# BATTERY RECYCLING WITHOUT LIMITS

**Corporate Presentation, LiB Recycling** 

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# **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

- Neometals (ASX:NMT) is a project developer with strategic focus on minerals / materials critical to the EV and ESS sectors
- Four core projects are under evaluation with strong partners
- Pivoting towards responsible materials recovery v. upstream mining projects
- JV to scale-up battery recycling technology is ready for global commercial roll-out
- Strong team with growing track record in delivering project outcomes
- Future-proofed balance sheet to fund projects to FID's
- A\$81.3M cash, ~A\$6.3M in investments\* and no debt
- Neometals has returned A\$55M in dividends in last five consecutive financial years

#### Nm **OUR STRATEGY FOR GROWTH Neometals'** uses a different early-partnering model to maximise ROIC 2. 4 Build Validate and Identify Return and secure Value realise value value opportunities Organically and through Risk-conscious exploration, Partner to reduce Opex and Dividends and acquisition. E.g. battery cost/vertical integration, invested capital, develop at buy-backs recycling and Mt Edwards. processing focussed R&D scale, reduce risk and and evaluation studies. accelerate returns.

The common thread across this model is a consistent development strategy, focus on sustainability and the projects intersect across the EV and ESS value chain.

# PROJECTS

**Lithium-Ion Battery Recycling Project** 



Demo showcase stage, 50:50 JV.

Feasibility Stage, MOU 50:50 JV.

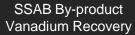
Lithium Refinery

Project

Pilot-stage, 100% NMT, MOU for 50:50 Operating JV.

Barrambie Titanium

and Vanadium Project







50:50 JV evaluation, scoping-stage.

# THE NEED FOR LIB RECYCLING







### Valuable

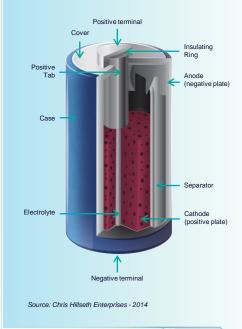


### Carbon Footprint

### THE GROWING DEMAND FOR LI-ION BATTERIES

- Over the last ten years, Li-ion Batteries (LiBs) have moved from obscurity to wide-spread popularity
- There has been growing consumer appetite for energydense consumer electronics, EV's and more – all powered by LiBs
- However, LiB's rise to public prominence has created end of life disposal complications along with the benefits

#### Schematic of Lithium-ion Battery & Average Composition of Components



| Lithium-ion battery component                        | Composition<br>(% by weight) |
|--|------------------------------|
| Cathode + anode + electrolyte                        | 39.1% +- 1.1%                |
| Plastic case   | 22.9% +- 0.7%                |
| Steel case   | 10.5%+- 1.1                  |
| Copper foil  | 8.9% +- 0.3%                 |
| Aluminium foil                                       | 6.1%+- 0.6%                  |
| Polymer foil (cathode-anode separator) + electrolyte | 5.2% +- 0.4%                 |
| Non-aqueous solvent                                  | 4.7% +- 0.2%                 |
| Electrical contacts                                  | 2.0% +- 0.5%                 |

Source: ASEAN Environment - Sept 2014

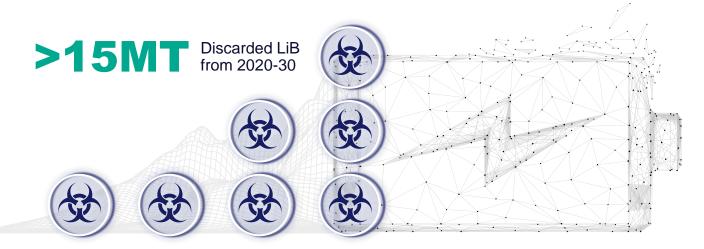
# **RECYCLING IS NOT OPTIONAL**

#### LiBs pose many risks including:

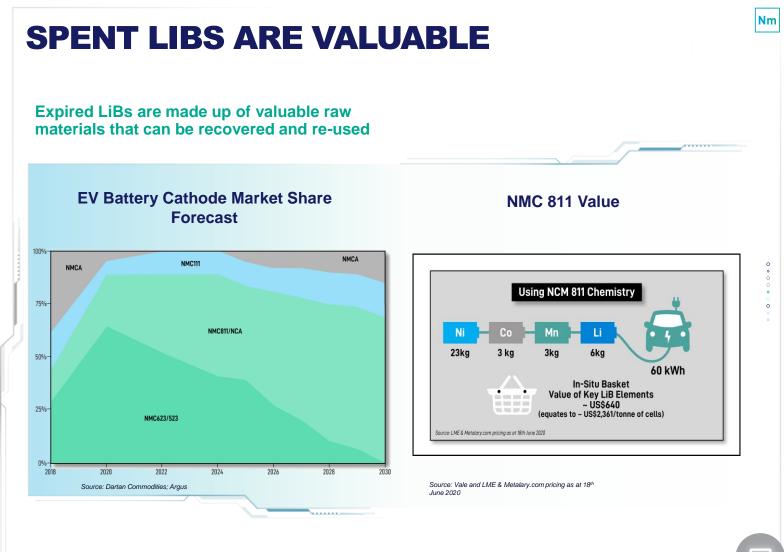


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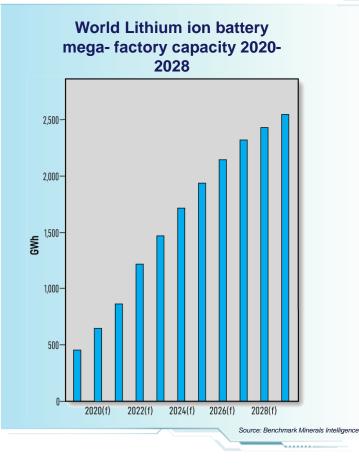
# **REDUCING THE LEVEL OF HAZARDOUS MATERIAL**



- Expired LiBs are growing in volume.
- Combustible and hazardous content at risk of being dumped into landfill.
- Small % of LiBs are currently being recycled.
  - Incumbent recycling technology sees most of the valuable ingredients burnt and released into the atmosphere.

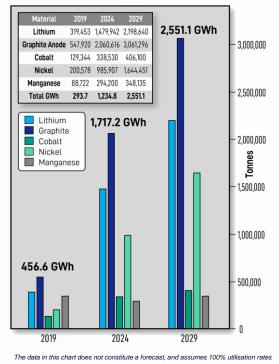


# **RECYCLING IS THE KEY TO SECURING THE SUPPLY CHAIN**



#### Mega factory impact on raw materials

Raw Materials demand vs Global Lithium Ion cell/mega-factory capacity



### **RECYCLING IS THE KEY TO SECURING AN ETHICAL SUPPLY**

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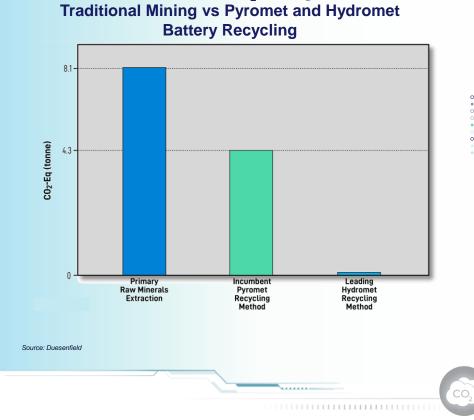
"Recycling plays pivotal role in securing battery supply chains...the region that leads battery technology and secures the supply chain will have outsized geo-economic and development influence."

Science Magazine Oct 2019

# HYDRO-RECOVERY RECYCLING HAS THE LOWEST CARBON FOOTPRINT

- Comparisons between ICE and EV emissions are complex.
- EV recharging with coal powered electrons doesn't provide clear emissions advantage.

To ensure EV lifetime emissions are low, countries can <u>decarbonise electricity</u> and car manufacturers can <u>recycle</u> carbon intensive batteries.



Raw Material CO<sub>2</sub> Savings –

# THE OPPORTUNITY











### TAILWINDS - THE TREND TOWARDS DE-CARBONISATION IS DRIVING DEMAND FOR LIBS



Demand and adoption of EV and ESS increases as the economics of de-carbonisation becomes more viable

- Paris Agreement target
- EU Green deal One trillion Euro of investment between 2021-2027 to achieve no net emissions of GHG by 2050
- Trend towards phasing out ICE vehicles nation by nation

#### This creates mountains of scrap / spent LiBs, impacting the value chain.

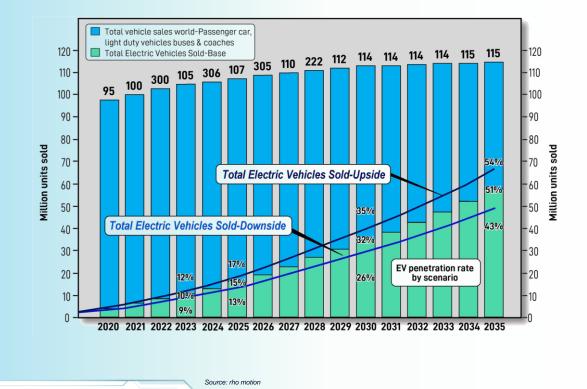
1. Increased production of EV's

2. Greater LiBs demand 3. Increases in cell production capacity

4. Demand for battery value chain materials

# **1. EV DEMAND GROWTH FORECAST**

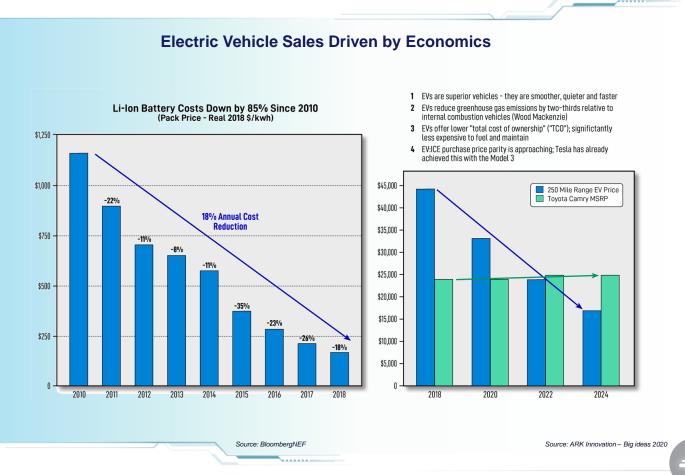
#### **Global EV Sales and Penetration Rate Forecast, 2020-35**



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# **1. EV DEMAND GROWTH DRIVERS**

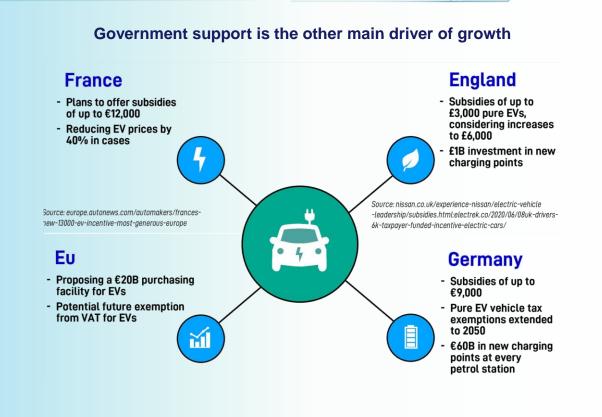
The decline in battery production costs means the mass market will begin to drive demand.



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### 1. EV DEMAND GROWTH DRIVERS CONT'D Europe



Source: techau.com.au/eu-may-exempt-electric-vehiclesfrom-vat-should-Australia-remove-the-gst-and-lct/

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Source: elecrive.com/2020/06/04/Germany-doublesev-subsidies-no-more-diesal-support Nm

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### **1. EUROPEAN EV SUPPLY GROWTH DRIVERS**

- Over the coming years, European manufacturers are going to struggle to reduce their CO2 emissions. If they fail, they run the risk of expensive fines.
- Companies such as VW are attempting to reach these emission standards by increasing their demand for EVs.

### Selected OEM fleet average CO<sub>2</sub> emissions, 2017-2019

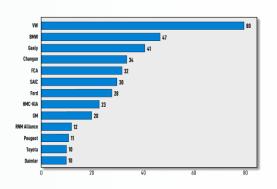


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#### Europe's Tough Emissions Rules Come With \$39 Billion Threat

By Chester Dawson and Oliver Sachgau June 26, 2019, 12:00 PM GMT+8 Updated on June 27, 2019, 3:01 AM GMT+8

#### Number of EV's Launched by 2025



Source: BloombergAEF

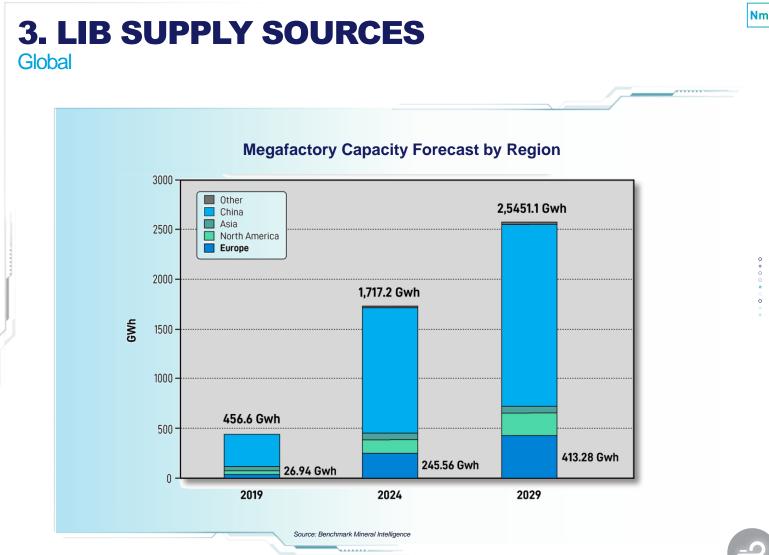
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# **2. LIB DEMAND GROWTH FORECAST**

Demand of EV and ESS means higher demand for batteries



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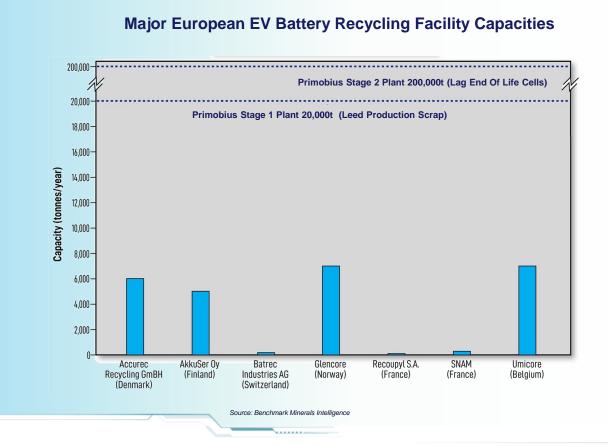


# **MORE PRODUCTION = MORE SCRAP AND END OF LIFE LIB'S**

#### **European Lithium Ion Battery Recycling Feed** 2.000.000 **Retired Vehicle Batteries** 1,800,000-Scrap Vehicle Batteries **Retired LCO Batteries** 160.000-1,400,000-1.200.000-Tonnes 1,000,000 800.000-600,000-400,000-200.000-2020 2021 2022 2023 2024 2025 2026 2027 2028 2029 2030 2031 2032 2033 2034 2035 2036 2037 2038 2039 2040

Source: Benchmark Minerals Intelligence (Battery Cell Capacity) and Neometals Management (Utilisation rate 75%, Scrap Rate 10% and Cell Weight 45g/Wh)

# WHO WILL PROCESS THEM?



# **OUR UNIQUE SOLUTION**

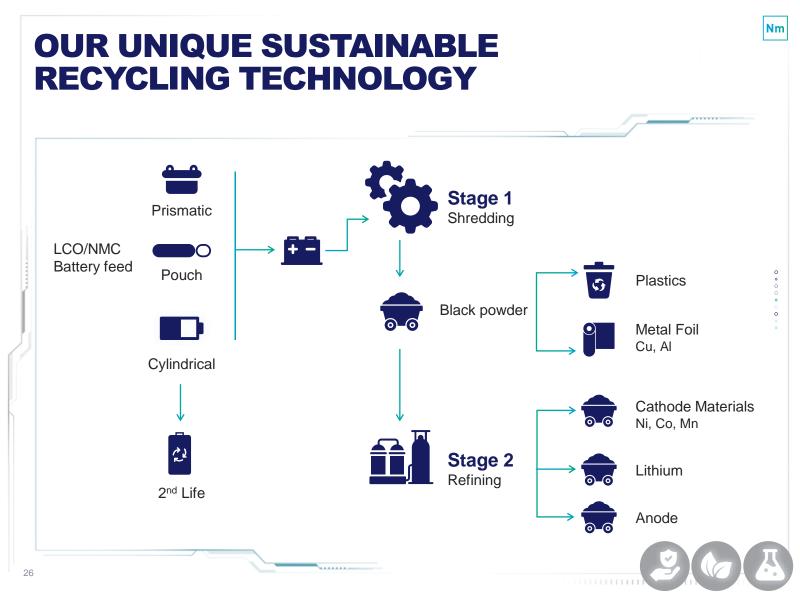






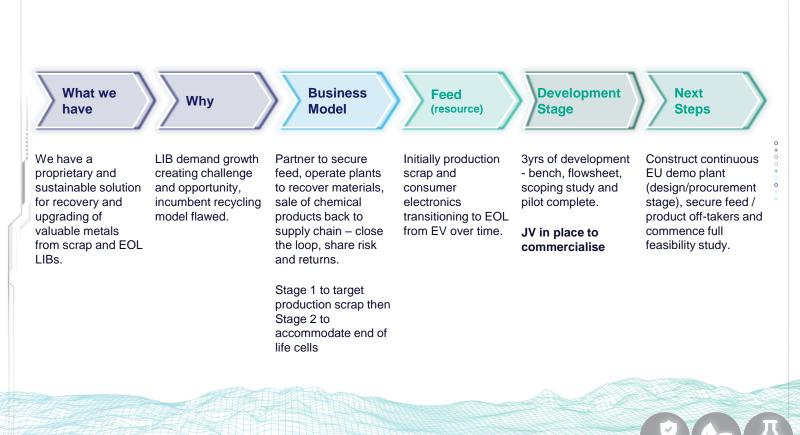


Pure



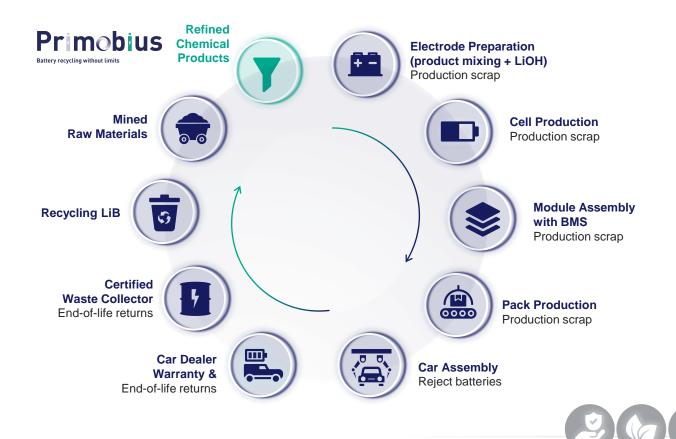
# **OUR PROCESS**

Responsibly recovered materials to complement traditional mining.



# **PRIMOBIUS IN THE VALUE CHAIN**

Type Value Chain for Automotive LiBs



### OUR COMPETITIVE ADVANTAGE (USP)



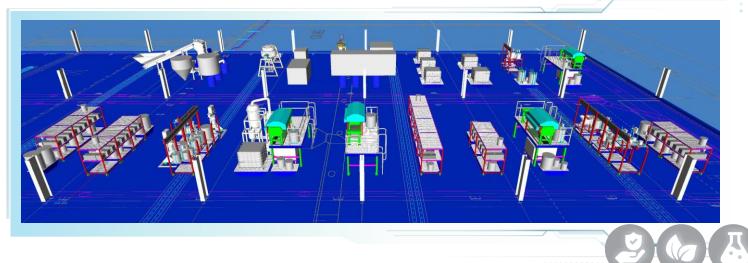
- Our exclusive eco friendly flowsheet enables a true closed loop, low CO2 and reduced LCA GHG emissions.
- Safe destruction without needing to discharge cells.



- A flexible approach means that shredding and refining don't have to be co-located.
- Hub and spoke model reduces transport complications with hazardous waste.



- High purity chemical products suitable for use in cathode, displaces need to sell mixed metals to refiners.
- The system is not reliant on payment for collection of spent cells.



# OUR JOINT VENTURE WITH SMS GROUP



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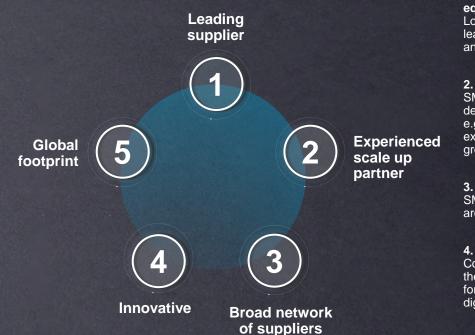
**Battery recycling without limits** 

#### Exclusivity with SMS to form 50:50\* JV

- Incorporation of European JV Co (Primobius) to commercialise NMT R&D
- Our joint venture will construct a showcase demonstration plant in Germany and complete feasibility study
- Evaluating both 20ktpa and 200ktpa plants
- SMS will build, operate and arrange debt financing on behalf of JV
- NMT to contribute piloted technology
- Global commercial roll out capitalising on the SMS global footprint (14,500 employees at 95 sites)

\*for 50:50 debt:equity on a best endeavours basis

# **PARTNERING WITH SMS GROUP**



### 1. Leading supplier of metallurgical equipment and services

Long lasting history of about 150 years as leading supplier of metallurgical equipment and plants

#### 2. Experienced scale up partner

SMS group has a continuous strategy to develop new business models enabling e.g. sustainable value chains and is an experienced scale up partner for new growth projects

#### **3. Broad network of suppliers** SMS group has a broad network of suppliers

around the world

#### 4. Innovative

Continuous R&D work and innovation to be the leading partner. With latest innovations for e.g. environmental technologies, digitalization and technical service

#### 5. Global footprint

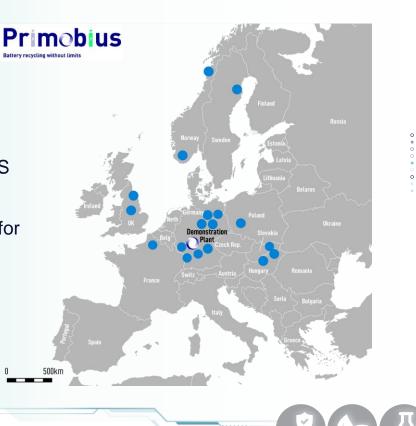
SMS group has 95 sites around the world employing around 14,000 people



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# EUROPEAN SHOWCASE OF HUB & SPOKE MODEL

- Feed preparation & refining of vehicle & cell maker scrap at SMS facility in Germany
- Provide battery grade chemicals for evaluation by potential off-takers



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# **DEMONSTRATION PLANT (DP)**



SMS and NMT to design, SMS to build and operate on permitted site in Germany



Output from DP to be allocated to selected customers in battery supply chain for qualification



MOUs are typical prelude to potential offtake arrangements



Fully-integrated version of pilot flowsheet, commercial scale comminution circuit (~20,000tpa feed) contributed to JV by NMT



DP to process batches of spent cells from OEM's and deliver cathode intermediates as part of staged evaluation leading to offtake arrangements



Continuous demo at 1,000 scale sufficient to test hydrometallurgical stage 2



Opportunities to secure EU green incentives and funding

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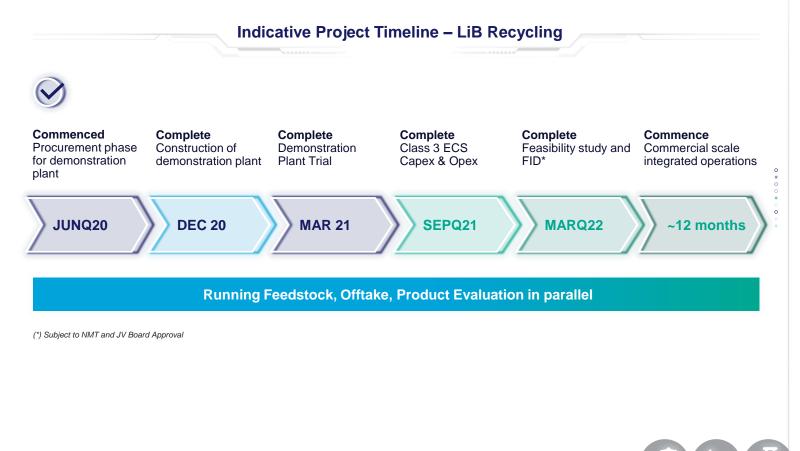
### SMS MANUFACTURING CENTRE

#### Engineering and production under one roof

- SMS production shop covers a total of 40,000 m<sup>2</sup> and ranks among the most modern anywhere in the world
- Engineering and production under one roof to ensure efficient order processing
- Production of core metallurgical and rolling mill components ranging from sophisticated welded structures to mechanically manufactured parts
- DP trial in dedicated building with 1,000m<sup>2</sup> floor area for feed storage and all circuits
- SMS TECademy facility for customer training
- LernWERK as a blueprint for apprenticeships



# **OUR INDICATIVE TIMELINE**



# **INVESTORS**







Value Proposition



Growth

# **BUSINESS CASE**

# Primobius

### **Battery recycling without limits**



Our Joint Venture is an outcome of Neometals' extensive due diligence on our substantive R&D program



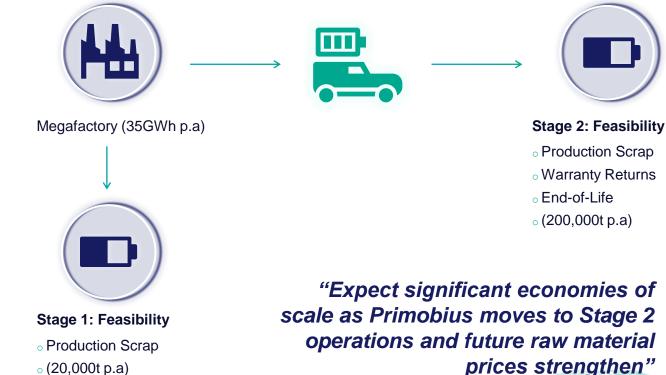
It is a validation of our:

- 1. Business model
- 2. Technical viability, and
- 3. Size of opportunity



Primobius provides a clear and credible path to commercialization and cashflow

# **AIM IS TO BE RECYCLER OF CHOICE** FOR CARMAKERS AND CELL MAKERS



o (20,000t p.a)



### VALUE PROPOSITION Scoping Study 20KTPA





**Capital Costs** 

US\$66M\* A\$92M



# EV & Consumer battery feed

Products Inc. high purity Co, Ni,Cu,Li



<2 years



#### Opex

US <\$7/lb\* Contained cobalt excluding co-products Nm



A\$308M

\*! USD: 1.4 AUD at US\$6.15/kg Cobalt Sulphate (~20% cobalt contained in CoSO\_4). US\$5/kg Lithium Sulphate. US3.30/kg Nickel Sulphate. US\$2/kg Copper Sulphate

Please refer to ASX announcement 4 June 2019 titled "Battery Recycling – Scoping Study Results" which is available at www.neometals.com.au

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# **CONCLUDING HIGHLIGHTS**



Sound business case - industry validation and path to cash-flow via Primobius.



Recycling generates materials without mining risk (urban recovery).



JV partners with global footprint and R&D commercialization experience.



Strategic source of green / ethical non-mine cathode intermediate.



Strong value proposition - robust project economics.



Enormous industry and macro tailwinds – EV/ESS megatrend driving growth.



Alignment with global drive to reduce greenhouse emissions and contribute to circular / closed loop economies.



Neometals has the balance sheet to underwrite project participation.