

Front of the Line New Lithium Production

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The DFS results are based upon the updated Grants Mineral Resource of 22 October 2018 and the update BP33 Mineral Resource Estimate of 6 November 2018. The Mineral Resource contains Measured, Indicated and Inferred Mineral Resources. Whilst there is sufficient Measured & Indicated Mineral Resources to complete the production schedule during the 17-month payback period. There is a low level of geological confidence associated with the Inferred Mineral Resources and there is no certainty that further exploration work will result in the determination of Indicated Mineral Resources or that the production target itself will be realised. The Inferred Mineral Resource is not the determining factor in determining the viability of the Finniss Project as the Inferred Mineral Resource represents only 4.4% of the production during the 17 month pay-back period in the Reserve Case. The DFS Reserve Case contains 14% Inferred material. The DFS does not rely upon additional Mineral Resources from the company's other prospects. Further drilling in 2019 is expected to improve the classification of all of the company's Mineral Resources.

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The Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves underpinning the Production Target have been prepared by competent persons in accordance with the requirements of the JORC code. The information in this release that relates to the Estimation and Reporting of Ore Reserves is based on, and fairly represents, information and supporting documents compiled by Mr Blair Duncan. Core confirms that it is not aware of any new information or data that materially affects the information included in this announcement and that all material assumptions and technical parameters underpinning the Mineral Resource and Ore Reserve estimates in the announcements "Grants Lithium Resource Increased by 42% ahead of DFS" dated 22 October 2018, "Maiden Sandras Mineral Resource Grows Finniss to 6.3Mt" dated 29 November 2018, "Finniss Feasibility Study and Maiden Ore Reserve" dated 17 April 2019, "Initial Resource for Lees Drives Finniss Mineral Resource" dated 6 May 2019, "Finniss Lithium Resource increased by over 50%" dated 15 June 2020 and "Increased Ore Reserve Significantly Extends Finniss" dated 30 June 2020 continue to apply and have not materially changed. Core confirms that it is not aware of any new information or data that materially affects the Exploration Results and Mineral Resources included in this announcement. The information included in this presentation has been obtained from the "Finniss definitive Feasibility Study and Maiden Ore Reserve" announcement dated 17 April 2019 and Core confirms that all material assumptions and technical parameters underpinning the forecast financial information derived from the Ore Reserve and Mineral Resource continue to apply and have not materially changed.

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#### Currency:

Unless otherwise stated, all cashflows are in Australian dollars, are undiscounted and are in real terms (not subject to inflation/escalation factors), and all years are calendar years.

#### Accuracy:

The DFS has been prepared to an overall level of accuracy of approximately -15% to +15%. This judgement is made following consideration of the basis studies and the features outlined in the Cost Estimation Handbook Second Edition Monograph 27 AusIMM, The Minerals Institute.



## Australia's next lithium producer

Core at the front of the line of new global lithium production

#### **Recent Achievements:**

- ✓ Regulatory approvals received to commence construction and operation of the Finniss Project
- ✓ First European Offtake with Transamine
- ✓ Offtake agreement with Yahua and new Offtake MOU with Xinfeng
- ✓ Over 50% increase to MRE to 15Mt @ 1.3% Li<sub>2</sub>O
- ✓ 150% increase to Indicated and Measured Resources
- ✓ Doubled Life of Mine (LOM) to 7 Years
- ✓ NT Govt backs Finniss with concessional loan facility

#### Highlights going forward:

- Resource expansion drilling commencing this month
- Discussions with additional offtake and finance partners nearing finalisation
- Optimise and Update to Feasibility Study
- Project is ready to enter construction phase once global COVID-19 economy and lithium sector recovers

"bottom of the market" \$35m Enterprise Value (EV) offers huge upside for approved, construction-ready lithium project with offtake and potential revenues of \$160m/y

## Finniss Lithium Project - Key advantages

Core is developing one of Australia's most capital-efficient and low-cost lithium projects

- High-grade Lithium Resources adjacent to Port
- Simple DMS processing (no flotation)
  - Significantly decreases capex, finance cost, risk and opex
- 6.0 % Li<sub>2</sub>O conc. produced at high lithium recovery +70%
- Producing 175,000tpa high-quality, low-iron lithium concentrate
- 25km from Australia's closest port to Asia and nearby Darwin capital city infrastructure
- = Low start-up capex (~A\$80M) producing high revenues (~A\$160M-A\$170M/y)



# Prime location and valuable infrastructure available

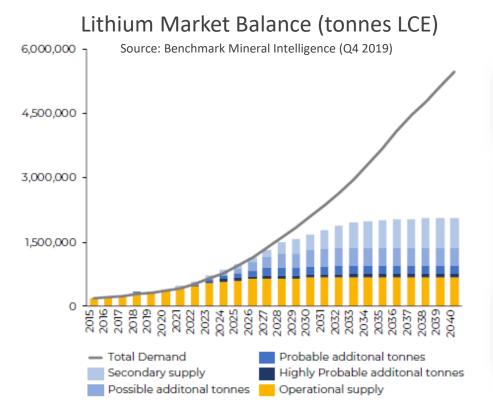




Excellent location & infrastructure advantages

## Medium and long-term lithium demand increasing

Post Covid EV Sales Accelerating



**EU Approves Biggest Green Stimulus in History With** \$572 Billion Plan

Tesla secures land for European

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venture to expand EV push



Medium and long-term demand fundamentals outweigh short-term oversupply

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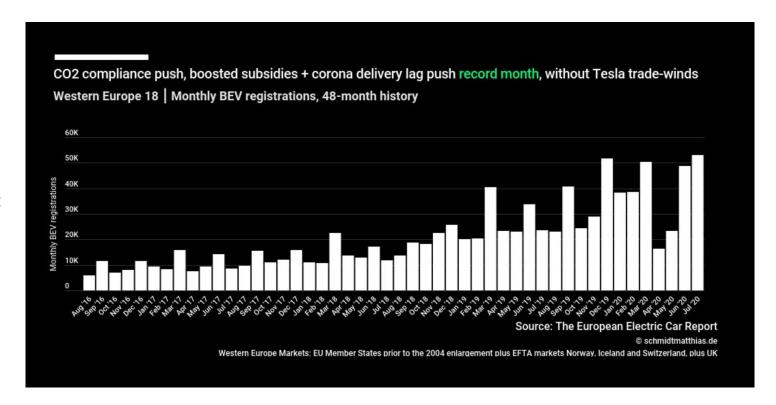
with Samsung SDI for NMC cathode materials

Northvolt-VW announces

## European Green Deal

Europe is striving to be the first climate-neutral continent

- The EU is pursuing a growth strategy that transforms the Union into a modern, resourceefficient and competitive economy where:
  - There are no net emissions of greenhouse gases by 2050
- The European Green Deal's action plan aims to:
  - Boost the efficient use of resources by moving to a clean, circular economy; and
  - Restore biodiversity and cut pollution



## European Commission recognises lithium

#### Lithium now a critical raw material in Europe

- The European Commission has, for the first time, added lithium to the List of Critical Raw Materials
- In line with the European Green Deal, the Action Plan on Critical Raw Materials aims to:
  - Develop resilient value chains for EU industrial ecosystems;
  - Reduce dependency on primary critical raw materials through circular use of resources, sustainable products and innovation; and
  - Diversify sourcing and remove distortions to international trade, fully respecting the EU's international obligations
- Core already has its foot in the door, having been accepted as a member of the European Battery Alliance



## Core joins European Battery Alliance

Driving a competitive and sustainable battery industry in Europe by 2025

- Core was accepted into the EBA250 in July 2020
- EBA250 is an inclusive ecosystem for interested stakeholders across the US's battery value chain and comprises parties that strive to collaborate on initiatives to promote sector growth
- 440 major players from the European Commission, interested EU countries, investment institutions and key industrial, innovation and academia stakeholders
- Ultimate goal is to create a competitive and sustainable battery industry in Europe within the next five years, to capitalise on opportunities and capture a new market that the Alliance anticipates will one day grow to be worth about €250 billion (~A\$400 billion) per year



#### EV sales growth in Europe

#### Policies drive EV push

- Since the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic, EV passenger car sales reached new highs in some European countries
  - Likely partially a result of more favorable taxes or cost benefits for EVs in markets; and
  - Tighter vehicle emission standards for passenger cars at the European level
- Germany and France both introduced recovery packages for EV purchases in June 2020, which led to an uptick in EV sales
  - The adoption of these recovery packages in Austria, Italy and Spain are expected to show similar results in coming months

	June 2020	YTD 2020	YTD 2019	YTD CHANGE
Sweden	26%	26%	11%	136%
Netherlands	16%	13%	9%	78%
Other	11%	11%	6%	83%
United Kingdom	10%	8%	2%	400%
France	9%	9%	2%	350%
Germany	9%	8%	3%	200%
AVERAGE	8%	8%	3%	167%
Belgium	7%	7%	3%	133%
Austria	6%	6%	3%	100%
Italy	3%	3%	1%	200%
Spain	3%	3%	1%	200%
Poland	1%	1%	0%	100%

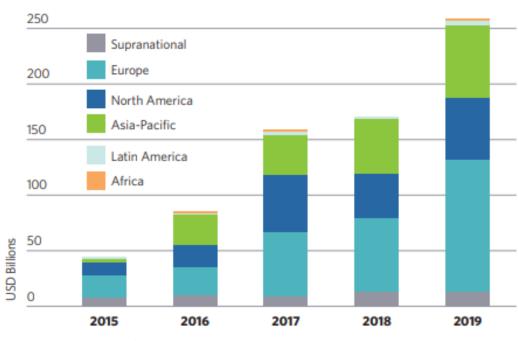
Source: International Council on Clean Transportation

#### European Finance Markets

#### Core continues to engage with European financiers in securing project finance

- In July 2020, the EU announced Europe's biggest green stimulus in history with the US\$572 billion European Green Deal, furthermore
  - France and Germany have offered and increased stimulus to buyers of an EV with a focus on decarbonisation;
  - Multinational banks continue to try to position themselves ahead of the curve on sustainability;
     and
  - The green bond market trend has grown fivefold in the past 5 years
  - Luxembourg became the first European government to sell a "sustainability" bond with a view to financing environmentally friendly and on socially beneficial outcomes

#### Issuance by region: Europe drives 2019 growth



Note: Latin America includes Mexico.

Source : climatebonds.net/files/reports/cbi\_sotm\_2019\_vol1\_04d.pdf

## Core Lithium secures first European Offtake

#### Core Lithium secures first European Offtake – May 2020

- Core has announced a non-binding Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for Offtake with Geneva-based Transamine
- 50,000tpa of spodumene concentrate over five years
- Additional option for financing facility with Transamine

## Binding Offtake and investment with one of China's largest lithium converters - Yahua

- Binding offtake for 75,000tpa of spodumene representing approx. 40% of Core's 175,000tpa production capacity with Szechuan Yahua
- Also Ottake MOU with Xinfeng for 20,000-30,000tpa tpa for 3 years
- Together with Transamine and Yahua agreements, this represents about 85 per cent of the Finniss Project's current production capacity of 175,000tpa

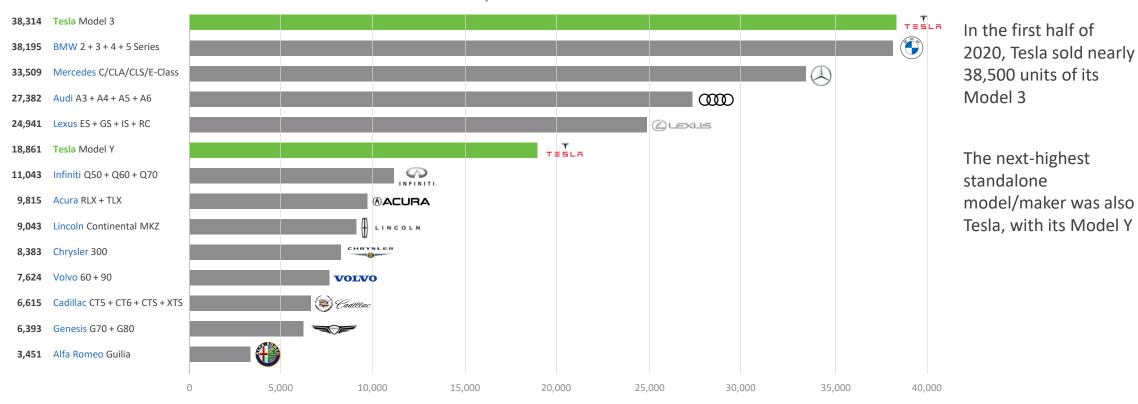
Core is receiving increased interest from new lithium parties and is close to completing additional binding offtake and customer project finance agreements



## Tesla is dominating the US car sales market

#### Tesla's Model 3 is the top seller in the US





Source: Automakers, Clean Technica

## Finniss Lithium Resource increased by over 50%

Recent 150% increase to the Measured and Indicated Resource and more to come as Resource expansion drilling recommences this month

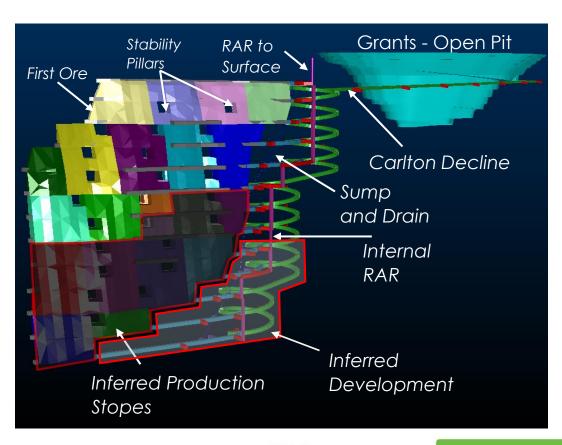
- Adding significant potential to increase mine-life
- 52% increase to new Finniss Lithium Mineral Resource Estimate (MRE) to 15Mt at 1.3% Li<sub>2</sub>O
- 150% increase to the Measured and Indicated Resource categories to 7.62Mt @1.41% Li<sub>2</sub>O
- All the additional Mineral Resources are located within a 3km radius and will enable transport of the material to an approved central processing facility at the Grants deposit
- This process has also highlighted opportunities to extend and expand the MRE with further resource drilling starting this month.

Resource Category	Tonnes	Li₂O %
Measured	3,220,000	1.47
Indicated	4,400,000	1.37
Inferred	7,100,000	1.22
Total	14,720,000	1.32

### Ore Reserve Increase Significantly Extends Finniss Project

#### Increased Ore Reserves underpin a JORC-compliant seven-year Life of Mine (LOM)

- Finniss Ore Reserves increased by 159%
- Life of Mine (LOM) of the Finniss Project has doubled
- Low start-up capital requirements for the Finniss project materially unchanged
- Mining Pre-Feasibility Study has confirmed the viability of underground mining
- Current additional Mineral Resource inventory to potentially sustain the Finniss Project closer to ten years
- Extended Ore Reserves and mine life significantly improve potential Project returns, as Core targets FID post COVID-19



## NT Government approvals received for Finniss Lithium Project

Approval milestones

#### 2018

Mineral Lease granted for Finniss Lithium project & key infrastructure

#### 2019

Supplementary Environmental Impact Study (EIS) submitted

#### 2020 - onward

Mine Processing Plant and EIS & Mine Management Plan (MMP) Approved Future mine extensions and potential project expansions as required

## Corporate information



Board of Directors		Management Team	
Managing Director	Stephen Biggins	Chief Operating Officer	Blair Duncan
Non-Executive Chairman	Greg English	Chief Financial Officer	Simon lacopetta
Non-Executive Director	Heath Hellewell	Commercial Marketing Manager	Robert Sills
Non-Executive Director	Malcolm McComas	Exploration Manager	David Rawlings
Company Secretary	Jarek Kopias	Project Manager	Sean Buxton

Capital Structure (as at 22 September 2020)			
Share Price	~A\$0.04		
Shares on Issue	994.3M		
Market Capitalisation	~A\$40M		
Options and Rights Unlisted	64.2M		
Cash (30 June 2020)	A\$8.7M		
Debt Facilities	Nil		
Enterprise Value	~A\$31M		



#### Darwin Port

Heads of Agreement

## Core has agreement with Darwin Port to ship 250,000tpa of spodumene concentrate

Darwin Port is Australia's nearest port to China

East Arm Wharf facilities at Darwin Port are well suited to handle potential future production from Core's lithium projects

Heads of Agreement signed with Darwin Port in respect of potential export of lithium products from Grants

Agreement provides Core with capacity to export up to either:

- 250ktpa of spodumene concentrate; or
- 1Mtpa of spodumene Direct Shipping Ore (DSO)

### Dense Media Separation (DMS) - no flotation circuit required

DMS avoids problems of other new lithium Australian flotation projects burdened by high capex, large debt and high finance cost and high operating cost (refer appendix)

- ✓ Simple DMS (Gravity) separation produces high quality lithium product
- ✓ 6.0% Li<sub>2</sub>O Concentrate produced at high 70% Recovery
- ✓ DMS Produces high-quality lithium concentrate low in iron <0.7% & other contaminants
- ✓ Coarse product with low-moisture content and good handling properties another advantage for customers



## Core Lithium and the Finniss Lithium Project

ASX-listed developer with advanced lithium assets 25km from Darwin Port in Northern Australia



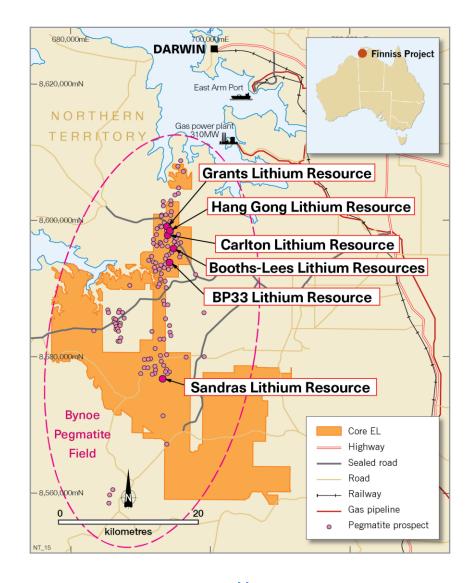
• Finniss Lithium Project is one of the most capital efficient lithium projects in Australia

- Low Capex A\$80m to produce A\$160m revenue p.a.
- 175,000tpa production by DMS
- No Energy-Intensive Flotation Required
  - Lower Capex
  - Lower Processing Cost
  - Lower Technical Risk
  - Lower Transport Cost
  - Lower Emissions

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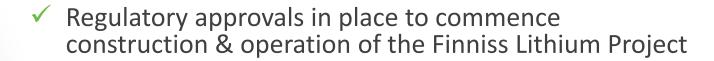
# Prime Location with Valuable Infrastructure and Resource Upside





Resource Expansion Drilling Commencing Shortly



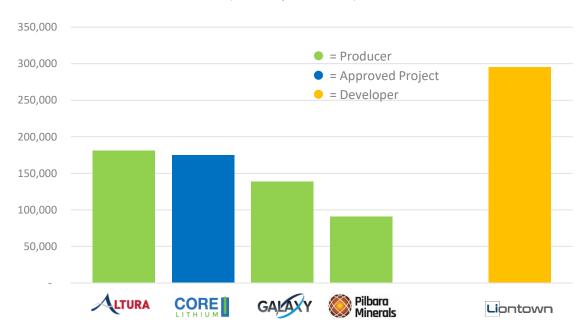


- ✓ First European Offtake announced to market
- ✓ Drilling starting this month to increase Mineral Resource and Ore Reserves and Life of Mine increases
- ✓ Advancing discussions with additional offtake and finance partners
- Optimising DFS early 2021 ahead of FID
- ✓ Well capitalised and able to fund key milestones and deliver a construction-ready project post COVID-19



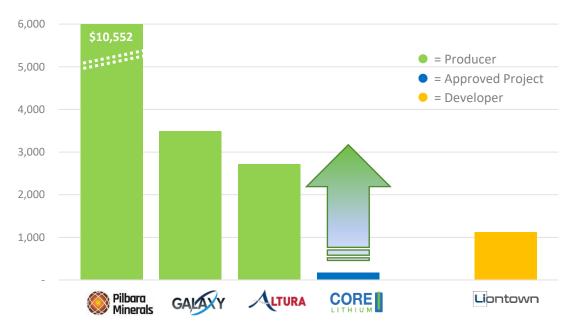
## Magnitude of Valuation Upside for Australia's Next New Lithium Producer

#### 2020 Actual vs Potential Production (tonnes per annum)



Source: ASX Releases. Production tonnes for PLS, AJM, GXY (Quartlery Reports) and for CXO (Jun-20 PFS) and LTR (Dec-19 PFS)

#### Enterprise Value per tonne Actual 2020 vs Potential Production (\$/tonnes per annum)



Source: ASX Releases and Yahoo Finance. Enterprise value equals market capitalisation at 19 September 2020 less cash plus debt. Production tonnes for PLS, GXY and AJM (Quarterly reports) and for CXO (Jun-20 PFS) and LTR (Dec-19 PFS).



## Thank you

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## Spodumene Concentrate Processing

