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## AGM 2022 - Managing Director Presentation

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*Providing Material for a Sustainable & Thriving Planet*

# Managing Director's presentation



South Basin late afternoon

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## Lithium Carbonate Equivalent

The formula used for the Lithium Carbonate Equivalent (LCE) values quoted in this presentation is:  $LCE = (\text{lithium carbonate tonnes produced} + \text{lithium hydroxide tonnes produced} * 0.880)$

## Note

All \$'s in this presentation are US\$'s except where otherwise noted.

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MILESTONES ACHIEVED

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LITHIUM & BORON MARKETS

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RHYOLITE RIDGE PROJECT

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MOVING FORWARD



# Milestones achieved this past year

## US Listing

Commenced trading on Nasdaq

## Completion of Lithium Offtake Agreements

Signed binding lithium offtake agreement with Ford and PPES (Toyota & Panasonic)

## Engineering

Key contracts awarded to ABB, FL Smidth, Veolia and MECS

## Permitting

Resubmitted Plan of Operation

## Funding

Significant progress on DOE Loan

The white hill at Rhyolite Ridge, showing the searlesite ore body at surface

# Changing Political Narrative

“The Future of Vehicles is Electric”: President Biden Touts EVs in remarks on Infrastructure (Forbes breaking News 22/10/2022)

<https://www.youtube.co/watch?v=Rdz2K1HHUc>

**A key area of focus of the DOE Loan Program Office is to “increase the availability of the critical minerals” for clean energy technologies.  
(Jigar Shah, director of the DOE LPO)**

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“Biden signs Inflation Reduction Act into law”  
(CNN Politics 16/08/2022)

<https://www.cnn.com/2022/08/16/politics>



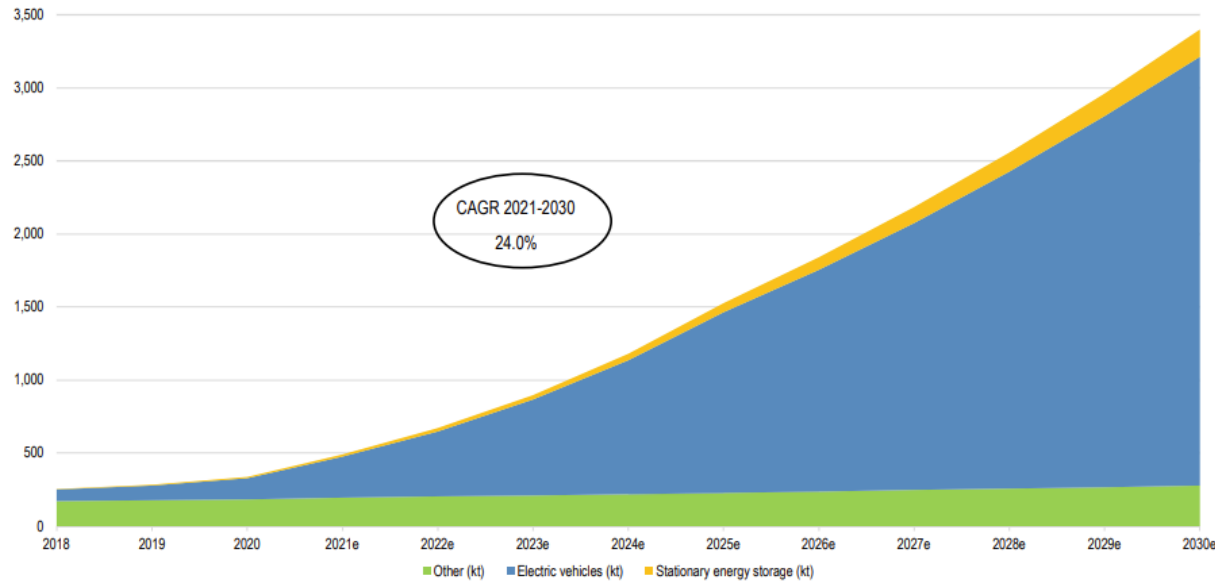
**Growing political will in the U.S. to support the domestic battery materials supply chain**

# Global Lithium Market Trends

Demand growth coupled with supply shortages driving higher prices

## Lithium Demand Driven by Growth in EVs

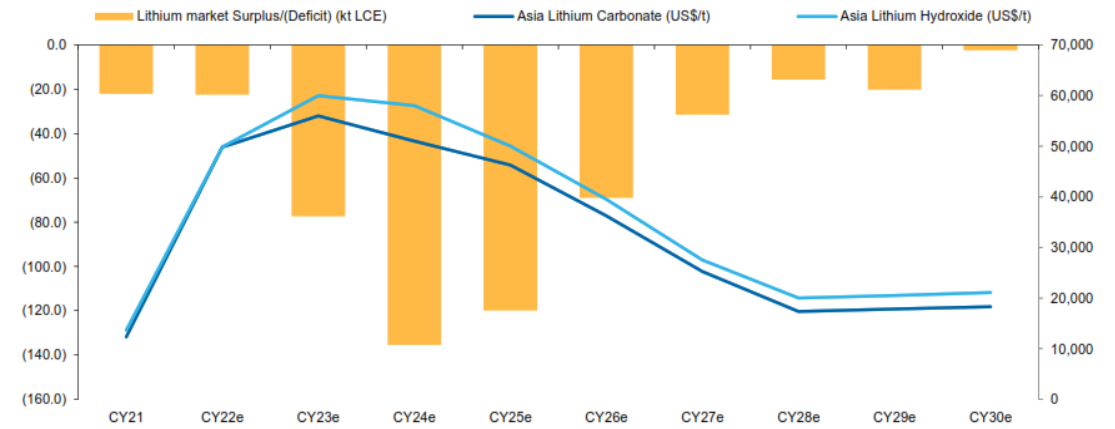
### Increasing Demand Global lithium demand (LCE kt)



Source: Company data, Benchmark Minerals, J.P. Morgan estimates

## Underinvestment in Lithium Supply

### Short Supply Widening deficit in lithium market



Source: Macquarie Research, Bloomberg, Company data – August 2022

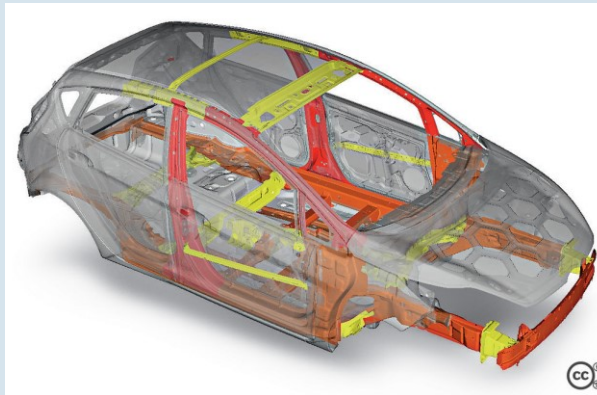
# Boron – A Climate Transition Super Material<sup>1</sup>

## The 5<sup>th</sup> Element of Decarbonisation<sup>1</sup>

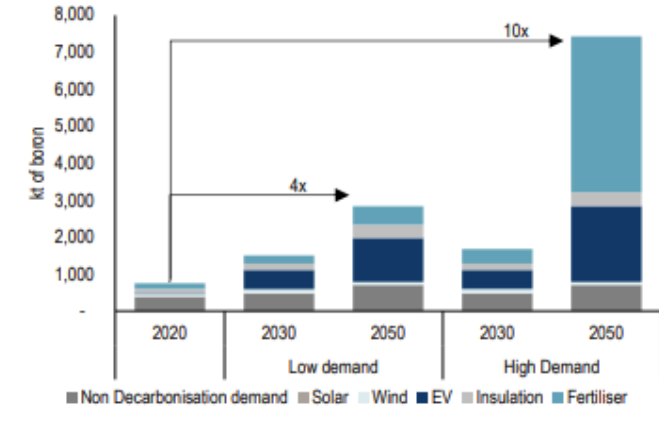
- **Boron has exposure to several key climate technologies**
  - HEV and EVs
  - Insulation Materials that reduce energy use
  - Agriculture as a micronutrient supporting sustainable farming
  - Wind Turbine drive trains and blades
  - Glass in Solar PV modules
  - Nuclear Reactors
  - Hydrogen fuel cells

- **Uses of boron in EVs:**

- Permanent magnet motors
- Chassis for light weight strength
- Brakes
- Glass
- Batteries
- Airbags

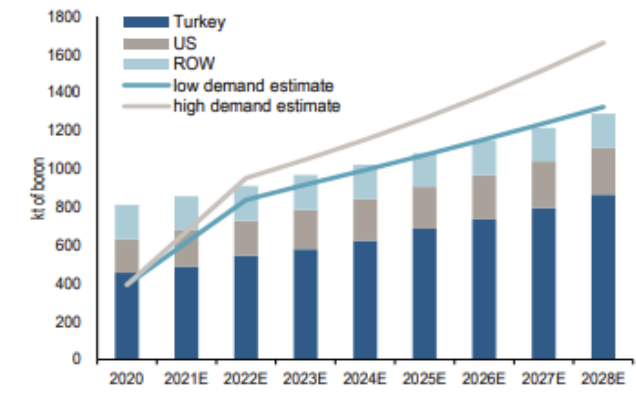


Estimated Growth in Annual Boron Demand



Source: Credit Suisse estimates

Estimated Demand Vs Supply



Source: ABR, Roskill, Rio Tinto, Eti Maden, Credit Suisse estimates

Source: Credit Suisse ESG Report – Climate Transition Super Materials, December 2021



# Most Advanced Lithium Project in the U.S.

After-tax NPV (8% real):  
**~US\$1.3B**

Unlevered After Tax IRR  
**~21%**

Annual Lithium Hydroxide:  
**22,000**  
Tonnes (Years 4-26)

Annual Revenue  
**US\$422M**  
Split ~70% Lithium & 30% Boric Acid

Annual EBITDA  
**US\$288M**

Annual Boric Acid:  
**174,400**  
Tonnes (Years 1-26)

Note: The DFS base case lithium carbonate equivalent (LCE) prices average ~US\$13,000/tonne and boric acid prices average US\$710/tonne over the Life of Mine (LOM). All annual figures are on an average year basis over 25.24 years (LOM). Tonnes are metric tonnes. Lithium Hydroxide production replaces Lithium Carbonate after year 4. See ASX Release titled "Investor Presentation Rhyolite Ridge DFS Announcement" dated 30 April 2020 for additional detail.

# Commitment to Sustainability

Position close to end markets creates an ESG benefit due to shorter supply chains

Low Emissions
Low Water Usage
Small Mine Footprint
Efficient Equipment
Commitment to Sustainability



- Majority of on-site power will be met with CO<sup>2</sup>-free energy production, low greenhouse gas emissions.
- Mobile equipment meets Tier 4 EPA standards
- Project design implements best-in-class water utilization while recycling the majority of water usage.
- Expected to use 30x less water per tonne than existing U.S. production
- No evaporation ponds or tailings dam
- Generating all power on-site.
- Automation of mine haulage equipment
- All baseline studies for EIS completed over 2 years.
- Ongoing commitment to the environment and the protection and conservation of Tiehm's buckwheat
- Implementation of TSM<sup>1</sup> ESG program

<sup>1</sup> Towards Sustainable Mining

# Our 4 Primary Goals to Reach a Final Investment Decision

**COMPLETED**

1 To sign binding offtakes that support debt

2 To be fully funded

3 To be construction ready in engineering

4 To be fully permitted



The white hill at Rhyolite Ridge, showing the searlesite ore body at surface

# Key Milestones

Milestone	Estimated Timing <sup>1</sup>
US Listing on Nasdaq	Completed ✓
Lithium offtake agreements	Completed ✓
Resubmission of the Mine Plan of Operations	Completed ✓
Publishing of NOI	2H 2022
Finalise debt financing	2H 2022
Finalise engineering to 'construction ready status'	2H 2023
Assumed ROD <sup>2</sup> , Final Investment Decision (FID) & close of Sibanye-Stillwater strategic partner agreement	2H 2023



<sup>1</sup> Note: all dates are estimates only and are subject to change.

<sup>2</sup> The Record of Decision (ROD) for the key federal permit is assumed to occur 12 months after the registering of the Mine Plan of Operations in the federal register



## THE RIGHT COMMODITIES

Lithium carbonate and boric acid



## THE RIGHT LOCATION

Positioned to serve the U.S. EV battery supply chain



## AN EXPERIENCED TEAM

With a proven track record



## NEAR TERM NEWSFLOW

Debt, Permitting



## CLEAR PATH TO PRODUCTION



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