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#### **AUSTMINE FUNCTION PRESENTATION**

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**Arafura Resources Limited (ASX:ARU)** ("**Arafura**" or the "**Company**") is please to attach a copy of its presentation for the Austmine CEO Leadership Luncheon. Mr Mark Southey, Chairman presented on the topic "Arafura- Reshaping the Critical Minerals Supply Chain".

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"Our goal is to be a trusted global leader and supplier of choice for sustainably mined and processed rare earth products, helping our customers deliver clean and efficient technologies. We are committed to delivering positive intergenerational economic, environmental and social benefits to our stakeholders."



Arafura – Reshaping the Critical Minerals Supply Chain

Austmine Event May 2022







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## **Corporate Snapshot**





Nolans is a **shovel-ready world class NdPr project** in the Northern Territory



NdPr is the key input for high performance NdFeB permanent magnets



Production is aligned with forecast **supply shortage** 

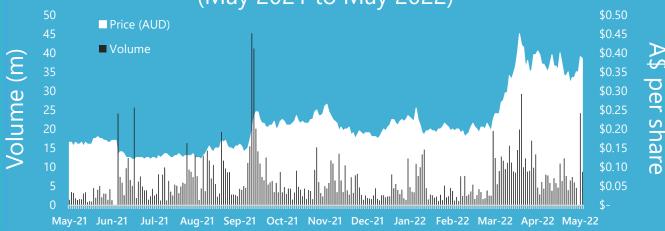
Capital Structure			
ASX Code	ARU		
ASX Share Price (20 May 2022)	\$0.385		
Shares on Issue	1,550m		
Market Capitalisation	\$565.91m		
12 Month Liquidity	\$367.39m		
Cash*	\$33.50m		
Debt	Nil		
Enterprise Value*	\$563.41m		

\*Data based on 31 March 2022 Quarterly Report

## **Arafura's Vision**

To be the trusted, leading rare earths partner of customers in the high impact technologies and enduringly lift the sustainability of our planet

#### Share Price Performance (May 2021 to May 2022)





## **Nolans Project**

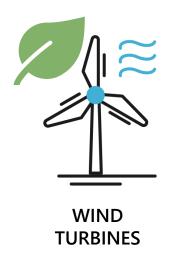
is the only NdPr focused project in Australia that plans to mine and process <u>ore to oxide</u> at a single site.

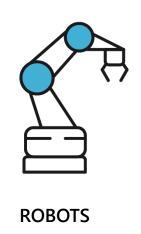
The Nolans Project
contains all the Rare
Earths but is particularly
enriched in the 'Magnet
Feed' Rare Earths NdPr





The fastest growing market for NdPr Oxide is in NdFeB Magnets. They help make everyday items smaller, lighter, mobile, more efficient and more affordable.













PHONES & TABLETS





# Markets & Offtake



# NdPr Supply Gap

- New supply will lag significantly behind demand growth and only a handful of non - China NdPr projects will be in production in the next 5 years
- ✓ Tighter regulatory and policy controls will constrain China's ability to expand at the same pace and open new mines after a decade of environmental legacy issues
- China supply growth supports its own China 2025 strategy and downstream industry demand growth in Wind and NEV
- A secure NdPr supply is the cornerstone of ex-China manufacturing during a decade of growing resource scarcity, bottle-necks and geopolitical tension

Forecast supply gap emerging by 2030 represents in excess of 10 Nolans Projects















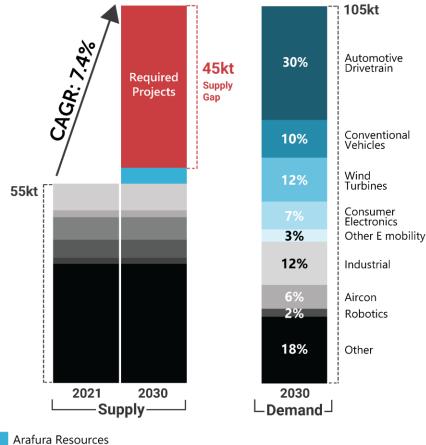






## Investment in new projects is required to meet demand requirements

### NdPr Supply & Demand





Cumulative Annual Growth Rate (CAGR)



Source: Arafura internal Supply Demand forecast referencing Wood Mackenzie - Rare earth market Outlook to 2050, 2021; CRU - Rare Earth Market Study, 2020; General Administration of Customs of China via Baiinfo January 2022. Supply is primary supply and excludes secondary source of NdPr supply from waste magnet production.

## Strategic Importance of Producing an Oxide

1. Mine
2. RE Extraction

3. RE Separation4. NdPr Oxide

5. NdPr Metal (Conversion)

6. NdFeB Alloy/ Magnet Maker 7. End User/ Manufacturer

Non-China Value Chain











China Value Chain

**IMPORT** 

IMPORT & IMPORT TOLL PROCESS







(1)

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. 2

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

(3)

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.



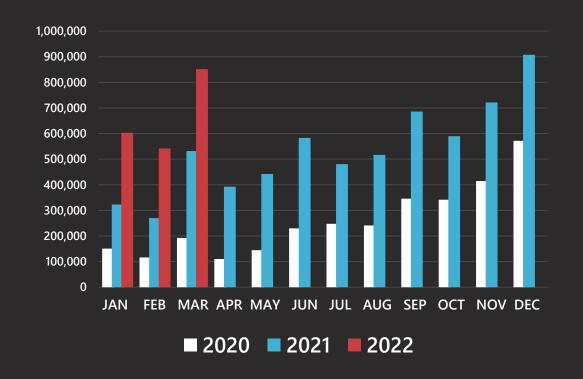
Nolans **ore to oxide business model** allows Critical Raw Materials (CRM) supply diversification



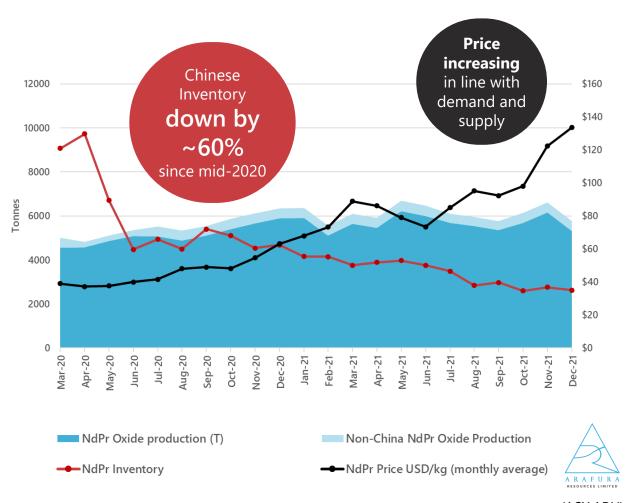
## **Global EV Sales**

(BEV+PHEV)

EV sales increased from 3.2 million in 2020 to 6.4 million in 2021 with 2022 showing even more growth.



## NdPr Price Rise



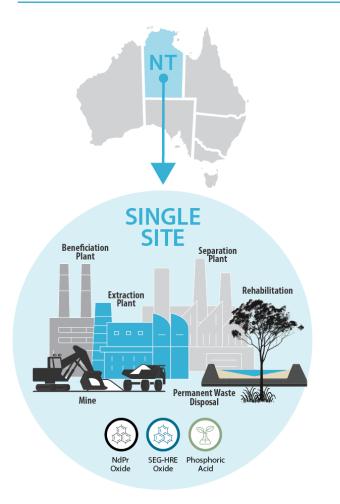


Nolans Project Overview

# **Key Facts**

#### **Advanced manufacturing onsite**

Ore to oxide at Single Site – First of its kind in Australia





Nolans aims to supply ~5% of global demand for NdPr oxide

- De-risking Costs FEED commenced August 2021 targeting completion mid 2022.
- Fixed price EPC contracts for majority of CAPEX.



30-month construction period

- → \$1 billion initial capital spend
- → Peak workforce of 620



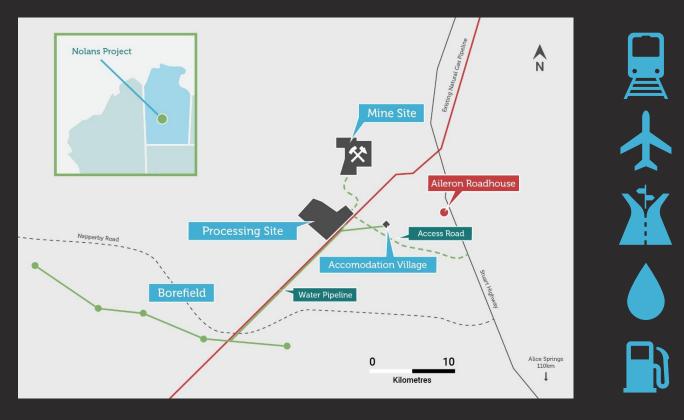
Minimum 38-year operational life

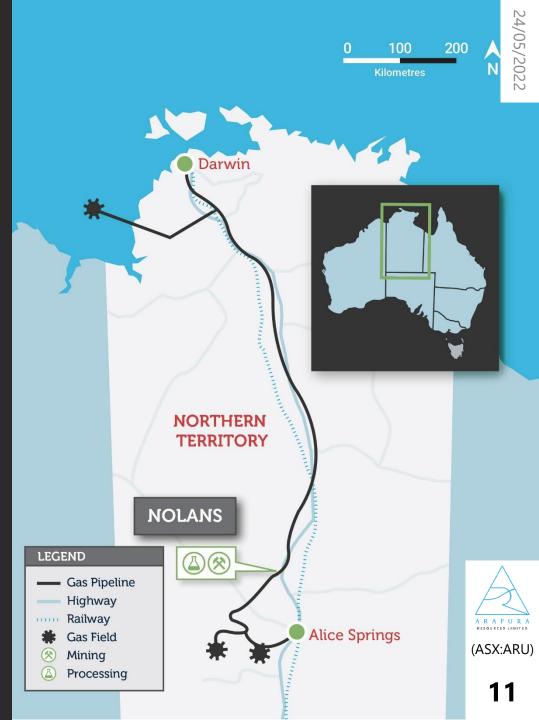
- → \$225 million annual spend
- → 280 direct permanent jobs
- → Expansion potential open (ASX:ARU) at depth



# Close to existing key infrastructure

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





# Long Life Asset

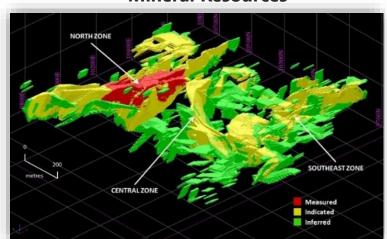
RESOURCES	TONNES (m)	RARE EARTHS TREO %	PHOSPHATE P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> %	NdPr ENRICHMENT %
Measured	4.9	3.2	13	26.1
Indicated	30	2.7	12	26.4
Inferred	21	2.3	10	26.5
TOTAL	56	2.6	11	26.4

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  $Pr_6O_{11}$ .

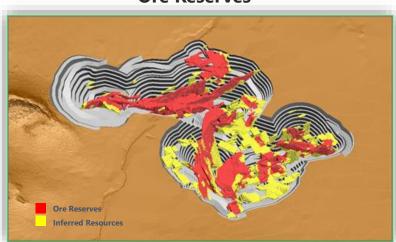
RESERVES	TONNES (m)	RARE EARTHS TREO %	PHOSPHATE P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> %	NdPr ENRICHMENT %
Proved	5.0	3.0	13	26.2
Probable	24.6	2.8	13	26.5
TOTAL	29.5	2.9	13	26.4

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
- ✓ 29 year Ore Reserves
- 38 year Mining Inventory
- Single pit
- Expansion potential



## **Project Economics**

Mining and Production			
Mine Life (years)	38		
NdPr Oxide (tpa)	4,440		
SEG/HRE Oxide (tpa)	474		
Phosphoric Acid (tpa 54% P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> MGA)	144,393		
Financial	US\$	A\$	
Capital Cost (\$m)	837	1,150	
NdPr Oxide (US\$/kg)	US\$87/kg	120	
Rare Earth Sales Revenue (\$m/pa)	388	534	
Phosphoric Acid Sales Revenue (\$m/pa)	58	79	
Mining Costs (\$m/pa)	(30)	(42)	
Processing Costs (\$m/pa)	(105)	(145)	
General and Administration Costs (\$m/pa)	(15)	(21)	
EBITDA (\$m/pa)	257	354	
KPI Analysis	US\$	A\$	
Operating Cost \$/kg NdPr	33.91	46.60	
Operating Cost \$/kg NdPr net of P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> credit	24.76	34.06	
NPV <sub>8</sub> after tax (\$m)	1,011	1,402	
IRR after tax (%)	18.1%		

The Project Economics table is based on the assumptions and estimates set out in the Nolans Project Update (refer Project Update ASX Announcement dated 11 May 2021), which also utilises a long-term NdPr oxide price assumption of US\$87/kg notwithstanding that the significant increases in NdPr pricing since the Project Update. Average production and costs are calculated as the arithmetic annual average following the anticipated two year ramp up and excluding the final years of production from low grade stockpiles. The Company has made preliminary observations in relation to a number of factors that may have an impact on the cost of the Nolans Project (refer March 2021 Quarterly Report ASX Announcement dated 29 April 2022). The extent of any potential impact will continue to be monitored as part of the FEED process. The Company will provide an update to ASX on any material changes once an overall assessment of the impact has been completed, prior to FID

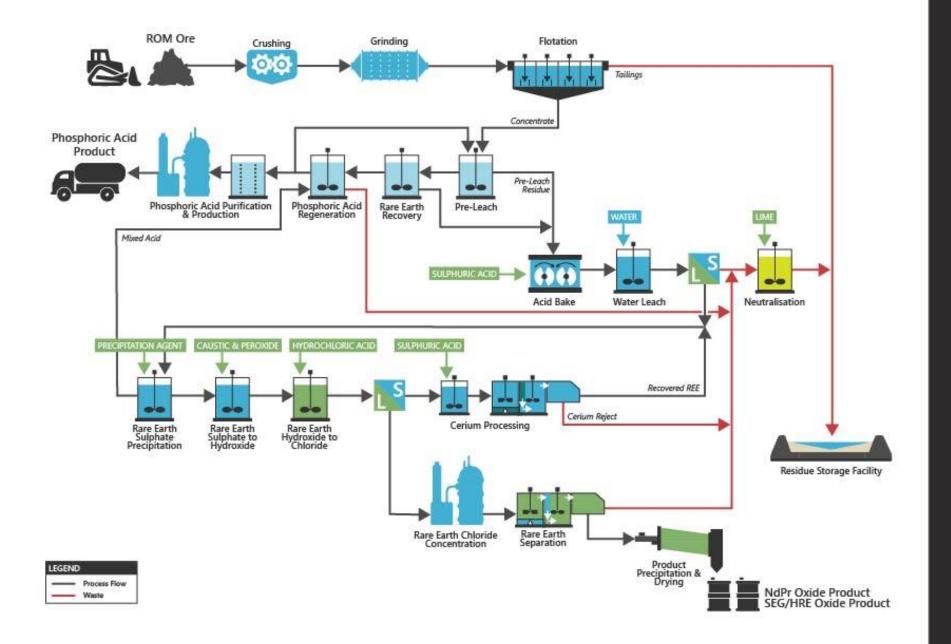
Robust economics based on long term NdPr price of US\$87/kg

Current price US\$140/kg\*

- ✓ Post-tax NPV<sub>8</sub> of A\$1.4 billion and IRR of 18.1%
- Capital cost A\$1,150m when including full acid plant upfront
- ✓ Annual average EBITDA of A\$354m
- Low-cost producer at US\$24.76/kg NdPr
- Single site advantage



\* Shanghai Metals Market (23 May 2022)



## Process Flowsheet



# Shovel Ready



Regulatory





Security of Tenure & Social License to Operate

**Technical** 



Commercial |



**Customer verification of oxide products** 



Australian Government provide conditional letters of support for \$300M in debt



\$30m Grant awarded under the Federal Government's Modern Manufacturing Initiative (MMI).



Joint statement of cooperation signed with Korea Mine Rehabilitation and Mineral Resources Corporation KOMIR



Mandated lead debt arrangers appointed to arrange debt financing facility



Offtake MoU with Hyundai Motor Corporation for up to 1,500tpa NdPr Oxide



Other offtake engagement well advanced

Progress Towards

Construction







A R A F U R A

Arafura's Owners' team including personnel from KBR and Wave ramping up

Hydrometallurgical
Plant FEED commenced
August 2021

Non-Process Infrastructure FEED early works progressing



# Project Funding



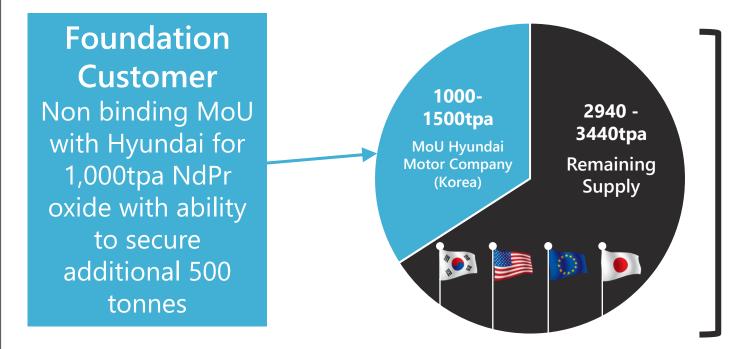
# Offtake Strategy

Current indicative sales opportunities		MoUs			
USA	Europe	Japan	Korea	Korea	China
~9,225tpa of NdPr Oxide		1000-1500tpa	1,800tpa <sup>2</sup>		
Original E	quipment Manufad Manufacturers, E-			MoU Hyundai Motor Company	MoU JingCi Material Science MoU Tianhe Magnetics

## 1/3 Planned Production under MoU with Hyundai



Arafura is in discussions with more than 10 parties for >260% of Planned Production¹ with a view to secure 85% as binding offtake



Arafura's NdPr Oxide Planned Production 4,440tpa



24/05/2022

### Targeting NdPr users not aligned with *Made in China 2025* strategy

1. Planned Production refers to the average annual production from Nolans of 4,440 tpa (Refer ASX Announcement dated 11 May 2021).

Volumes allocated to China may be reduced where offtake is secured in other jurisdictions. Arafura will keep the market informed of entry into any binding offtake arrangements.

## Flagship Project with Strong Government Support

**Major Project Status:** Formal recognition of the national strategic significance of the Project through its economic and employment contribution to the Northern Territory.





**Critical Minerals Facility of** 

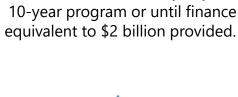
\$2Billion managed by Export

Finance Australia (EFA)



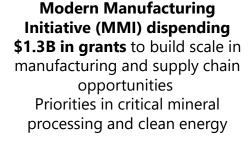


Critical Minerals Strategy implemented by the Critical Minerals Facilitation Office (CMFO) which supports the development of resources, downstream processing and global supply chains.



The Northern Australia Infrastructure Facility (NAIF)

offers up to \$5 billion over 5 years in finance to encourage and complement private sector investment in infrastructure that benefits Northern Australia.





Flagship Project: Strong Support



Letter of Support \$200m



Letter of Support \$100m



Awarded \$30m



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# Targeted Funding Structure

#### **Debt**

- Commercial lenders appointed to lead the DD process and the structuring of the transaction
- NAIF & EFA will support A\$300m of debt subject to further DD and credit approval
- Offtake drives the participation of untied ECA funding

#### **Equity**

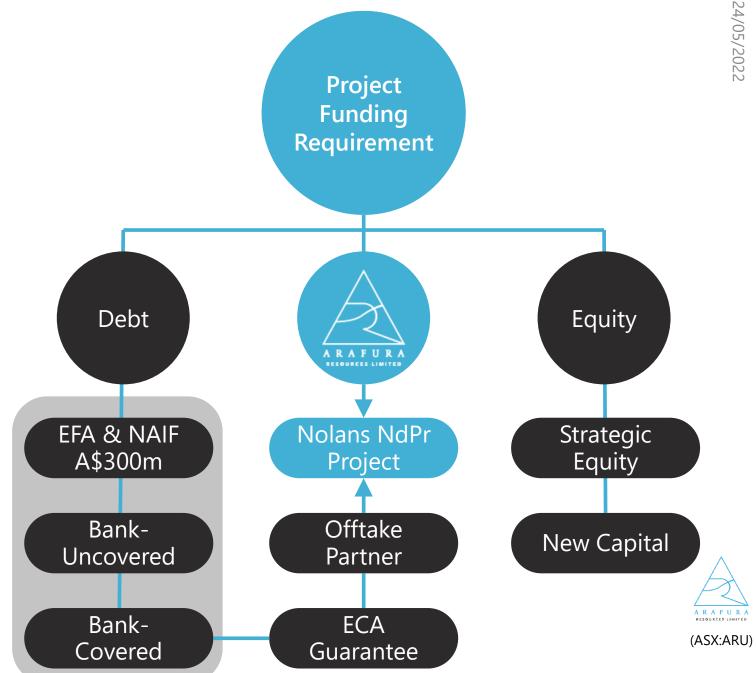
- √ \$30m MMI Grant reduces Equity component
- Strategic Equity considered by potential offtake partners

Lead mining project finance institutions

Societe Generale and National Australia

Bank appointed as mandated lead

arrangers





Environment, Social, Governance



# **ESG** Leadership

## **Key Pillars**



**Supply Chain Integrity** 

CO<sub>2</sub> Emissions



Waste and Water



First Nations



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## **Key Initiatives**



Best Practice
GHG Emissions &
Water
Management

Net Zero Commitment

Pursuing deep renewable energy and storage integration into plant deign

Water reduction strategy



Sustainability Reporting

Phase 1: 2021 report meets global ESG ratings agencies and reporting standards

Phase 2: accelerating to best practice for production phase through metricbased continuous assessment, disclosure and systems

Aligning to TCFD, GRI etc.



IRMA Pending Member

Completed the IRMA Ready Pilot Program testing.

On launch will complete the IRMA Ready Certification standard



Traceability – Blockchain Technology

Aligned with customers' best practice ESG expectations

Allow tracing of Nolans sustainably produced products through entire supply chain to customers



Innovation and Technology

Downstream value add opportunities

Commenced Study on low-carbon metallisation process

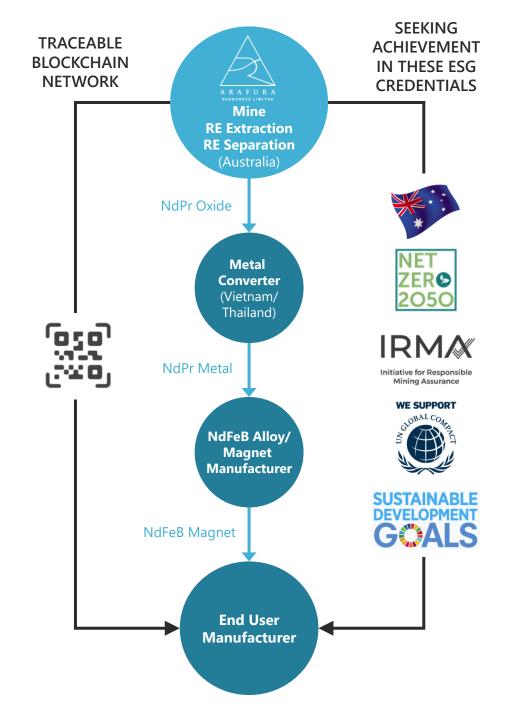
Progressing study into Hydrogen integration into plant and operations



## **Supply Chain Integrity**

## Transparent, traceable NdPr supply

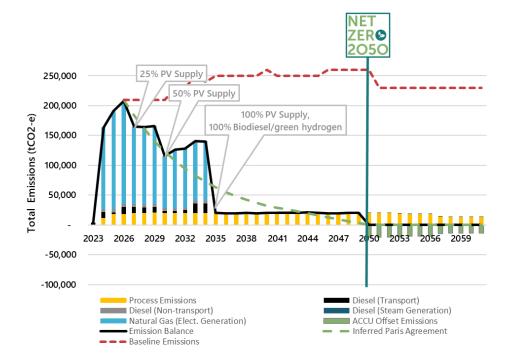
- Ore to NdPr oxide processing at the project site establishes a product supply chain that is traceable, otherwise difficult to achieve if an intermediary product was produced for the China value chain.
- A high level of transparency throughout the supply chain can facilitate the use of blockchain technologies to capture and secure data as the product is refined to a final NdFeB magnet.
- With confidence customers can validate and be assured the rare earth materials purchased and used in their NdFeB magnets are from Arafura A global leader for sustainably mined and processed rare earth products.





## **Emissions**

Leading edge CO<sub>2</sub> Reduction Strategy



- Exploring multiple emission abatement models aligned with Science Based Targets initiative (SBTi)
- World Class solar resource and prospective wind resource on site
- Gas consumption substituted over project life with renewable energy, storage and renewable fuels



Stage 1 solar farm with potential to generate 1 megawatt (MW) of power per hectare.



- Proposed staged development to substitute 100% of electricity generation from natural gas to PV solar with the expectation of future deployment of stationary energy storage with developing technologies.
- 75% of GHG emissions from natural gas for electricity generation, 9% from natural gas for process use.
- Assessing technologies to substitute process gas for steam including solar steam, hydrogen



## Waste and Water

**Approved End to end Management** 

- Approved end to end waste management solution
- 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) for containment of waste residue processed at site
- Progressive rehabilitation of RSF during Life of mine.



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



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



## **First Nations**

Indigenous Engagement and Development

## Best Practice Indigenous Engagement

- Extensive **Social Studies** conducted
- Community & stakeholder engagement
  - Engagement with local community & business
  - Indigenous people & Traditional
     Owners
  - All levels of government
  - Employment strategy developed
- **Health and Safety** to workforce & general public

- An agreement has been signed with the three native title holder groups over the Project through the Central Land Council (CLC)
- ✓ Local and Indigenous Procurement Plan in place
- ✓ Comprehensive long-term consultation





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# **Experienced Board**







**Chris Tonkin** 



**Quansheng Zhang** 



**Cathy Moises** 



**Darryl Cuzzubbo** 

#### NON-EXECUTIVE CHAIRMAN

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 Arafura Resources' of 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.

#### **NOMINEE 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 analyst for several major stockbroking firms including 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 panel member for Argonaut Resources Fund.

#### NON-EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Darryl has over 30 years' experience in global roles in multi-commodity resources, services and manufacturing, holding both Senior Executive and Executive Director roles over a very successful career. He brings a wealth of knowledge and experience in both the resources and manufacturing sectors having run major operational assets and led the development and execution of significant breakthrough strategies to deliver major projects.



# **Experienced Management**



**Gavin Lockyer** 



**Peter Sherrington** 



**Stewart Watkins** 



Lloyd Kaiser

### MANAGING DIRECTOR

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

### CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

Peter commenced employment with Arafura in 2008 as Commercial Manager and was appointed Chief Financial Officer in July 2013. He has more than vears' 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 PROJECTS

Stewart has over 30 years' experience in many facets of the industry including mining operations, engineering consulting, project development and management. This has included a wide range of roles corporate including and business management, business development, project/study management, process design, commissioning and process plant operation. Stewart is a Fellow of the AusIMM.

## GENERAL MANAGER SALES & MARKETING

Lloyd 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 senior positions in account business management, development and marketing across a diverse range of commodities and chemicals including alumina, coal, industrial minerals, refractories, and ceramics.

