

# METALLICA MINERALS

CAPE YORK HMS & Bauxite

> SCONI Ni-Co & Sc

**Emerging Resource Developer to Producer** 

**≅Sydney**Resources**Round-up** 

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- A key conclusion of the **Feasibility Study (FS)** which is based on forward looking statements is that the Urquhart HMS Project is considered to have positive economic potential project development funding has been through a Joint Venture with Ozore resources and the project is intended to be developed.

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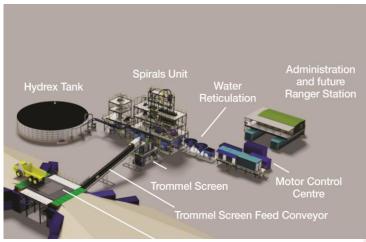


Metallica Minerals Limited (ASX: MLM) is an Australian zircon-rutile, bauxite and nickel-cobalt-scandium resource development and exploration Company.

The Company's core projects are:

- Cape York HMS and Bauxite Project JV
   (MLM 60%, Ozore 40% progressing to 50%)
- SCONI Nickel-Cobalt-Scandium Project

(100% MLM seeking partners)



HMS Processing Plant under construction ASX:MLM

Weipa (Urquhart) pisolitic Bauxite

Greenvale Nickel Laterite exposure



#### Cape York HMS & Bauxite Project JV\*

3 separate project components;

#### **Urquhart HMS Project**

 HMS process plant under construction in South Africa completion (mid May) and scheduled production Sept 2015

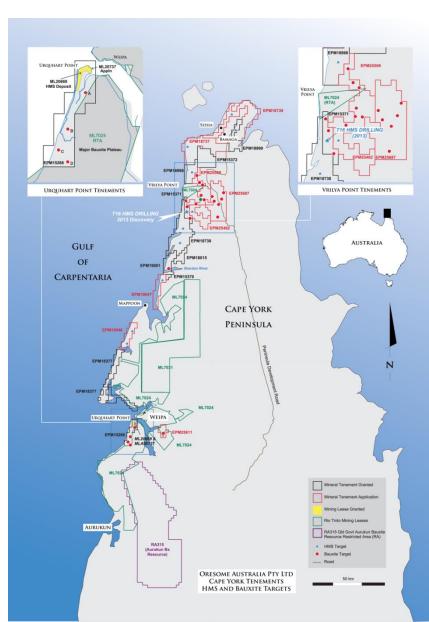
#### **Urquhart Bauxite Project**

- Maiden JORC Inferred Resource
- Direct Shipping Bauxite (DSB) confirmed
- Export quality high available alumina and moderate reactive silica confirmed Area A
- Late 2016 production target

#### Regional HMS & Bauxite Project

 Over 2,500km² tenements held which cover numerous HM sand and laterite bauxite targets

<sup>\*</sup> Metallica Minerals holds 60% with Ozore Resources Pty Ltd ASX:MLM holding 40% (earning a total of 50%)





## **Urquhart HMS Project Overview**

- First zircon-rutile HMC production scheduled for September 2015
- Simple mine (<3m depth), basic 110tph (270ktpa) processing (wet gravity spirals), barge & ship operation
- Supply Contract signed with Consulmet (South Africa) – fixed plant price ~\$3.7M
- Construction to commence on site in July 2015
- Expected total establishment cost
   (P & E) \$6.5-7M
- HM Offtake in advanced negotiations
- First 18 months HMS feed ~14% HM

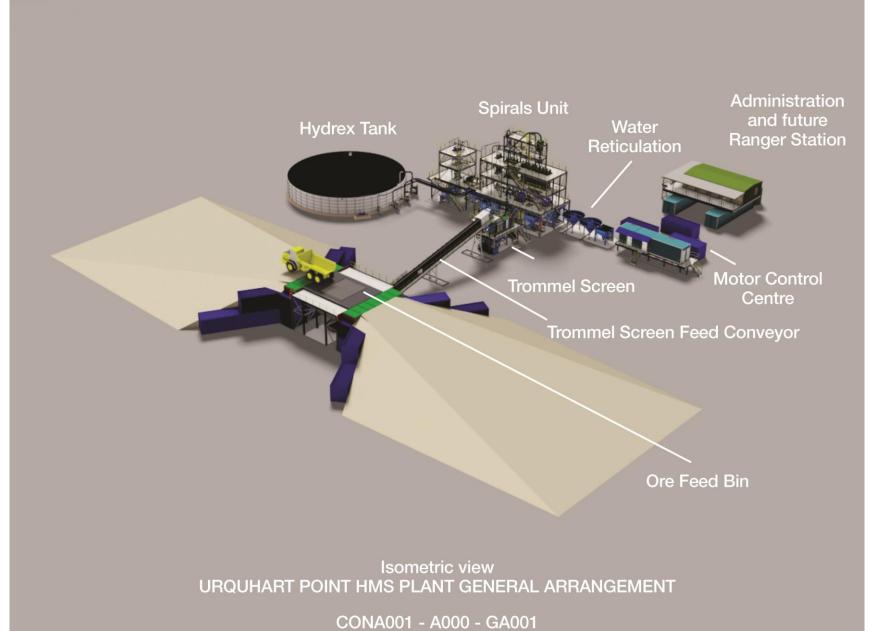




Urguhart Plant Site and infrastructure preparation for plant delivery

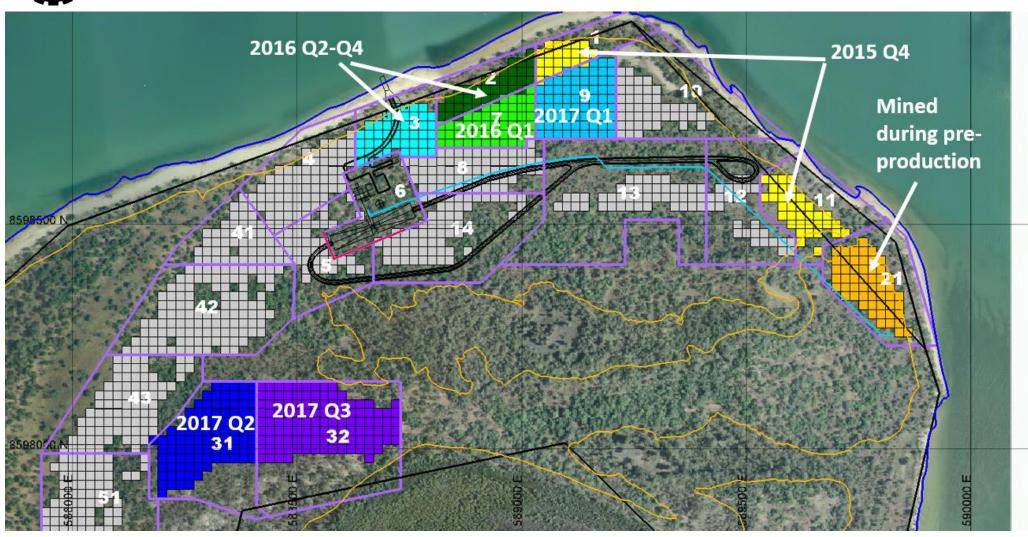


## Urquhart HMS Plant/Processing Site Layout





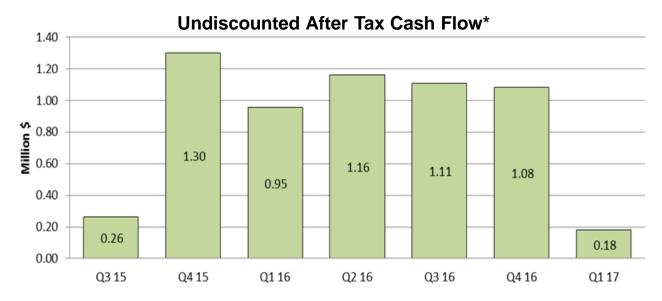
## **Urquhart HMS Proposed Mine Schedule**





#### **Urquhart HMS Financial Metrics**

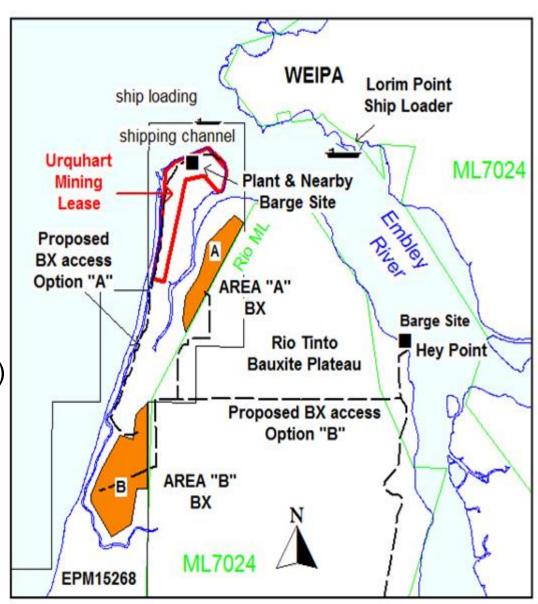
- Financial Model revised due to lower current zircon-rutile (+/- ilmenite) prices
- Mining Schedule revised with High Grade access & stockpiling
- High Feed grade 14% HM feed (first 18 months)
- 30% plus VHM (zircon-rutile) assemblage
- Long term HM pricing outlook unchanged
- Cash flow from after tax of \$6M in 7 Quarters





### **Urquhart Bauxite Project**

- Maiden JORC compliant Inferred Resource released
- 7.5Mt @ 51% Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>, 16.3% SiO<sub>2</sub>
   (see ASX Release 11 May 2015)
- Majority Direct Shipping Bauxite (DSB) Area A
- Area A includes higher grade portion 4Mt @ 53% Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>, 13% SiO<sub>2</sub>, 40% available alumina (AAL) and 4.9% reactive silica (RxSi) (from low temperature (150°c) digestion)
- Permitting, Environmental Studies commenced
- Pathway to late 2016 targeted production (subject to permitting & funding)

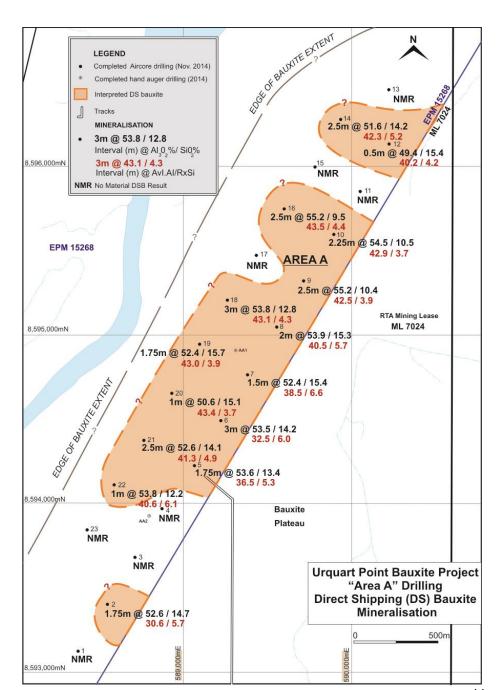






#### Urquhart Bauxite Area A

- High grade pisolitic bauxite in 21 of 23 drill hole program
- Direct Shipping Bauxite (DSB) Insitu (unscreened) average grade was 53.3% Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>, 13.0% SiO<sub>2</sub> with average thickness of ~2m
- 40.6% AAL, & 4.9% RxSi
- Bauxite deposit ~12km from sheltered waters (Urquhart or Hey Point) ideal for simple barge to ship export operation





## **Bauxite Development Strategy**

- Bauxite quality test results confirm the DSB product is suitable for export
- Proposed straight forward mine-truck-barge-ship operation
- Internal Scoping or Conceptual Development Study to be completed in June
- Project is being planned as a 1.5-2Mtpa shallow mining (<7m depth), short trucking (~12km), barge to ship (2km) operation
- Expected very low operating costs and low capital requirements



Example of bauxite mining in Western Cape York.

Metallica-Ozore JV is planning to be a new bauxite miner and exporter in the Weipa bauxite province

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## Australian Bauxite Companies – Listed Junior Developers

ASX	Bauxite	Close	Shares on	Market	Core Bauxite Projects and	Ownership	Cash	Implied
Code	Company	price	Issue	Cap (A\$M)	Location	Bx Project	(A\$M) as at	Bauxite
	Name	cents (c)	(M)				31 March15	Project
								EV*
ABX	Australian	30.0	140.5	42.2	Bald Hills & Fingal Rail Projects -	100%	3.6	38.6
	Bauxite Ltd				Tasmania			
					Binjour, QLD			
BAU	Bauxite	7.6	231.9	17.6	Fortuna - Felicitas Project, WA	30-100%	23.9	-6.3 <sup>(1)</sup>
	Resources				NT Project locations			
	Ltd							
QBL	Queensland	1.3	714.0	9.3	South Johnstone, N QLD	100%	6.5	2.8
	Bauxite Ltd							
MLM	Metallica	6.0	166.9	9.7	Urquhart Bauxite – Weipa	60-50%	2.1	7.6
	Minerals Ltd				Western Cape York Regional			
MMI	Metro	8.5	288.7	24.5	Bauxite Hills – Skardon River CY	100%	4.6	19.9
	Mining Ltd				Western Cape York Regional			

Note \* the Enterprise Value is very simplistic and implied value for bauxite project(s) does not allow for other mineral projects in the company

(1) Cash position exceeds company's market capitalisation



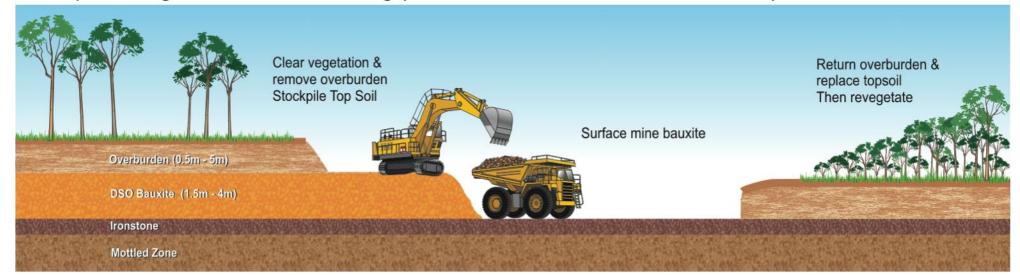
#### Why invest in the Junior Bauxite Sector?

- Bauxite is a value & growth sector with solid demand/supply/price market attractive fundamentals
- Shortage of bauxite supply to China very positive market fundamentals
- China lost ¾ of import bauxite supply from Indonesia, (chances Indonesia overturning ban are remote)
- China Bx stockpiles being rapidly depleted, expect remaining Indonesian Bx exhausted soon — Bx is essential for their Aluminium industry — where is the bauxite going to come from to fill the gap? what happens next?
- China bauxite (and aluminium) demand growing Australia is a close reliable supplier (currently just Rio – Weipa/Gove)
- Rio's Weipa & Gove and will continue to be a major supplier, only other DSB companies comprise handful of bauxite companies (each in 1 2 Mtpa range)
- Large scale additional Direct Shipping Bauxite (DSB) supply (>10Mt) companies will be from Weipa, Gove, Guinea (West Africa)
- Low number of advanced bauxite projects in the pipeline
- DSB simple, low CAPEX, low OPEX (expect projects to have <u>high margins</u>)



## Direct Shipping Bauxite (DSB) Opportunity

Simple Mining - Shallow and Free Dig (Continous/Simultaneous Rehabilitation)





Example of simple shallow mining of bauxite ASX:MLM



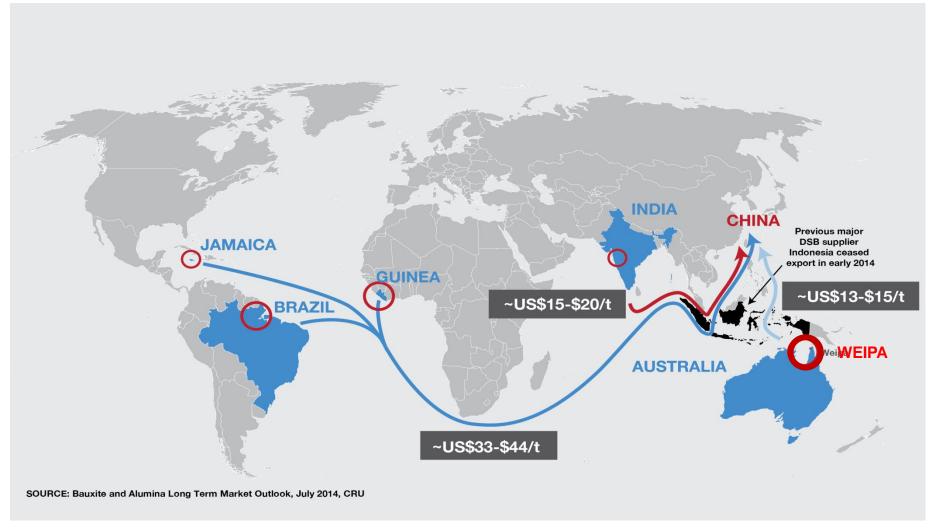
Barge landing at Urquhart Point



Example of barge transhipment



## Weipa Bauxite <u>Advantage</u> Well Known Quality, Coastal & Close to China

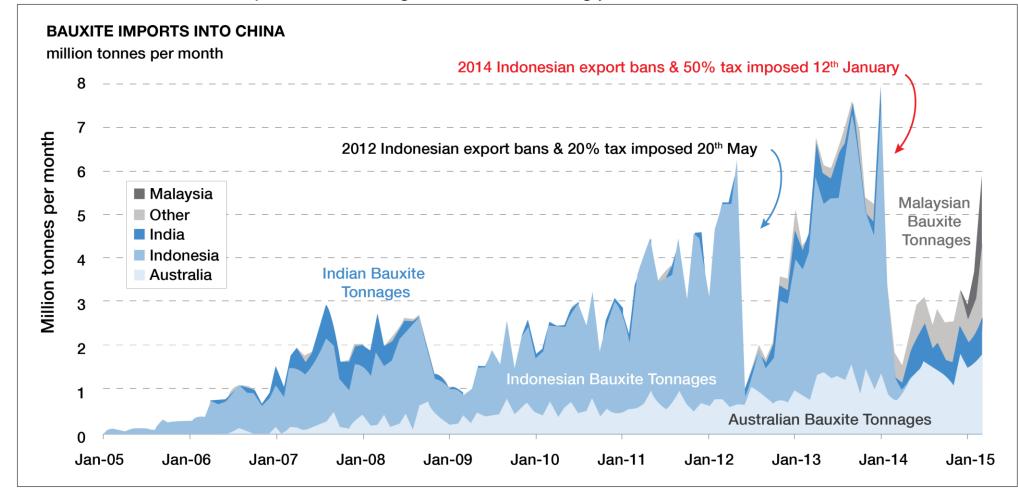


Western Cape York bauxite is located close to the coast and international shipping, lowering operating and transport costs, with ready access to ship-borne trade to China or the Middle East



### **Bauxite Imports into China**

China's major supplier of bauxite Indonesia (3/4 supply 2013/14) ceased exports January 2014 - Chinese stockpiles diminishing - China increasingly needs bauxite



Increasingly bauxite demand and prices are expected to intensify due to the simultaneous major reduction in bauxite supply from Indonesia, and increased demand for alumina to supply rising aluminium production and consumption in China. India and Middle East.



#### Regional HMS & Bauxite Potential

- 2,500km² prospective tenure along 300 km coastal belt
- Underexplored, potential for zircon rich HMS deposits
- Bauxite Exploration Target\* 42-128Mt identified at Vrilya area 70km north of Weipa (see table below)
- Further HMS and Bauxite exploration in 2015 (subject to funding)
- Numerous exciting HMS & bauxite targets

Project	Permit	Discrete Targets	Insitu mineralization tonnage range Mt <sup>2</sup>	Total Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> % <sup>3</sup>	Total SiO₂ %³
Urquhart	EPM15268	2	5 to 10	43-55	5-18
Vrilya	EPM15371	3	2 to 6	40-47	Insufficient data <sup>1</sup>
Vrilya	EPMA25509	7	12 to 36	40-48	10-191
Vrilya East	EPMA25687	3	28 to 86	40-43	Insufficient data <sup>1</sup>
	TOTAL	15	47 to 138		

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> previous exploration reports SiO<sub>2</sub> data incomplete

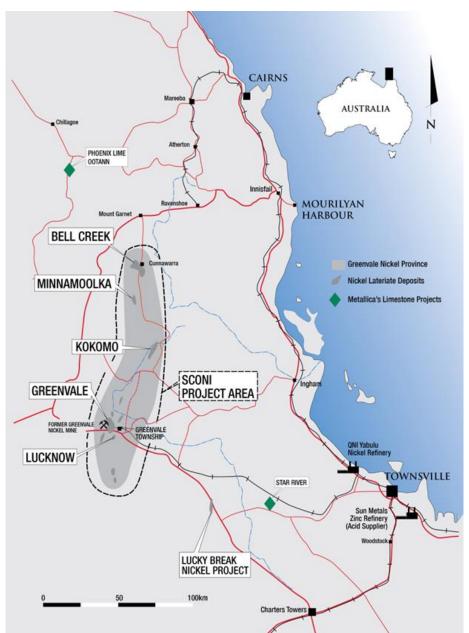
<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> range based on measured areas of target plateaus, minimum thickness of >0.5m bauxite, estimated average thickness of 1.5m from previous exploration data and bulk density value of 1.5

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> based on screened sample assay results

## SCONI Nickel-Cobalt-Scandium Project -100% MLM

- Ideal location historical Greenvale nickel mine (40Mt 1974 – 92)
- Established JORC Resources (see 2014 Annual Report)
- Close proximity to industrial services
   Townsville & Mourilyan Ports
- Good metallurgical oretypes
- own Sc recovery & purification IP (100%)
- Low environmental impact & strong community support
- Currently in negotiations for a JV

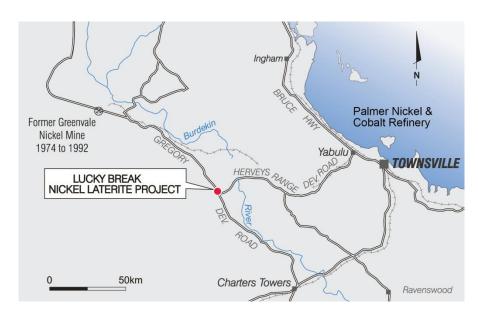






## Lucky Break Nickel Project

- Queensland Nickel Pty Ltd (QN) commenced mining, screening, stockpiling & trucking operations at Dingo Dam Ni laterite deposit
- 17,000 tonnes ore stockpiled in April
- Ore to be trucked to the Palmer Nickel and Cobalt Refinery in Townsville
- \$250,000 Royalty payment received in January
- Further \$200,000 due in September
- A further payment of \$200,000 should
   QN mine more than 60,000t





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#### New Projects - Graphite & Silica Sand

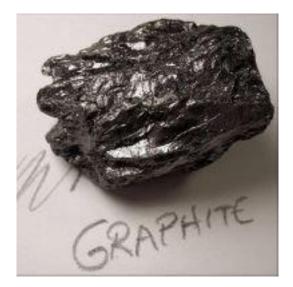


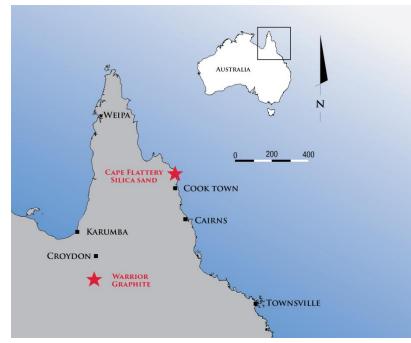
- 3 large EPMA's South of Croydon
- Significant graphite drilled 2006 testing major EM targets for Cu-Ni Sulphides
- Project relinquished in 2007 and reapplied for in late 2014 (for graphite)
- Highly prospective for graphite mineralisation hosted within granitoid rocks "Graphite in Granite"

#### **Cape Flattery Silica Sands – 100%**

- 200km north of Cairns
- Tenement adjacent to Cape Flattery Silica Mines Pty Ltd which operates the world's largest silica sand mine

Seeking JV Partners







#### Corporate & Contact Details

#### **Issued Capital** (31 March 15)

Shares Issued I 166.9M (Market Cap \$10M) Unlisted Options I 2M Shareholders I 2,056 Top 20 hold I 59.46%

#### **Largest Shareholders**

Jien Mining Pty Ltd I 24.0% Victorian Ferries Pty Ltd I 10.4% Golden Breed Pty Ltd I 5.3% Bondline Ltd I 2.9%

#### **Board of Directors**

David K Barwick I Chairman Andrew L Gillies I Managing Director Barry Casson I Non-Executive Director Shu Wu I Non-Executive Director (Shu Zhang I Alternate Non-Exec)

#### **Cash Balance**

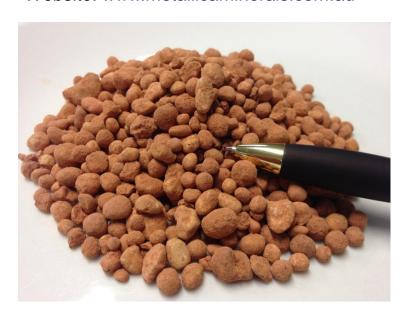
\$2.1M (31/03/2015) No debt

#### **Management Team**

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