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**Arafura Resources Limited (ASX:ARU)** ("**Arafura**" or the "**Company**") is pleased to attach a copy of its presentation at a joint seminar *Investment Opportunity in Northern Territory: Natural Gas, Hydrogen and Critical Minerals* hosted by the Northern Territory Government and the Consulate-General of Japan in Sydney. Representatives from industry and banking were in attendance.

Mr Gavin Lockyer, Arafura's Managing Director, presented the Nolans project on the topic of "Diversification of NdPr supply risk for Japan".

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Diversification of NdPr supply risk for Japan

NTG and Consulate-General of Japan Seminar

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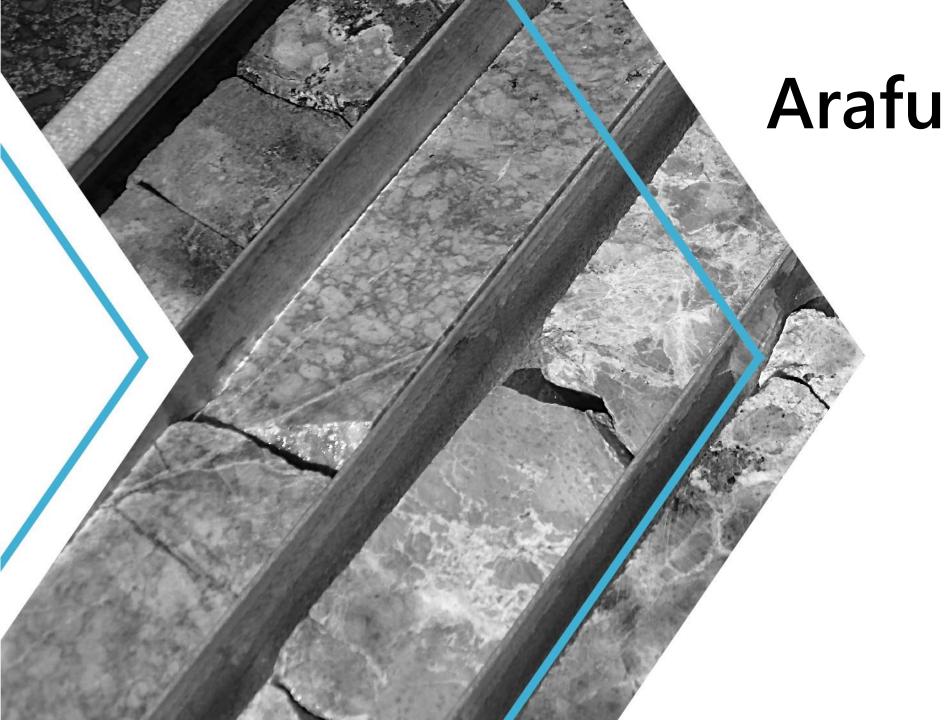
The information in this presentation that relates to Mineral Resources was released in an ASX announcement dated 7 June 2017 (Detailed Resource Assessment Completed) and was completed in accordance with the guidelines of the JORC Code (2012). The information in this presentation that relates to Ore Reserves was released in an ASX announcement dated 16 March 2020 (Major Increase in Mine Life for the Nolans Project) and was completed in accordance with the guidelines of the JORC Code (2012). Arafura Resources confirms that it is not aware of any new information or data that materially affects the information included in the original market announcements and that all material assumptions and technical parameters underpinning the estimates in the original market announcements continue to apply and have not materially changed. Arafura Resources confirms that the form and context in which the Competent Person's findings are represented have not been materially modified from the original market announcement.

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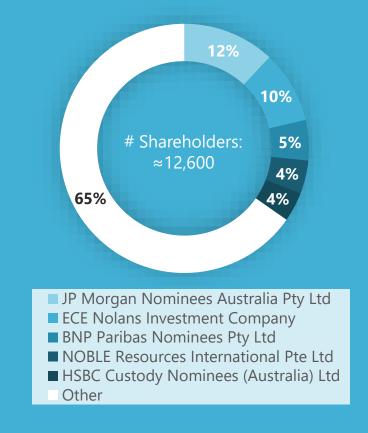
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Arafura & the Nolans Project

# Corporate Snapshot

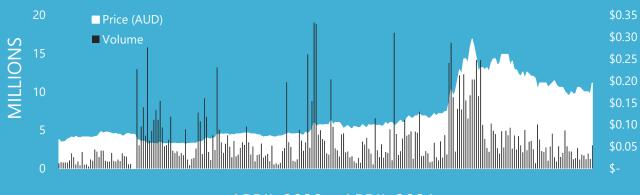
- ✓ Nolans shovel ready world class NdPr project
- ✓ NdPr is the key input for high performance NdFeB permanent magnets
- ✓ NdPr central to many clean energy applications including EVs and wind turbines
- ✓ NdPr supply risk exposure for Japan goes beyond magnet making industry to downstream activities for auto component makers, EV manufacturers and consumer electronics
- ✓ Japan's export customers in Europe and the US, will have increased focus on the sustainability and provenance of critical raw materials
- ✓ ESG standards of China sourced NdPr oxide and NdFeB magnets being traced back to the mine site may create challenges for Japanese exporters



Capital Structure				
ASX Code	ARU			
ASX Share Price (19 April)	\$0.195			
Shares on Issue	1,170M			
Market Capitalisation	\$228.30M			
12 Month Liquidity	\$121.75M			
Cash*	\$12.91M			
Debt	Nil			
Enterprise Value*	\$215.39M			

<sup>\*</sup> Data based on 31 March 2021 Quarterly Report

### **12 Month** Share Price Performance



APRIL 2020 - APRIL 2021



## Nolans a Strategic Resource



Nolans aims to supply **5-10% of global demand** for NdPr oxide



Nolans is the only NdPr project in Australia that plans to produce ore to oxide at a single site including all waste management.



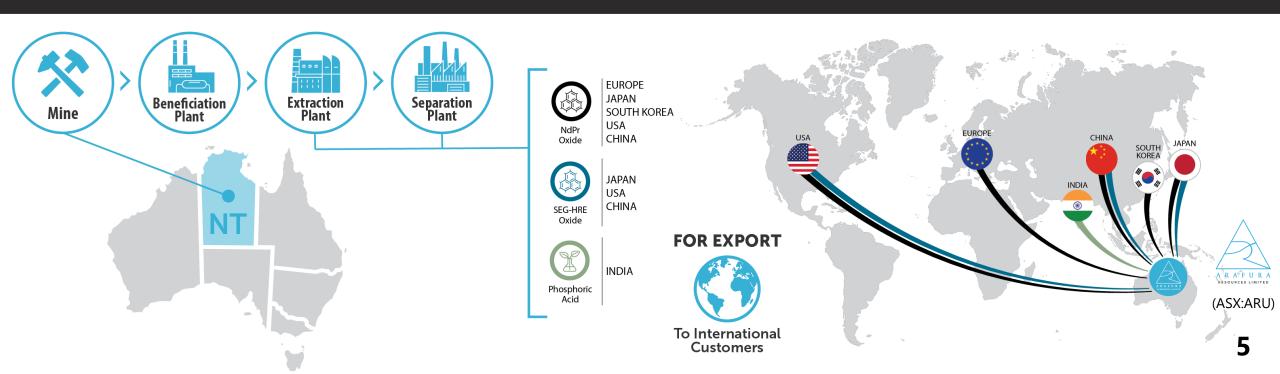
Nolans aims to be a **non-Chinese supplier of NdPr** by entering the global supply chain as an oxide.



**All environmental approvals** have been secured in Australia at a single site which provides customers traceability of product & rehabilitation.



All the above has been **fully costed in the DFS**. Phosphoric acid product places Nolans in a **unique position to compete with China on cost**.



## Long Life Asset

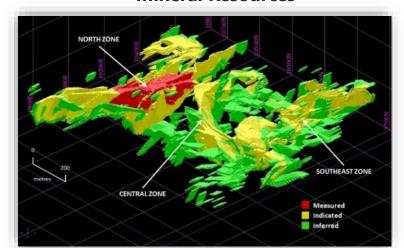
RESOURCES	TONNES (m)	RARE EARTHS TREO %	PHOSPHATE P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> %	NdPr ENRICHMENT %
Measured	4.9	3.2	13	26.1
Indicated	30	2.7	12	26.4
Inferred	21	2.3	10	26.5
TOTAL	56	2.6	11	26.4

As announced on 7 June 2017. 1% TREO cut-off grade. Numbers may not compute exactly due to rounding. "NdPr enrichment" is the proportion of TREO comprising  $Nd_2O_3$  and  $Pr_6O_{17}$ .

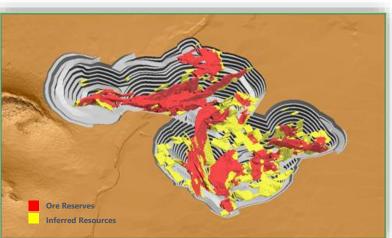
RESERVES	TONNES (m)	RARE EARTHS TREO %	PHOSPHATE P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> %	NdPr ENRICHMENT %
Proved	5.0	3.0	13	26.2
Probable	24.6	2.8	13	26.5
TOTAL	29.5	2.9	13	26.4

As announced on 16 March 2020. Numbers may not compute exactly due to rounding. "NdPr enrichment" is the proportion of TREO comprising  $Nd_2O_3$  and  $Pr_6O_{11}$ .

### **Mineral Resources**



### **Ore Reserves**



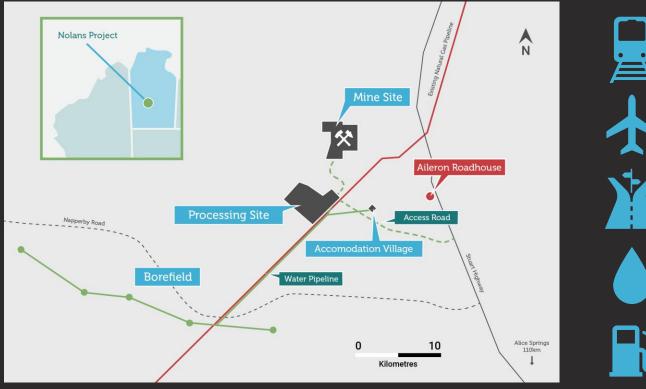
## NdPr rich & open at depth

- Over 90km drilled to define and classify material types
- ✓ 33 year Ore Reserves
- 39 year Mining Inventory
- Single pit
- Expansion potential



## Proximity to infrastructure enables single site processing

- Stuart Highway 10 km east
- Water supply 25km southwest
- Alice Springs railyard, airport and other services 135 km south
- Amadeus natural gas pipelineadjacent to project site
- Tailings and process wastes at site







# Rehabilitation & Waste Management



Arafura's single site processing model provides traceable product and waste management systems which is aligned with customers' ESG expectations.

- Waste rock dumps designed to "encapsulate" naturally occurring radioactive materials (NORM) rock at mine site
- Mine area surface water management captures sediment
- Residue storage facility (RSF) with two cells
- Progressive rehabilitation



**Environmental Approval and Project Costing includes all costs for Waste Management System and Rehabilitation.** 





## Approach to ESG Priorities

- Completed a Sustainability policy and framework alignment with Global standards
- Sustainability action plan to map Arafura's ESG pathway forward
- Implementing an Integrated Management System (IMS) to further align and integrate sustainability goals and targets
- Sustainability communication strategy and mine certification of social and environmental performance on the way











## All environmental approvals and permits secured



Extensive community and stakeholder consultation



Waste management plan tailings and residue facility



Assessing impact from mining, extraction and transport corridor



Surface water and groundwater management plans



Biodiversity studies on existing flora and fauna



Framework for decommissioning closure and rehabilitation



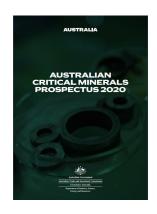
# Stakeholder support includes Federal & Territory Government



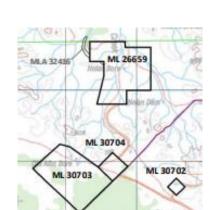
### **Australian Government**



In July 2020, The Australian Government renewed Major Project Status for the Nolans Project



In October 2020, the Australian Government released its Critical Minerals Prospectus to attract more investment in Australian projects.



In July 2020, The Northern Territory Government granted Mineral Leases (MLs) for the Nolans Project.



**NORTHERN** 

GOVERNMENT

In November 2020, the Territory
Economic Reconstruction
Commission (TERC) provided its
final report to the Chief Minister
identifying Nolans as one project
that can accelerate the Territory's
economic growth.



## Nolans NdPr Shovel Ready

Feasibility Study & Piloting Ore to Oxides

Native Title : Agreement

Mining Licence

Federal & NT Major Project Status Updated Life : of Mine :

Offtake & Project Funding















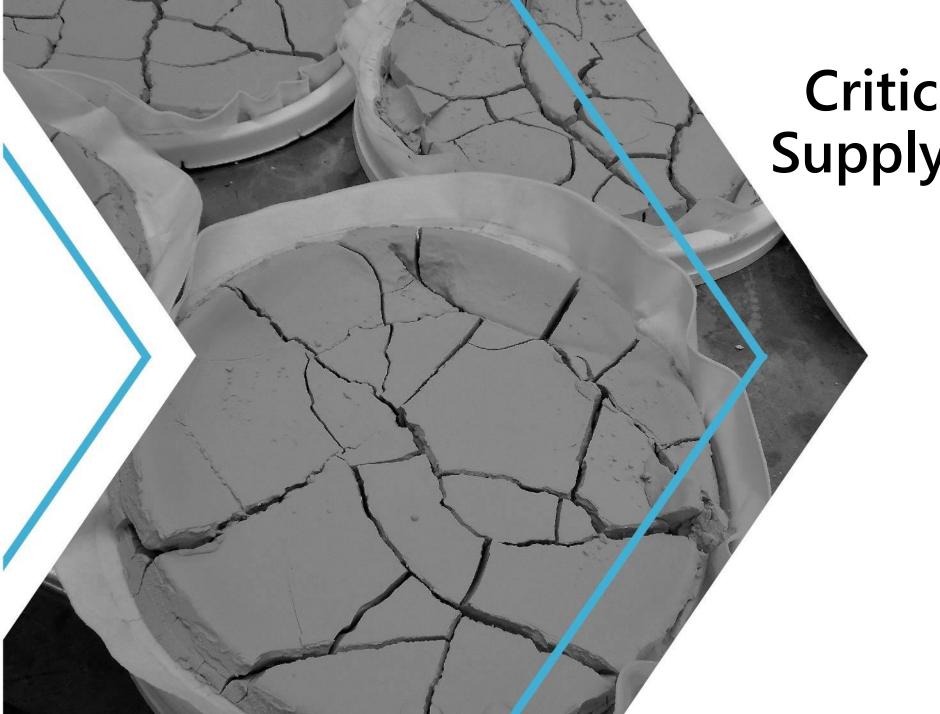


Federal & NT Environmental Approvals Indigenous Engagement Strategy Appointment of KBR & Wave to in-house team

**Execution Readiness Programs** 

Customer Verification of Oxide Products





Critical Minerals
Supply – a Global
Issue

## NdPr Market Opportunity

**DEMAND** 



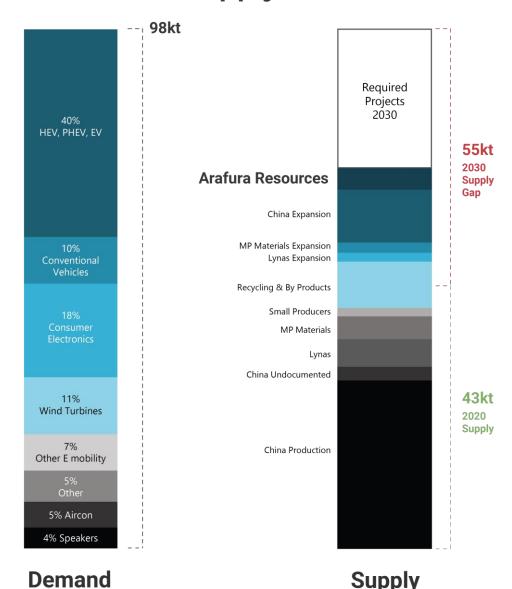
- Accelerated demand driven by government policy for renewables and e-mobility
- Automotive sector is forecast to consume nearly 50% of NdFeB supply
- Offshore wind energy sector will accelerate with strong growth from new projects

**SUPPLY** 



- China forecast to be net importer and new supply required to meet rest of world demand as early as 2025
- Investment in new projects necessary to meet demand
- NdFeB magnets will move to the best value in use
- The emerging supply gap has extra significance for companies not aligned with the China 2025 strategy

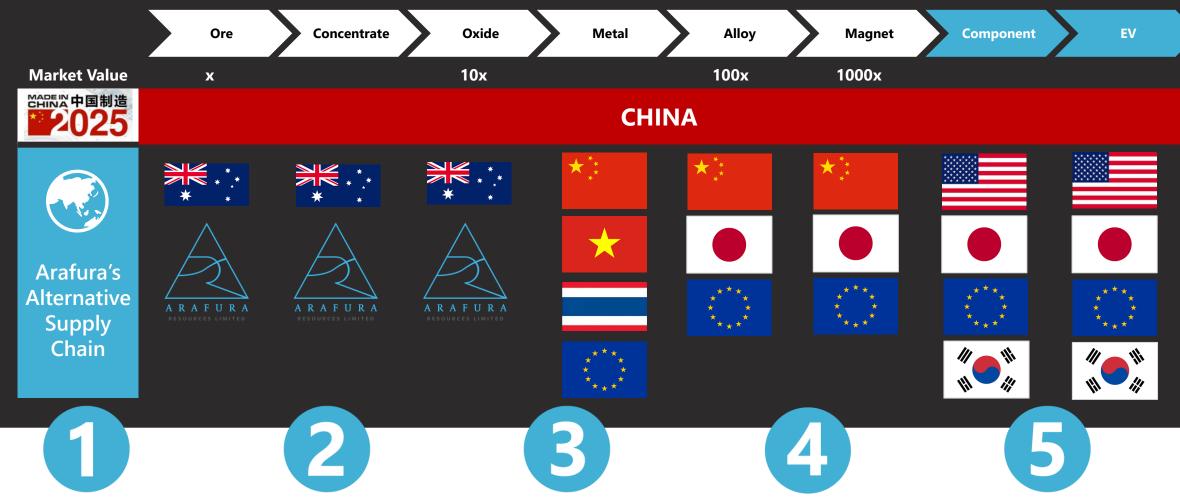
### 2030 NdPr Supply & Demand





Reference: Arafura internal Supply Demand forecast referencing CRU, Rare Earth Market Study 2020; Roskill, Rare Earth Market Analysis 2018, Adamas Intelligence 'Rare Earth Market Outlook to 2030'.

## **Global Supply Chain**



China currently exerts control over most of the global rare earth supply chain. Projects not producing Oxide risk falling into the *Made in China 2025* supply chain.

Arafura plans to produce
Oxide in Australia to provide
supply security that will
meet sustainability
objectives.

Nolans offtake strategy focused on parties **not** aligned with the *Made in China 2025* strategy.

Governments around the world are seeking to partner in opportunities to diversify the supply chain to prevent disruption.

Nolans **ore to oxide business model** allows CRM supply diversification





# Offtake & Project Financing



# The Offtake Strategy

Nolans offtake strategy focused on parties not aligned with the *Made* in China 2025 strategy.

- Offtake model aligned with Export
   Credit Agency (ECA) requirement to tie
   offtake to home jurisdiction. Project offtake
   closely linked to project funding
- Toll metal conversion to align with customer requirements.
- Targeting 85% of NdPr production under contract with offtake partners
- Customer qualification of final rare earth oxide products completed and well within total rare earth oxide (TREO) specifications



## **Sales Distribution Targets**



**Japan** 

Automotive component makers & Magnet makers



Europe & Korea

Automotive component makers & OEMs, & wind turbine makers

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- The risk for Japan goes beyond magnet making into downstream activities for auto component makers, EV manufacturers and consumer electronics.

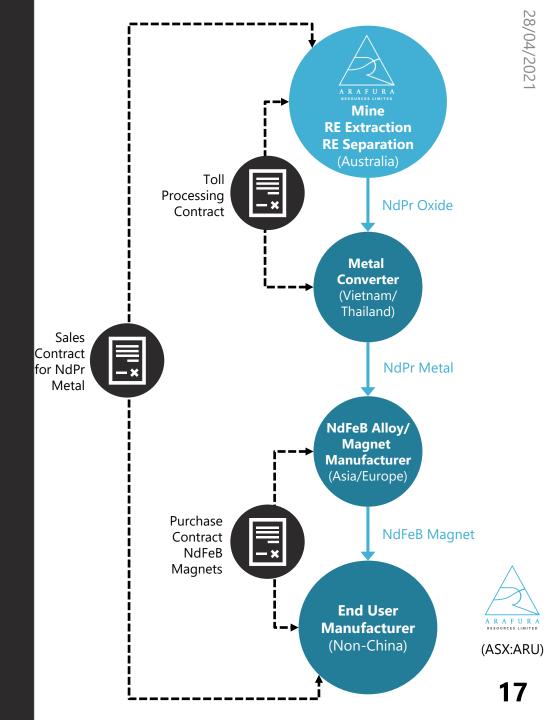


## Arafura's Supply Chain Solution

Sustainable producer of NdPr to align to "green procurement" strategy

- Customer engagement targeted at NdPr users not aligned with Made in China 2025 strategy
- Offtake advanced with various Japanese, European and Korean end users – Supply Chain solution for automotive component, OEMs and Wind Turbine customers
- Offtake Model proposes 'Toll Processing' of metal providing a traceable and verified supply chain solution to satisfy end users sustainability requirements
- ✓ Offtake model aligned with Export Credit Agency (ECA) requirement to tie offtake to home jurisdiction. Project offtake closely linked to project funding

ARU has an MoU with SE Asia based toll metal converter



# The ECA-led Funding Strategy

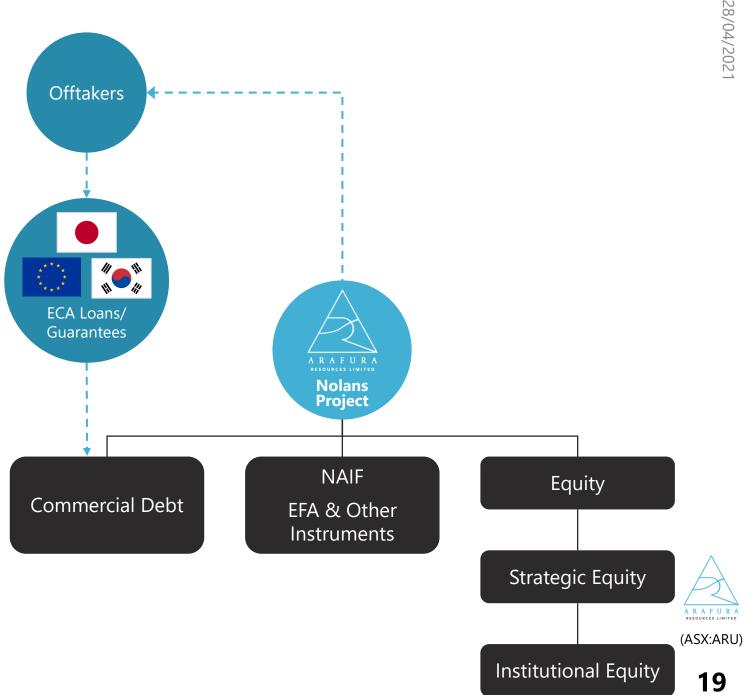


- Nolans is a strategic Australia based
   NdPr project
  - Production aligned with forecast supply shortages in mid 2020s
  - Product wholly aligned with key ECA mandates of e-mobility and renewables
- Debt led funding structure, targeting ECA funding
  - ECAs in Japan, Europe & Korea are seeking well structured projects, critical raw materials (CRM) production and bestpractice ESG standards
- Debt process now "live" with advisory appointments



## Targeted Funding Structure

- ECA debt will be critical but not the entire funding solution
- Portfolio of funding sources
- Offtake, debt and strategic equity all interlinked and driving schedule







## **Current Focus**



1

**Advancing terms sheets** with end users for offtake.

2

**Escalating engagement** with
financiers & financial
advisors for project
financing.

3

with Australian & other governments seeking to establish non-Chinese critical minerals supply chains.

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Ongoing
technology
development for Tb
and Dy separation
and low carbon
footprint NdPr
metallisation

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Prioritising project work streams against cash balance to maintain project momentum.



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## **Indicative Timeline**

- ✓ Timeline subject to change and is contingent on funding and offtake activities
- ✓ Targeting Front-End Engineering & Design (FEED) to be fully funded prior to commencement

Works Activity	Execution Readiness	Early Contractor Involvement	Enabling Works Construction	Construction	Production
	Months Duration from Project Commitment Date				
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Project Commitment					
<b>Production Commitment</b>					
First Production					
<b>EXECUTION &amp; OPERATIONAL READINESS</b>					
FEED & ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENT					
PROCUREMENT & CONSTRUCTION					
COMMISSIONING & RAMP-UP					



## The Value Proposition







Extensive & successful large-scale pilot completed



Definitive
Feasibility
Study
completed,
fully costed
from OreOxideRehabilitation



Only single site
Australian NdPr
focused project
with all
approvals



Low-cost operation



Production of NdPr oxide aligned with Government & customers' critical raw material diversification plans.





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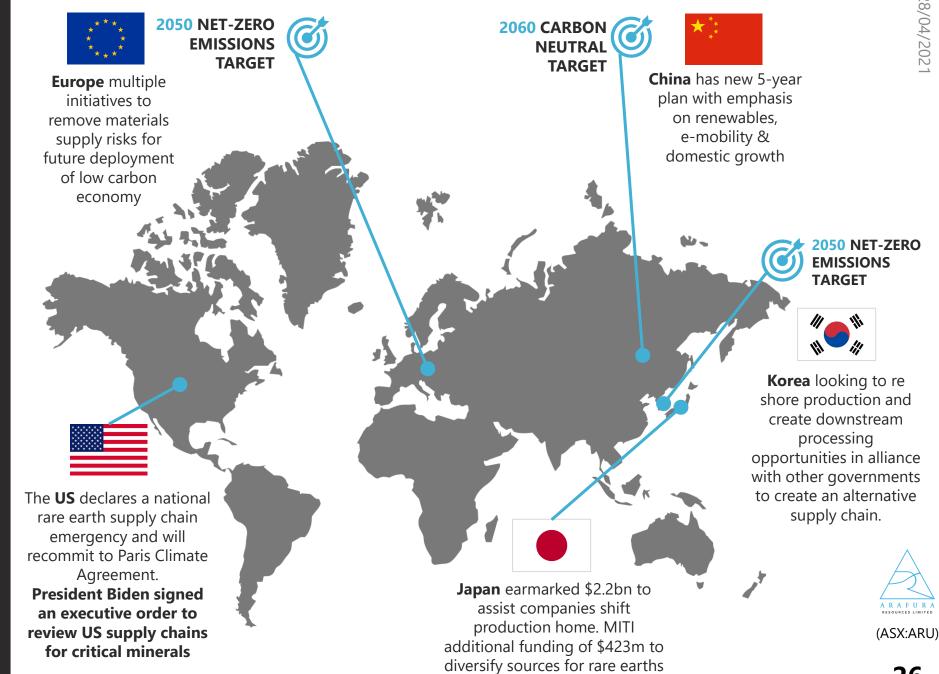




## Rest of World's Critical Minerals **Initiatives**

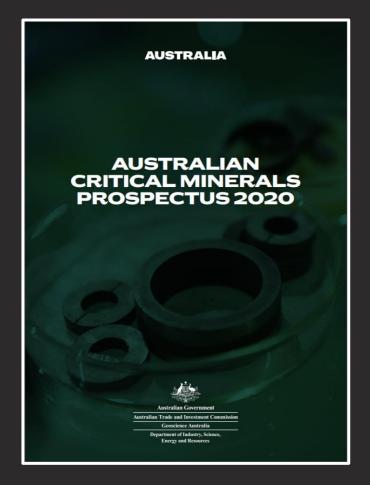
Global supply chains planning to increase resilience

- Dual sourcing of materials
- Expanding supplier base
- Regionalizing supply chains
- Building stronger, reliable and transparent supply chains
- Widen scope of existing re-shoring plans
- Re-structuring of Government **Policies**



and cobalt

## Australia's Critical Minerals Initiatives





### **MARCH 2019**

 Austrade Australian Critical Minerals Prospectus and Australia's Critical Minerals Strategy

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### **NOVEMBER 2019**

- NAIF-EFA co-investment barriers lifted
- EFA mandate via \$4.4 bn Defence Export Facility available to critical minerals projects
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### **JANUARY 2020**

• Critical Minerals Facilitation Office established

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### **APRIL 2020**

• Australia Government's Critical Minerals Work Plan endorsed

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### **JULY 2020**

· Australia Government classes Nolans as a Critical Major Project

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### **AUGUST 2020**

• NT Investment Delivery Task Force established

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### OCTOBER 2020

· National Manufacturing Priorities include critical minerals processing

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### **JANUARY 2021**

- PM Scott Morrison launched the Resources Technology and Critical Minerals Processing road map.
- Applications opened for funds under \$1.3 billion Modern Manufacturing Initiative, which would see federal money available to help manufacturers scale-up production, commercialise products and tap into global supply chains.



## **Experienced Management**



**Peter Sherrington** 



Lloyd Kaiser



**Brian Fowler** 



**Stewart Watkins** 

### CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER & COMPANY SECRETARY

Peter commenced employment with Arafura in 2008 as Commercial Manager and was appointed Chief Financial Officer in July 2013. He has more than 20 years' experience in professional and corporate roles in Perth. Prior to working with Arafura, he held senior finance and commercial positions with several ASX and public unlisted entities. He has also worked in public practice for 10 years in the areas of business services and corporate advisory.

### GENERAL MANAGER SALES & MARKETING

Llovd has more than 10 years' experience in the sales and marketing of industrial minerals into high value sector markets including the nuclear, automotive, and advanced ceramics sectors. Prior to joining Arafura, he held several account senior positions in management, business development and marketing across a diverse range of commodities and chemicals including alumina, coal, industrial minerals, refractories, and ceramics.

### GENERAL MANAGER NT & SUSTAINABILITY

Brian has worked for over 40 years in private sector mineral companies developing a range of commodities, including rare earths, base metals, and gold. Brian is a member of the Northern Territory Mining Board, Management Board of the Northern Territory Minerals Council of Australia, and a member of Work Health & Safety Advisory Council of the Northern Territory.

### GENERAL MANAGER PROJECTS

Stewart has 25 years' experience in many facets of the mining industry including operations, engineering consulting, project development and management. Stewart is a Fellow of the AusIMM. This has included a wide range of roles including corporate and business management, business development, project/study design, management, process commissioning and process plant operation.



## **Experienced Board**







**Chris Tonkin** 



**Quansheng Zhang** 



**Cathy Moises** 



**Gavin Lockyer** 

### **NON-EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

Mark Southey has previously held senior executive positions with Honeywell and ABB both in Australia and internationally, and more recently was part of the global executive leadership team within WorleyParsons, where he held the position of Group Managing Director for the Minerals, Metals and Chemicals Sector. He is Chair of Arafura Resources' Remuneration and Nomination Committee and is a member of the Audit and Risk Committee.

#### **NON-EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

Chris Tonkin has over 35 years' experience as a senior business executive with a broad industry background in business generation, management, and strategy development. He is a member of Arafura Resources' Remuneration and Nomination and is the Chair of the Audit and Risk Committee.

### **NON-EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

Quansheng Zhang holds a Doctoral degree in Engineering and a Masters degree in Geophysical Prospecting. He is based in Nanjing in the Peoples Republic of China and is the General Manager of Hong Kong East China Non-Ferrous Mineral Resources Co Ltd (HKECE). Quansheng has over 30 years of mineral prospecting and exploration experience, and expertise in mineral resource surveys and geophysics.

### **NON-EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

Cathy Moises has extensive experience in the resources sector having worked as a senior resources analvst for several major stockbroking including firms McIntosh (now Merrill Lynch), County Securities (now Citigroup) and Evans and Partners where she was a partner of that firm. More recently in 2017-2019, Cathy was Head of Research at Patersons Securities Limited. Ms Moises is also a non-executive director of WA Kaolin Limited and an advisory for Argonaut panel member Resources Fund.

#### MANAGING DIRECTOR

Gavin Lockyer's diverse, global experience provided leadership management and opportunities in a range of disciplines including; Accounting, Financial & Investment Banking, Major Resource Development & Operations, and Global Treasuries. Over the past 20 years his career has exposed him to business practices in North America, Europe, and Australasia.



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