

# Australia's next lithium producer?

# **Annual General Meeting Presentation – 23 May 2017**



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# **Corporate Overview**

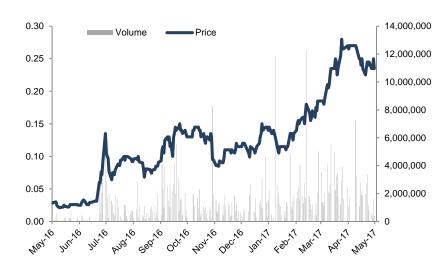


ASX/JSE Code	TAW
Issued Shares*	418M
Options Issued (Exc \$0.035 - \$0.30)	22.9M
Cash (as at 31 March '17) **	~A\$3.1m
Market Capitalisation (\$A0.25c) (as at 17 May '17)	A\$104.5m

<sup>\*24, 100,000</sup> shares to be issued after 6 June 2017 subject to shareholder approval

# Major Shareholders (as at 17 May 2017)\*%Merriwee Pty Ltd10.72%Corporate & Resource Consultants9.66%Chalmsbury Nominees6.67%Australian Institutions24.44%Top 1048.87%Top 2063.92%

### 12 Month Share Price Performance



### **Board & Management**

Rob Benussi Non-Executive Chairman

 Extensive experience in Finance, Corporate Advisory, Stockbroking and Business Development.

### Mark Calderwood Managing Director

- CP Member AusIMM
- 30 years mineral exploration inc.+5yrs in pegmatite minerals
- Co-Author of "Pegmatites of Western Australia"

### Michael Naylor Executive Director, CFO & Co. Sec.

- Chartered accountant
- 20 years in corporate advisory & company management







<sup>\*\*</sup> Subsequent to 31 March 2017:

<sup>1)</sup> \$15m Capital Raising 27/04/17. Tranche 2 subject to shareholder approval at Company General Meeting (06/06/17) and \$3.75m from a prepayment for offtake agreement 26/04/2017. 2) A further \$8.75m prepayment to be received in two instalments on 15/06/2017 and 15/09/2017 respectively.

<sup>\*</sup>These percentages do not include Tranche 2 but will increase, subject to shareholder approval at Company General Meeting (06/06/17)

# Bald Hill Lithium / Tantalum Project, Western Australia



### Ownership

Bald Hill Mine comprises 4 Mining Leases and 16 ELs and PLs totalling 791.3km<sup>2</sup> located 50km south east of Kambalda, WA. Owned 100% by Australian-incorporated, SGX-Listed Alliance Mineral Assets Limited.

- Aiming for first shipment in Q1 2018.
- Tawana earning 50% of lithium rights through expenditure of A\$7.5M on exploration/feasibility circa A\$6M spent
  (as at 30 April 2017).
- Tawana to earn 50% of tantalum rights and existing plant and infrastructure by expenditure of A\$12.5M on lithium/tantalum or infrastructure capital circa A\$4.5M committed to date.
- Subsequent funding and proceeds shared equally between JV parties.
- Hong Kong-listed Burwill Holdings Ltd has offtake over 100% of lithium concentrates.
  - 3 prepayments totalling \$25M, due:
    - A\$7.5M on signing Paid
    - A\$8.75M on 15 July 2017
    - A\$8.75M on 15 Sept 2017

Bald Hill Lithium / Tantalum Project location Kalgoorlie Mt Marion Granitoids Metasediments Felsic Volc Mafic-Gabro Coolgardie. Spodumene 20km Broom Occurrence Kambalda Karratha **Bald Hill Project** Wiluna Geräldton Cowan Project Bald Kalgoorlie Bald Hill Project Esperance Albany

# Bald Hill Lithium / Tantalum Project, Western Australia



### **Production Strategy**

### Speed to Market

- Granted mining leases brownfields project
- Permitting well-advanced
- Long lead items ordered; construction about to commence
- Construction is funded

### Low Capex / Opex

- Stage 1 Simple Process
- Excellent recovery at 10mm crush size
- Existing infrastructure including tantalum plant
- Significant tantalum by-product

### **Low Risk**

- Bespoke DMS
- Premium concentrate
- 2-year 100% offtake with significant prepayment
- Debt free, high IRR
- Location





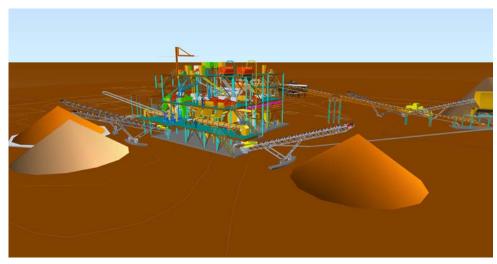
# **Bald Hill Lithium Production Strategy**



### **Low Capex**

- Contract mining
- Contract crushing
- Stage One 1.2Mtpa DMS circuit for spodumene
- Minimal upgrade to tantalum plant
- Limited additional preproduction infrastructure required
- Limited mining pre-strip required





View of the 3-D model of plant and infrastructure

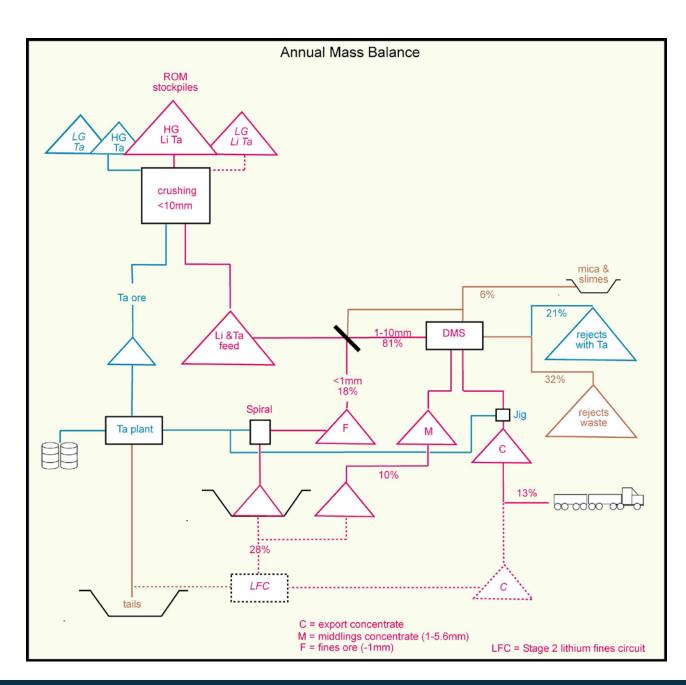


Main DMS Processing Plant

# **Project Upside**



- Stage 1 results in 28% of feed with 27% of contained lithium stockpiled from crusher fines and middling concentrates.
- Stage 2 anticipated 9-12 months after stage 1, expected to increase recovery from 62% to 81% without additional mining or crushing.
- A second DMS to treat low grade or additional high grade.
- Tantalum production could be lifted significantly. Bald Hill tantalum concentrates sought after, due to grade and low radioactivity.



# **Bald Hill Exploration**



- +400 holes drilled in 2017 for 50,000m
- Initial Resource imminent
- 5 rigs on site, rapid growth of mineralised footprint
- Main target area 3km by 2km
- 15% drilled to date; mineralisation widespread

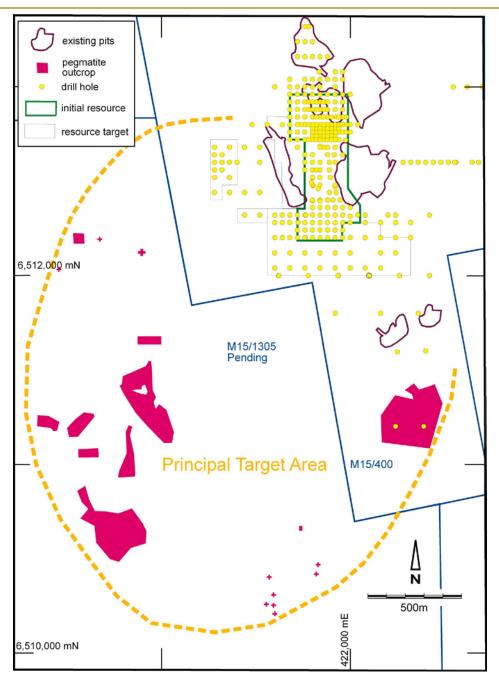
### Resource Targets<sup>1</sup>

- July 2017 20Mt-30Mt at 0.9-1.4% Li<sub>2</sub>O and/or 300ppm Ta<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>
- December 2017 30Mt-50Mt at 0.9-1.4% Li<sub>2</sub>O and/or 300ppm Ta<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>

### Notes

<sup>1</sup>: This exploration target is not a mineral resource and it is uncertain if further exploration will result in the determination of a mineral resource.

Tawana has identified a number of Exploration Targets at Bald Hill. In the Table a range of approximate tonnage and grade has been compiled from recent drilling results, an extensive review of historic reports and studies, mapping and geochemistry. The potential quantity and grade of the Exploration Targets is conceptual in nature, there has been insufficient exploration to estimate a Mineral Resource, and it is uncertain if further exploration will result in the estimation of a Mineral Resource. The basis for the approximate estimates of tonnage and grade include current drilling, historic production records, various topographic and volume surveys, drilling by various methods, grab and channel sampling and small scale bulk sampling. Tawana proposes to further evaluate the Exploration Targets during 2017 by drilling at a rate of about 12,500m per month.



# Summary – Unique Lithium Project



- Bald Hill focused on mining and construction in 2017 and concentrate shipping in Q1 2018
- Lowest Capex of any stand-alone project nearing production.
- Will commence with simple DMS on 1-10mm feed; initially no need to grind or use flotation.
- Will produce a top-quality coarse spodumene concentrate with no petalite, no lepidolite and low mica.
- Will be WA's highest grade tantalum mine and one of the top producers in the world.
- Large tenement area with extraordinary number of LCT pegmatites; years of drilling ahead.
- Noted for high-grade zoning of spodumene and tantalum.





# Conclusion



### We Are Targeting:

- Mining & Construction 2017; shipping Q1 2018
- Top quality spodumene concentrate
- Significant tantalum by-product production
- Lowest Capex (of stand alone mines)
- High Project Internal Rate of Return (IRR) (<1yr payback)</li>
- Significant Resource potential



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# **Endnotes**



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