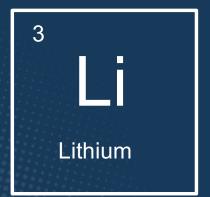


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# Pioneer Dome: moving up the lithium value-curve

Developing a new lithium mining and processing operation in the heart of WA's "Lithium Corridor"

Annual General Meeting – Perth, Australia 22 November 2022

## Forward looking statements and disclosures



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#### **Competent Person Statements**

**Exploration Results:** Mr Andrew Dunn (MAIG), Exploration Manager who is employed full-time by Essential Metals Limited, compiled the technical aspects of this Report. Mr Dunn is eligible to receive equity-based securities in Essential Metals Limited under the Company's employee incentive schemes. Mr Dunn is a member of the Australian Institute of Geoscientists and has sufficient experience that is relevant to the styles of mineralization and types of deposit under consideration and to the activity that is being reported on to qualify as a Competent Person as defined in the 2012 edition of the "Australasian Code for Reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves". Mr Dunn consents to the inclusion in the report of the matters in the form and context in which it appears.

Dome North Lithium Mineral Resource: The information in this presentation that relates to Mineral Resources for the Dome North Lithium Project is based on and fairly represents information compiled by Competent Persons Mr Stuart Kerr and Mr Lauritz Barnes as extracted from the report entitled "Dome North Lithium Project – Resource upgrade" created on 29 September 2020 and is available to view on www.essmetals.com.au.

Dome North Mineral Metallurgical Test Work: The information in this report that relates to metallurgical test work for the Dome North Lithium Project has been reviewed by Mr Joshua Paterson who is a member of the Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy. Mr Paterson is an employee of Primero Ltd and has sufficient experience relevant to the style of processing response and type of deposit under consideration, and to the activities undertaken, to qualify as a Competent Person as defined in the 2012 edition of the 'Australasian Code for Reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves'. Mr Paterson consents to the inclusion in the report of a summary based upon his information in the form and context in which it appears.

Reference to previous market announcements: The Company confirms that it is not aware of any new information or data that materially affects the information included in the original market announcements and, in the case of Mineral Resources, that all material assumptions and technical parameters underpinning the estimates in the relevant market announcements continue to apply and have not materially changed. The company confirms that the form and context in which Exploration Results or Competent Person's findings are presented have not been materially modified from the original market announcements.

This presentation has been approved by the Company's Board of Directors.

# Highlights



	LITHIUM RESOURCE	Essential Metal's Dome North Lithium Resource is one of only 14 JORC compliant spodumene lithium resources in Australia It is one of only two Australian Lithium Resources not yet committed to an off-take arrangement
<b>⊕</b> -«	STRATEGIC LOCATION	The 100%-owned Pioneer Dome Lithium Project, 55km north of Norseman in WA, is next to a main highway and other key infrastructure and near (<70km) the Mt Marion and Bald Hill lithium mines
\$	FUNDED FOR UPCOMING ACTIVITIES	Essential Metals has \$8.1M in cash (30/09/2022)
	DEVELOPMENT READINESS	A Scoping Study is underway to prepare the Dome North Lithium Resource for development in parallel with exploration activities aimed at growing the Company's lithium resources
2	ESG IS ESSENTIAL	Getting ESG right is essential for mining and Essential Metals will apply the highest ESG standards to its future mining operations
	TIMING IS RIGHT	The lithium demand outlook points to lithium deficits only becoming larger from 2025 as the global adoption of 'electrification' goes mainstream

## **Corporate Overview**



## **Capital structure**

256M Shares 11.6M Options

ASX: ESS/ESSO

A\$107M Market Cap

\$0.42/share

**A\$8.1M Cash** as at 30 Sep 2022



\$1.7M upon 11.6M ASX:ESSO \$0.15 options expiring 30 Nov 2022 being exercised

## **Board & Management**

#### **Executive Team**

- Tim Spencer, Managing Director: 30 years' experience commercial/corporate; project development in Australia, Indonesia, Brazil and Italy
- Andrew Dunn, Exploration Manager: 20 years' experience in exploration across
   WA & NSW

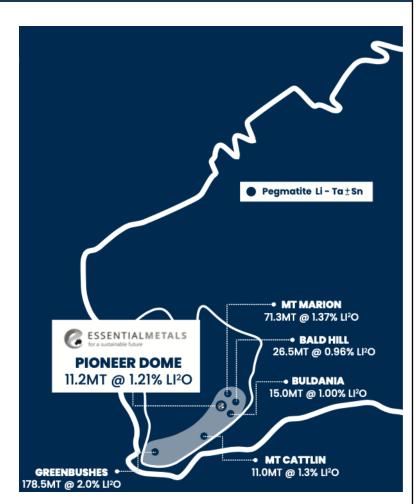
#### **Non-Executive Directors**

- Craig McGown, Non-Exec Chairman: 40 years' experience in capital markets; corporate
- Paul Payne, Non-Exec Director: 35 years' experience: geologist; exploration, project development; corporate
- Warren Hallam, Non-Exec Director: 35 years' experience: metallurgist;
   management, operations; project development, corporate

## **Investment Overview**



- A well-funded and active ASX-listed lithium upstream company
- Focused on finding and producing essential metals for a sustainable, lowcarbon future
- The flagship Pioneer Dome Lithium Project is in an easy-to-explore, low-cost location near Kalgoorlie a Tier-1 mining jurisdiction
- High-quality lithium Resource: 11.2Mt at 1.21% Li<sub>2</sub>O at Pioneer Dome – Update due in December
- Scoping Study due in January 2023 and Expressions of Interest for funding and offtake agreements have been requested
- Exceptional pipeline of resource growth opportunities and exploration targets in the core of WA's "lithium corridor"
- Exciting potential at 100% owned Golden Ridge and Juglah Dome gold projects near Kalgoorlie and free-carried exposure to a significant portfolio of nickel and gold exploration projects



## **Pioneer Dome Lithium Project**



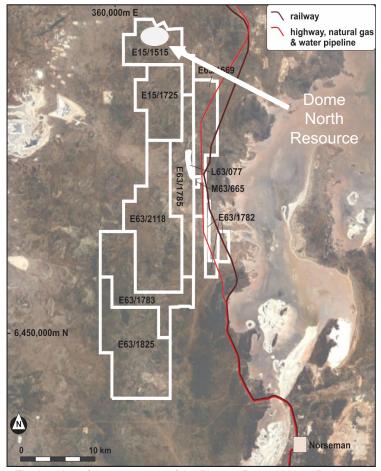
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### 453km<sup>2</sup> project tenure in the 'lithium corridor'

- Mt Marion, Bald Hill and Buldania projects are all located <100km by road from the Project
- The Dome North Lithium Mineral Resource is located in the northern part of the Project area
- The Project contains three spodumene bearing pegmatites so far 11.2Mt JORC Mineral Resource reported containing 336,000 tonnes of LCE equivalent

### Tier-1 location

- Perfect location to develop a mining operation surrounded by operating and historical mining operations so a well understood province for approving of mining operations
- Flat-lying, lightly wooded land with minimal environmental or native title complexities
- 10km from a main regional highway that connects the mining centre of Kalgoorlie (150km to the north) and the large dry bulk & container seaport of Esperance (275km to the south)
- Gas pipeline and water pipeline located alongside the main highway
- Potential to connect to grid power
- Unsealed access road connects the Project to the main highway



The location of the tenements of the Pioneer Dome Lithium Project relative to major infrastructure

## **Pioneer Dome Lithium Project**

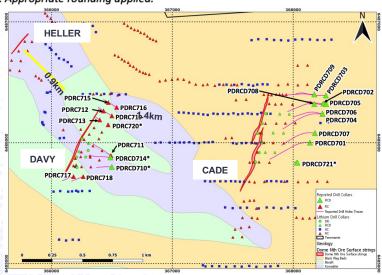


#### **Dome North Mineral Resource**

Table 2. Mineral Resource by deposit and category: Dome North Lithium Project (0.5% Li<sub>2</sub>O cut-off grade)

Deposit	Classification	Tonnes (Mt)	Li₂O %	Ta₂O₅ ppm	Contained Li <sub>2</sub> O (T)	Fe₂O₃ %
Cade	Indicated	5.4	1.30	33	70,000	0.55
	Inferred	2.8	1.18	33	33,000	0.63
Davy	Inferred	2.3	1.13	53	25,000	0.68
Heller	Inferred	0.7	1.02	76	8,000	0.72
Total	Total	11.2	1.21	40	136,000	0.61

Note: Appropriate rounding applied.



### **Excellent metallurgical characteristics**

**December 2020** – Metallurgical test work on the Cade Deposit (fresh rock) based on a hybrid Dense Medium Separation (DMS) + flotation flowsheet:

Concentrate	Grade (% Li <sub>2</sub> O)	Grade (% Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> )	Global Recovery (%Li <sub>2</sub> O)
T12 Flot Con & DMS Con	5.66	1.3	82%
T15 Flot Con & DMS Con	5.65	0.7	74%

Refer ASX announcement 18 December 2020 - Dome North outstanding met test work results

October 2022 – Additional metallurgical test work has now been completed on composite samples representing three further mineralisation domains – Cade Weathered, Davy Weathered and Davy Fresh mineralisation – from the Cade and Davy lithium deposits at Dome North.

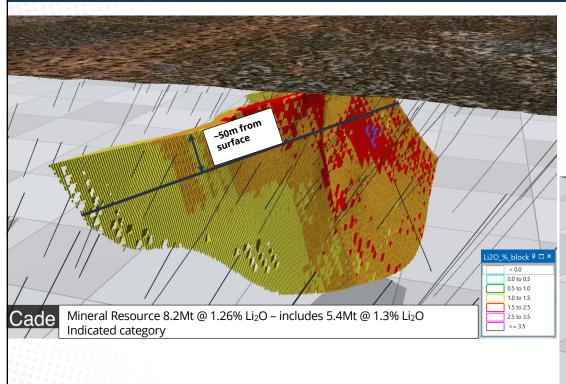
The latest results complement the successful earlier test work programme completed on the Cade Fresh mineralisation.

The Cade Weathered composite returned similar Heavy Liquid Separation (HLS) and batch Whole of Ore Flotation (WOF) results to the Cade Fresh test results, targeting a concentrate grade of 5.7% Li2O, while the Davy Fresh sample returned a similar HLS result but a slightly lower WOF result.

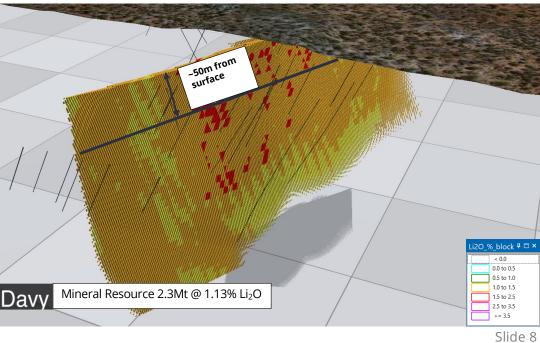
Refer ASX announcement 7 October 2022 – Positive lithium met test work results

## **Pioneer Dome Lithium Project**





Large, thick, tabular deposits with spodumene mineralisation starting at surface



# Dome North – drilling shows high grades and thick widths near surface



#### Near-surface, high-grade assays in Cade and Davy deposits\*:

### Cade Deposit assay results include:

- 19.2m @ 1.44% Li<sub>2</sub>O from 15m (PDD596)
- 9.6m @ 1.42% Li<sub>2</sub>O from 14.4m (PDD598)
- 23.7m @ 1.26% Li<sub>2</sub>O from 3.6m (PDD599)
- **18.9m @ 1.24% Li<sub>2</sub>O** from 21.1m (PDD600)
- 14.7m @ 0.90% Li<sub>2</sub>O from 11.6m (PDD595)

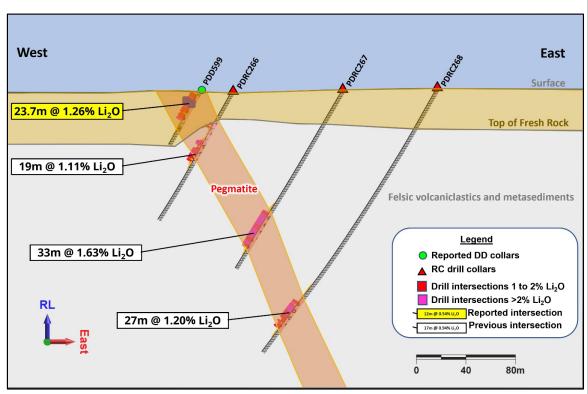
#### Davy Deposit assay results include:

- 31.95m @ 1.24% Li<sub>2</sub>O from 45.4m (PDD601)
- **18.7m @ 1.05% Li<sub>2</sub>O** from 17m (PDD603)
- 11.1m @ 1.70% Li<sub>2</sub>O from 99.2m (PDD604)
- 17m @ 1.32% Li<sub>2</sub>O from 97.1m (PDD605)

These results are very important because they show minimal lithium depletion in the weathered zone. This indicates the potential for high-grade mineralisation to be mined from surface with minimal overburden, having a big positive impact on the economics of the deposits.

\*Refer ASX release 7 June 2022 – Dome North - more high grade near-surface lithium assays

#### **CADE DEPOSIT**



Cross Section demonstrating the high grade nature of the Cade Deposit with latest drilling shown in yellow box

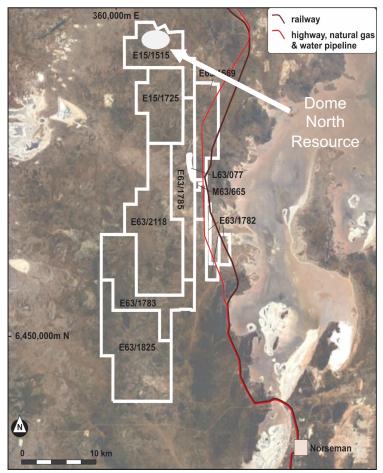
## **Dome North – getting development-ready**



Expressions of Interest for funding and offtake agreements have been requested and due by end-December

Steps are being taken to transition the Dome North Resource area to a 'development ready' status. These steps include:

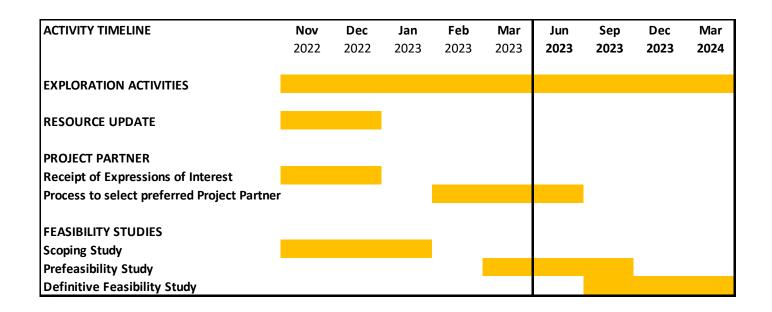
- Mining Lease Application lodged in late September and expected to be granted by March 2023
- A flora and fauna study completed no issues
- Hydrology study completed multiple potential water sources identified
- Additional metallurgical test work on the upper zone of Cade deposit and on Davy deposit now complete, complementing previous successful test work on Cade
- Mining agreement in place with the NNTAC, the representative body of the Ngadju People, the custodians of the land on which the project is located



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# **Activity timeline**



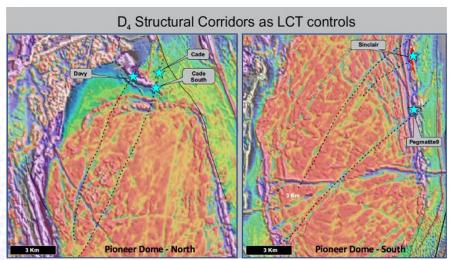


## Actively exploring to find more spodumene

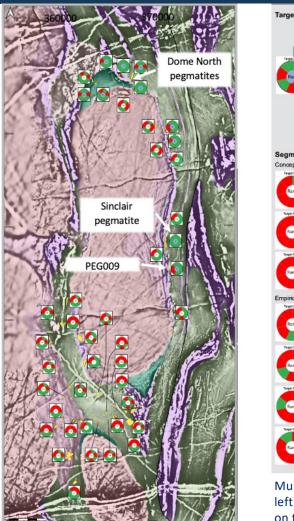


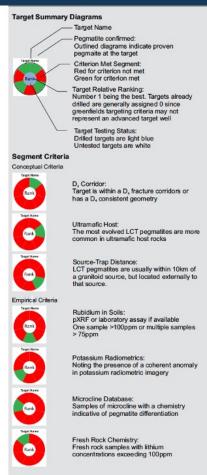
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**Structural Interpretation**: Over 40 targets have been identified and ranked with field checking now in progress. The results of the structural geological study have been incorporated with other exploration data including geophysical surveys, soil geochemistry, drilling, and field mapping, allowing targets to be defined and ranked by an external consultant (Xirlatem).



The interpreted major D4 structural corridors (dotted lines) coincident with the Dome North and Sinclair LCT pegmatites on top of the regional First Vertical Derivative (1VD) Total Magnetic Intensity (TMI) magnetic image.

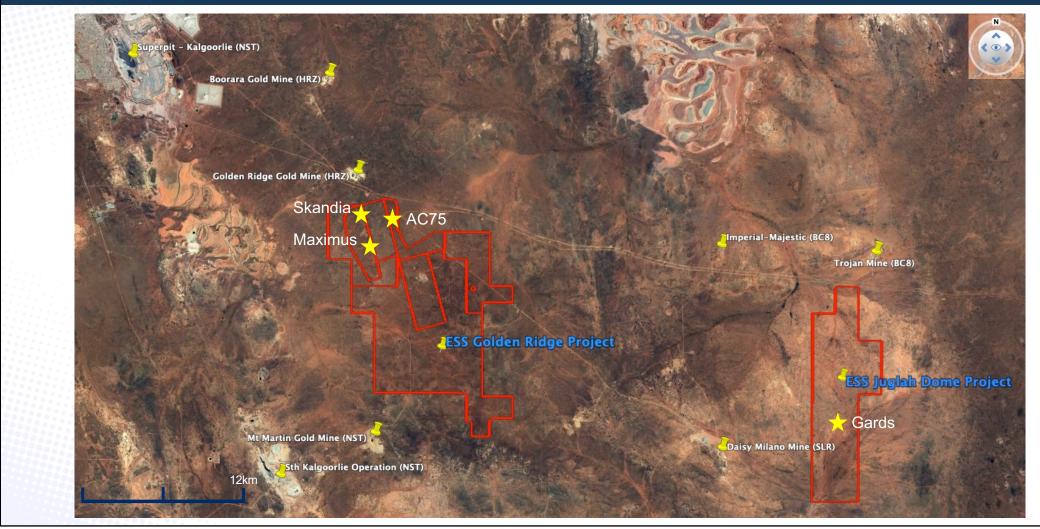




Multiple targets generated (map on left) with the ranking criteria listed on the right.

# Two Exciting Gold Projects near Kalgoorlie





## GOLD – Golden Ridge & Juglah Dome



#### **GOLDEN RIDGE**

# Multiple high tenor gold targets – with potential for a large discovery

- Project straddles the Boorara Domain between the Menzies Boorara Shear Zone (MBSZ) and the Mt Monger Fault. The MBSZ hosts six major gold mines including Paddington, Boorara and the Golden Ridge Gold Mine
- Significant historical intersections from Flying Ant and 18-Footer prospects include:
  - 9m@3.87g/t Au from 26m incl. 2m @ 13.95g/t Au (GOD0094) Flying Ant
  - 21m@2.5g/t Au from 59m incl. 9m @ 3.98g/t Au (GOC0288) Flying Ant
  - 9m@2.44g/t Au from 65m incl. 4m @ 4.11g/t Au (AMRC026) 18-Footer
  - 7m@2.81g/t Au from Surface incl. 3m @ 4.27g/t Au (GOC0264) 18-Footer

(Refer ASX announcement dated 1 April 2021 – "gold focussed drilling commences")

 The recently completed 6,000m air-core programme confirmed gold mineralisation at the Skandia, Maximus and AC75 prospects and identified prospective underexplored areas

#### **JUGLAH DOME**

The Gards porphyry now has 1.5km of strike and is still open to the south

- A very good address...the Juglah Dome tenement is surrounded by Black Cat Syndicate Limited (ASX:BC8) to the north and west and Silverlake Resources Limited (ASX:SLR) to the west and south
- Best results returned at the Gards prospect included:
  - 8m @ 2.18 g/t Au from 34m including 1m @ 6.69g/t Au (20GDRC034) 1;
  - 3m @ 2.06 g/t Au from 90m including 1m @ 5.63g/t Au (20GDRC033)<sup>1</sup>;
     and
  - 6m @ 0.83 g/t Au from 53m (20GDRC026) 1
  - 8m @ 1.49g/t Au from 75m including 1m @ 7.30g/t Au (22GSRC014)<sup>2</sup>
  - 5m @ 1.08g/t Au from 35m (22GSRC002)<sup>2</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> (Refer ASX announcement dated 10 February 2021 – ""Encouraging drill results from Juglah Dome")

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> (Refer ASX announcement dated 10 February 2021 – "" Gold assays add strike length to Gards Prospect")

## Our partnered projects



ESS also has multiple nickel and gold JV partnerships where the partner is obliged to provide funding and management with ESS free-carried up a decision to mine.

#### **Nickel Joint Ventures**

- 25% free-carried interest the Blair Golden Ridge Project Farmin/Joint Venture with Australian Nickel Company\*
- 20% free-carried interest (nickel only) in the Wattle Dam and Larkinville projects with Maximus Resources Ltd (ASX:MXR)

#### **Gold Joint Ventures**

- 25% free-carried interest in the Acra Joint Venture with Northern Star Resources Ltd (ASX:NST)
- 30% free-carried interest in the Kangan Joint Venture with **Novo Resources Corp**. (TSXV.NVO)
- 25% free-carried interest in the Balagundi Farmin/Joint Venture with Black Cat Syndicate Ltd (ASX:BC8)\*\*
- 25% free-carried interest in the Larkinville Joint Venture with Maximus Resources Ltd (ASX:MXR)

#### Notes

All 'free-carried' periods are to the making of a Decision to Mine or an equivalent.

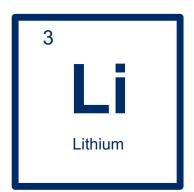
\* ESS holds 100% of the Blair – Golden Ridge Project which is subject to a conditional farmin/joint venture agreement – refer ASX release dated 9 February 2021.

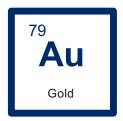
\*\* ESS holds 100% of the Balagundi Gold Project with Black Cat Syndicate currently in the farmin stage of earning a 75% interest.

## **Key Takeaways**



- Funding in place \$8.1M cash on hand (30/09/2022)
- Experienced Board and management team with proven discovery and development expertise
- Projects located in WA's premier mineral and mining districts with a strong focus on finding essential metals for a low-carbon future
- Quality lithium project in the core of WA's lithium corridor with significant initial Mineral Resources with a high level of growth and upside potential
- Scoping Study underway and strong interest received from potential offtake/funding partners
- **Gold exposure** via exciting two gold exploration projects near WA's gold capital, Kalgoorlie and four joint ventures in the Pilbara and Eastern Goldfields
- Nickel exposure via free-carried minority interests in two early stage highly prospective joint ventures in the Kambalda and Eastern Goldfields







# Thank you



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