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## **CEO letter to Shareholders**

Dear fellow Australian Mines shareholders

It has now been 6 weeks since my appointment as CEO. I am very excited to be leading the team at Australian Mines and pleased to provide you with an update on our strategy.

I have over 30 years' experience in mining project development and operations in Australia, New Zealand, the Philippines and North and South America. I am thrilled by the challenge of advancing the Sconi Nickel/Cobalt/Scandium Project in North Queensland, as I believe there are significant and continuing growth prospects for these strategic minerals in the ever-expanding green energy and energy storage markets.

What is clear to me is that the demand for the commodity mix is stronger than ever and the outlook is for that demand to continue substantial growth. As highlighted in a recent Benchmark Mineral Intelligence Report, "More than 300 new mines could need to be built over the next decade to meet the projected demand for electric vehicle and energy storage batteries". To help meet the commodity demands Australian Mines is fortunate to have a high-quality project in a highly desirable jurisdiction such as Australia. The recoverable metals from the Sconi Project are sufficient to supply approximately 5-6 million high performance electric vehicles.

Following a review of recent technical and financial studies, Australian Mines has made the strategic decision to revert to develop the Sconi Project to produce battery grade nickel sulphate, cobalt sulphate and scandium oxide from a MHP project. We believe this will maximise value of the project, return for shareholders and provide a clear line-



of-sight to construction. As part of this strategic shift, with the collaboration of our technical owner's team, we are working on mapping a pathway to construction for the project for nickel sulphate, cobalt sulphate and scandium oxide which will include further technical studies, test work, environmental monitoring, permitting and approval and strategies for project funding as we move to the Final Investment Decision (FID) milestone which is highlighted in the attached presentation slide deck.

The Company remains committed to assisting our current offtake partner LG Energy Solution to meet its future cobalt and nickel requirements. A delegation from Australian Mines recently returned from Korea where the Company and LG Energy Solution have commenced discussions with respect to required amendments to the Offtake Agreement and potential collaboration on the development of the Sconi Project. The Company will update the market in due course with respect to such amendments and collaboration if they are finalised.

I understand that shareholders are disappointed with the Company's share price performance. Following the Company's announcement that it has settled the proceedings with ASIC subject to Federal Court approval, Australian Mines and ASIC have made a joint submission to the Federal Court, for a hearing at the end of October, which we hope will be determined shortly thereafter and we thank shareholders for their patience as this matter is resolved.

I want to let the Company's shareholders know that I am extremely enthusiastic about the project and the Company's prospects. The Company will continue to keep the market informed of developments with our programs as they arise in the coming months as has been highlighted in the attached presentation slide deck. The Australian Mines team is committed to building shareholder value and are genuinely excited by what's to come. Thank you for your support and please feel free to contact me if you feel I can provide any further clarification.

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## **Appendix 1: Forward Looking Statements**

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