### **Investor Presentation – Bell Potter Roadshow**

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# Critical Materials in the U.S. for a Sustainable Planet

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#### Lithium Carbonate Equivalent

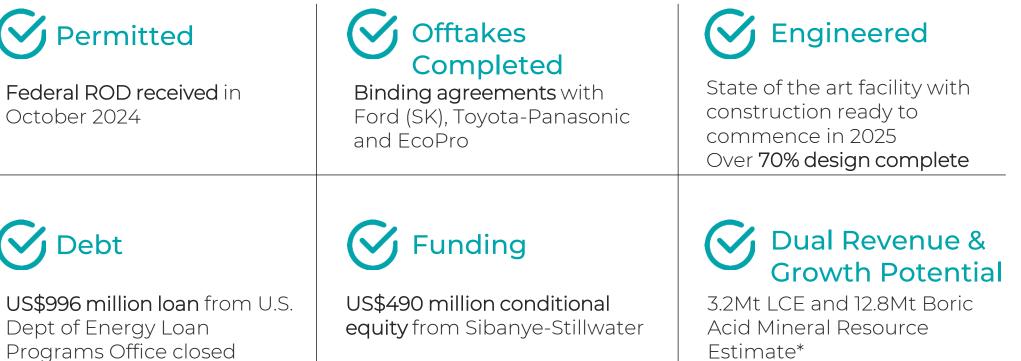
The formula used for the Lithium Carbonate Equivalent (LCE) values quoted in this presentation is: LCE = (lithium carbonate tonnes produced + lithium hydroxide tonnes produced \* 0.880

#### Note

All \$'s in this presentation are US\$'s except where otherwise noted.

### What Differentiates loneer

Rhyolite Ridge is now:



January 2025

Estimate<sup>\*</sup> Multi-generational asset

6.94

Lithium

10.81

Boron

\* See Company announcement titled "Mineral Resource update delivers high grade, shallow shelf zone, outside of critical habitat" dated 30 April 2024

# Rhyolite Ridge is Permitted



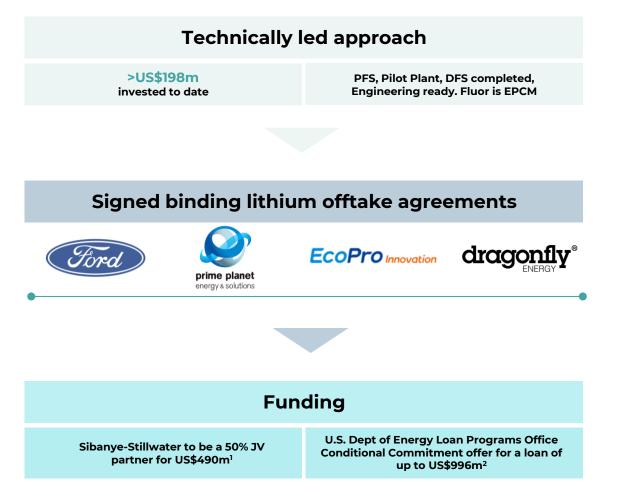
Federal ROD received in October 2024





### Rhyolite Ridge has the Right Partners





# Rhyolite Ridge a U.S. Construction Ready Project





#### **OVER 70% ENGINEERING COMPLETE**

# Once in Production (~2028\*)

Rhyolite Ridge will ...



Be the **first new lithium production** in the U.S. in over 60 years



Be the **first new boron production** in the U.S. in over 100 years

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**Quadruple U.S. Lithium production** and account for about 5% of projected demand in 2030

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ASX : INR

Add 26% to U.S. boron production and account for about 17% of projected U.S. demand in 2030

\* All future dates subject to change without notice. Timing is dependent on making a FID by end 1Q 2025



### **RHYOLITE RIDGE**

ESMERALDA COUNTY, NEVADA

Rhyolite Ridge will process lithium carbonate to support the domestic EV battery supply chain.

DIRECT LOAN: CONDITIONAL COMMITMENT



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# Rhyolite Ridge Next steps



Close **conditional Sibanye-Stillwater agreement** to fund \$490 million for a 50% share of the Rhyolite Ridge Project



Procure and close any additional required funding



Ioneer and Sibanye-Stillwater to make a "Final Investment Decision" on the Rhyolite Ridge Project



**Construction** to start 2025\*. Expected to take approximately 36 months including procurement of long-lead items



First Production – Expected 2028\*

# Why loneer - Why Rhyolite Ridge

<b>O</b> Permitted	Binding	Over 70%	6.94 Lithium	B 10.81 Boron
	offtakes are in place	engineering complete		
US\$996m in conditional Debt	US\$490m in conditional Project Equity	Expansion potential for future growth	Ithum Boron Project       PRODUCT       SAMPLE ID       DATE         PP-005       24 August 2019	PRODUCT SAMPLE ID DATE BORIC ACID PILOT PLANT SAMPLE PP-009 28-Jul-19

#### NEAR TERM FINAL INVESTMENT DECISION

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### Corporate Snapshot

### **Total Shareholder Composition**

at 31 December 2024

### **Capital Structure**

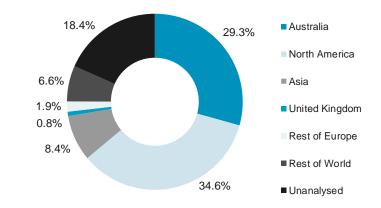
(As at 4 February 2025)

Shares Outstanding	2.4b	
Performance Rights And Options Outstanding	58.5m	
Cash Balance – 31 December 2024	US\$21.6m	
Share Price ASX – 4 February 2025	A\$0.17	
ADR Price NASDAQ (1 ADR = 40 ASX Shares)	US\$4.37	
Market Capitalisation – 4 February 2025	A\$406m	

#### Institutional Investors 18.4% 28.7% Retail 0.3% Corporation/Non-Profit 1.1% Related Parties 4.4% Unallocated DRs 6.8% Broker Custodian 12.9% 27.4% Unanalysed

### **Total Shares by Geography**

at 31 December 2024



### **Research Coverage**

ASX : INR

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### Proven & Experienced Team

#### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**



JAMES D. CALAWAY Executive Chair Former Non-executive chair of Orocobre Ltd



BERNARD ROWE Managing Director CEO & Founder



ALAN DAVIES Non-executive Director Former Chief Executive, Energy & Minerals of Rio Tinto



ROSE MCKINNEY-JAMES Non-executive Director Former President and CEO of Corporation for Solar Tech & Renewable Resources



MARGARET WALKER Non-executive Director Former VP Engineering and Technology Centers, Dow Chemical



**STEPHEN GARDINER** Non-executive Director Former CFO Oil Search

#### **EXECUTIVE TEAM**



IAN BUCKNELL CFO & Company Secretary

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MATT WEAVER Snr VP Engineering & Operations



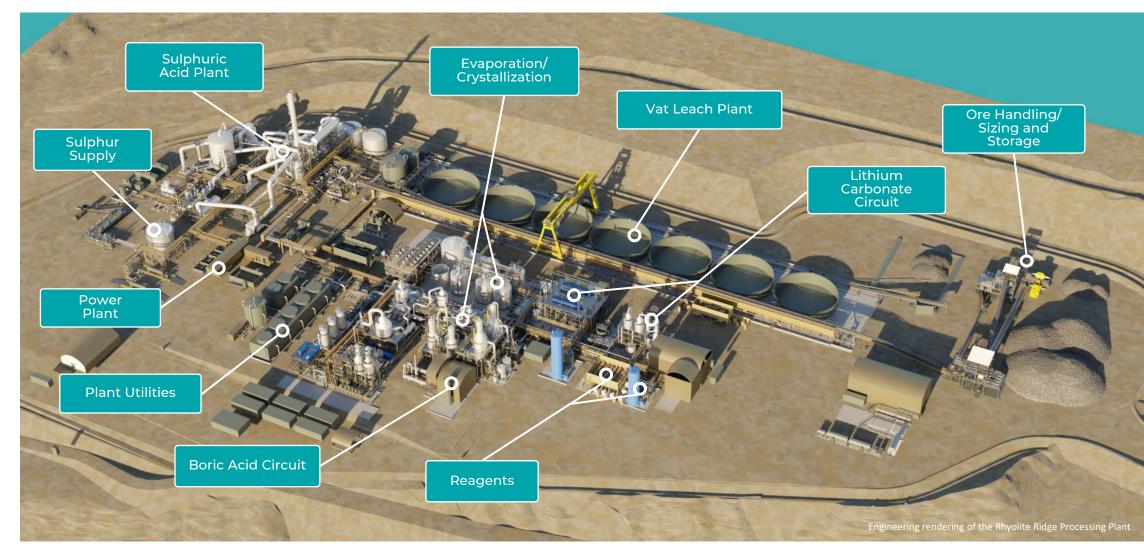
CHAD YEFTICH VP Corporate Development & External Affairs



**KEN COON** VP Human Resources

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### Proposed Rhyolite Ridge Process Plant



# Commitment to Sustainability

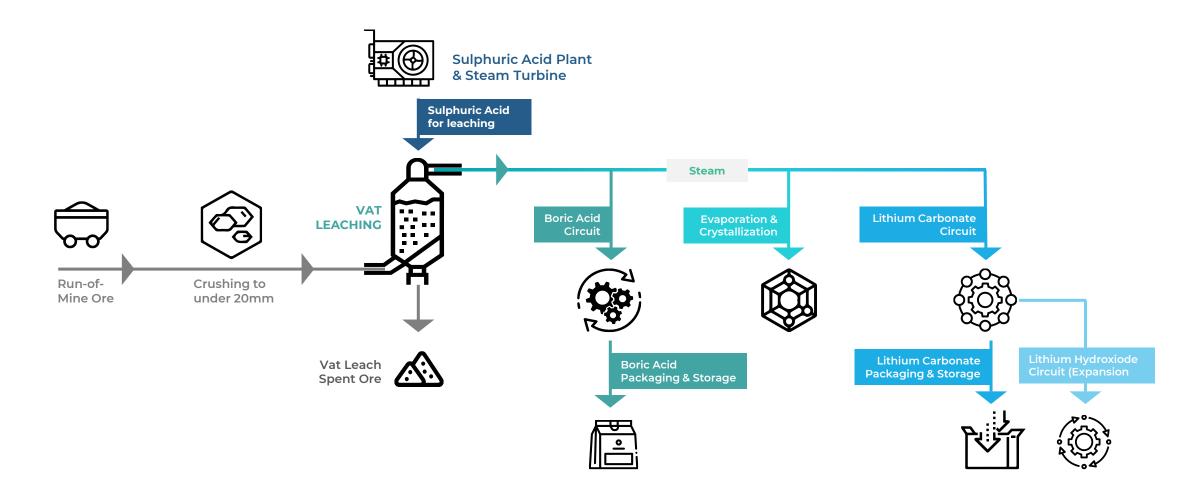
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DESIGNED TO MINIMISE IMPACT ON THE ENVIRONMENT

Low Emissions		<ul> <li>Majority of on-site power from CO<sup>2</sup>-free energy production, low greenhouse gas emissions.</li> <li>Mobile equipment meets Tier 4 EPA standards</li> </ul>
Low Water Usage		<ul> <li>Project design implements best-in-class water utilization while recycling the majority of water usage.</li> <li>Expected to use 30x less water per tonne than existing U.S. production</li> </ul>
• Small Mine Footprint	Åð	<ul> <li>No evaporation ponds or tailings dam</li> </ul>
Efficient Equipment		<ul> <li>Generating all power on-site.</li> <li>Automation of mine haulage equipment</li> </ul>
Commitment to Sustainability	Ð	<ul> <li>All baseline studies for EIS completed over 2 years.</li> <li>Ongoing commitment to the environment and the protection and conservation of Tiehm's buckwheat</li> <li>Implementation of TSM<sup>1</sup> ESG program</li> </ul>

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# Rhyolite Ridge – High Level Chemical Process Flow Diagram



### South Basin Resource Estimate April 2024

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Stream	Classification	<b>Tonnage</b> Ktonnes	Li ppm	<b>В</b> ppm	<b>Li2CO3</b> Wt. %	<b>H3BO3</b> Wt. %	Li2CO3 (kt)	H3BO3 (kt)
1	Measured	43,178	1,755	14,657	0.93	8.38	403	3,619
Searlesite: High- boron lithium mineralisation (low clay content)	Indicated	74,235	1,599	12,183	0.85	6.97	632	5,171
	Inferred	35,608	1,581	12,144	0.84	6.94	300	2,473
	Total S1	153,021	1,639	12,872	0.87	7.36	1,335	11,262
	Measured	17,160	1,509	1,566	0.80	0.90	138	154
2 Low –boron lithium mineralisation (low clay content)	Indicated	79,264	1,500	1,560	0.80	0.89	633	707
	Inferred	46,096	1,737	1,139	0.92	0.65	426	300
	Total S2	142,520	1,578	1,425	0.84	0.81	1,197	1,161
2	Measured	14,768	2,454	1,733	1.31	0.99	193	146
3 Low-boron lithium	Indicated	29,475	2,420	1,228	1.29	0.70	380	207
mineralisation (high clay content)	Inferred	11,619	2,388	605	1.27	0.35	148	40
	Total S3	55,862	2,422	1,232	1.29	0.70	720	394
ALL	Grand Total	351,403	1,739	6,379	0.93	3.65	3,251	12,817

### Key Growth Opportunities

Four areas aimed at increasing lithium production:

### WITHIN INITIAL MINE PLAN FOOTPRINT

### High boron-lithium

• Current 26-year mine plan based on only 41% of High boron - lithium Resource

### **3** North Basin

- 4x larger than South Basin footprint
- Leach tests in progress
- Well defined by gravity and historic drilling

### **2** Low boron-lithium

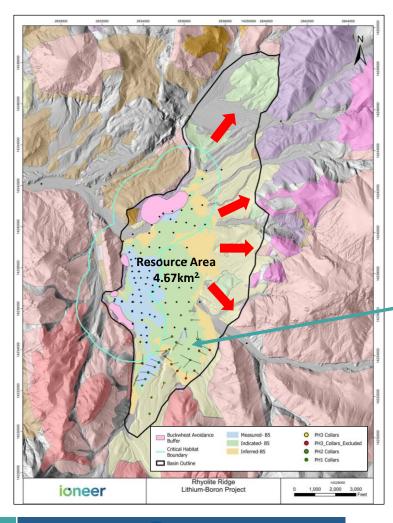
- Already in mine plan for stockpiling
- Evaluation of processing options underway

### **4** Other Projects

- Non-Rhyolite Ridge
- Existing tenements
- Lithium and Boron

# Significant Growth Opportunities

#### **South Basin**



#### • South Basin

1.5X larger than footprint of current 351Mt Mineral Resource containing3.25Mt LCE

Mineralisation is open to north and east

Mineral Resource updated April 2024

#### Highly promising Shelf Zone identified

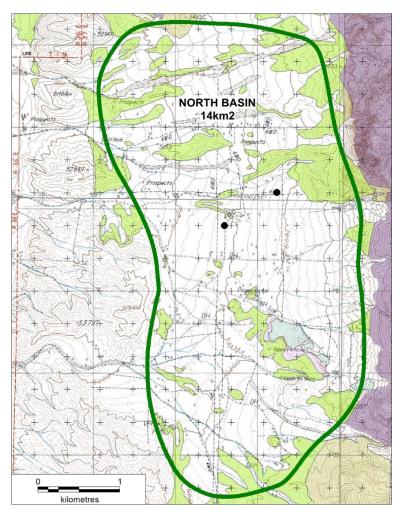
#### North Basin •••

Over 4x larger footprint than South Basin Resource

US Borax (Rio) drilled >50 holes 1980-90s

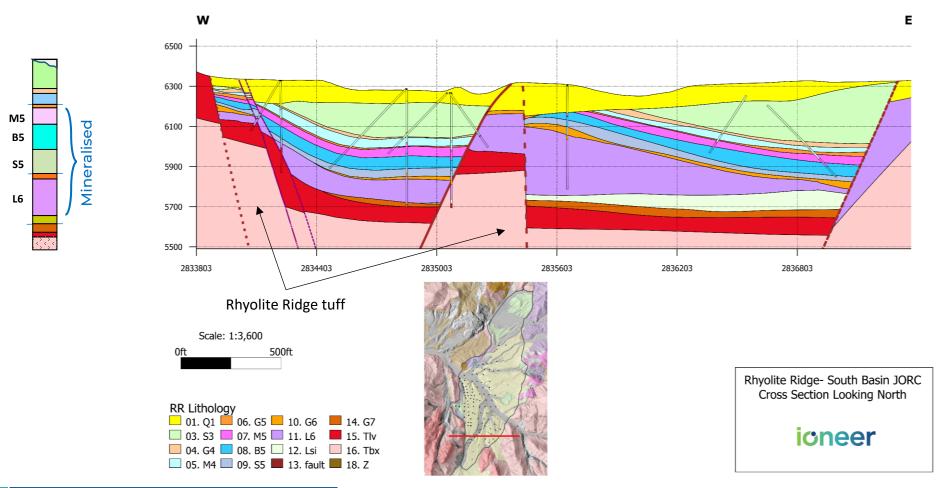
> 2 holes drilled by INR in 2016<sup>1</sup>

#### **North Basin**

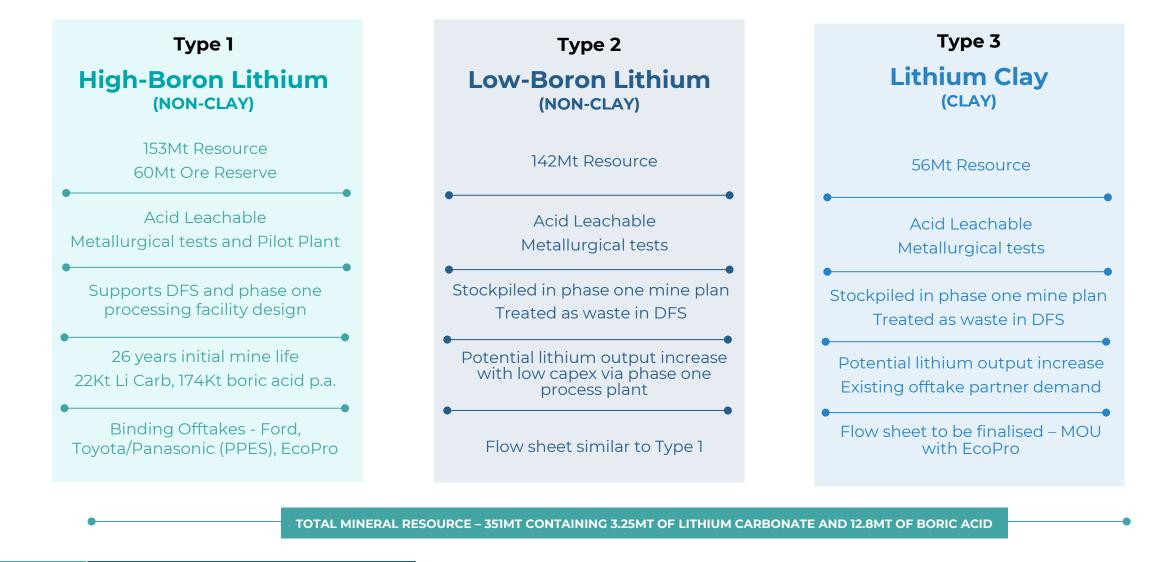


### Growth Opportunity in Proposed Permitting Footprint

#### ALL MINERALISED LAYERS PROVIDE UPSIDE AND OPTIONALITY



### South Basin Mineralisation Types



### Acid Leach Results – Average recoveries >89%

•		SOUTH BASIN		•• NORTH BASIN
	Type 1 High Boron	Type 2 Low Boron	Type 3 Clay	Type 2 Low Boron
Li	1,335 kMT LCE	1,197 kMT LCE	720 kMT LCE	1000 – 3000 kMT LCE
Gr	1,639 ppm	1,578 ppm	2,422 ppm	1000 – 1700 ppm
R	94% Li	89% Li	89% Li	91% Li
#TEST	300 +	65	45	35
<b>BEFORE LEACH</b>				
AFTER LEACH				



### Sedimentary deposit examples

Ioneer Rhyolite Ridge Li-B (Searlesite) Resource\*

Rhyolite Ridge is **only known occurrence** of a Searlesite hosted lithium deposit

Li-only (clay)

Most common type of sedimentary deposit in North America

### Li-B (Searlesite) Before and After Acid Leaching

SEARLESITE ORE EASY AND LESS EXPENSIVE TO WASH, DE-WATER AND DISPOSE OF LEACH RESIDUE



 Li-B (Searlesite) mineralisation after acid leach

Li-B (Searlesite) • mineralisation before acid leach

# Li-only (Clay) Mineralisation Before and After Acid Leaching

CLAY ORE IS DIFFICULT AND MORE EXPENSIVE TO WASH, DE-WATER AND DISPOSE OF LEACH RESIDUE

Li-only (Clay) • mineralisation before acid leach



 Li-only (Clay) mineralisation after acid leach