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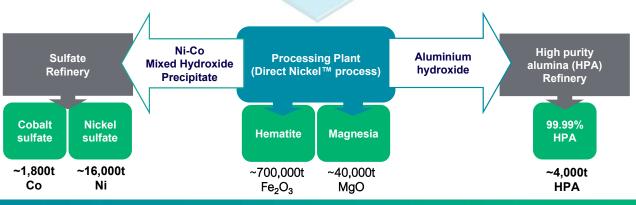
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Laterite ore (1.6% nickel, 0.18% cobalt)

Shipping from New Caledonia to Townsville



High grade ore supply from established mines

Safe jurisdiction

Clean technology

Recycled leach agent

Off the shelf equipment

Fast to production (no mine)

High purity - Value add

Commercial refining processes

Products for high growth EV sector



### World Class Partners

#### **Combined US\$15m equity investment (June 2021)**

- \$0.1364 per share (16.8% premium to 1-month VWAP)
- LGES US\$10.5m
- POSCO US\$4.5m

#### Binding offtake agreement signed

- 7 year term + 3 year first right of refusal after term expires
- 7,000tpa nickel / 700tpa cobalt LGES
- 3,000tpa nickel / 300tpa cobalt POSCO
- Pricing linked to commodity prices at time of sale

#### Extensive due diligence undertaken

 Technical due diligence undertaken by RPM Global focusing on process, scalability, New Caledonia ore supply and approvals pathway

Refer to ASX Announcement 8 June 2021



"This is the most meaningful investment in our supply chain for LG Energy Solution since the company spun out from LG Chem. We believe the TECH Project will deliver sustainable nickel and cobalt production that is in line with LGES' operating philosophy. And our proactive investments in the supply chain such as this will ultimately play a role in further satisfying our customers."



"We are delighted to co-invest with LG Energy Solution in Queensland Pacific Metals. We look forward to building our relationship with QPM and assess other business opportunities that may arise between QPM and POSCO."



# Global Leader in Sustainability

#### QPM believes that the TECH Project boasts unrivalled ESG credentials amongst developing nickel projects



#### Negative CO<sub>2</sub> emissions

- Use of waste gas results in TECH Project reducing Australia's GHG emissions by 238,000 t CO<sub>2</sub>-eq per annum
- Equivalent of ~52,000 typical passenger vehicles
- ISO-compliant calculation independent verification



#### **Minimal Waste**

- No tailings dam
- No process liquids discharge
- All valuable metals extracted from ore
- Exploring commercial applications for residue to make TECH Project "zero waste"



#### Positive working environment

- Developed nation labour laws from ore supply through to final product
- Building and fostering a high-performance culture with motivated employees working to a common goal
- Inclusive workforce
- Building diversity



#### **Embracing Townsville & regional communities**

- Acknowledgement of Traditional Owners Bindal People – CHMA executed to deliver training opportunities and jobs
- Local community sponsorship
- Establishing a presence in the community QPM office opened



# Ore Supply

SCHEMATIC LATERITE PROFILE

COMMON



Source: Figures 2020 - DIMENC (NC Department for Industry, Mines and Energy)

**EXTRACTION** NAME **PROCESS** Ni Co Fe MgO RED <0.8 < 0.1 >50 < 0.5 LIMONITE DNi **HPAL Process** 8.0 0.1 40 0.5 YELLOW to 0.2 LIMONITE 50 profile Ore 1.5 25 5 TRANSITION to to 40 to 15 0 0.02 to SAPROLITE/ 10 15 1.8 GARNIERITE/ to to to SERPENTINE 35 25 35 FRESH 0.3 0.01 ROCK

APPROXIMATE ANALYSIS



# **Project Location**



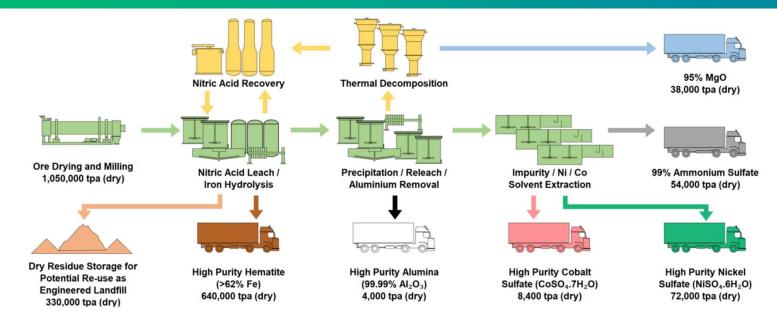


#### Ideal site (290 Ha) allocated to QPM in the Lansdown Eco-Industrial Precinct

- Water pipeline 12 km away
- Gas pipeline (35 PJ/y capacity we need 10 12 PJ/y)
- Electric transmission lines (275kV, 66kV and 11kV)
- Fibre optic communications
- Existing Ross River (140 MW) and future Edify (400MW) solar arrays
- Road train access to Townsville Port (Flinders Highway)
- Rail line
- Environment gently undulating grazing land, sparsely wooded
- Zoned heavy industrial
- Cultural Heritage Management Agreement signed
- Skilled workforce and attractive lifestyle location



## Simplified DNi Process<sup>TM</sup> Flowsheet



- ✓ Atmospheric conditions
- √ >98% nitric acid recycle
- ✓ No exotic materials of construction
- ✓ Extensively piloted and tested

- ✓ No tailings dam required
- ✓ Inert residue produced potential commercial use
- ✓ Zero liquids discharge
- ✓ Maximise value of ore



# Pilot Plant



QPM Pilot Plant located at ALS Global Hydrometallurgy Centre of Excellence, Perth, Western Australia



## Helping to Solve Australia's Methane Emissions

Leading Life Cycle Assessment group Minviro calculated QPM's annual carbon emissions to be NEGATIVE 238,000t CO2-eq per annum using conservative assumptions

Underground Coal

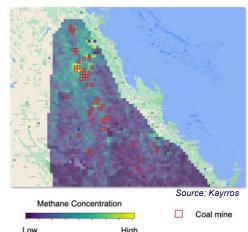
Open Pit Coal





Satellite imagery over Bowen Basin





- **Underground:** Majority of gas (methane) is pre-drained and flared ahead of mining for safety reasons resulting in a direct CO<sub>2</sub> emission. Some (up to 30%) gas is vented
- Open pit: Fugitive emissions of gas (methane) as mining proceeds. Methane has a global warming potential factor ~25 times worse than CO<sub>2</sub> under IPCC standards
- High tech satellite imagery highlights the issue over the Bowen Basin
- By harvesting waste gas (especially fugitive emissions), QPM will receive an offset against it's CO<sub>2</sub> emissions, but more importantly help solve a growing problem



# **Conceptual Project Layout**



Ore Prep

# Investment Highlights

Advanced Project Status - DFS completion mid 2022, targeting construction late 2022 and first production 2024

Sustainability – We believe the TECH Project will be a global leader in sustainability, something that is very important to the western EV market

Ore Supply Grade – New Caledonia laterite is of the highest quality with very high Ni and Co grades

World Class Partners – LG is one of the world's largest battery manufacturers and POSCO is a global force in resources

Government Support - Project of State Significant in Queensland, strong support from Federal Government

Well Funded - \$47m cash at bank and no debt

Advanced Debt Funding – Into Due Diligence phase with NAIF and received \$250m non-binding commitment letter from Export Finance Australia; Commenced debt process with strong interest from commercial banks and other overseas government backed lenders

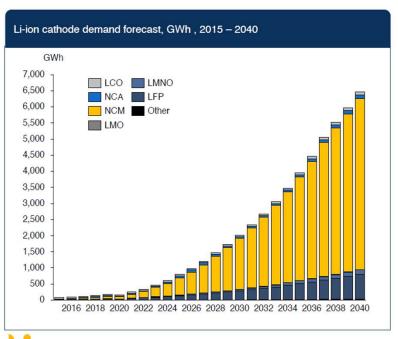
Right Commodities - The fundamentals for nickel and cobalt are very strong

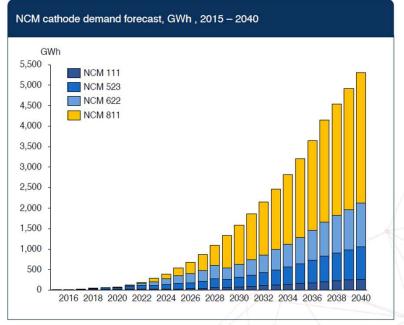
Strategic Value – 70% of the world's known nickel resources are contained in laterite ore – to meet the forecast demand growth in green nickel, a commercially viable processing method is required. The strategic value of commercialising the Dni Process<sup>TM</sup> should not be underestimated



### Nickel-rich batteries dominate the future

Scale of LiB production increase is forecast to be huge—and nickel-intensive cells will be at the centre of that transition

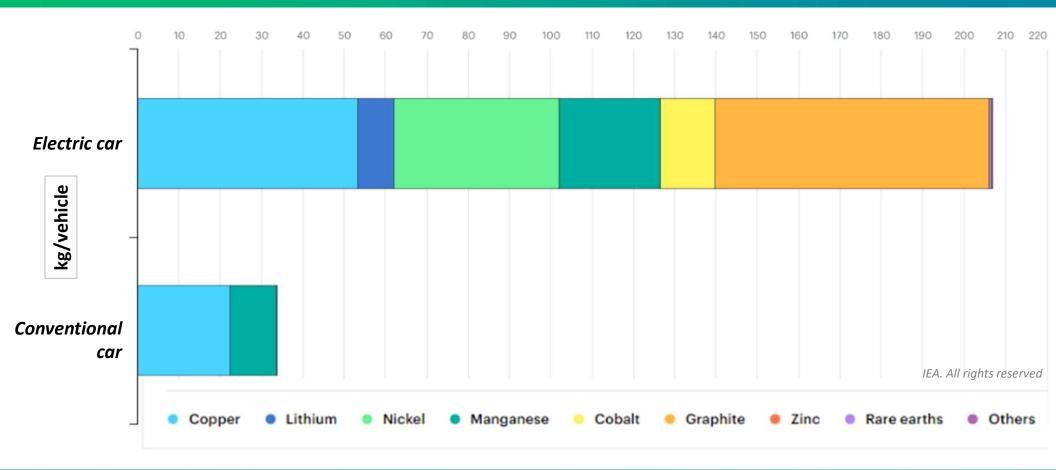








# Who makes the money in the EV future?





## **Corporate Overview**

Capital Structure	
Market Cap	\$270m
Share Price	17.5c
Cash (31 Dec)	\$47m
Top 20	38%

Major Shareholders		
LG Energy Solutions	99.2m	6.4%
UBS Nominees	56.8m	3.7%
BNP Paribas Noms Pty Ltd	49.7m	3.2%
Citicorp Nominees	42.8m	2.8%
POSCO GEM 1 <sup>ST</sup> FUND	42.5m	2.8%

Board and Key Management	
John Abbott	Non Exec Chair
Stephen Grocott	Managing Director
John Downie	Exec Director
Jim Simpson	Non Exec Director
Sharna Glover	Non Exec Director
Eddie King	Non Exec Director



Re-Energising Nickel Production

# **QPM TECH Project**

