#### **ASX Announcement**



3 May 2024

#### Verbrec Investor Roadshow and Presentation

Verbrec Limited (ASX : VBC) (**Verbrec** or the **Company**) a leading engineering, project, training and mining technology service provider that supports customers across Australia, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea and beyond is pleased to provide to its shareholders the attached Investor Presentation.

CEO Mark Read will be leading an investor roadshow from 7<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> May 2024, presenting to a selection of current shareholders, prospective investors and brokerage firms.

On 9<sup>th</sup> May 2024, Verbrec will be presenting at Coffee Microcaps Morning Meeting Webinar Event, the details of which will be provided in a subsequent announcement.

Various topics are covered in the presentation, including:

- Verbrec's value proposition as a turn-key provider of services for the full asset lifecycle, leveraging strong relationships and focused key account management to bolster organic growth.
- The evolution of Verbrec's strategy to maintain and grow capability and meet the demands of the evolving energy market transition, including Verbrec's Sustainability Focus Areas, Electrification & Energy Storage, Gas Market Transition and Sustainable Mining.
- Providing investors with a deeper understanding of the revenue generating business units that make up Verbrec, including commentary on market demand, revenue drivers, Verbrec's focus areas and opportunities for growth.
- The actions taken by Verbrec management in H1 FY2024 to reduce overheads and eliminate several margin eroding divisions and projects to lay a foundation for profitability and growth.
- An overview and commentary on Verbrec's half year results.

**Chief Executive Officer, Mark Read commented:** "We always look forward to reaching out to our shareholders, prospective investors and brokers to provide a fulsome update on Verbrec. We have worked hard to set a solid foundation for this business to grow. I am particularly excited to discuss our renewed vision and strategy and the opportunities for Verbrec to take advantage of the evolving energy transition landscape to become the recognised partner for a sustainable future."

#### Attached to this announcement is a copy of the Investor Presentation.

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#### About Verbrec Limited

Verbrec is a leading engineering, project, training and mining technology service provider that supports customers across Australia, New Zealand, PNG and beyond. The Company serves the energy, infrastructure, and mining industries through their technical specialties; asset management, automation and control, pipelines, power, process plant and training, with capabilities that span across the entire life cycle of an asset. Verbrec is an Australian Securities Exchange listed company (ASX:VBC).

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# **Recognised Partner** for a **Sustainable Future**

Through strong relationships, built on trust Verbrec enables a sustainable future for our Clients and their Customers.

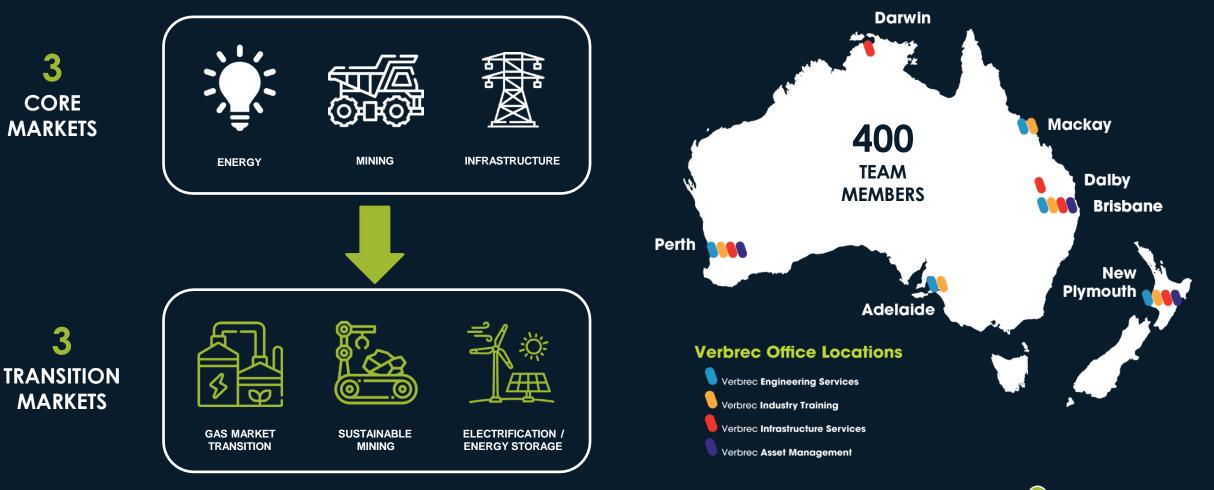


## **Verbrec Overview**

Structured for Profitable Growth through the Energy Transition in Australia, NZ, PNG and the Pacific Islands



# Enabling the Evolving Energy Landscape **Our Capabilities**



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# Turn Key Services for the **Full Asset Lifecycle**

#### **ENGINEERING** Concept to Detailed Design

#### PROCURE, CONSTRUCT & COMMISSION

Project Management to Bring Design to Life

#### ASSET MANAGEMENT

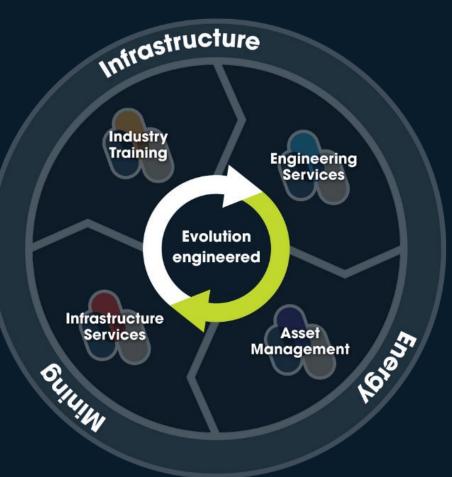
Increase Efficiencies, Reduce Costs & Improve Productivity

#### **INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES**

**On-site Asset Operations and Maintenance** 

#### TRAINING

Hazardous Area, High Voltage and Renewables Training





## The Verbrec Advantage



Leveraging deep expertise and technology across the whole asset lifecycle, enabling a sustainable future for our clients and their customers in our core sectors of energy, infrastructure and mining.



Long-term contracts and panel agreements with key relationship clients

Government and existing clients are increasing investment into the new market created by the energy transition, Verbrec is prepared to meet their needs



Verbrec's training business enables the client's workforce to be ready to meet the needs of the emerging new energy landscape



Verbrec is aligned with the market opportunity as it grows, with capability to participate throughout the full asset lifecycle, from concept to commissioning and beyond



# Our valued **Relationship Clients**



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# The three pillars of our **Growth Strategy**

- Leverage existing relationships to add value to new and adjacent areas of interest, and increase market share generally with Relationship Clients
- Gain market share organically through the natural transition of current customers into new markets and geographies
- Growth in Competency Training as client workforces transition to new energy requirements.



- Secure new projects and clients through expertise in concept and feasibility design stages relating to Renewable and Sustainability projects
- Utilise full-life cycle capability to secure a bid position on project phases as investments release and opportunities crystallise
- Onboard, partner and acquire as needed to ensure capability set meets growing and emerging market demands



MINING TECHNOLOGY SOLUTIONS

- Add new functionality to StacksOn & increase annual license fees on current implemented sites
- Leverage existing relationships to expand into iron ore internationally
- Further penetrate WA based iron ore market by adding value to client stockpile operations through consultancy services & focused business development efforts
- Expand StacksOn into new commodity classes





# Renewed Strategy & Sustainability Growth Focus Areas



# The Evolving Energy Landscape **Our Strategy**



**REFRESHED STRATEGY** 

**Relationship Clients** Be the provider of choice for our Chosen Clients

**Best People, Great Teams** Growing a Culture around the best people and teams

#### **Build Capability**

Embracing new technologies and skills critical to becoming an enabler of client success in energy transition, decarbonisation

#### Delivery

Deliver on our promises, on time, on budget



#### **VALUE PROPOSITION**

- Full life-cycle services for client projects and assets
- Enabling energy transition through capability driven engineering and training services
- New market opportunities through software product, StacksOn
- Improving sustainability outcomes for major projects in Australia, New Zealand, PNG & Pacific Islands
- Experienced executives aligned with each division and region



# The Evolving Energy Landscape **Our Focus**



ELECTRIFICATION & ENERGY STORAGE

- Need for Gas 'firming' in renewables 'rich' grid
- Transition to an electricity-driven economy with biogas / hydrogen support
- Continued growth in renewables
- Strong growth in batteries
- Growth in transmission & distribution
- Continued interconnection challenges

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#### GAS MARKET TRANSITION

- Gas as a peaking fuel rather than a base load fuel
- Changing landscape for gas usage & role for Carbon Capture Utilisation and Storage (CCUS)
- Need for gas storage
- Differing operating and maintenance approaches to new gas market
- Changes to operations of current gas systems
- Biogas / hydrogen replacement or augmentation



#### SUSTAINABLE MINING

- Minimisation of scope 3 emissions
- Higher grade commodities such as magnetite (Green Metals)
- Driven by our client sustainability and net-zero aspirations
- Greater grade control at mines and ports
- Growing number of decarbonisation projects at mines
- Renewables with gas support
- General sustainability focus including water sustainability
- Innovative materials handling and product transportation systems



## The Evolving Energy Landscape Market Opportunity

#### **ENERGY TRANSITION AUSTRALIA**

- The decarbonisation of Australia's heavy industry will require significant technology and infrastructure effort
- Australia will require over 350 Twh/year of electricity by 2030 in order to achieve the Net-Zero goals set out by the Federal Government
- By 2050, Australia could require an immense buildout of infrastructure to transport energy, including transmission lines and pipelines
- The investment required in transitioning the energy system could be as high as \$625 billion by 2050

Source: Pathways to Industrial Decarbonisation Phase 3 Report, Australian Industry Energy Transition Initiative, Feb 2023.





### The Evolving Energy Landscape Market Opportunity



#### STORAGE

Storage Capacity to increase from 7GW to 61 GW by 2050

#### GAS

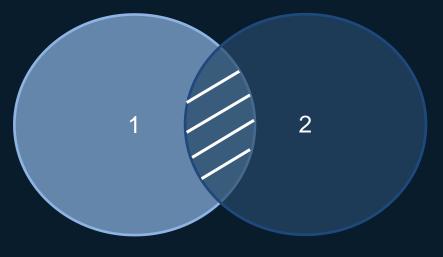
Gas fired peaking plant capacity to increase from 7GW to 10GW by 2050

#### **INVESTMENT**

Investment in industry, technologies, electrification and energy efficiency to increase from \$3 billion to \$190 billion



### Electrification & Energy Storage Market Opportunity



#### **OPPORTUNITIES FOR VERBREC**

- Continue to build capability in emerging battery and energy storage technologies
- Form partnerships to provide end-to-end concept and feasibility solutions for clients assessing investment options
- Invest in building up capability in renewable energy generation areas to service client demand, including maintaining and operating a new asset base
- Geographical expansion for training business to upskill client personnel to meet the challenges of the rapid energy market transition



- Electrical services industry in Australia is \$16.4 billion as of 2024, a slight increase from the previous year
- The Australian Energy Storage Systems (ESS) Market is projected to reach \$US 8.7 billion in 2024 with a compounded annual growth rate of 9.2% between 2024 and 2032
- Battery Energy Storage Systems are expected to witness significant growth due to its role in transitioning to a sustainable energy system

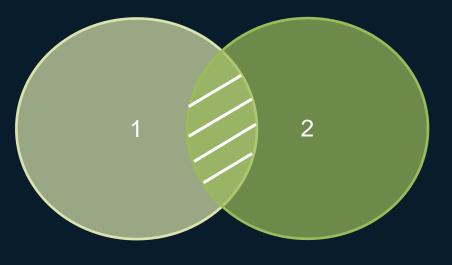
#### Sustainability Drivers

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Source: Energy Storage Companies Australia - Market Share & Size (mordorintelligence.com) Source: Australia Energy Storage Systems Market Size 2024-2032 (expertmarketresearch.com)



# Gas Market Transition Market Opportunity



#### **OPPORTUNITIES FOR VERBREC**

- Grow revenue share of gas market transition opportunities through understanding current key client drivers and needs
- Empower clients to gain efficiencies in their operations to extend the life of plants whilst investment focus moves to peaking / firming gas
- Enable clients in their journey to transition from their base-load assets to peaking / firming assets
- Continue to grow market-share in alternative gas commodities, (such as bio-gas and hydrogen) and carbon capture and storage solutions and projects



- The Australian natural gas market was valued at approximately US \$25 billion in 2023 and is expected to grow at a CAGR of 2.9%, reaching US \$33.1 billion by 2033.
- Gas-fired peaking plants to increase from 11.2 GW to 16.2 GW whilst current mid-merit plants retire.

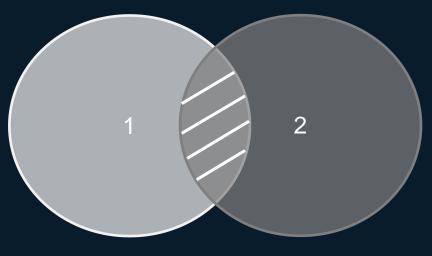


- Peaking gas-fired generators will play a crucial role as significant coal fired generation retires as an on-demand fuel source during extended periods of low variable energy (at utility scale) output.
- Alternative gas production and studies continue to attract investment, including **biogas**, **hydrogen and green ammonia**.

**Source**: <u>Australia Natural Gas Market Size & Growth Report, 2033 (persistencemarketresearch.com)</u> What is the future for natural gas in Australia? (allens.com.au)



## Sustainable Mining Market Opportunity



#### **OPPORTUNITIES FOR VERBREC**

- Automation & Control Systems, Instrumentation, Artificial Intelligence to optimise mining assets & supply chains
- Decarbonisation support for major clients to meet their net-zero goals
- Long term asset maintenance support to boost efficiencies and product yield
- Materials handling and stockpile audits to enhance productivity and increase materials yield
- Slurry pipeline solutions for transportation of metals and magnetite.



- Mining contributes 13.7% to Australia's GDP
- An estimated annual demand for metals and minerals exceeding 700 million tonnes by 2050
- CSIRO's critical energy materials roadmap estimates that of the 700 million tonnes of metals and minerals by 2050, Australia will require over:
  - 130 million tonnes each of copper and silicon (essential for wind turbines, batteries and EV's)
  - 48 million tonnes of nickel (necessary for battery production)
  - 9 million tonnes of lithium (used in energy storage)

**Source:** <u>Commodities - Australia | Statista Market Forecast</u> <u>Source: Australia's Mining Industry Trends in 2024 and Beyond (minetek.com)</u>

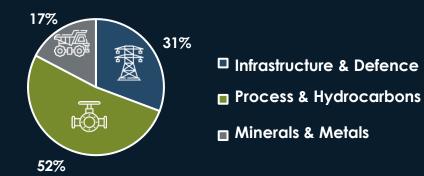


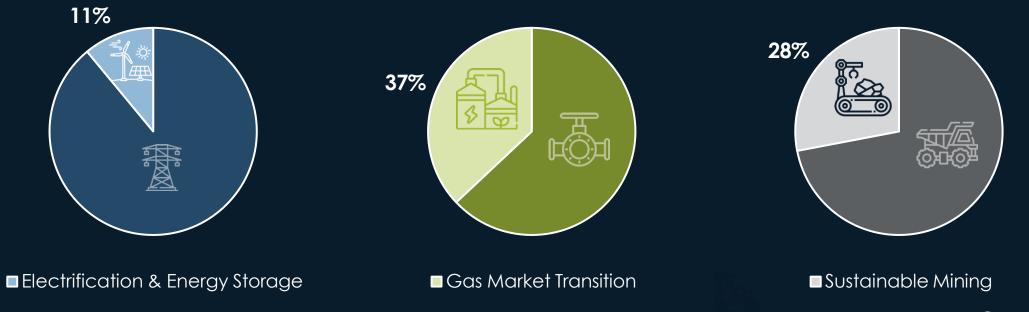
#### **Sustainability Drivers**

- The industry is navigating the challenges of climate change and the push towards net-zero targets, which necessitates a reduction in global coal production and a phase-out of unabated coal power by 2040.
- Decarbonisation of the mining industry is a key driver in the current energy transition environment.

## Verbrec is already Capturing the Opportunity

Our awarded contracts are already moving into our Sustainable Focus Areas











# **Verbrec Business Units**

Leveraging deep expertise and technology across the whole asset lifecycle, enabling a sustainable future for our clients and their customers in core sectors of energy, infrastructure and mining.



## Verbrec Business Units Engineering

#### **VERBREC ENGINEERING SERVICES**

Innovative engineering and project delivery solutions to clients – through our technical specialities, including **Automation & Control, Power, Process Plant and Pipelines.** 





#### **KEY DRIVERS**

- Support key relationship clients through long term panel contracts with their current and evolving needs throughout the energy transition
- Maintain focus on target areas where Verbrec can add significant value to client assets and operations, thereby maximising gross margins as demand grows for experienced professional resources



- Target key markets of growth in Gas Market Transition, Electrification & Sustainable Mining
- Grow capabilities in key areas of transition to electrical economy with traditional and alternate gas support, such as Biogas and Hydrogen
- Complement our innovative engineering with turn-key procure & construct projects to bring client's designs to life







# Snapper Point EPC – Transformative Sustainable Project

#### **Project Overview**

Verbrec delivered the concept study, front-end engineering design (FEED), detailed design, procurement, construction and commissioning for the Snapper Point Pressure Reduction Metering Station (PRMS) and Lateral located near the Pelican Point Power Station on the Lefevre Peninsula.

- The project will support the connection of the Moomba Adelaide Pipeline System (MAPS) to a 154 MW gas turbine peaking power plant near Snapper Point at Outer Harbour in South Australia.
- This important project will help secure electricity for South Australian's and provided lower emissions compared to diesel generators







# Case Study



### **Broadlands Biogas Upgrade**

#### **Project Overview**

Verbrec is delivering the Broadlands Biogas Upgrade design for First Renewables Limited (FRL), as part of the Firstgas Group, completing the balance of the plant design of the Broadlands Biogas Upgrade facility. This includes linking the biogas upgrading unit and RTO with Firstgas' metering to enable it to be safely injected into the gas transmission system.

- The project represents the development of New Zealand's first large-scale biogas upgrading facility at Ecogas' Organics Processing Facility in Reporce and;
- Supports another crucial milestone in NZ's energy transition, creating a circular economy by transforming kerbside waste into a valuable source of renewable gas for homes and businesses.







# Case Study

### Australian First Battery Trial - Long Duration Battery Energy Storage

#### **Project Overview**

Verbrec was engaged in the trial of two different battery storage technologies, both of which are being trialled for the first time in Australia. Each battery installation will be a 5MW/ 50MWhs BESS (Battery Energy Storage System).

- The trials will assess the applicability and integration of these new and emerging battery technologies, developed in the USA.
- The pilot project is a small-scale deployment that will allow the client to develop first-hand knowledge in emerging long duration energy storage technologies to underpin a rapid transition to renewables.





## Verbrec Business Units Asset Management

#### **VERBREC ASSET MANAGEMENT**

Specialising in working with owners and operators to provide asset management solutions that **increase efficiencies**, **reduce costs and improve productivity**, unlocking higher value from client's assets.





#### **KEY DRIVERS**

- Support key relationship clients through long term panel contracts to maintain, improve and optimise their assets and processes
- Growth through geographic expansion via well defined Core competencies and market
- Revenues primarily generated through labour effort via low-risk rates reimbursable contracts with high gross margins



- Target key areas of growth in Gas Market Transition, Electrification & Sustainable Mining
- Strengthen and service more clients and assets in existing markets QLD and WA
- Geographic expansion, increasing exposure to underserved markets including Papua New Guinea, New Zealand, Northern Territory
- Pilot new areas of expertise including Master Data Online (MDO) and Capital Planning





# Case Study

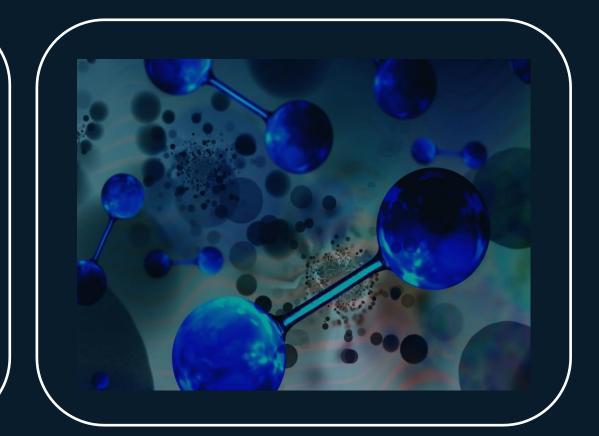
## 🖗 📭 Hydrogen to Green Ammonia RAM Study

#### **Project Overview**

Project's objective was to consider the feasibility of converting the client's Urea facility (nitrogen-based fertilisers) into the production of industrial scale Green Ammonia.

Verbrec was tasked by the client to develop a Reliability, Availability and Maintainability (RAM) Model of the proposed facility to help generate Front End Engineering Design (FEED) level engineering data to allow the project to progress into detailed engineering.

- Approximately 1.5% increase in availability(~AU\$3M revenue) can be achieved by simply reducing the maintenance interval from 3 to 4 years, while a further 2% (~AU\$4M revenue) can be achieved by installing gas bypasses to flare
- Potential availability improvements of between 0.31% and 6.76% were identified through sensitivity analysis. These are equivalent to additional revenue of between AU\$620K to over AU\$13M per annum





### Verbrec Business Units Infrastructure Services

#### VERBREC INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES

Providing full life-cycle services for project delivery from inception through procurement, construction and commissioning, **specialising in ongoing operations and maintenance of client assets and pipelines.** 





#### **KEY DRIVERS**

- Securing multi-year operations and maintenance contracts
- Delivering high quality solutions for the base services specified in the contract, whilst maximising revenues by securing additional scopes of works under those contracts
- Predictable ongoing revenues from specified services and high margin additional services procured on an ad-hoc basis throughout the life of the contracts



- Target new asset classes and address ongoing operations and maintenance needs in Gas Market Transition, Electrification & Sustainable Mining
- Expand geographically as additional assets and pipelines under management are secured
- Capital investment in tools and equipment to increase gross margins and reduce instances of third party hired in plant







### Shoalhaven Starches Bomaderry Gas Pipeline

#### **Project Overview**

Verbrec Infrastructure Services has been engaged to deliver operation and maintenance services for the 6km SSBGP from the Eastern Gas Pipeline (EGP) tie in, through to the new cogeneration plant, powering the Bomaderry food production plant, and meeting the site's steam generation requirements.

- Full infrastructure lifecycle service Verbrec was initially engaged by Shoalhaven Starches, in an Owners Engineer capacity. This transitioned from Owner Engineer support through to Operational Readiness services, resulting in the award of the Operation and Maintenance contract.
- The O&M contract will provide Shoalhaven Starches (Manildra Group) operational assurance and ensure pipeline integrity through continual performance monitoring and Right of Way surveillance.





## Verbrec Business Units Competency Training

#### **VERBREC INDUSTRY TRAINING**

Through the trade name, **Competency Training** provides a range of **hazardous area**, **high voltage**, **electrical and renewable energy courses and qualifications** to help client's and their employees advance in the mining, resources, oil, gas, construction and engineering industries





#### **KEY DRIVERS**

- Blend of Business to Business and Business to Consumer revenue
- Key client relationships driving revenues from B2B
- Targeted and cost-effective marketing campaigns driving revenues from B2C
- Geographic reach directly commensurate with revenues for practical training courses, we need to be where the customers are



#### **GROWTH INITIATIVES**

- Target key areas of growth in Gas Market Transition, Electrification & Sustainable Mining
- Geographical expansion in order to more effectively capture the training needs of Australia and New Zealand
- Established new office in Gladstone, a future renewables hub
- Establishment of more portable training equipment to meet client site training requirements





# Case Study

### Accredited IECEX Certifier with International Reach

#### **Project Overview**

Competency Training is an accredited IECEx Certification Body within the IECEx Certification of Personnel Competencies.

Through partnerships with several international organisations, Competency Training delivers certification services to training firms globally.

- Scalable certification body arrangements with third party training organisations to enhance their business utilising Competency Training's processes and systems.
- International reach through strategic partnerships with other training organisations.





## Verbrec Business Units StacksOn

#### **STACKSON**

The digital twin of choice for smarter and more efficient stockyards.

StacksOn is a digital twin for stockyards enabling on-spec product in challenging conditions, whilst increasing throughput and reducing downtime.





#### **KEY DRIVERS**

- Diverse Revenue generation through a blend of software license fees, ongoing support fees and consulting services
- Maintain valued relationships with Iron Ore producers in Western Australia
- Expand further into the WA region by adding value to miner's incumbent systems
- Give unmatched stockyard visualisation to overcome challenges such as grade, volume, tonnage, moisture and more, ultimately resulting in increased yield and productivity



- Expand StacksOn throughout the Western Australian Iron Ore Market
- Utilising strong client relationships, expand StacksOn to overseas Iron Ore Markets
- Implement StacksOn to service other commodity sectors and metals
- Increase the utility of StacksOn in order to increase annual license revenue from each stockyard





# Case Study

# BHP Ship Tonnes Faster - Improving Operational Efficiency

#### **Project Overview**

BHP Iron Ore are successfully using StacksOn across their entire WA operations, both at the mine site and Ports, with significant savings per annum.

BHP wanted to speed up their train loading times, increase their yard capacity and limit the number of times their mobile machines were waiting for a place to stack and reclaim.

The Discovery Phase: StacksOn<sup>™</sup> was able to accurately model what the yard would have looked like if the exact same product was stacked at the exact same rate but using the new yard operating philosophy.

**The Process:** StacksOn<sup>™</sup> produced a video and interactive graph and tabulated breakdown showing the actual chemical breakdown of each rake alongside what that rake would have contained if the exact same product was stacked and reclaimed in the proposed operation

The **Result**: The client reported a significant reduction in the average amount of time the reclaimer took to fill a train as well as a reduction in overall grade variability within the stockyard thanks to StacksOn  $^{TM}$ .

#### **Benefits**

StacksOn is driving savings in the mining sector worth millions, and with these savings comes a
reduction in energy consumption due to increases in stockyard throughput, resulting in a more efficient
use of resources.







# Verbrec Financials & Outlook

Throughout the half year ended 31 December 2024, Verbrec undertook pivotal activities to establish a new foundation of profitability and growth



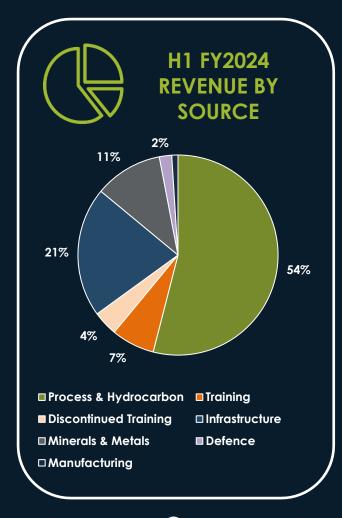
### H1 FY2024 Financial Commentary



- We are focused on growth incl. revenue, margins
- Operational review and divestment of unprofitable parts of training business to achieve predicted \$4.8 million in annual savings.
- Poor performing projects closed.
- \$4 million capital raise completed.
- Banking covenants passed

	H1 FY2024	H1 FY2023	Change to PCP	
Revenue	\$50.0 m	\$59.1 m	(\$9.1 m)	
Gross Profit	\$17.4 m	\$15.1 m	\$2.4 m	
Gross Margin	34.9 %	25.5 %	9.4 %	
EBITDA	\$5.0 m	\$1.3 m	\$3.6 m	
EBITDA Margin	10.0 %	2.3 %	7.7 %	
Profit / (Loss) after tax for Continuing Operations	\$2.9 m	(\$1.4 m)	\$4.3 m	
Profit / (Loss) after tax for Discontinued Operations	(\$2.8 m)	(\$1.2 m)	(\$1.5 m)	
Total comprehensive Profit / (Loss)	\$0.2 m	(\$2.6 m)	\$2.7 m	
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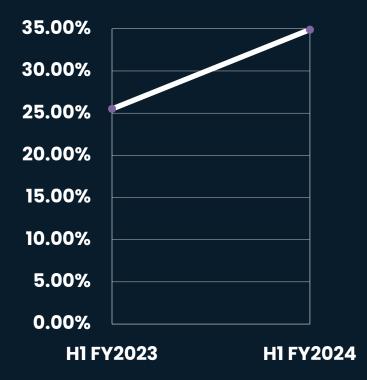


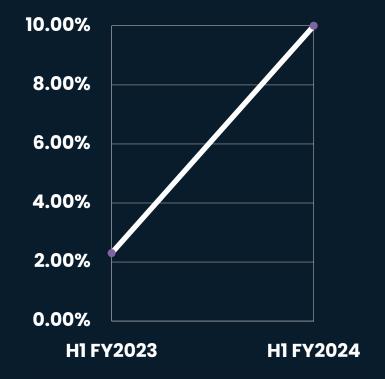
### H1 FY2024 Commitment Checklist

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### H1 FY2024 Financial Highlights







#### **GROSS MARGIN**

Gross Profits increased from \$15.1 million in H1 FY2023 to \$17.4 million in H1 FY2024

Gross Margin increased from 25.5% in H1 FY2023 to 34.9% in FY2024

#### **EBITDA MARGIN**

EBITDA increased from \$1.3 million in H1 FY2023 to \$5.0 million in H1 FY2024

EBITDA Margin increased from 2.3% in H1 FY2023 to 10.0% in FY2024

#### **COST OF SALES**

Cost of Sales reduced by \$11.4 million compared to the PCP



# Verbrec Outlook & Summary



#### Recognised Partner for a Sustainable Future

Through strong relationships, built on trust, **Verbrec enables a sustainable future** for our Clients and their Customers.



- Increasing capability via onboarding, partnering and acquisition to serve the growing energy transition market
- Invest in high performing business units to drive organic growth
- Focus on relationship clients in order to increase revenue share
- Pursue growth of recurring revenue streams, including license revenues from StacksOn





- Improved financial position and foundations established for profitability and growth
- Continued focus on improving margins
- Refreshed strategy aligned with growth in the sustainable energy market
- Restoration of dividends for shareholders remains a primary objective





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