

**ASX Announcement** 

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Michael Fry: Chairman

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Managing Director

Sonu Cheema:

**Director and Company Secretary** 

**Issued Capital** 

108,140,000 ("TMT") Fully Paid Ordinary Shares

11,000,000 – Unquoted Options – various exercise prices and dates

**ASX Code: TMT, TMTO** 

FRA Code: TN6





### INVESTOR WEBINAR PRESENTATION

Technology Metals Australia Limited (ASX: TMT) ("Technology Metals" or the "Company") is pleased to announce its participation in The Pick Webinar to be held on Tuesday 2 June 2020 from 12.30pm AEST / 10.30 am AWST.

Managing Director Ian Prentice will provide an update on the status of the development of the Company's Gabanintha Vanadium Project in Western Australia.

This FREE webinar is able to be viewed live via Zoom over the internet and will provide viewers the opportunity to hear from, and engage with, a range of ASX listed micro-cap / junior mining exploration and development companies.

To access further details of the event and to register (for FREE), please copy and paste the following link into your internet browser:

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\_tEdvdYeXSt2qC76uc7mtbA

A recorded copy of the webinar will be made available following the event. A copy of the investor presentation to be delivered during the webinar is attached.

This announcement has been authorised by the Board of Technology Metals Australia Limited.

For, and on behalf of, the Board of the Company

Sonu Cheema

Director and Company Secretary

Technology Metals Australia Limited

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#### **Competent Person's Statement**

The information in this report that relates to Exploration Results are based on information compiled by Mr Ian Prentice. Mr Prentice is Managing Director of the Company and a member of the Australian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy. Mr Prentice has sufficient experience relevant to the styles of mineralisation and types of deposits which are covered in this report and to the activity which they are undertaking to qualify as a Competent Person as defined in the 2012 edition of the 'Australasian Code for Reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves' ("JORC Code"). Mr Prentice consents to the inclusion in this report of the matters based on his information in the form and context in which it appears

The information in this report that relates to Mineral Resources is based on information compiled by Mr Grant Louw. Mr Louw is a Principal Consultant with CSA Global and a Member of the Australian Institute of Geoscientists. Mr Louw has sufficient experience relevant to the styles of mineralisation and types of deposits which are covered in this report and to the activity which he is undertaking to qualify as a Competent Person as defined in the 2012 edition of the 'Australasian Code for Reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves' ("JORC Code"). Mr Louw consents to the inclusion in this report of the matters based on his information in the form and context in which it appears.

The information that relates to Ore Reserves is based on information compiled by Mr Daniel Grosso and reviewed by Mr Karl van Olden, both employees of CSA Global Pty Ltd. Mr van Olden takes overall responsibility for the Report as Competent Person. Mr van Olden is a Fellow of The Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy and has sufficient experience, which is relevant to the style of mineralisation and type of deposit under consideration, and to the activity he is undertaking, to qualify as Competent Person in terms of the JORC (2012 Edition). The Competent Person, Karl van Olden has reviewed the Ore Reserve statement and given permission for the publication of this information in the form and context within which it appears.

The information in this report that relates to the Processing and Metallurgy for the Gabanintha project is based on and fairly represents, information and supporting documentation compiled by Mr Brett Morgan and reviewed by Mr Damian Connelly, both employees of METS Engineering Group Pty Ltd. Mr Connelly takes overall responsibility for the Report as Competent Person. Mr Connelly is a Fellow of The Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy and has sufficient experience, which is relevant to the style of mineralisation and type of deposit under consideration, and to the activity which he is undertaking, to qualify as a Competent Person as defined in the 2012 edition of the 'Australasian Code for Reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves'. The Competent Person, Damian Connelly consents to the inclusion in the report of the matters based on his information in the form and context in which it appears.

All currency amounts are in AUD\$ unless stated otherwise.

### **Corporate Overview**

**TMT** 

**ASX Code** 

\$18.4m

Market Cap

2.75m

Unlisted Options (\$0.35 – 12/01/21) \$2.0m

Cash as at 31 March 2020

108.1m

Total Shares on Issue

8.25m

Unlisted Options \* (\$0.20 – 10/05/23)

Holder	Holdings
Great Southern Flour Mills P/L	14.0%
Mr Chris Retzos	6.7%
Buxiao Yu	4.7%
Station Nominees P/L	4.7%
Colin David Iles	3.0%

<sup>\*</sup> Director and employee options – 50% vest on grant of mining licence, 50% vest on Gabanintha FID

### **Board and Management**





**Ian Prentice**Managing Director

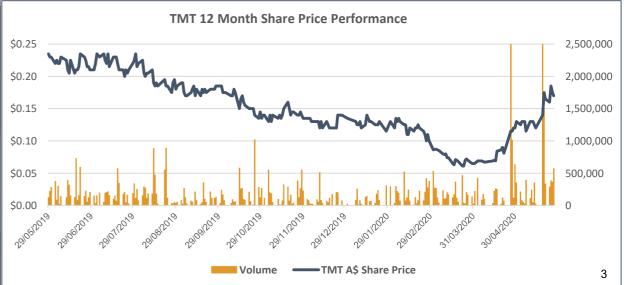


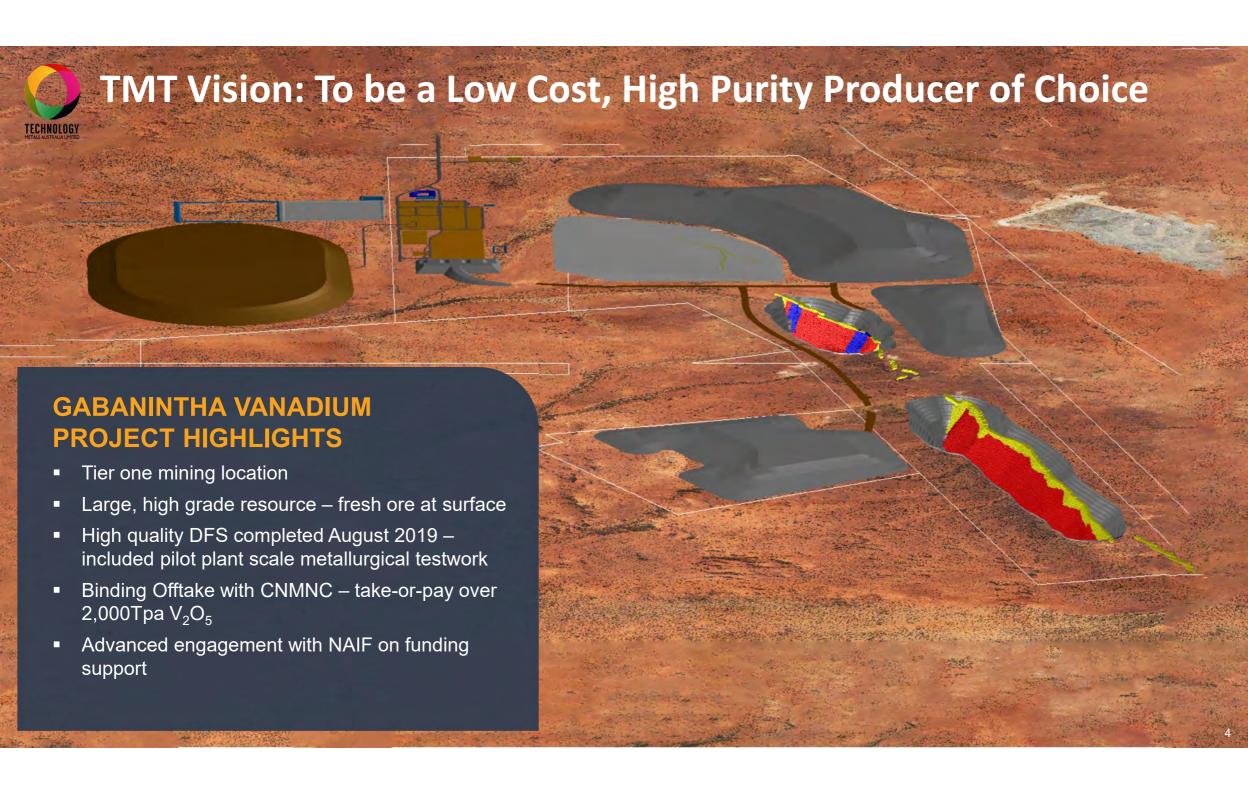
**David English**Project Director

Michael Fry
Non-Exec Chairman

Sonu Cheema Non-Exec Director / Co Secretary









### **Pre-eminent Location**

- Excellent infrastructure sealed National Highway from Perth passes within 30km of the project.
- Gas pipeline MOU with DDG Operating (AGIG) to develop Build Own Operate proposal.
- Water supply from northern paleochannel borefield in TMT tenure proximal to plant location.
- Integrated mining, beneficiation and processing facility maximises benefits for all stakeholders.
- Access to ports (Geraldton and/or Fremantle) via sealed highway.
- Regionally and nationally significant development project.





# August 2019 DFS - Outcomes<sup>1</sup>















**OPEX** 



**MINE LIFE** 



CAPITAL COSTS



**PAYBACK** 





### Offtake Agreements - Binding and MoU

# CNMNC a subsidiary of China Nonferrous Metal Mining Group Company.

- Binding take-or-pay offtake for 2,000Tpa (4.4Mlb pa) ~16% of annual production.
- Three year term with three-year extension.
- Pricing referenced to the published European and Chinese domestic prices.
- Progressing discussions with sister company,
   NFC, on EPC and scope for funding solutions.

### Shaanxi Fengyuan offtake MOU over 3,000Tpa.

- Take-or-pay ~24% of annual production.
- Five-year term with five-year extension.

Big Pawer offtake MOU over 1,000Tpa take-orpay and up to 5,000 Tpa

Offtake discussions progressing with a range of other counterparties across a range of industries and jurisdictions.





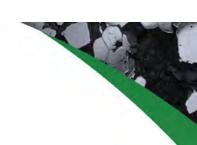
### **MOU with Big Pawer – Leading VRFB Company**

- Big Pawer Electrical Technology Xiangyang is one of the World's leading VRFB research, development and manufacturing companies.
- Aim to establish a JV to produce vanadium electrolyte and develop VRFB manufacturing in Australia.
- Utilising Big Pawer's proprietary VRFB technology and TMT's premium high purity vanadium product.
- Big Pawer to provide its proprietary VRFB technology exclusively in Australia to the JV.
- Provides scope to participate in downstream processing and support development of Australian VRFB industry.





# **Primary Use of Vanadium is in Steel**







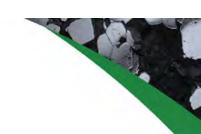
### **VRFBs** – The Solution for Grid Storage



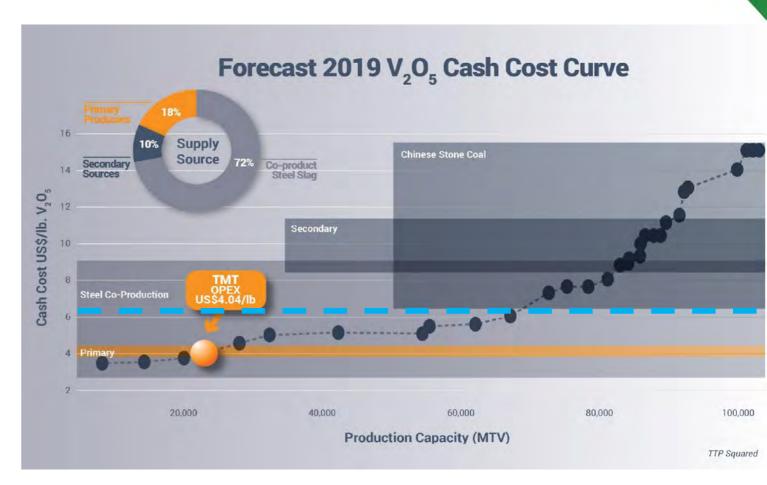
- Grid scale stationary storage solutions peak shaving, regulating load frequency, driving grid efficiency.
- Ideally suited to renewable energy contributing to the efficient roll out of green energy able to time-shift large amounts of previously generated energy.
- Lifespan of +20 years with very high cycle life (up to 20,000 cycles) and no capacity loss.
- Can discharge to 100% with no performance degradation with excellent long term charge retention.
- Only one battery element vanadium is anode and cathode unique among flow batteries.
- Easily scalable into large MW applications; expandable by simply adding more electrolyte storage capacity.
- Non-flammable enhanced safety.



### **Vanadium Market Dynamics**



- China net importer of vanadium in late 2019 – first time in 10 years.
- Price environment removed some of the higher cost / highly polluting Chinese supply.
- Tightening domestic Chinese market due to increased consumption in steel.
- COVID-19 impacts expecting further stimulus spending on infrastructure.
- Current pricing very supportive of VRFB roll out – Dalian battery!
- Gabanintha lowest quartile costs at US\$ $4.04/lb* V_2O_5$ .
- All In Sustaining Cost estimate of US\$5.75/lb  $V_2O_5$ .

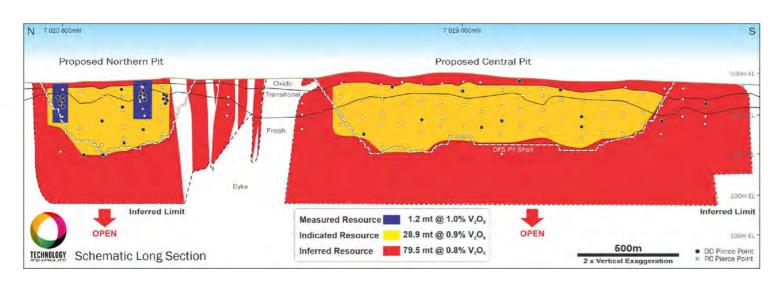


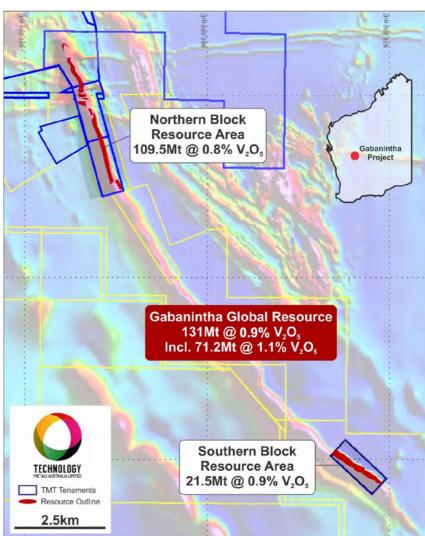
<sup>\*</sup> TMT operating costs do not incorporate any revenue benefits that may be generated from by-product credits, such as base metal production



### Open Pit Mining ... opportunity for >20 year mine life

- DFS mine life of 16 years based on Northern Block Ore Reserve of 29.6Mt at  $0.88\% V_2O_5$ .
- Southern Tenement (current high grade resource of 10.4Mt @ 1.1%  $V_2O_5$ ) clear scope to add material mine life.
- Southern extension of Central Pit convert inferred resources.
- Northern Block open pits limited by drilling the economic extent of the open pits have not been reached.

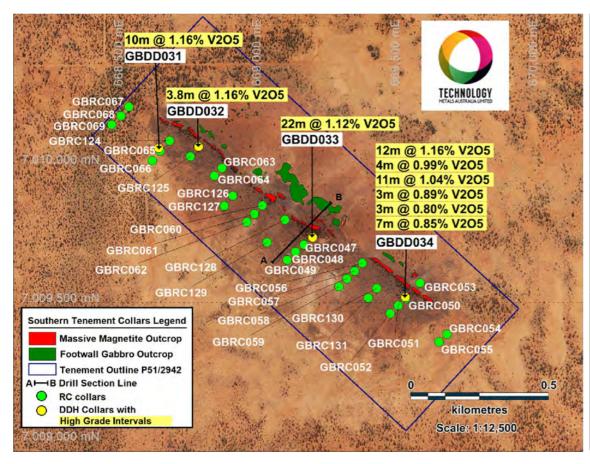


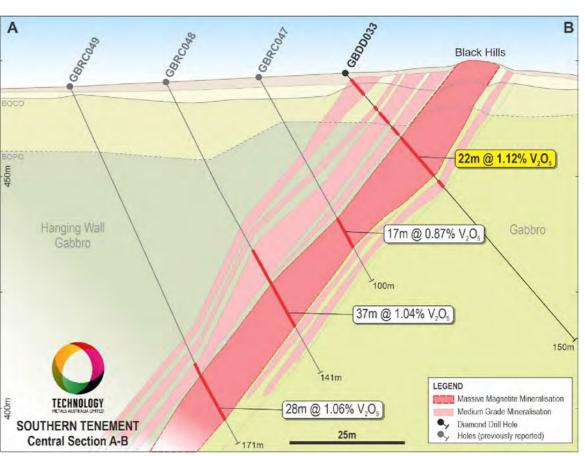




## Southern Tenement – Resource Update Underway









### **Project Development Activities**

### **MINE LIFE**





- Southern Tenement resource update –
   mine life extension to >20 years.
- Expanding offtake volumes, vanadium market engagement, VRFB strategy.
- Western Australian Government Lead Agency Support
  - Mining licence grant.
  - Environmental approvals.
  - Future battery industry strategy.
- Northern Australia Infrastructure Facility (NAIF) engagement – part of strategic funding approach.
- Equipment vendor engagement funding implications.
- Engagement with AGIG (+NAIF) to progress development of gas pipeline infrastructure.









### **Investment Case**

- ✓ **Leveraged** to structural change in the vanadium industry.
- ✓ **Delivering** offtake and partner engagement underpinned by high quality DFS.
- ✓ Globally Significant low cost, large scale and long life vanadium project.
- ✓ **Stable** operating environment with excellent infrastructure and access to services.
- ✓ Team in place focused on progressing the project to maximise shareholder value.

**ASX: TMT; FRA: TN6** 











### One of The Highest Grade Deposits in the World\*

- High grade resource in consistent basal massive magnetite, within Global Resource of 131Mt at 0.9% V<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>
- Measured and Indicated Resource of 30Mt at 0.9% V<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> (Northern Block only) delivers Proven and Probable Reserve of 29.6Mt at 0.9% V<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> an extremely high 98% tonnage conversion
- Northern Block Resource of 109.5Mt at 0.8% V<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> with **96.5% high yielding transitional and fresh ore**

MINING RESERVE
29.6Mt @ 0.88% V <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub>
MASSIVE MAGNETITE RESOURCE
71.2Mt @ 1.1% V <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub>

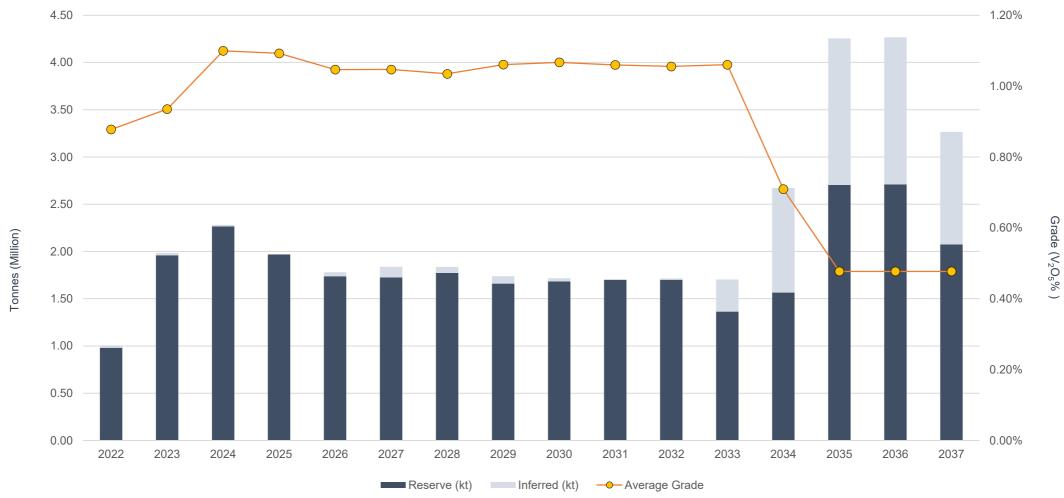
Material Type	Classification	Tonnage (Mt)	V <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> %	Fe%	Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> %	SiO <sub>2</sub> %	TiO <sub>2</sub> %	LOI%	P%	<b>s</b> %
	Measured (North)	1.2	1.0	44.7	6.2	10.4	11.4	0.0	0.009	0.2
	Indicated (North)	18.5	1.1	49.1	5.2	5.8	12.9	-0.1	0.007	0.2
Massive	Inferred (North)	41	1.1	47.7	5.6	7.1	12.6	0.3	0.008	0.2
Magnetite	Inferred (South)	10.4	1.1	49.1	4.9	5.9	12.6	-0.4	0.004	0.3
	Total Inferred	51.5	1.1	48.0	5.5	6.9	12.6	0.1	0.007	0.2
	Massive Global	71.2	1.1	48.2	5.4	6.7	12.7	0.1	0.007	0.2
	Indicated (North)	10.3	0.6	28.6	13.1	25.5	7.5	3.0	0.030	0.2
Disseminated	Inferred (North)	38.5	0.5	27.1	12.7	27.4	6.9	3.3	0.027	0.2
/ Banded	Inferred (South)	11.1	0.6	30.2	11.9	23.4	7.7 2.4 0.012	0.4		
Magnetite	Total Inferred	49.6	0.6	27.8	12.5	26.5	7.1	3.1	0.024	0.2
	Diss / Band Global	59.9	0.6	27.9	12.6	26.4	7.2	3.1	0.025	0.2
Combined	Measured + Indicated + Inferred	131	0.9	39.0	8.7	15.7	10.1	1.4	0.015	0.2

Note: The Mineral Resource was estimated within constraining wireframe solids using a nominal 0.9% V205 lower cut-off grade for the basal massive magnetite zone and using a nominal 0.4% V2O5 lower cut-off grade for the banded and disseminated mineralisation zones. The Mineral Resource is quoted from all classified blocks within these wireframe solids above a lower cut-off grade of 0.4% V205. Differences may occur due to rounding

<sup>\* -</sup> Refer TMT ASX approuncement dated 29 March 2019 for full details of the mineral resource estimation



### **ROM Feed in Excess of 1%**<sup>1</sup>

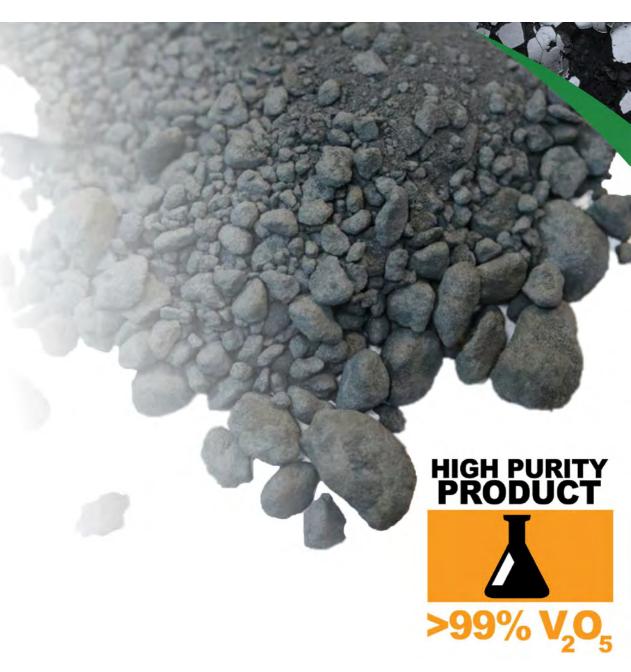


Annual Crusher Feed Showing Feed Grade and Tonnage plus Distribution of Inferred Mineral Resources (Process feed post 2033 sourced from low grade stockpiles built up over LOM)



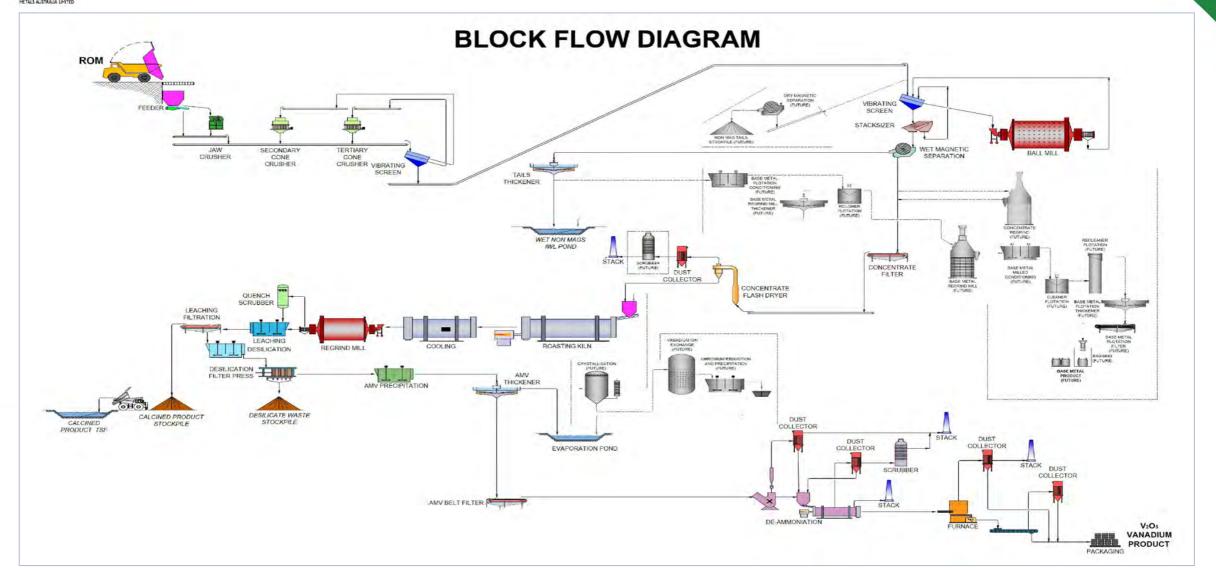
### August 19 DFS – Processing<sup>1</sup>

- 1. Crushing & Screening ROM ore is crushed down to an 80% passing size of 8mm
- 2. Grinding & Wet Magnetic Separation material ground down to an 80% passing size of 0.25mm, followed by wet magnetic separation to remove finely liberated gangue from the vanadium-bearing magnetite
- 3. Roasting the vanadium-bearing magnetite concentrate is roasted with a sodium-based salt to convert the V2O5 to water soluble sodium metavanadate. Pilot scale kiln test work completed by FLSmidth informed engineering and operating parameters
- 4. Leaching & Precipitation the sodium metavanadate is leached out of the roasted product with water followed by re-precipitation of the vanadium in the form of ammonium metavanadate
- 5. De-ammoniation & Calcination the ammonia is removed from the precipitated product to form a vanadium pentoxide powder / flake product
- 6. Packaging package the saleable product to meet the requirements for offtake



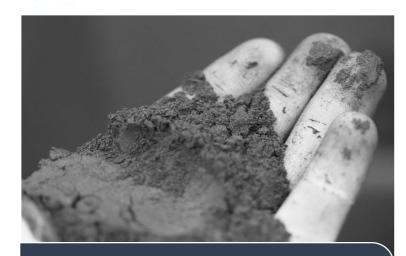


## **Processing Flow Sheet**





## **Pilot Test Work De-Risks Project and Confirms Scalability**



### **CONFIRMS VERY HIGH YIELD TO MAGNETIC CONCENTRATE**

11.5T bulk sample processed through Crushing Milling Beneficiation pilot plant

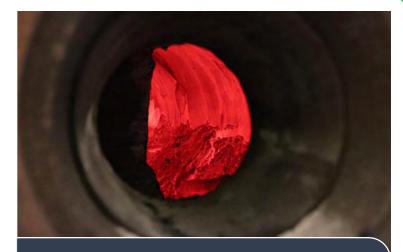
Confirmed very high yield to magnetic concentrate with low deleterious elements



### **PILOT SCALE KILN TESTWORK CONFIRMS VERY HIGH RECOVERY RATES**

7.5T of magnetic concentrate processed through pilot scale rotary kiln delivered average vanadium recovery of 88.6%

Confirms end-to-end vanadium recovery of 77% for fresh massive magnetite ore



### **DFS INCORPORATES KILN DESIGN AND OPERATING PARAMETERS**

Pilot scale salt roast / kiln testwork completed by kiln experts FLSmidth

FLSmidth provided kiln design and operating parameter inputs for DFS



### **August 19 DFS**

# - Material Physical Assumptions & Anticipated Outputs\*





Key Metric	Unit	DFS
Average V <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> Production Rate	Mlb Per Annum	27.9
Targeted Production Commencement	Year	2022
Estimated Mine / Processing Life	Years	+16
Life of Mine Production	Mlb V <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub>	447.1
Processing Rate – ROM (Yrs 1 – 12)	Mtpa	1.7 - 2.3
Estimated mineralisation to be mined	Mt	35.7
Average LOM Strip Ratio		4.3
Average Diluted Mining Grade (LOM)	% V <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub>	0.83
Average Plant Feed Grade (Yrs 1 -12)	% V <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub>	1.04
Average Yield to Mag Con (Yrs $1 - 12$ ) <sup>1</sup>	%	71
Average V Recovery (Yrs 1 – 12) <sup>1</sup>	%	70

Conservative throughput and recovery ramp up assumptions of +2 years.

Operating parameters based on the lower end of the range of parameters defined from pilot scale test work.

Kiln pilot scale test work completed by industry leading kiln supplier FLSmidth.

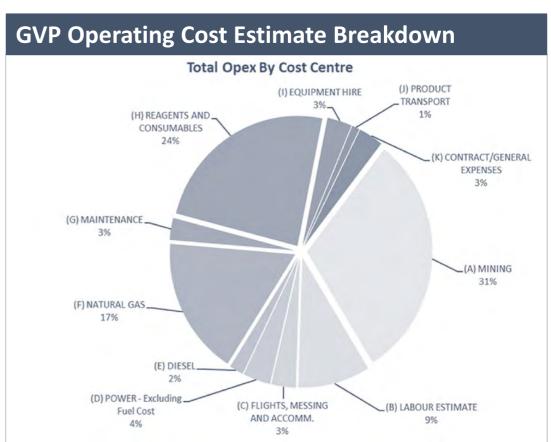


<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Includes two year ramp up period, and blended transitional / partly oxidised feed in the early years



# **Process Plant Capex and Operating Cost Breakdown**

GVP DFS <sup>1</sup> Major Capital Areas	Total (A\$)
Mining	185,107
Process Plant	169,269,827
Tailings Facility	21,568,006
Infrastructure	45,940,142
Services	28,660,977
Other Items (Spares, First Fills etc.)	6,354,685
Indirects (EPCM, Owners Costs, Insurances etc.)	132,341,850
CAPEX EXCLUDING CONTINGENCY	\$404,320,593
CONTINGENCY	\$49,485,583
CAPEX INCLUDING CONTINGENCY	\$453,806,176

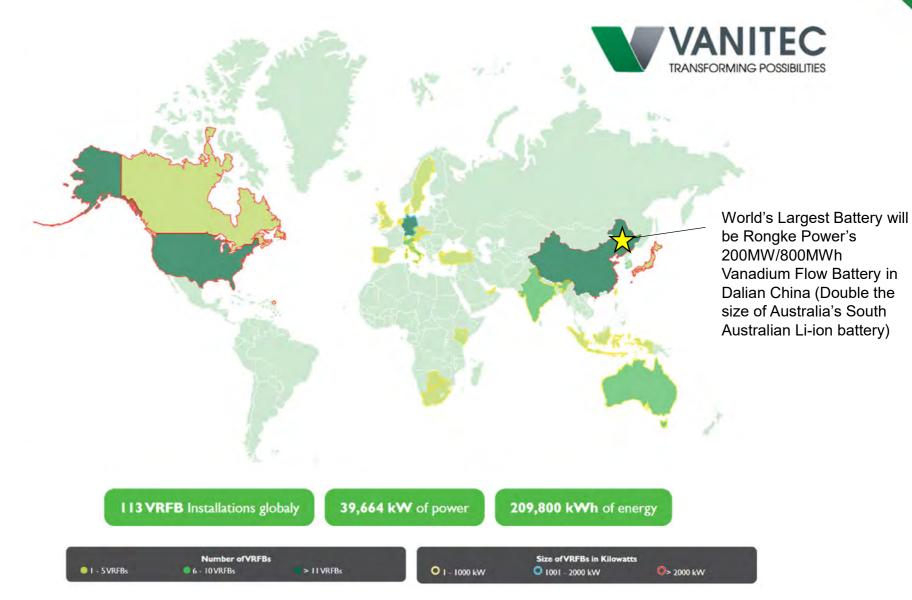




## **Globally - 113 VRFB Installations and growing**

	Country	VRFBs	kW	kWh
0	Australia	7	945	4,629.90
•	Barbuda	1	3,000	12,000.00
	Botswana	1	112	560.00
•	Canada	3	2,500	10,000.00
	China	17	15,825	48,005.00
	Czech Rep.	3	47	209.90
•	Denmark	3	40	260.00
0	Germany	15	1,530	86,190.00
0	India	4	155	740.15
•	Indonesia	2	400	500.00
0	Italy	5	631	2,610.00
•	Japan	5	2,330	7,481.00
	Netherlands	1	10	80.00
	Portugal	5	5	60.00
•	Singapore	1	250	2,000.00
	Slovenia	1	10	45.00
	South Africa	2	745	2,950.00
	South Korea	5	1,250	4,900.00
	Spain	4	220	800.00
	Sweden	1	800	1,800.00
	Switzerland	2	210	460.00
	U. Kingdom	5	805	5,180.00
	USA	17	7,418	33,173.70
	Austria	- 1	14	84.00
•	Kenya	1	140	84.00
•	Slovakia	2	107	640.00
	UAE		10	40.00
	Taiwan	1	125	750.00
	Turkey	1	10	40.00

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### Australia - 6 Installations, 50MW Battery in Development

- Australia is adopting VRFBs as a viable alternative to lithium-iron batteries for large scale stationary storage applications.
- A large 50MW/200MWh VRFB battery linked to a 50MW solar farm to be built as part of the Pangea Storage Project in Port Augusta, South Australia.
- This will be an important point of reference for VRFBs, increasing exposure and proving long lived grid scale application <a href="https://www.cellcubeenergystorage.com/cube-press-release-5142019">https://www.cellcubeenergystorage.com/cube-press-release-5142019</a>.

Size	Location	Company	Year	Site	Standalone / Network
30kW, 130kWh	Sydney, NSW	CellCube	2015	University of NSW Standalone	
0kW, 100kWh	Busselton, WA	VSUN	2016	Native tree nursery	Standalone
25kW, 100kWh	Perth, WA	Protean Energy	2018	Industrial site	Standalone
30kW, 320kWh	Meredith, VIC	VSUN	2019	Dairy Farm	Standalone
OkW, 80kWh	Packenham, VIC	VSUN	2019	Orchard	Standalone
80kW, 900kWh	Melbourne, VIC	RedT	2018	Monash University	Network
n Construction /	Planned				
0MW, 200MWh	Port Augusta, SA	CellCube	2020	Pangea Storage Project	Network
Jnknown	East Pilbara, WA	VSUN	2020	Strelly Community School	Standalone