

## Rare Earths.Critical Minerals.High-tech Metals.

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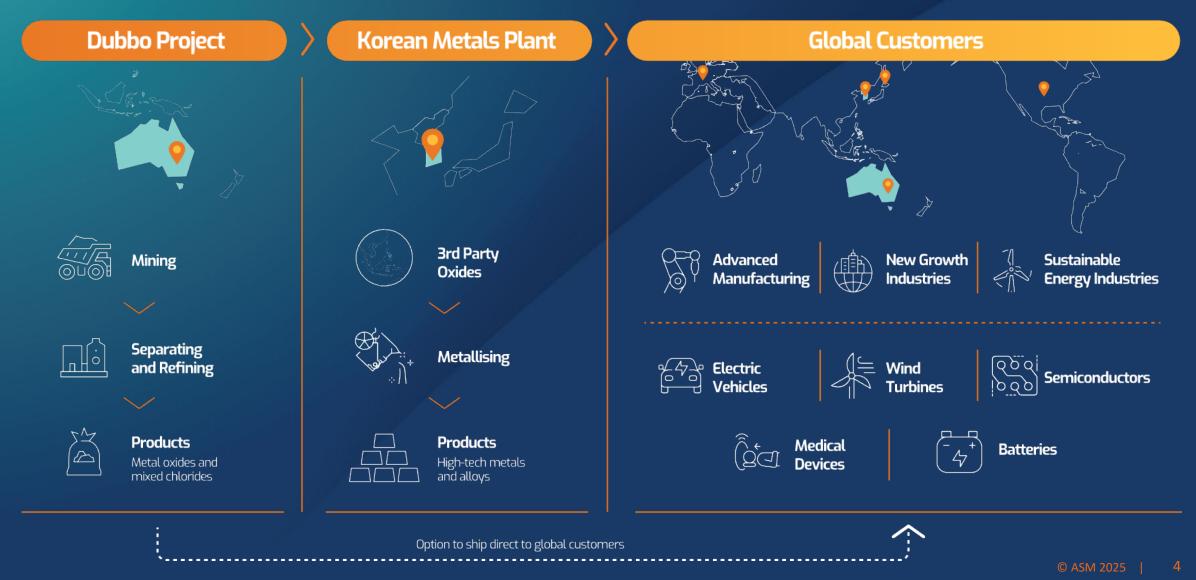


Australian Strategic Materials (ASM) is building a global rare earths and critical minerals business to provide the high-tech metals needed to solve the challenges of today and the future.



#### From mine to metals





## 12-month highlights



>A\$1.5B conditional debt funding for Dubbo Project construction (EFA, US EXIM and EDC)<sup>1</sup>

Successful optimisation of Dubbo Project flowsheet delivering potential capex and opex savings<sup>2</sup>

A\$5M Federal Gov't funding to support Rare Earth Options Assessment (lower cost pathways to RE production)<sup>3</sup>

NdFeB product validation success with potential customers (US, EU and Korea)<sup>4</sup>

New NdPr metal contract with established global permanent magnet manufacturer<sup>5</sup>

 <sup>1</sup> Refer ASX Announcement: 21 March 2024, ASM receives US\$600M (\$A923M) Letter of Interest from US EXIM, and 6 April 2024, Growing North American support builds momentum for Dubbo Project funding process
 <sup>2</sup> Refer ASX Announcement: 31 July 2024, Quarterly Activities Report to 30 June 2024
 <sup>3</sup> Refer ASX Announcement: 15 October 2024, ASM awarded A\$5M Federal Government grant for Dubbo Project <sup>4</sup> Refer ASX Announcement: 29 October 2024, *Quarterly Activities Report to 30 September 2024* <sup>5</sup> Refer ASX Announcement: 30 January 2025, *Quarterly Activities Report to 31 December 2024* 



## Growing momentum

Global government support increasing offtake and funding opportunities.

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## Unlocking US market potential





#### **Government Policy**

- Minerals Security Partnership
- US Defense Production Act Title III
- US defence industrial base engagement



#### **Investment Support**

- US EXIM Letter of Interest for construction (A\$923M<sup>1</sup>)
- Engineering Multiplier Program funding for final engineering (A\$49M<sup>2</sup>)
- DoD whitepaper submissions



#### **Onshore Opportunity**

- Exploring locations for 2nd US metals plant
- Advanced Manufacturing Production Tax Credit (45X)
- State incentives

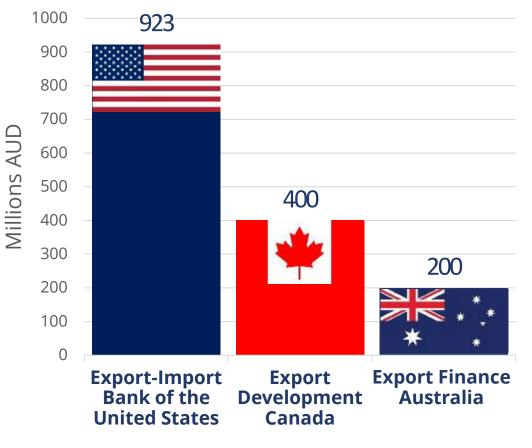
## Global support for an alternative supply chain





- Continued progress with global ECAs
- Critical Minerals Facility
- National Reconstruction Fund
- Federal Production Tax Credit
- NSW Critical Minerals & High-Tech Metals Strategy 2024-35
- Korea Supply Chain Stabilisation Fund
- EU Critical Minerals Funds (InfraVia & KfW)

## Conditional debt funding support for construction of the Dubbo Project





#### Dubbo Project

A unique ore body positioned to meet global demand.



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Dysprosium



Hafnium



#### A secure, sustainable source



$\frac{\overline{b}}{\overline{b}}$	Long life of mine	<ul> <li>20-year life of mine based on reserves<sup>1</sup></li> <li>Further 50 years of resource<sup>1</sup></li> </ul>
	Tier 1 jurisdiction	<ul> <li>25kms from Dubbo, NSW – close to established infrastructure</li> <li>Within the Central-West Orana Renewable Energy Zone</li> </ul>
(	Strong financials <sup>1</sup>	<ul> <li>23.5% pre-tax IRR</li> <li>A\$425 million annual free cash flow</li> <li>A\$1,678 million capital cost estimate including contingency</li> </ul>
	Construction ready	<ul> <li>All major approvals in place</li> <li>Land and water licences owned</li> <li>Final engineering by Bechtel</li> </ul>
÷¢°	Advanced process flowsheet	<ul> <li>Developed in partnership with ANSTO over 17 years</li> <li>High-purity rare earth and critical mineral oxides</li> </ul>
CD)	Environment, Social & Governance credentials	<ul> <li>Targeting carbon net zero</li> <li>Top 10% best performing diversified metals-mining businesses</li> </ul>

<sup>1</sup>Based on JORC reserves and resources. Refer to ASX Announcement: 7 December 2021, *Dubbo Project Optimisation Delivers Strong Financials*. All data and financial information on this slide is taken from the Optimisation Study Work. The Company confirms that the material assumptions underpinning the estimates in the Optimisation Study Work announcement continue to apply and have not materially changed.

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## Dubbo Project recent developments



#### Engineering progressed



- NPI study work completed by Bechtel
- Final engineering services contract awarded
- A\$49M<sup>1</sup> Letter of Interest issued by US EXIM

## Flowsheet optimisation



- In partnership with ANSTO
- High-purity products
- Capital & operating cost reductions
- Addressing global demand

#### Rare Earth Options Assessment



- Phased development
- Funding pathway
- Focused completion of final engineering and BFS

## Rare Earth Options Assessment



#### A\$5M International Partnerships in Critical Minerals Program<sup>1</sup>

#### Identifying potential lower capital and shorter implementation pathways for rare earth production

Metallurgical Processing Testwork	Feasibility Study		Development of Resource & Reserve Statement		e Business Case
Delivered		In pro	ogress		To be delivered
Identify potential options		Variability leaching testwork			Leach testwork results
Core drilling & sampling program	>	Engineer		x	Assessment of options
Secured Federal Government funding		to suppor and opex	rt capex estimates		Ore Reserve & Resource Report



#### Korean Metals Plant

Providing an alternative integrated supply chain for high-tech metals.

Take a virtual tour on YouTube

## In production & ramping up



	Technical validations	<ul> <li>NdFeB product validation success with potential customers (US, EU and Korea)</li> </ul>	Seoul
	Growing global customer base	<ul> <li>Metal and alloy contracts (domestic and export)</li> <li>Building partnerships in key jurisdictions</li> </ul>	Ochang
TUP	Securing raw materials	<ul> <li>Advanced discussions with potential suppliers in the EU and US</li> </ul>	Busan
And in the second secon	Metallisation technology	<ul> <li>Developing innovative processes for dysprosium, terbium and titanium</li> </ul>	Located in Ochang Foreign Investment Zone
	Carbon net zero	• Carbon net zero in Scope 1 and Scope 2 emissions since commencement of operations	Approx. 115kms south of Seoul







Progress funding and offtakes for the Dubbo Project



Rare Earth Options Assessment – reducing cost and complexity



Growing customer and product suite to support KMP ramp-up



Cash management discipline across the business



Maintaining commitment to ESG principles and sustainable operations



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