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World leading producer of high purity alumina (HPA)

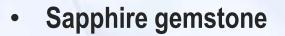




4,500 tonnes pa







Natural form of high purity alumina (HPA) Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>

Formed by mother nature like diamonds

Colour from impurities

Nearly as hard as diamond (Mohs 9)

**Sapphire Gemstone** 



- Purified alumina (Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>)
- 99.99% (4N) purity or greater
- Smelter Grade Alumina (SGA) ~ 99.5%
   (5,000ppm impurities, mainly sodium)
- Bayer Process uses sodium hydroxide (NaOH)
- Sodium impurity is a problem for sapphire and lithium batteries

What is HPA?





Smelter Grade Alumina SGA 99.5% US\$400 per t



High Purity Alumina HPA 99.9% (3N) US\$6,000 per t



High Purity Alumina HPA 99.99% (4N) US\$27,000 per t



TIDA SUBSTERIE FOR LEDS

High Purity Alumina HPA 99.999% (5N) US\$50,000 per t

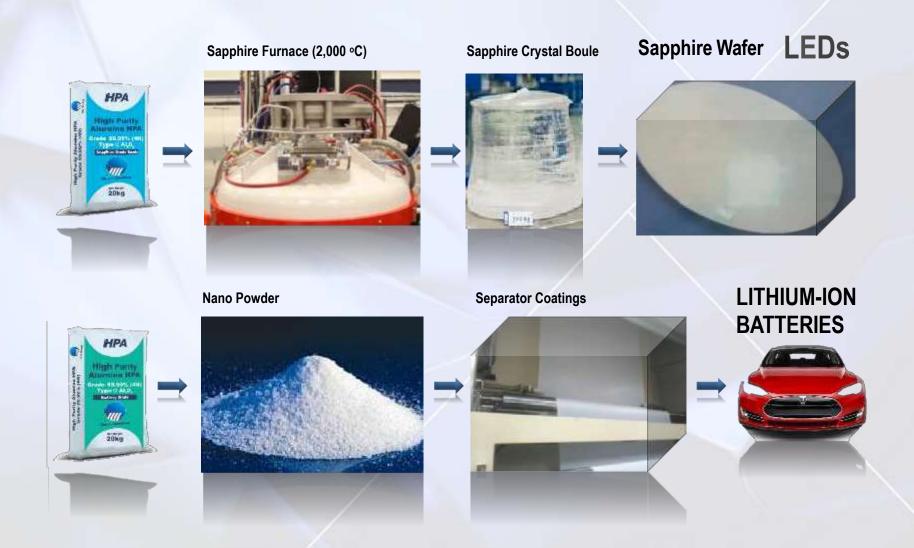


**Our Target Business** 

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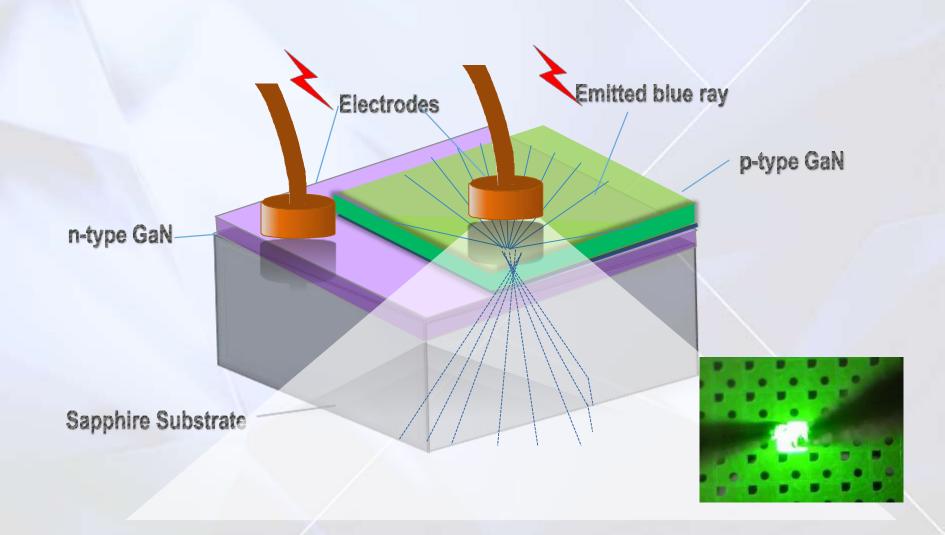


# **LEDs & LITHIUM-ION BATTERIES**





# **Light Emitting Diode**





#### **LED Expansions**

Osram opens \$440M Malaysian plant amid world's widening clamor for LED chips (UPDATED) LED DESTREAM | LEG APPLICATIONS

NOVEMBER 24, 2017 BY RAHUL1

Energy Efficient Lighting Market Rising at a CAGR of 13.4% from 2016 to 2024, will reach to US\$15 bn by 2024

ARTICLE COMMENTS (0) RELATED CONTENT Sanan Optoelectronics to set up PRINT DEMAIL LED production base in southeastern China Sin Han, Taipei; Adam Hwang, DIGITIMES [Thursday 7 December 2017]

The largest China-based LED epitaxial wafer and chip maker Sanan Optoelectronics has announced it will invest CNY33.3 billion (US\$5.03 billion) to set up an LED production base in Quanzhou, southeastern China.

**Xiamen Changelight Purchases AIXTRON MOGVD Technology to Expands ROY LED Production** 



# **Sapphire Glass**



#### **HTC U Ultra**

- February 2017
- Sapphire crystal display



#### **iPhone**

- Sapphire crystal lens
- Finger print recognition

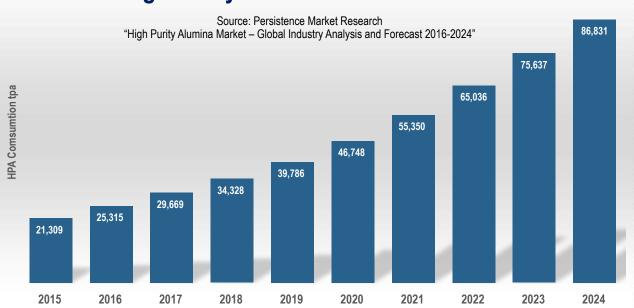
Smartphone sapphire screen

# **Sapphire Glass Scratch Test**







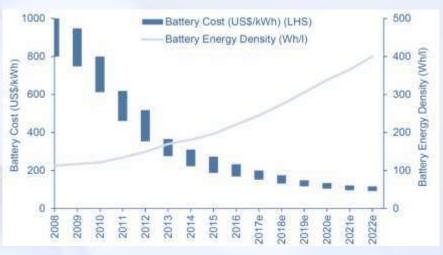


# Demand for HPA

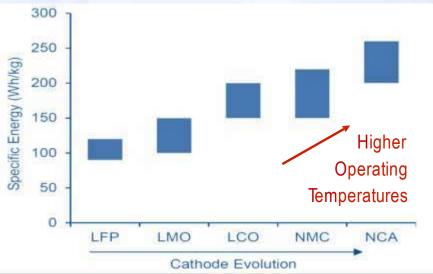
- 13 times ATC's 4,500 tpa required to meet growth
- Global LED demand increase to 4.1 B units by 2024 (2015: 864 million)



### **Battery Energy Density vs Temp**



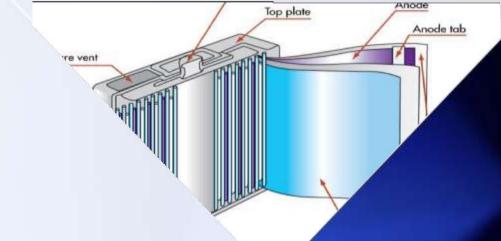
Battery costs are reducing due to increased energy density



Cathode changes increases energy density

Consequence – higher operating temperatures

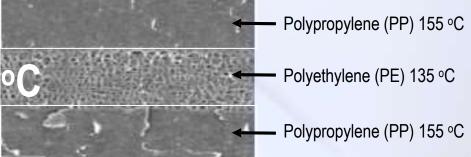




#### **Normal Polymer Separators**

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>200 °C



— HPA layer

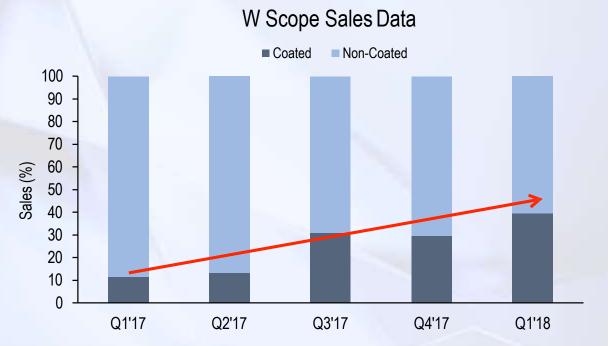
Polymer membrane

HPA Coated Separators (HPACS)

HPA required for higher temps



# **HPA Coated Separators (HPACS)**



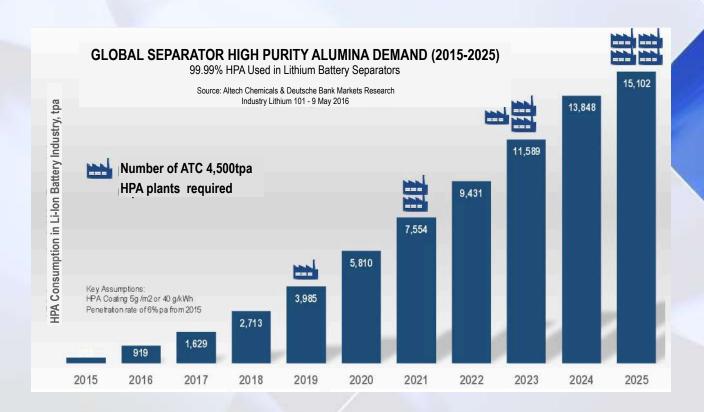
Japanese separator manufacturer reports
40% HPA coated separators
11% only 12 months ago

HPA coated separator rapid penetration rates





- 1.6kg HPA for average EV car (40 KWh)
- 6.4kg HPA for EV Bus (160 kWh)



Altech Separator HPA Forecast



### **HPA Separators Demand Forecasts**

Organisation	HPA Separators Demand Forecast 2025 (tpa)	Equivalent Number of Altech HPA Plants
Altech Chemicals	15,102	3.4 x
Petra Capital (mid case)	37,500	8.3 x
CRU	76,000	16.9 x
Average	42,867	9.5 x

- CRU even most bullish on separator HPA growth
- Ave forecast of 43k tpa HPASC by 2025 (9.5 times ATC plant)



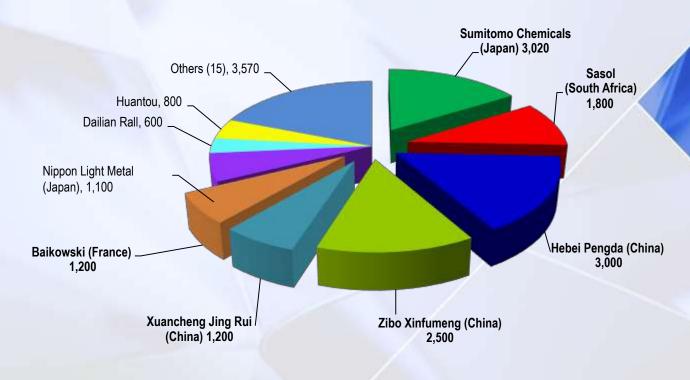
#### **Total HPA Demand Forecast** (inc LEDs)

Organisation	Total HPA Demand Forecast (tpa) 2025	Equivalent Number of Altech Plants
Persistence	62,519	14 x
Petra Capital	122,000	27 x
CRU Consulting	92,900	20 x
Average	92,473	20 x

- Ave forecast of 92k tpa by 2035 (20 times ATC plant)
- No incumbent expansions announced
- New entrants 4-5 years behind
- Demand will outstrip supply



HPA producers – Chemical companies
 China (3), Japan (2), South Africa (1) France (1)

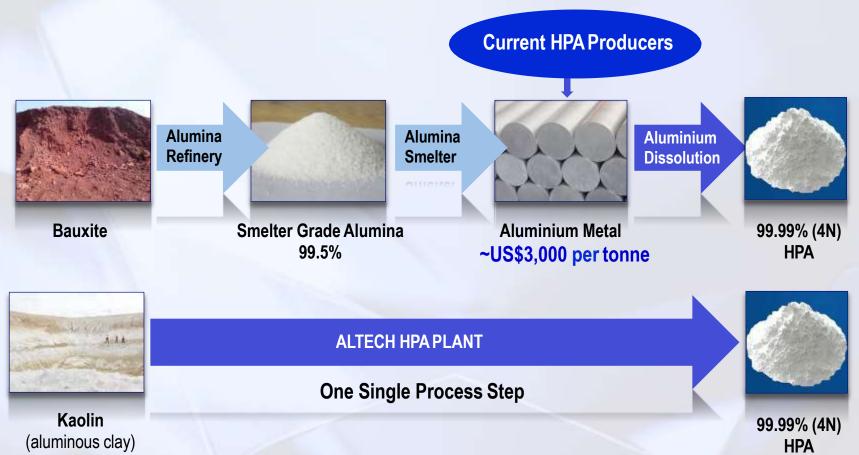


# Current HPA Producers

Source: Technavio Research



#### **Altech's Differentiation**





Very low iron (Fe) due to weathering

12.7Mt JORC Mineral Resources<sup>^</sup> (250 yrs)

Measured Resources 1.5Mt @ 30% Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>

Indicated Resources 3.3Mt @ 30% Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>

Inferred Resources 7.9Mt @ 29.1% Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>

Deposit in Western Australia

%	Bauxite Darling Range*	Canadian HPA Project	Altech HPA Project
$Al_2O_3$	34.5	22.77	30.5
SiO <sub>2</sub>	21.5	53.29	56.3
Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	21.2	8.36	0.7
TiO <sub>2</sub>	2.00	0.98	0.7
K <sub>2</sub> O	0.24	3.41	0.1
NaO	0.005	1.42	0.1

Low-Impurity
Kaolin Feedstock

Typical Mean Analysis

JÖRC (2012) Mineral Resources (refer ASX Announcement 11 October 2016); the Company is not aware of any new information or data that materially affects the information included in this announcement and confirms that all material assumptions and technical parameters underpinning the estimates continue to apply and have not materially changed.



- Mining approval granted
- Works approval granted
- Simple free dig mining
- Campaign mining, 2 months for 3 years of feed
- Then simple sea container loading operation
- Fremantle to Johor easy shipping

Meckering Kaolin Deposit in West Aust

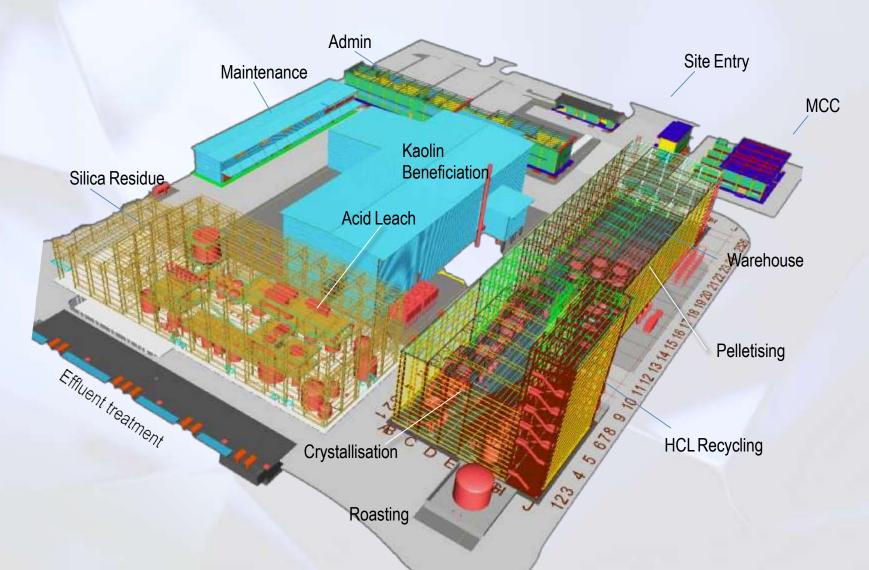


- Chemical-zoned industrial park
- 60% lower operating costs
- HCl plant nearby
- Services, natural gas, electricity, water
- Access to 17<sup>th</sup> largest container port
- Environmental approval completed
- 5-10 year corporate tax free



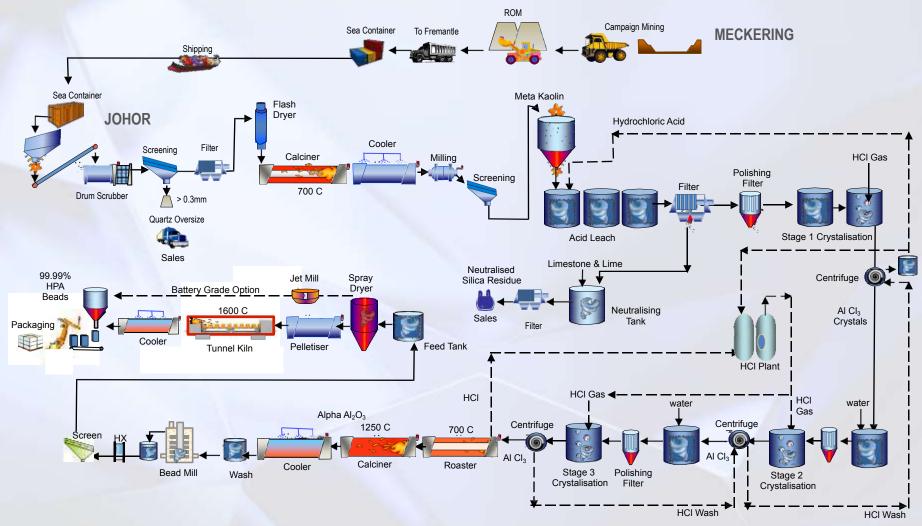


#### **Johor HPA Plant**

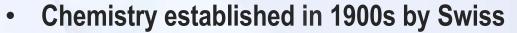




#### **Altech's HPA Process**







- US Govt & Alcoa developed further 1980's
- Limited demand for HPA in 1980's
- New HPA growth demand (LEDs, LIBs)
- Altech applied open chemistry to Meckering
- Very successful, disruptive, lowest cost
- Two patents for processing technology
- New entrants possible breach of Altech patents

Established Proven Chemistry



# **Managing Technical Risks**

Lab Pilot Work







	Typical/Testwork	Current Design
Utilisation	90%	79%
Recovery	90%	60%
Ramp Up	2 Years	3 Years
Feed Rate	$34\% \text{ Al}_2\text{O}_3$	30% Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>
Eng Design Margin	+15-20%	+20-30%

Conservative design assumptions reduces technical risks and builds robustness





- Pre-tax NPV<sub>7.5</sub> US\$ 505 million
- Payback (full rate) 3.9 years
- EBITDA US\$ 76 million p.a.
- Capital cost US\$ 298 million
- Production Costs US\$ 9.90/kg
- LT Sale Price US\$ 26.9/kg
- Gross Margin 63%





- Current price in Japan US\$ 40.0/kg
- Pre-tax NPV<sub>7.5</sub> US\$ 1.1 billion
- Internal Rate of Return (IRR) 33%
- Payback (full rate) 2.2 years
- EBITDA US\$ 133 million p.a.
- Production Costs US\$ 10.50/kg
- Sale Price Gross Margin 74%

**Current Case Economics** 



- Competitors
  - 1. We own our feedstock
  - 2. Main reactant HCI re-used
  - 3. Plant in low cost country (Malaysia)









- First 10 years of HPA operations
- Secures sales for HPA plant production
- Exclusive global distributor
- Experienced with HPA
- Strategic priority: lithium-ion batteries







- Lump sum turn key contract
- Completion and cost risk
- Throughput guarantee
- Process & quality guarantee
- Third largest user of ECA finance
- Committed US\$ 15 million equity

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Lump Sum
Turn Key
Contract







- Total debt of US\$ 190 million
- US\$ 170 million export credit finance
- 50% of plant German suppliers
- Low interest, long tenure
- Best debt in the world

Debt Funding Successful

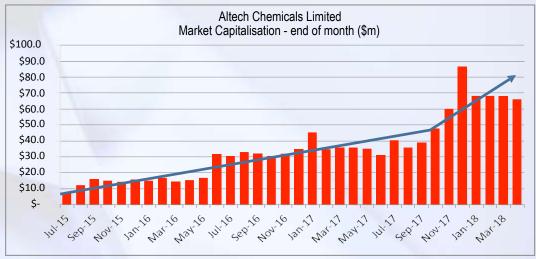


#### Three work streams

- 1) Subordinated mezzanine debt
- Target of US\$90-120m mezz debt
- First term sheet received of US\$90 m
- 2) Equity work stream
- Lead Petra Capital
- 3) Possible JV Partner
- Partial project sell down

Advancing Final Stage Funding





- 10 x steady market cap growth (3 years)
- Ave trade value \$2k/day to \$350k/day
- 350% increase in shareholders to 2,500
- \$7 m cash end March 2018, no debt
- 426 m shares on issue





Right Place
Right Time
Right Feedstock
Right Technology



Thank you



#### **Forward-looking Statements**

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#### Competent Persons Statements - Meckering Kaolin Deposit

The information in this announcement that relates to Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves is extracted from the report entitled "Maiden Ore Reserve at Altech's Meckering Kaolin Deposit" released on 11 October 2016; the report is available to view on the Company's website <a href="www.altechchemicals.com">www.altechchemicals.com</a>. The Company confirms that it is not aware of any new information or data that materially affects the information included in the original market announcement and, in the case of estimates of Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves, that all material assumptions and technical parameters underpinning the estimates in the relevant market announcement 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 original market announcement.