

## METALLICA MINERALS LIMITED

## **INVESTOR UPDATE**

March 2016



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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 and project development funding has been through a Joint Venture with Ozore Resources.

Technical information contained in this report has been compiled by Metallica Minerals Non-Executive Director Mr Andrew Gillies B.Sc. & M. AUSIMM, who is a <u>competent person</u> & a member of the Australasian Institute of Mining & Metallurgy & have relevant experience to the mineralisation being reported on to qualify as Competent Persons as defined by the Australasian Code for Reporting of Minerals Resources & Reserves. Mr Gillies consents to the inclusion in this presentation of the matters based on the information in the form & context in which it appears.

\*Exploration Target - The potential quantity and grade of the bauxite deposits are conceptual in nature. There is insufficient information at this time to define a mineral resource and there is no certainty that further exploration will result in the determination of a mineral resource in these areas.

For further detailed information on the content of this presentation please also refer to the following ASX Releases dated: 20 May, 17 June & 24 June & 11 July, 1 & 27 August, 29 & 30 September, Annual Report 6 October, 25 November, 3 December 2014. 21 January, 3 and 26 February, 7 April, Quarterly Report 30 April, 11 May, 17 & 25 June, 9, 15 & 28 July, Quarterly Report 29 July, 15, 21, 28 September, 6 October, 5 November, 10 December 2015, 22 January 2016 and Quarterly Report 28 January.



## **Highlights**

- Developing the Urquhart Direct Shipping Bauxite Project
  - Planning to commence production in early 2017 with minimal capex
  - Ramp up to 1.5 2mtpa to deliver sustainable free cash flow
  - Negotiating access to preferred logistics solution
  - Strong supply and demand fundamentals supporting development
- Spectacular<sup>1</sup> graphite intersections at the 100% owned Esmeralda Graphite Project
  - WD001 95 m @ 6.5% Cg<sup>2</sup> from 71m
  - WD002 29.1 m @ 7.8%1Cg² from 71.9m, including 7.1 m @ 12.9% Cg
- Monetising non-core assets—\$1.9 million<sup>3</sup> announced in the past 6 months
  - Still to receive \$900,000 mid year
- Tight capital structure with no debt
- Keenly priced Renounceable Rights Issue
  - 42% discount on last trade and 62% to 3 month VWAP
  - Free attaching Option
  - Raise \$2 million before fees



#### Capital Structure

Shares on issue 167.4m

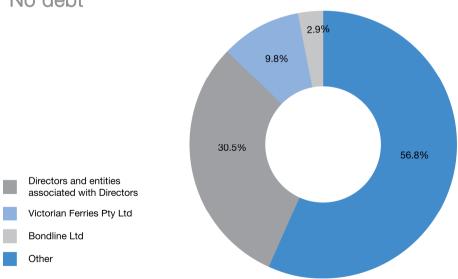
Options on issue 8m

Share price (2 March 2016) A\$0.05

Market capitalisation A\$8.4m

Cash at 31 Dec 2015 A\$0.83m

No debt



#### Board and Management

Barry Casson

Simon Slesarewich

Andrew Gillies

Non-Executive Officer

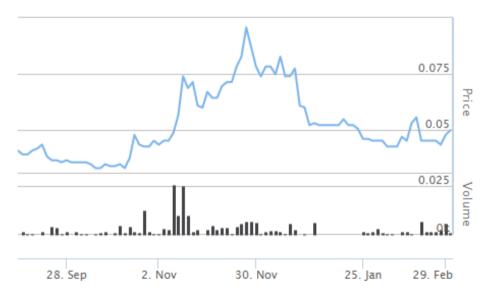
Non-Executive Director

Shu Wu

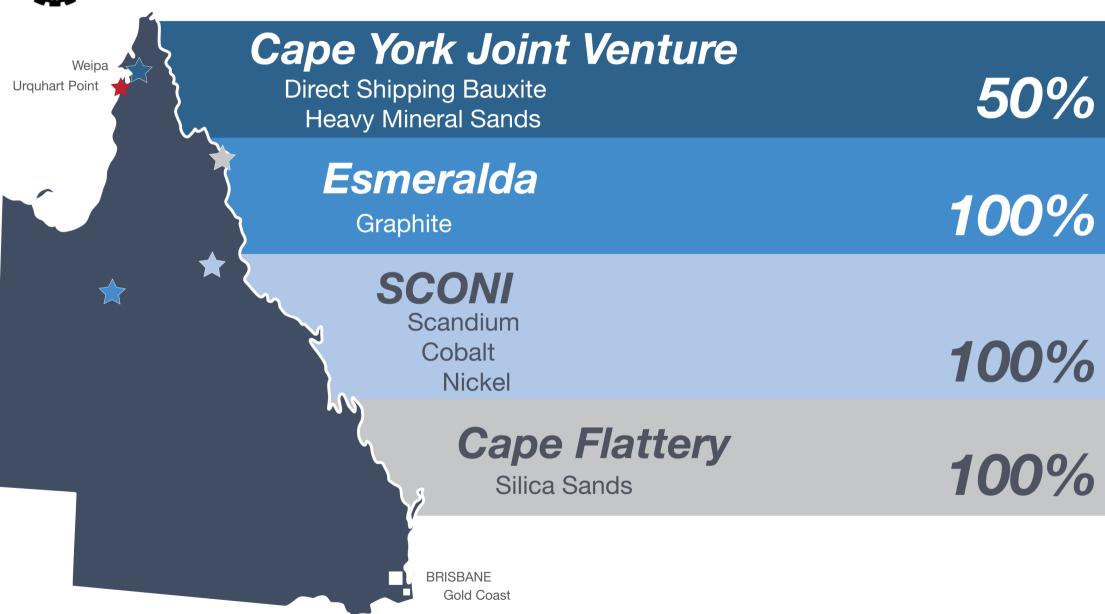
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## Project Overview





## Cape York HMS & Bauxite Project JV

#### Three separate project components:

#### **Urquhart Bauxite Project**

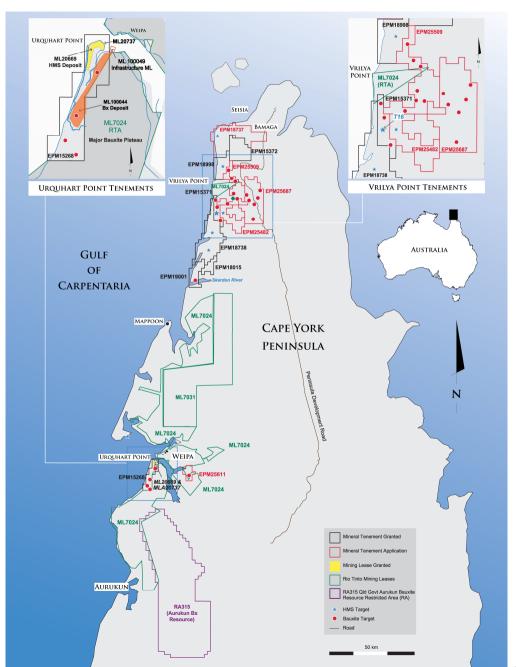
Current focus

#### **Urquhart HMS Project**

- HMS plant recently arrived in Australia
- Reviewing development scenario to maximise value

#### Regional HMS & Bauxite Project

- Over 1,257 km<sup>2</sup> coastal tenements held which cover many HM sand and laterite bauxite targets
- Contains a large (42 Mt 128 Mt) bauxite Exploration Target





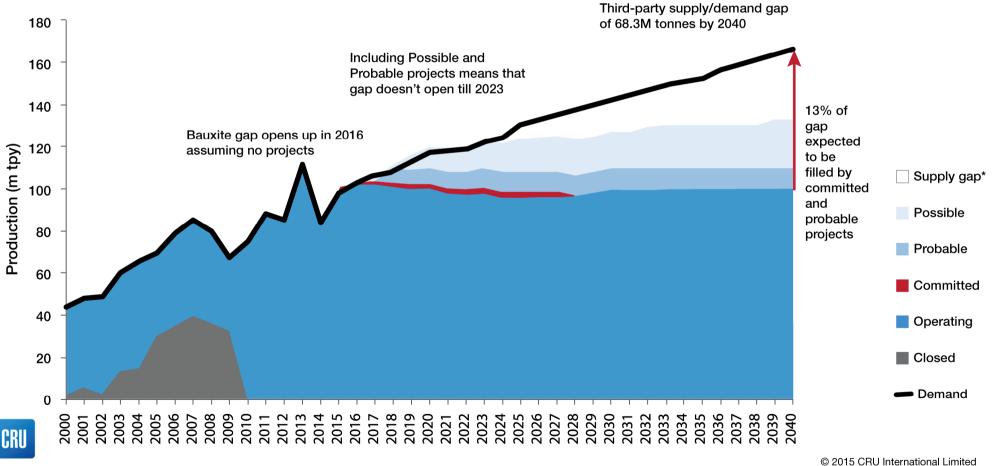
## Low Temperature Bauxite Is In Demand

- Testing has confirmed low temperature bauxite production
- Production and export constraints:
  - Indonesian ban of raw exports removed ~40 Mtpa from the global bauxite market
  - Malaysia has enacted a 3 month ban on exports to deal with environmental issues
  - Some calls within India to reserve bauxite for domestic consumption
- Forecast 68 Mtpa shortfall in supply of low temperature bauxite by 2040<sup>1</sup>
- Initial supply shortfall from 2016
- Low temperature bauxite market undersupplied in the medium to long term
- China's largest refineries are designed to accept low temperature bauxite but China predominantly produces high temperature bauxite
- Bauxite has decoupled from the alumina and aluminium pricing as new refining and smelting capacity is not integrated with dedicated mining operations
- In 2014–15, China imported only 39 Mt (nil from Indonesia), but needs more than 65 Mt of imported bauxite per year, rising even higher to more than 75 Mt in the next 5 years to feed its rapidly growing aluminium industry.



#### Strong growth in Chinese third party bauxite demand to result in a supply-demand gap opening after 2016

World third party bauxite balance, 2000-2040



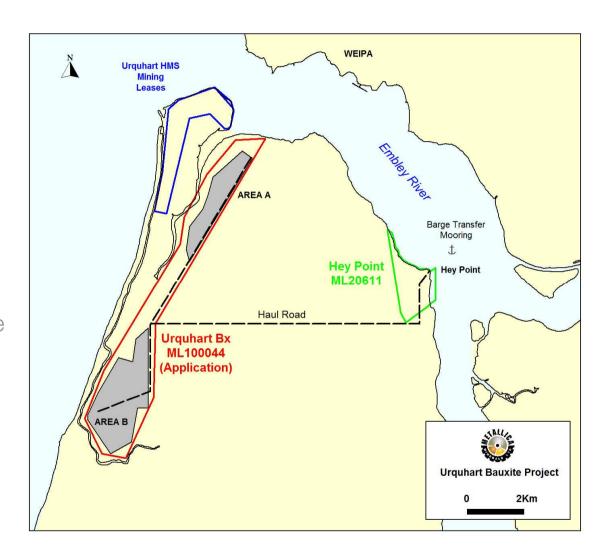
Many new sources of supply are needed!



## **Urquhart Bauxite Project**

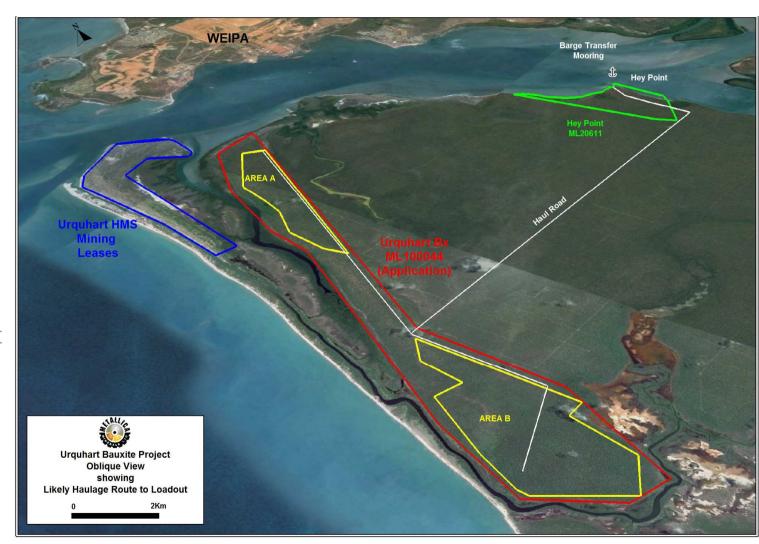
#### Why do we like Urquhart Bauxite?

- Simple 1.5 2 Mtpa development
- Positive in-house scoping study
- Modest capex and simple development scenario
- Ideally located near deep water
- Negotiating logistics and access to Hey Point
- Well-known and accepted low temperature bauxite product
- Strong supply and demand fundamentals
  - Indonesia ban
  - Malaysian 3 month ban
  - Calls for Indian production to be reserved for domestic use
- Proven ability to secure approvals via Urquhart Point HMS mining lease





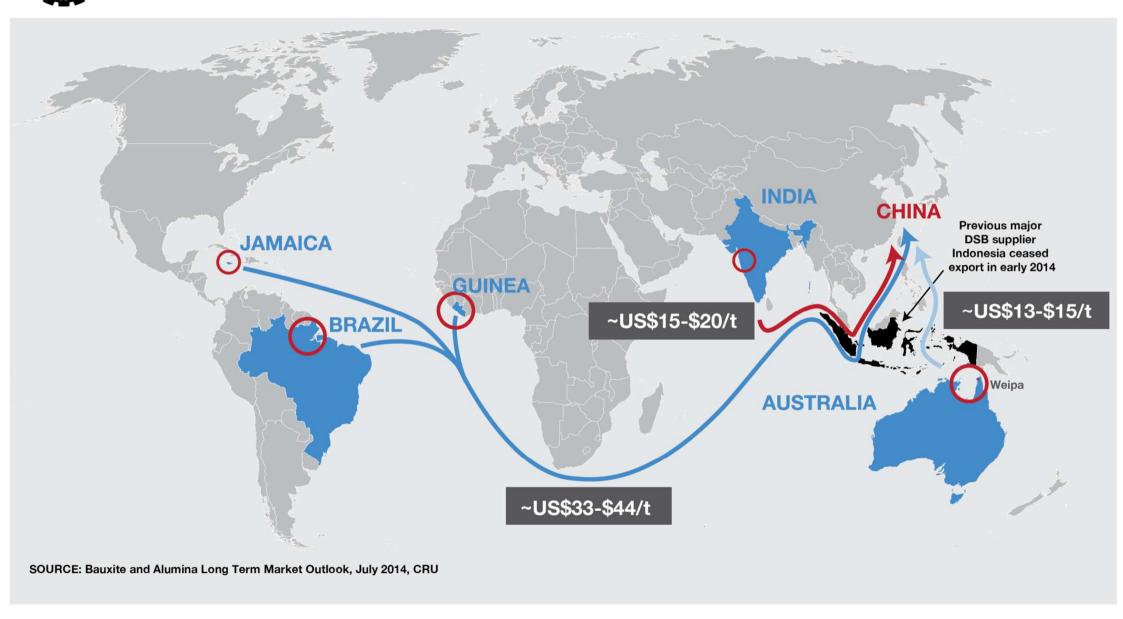
- Bulk commodities is all about logistics
- Successfully completed an in house options study on logistics and load out options
- Derisking logistics via negotiation of a binding agreement to utilise infrastructure and access at Hey Point
  - Low capex
  - Compressed start-up



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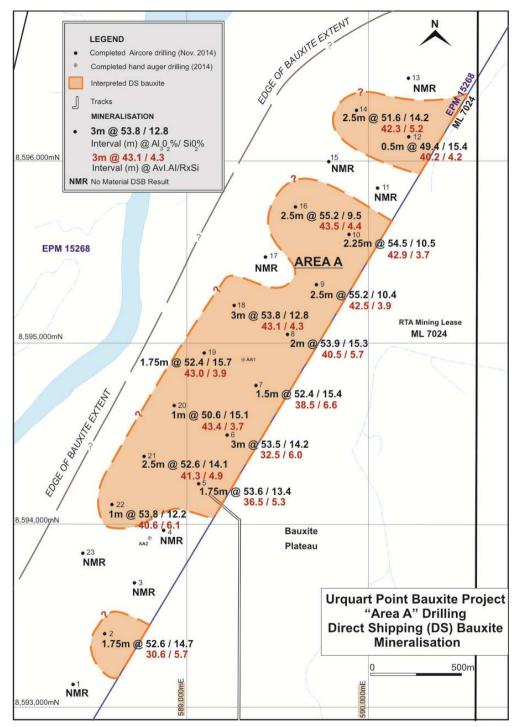
# Logistics Advantage





## **Urquhart Bauxite**

- Good quality and readily saleable into the seaborne market
  - 40.6% AAI and 4.9% RSi<sup>1</sup>
- Maiden JORC-compliant Inferred Resource released1
  - 7.5 Mt @ 51% Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>, 16.3% SiO<sub>2</sub>
- Direct Shipping Bauxite (DSB) with average thickness of ~2 m
- Low temperature DSB confirmed<sup>1</sup>
- Mining Lease Application lodged<sup>2</sup>
- Environmental studies currently underway
- Pathway to early 2017 development and production<sup>3</sup>







- 1.5–2.0 Mtpa mine-truck-barge-ship operation
- Proximity to the established mining town of Weipa
- Expected low operating costs coupled with low capital requirements
- Ability to lock in costs near the bottom of the cycle
- Utilise contractors to reduce capital requirements



Example of barge transhipment



## **Urquhart Bauxite Development Timeline**

		2015		2016				2017				
		Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Submit Mining Lease Application												
Landowner exploration agre	ement											
Preliminary exploration Drill	ing (Inferred)											
Resource Drilling												
Market testing and Studies												
Updated JORC Report												
Wet/Dry Ecological reports												
Hydrology Reporting												
EA approval pathway (site s	pecific application)											
Submit EA												
Issue draft EA to Mining Reg	ister and DNRM											
Develop TLO compensation agreements												
Combined Department Decision												
Mining Lease Granted												
Pre civil works and site clearance												
Mining and shipping comme	ence									$\star$		





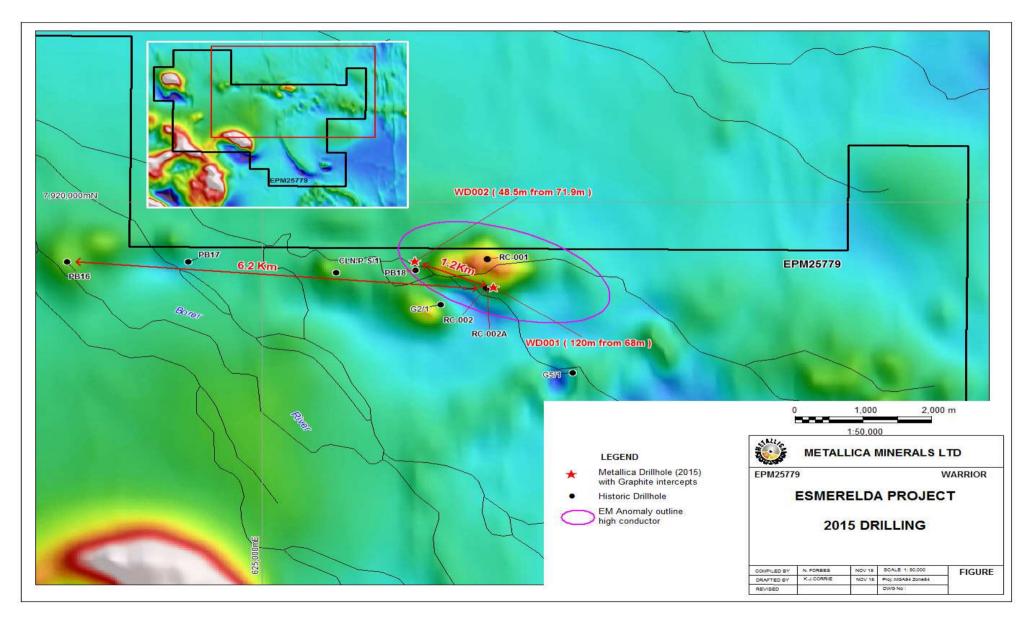
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- Petrology confirms the same mineralisation style hosted within hydrothermally altered granite is present in both holes which are 1.2km apart
- Results indicate mineralisation is open in all directions and strongly indicates potential to define a very large graphite deposit that may support bulk mining operation
- Metallurgical test results due in March





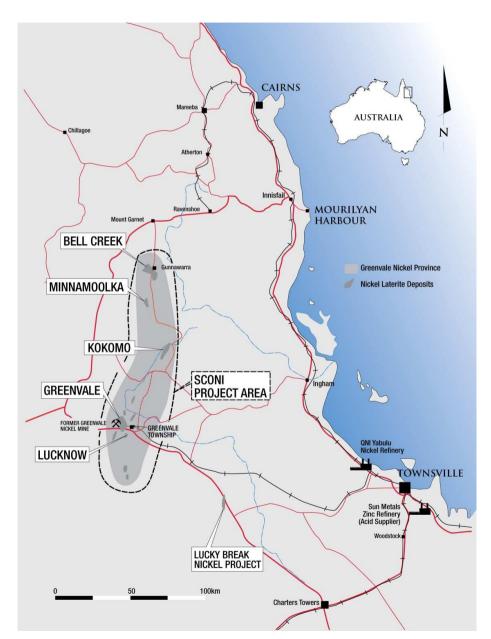






## SCONI Nickel-Cobalt-Scandium Project -100% MLM

- Over \$10 million already spent
- Ideal location historical Greenvale nickel mine
- Established JORC Resources
- Close proximity to industrial services Townsville and Mourilyan Ports
- Good metallurgical ore types
- Metallica-owned Scandium IP recovery and purification technology
- Low environmental impact and strong community support
- Currently in negotiations for a JV





- Execute binding agreement for preferred logistics solution at Hey Point
- Upgrade Resource category and studies for Urquhart bauxite
- Grant of Urquhart bauxite mining lease
- Production from Urquhart bauxite
- Metallurgical test results from Esmeralda
- \$900,000 to be received mid-year
- Continued disposal or jv of non-core assets
- Strong pipeline of new opportunities

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