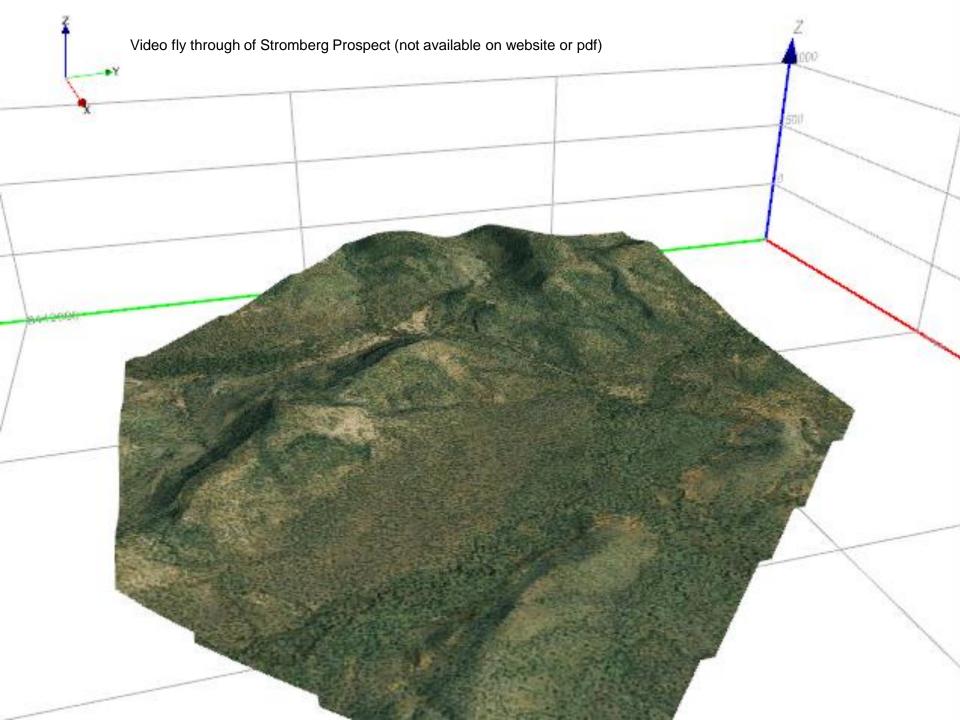
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# Heavy Rare Earth (HREE) Discovery in the Northern Territory

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- Value Proposition HREE Market
- Stromberg Deposit Potential Market Impact
- Large HREE Exploration Upside
- Margin Drivers; Mining / Processing Costs and Price
- Time to Market TUC/Stromberg Advantages
- Strategy Activities Goals 2012
- A Reason to Invest



### The Company

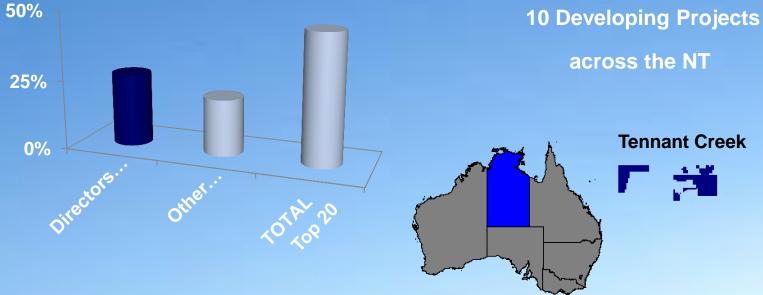


### **Company Position; ASX TUC**

- 124.4M Shares at A\$0.115 Market Cap. A\$14.4M (18July 2012)
- Funds +\$2.9M (31 March 2012)
- +1200 Shareholders

**Top 20 Share Register** 

Darwin



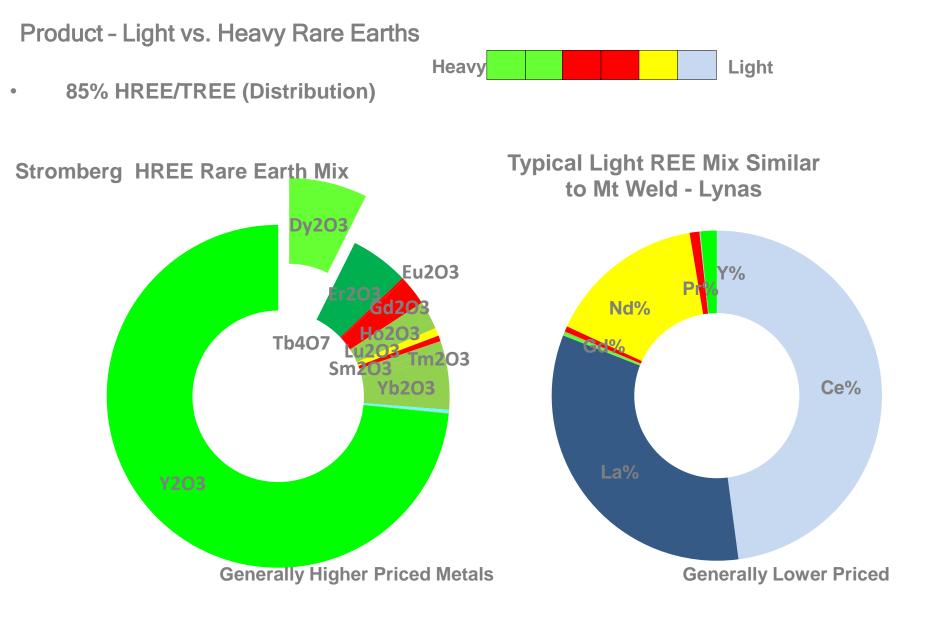
**Tennant Creek** 

18,000km<sup>2</sup>



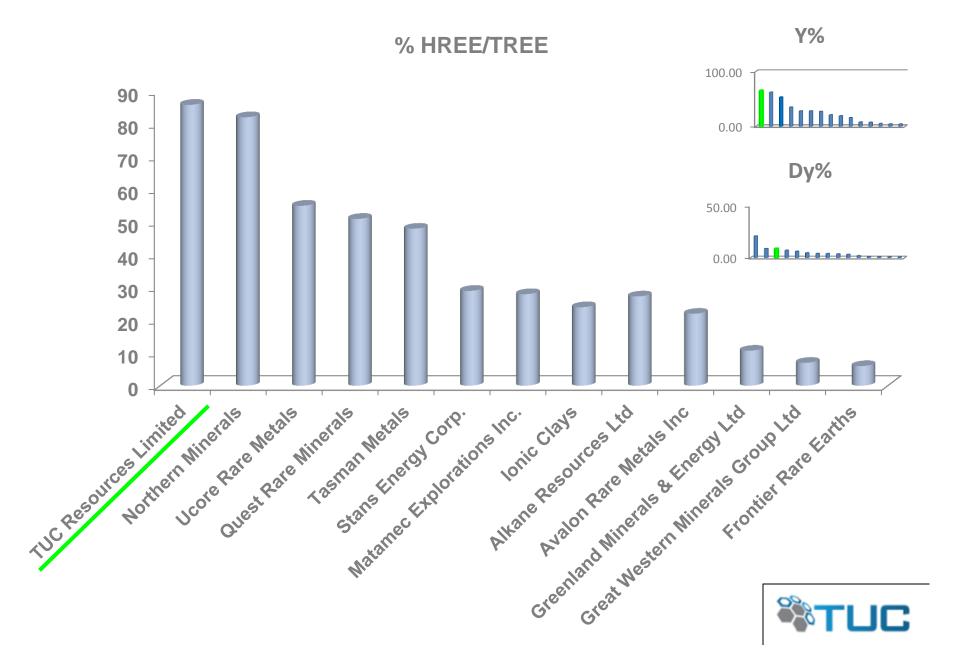
### **HREE Market**







#### TUC's Stromberg holds a #1 Position in terms of HREE Distribution



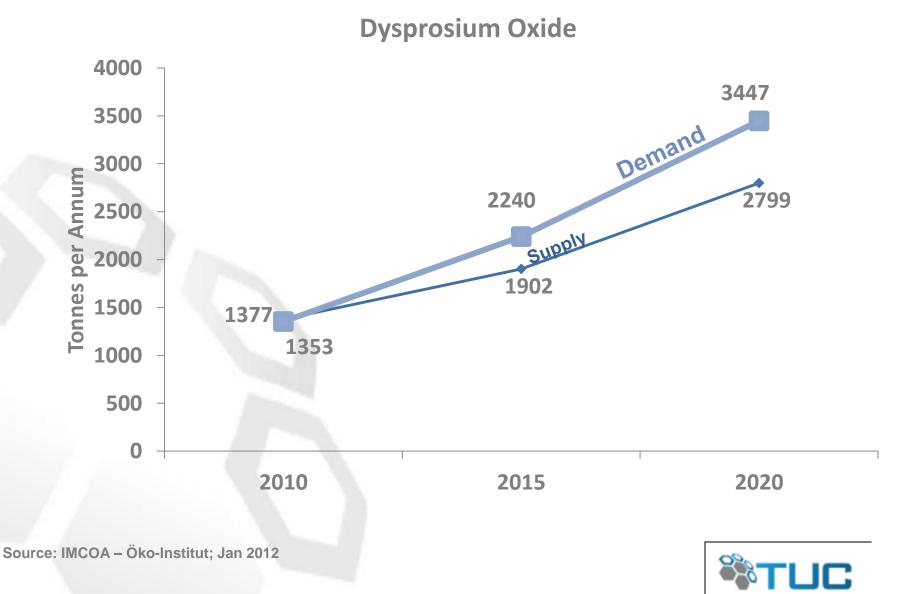
#### HREE's are used in the growing Clean Efficient Energy Markets

Dysprosium in High Temperature High Efficiency Fixed Magnets in Electric Motors and Power Generation

DEMAND IS UNDERPINNED BY WORLD GOVERNMENT INITIATIVES.... Eg. Carbon Tax Yttrium and Erbium in Low Energy Lighting; Lighting Phosphors

**Europium for Red Colouring in Video Screens** 

### Demand Supply Gap Forecast to Grow



✓ Correct HREE Market Space +.....

## Stromberg HREE Prospect; Potential Market Impact



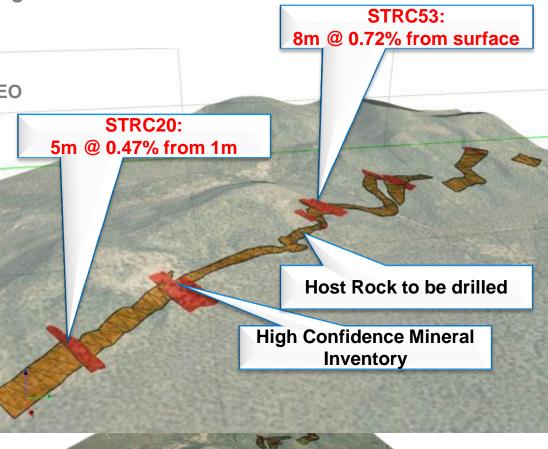
**Clear Potential from Exploration Drilling** 

- 2.3km Strike Length
- Six Robust Drilling Cross Sections
- 3.3m average thickness >0.1% TREO
- 0.45% TREO all intersections >0.2%/TREO
- Dysprosium Oxide 7.5%/TREO
- Terbium Oxide ~1%/TREO
- Yttrium Oxide 65%/TREO
- Only 2ppm Thorium per 1% TREO

Stromberg Potential Impact Initial 0.6 - 1.5Mt at between 0.33% TREO and 0.45% TREO Exploration Target Case

#### ~3% of World Market for 5-6 Years

Current World Dysprosium Oxide Market 1377tpa





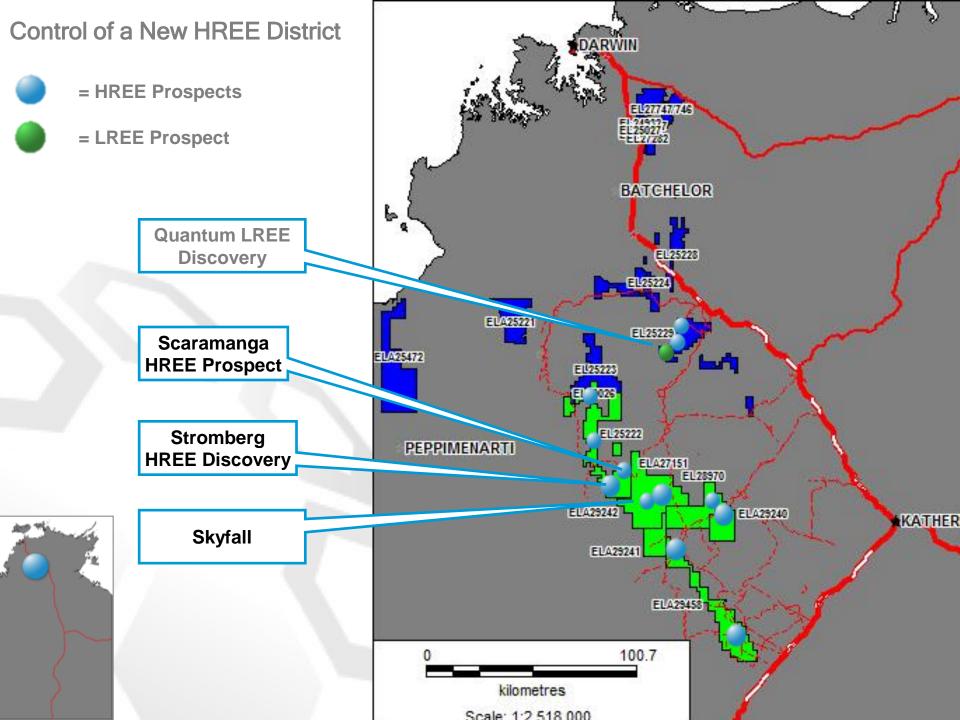


The potential quantity and grade is conceptual in nature, there has been insufficient exploration to define a Mineral Resource and it is uncertain if further exploration will result in the determination of a JORC Mineral Resource

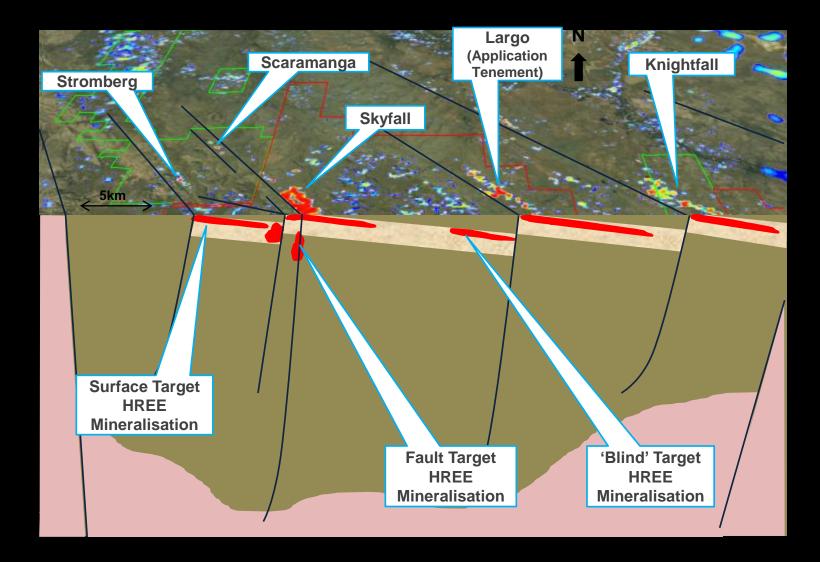
- ✓ Correct HREE Market Space
- ✓ Potential for Strong Market Impact+.....

### Large HREE Exploration Upside





### Large Exploration Potential - Rocks , Faults and Mineralised Systems Repeat

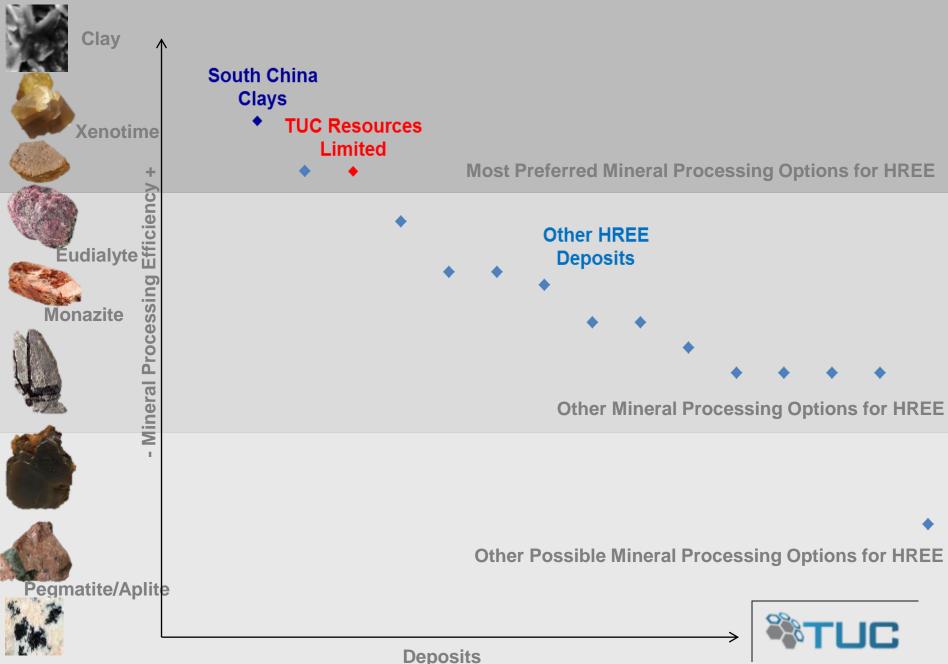


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### Cost Advantages Mineral Processing



Mineralogy Matters; Stromberg – A Xenotime Deposit in Clay – A Strong Combination



#### Efficient Leach of Raw Material.....up to 85% Recovery

Free Fine Xenotime in Clay means Stromberg Material Is More Amenable to Direct Acid Leach putting HREE's Straight into Solution

235600 100 nm concentration of xenotime in kaolin/halloysite

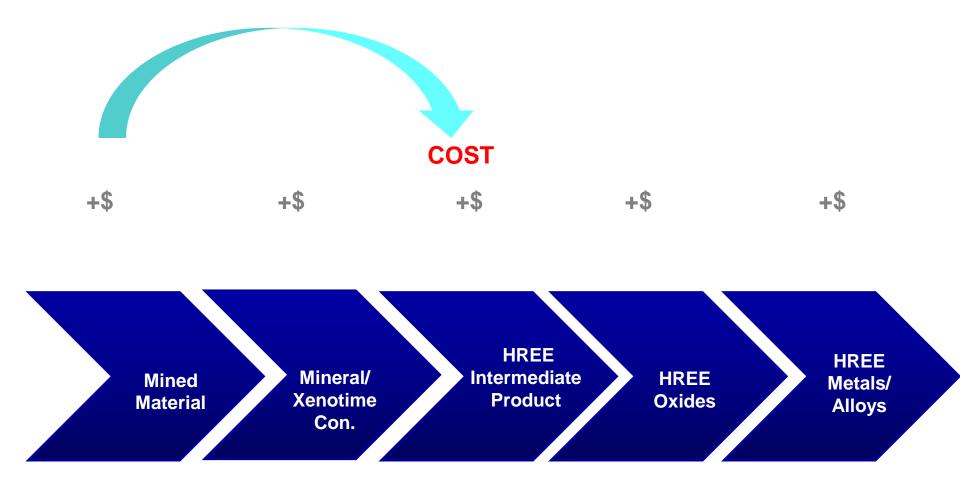
CSIRO

WD - 9.4 mm

EHT = 5.80 kV I Probe = 1.

1.4 nA

Signal A - InLens ESB Grid - 680 V Date 21 Mar 2012 System Vacuum - 5.12e 806 mbar Direct Leach Scenario Potentially Allows TUC to Leapfrog a Processing Stage



Allows TUC to anticipate a lower opex and capex scenario

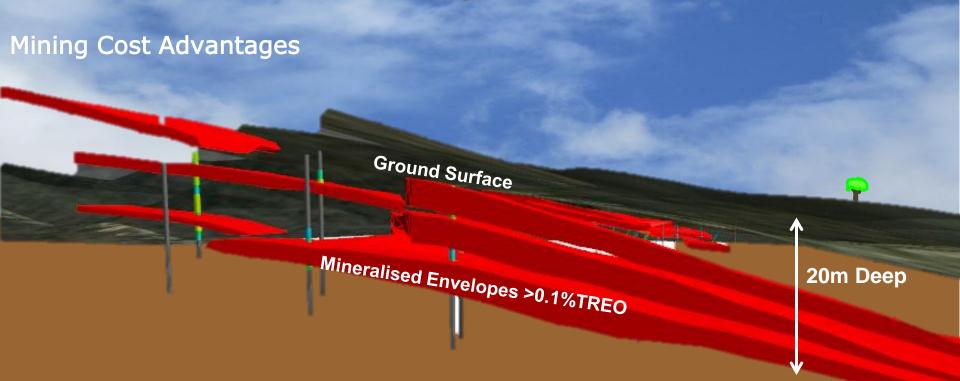


**Testwork in Process** 

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### **Cost Advantages – Mining and Capex**





- At Surface Tabular Bodies Easy Access and Potential for Low Stripping Ratio
- Soft Weathered Clay Easier to Mine or Dig

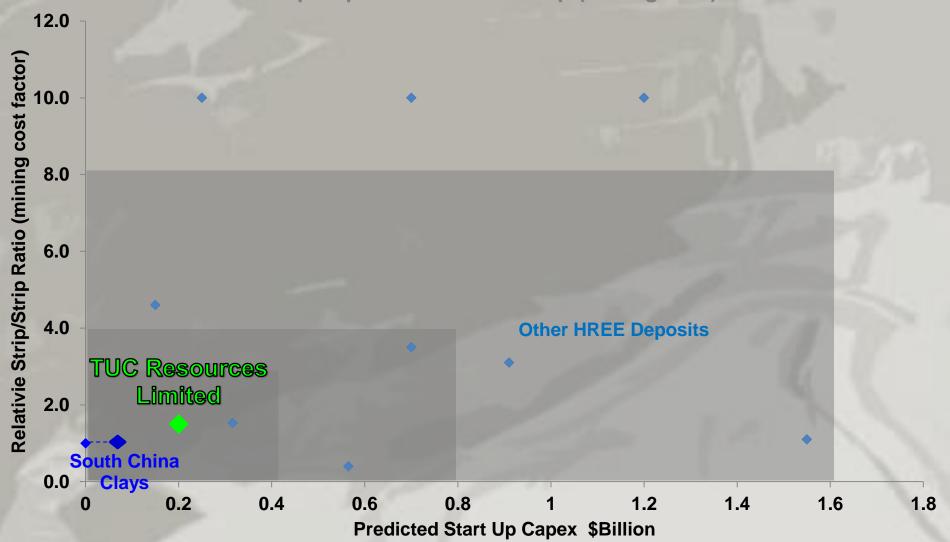
Initial Target Exploration Size at Stromberg allows TUC to Anticipate A Small Modular Plant Concept to Minimise Start Up Capex

12-30tph Mill Capacity

Photo Courtesy of Bateman Engineering

#### Stromberg - Potential for Lower Quartile Costs



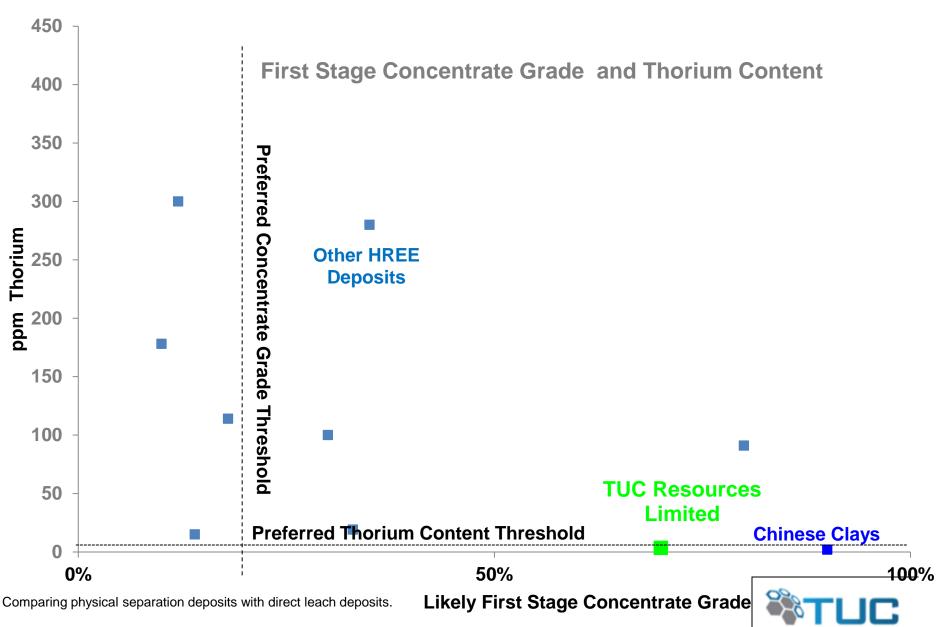


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### **Price Advantage**



TUC's Stromberg has Other Price Advantages ; Potential Con. Grade and Low Deleterious Elements



Assumes Comparable Solution and Precipitation Grade for TUC Material

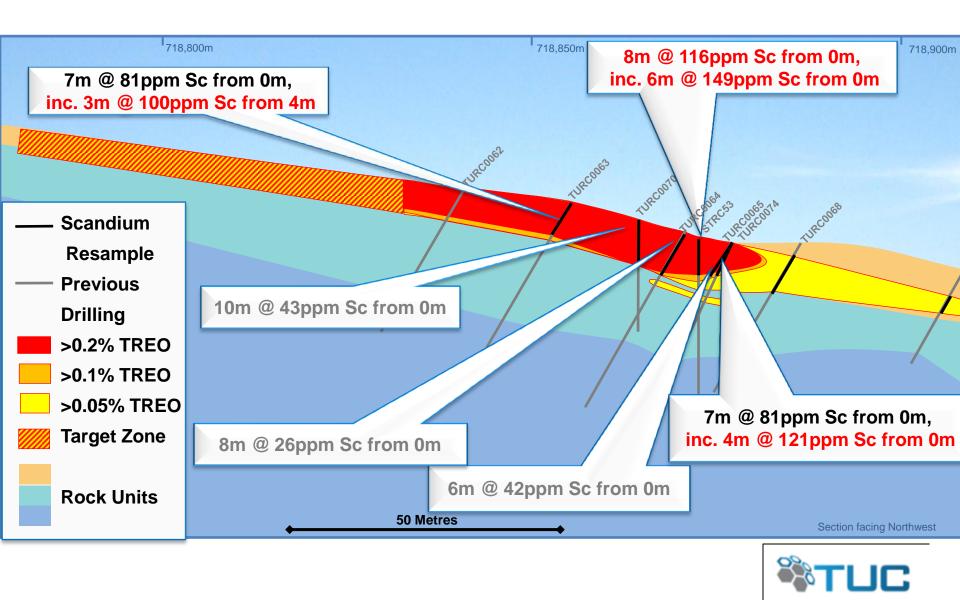
Efficient Leach of Raw Material Potentially Provides Direct route to Competitive price position on intermediate /carbonate product.

Testing of Conceptual Flow Sheet in Progress.



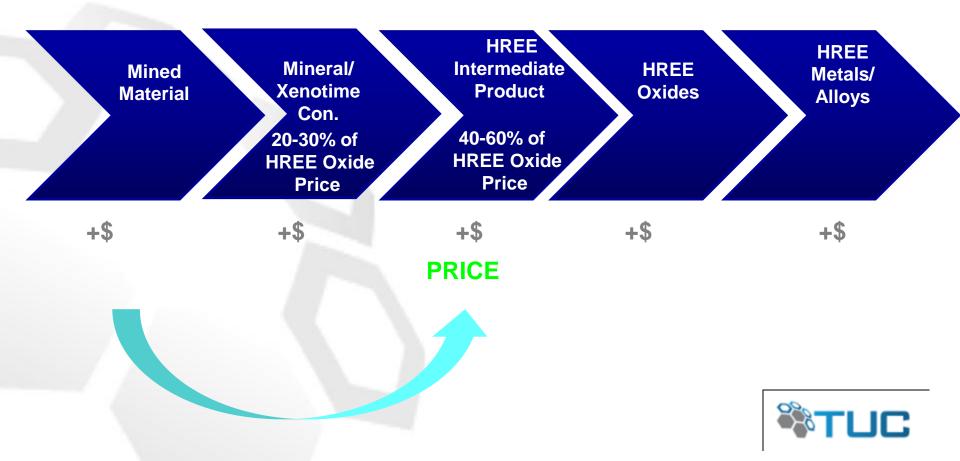
### Other Metals at Stromberg - Scandium

- New Scandium resample results are very significant; scandium is a rare earth associate used in alloys;
- Best Result from 6 holes resampled to date STRC53, 8m @ 116ppm Sc inc. 6m @ 149ppm Sc from 0m



Direct Leach Scenario Allows TUC to Anticipate receiving a Higher Pay Factor

TUC aims to Enter Market at Intermediate Stage - Not mineral Concentrate Stage



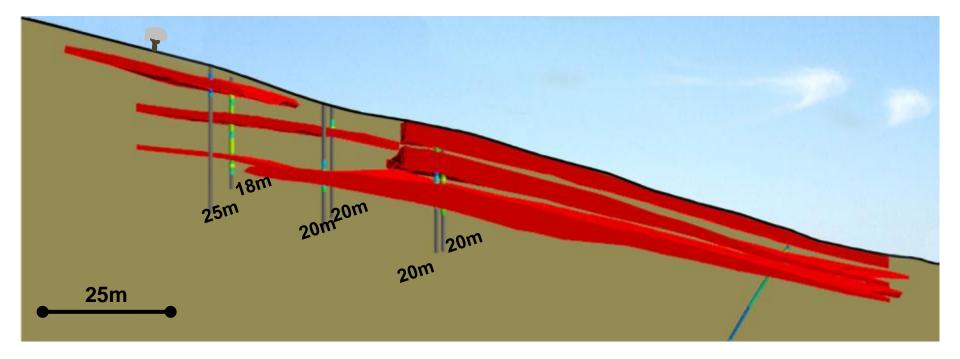
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### Potential for Shorter Development Time – Early Mover Advantage



### Development Time Advantages – Shallow Drill Holes

• Potential for Quicker Resource Development





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### **Strategy – Activities – Goals 2012**



#### Secure Cornerstone REE Value Chain Partner



#### **Prove/Improve Process Flow Sheet**

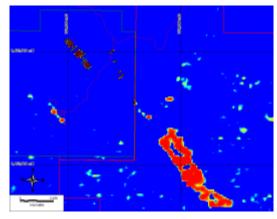


**Advanced Discussions in Progress** 

#### Stakeholder Engagement

Develop Access to Large Exploration Upside in Aboriginal Freehold Land Tenements Precipitate A Mixed Rare Earth Carbonate

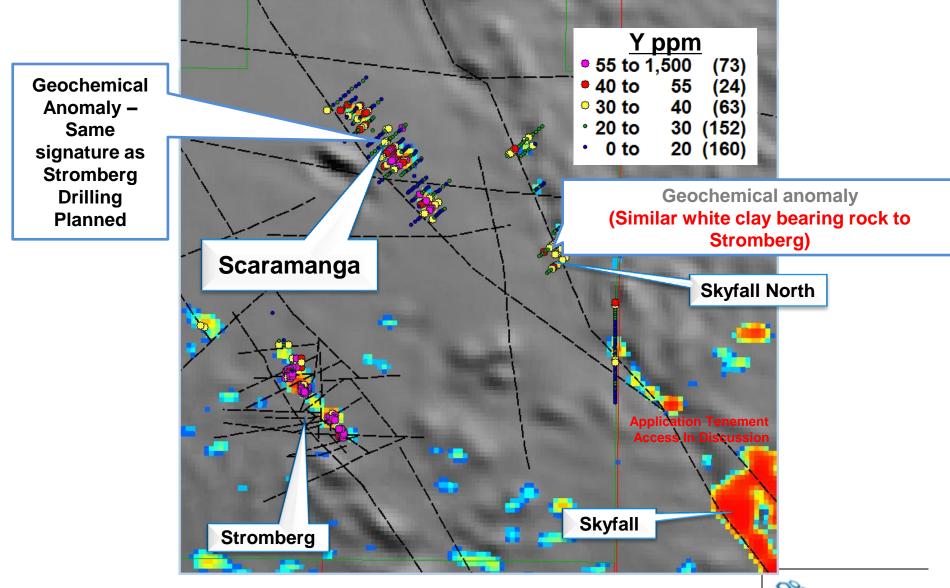
### Validate Exploration Upside



Geochemistry Programs in Progress Drilling Planned

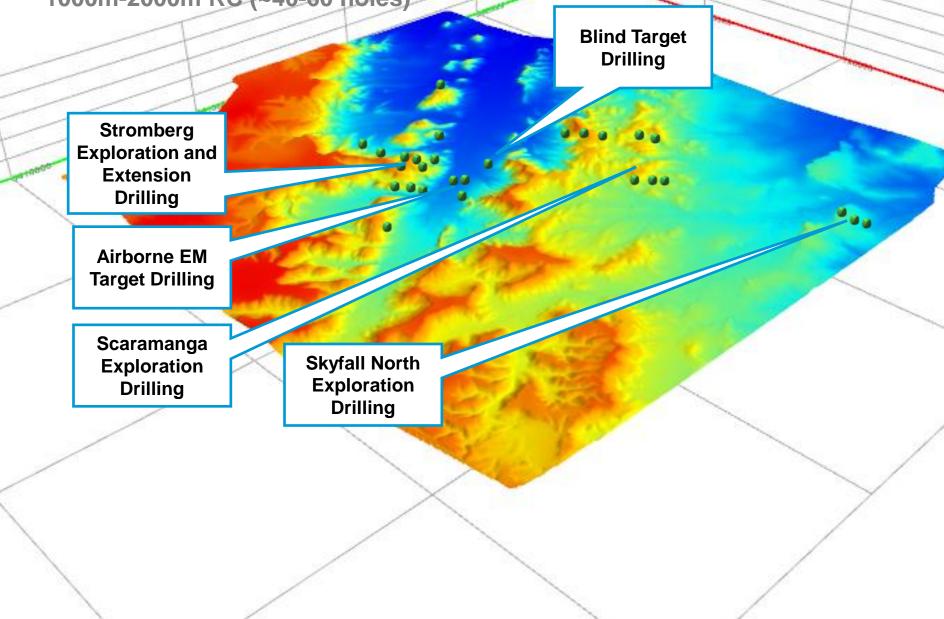


#### Recent Geochemistry Results Confirm Mineralised Extensions 5km NE





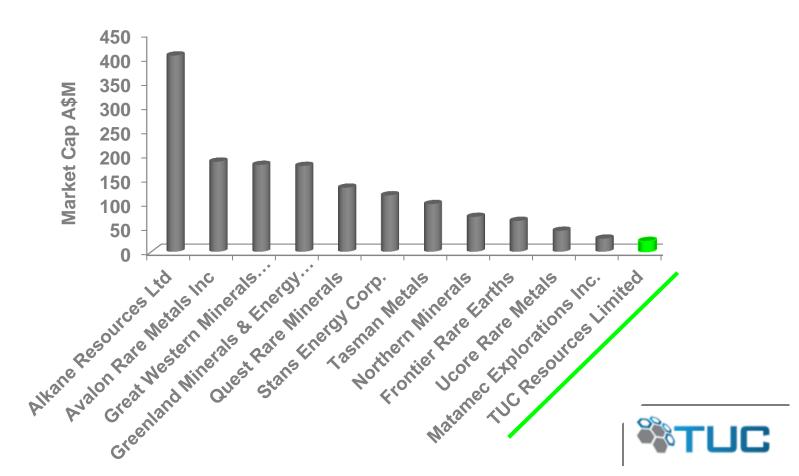
Planned First Stage Exploration Drilling – July to September 2012, 1000m-2000m RC (~40-60 holes)



### **Planned Stromberg Development Schedule – Parallel Opportunities**

| Stromberg                                | 2011  | 2012   | 2013   | 2014  | 2015  | 2016  | 2017   |
|--|---|--|--|---|---|---|--|
| Stakeholder Engagement                   | V   |  |  |   |   |   |  |
| Exploration                              | Stromb  | erg  | aramanga   | a Dis   | strict Targ   | gets  |  |
| JORC Resource Drilling                   |   | Strom  | nberg  | Scaram  | anga  | Distric   | t Targets  |
| Strategic Alliance Partner<br>Engagement |   |  |  |   |   |   |  |
| Scoping Study                            | [   |  |  |   |   |   |  |
| Metallurgy Test Work & Drilling          | 🗹 St  | romberg  | Sc   | aramang   | a   | District T  | argets   |
| Environmental EIS                        |   |  |  |   |   |   |  |
| Pre Feasibility Study                    |   |  |  |   | I   |   |  |
| Sales Contracts                          |   |  |  |   |   |   |  |
| Metallurgy Pilot Plant                   |   |  |  |   |   |   |  |
| Feasibility Study                        |   |  |  |   |   |   |  |
| Project Financing and Approvals          |   |  |  |   |   |   |  |
| Processing Design and<br>Construction    |   |  |  |   | [   |   |  |
| Establish Mining Operation               |   |  |  |   |   |   |  |
| Start Up & Production                    |   |  |  |   |   |   |  |
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