld Gov

**Customers and Shareholders** 



- Life of project offtake not committed to LGES / POSCO
- A\$100m+ equity capital commitment to QPM

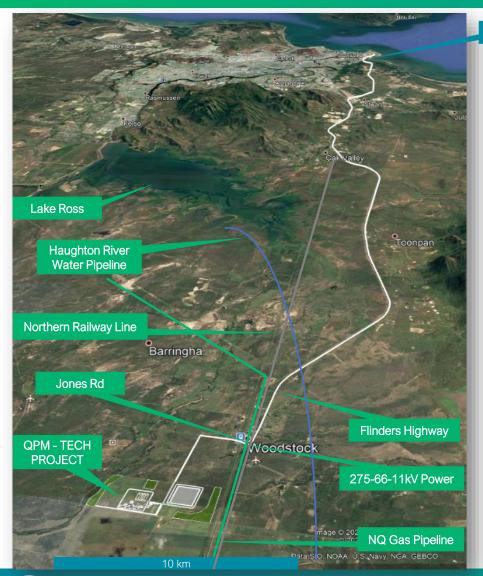


- Offtake for ~65% Ni/Co production for first 7 years
- US\$15m investment
- Major part of GM supply chain

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Refer to QPMs ASX announcement dated 25 November 2022 titled "QPM to create Carbon Abatement Hub in the Northern Bowen Basin



# **Project Location**





### Ideal site (290 Ha) allocated to QPM in the Lansdown Eco-Industrial Precinct

- Water pipeline 12 km away
- Gas pipeline (35 PJ/y capacity we need ~14 PJ/y)
- Electric transmission lines (275kV, 66kV and 11kV)
- Fibre optic communications
- Existing Ross River (140 MW) and future Edify (400MW) solar arrays
- Road train access to Townsville Port (Flinders Highway)
- Rail line
- Environment gently undulating grazing land, sparsely wooded
- Zoned heavy industrial
- Cultural Heritage Management Agreement signed
- Skilled workforce and attractive lifestyle location

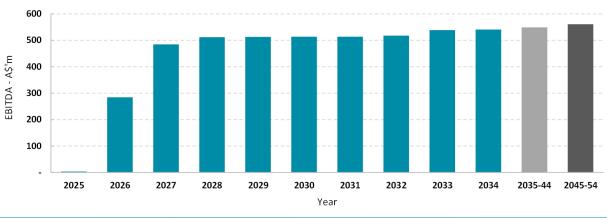


# Feasibility Study Results

### **Stage 1 – ~16,000tpa Nickel**

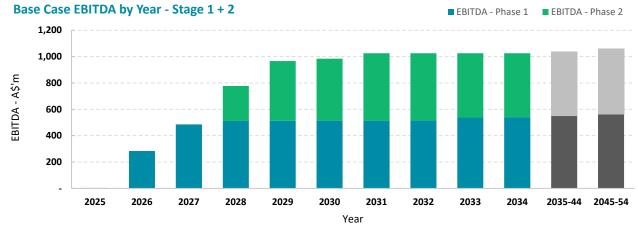
- 1.05m dmt ore processed to produce:
  - 15,992t Ni as Ni Sulfate
  - 1,746t Co as Co Sulfate
  - 607,395t 65-66% Fe hematite pellets
  - 4,000t 4N HPA
- Strong earnings profile at full production
  - Base Case EBITDA \$546m
  - Spot Case EBITDA \$577m
- Lowest quartile operating costs

#### Base Case EBITDA by Year - Stage 1



### Stage 2 Expansion – ~32,000tpa Nickel

- Additional 1.05m dmt ore processed to produce:
  - 32,784t Ni as Ni Sulfate
  - 3,579t Co as Co Sulfate
  - 1,245,160t 65-66% Fe hematite pellets
  - 4,000t 4N HPA
- Strong earnings profile at full production
  - Base Case EBITDA \$1,042m
  - Spot Case EBITDA \$1,098m
- Lowest quartile operating costs





# **Key Financial Outputs**

	I batha	Ва	se Case	Spot Case		
	Units	Stage 1	Stage 2 Expansion	Stage 1	Stage 2 Expansion	
Financials						
Nameplate revenue	A\$m	1,061	2,035	1,111	2,129	
Nameplate operating expenditure	A\$m	515	993	534	1,031	
Nameplate EBITDA	A\$m	546	1,042	577	1,098	
Valuation Metrics						
Pre-tax NPV <sub>8</sub>	A\$m	2,665	4,919	2,944	5,393	
Post-tax NPV <sub>8</sub>	A\$m	1,613	3,035	1,808	3,366	
Pre-tax IRR	%	18.4%	19.7%	19.3%	20.7%	
Post-tax IRR	%	15.0%	16.1%	15.8%	16.8%	
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Construction	A\$b	2.1	1.75 additional	2.1	1.75 additional	
Sustaining	A\$m	33	61	33	61	
Nickel unit costs after co-product credits	A\$/lb	(0.24)	0.97	0.60	1.89	
Key Macro assumptions						
Nickel price	US\$/t	25,000		26,459		
Cobalt Price	US\$/t	62,500		51,507		
Hematite price	US\$/t	105		95		
HPA price	US\$/t	25,000		25,000		
AUD:USD	FX	0.70		0.665		



# Capex and Potential Funding Progress

	Stage 1
Direct Costs	
Materials handling and front end	91.0
Extraction plant, including DNi processing	969.7
Nickel/cobalt sulfate refinery	176.3
HPA refinery	82.4
Utilities and infrastructure	103.1
Total Direct Costs	1,422.5
Indirect Costs	
Project indirects	238.7
Detailed engineering, EPCM and Owners	256.9
team	
Total Indirect Costs	495.6
Total Capex ex contingency	1,918.1
Contingency allowance @ 10%	191.8
Total Capex including contingency	2,109.9

Debt Financiers	Amount	Comments
export finance australia	A\$250m	<ul> <li>MOU in place with K-SURE regarding financing of Australian projects</li> </ul>
Nothern Australia Infrastructura Facility	Up to A\$250m	<ul> <li>Continuing to progress due diligence</li> </ul>
Export Development Canada Exportation et développement Canada	A\$400m	<ul> <li>Recent increase from A\$200m to A\$400m</li> </ul>
EHI EULER HERMES	Up to A\$500m	<ul> <li>Tied to German equipment</li> </ul>
KFW IPEX-Bank	Up to US\$250m	<ul> <li>Financing commitment split with Euler Hermes as non-guaranteed ECA debt</li> </ul>
KSUPE KOREA TRADE INSURANCE CORPORATION	Pending	<ul> <li>Support based on LGES / POSCO offtake</li> </ul>
Equity Financiers	Amount	Comments
<u>gm</u>	US\$44m	Commitment at FID
Queensland Government	Pending	<ul> <li>Significant Investment Project status granted</li> </ul>
SMT Société des Mines de la Tontouta	\$5m initial investment	<ul> <li>Strategic partnership that will consider investment opportunities</li> </ul>



# Attract Investment and Build Partnerships

### Partnership driven approach has driven success at the TECH Project

### World class offtakers and shareholders

100% Nickel Sulfate and Cobalt Sulfate offtake sold for stages 1 and 2







### Optimise trade and investment settings

- GM, LG Energy Solution & POSCO all hold equity
- GM committed another US\$44m in equity at FID
- A\$1.4+ billion secured in conditional debt commitments



















- Hatch lead engineering with essential design undertaken by major equipment partners
- Advancing through commercial agreements, which will include performance guarantees on equipment



### Facilitate business-to-business engagement

- Binding ore supply agreements with New Caledonian miners SLN, SMT, SMGM & MKM
- SMT is an equity investor





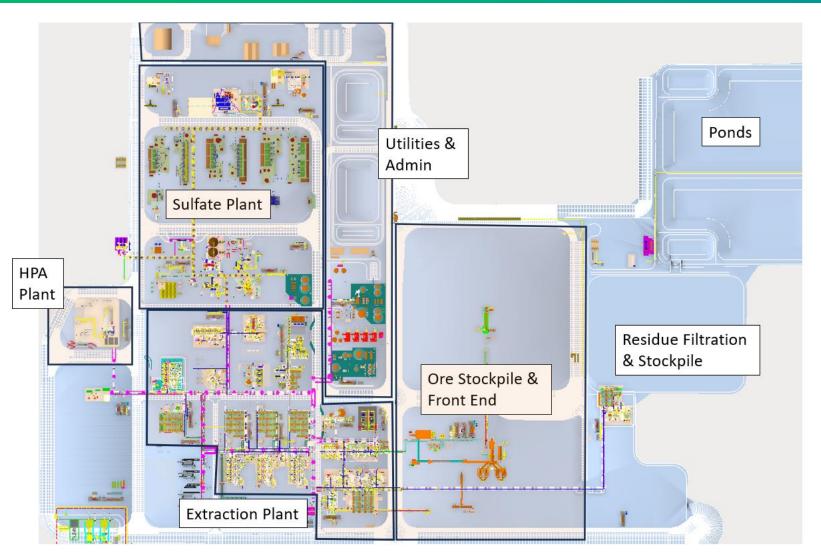








# Engineering Progress









# Qld Significant Investment Project Status





### MORANBAH GAS PROJECT

Securing energy to supply the TECH Project



### QPME – Already a unique, integrated energy business

### Gas production and supply

- 10PJ/year (6th largest ASX listed domestic gas producer)
- 240PJ 2P reserves + 269PJ 2C contingent resources
- ~100 producing wells, gathering infrastructure
- Coal mine waste gas supply connections
- Gas processing & compression 23.4PJ/year capacity

### Gas sales

Dyno Nobel – 7PJ/year, CRL 0.3PJ/year

### **Electricity generation and sales**

242MW Townsville Power Station

### **Energy storage**

 7,500MWh (30 generation hours) energy storage using North Queensland Gas Pipeline





### Moranbah Project – Capturing Waste Coal Mine Gas



- The Moranbah Project already collects, processes and transports waste mine gas for beneficial use.
- The Moranbah Project Petroleum Leases overlap the following mining operations:
  - ✓ Anglo American's Grosvenor mine
  - ✓ Anglo American's Teviot Brook mine
  - ✓ Anglo American's Moranbah North mine
  - ✓ Fitzroy Resources' Carborough Downs mine
  - ✓ Stanmore's Isaac Plains mine
- ✓ QPME has been in discussions with other coal mines in the region and is targeting connection of additional waste gas supply into the Moranbah Project infrastructure for ultimate sale / use by the TECH Project.
- The Safeguard Mechanism reforms provide strong financial incentives for coal mine operators to supply gas to QPME's infrastructure.
  - ✓ Reforms require Australia's 215 major emitters to reduce baseline emissions by 4.9% per annum



# Moranbah Project





Moranbah site office and stores

Moranbah Gas Processing Facility



# Moranbah Project

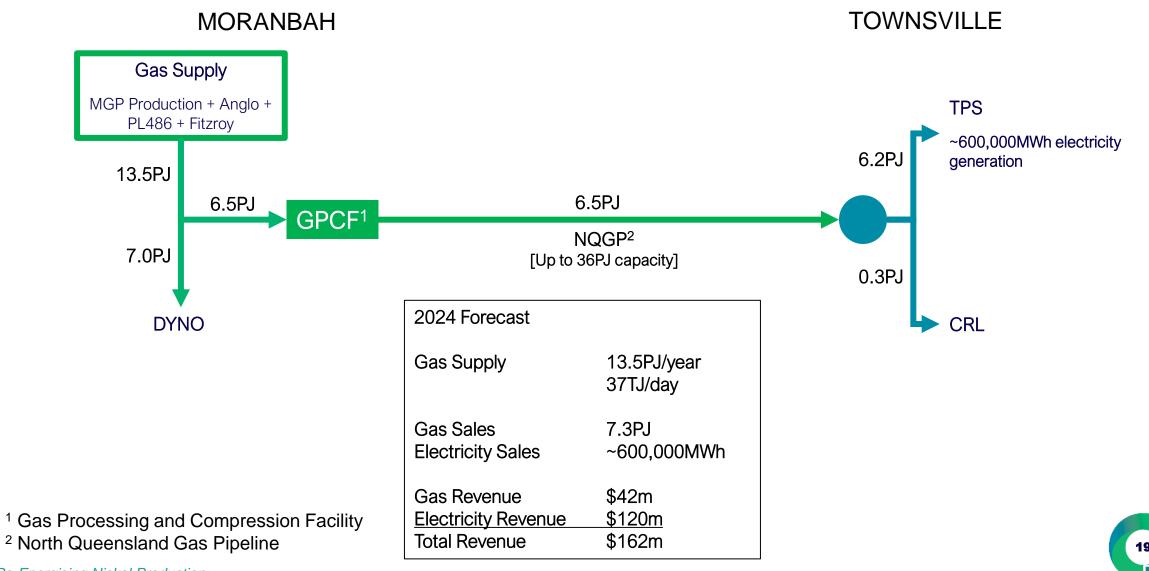




Moranbah Node 1 Moranbah Node 2



# QPM Energy - 2024



Re-Energising Nickel Production

# QPM Energy Guidance

	Units	Dec 23 Q	Mar 24 Q	Jun 24 Q	3Q included in FY24	Sep 24 Q	Dec 24 Q
Production							
Gas supply (pre field, compression and system use losses)	PJ	2.85 PJ	3.06 PJ	3.40 PJ	9.31PJ	3.60PJ	3.70PJ
Financial							
Revenue from gas sales + electricity sales (net of royalties)	\$m	29.6	34.8	42.0	106.4	46.0	48.4
Opex inc field operating costs + NQGP transportation and TPS electricity generation costs	\$m	31.2	32.0	32.9	96.1	32.2	33.8
EBITDA	\$m	(1.6)	2.8	9.1	10.3	13.8	14.6

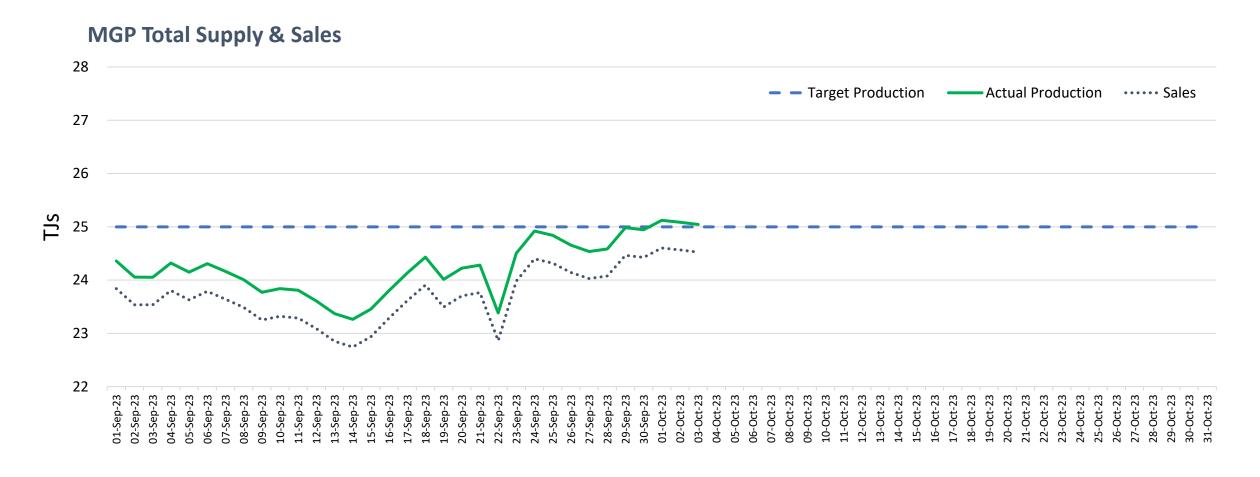
QPME is targeting increased production and revenue which will be achieved by:

- Existing well work over program to increase gas production Initial 9 well campaign planned, due to start around October 2023
- Installation of tie in points on adjacent Anglo mine site to capture gas currently being drained and flared 3 anticipated to be completed by September 2023 and 3 more completed by December 2023
- New well drilling program funded under the \$80m Dyno Nobel Development Funding Facility Commencement of drilling targeted for early 2024 with first gas anticipated mid 2024
- Other infrastructure optimisation activities



# Daily Gas Production

Since acquisition, QPME have increased supply and sales from the MGP asset





# Moranbah Project Reserves and Resources

Petroleum Lease	Proved (1P)	Proved + Probable (2P)	Resources (2C)	
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PL191	121	188	192	
PL196	9	10	32	
PL223	28	32	13	
PL224	10	11	32	
Total	168	240	269	

The estimated proved and probable reserves, evaluated as of 31 March 2022 contained within PLs 191, 196, 223 and 224, referred to as the Moranbah Gas Project ("Moranbah Project"), located in the Bowen Basin of Queensland, Australia.

The volumes included in this estimate are attributable to coals in the LH seams from the Rangal Coal Measures and the GU, P, GM, and GL seams from the Moranbah Coal Measures. Economic analysis was performed only to assess economic viability and determine economic limits for the properties, using escalated price and cost parameters outlined in the Economic Parameters paragraphs.

Contingent resources are those quantities of petroleum estimated, as of a given date, to be potentially recoverable from known accumulations by the application of development project(s) not currently considered to be commercial owing to one or more contingencies. The contingent resources shown in this report are contingent upon acquisition of additional technical data that demonstrate producing rates and volumes sufficient to sustain economic viability of the project and, subsequently, the commitment to develop the resources. If these contingencies are successfully addressed, some portion of the contingent resources estimated in this report may be reclassified as reserves; our estimates have not been risked to account for the possibility that the contingencies are not successfully addressed. The project maturity subclass for these contingent gas resources is development pending or development on hold.

The estimates of Reserves and Contingent Resources detailed throughout this announcement have been provided by Benjamin W. Johnson of Netherland, Sewell and Associates Inc ("NSAI") in accordance with the Society of Petroleum Engineers' Petroleum Resource Management System (SPE-PRMS) guidelines. Mr Johnson is a full time employee of NSAI, and is a qualified person as defined under the ASX Listing Rule 5.42. Mr Johnson is a Licensed Professional Engineer in the State of Texas] and has consented to the use of the information presented herein.

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