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The study is based on the material assumptions described elsewhere in the ASX announcement dated 26<sup>th</sup> September 2018 (table page 30-34). These include assumptions about availability of funding. While the Company considers all the material assumptions to be based on reasonable grounds, there is no certainty that they will prove to be correct or that the range of outcomes indicated by the study will be achieved. To achieve the potential mine development outcomes indicated in the study, additional funding will be required. Investors should note that there is no certainty that the Company will be able to raise funding when needed.

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**See ASX Announcement 'Gabanintha Presents Robust Base Case for PFS' dated 26<sup>th</sup> September 2018**

## Gabarintha Project

Globally significant vanadium resource

175.5Mt at 0.77%  $V_2O_5$

Massive high-grade zone

93.6Mt at 1%  $V_2O_5$

PFS base case ( $\pm 35\%$ )

Capex	US\$360m
Opex	US\$4.28/lb
Feed	900,000 tonnes p/a
Mag Con	1.39%
$V_2O_5$	10,100 tonnes p/a
Mine life	17 years

At US\$20/lb the project has an NPV of

# US\$2.37 billion



## Expert Vanadium Team

### Vanadium expertise separates AVL from other explorers

At Australian Vanadium Ltd our management is committed to fast-track this significant global resource. Our team brings together experts in geoscience, mining, chemical engineering, marketing and corporate governance and has an extensive vanadium network and knowledge.



**Vincent Algar**  
Managing Director



**Daniel Harris**  
Technical Director



**Todd Richardson**  
Technical Manager



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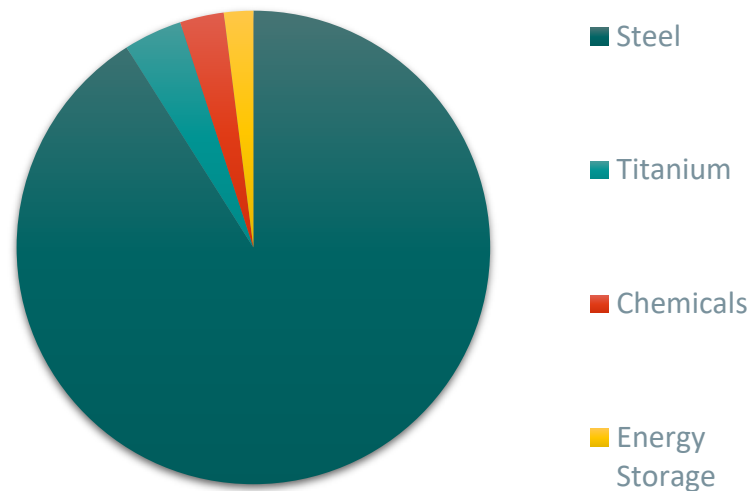
# Vanadium Markets

Steel

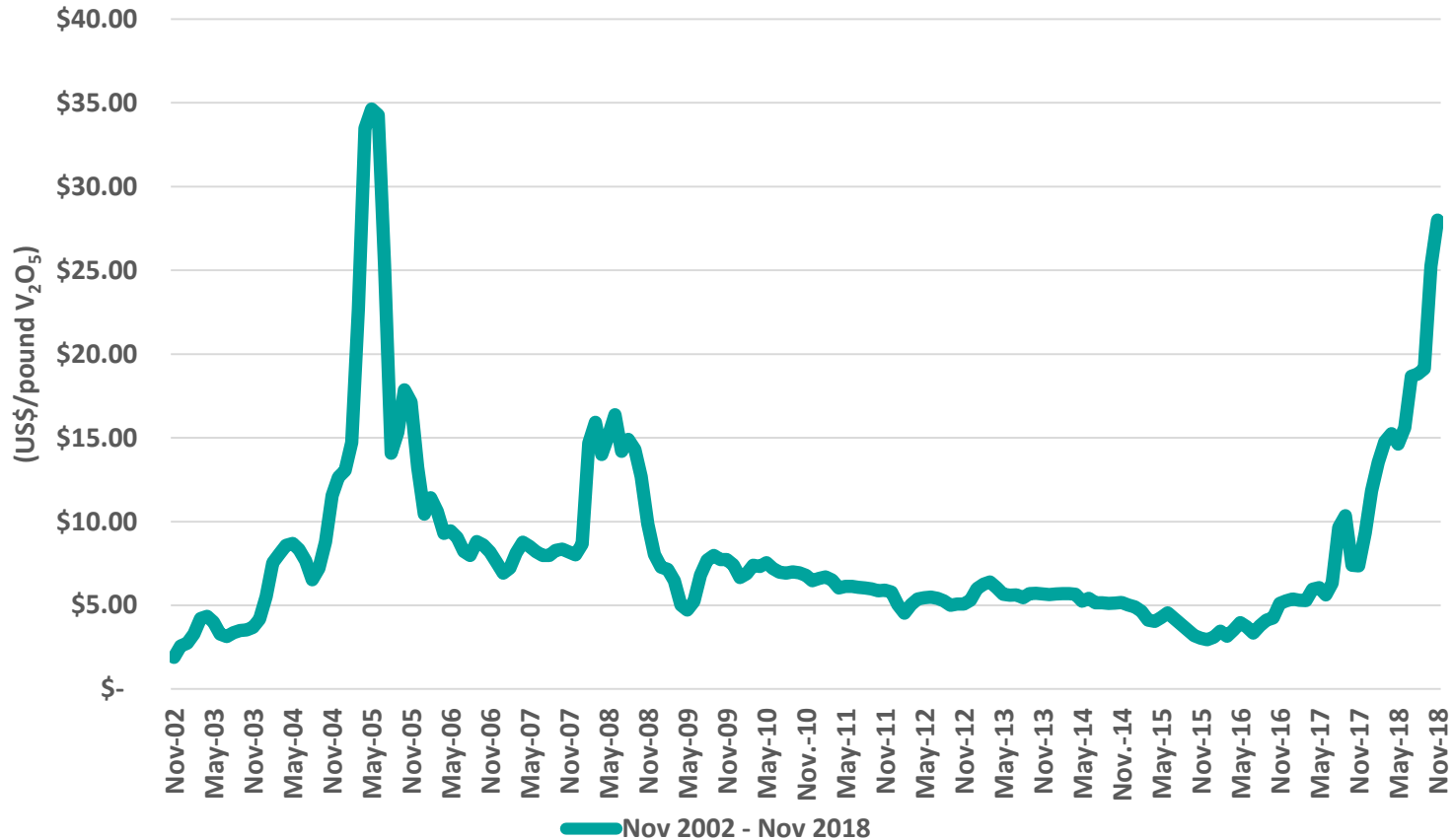
## Vanadium Markets - Steel

Steel remains the price driver and primary market for vanadium (92% of vanadium consumption)

- Key metric is Chinese rebar consumption
- New standards for Chinese rebar require increased vanadium use, doubling to rest-of-world standards (implemented today)
- Risk of substitution minimal due to unique micro-alloy effects
- New markets in steel will increase demand such as:
  - Materials for automotive, aviation and aerospace
  - Power lines and power pylons
  - High-strength steel structures



# Metal Bulletin V<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> Monthly Midpoint Average Price inflated to current US\$







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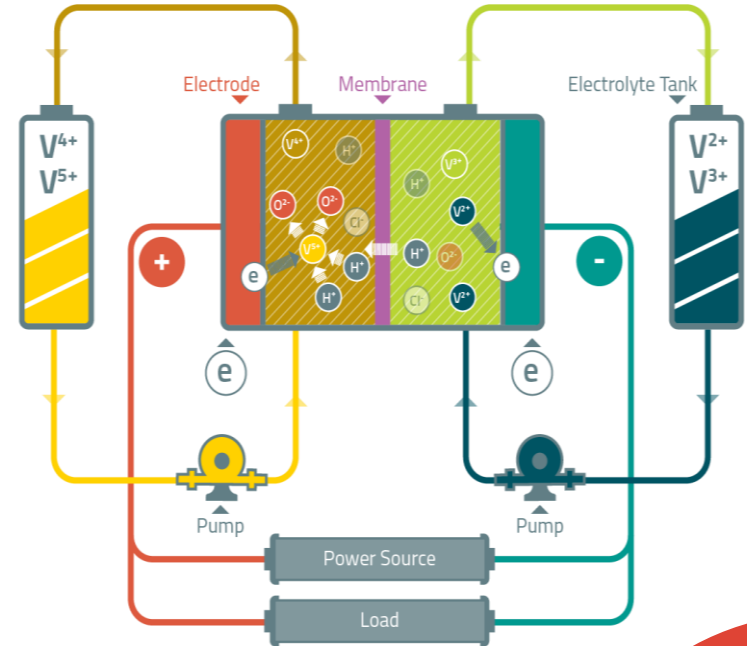
Energy Storage



# Vanadium Markets – Energy Storage

## Unique characteristics of Vanadium Redox Flow Batteries (VRFBs)

- VRFBs provide a way to store and re-supply renewable energy. Their very high capacity is ideal for large-scale energy storage applications, unlocking the full potential of renewables while maintaining grid security.
- VRFBs have unique advantages over other batteries:
  - Easily scaled into large MW scale solutions
  - Lifespan of 20 years with very high cycle life and no capacity loss over time
  - A key feature of using only one element in electrolyte, V2O5 which can be recycled
  - Immediate and rapid energy release
  - Non-flammable
  - Suitable for grid connection or off-grid use
  - Can discharge 100% with no damage
  - Improved safety and low replacement rate compared to Li-ion (lower lifetime LCOE)





# VRFB Manufacturers





# Vanadium Market Future

## Vanadium supply currently in deficit

- Current global producers can increase their supply to provide up to half of the supply deficit
- Increased demand from VRFB and tightened environmental controls in China mean a change from the previous cycle- new supply is required
- Deposits with high in-situ grade combined with high concentrate grade will have the best chance of success
- Utilising proven methodology on magnetite hosted vanadium deposits



# Gabanintha Investment Summary

Globally significant vanadium resource with a team of experts experienced in the extraction of vanadium using convention processing of vanadium magnetites

- Significant project with high-grade Measured, Indicated and Inferred vanadium resources hosted in magnetite bearing rocks
- Energy subsidiary VSUN Energy actively developing Australian energy storage market
- AVL offers investors exposure to entire vanadium value chain
- Focus offers leverage to rising vanadium prices and new applications in energy storage
- High quality asset and team best able to deliver in price cycle

ASX: AVL Mkt Cap 67.2M

AVL Share Price History





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# Resource Table

Material	JORC Resource Class	Million Tonnes	V <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> %	Fe%	TiO <sub>2</sub> %	SiO <sub>2</sub> %	Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> %	LOI%
High Grade	Measured	10.1	1.1	42.7	12.6	10.3	8.0	4.0
	Indicated	4.9	1.09	43.3	12.1	10.5	7.8	3.7
	Inferred	78.6	0.98	42.4	11.2	11.4	7.6	3.4
	<b>Sub Total High Grade</b>	<b>93.6</b>	<b>1.00</b>	<b>42.50</b>	<b>11.4</b>	<b>11.30</b>	<b>7.6</b>	<b>3.50</b>
Low Grade	Indicated	19.1	0.5	23.9	7.0	27.8	18.1	8.7
	Inferred	58.5	0.49	25.5	6.7	27.5	16.5	7.4
	<b>Sub Total Low Grade</b>	<b>77.5</b>	<b>0.50</b>	<b>25.10</b>	<b>6.8</b>	<b>27.50</b>	<b>16.9</b>	<b>7.70</b>
Transported	Inferred	4.3	0.7	28.1	7.2	24.7	16.7	8.5
	<b>Sub Total Transported</b>	<b>4.3</b>	<b>0.65</b>	<b>28.10</b>	<b>7.2</b>	<b>24.70</b>	<b>16.7</b>	<b>8.50</b>
Total	Measured	10.1	1.1	42.7	12.6	10.3	8.0	4.0
	Indicated	24.0	0.63	27.9	8.0	24.2	16.0	7.7
	Inferred	141.4	0.77	35.0	9.2	18.5	11.5	5.2
	<b>Total</b>	<b>175.5</b>	<b>0.77</b>	<b>34.5</b>	<b>9.3</b>	<b>18.8</b>	<b>11.9</b>	<b>5.5</b>

**Note:** Mineral Resource estimate by domain and resource classification using a nominal 0.4% V<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> wireframed cutoff for low grade and nominal 0.7% V<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> wireframed cut-off for high grade (total numbers may not add up due to rounding)

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# Production Information

NPV and IRR are reported at various V<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> pricing assumptions

Price US\$/lb V <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub>	Year 1-5	\$8/lb	\$13/lb	\$13/lb	\$20/lb
	Year 6-17	\$8/lb	\$8/lb	\$13/lb	\$20/lb
NPV <sub>8%</sub>	US\$M	191	575	1099	2370
IRR	%	0.145	0.336	0.395	0.698
Opex	US\$/lb	4.28	4.28	4.28	4.28
Opex (V <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> Equiv) <sup>1</sup>	US\$/lb	4.13	4.13	4.13	4.13
UDCF	US\$M	705	1193	2386	4739

- A vanadium pentoxide (V<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>) refinery at the Gabanintha site with an annual production rate of approximately 22.5 million pounds of V<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> per annum (10,100tpa) with an initial mine life of 17 years based on existing Measured, Indicated and a portion of the Inferred Mineral Resources.
- Open pit mining and beneficiation operation producing an estimated 900,000t of magnetic concentrate at planned grade of 1.39% V<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> and a low 1.5% SiO<sub>2</sub> content.
- Average mass yield from the concentrator is estimated at 62.1% for the life of mine. This is exceptionally high versus other current operating vanadium operations, allowing for a compact and effective crushing and milling operation.
- A base metals circuit will extract an estimated 1500 tpa sulphide concentrate containing Cobalt, Nickel, and Copper. The project viability is not dependant on the mining and sale of base metals contained in the schedule.
- Base metal sales account for less than 2% of estimated overall gross revenues for the life of the project.
- Operating expenses are currently estimated at US\$4.13/lb V<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> equivalent (±35%), assuring a low-cost operation that will be healthy throughout the vanadium business cycles.
- Initial indicative capital costs of US\$362M (±35%).
- The current project scenario utilises 43% Measured resources, 20% Indicated resources, and 37% Inferred resources. The inferred resources are not a determining factor for project viability. See table 4, figure 4, table 5, and table 6 below.
- Bryah Resources Limited holds the rights to nickel, copper and gold recovered from any production, however AVL will benefit from this development in processing due to its 14% holding in Bryah (ASX: BYH).
- V<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> equivalent pricing is determined by subtracting average base metal credits from average operating expenses through the life of mine.