# URBAN MINING MATERIALS FOR A MORE SUSTAINABLE FUTURE

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#### 17/04/2018

#### Updated Barrambie Mineral Resource Estimate

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#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

CC Neometals innovatively develops opportunities in minerals and advanced materials essential for a sustainable future 55

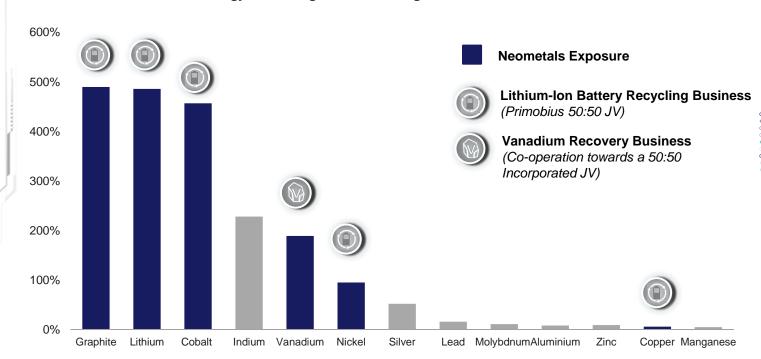
- Our growing team identifies ands secures opportunities, builds value, removes risk and attracts partners to develop projects and return value to shareholders - +\$80m in last 5 yrs
- Focus integrated minerals/materials for EV and ESS sectors to decarbonise the supply-chain
- Pivoting position from hard-rock mining to more sustainable materials recovery and recycling.
- 3 core projects all reaching FIDs in 2022 being:
  - 1. Lithium-ion Battery Recycling
  - 2. Vanadium Recovery
  - 3. Barrambie Titanium and Vanadium



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## UNPARALLELED EXPOSURE TO ELEMENTS ESSENTIAL TO THE ENERGY TRANSITION MEGATREND

2050 Annual Demand from Energy Technologies as Percentage of 2018 Production



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#### **BOARD AND MANAGEMENT TEAM**



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Doug Ritchie



Dr Natalia Streltsova



Chris Reed Managing Director / CEO



Dr Jennifer Purdie



Les Guthrie



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Manager - Projects



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**Anél Joubert** Manager - ESG



**Angeline Mchibwa** Research Metallurgist



**Matthew Carter** Manager - Data



Rihanna Vanin Project Engineer



**Owen Casev** Senior Project Geologist

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#### **ESG IN PRACTICE**



ESG parameters woven into policy, systems, procedures – core business







German Sustainability Award 2022













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#### **CORPORATE DASHBOARD**



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ASX:	NINI	OTC:RDRUY

Shares on Issue <sup>1</sup>	m	548.4
Share Price (04-Feb-22)	A\$	1.425
Market cap (04-Feb-22)	A\$m	780
Cash (31-Dec-21) <sup>2</sup>	A\$m	72.8
Debt	A\$m	-
Investments (31-Dec-21) <sup>3</sup>	A\$m	47.9

#### Major Shareholders (04-Feb-22)

David Reed (Non-Executive Director)	6.9%
Clearstream/Deutsche Börse	3.5%
Top 20	35%
No of Shareholders	~13,325



Source: Neometals

Note 1: Excludes 15.29 performance rights. Note 2: incl A\$4.2M restricted term deposits Note 3: Loan receivables and investments

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# 3 CORE PROJECTS REACHING FIDs IN 2022

- Vanadium Recovery
- LiB Recycling
   ELi LiOH Project

Titanium & Vanadium

#### **RECYCLING AND RECOVERY**



Lithium-Ion Battery
Recycling Project
(Feasibility / Demo Plant Stage,
50:50 Incorporated JV)



Vanadium Recovery Project (Feasibility Stage, joint co-operation towards a 50:50 Incorporated JV)

#### **DOWN STREAM**



ELi Lithium Project (Pilot-stage, IP 70% NMT Co-Operation Agreement for 50:50 Operating JV);

#### **UPSTREAM**



Barrambie Titanium and Vanadium Project (Pilot-stage, 100% NMT, MOU for 50:50 Operating JV);

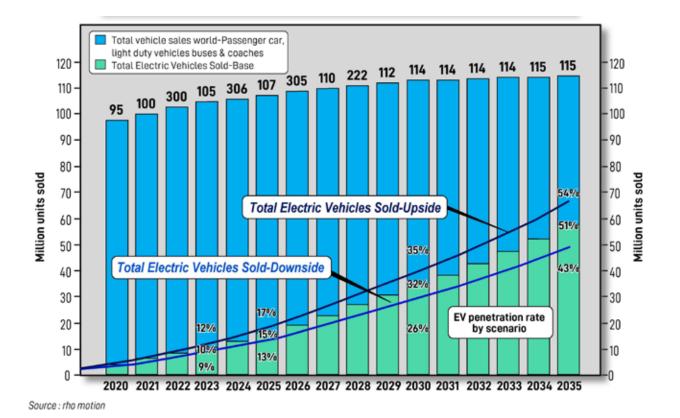




#### BATTERY ENERGY STORAGE

MARKET BACKDROP FOR EV/ESS SECTORS

## INCREASING EV SALES AND PENETRATION RATES ARE AN IMMUTABLE FACT.



#### **BUT WE NEED TO ADDRESS THE** EMERGING 'CARBON SHOCK' OF EV'S



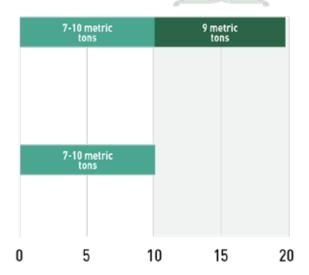




Internal combustion engine car

#### Vehicle Manufacturing CO<sub>2</sub> Emissions Vehicle Production

**Battery Production** (raw materials & cell making)



Source: De Correspondent, 14/7/17. Elsevier, LCA for hydrometallurgical recycling of mixed LiB & NiMH waste, 30/3/21. Ivl Report, Lithium-ion Vehicle Battery Production, November 2019

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## ECO-FRIENDLY RECYCLING PRODUCES LOWEST CO2 BATTERY MATERIALS



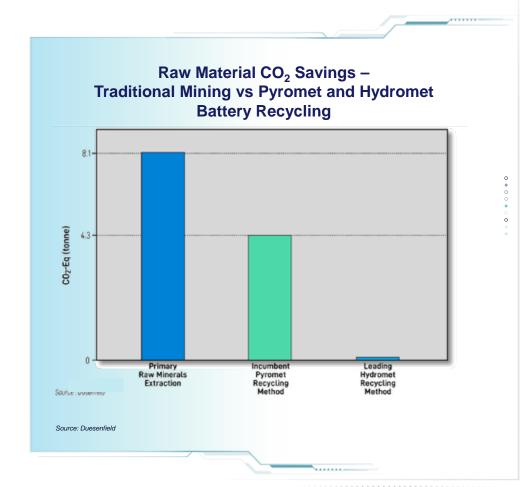
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RECYCLING

HAS THE LOWEST

**CARBON FOOTPRINT** 



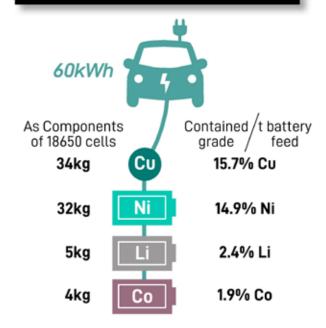


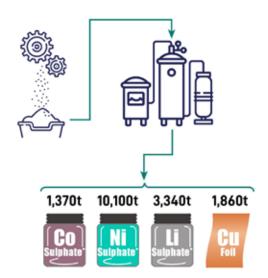
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## DEVELOPED OWN PROCESS FOR A SUPER HIGH GRADE RESOURCE - LI BATTERIES

#### Typical BEV Battery Composition Using NCM 811 Chemistry

Annual Primobius Production
@ 50 Tonnes per Day of Battery Cells



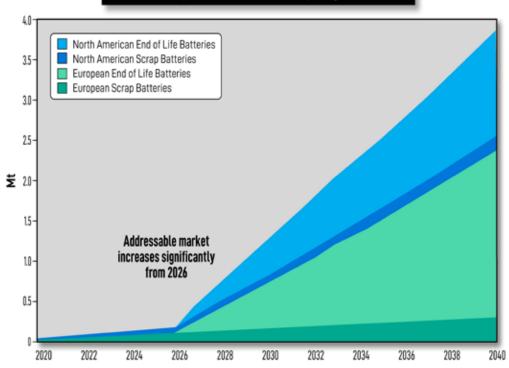




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## WE ARE CERTAIN ALL BATTERIES WEAR OUT AND RECYCLING VOLUMES MIRROR PRODUCTION ON LAGGED BASIS

#### Total Addressable Market for Primobius (ex Asia) Battery Cells Availabe for Recycling (Mt)\*



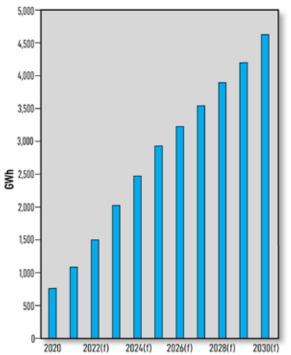
## WE CAN DELIVER KEY CATHODE MATERIALS INTO THE INSATIABLE BATTERY SUPPLY CHAIN WITH LOW

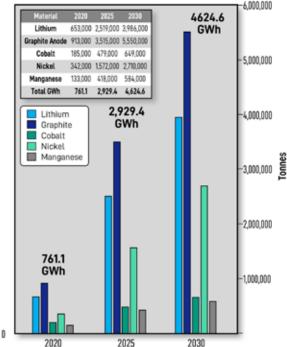


#### World Lithium Ion Megafactory Capacity 2020-2030

#### Megafactory Impact on Raw Materials

Raw Materials Demand vs Global Lithium Ion Cell/Megafactory Capacity





Source: Benchmark Minerals Intelligence -October 2021

The data in this chart does not constitute a forecast, and assumes 100% utilisation rates





## Primobius

Battery recycling without limits

### LI ION BATTERY RECYCLING PROJECT

50:50 JV with SMS group – 'Primobius GmbH'

### COMMERCIALISATION PARTNER TO LEVERAGE STRENGTHS OF BOTH PARTNERS

Neometals Neometals

- Leading ESG credentials
- Proprietary battery recycling process
- Significant chemicals processing expertise
- Track record of project delivery

SMS 🍘 group

- Leading supplier of metallurgical equipment and processing plants for 150 years
- **ü** 14,000 employees in 95 sites globally
- Strong funding capability expected to deliver ~50% debt funding
- Strong reputation and has ability to deliver faster than others

**50%** 

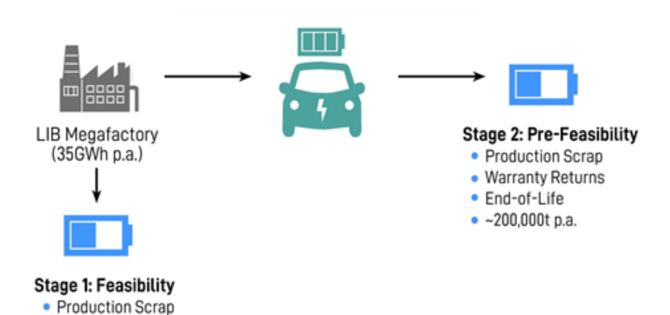
Primobius

50%

- Exclusive 50/50 incorporated joint venture to pursue battery recycling
- SMS right to build, operate and procure debt financing\* on behalf of JV
- Commercial roll-out will leverage SMS global footprint, manufacturing capability and reputation

\* On best endeavours basis

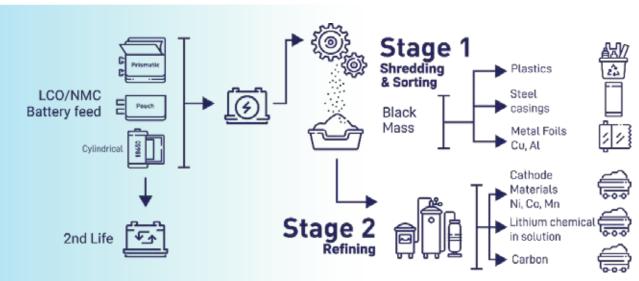
## AIMING TO BE RECYCLER OF CHOICE FOR CELLMAKERS AND CARMAKERS



~20,000t p.a.

#### **OUR PROPRIETARY RECYCLING PROCESS**

Being demonstrated in Hilchenbach Germany 21/22



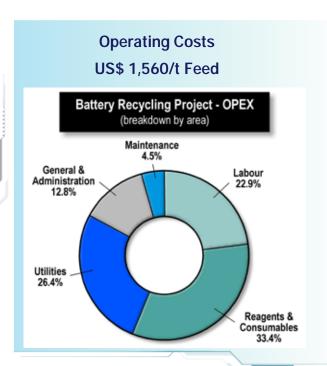
- 85% Recycling Efficiency to date aiming to improve
- Ni+Co Sulphates (+80% Rev\$) meet Chinese cathode specs
- Tailings is fertiliser feedstock





## ENGINEERING COST STUDY ESTIMATES MAY 2021 - AACE CLASS 4 (±25%)

Based on Pilot Plant at SGS Canada in 2019/20



CAPITAL	US\$M
DIRECTS	
Infrastructure Civil	9
Land and Buildings	34
Front End	6
Hydromet	24
Utilities	12
Installation	11
Sub-Total Directs	96
INDIRECTS	
Engineering, Project Management and Owner's Costs	45
Insurance, Freight, Taxes and Interest	9
Sub-Total Indirects	54
CONTINGENCY (10%)	15
TOTAL	165

Refer to Neometals ASX Announcement:- Lithium Battery Recycling – Outstanding Cost Estimates (7 May 2021) and the assumptions set out therein.

Note: total numbers may not sum due to rounding

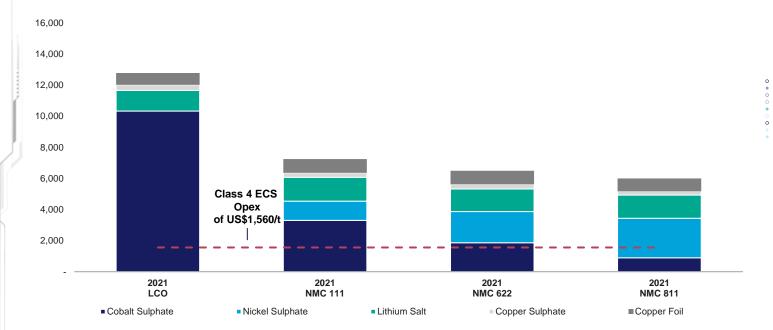


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## ROBUST ECONOMICS ACROSS MAJOR EV BATTERY CHEMISTRIES

#### Revenue by Recovered Elements in 1 Tonne of Batteries

Recoverable Revenue per Tonne of Batteries (US\$/t)(1)



#### Notes

 Pricing – Benchmark Mineral Intelligence (Cobalt, Nickel and Lithium – Spot), Asian Metal (Manganese Sulphate – Spot), Neometals Management (Copper Products – Forecast), Battery Cell Composition, Product Recovery – Class 4 Engineering Cost Study (May 2021)

#### FLEXIBLE BUSINESS / REVENUE MODELS

1



Principal

 Primobius to responsibly process production scrap or EOL batteries for a <u>fee</u>. Customer option to purchase all products under offtake agreement

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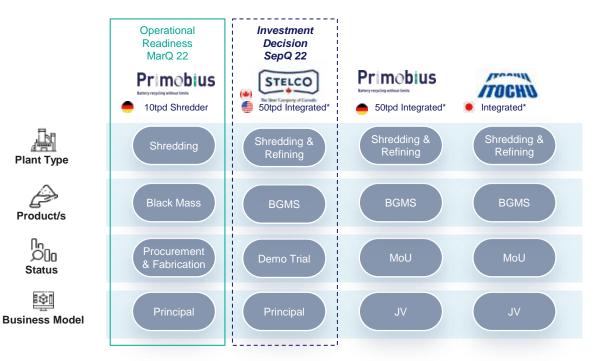
 Primobius to build and operate recycling plant(s) both <u>share</u> economic returns – JV etc. Partner option to purchase all products under offtake agreement

3



 License IP directly for <u>royalty</u> and potentially EPC recycling plant(s)

#### PRIMOBIUS WITH A SPEED TO MARKET **ADVANTAGE**



1. BGMS - Battery Grade Metal Sulphates

Plant Type

Product/s

₽ 2000

Status

**||** 

2. Subject to NMT and JV Board approval.



#### 10TPD COMMERCIAL SHREDDING PLANT

#### HYDROMET REFINERY **DEMO PLANT**





#### Indicative Project Timeline - LiB Recycling

Stage 1 Completed Demonstration Construction & Plant Trials

Complete Commissioning

Stage 1 Class 3 ECS Capex & Opex

Stage 2 Complete Demonstration Plant Trials

10TPD Commence Operations\*

Stage 2 Class 3 ECS Capex & Opex and Feasibility Study

50TPD FID\* & Execute Plant Supply Agreement

Nov 21

Dec 21

Feb 22

Mar 22

JunQ 22

Jun 22

Jul 22

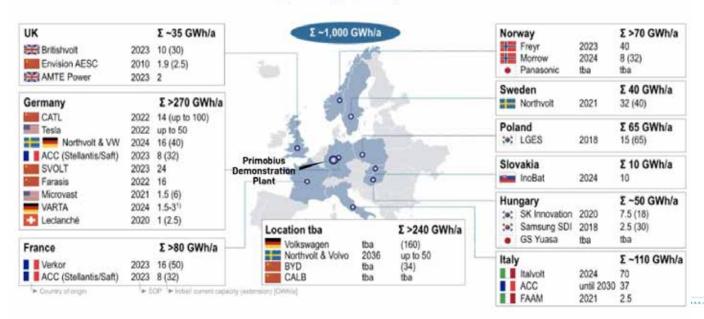
Running Feedstock and Offtake Negotiations in parallel





## PROVIDE BATTERY DISPOSAL SERVICE IN EU THEN SCALE-UP AND INTEGRATE AS REQUIRED

Announced annual LiB cell production capacity until 2030 (GWh/a)
- By country, by companies



Source: Roland Berger, July 2021, from Press Releases, Company Announcements & Expert Interviews

1) Roland Berger estimate based on 100-200 in units of 21700 cells



## NEW EU BATTERY REGULATIONS ARE A MASSIVE TAILWIND FOR US

Need to address the disconnect between the current state of the EV materials supply chain and the future ambitions of the auto OEM,and consumers with a focus on ESG principles

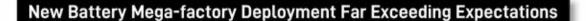
- Security of raw material supply
- CO<sub>2</sub> footprint
- Transparent, ethical provenance
- Recycling

#### Staggered EU Regulation Implementation

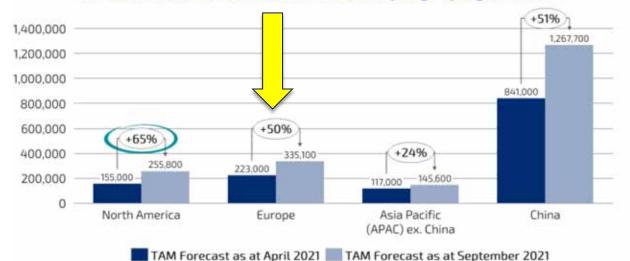


- O CO2 footprint declaration >2kWh
- Recycling efficiency to 65%. Existing producers using pyromet recycling typically has 45% efficiency
- Ø Digital passport, labelling carbon footprint
- Ø Recycling efficiency targets for Co, Pb, Li, Ni, Cu
- Recycled content declarations, carbon footprint requirements
- Recycling efficiency to 70%
- Minimum recycled content requirements will result in larger players engaging with companies such as Neometals

### EU SECOND LARGEST TARGET MARKET FOR BATTERY RECYCLING



#### Tonnes of Lithium-ion Batteries Available for Recycling - by Region in 2025<sup>(1,2)</sup>



#### Notes:

- 1. April 2021 vs Sept 2021 Total Addressable Market (TAM) Forecast. Units are tonnes of lithium-ion batteries available for recycling / year
- 2. Sources: Benchmark Mineral Intelligence ("BMI") Li-Cycle market intelligence and forecasting.

Source: Li-Cycle

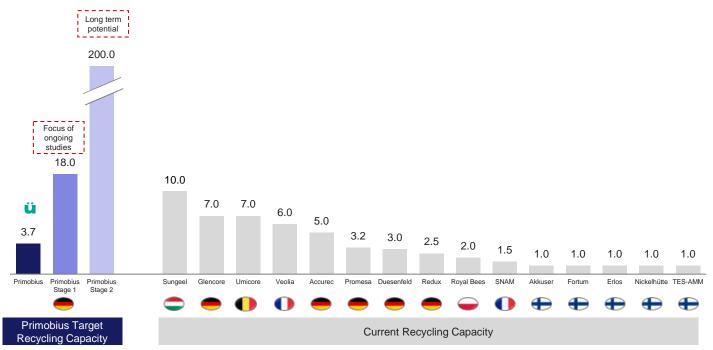


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## PRIMOBIUS IS THE ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY AND SCALABLE RECYCLING SOLUTION REQUIRED BY WESTERN CELL 'PRODUCERS'

#### **Major European LIB Recycling Facility Capacities**

Capacity (ktpa)

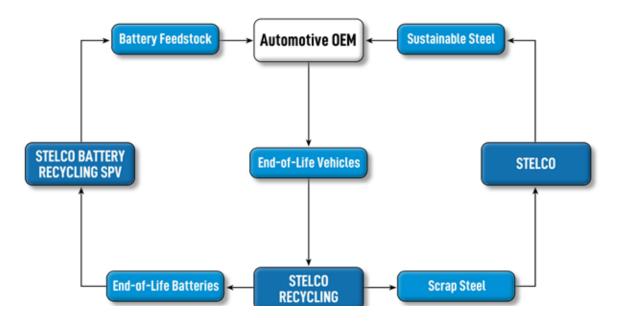


Source: Neometals Management (Sept 2021); Benchmark Intelligence (2020)

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## STELCO LICENCE AND OPTION AGREEMENT FOR 50TPD INTEGRATED OPERATION IN NORTH AMERICA

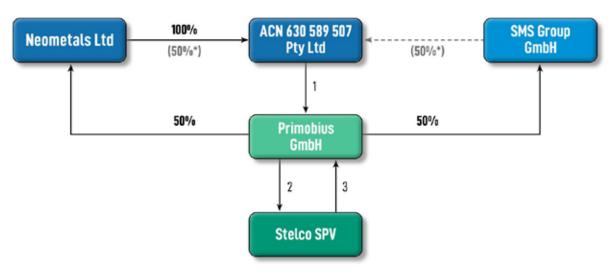
Stelco is Positioned to be a Leader in the Electric Vehicle Circular Economy



#### STELCO DEAL STRUCTURE AND TERMS

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- ACN 630 grants limited Commercial licence
   Primobius to sublicence to Stelco Battery Recycling SPV (10% GRR)
   SPV grants Primobius option to acquire 25-50% of SPV in consideration for GRR 0% + reimbursement (sunk costs to date evaluation costs etc)



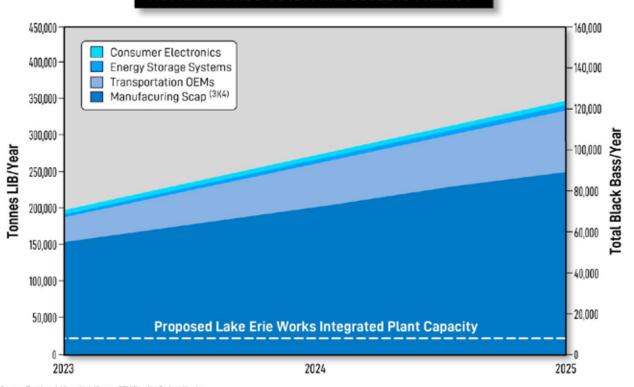
<sup>\*</sup> SMS will be issued new shares upon 'Commercial Operations' by Primobius

## PROPOSED LOCATION AT THE TOP OF AUTO ALLEY



### NORTH AMERICA IS THE THIRD LARGEST MARKET FOR RECYCLING OF LIB'S

#### North America Total Addressable Market (1)



Sources: Benchmark Mineral intelligence ("BMI") and Li-Cycle estimates

<sup>(1)</sup> BMI and Li-Cycle estimates as of Dec. 2021 Total Adressable Market (TAM) Forecast.

<sup>(2)</sup> After-safes includes Transport GEMS, ESS, Consumer Electronics and Other, largely accounting for end-of-life batteries including recalls.

<sup>(3)</sup> Manufacturing scrap demand estimate derived from BMI and Li-Cycle's Dec. 2021 Total Adressable Market (TAM) Forecast.

<sup>(4)</sup> Includes LG Indication of additional planned capacity by 2025 - per theauty.co.kr.

## PRIMOBIUS LITHIUM-ION BATTERY RECYCLING PROJECT - HIGHLIGHTS





#### Auto OEMs and Batterymakers Require a Li-B Recycling Solution

Global volume of 'end of life' LIBs available for recycling expected to grow at 18.8% per annum over the next ~10 years



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#### **Environmentally Friendly Process Differentiated from Incumbent Technology**

Hydromet process has a negligible Co2 emission footprint compared to primary minerals extraction or the incumbent pyromet recycling process for Li-B batteries



#### Flexible and Robust LiB Recycling Technology

Multiple battery chemistries, formats and types can be processed without cell discharging with lower emissions and less transport required than incumbents



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#### **Attractive Economics and Exposure to Battery Metal Prices**

High purity chemicals not intermediates for ethical re-supply to the cathode producer supply chains with better recovery, lower emissions and less transport than incumbents



#### SMS Partnership and Flexible Business Plan Accelerates the Roll-out

SMS operational and manufacturing capability applied to a flexible business model provides a material speed to market advantage

Item 1 Source: Circular Energy Storage

#### SUSTAINABILITY



Neometals is committed to optimising finite resources with circular practices to benefit society and the environment for a sustainable future  $_{\eta\eta}$ 

- All projects, particularly EU, focused on materials for decarbonisation and the clean energy revolution
- Further to support domestic supply chain resilience and increasing the lifetime of ethical resources
- Genuine ESG conviction core business to support resilience and adaptability
- All projects align with corporate purpose and sustainability objectives. 2nd ESG report lodged -TCFD, ESG remuneration KPIs, 2021 NMT carbon neutrality, quantifiable targets for 2022



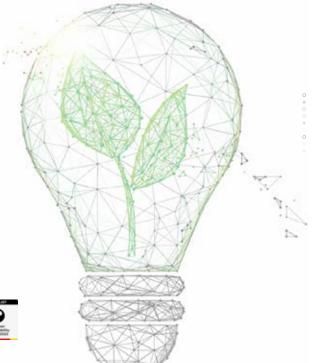












#### **COMPANY HIGHLIGHTS**

#### **SECURITY**



Strong balance sheet, no debt – can fund projects to near-term FIDs



Consistent strategy – innovative partnering to reduce risks and increase returns



History of cash returns and scrip to shareholders



Strong Board and proven Management team

#### **OPPORTUNITY**



Growing portfolio of green critical materials projects in Europe & NA



Recycling maximises resource efficiency. Secure ethical supply chains for the circular economy



Organic growth from deploying technologies as principal, with partners or licensing models



Demonstrating best practice ESG - 'sustainable investment'

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