

# A new source of heavy rare earths is coming...

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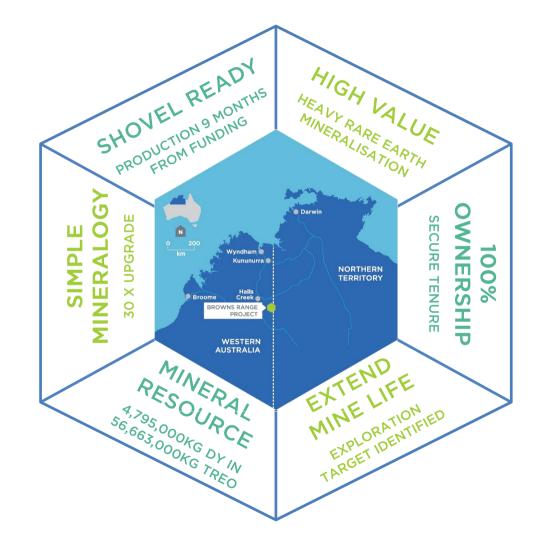
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TREO = Total Rare Earth Oxides –  $La_2O_3$ ,  $CeO_2$ ,  $Pr_6O_1$ ,  $Nd_2O_3$ ,  $Sm_2O_3$ ,  $Eu_2O_3$ ,  $Gd_2O_3$ ,  $Tb_4O_7$ ,  $Dy_2O_3$ ,  $Ho_2O_3$ ,  $Er_2O_3$ ,  $Tm_2O_3$ ,  $Tb_2O_3$ ,

# Positioned for success





# Three stage approach to full scale production

# Stage 1 TEST PILOT PLANT

- 60,000tpa capacity
- 52% TREO mixed RE carbonate
- 590,000kg pa TREO for 3 years, including 49,000kg Dy
- Production 9 months from funding

# Stage 2 DEVELOP PROJECT

- Reduce mining cost modify mining method
- Boost production increase head grade
- Develop premium productyttrium rejection
- Increase reserve drilling

# Stage 3 BUILD FULL SCALE

- 1,500,000kg TREO in a premium product
- Develop based on stage 1 and 2 successful outcomes
- 11 year life, with exploration target indicating significant opportunity to increase

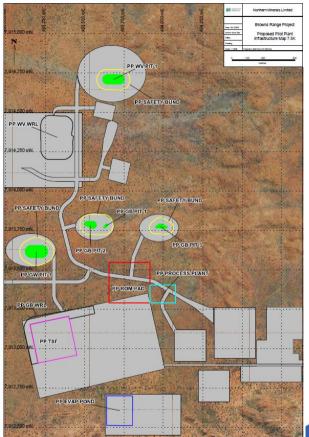


Why a continuous pilot plant at Browns Range?



## Pilot plant: Browns Range

- 180,000t @ 1.19% TREO, campaign mined from multiple open pits
- 3 year operation producing 49,000kg dysprosium in 590,000kg
   TREO contained in a mixed RE carbonate per annum
- Two stages of processing on site: beneficiation 60,000tpa and hydrometallurgical 3,200tpa feed
- TREO recovery: 90% beneficiation and 92% hydrometallurgy
- Road transport via Halls Creek to/from Wyndham or Darwin port
- AUD\$26M capital estimate including contingency beneficiation and hydrometallurgy
- 9 month construction timeline from funding
- 10% throughput of full scale project
- 15% output of full scale project



## Stage 1: in the final phase

**Financing** 

Obtaining and evaluating term sheets

**Build** 

Detailed engineering design to be completed by end of June

**Approvals** 

Utilise existing approvals on a smaller scale

Sales

Offtake negotiations advancing to binding sales agreement



### 1.2 BILLION €

RARE EARTH MARKET

deal between German Govt and automakers to spend on electric vehicles



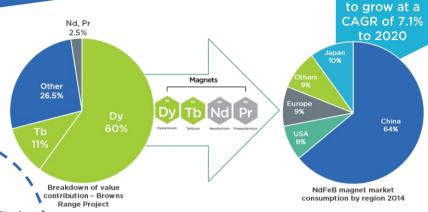
### 5 million

China's target of hybrid and electric vehicles on the road by 2020



Paris Agreement under United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change

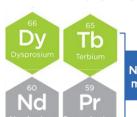
- Universal agreement to keep global warming below 2°C.
- 174 countries and EU signed



Source: Adamas Intelligence. "Rare Earth Market Outlook Supply, Demand, and Pricing from 2014 - 2020" report

Permanent magnet market

Permanent magnets 'key driver for the rare earth market









Argus (Metal Pages) forecasts

dysprosium prices

to double in 12 months to

US\$400/kg



## Magnets drive demand

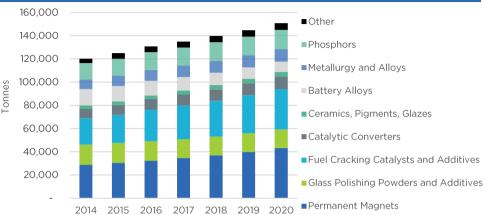
#### Permanent magnets

- The engine room for growth
- Accounts for ~25% of the rare earth demand in tonnes
- Accounts for ~80% of rare earth demand in value

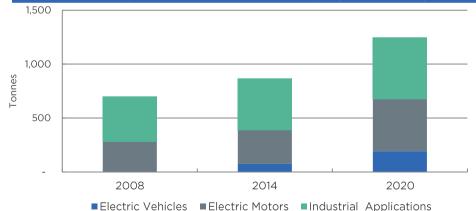
#### Dysprosium

- Critical in high end permanent magnets, limited substitutes
- Allows optimal performance under load i.e. at high temperatures in applications such as:
  - Electric and hybrid vehicles 2-10kg\* per car
  - Standard vehicles 1kg\* per car
  - Wind turbines ~550kg\* per MW
  - Industrial applications e.g. air conditioner compressors and fan drives, torque coupled drives

#### Forecast global TREO demand by application



#### Forecast dysprosium demand - some high growth categories



■ Electric venicles ■ Electric Motors ■ Industrial Application

Source: Rare Earth Market Outlook Update: Supply, Demand, and Pricing from 2014

through 2020, Adamas Intelligence, June 2015

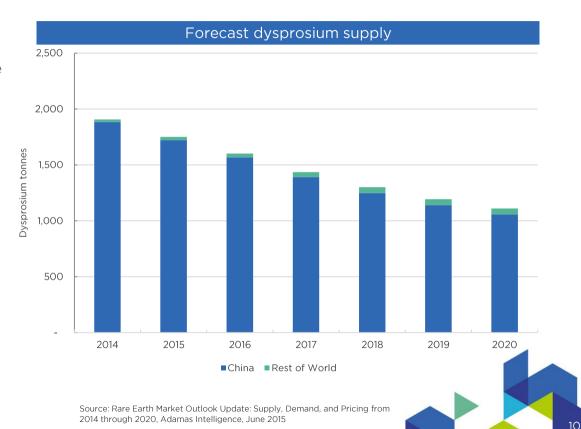


\*Weight of permanent magnet per unit

## Dysprosium supply facing headwinds

#### **Dominant supplier China**

- Ionic adsorption clay deposits in the south
- Availability of quality reserves has deteriorated
- Strong focus on improving environmental standards and reducing supply from illegal mining and processing
- Wage escalation in China ~6% pa
- Continued appreciation of the RMB
- SOE reforms reduced ability to subsidise loss-making industries



# Rapidly approaching our goal to become the first significant dysprosium producer outside of China



# **APPENDICES**



## **Corporate overview**

# Market capitalisation \$38M

(at 2 May 2016 @ \$0.078)

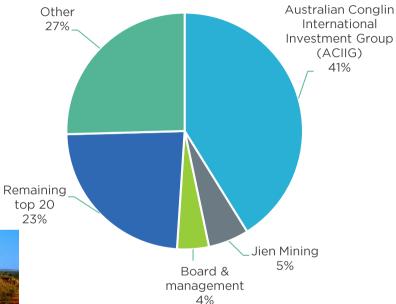
Ordinary Shares	489M
Unlisted Options and Performance Rights	29M
Cash (31 March 2016)	\$0.74M
Debt (31 March 2016)	\$2.3M



#### Browns Range Project

#### Powering Technology.

#### Major shareholders





## The right leadership

A wealth of knowledge and experience to take Northern Minerals from developer to the next dysprosium producer

#### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

#### Conglin Yue - Executive Chairman

 Long standing relationship with a number of major steel producing companies in China.

#### George Bauk - Managing Director / CEO

 25 years' global resource industry experience in senior operational and corporate roles, with particular focus on rare earths, lithium and nickel

#### **Kevin Schultz - Deputy Chairman**

 Mining Engineer/Geologist with 40 years record achievement from mineral discovery and appraisal, through to mine development.

#### Adrian Griffin - Non Executive Director

 Significant expertise in mine management and production with corporate experience as MD and Chairman of listed resource companies.

#### Colin McCavana - Non Executive Director

• More than 35 years' global management experience in the construction and operation of resources projects.

#### Yanchun Wang - Non Executive Director

• Strategic investor for a number of Chinese companies.

#### **EXECUTIVE MANAGEMENT TEAM**

#### **Robin Wilson - Exploration Manager**

• Geologist, with 25 years' experience in Australia and Africa including the discovery of the Browns Range Project.

#### **Robin Jones - Project Manager**

 More than 25 years' experience, in Australia, Africa and Asia with success in taking projects from scoping study through to production.

#### Mark Tory - CFO / Company Secretary

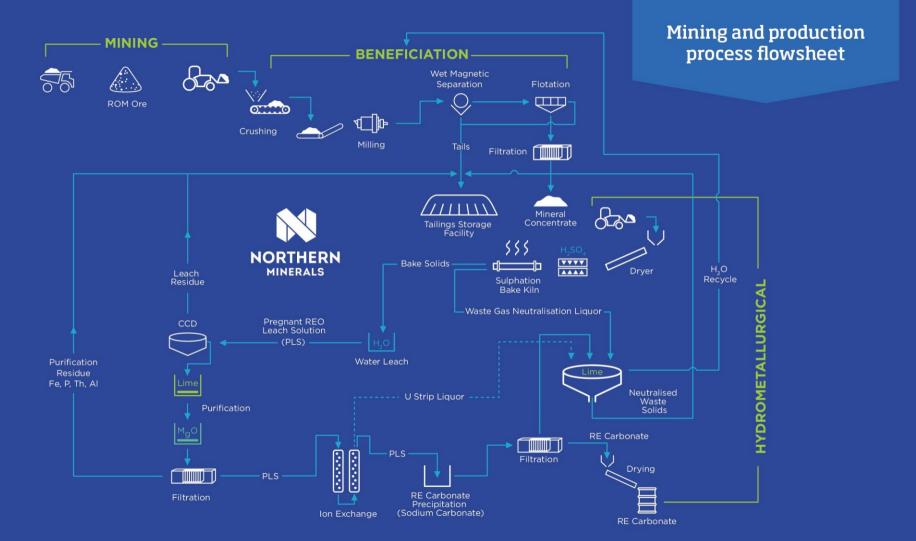
 More than 25 years' experience in the management (operational and finance) of mining companies both national and international.

#### Bin Cai - Alternate Director

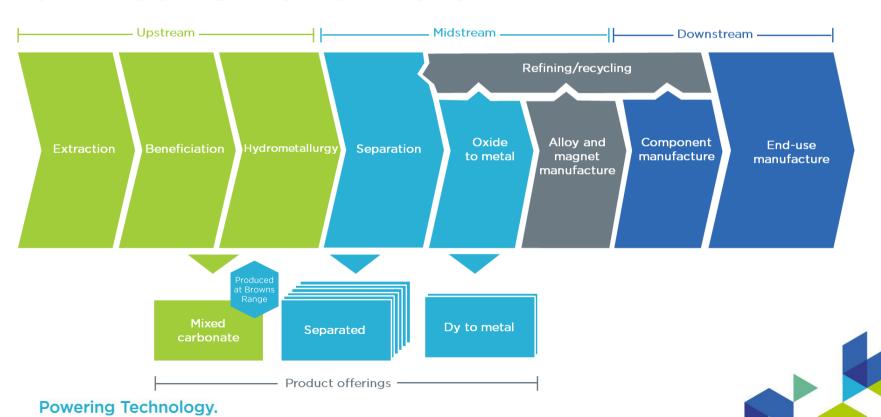
 Experience with the China Investment Bank, along with global resource investment.



#### Powering Technology.



# Expanding the product offering: toll treat SX and metal



## **Mineral Reserve and Resource**

#### Probable Ore Reserve (March 2015)

			TREO		Dy <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>		Y <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>		Tb <sub>4</sub> O <sub>7</sub>	
Deposit	Classification	Ore Tonnes	kg/t	kg contained	kg/t	kg contained	kg/t	kg contained	kg/t	kg contained
TOTAL <sup>1</sup>	Probable	3,750,000	7.03	26,375,000	0.61	2,294,000	4.07	15,266,000	0.09	335,000

#### Global JORC compliant Mineral Resource Estimate (February 2015)

	Deposit	Category	Mt	TREO %	Dy <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> kg/t	Y <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> kg/t	Tb₄O <sub>7</sub> kg/t	HREO %	TREO kg
		Indicated	4.69	0.70	0.59	3.95	0.09	87	32,862,000
	Total <sup>1</sup>	Inferred	4.28	0.56	0.46	3.15	0.07	87	23,802,000
		Total <sup>1</sup>	8.98	0.63	0.53	3.56	0.08	87	56,663,000

The Mineral Resource is inclusive of the Ore Reserves.

Note: The Mineral Resource is a complete summation of individual resources reported at Wolverine, Gambit, Gambit West, Area 5, Cyclops and Banshee The Ore Reserve is a complete summation of the individual Ore Reserves reported at Wolverine, Gambit, Gambit West, Area 5

 $<sup>^{1}\</sup>text{-} \text{Rounding may cause some computational discrepancies (TREO (metal) tonnes estimated from Mt x TREO%)}$   $\text{TREO} = \text{Total Rare Earth Oxides} - \text{La}_{2}\text{O}_{3}, \text{ CeO}_{2}, \text{Pr}_{6}\text{O}_{11}, \text{ Nd}_{2}\text{O}_{3}, \text{Sm}_{2}\text{O}_{3}, \text{Eu}_{2}\text{O}_{3}, \text{Gd}_{2}\text{O}_{3}, \text{Tb}_{4}\text{O}_{7}, \text{Dy}_{2}\text{O}_{3}, \text{Ho}_{2}\text{O}_{3}, \text{Er}_{2}\text{O}_{3}, \text{Tm}_{2}\text{O}_{3}, \text{Yb}_{2}\text{O}_{3}, \text{Tm}_{2}\text{O}_{3}, \text{Yb}_{2}\text{O}_{3}, \text{Lu}_{2}\text{O}_{3}, \text{Yb}_{2}\text{O}_{3}, \text{Eu}_{2}\text{O}_{3}, \text{Th}_{2}\text{O}_{3}, \text{Th}_{2}\text{O}_$ 



# Pilot plant: targeted production

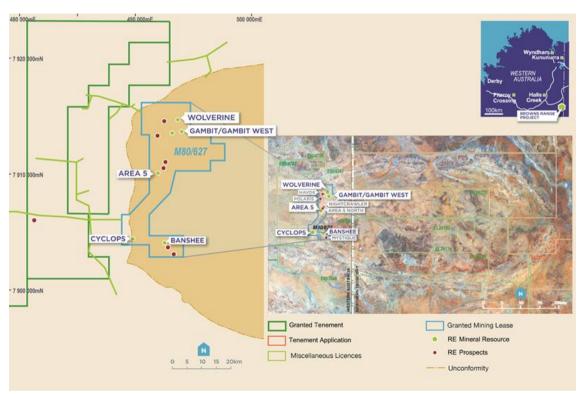
- Mixed RE carbonate (REC) produced
- Product specification available for REC
- REC samples validated by several downstream separators
- REC suitable for solvent extraction separation
- Low thorium and uranium levels

REO contained in mixed RE carbonate	Annual production (000s kgs)
Lanthanum	10.8
Cerium	27.3
Praseodymium	3.9
Neodymium	19.3
Samarium	11.7
Europium	2.3
Gadolinium	33.2
Terbium	6.5
Dysprosium	48.6
Holmium	12.8
Erbium	37.7
Thulium	5.3
Ytterbium	32.1
Lutetium	4.3
Yttrium	334.7
Total TREO produced	590.0

Figures may not add due to rounding TREO = Total Rare Earth Oxides- Total of  $Dy_2O_3$ ,  $La_2O_3$ ,  $CeO_2$ ,  $Pr_6O_1$ 1,  $Nd_2O_3$ ,  $Sm_2O_3$ ,  $Eu_2O_3$ ,  $Gd_2O_3$ ,  $Tb_4O_7$ ,  $Ho_2O_3$ ,  $Er_2O_3$ ,  $Tm_2O_3$ ,  $Yb_2O_3$ ,  $Lu_2O_3$ ,  $YyO_3$ 



## **Browns Range Dome: under explored**



The dome is a massive geological feature covering 1,500km<sup>2</sup> and stretching

60km x 30km most of which hasn't been effectively explored

