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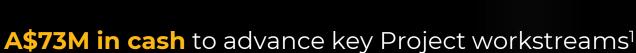
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The Luni niobium deposit was discovered late 2022, with the first ferroniobium sample produced in 2024 and an Indicated MRE reported mid-2025



100% owned by WA1





Strong share register of long-term institutional investors

Board of directors have significant shareholdings and are aligned to shareholder interests



# **Experience permitting and developing mines in Western Australia**

Highly capable executive team with extensive history operating safely in the West Arunta

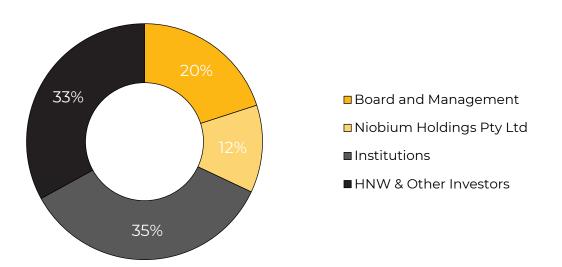


## **CORPORATE SNAPSHOT**

### **CAPITAL STRUCTURE**

Share price (4 August 2025)	A\$16.40
Shares on issue	68.4M
Performance rights	0.4M
Market capitalisation (undiluted)	A\$1,121M
Cash <sup>1</sup>	A\$73M
Enterprise value	A\$1,048M

### **EXISTING REGISTER COMPOSITION**



#### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Kathleen Bozanic Non-Executive Chair

Paul Savich Managing Director

Tom Lyons Executive Director

Lee Bowers Non-Executive Director

Rhys Bradley Non-Executive Director

## **LEADERSHIP TEAM**

**David English** Project Director

**Emma Gaunt** Head of Regulatory & Stakeholder Relations

**Elizabeth Maynard** General Counsel & Company Secretary

**Tom Hunter** General Manager Corporate & Finance

#### **RESEARCH COVERAGE**







#### **INDUSTRY RECOGNITION**

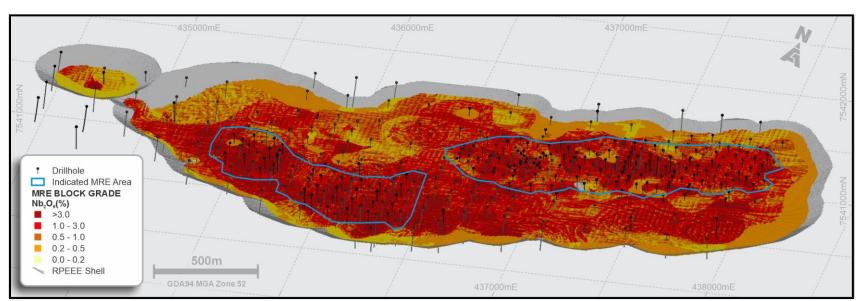




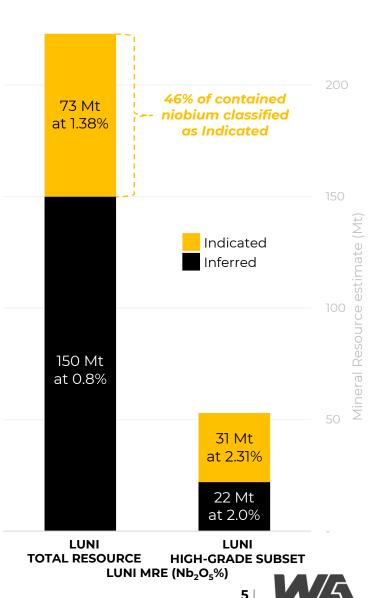


# LUNI MINERAL RESOURCE ESTIMATE<sup>1</sup>

- The Luni niobium deposit now contains a substantial Indicated MRE:
  - 73 Mt at 1.38% Nb<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> within a total MRE of 220 Mt at 1.0% Nb<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>
- The Indicated MRE contains a high-grade subset of:
  - 31 Mt at 2.31% Nb<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> within a total subset of 53 Mt at 2.2% Nb<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>
- Drilling is continuing with various objectives, including the conversion of a portion of the Indicated MRE into the Measured JORC category

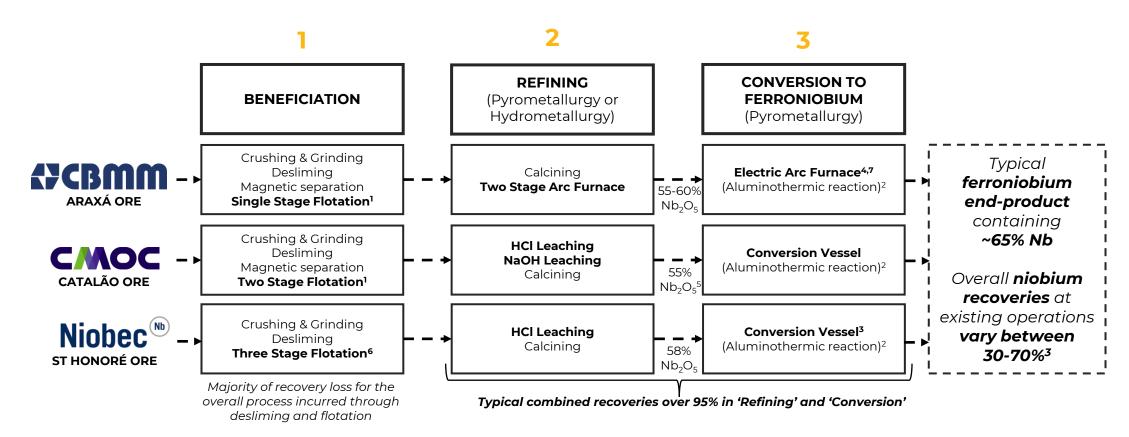






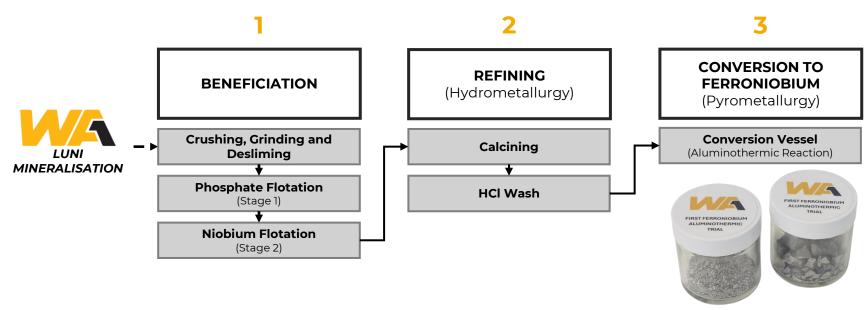
# NIOBIUM INDUSTRY FERRONIOBIUM FLOWSHEETS

- The three existing niobium mines follow a similar flowsheet to produce a ferroniobium end-product for direct use in the steelmaking process
- WA1 is applying a similar conventional flowsheet which is utilised at the three existing mines



SIMPLIFIED, ADAPTED PROCESS FLOWSHEETS FOR THE THREE EXISTING NIOBIUM OPERATIONS

# PROOF OF CONCEPT FERRONIOBIUM TESTWORK<sup>1</sup>



#### SIMPLIFIED, PROCESS FLOWSHEET TO PRODUCE FERRONIOBIUM SAMPLE

	Nb <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub>	Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	Ta %	SiO <sub>2</sub> %	Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub>	CaO %	SrO %	Pb %	U ppm	Th ppm
Sample Feed <sup>2</sup>	4.15	6.29	0.1	22.6	3.56	24.9	30.8	1.55	<0.01	87	84
Beneficiation Concentrate <sup>2</sup>	57.90	11.70	<0.1	1.90	1.02	4.51	6.83	6.45	0.06	161	326
Refined Concentrate <sup>3</sup>	66.90	13.81	0.04	2.76	0.62	0.18	2.20	6.43	0.09	181	383

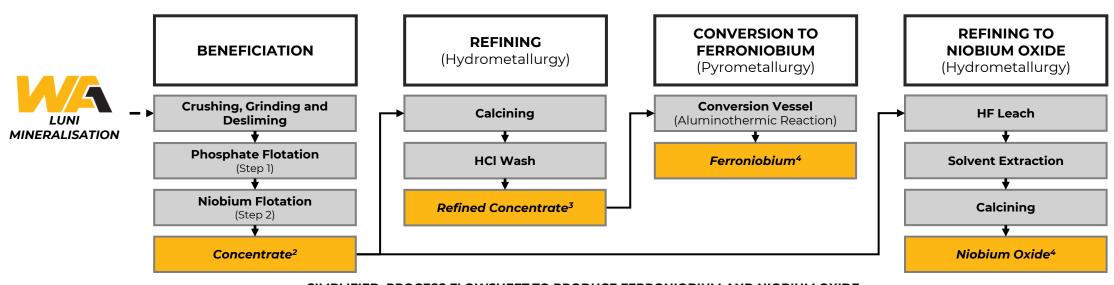
#### **BENEFICIATION & REFINING TESTWORK ANALYSES**

	Nb %	Fe %	Ta %	Si %	Al %	P %		<b>S</b> %					Th ppm
Ferroniobium Sample <sup>4</sup>	64.58	28.91	0.04	2.12	1.08	0.20	0.51	0.08	0.10	0.05	0.06	4	6

 Proof-of-concept testwork demonstrated amenability of Luni's mineralisation to a conventional ferroniobium flowsheet



# PRODUCT MIX ENABLES OPPORTUNITY<sup>1</sup>



SIMPLIFIED, PROCESS FLOWSHEET TO PRODUCE FERRONIOBIUM AND NIOBIUM OXIDE

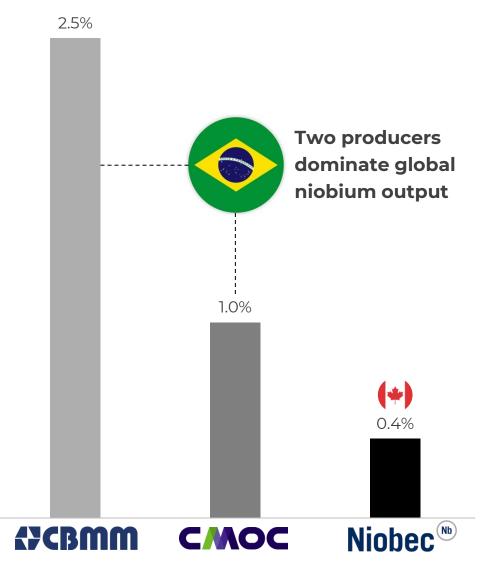
- First niobium oxide produced directly from concentrate
- High-quality concentrate allows for the production of ferroniobium and niobium oxide samples
- Opportunity to establish an optimal product mix to maximise the Project's development, offtake and funding options

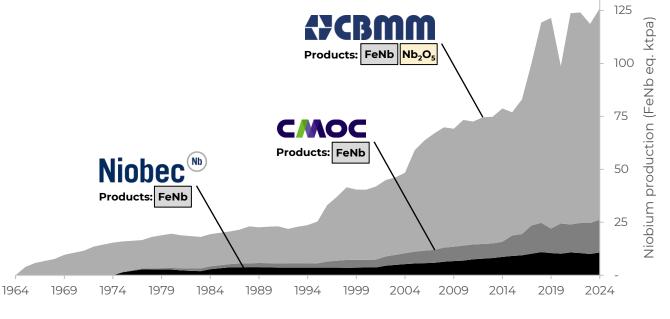


# FROM EMERGING TO ESSENTIAL IN 60 YEARS

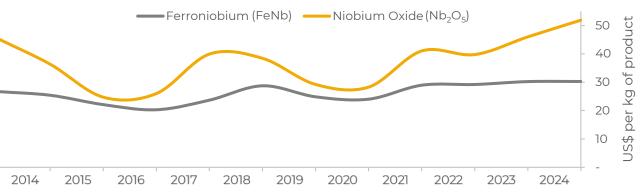
## RESOURCE GRADE OF KEY NIOBIUM PRODUCERS<sup>1</sup> (Nb<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>)

### **KEY NIOBIUM PRODUCTION<sup>2</sup>**



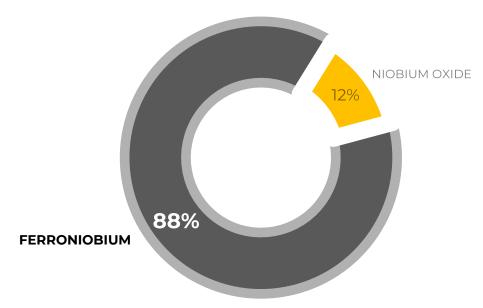


#### HISTORIC NIOBIUM PRICING BY TYPE

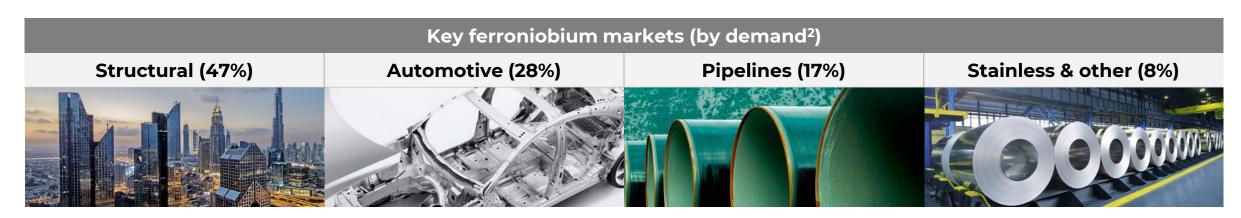


## MODERN STEELMAKING DEMANDS MORE FERRONIOBIUM

### **NIOBIUM DEMAND BY TYPE<sup>1</sup>**



- Global ferroniobium production is currently ~115ktpa with a price of ~US\$30,000/t<sup>1</sup>
- Ferroniobium (FeNb) is an alloy typically containing ~65% Nb
- Ferroniobium is primarily utilised as a micro-alloy in highstrength low-alloy steels, including flat, structural, rebar and stainless steels
- Steel alloyed with niobium has enhanced properties, increasing material efficiency
- In 2024, ferroniobium demand increased by approximately 5,000t

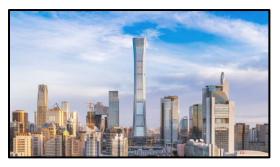


## NIOBIUM IN MODERN STEELMAKING

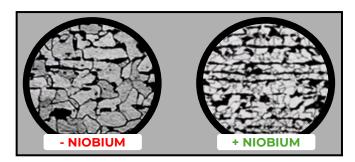
- Ferroniobium is a micro-alloy which is added to steel in quantities as low as 0.02% Nb<sup>1</sup>
- Niobium is the most efficient micro-alloy for grain refinement
- It refines the steel's grain microstructure, enhancing mechanical properties including strength, toughness and formability<sup>2</sup>
- Enables stronger, cleaner welds by controlling grain growth during the welding process



Eiffel Tower<sup>3</sup> – France (1889)
Used 7kt of wrought iron
Could be built using 2kt of
niobium-alloyed steel

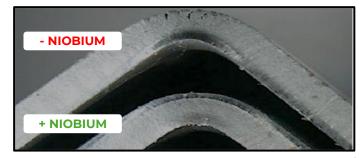


Zun Tower<sup>1</sup> – China (2018)
130kt total steel weight
Added 0.02% Nb to steel
40t of FeNb saved 12kt of steel
9% less CO<sub>2</sub>e



GRAIN REFINEMENT: IMPACT ON MICROSTRUCTURE OF STEEL WITH NIOBIUM ADDITION<sup>4</sup>

MAKING STEEL STRONGER,
TOUGHER AND MORE WORKABLE
THROUGH GRAIN REFINEMENT



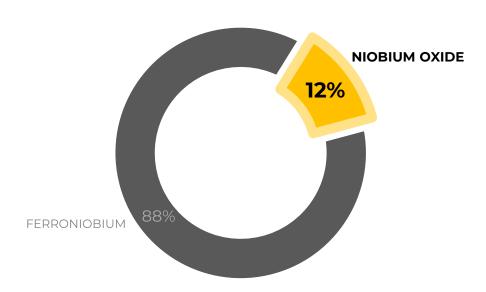
IMPROVED FLAT SHEET FORMABILITY WITH NIOBIUM<sup>4</sup>





# NIOBIUM OXIDE: GROWING DEMAND, STRATEGIC VALUE<sup>1</sup>

#### **NIOBIUM DEMAND BY TYPE**



- Niobium oxide production is currently ~18ktpa with a price of ~US\$52,000/t of Nb<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>
- Niobium oxide is a critical material and esential across a variety of industries including the defence, aerospace and medical sectors
- CBMM is the only key niobium producer supplying this market (estimated 50-60% market share) with remaining supply coming from small scale operations
- In 2024, niobium oxide demand increased by ~2,400t



# A CRITICAL MINERAL SUPPLIED BY FEW DEMANDED BY MANY

Niobec<sup>®</sup>



Niobium demand<sup>1</sup>

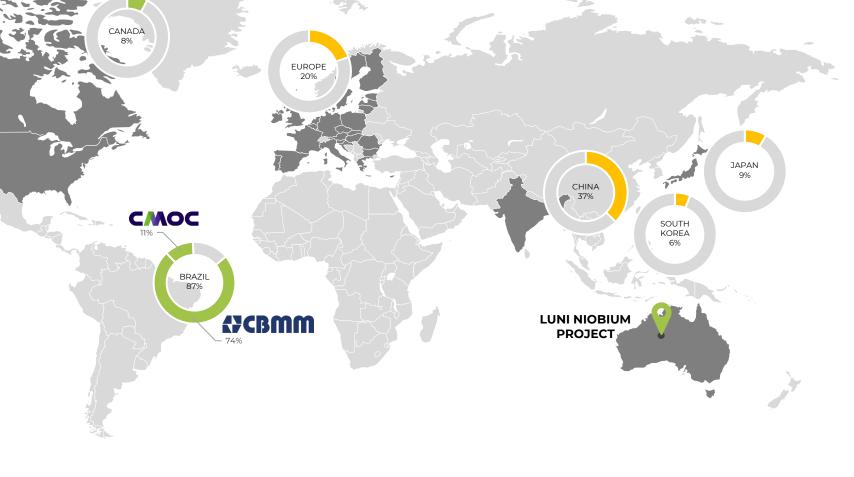
Niobium listed as critical<sup>2</sup>

Favourable market dynamics amplified by current geopolitical climate

EU Critical Mineral Rankings - 2023 <sup>3</sup>						
	Supply Risk					
1	HREE					
2	Niobium					
3	Magnesium					
4	HREE Terbium					
5	Phosphate Rock					
6	Titanium Metal					
7	PGM Ruthenium					
8	HREE Lutetium					
9	LREE Cerium					
10	Silicon Metal					

US Cri	itical Mineral List - 2022 review <sup>4</sup>
	Quantitative Ranking
1	Gallium
2	Niobium
3	Cobalt
4	Neodymium
5	Ruthenium
6	Rhodium
7	Dysprosium
8	Aluminium
9	Fluorspar
10	Platinum

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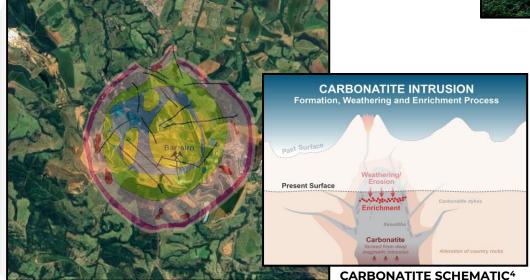


# THE WORLD'S BEST NIOBIUM MINE

- The Araxá niobium deposit was discovered in 1953<sup>1</sup>
- The mineral rights are jointly owned by the State of Minas Gerais and CBMM
- CBMM is the sole operator processing and marketing niobium products from the Araxá mine<sup>2</sup>
- The State of Minas Gerais receives 25% of the profits from CBMM's operations in return for its mineral rights



**LOCATION OF CBMM'S OPERATIONS** 



ARAXÁ CARBONATITE PLUG<sup>3</sup>



**ARAXÁ OPEN PIT** 

### CBMM'S STRATEGIC SHAREHOLDERS<sup>5</sup>

Chinese Steel Consortium: 15% for US\$1.95b in 2011



Japanese/Korean Consortium: 15% for US\$1.8b in 2011





# DEVELOPING ONE OF AUSTRALIA'S MOST STRATEGIC CRITICAL MINERAL PROJECTS



## Mine Design

Indicated MRE informing mine design and ongoing predevelopment activities



## **Process Testwork**

Ongoing testwork to refine process flowsheet development across the niobium product suite



## **Environmental**

Targeted surveys and studies to support formal permitting and approvals



## Logistics

Transport corridors and supply chain options are being actively assessed



## **Power & Water**

Wind and solar data present a potential low carbon power solution<sup>1</sup> Detailed hydrogeological investigations and studies are in progress



## **Engineering Studies**

Project design and engineering studies are underway



## **Niobium Marketing**

Early customer engagement progressing across the niobium product suite



## **Local Engagement**

Negotiation protocol signed with two key native title holders<sup>2</sup> and ongoing community programs



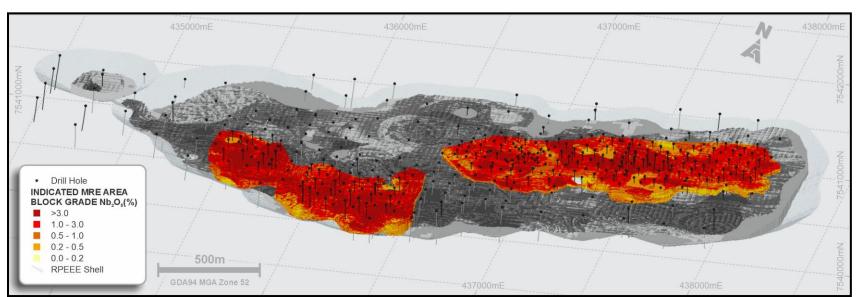
## **Critical Mineral**

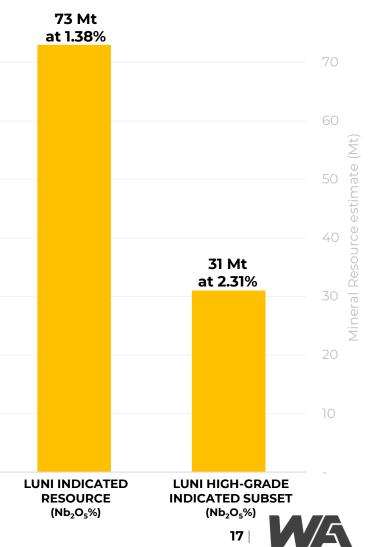
Favourable sentiment supporting engagement with state and federal government



# INDICATED MRE SUPPORTING MINE DESIGN<sup>1</sup>

- 46% of the niobium contained within the Luni MRE is in the Indicated category
- The Indicated MRE is being utilised to inform mine design and development studies, and is split between two key zones providing optionality for scheduling and mine design
- Studies will aim to identify the best mineral inventory to support the early years of a potential long-life operation, and therefore deliver the best corporate and financial outcomes for our shareholders and stakeholders

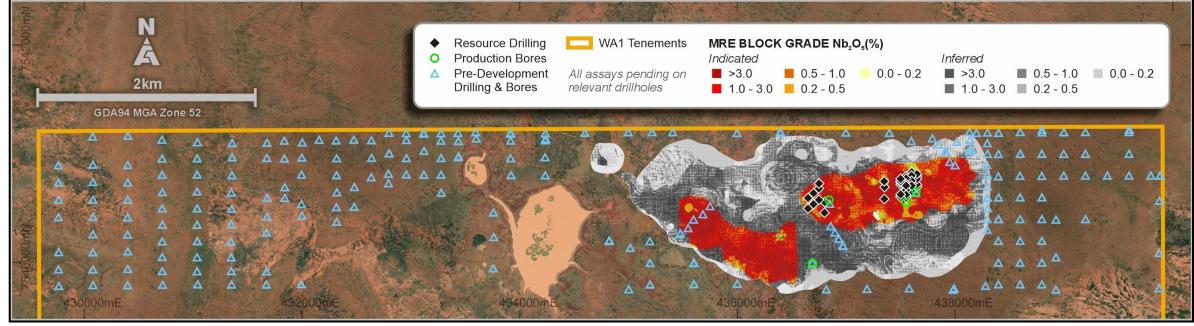




LUNI MRE (OBLIQUE LOOKING NNW) WITH INDICATED (COLOUR) AND INFERRED MRE (GREYSCALE)

# DRILLING TO SUPPORT DEVELOPMENT

- Three drill rigs in operation at Luni, with a focus on resource definition and pre-development activities
- Drilling has been completed across a broad area to inform site design and disturbance envelopes
- Hydrogeological bore installation and pump testing is ongoing to inform water studies and modelling
- Resource definition is ongoing within key mineralisation zones



BROADER LUNI PLAN VIEW, DRILLING COMPLETED IN 2025, MRE WITH INDICATED (COLOUR) AND INFERRED MRE (GREYSCALE)

# KEY INFRASTRUCTURE ESTABLISHED FOR ONGOING DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES











# **APPENDIX A - REFERENCES AND NOTES**

#### SLIDE 3

- 1. Cash balance as at 30 June 2025
- 2. For full details refer to WA1 website and previous ASX announcements

#### SLIDE 5

1. For full details refer to ASX announcement dated 30 June 2025

#### SLIDE 6

Internally generated schematic, simplified and adapted, all information derived from Henrique. P: 'Production of niobium: Overview of processes from the mine to products' Journal of Mining and Metallurgy. (2022) unless otherwise referenced

- Gibson, C.E: 'Niobium Oxide Mineral Flotation: A Review of Relevant Literature and the Current State of Industrial Operations' International Journal of Mineral Processing. (2015)
- 2. Shikik. A: 'A review on extractive metallurgy of tantalum and niobium' Journal of Metallurgy. (2020)
- 3. IAMGOLD Corporation, NI 43-101 Technical Report, Update on Niobec Expansion. (2013)
- 4. CBMM Infographic, viewed at <a href="https://cbmm.com/assets/infographic/en/index.html">https://cbmm.com/assets/infographic/en/index.html</a> on 13/2/2024
- 5. China Molybdenum Co., Ltd. 'Major Transaction Acquisition of Angle America PLC's Niobium and Phosphates Businesses'. (2016)
- 6. One of Niobec flotation steps is completed after HCl leaching
- 7. Does not include niobium pentoxide production steps, outputs or recoveries

#### SLIDE 7

- 1. For full details refer to ASX announcements dated 19 June 2024, 7 October 2024 and 4 February 2025
- 2. For full details refer to ASX announcement dated 19 June 2024
- 3. For full details refer to ASX announcement dated 7 October 2024
- 4. For full details refer to ASX announcement dated 4 August 2025

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- 2. For full details refer to ASX announcement dated 19 June 2024
- 3. For full details refer to ASX announcement dated 7 October 2024
- 4. For full details refer to ASX announcement dated 4 August 2025

#### SLIDE 9

Note: All information derived from Project Blue unless otherwise referenced, ferroniobium pricing (66% Nb), Rotterdam Europe, sourced from Asian Metals, December 2024, niobium oxide pricing ( $\sim$ 99% Nb<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>), China FOB, sourced from Asian Metals, December 2024

- 1. For full details refer to ASX announcement dated 28 August 2023
- Internal company estimated production figures adapted from: Project Blue, USGS Annual Production Reports, IAMGOLD
  Corporation Technical Reports, CBMM Annual Sustainability Reports, Brazilian Mineral Economy Reports, National
  Department of Mineral Production of Brazil,
- https://www.researchgate.net/publication/276106866\_The\_Evolution\_of\_the\_Niobium\_Production\_in\_Brazil viewed on 10/11/2023

#### SLIDE 10

1. Source: Project Blue, ferroniobium pricing (66% Nb), Rotterdam Europe, sourced from Asian Metals, December 2024

 Source: Magris Performance Metals "2023 Sustainability Report", viewed at <a href="https://minedocs.com/27/MagrisResourcesInc-ESG-2023.pdf">https://minedocs.com/27/MagrisResourcesInc-ESG-2023.pdf</a> on 7/7/2025

#### SLIDE 11

- Source: Niobium Tech presentation "Niobium solutions for a sustainable future" viewed at <a href="https://niobium.tech/-/media/NiobiumTech/Images/Images---Pages--HUB/Embaixada-Toquio/PDFs/Niobium-solutions-for-a-sustainable-future---Niobium-technology-for-clean-energy.pdf">https://niobium-technology-for-clean-energy.pdf</a> on 19/7/2023
- Source: Niobium Tech presentation "Dual Phase Steels" viewed at <a href="https://niobium.tech/">https://niobium.tech/</a>/media/NiobiumTech/Documentos/Resource-Center/NT\_Niobium-in-dual-phase-steels.pdf> on 7/7/2025
- Source: Niobium Tech "History of niobium as a microalloying element" viewed at <a href="https://niobium.tech/-/media/niobiumtech/attachments-biblioteca-tecnica/nt\_history-of-niobium-as-a-microalloying-element.pdf">https://niobium.tech/-/media/niobiumtech/attachments-biblioteca-tecnica/nt\_history-of-niobium-as-a-microalloying-element.pdf</a> on 24/5/2024
- 4. Images sourced from http://Niobium.Tech

#### SLIDE 13

1. Source: Project Blue, niobium oxide pricing (~99% Nb<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>), China FOB, sourced from Asian Metals, December 2024

#### SLIDE 14

- 1. Source: Project Blue
- 2. Australian Critical Mineral List 2023
- EU Critical Mineral List, retrieved from https://op.europa.eu/en/publication-detail/-/publication/57318397-fdd4-11ed-a05c-01aa75ed71a1 on 24/10/2023
- US Critical Mineral List, retrieved from https://apps.usgs.gov/minerals-information-archives/articles/usgs-critical-minerals-review-2021.pdf on 24/10/2023

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- 1. https://cbmm.com/en/our-company/our-history
- 2. Source: CODEMIG Management Report 2022 viewed at <relatorio-de-gestao-2022.pdf> on 28/7/2025
- 3. Adapted from Zhou, L., 'Simplified geological map of the alkaline-carbonatitic complex, Araxá'
- 4. Adapted from Lynas Corporation Ltd- Investor Presentation January 2010
- 5. Reuters Article available at https://www.reuters.com/article/us-cbmm-niobium-idUKTRE7811UB20110902

#### SLIDE 16

- 1. ASX: AMN released on 21 July 2020 and 17 November 2021
- 2. For full details refer to ASX announcement dated 19 October 2023 and 17 September 2024

#### **SLIDES 17-18**

1. For full details refer to ASX announcement dated 30 June 2025



# APPENDIX B – MINERAL RESOURCE & COMPETENT PERSON STATEMENTS

	Tonnes (Mt)	Nb <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> (%)	Nb₂O₅ (kt)	P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> (%)	P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> (kt)
Indicated	73	1.38	1,000	11.3	8,200
Inferred	150	0.8	1,200	9.9	15,000
Total	220	1.0	2,200	10.3	23,000

- 1. Mineral Resources are classified and reported in accordance with JORC Code (2012).
- 2. The effective date of the Mineral Resource estimate is 30 June 2025.
- 3. Part of the Mineral Resource that would potentially be extractable by open pit techniques is the portion of the block model that is constrained within an FeNb price of ~US\$30/kg (contained Nb in FeNb payable at a price of US\$45/kg) optimised pit shell and above a 0.25% Nb₂O₅ cut-off grade.
- 4. Estimates are rounded to reflect the level of confidence in the Mineral Resources at the time of reporting.
- 5. Rounding may cause computational discrepancies.
- 6. The Mineral Resources (and RPEEE shell that constrained the MRE) are reported within the WAI licence boundaries.
- 7. The information in this presentation that relates to Mineral Resources has been extracted from the ASX announcement titled "West Arunta Project Luni MRE" dated 30 June 2025. This announcement is available to view on the Company's website at www.wal.com.au.
- 8. The Company confirms that it is not aware of any new information or data that materially affects the information included in the original announcement and that all material assumptions and technical parameters underpinning the estimates in the original release continue to apply and have not materially changed. The Company confirms that the form and context in which the Competent Person's findings are presented have not been materially modified from the relevant original market announcement.

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