

**Altech Chemicals Limited ASX: ATC FRA:A3Y**

## **Company Presentation**

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**World leading producer of  
high purity alumina (HPA)**



**4,500 tonnes pa**

**Our Vision**





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- **Sapphire gemstone**
- **Natural form of high purity alumina (HPA)  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$**
- **Formed by mother nature like diamonds**
- **Colour from impurities**
- **Nearly as hard as diamond (Mohs 9)**



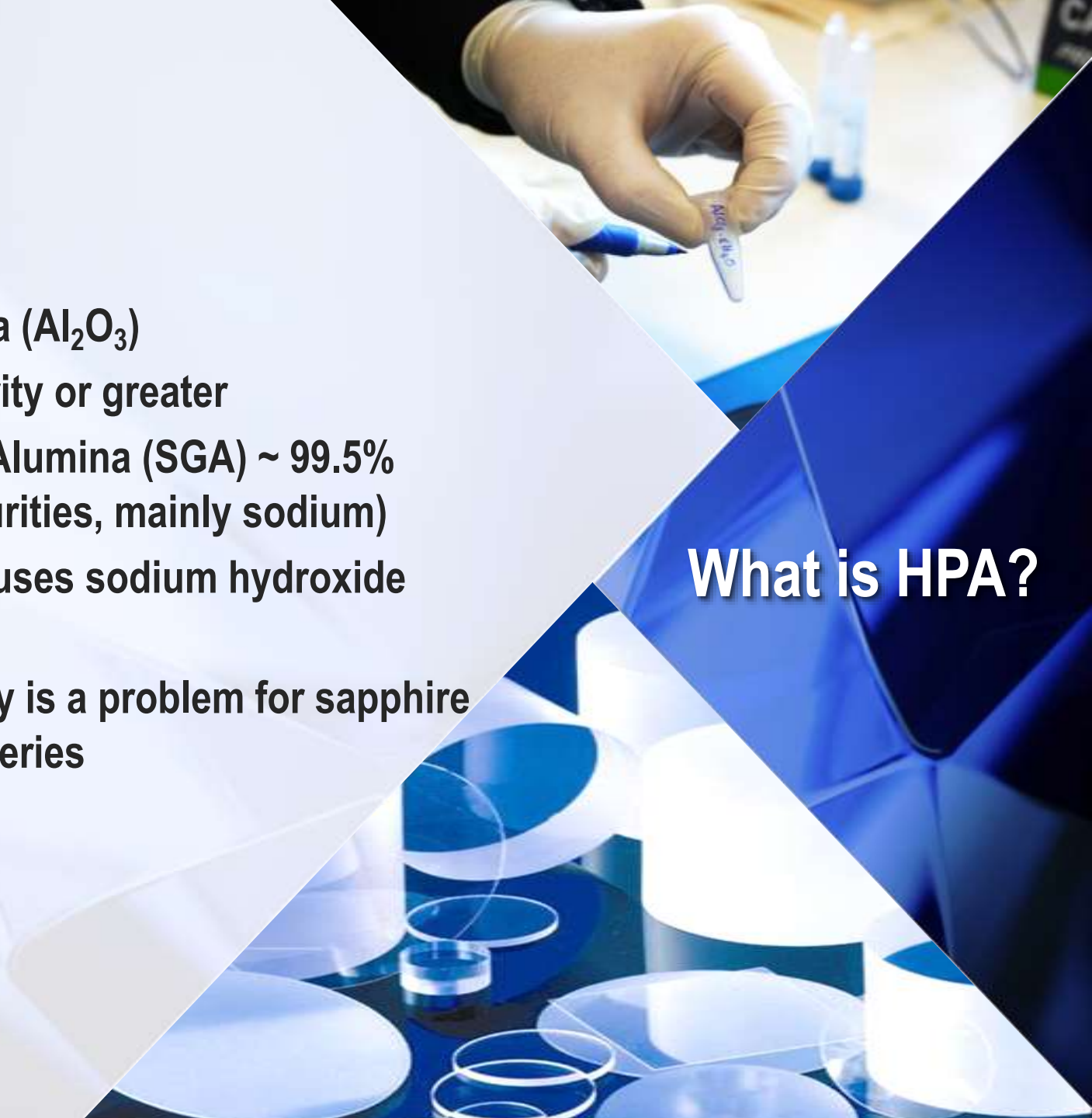
**Sapphire  
Gemstone**



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- Purified alumina ( $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$ )
- 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?**





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HPA substrate for LEDs



**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**



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

**High price  
for purity**

**Our Target Business**

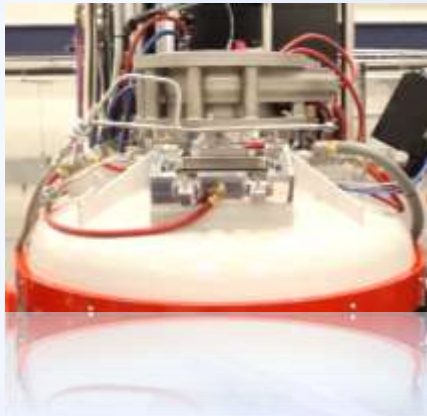
4N HPA produces synthetic sapphire glass



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# LEDs & LITHIUM-ION BATTERIES

Sapphire Furnace (2,000 °C)



Sapphire Crystal Boule



Sapphire Wafer LEDs



Nano Powder



Separator Coatings



LITHIUM ION BATTERIES





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# LED Expansions

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

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

LED UPSTREAM | LED APPLICATIONS

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## **Sanan Optoelectronics to set up LED production base in southeastern China**

*Siu 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 Scratch Test



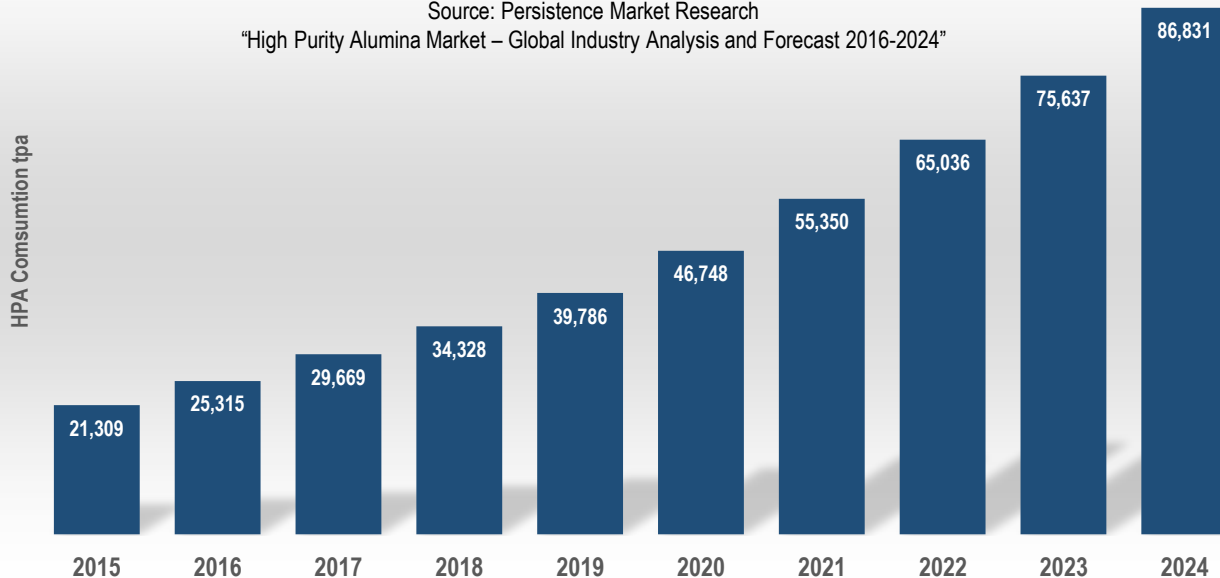




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## Global High Purity Alumina Forecast 2016 -2024

Source: Persistence Market Research  
"High Purity Alumina Market – Global Industry Analysis and Forecast 2016-2024"



**Demand  
for HPA**

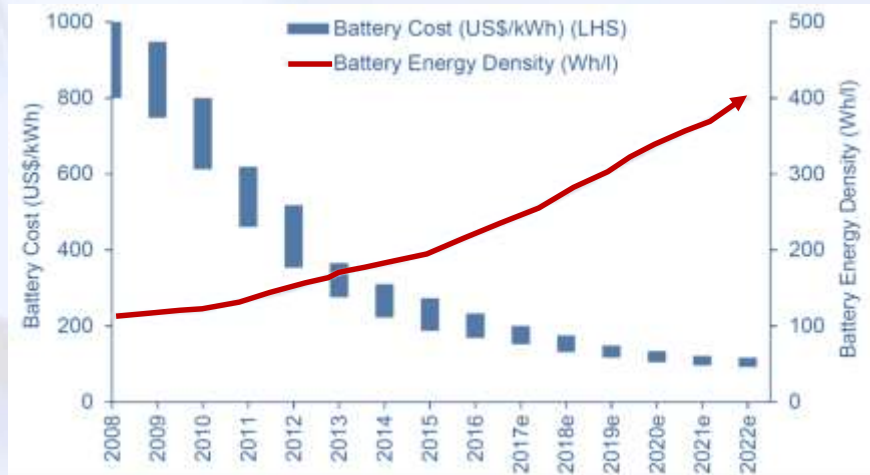
- 13 times ATC's 4,500 tpa required to meet growth
- Global LED demand increase to 4.1 B units by 2024 (2015: 864 million)

Source: Navigant Research "LED Lighting: Global Outlook"

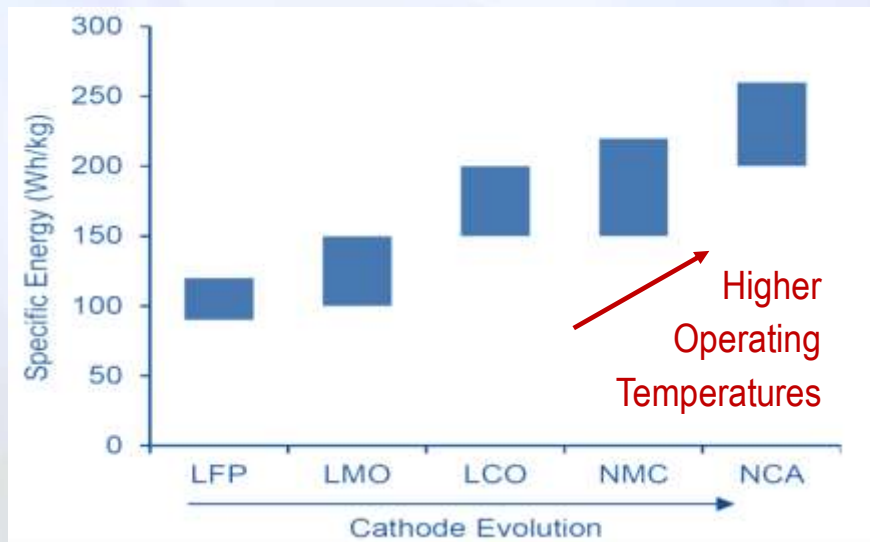


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# Battery Energy Density vs Temp



**Battery costs are reducing due to increased energy density**

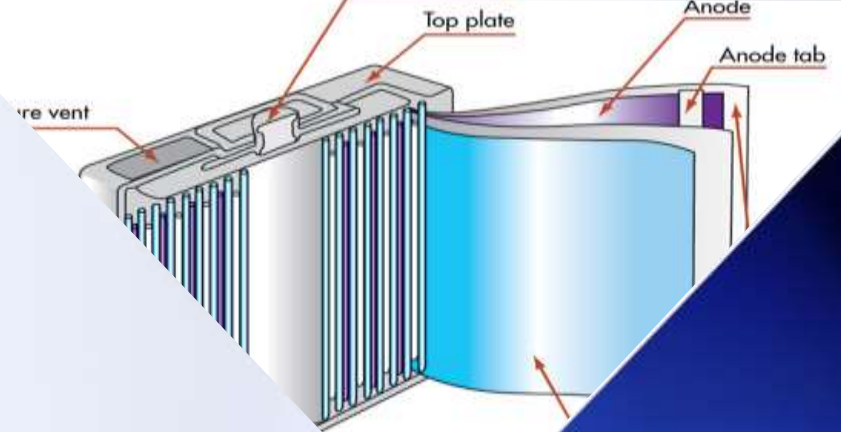


**Cathode changes increases energy density**

**Consequence – higher operating temperatures**

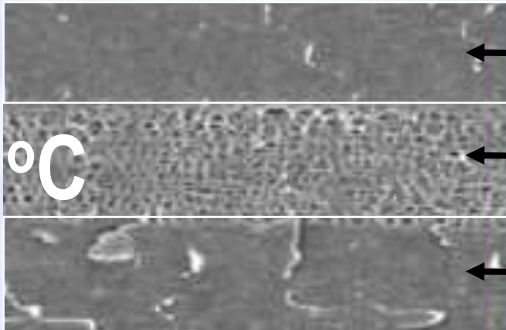


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### Normal Polymer Separators

**<135 °C**

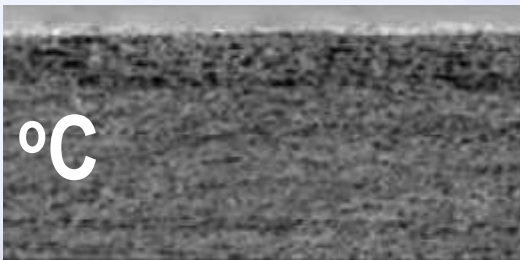


← Polypropylene (PP) 155 °C

← Polyethylene (PE) 135 °C

← Polypropylene (PP) 155 °C

**>200 °C**



← HPA layer

← Polymer membrane

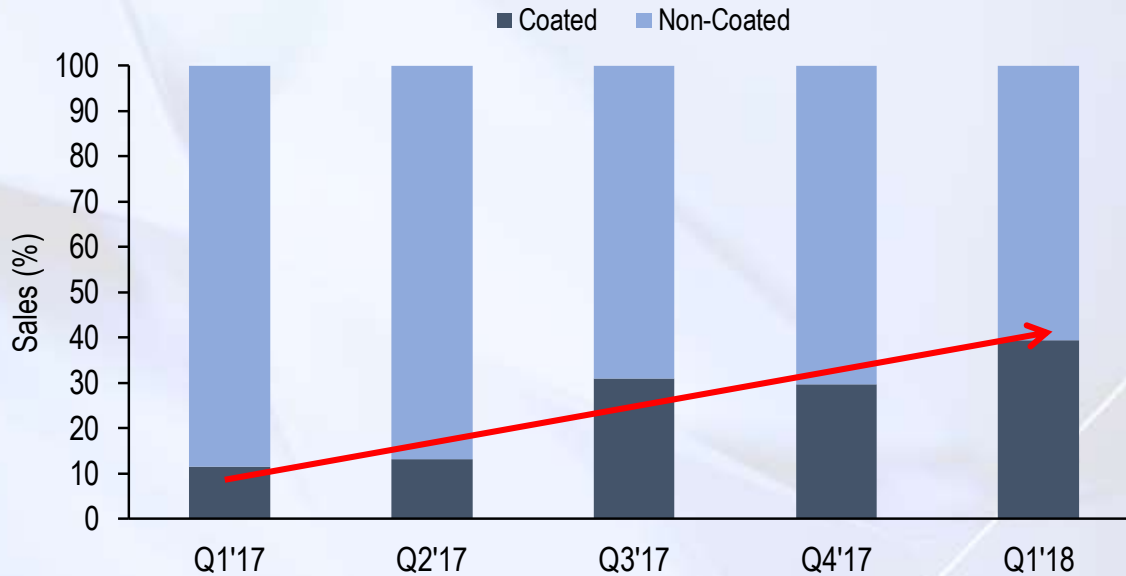
### HPA Coated Separators (HPACS)

**HPA  
required  
for higher  
temps**



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### W Scope Sales Data



**HPA  
Coated  
Separators**



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



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# Battery Separator Expansions

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## JAPAN-UPDATE

### Asahi Kasei pours extra \$268m into battery separator production

Electric car demand and Chinese rivals spark upgraded investment plans

## BUSINESS

### W-Scope boosting separator output in South Korea

October 14, 2015 23:24 JST

## BUSINESS

### Toray to lift South Korean capacity for battery material

Growing demand for electric vehicles seen justifying \$300mn investment

## BUSINESS TRENDS

### Japan's materials makers see gold in fast-changing auto sector

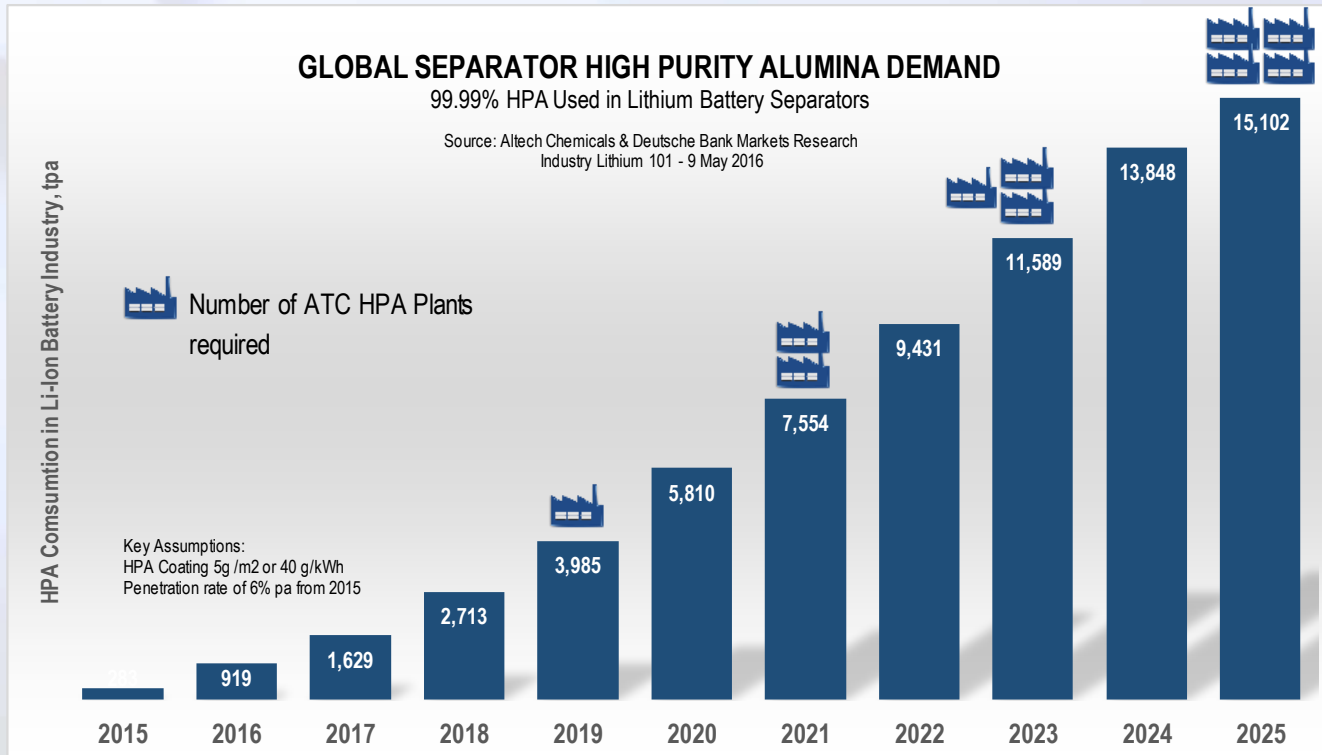
Mitsui Chemical, Asahi Kasei and peers tap expertise in car parts design



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



**Altech**  
**2016**  
**Separator**  
**HPA**  
**Forecast**



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Organisation	Separator HPA Demand Forecast 2025 (tpa)	Equivalent Number of Altech HPA Plants
Altech Chemicals	15,102	3.4 x
Petra Capital (mid case)	37,500	5.1 x
CRU Consulting	76,000	16.9 x
<b>Average</b>	<b>38,034</b>	<b>8.5 x</b>

**Other  
Separator  
Forecast  
2018**

- **CRU most bullish on separator HPA growth**
- **Ave forecast of 38k tpa HPASC by 2025 (8.5 times ATC plant)**



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

**Total HPA  
Forecast  
(inc LEDs)  
2018**

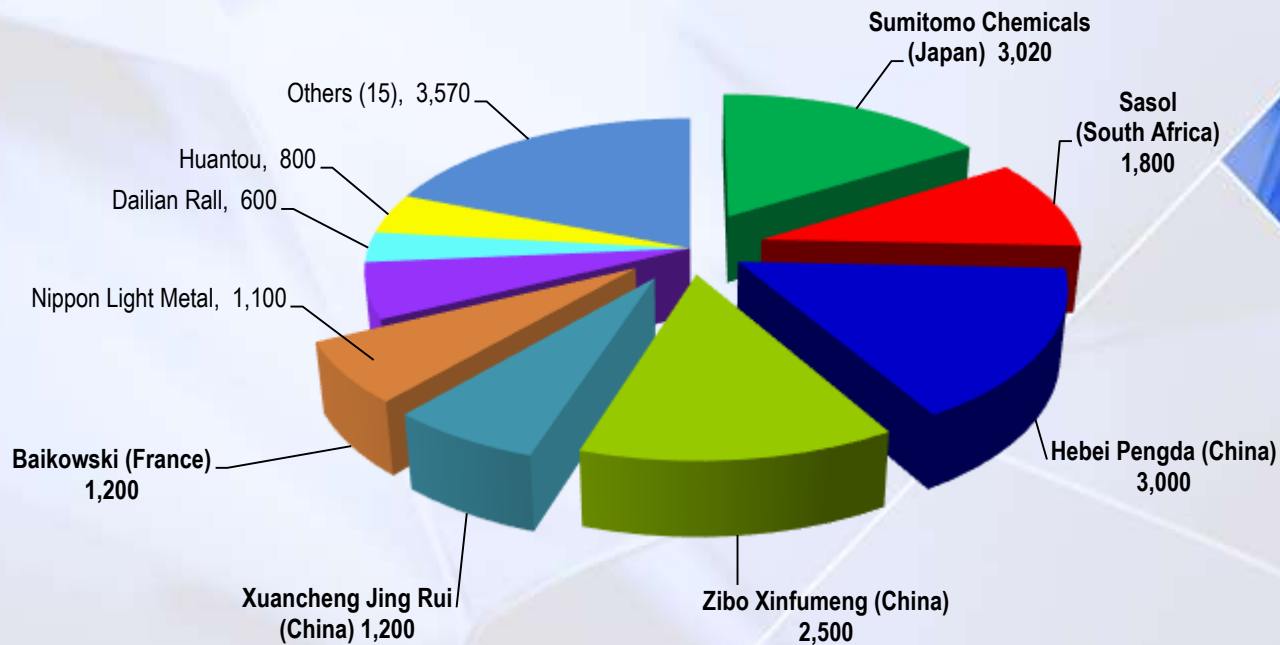
- **Ave forecast of 92 k tpa by 2025 (20 times ATC plant)**
- **No incumbent expansions announced**
- **New entrants 4-5 years behind**
- **Demand will outstrip supply**





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



# Current HPA Producers



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# Altech's Differentiation

**Current HPA Producers**



**Bauxite**

**Alumina Refinery**



**Smelter Grade Alumina**  
99.5%

**Alumina Smelter**



**Aluminium Metal**  
~US\$3,000 per tonne

**Aluminium Dissolution**



**99.99% (4N) HPA**



**Kaolin**  
(aluminous clay)

**ALTECH HPA PLANT**

**One Single Process Step**



**99.99% (4N) HPA**



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Typical bauxite deposit



Altech's kaolin deposit



**Low-Impurity  
Kaolin Feedstock**

- **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 <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	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

\* Typical Mean Analysis

<sup>^</sup> JORC (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.



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

## Meckering Kaolin Deposit in West Aust





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- **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**
- **5-10 year corporate tax free**
- **Site clearance completed**



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**HPA Plant to  
be in Johor,  
Malaysia**

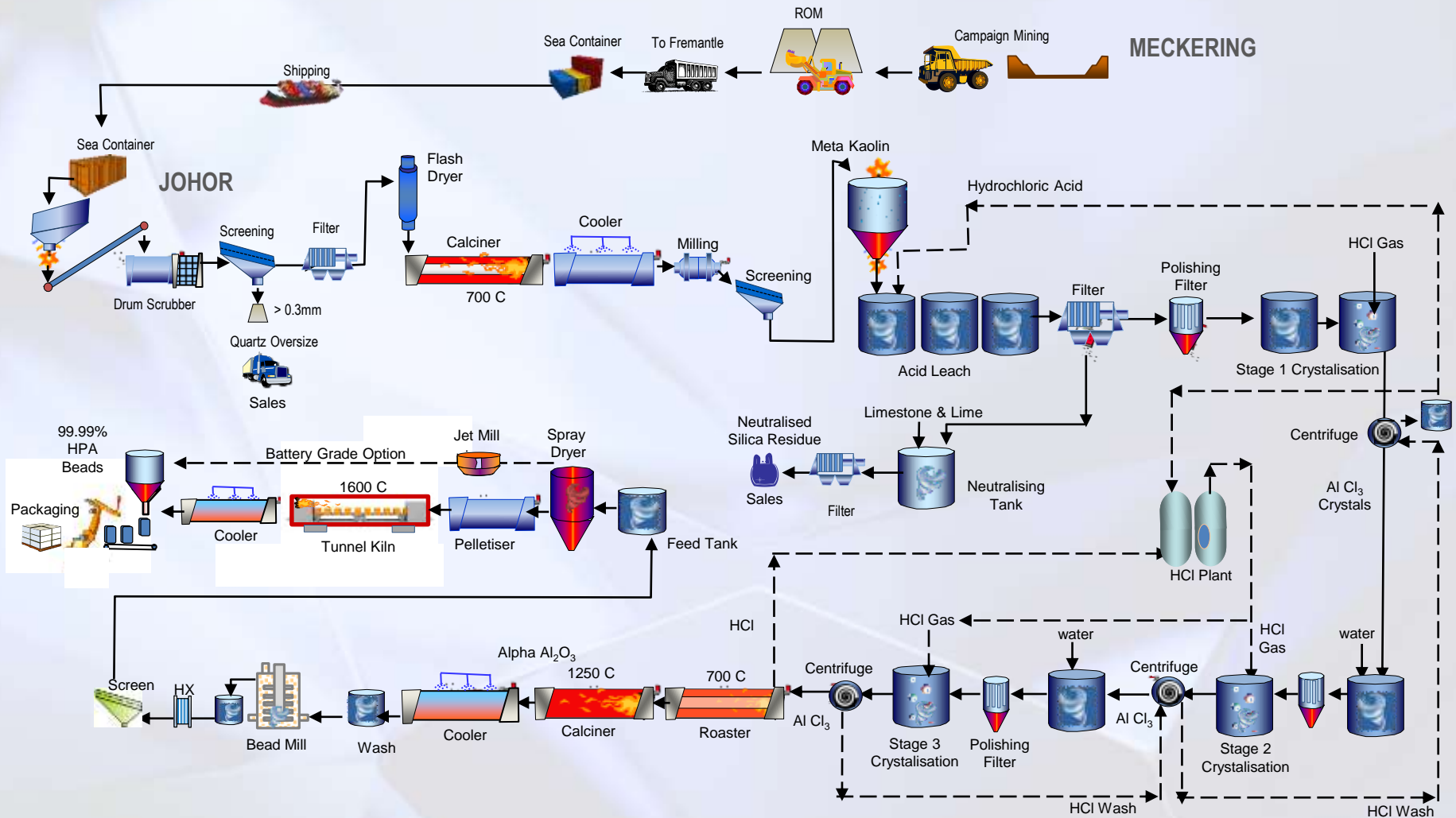






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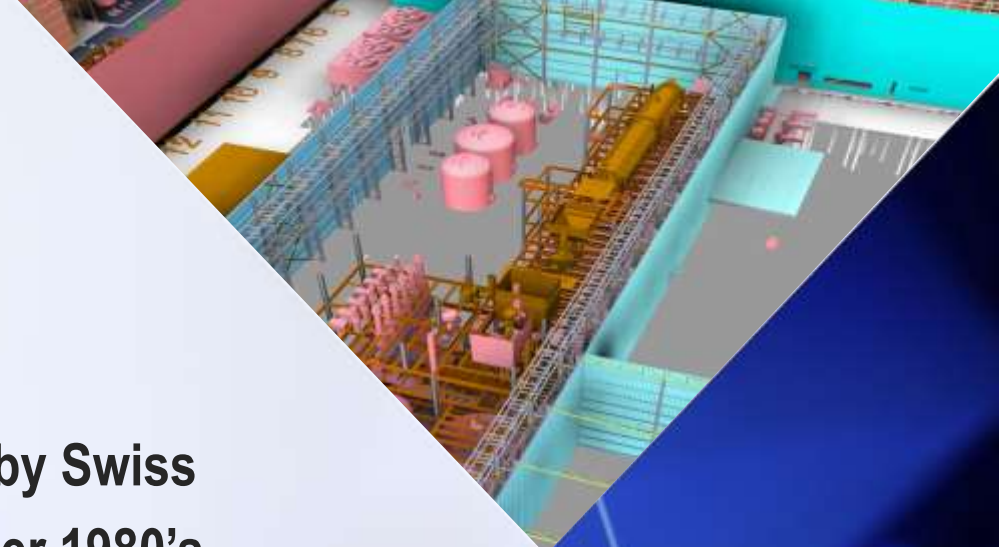
# Altech's HPA Process





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- **Chemistry established in 1900s by Swiss**
- **US Gov & Alcoa developed further 1980's**
- **No 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 established for processing technology**
- **New entrants - possible breach of Altech patents**



**Established  
Proven  
Chemistry**





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- **Pre-tax NPV<sub>7.5</sub> US\$ 505 million**
- **Internal Rate of Return (IRR) 22%**
- **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%**

**Conservative  
Bank  
Model**



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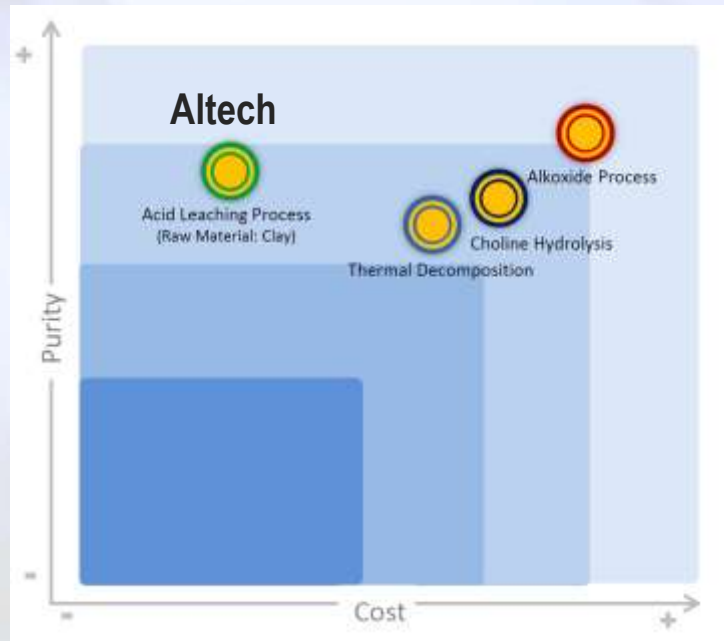
- **Current price in Japan - US\$ 40.0/kg**
- **Pre-tax NPV<sub>7.5</sub> US\$ 1.1 billion**
- **Internal Rate of Return (IRR) 33%**
- **Payback (full rate) 2.2 years**
- **EBITDA US\$ 133 million p.a.**
- **Production Costs - US\$ 10.50/kg**
- **Sale Price - Gross Margin – 74%**

## **Current Case Economics**



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



**Bottom  
Quartile  
for Op Costs**



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 **Mitsubishi Corporation**



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


**Mitsubishi**  
**10 year**  
**off-take**





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- **SMS group German EPC contractor**
- **Lump sum turn key contract**
- **Completion and cost risk**
- **Throughput guarantee**
- **Process & quality guarantee**
- **Third largest user of ECA finance**
- **Committed US\$ 15 mil equity**

**SMS**  **group**

**Lump Sum  
Turn Key  
Contract**





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Lab Pilot Work



	Typical/Testwork	Current Design
Utilisation	90%	79%
Recovery	90%	60%
Ramp Up	2 Years	3 Years
Feed Rate	34% Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	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**



**Managing  
Technical  
Risks**



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- Debt funding with KfW IPEX-Bank
- 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**





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## Three work streams

### 1) Subordinated mezzanine debt

- Term sheet received of US\$90 m
- Stream term sheet of US\$60m

} Due  
Diligence

### 2) Equity work stream

- Lead - Petra Capital      Raised A\$21.4m

### 3) Possible JV Partner

- Partial project sell down

**Advancing  
Final Stage  
Funding**



# Status of Funding Initiatives

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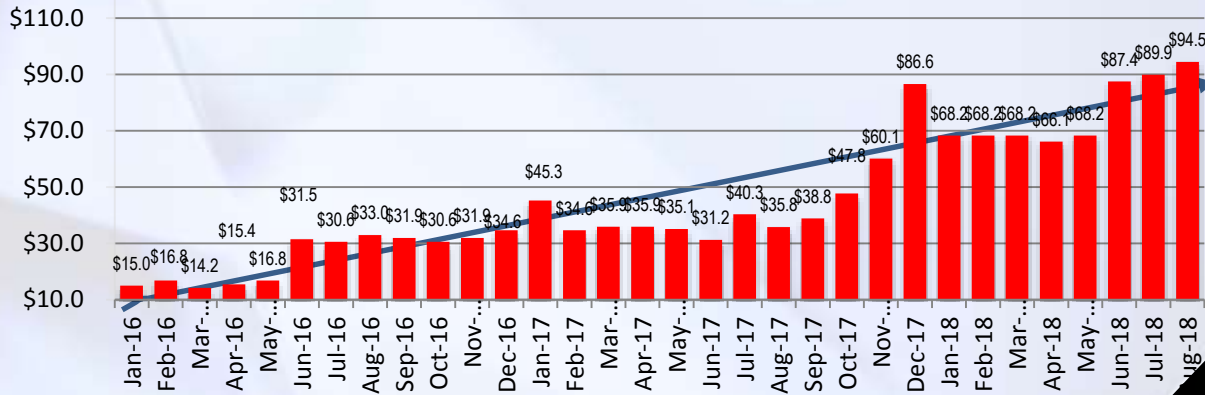
Facility	Financier	Amount	Status
Senior Loan	KFW-IPEX Bank	US\$ 190 million	Committed
Mezzanine Loan*	Global Merchant Bank	US\$ 90 million	Indicative Term sheet
Stream Finance*	Global Investment Group	US\$ 60 million	Indicative Term sheet
<b>Total</b>		<b>US\$ 340 million</b>	

- US\$ 340 million of financing facilities
- Mezz and Stream proceeding to final DD



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Market Capitalisation - end of month (\$m)



**Altech  
Growth  
Performance**

- 14 x steady market cap growth (4 years)
- Ave trade value \$2k/day to \$350k/day
- 480% increase in shareholders to 3,500
- Mar Cap \$95m - 572 m shares
- Cash - \$14 m

ASX

- **A\$ 21 million raised**
- **Stage 1 construction commenced**
- **Construction concurrent with debt finance close**
- **Site clearance completed**





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# GRAND OPENING CEREMONY

8<sup>TH</sup> AUG 2018





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*Right Place*  
*Right Time*  
*Right Feedstock*  
*Right Technology*



**Thank you**



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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 [www.altechchemicals.com](http://www.altechchemicals.com). 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.