

## Green Battery Materials

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- nbie Mineral Resource Update
- Work Produces +90% Purity Titanium Slag at High Recoveries
- sheet Breakthrough
- ccessful Commercial Smelting Trials For Barrambie
- es From Barrambie Titanium Project PFS

## **Executive Summary**



## Neometals

producer.







3 business units supporting energy transition in the EV / ESS supply chains:

Li-ion Battery Recycling (Ni/Čo) Vanadium Recovery Lithium Chemicals

Underpinned by proprietary, green, processing technologies

> 13 Granted Patents 56 Patents Pending

ESG commitment. Recycling and recovery minimise reliance on mined materials and reduce carbon footprint

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### Neometals is an emerging, sustainable battery materials





Focus on continuous development and innovative commercialisation with strong partners

Strong, growing team with track-record of value creation, project execution and shareholder return.

## **Green Battery Materials Portfolio**

- Focus on Europe and North America
- Emerging as World's 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> biggest battery producing regions



## **Core Battery Materials Business Snapshot**





## **Unparalleled exposure to energy transition commodities**

## 2050 Annual Demand from Energy Technologies as Percentage of 2018 Production



Source: World Bank Group

## **Experienced & Growing Team**



**Steven Cole** Chair



Chris Reed Managing Director / CEO





**Dr Natalia Streltsova** 





**Michael Tamlin** Head of Lithium



Kausar Shah Project Manager – Lithium

Services



**David Robinson** GM – Metallurgy and R&D



**Jason Carone** Company Secretary / CFO





**Giuliano Giordani** Financial Controller



Pablo Carabajal Manager - Finance





**Felicia Bradley** Marketing & Comminications



**Paul Wallwork** GM – Marketing and Product Development



**Scott Robertson** GM – Corporate Development



**Anél Joubert** Manager - ESG

**Kylee Millen** Project Manager -Recycling



Adam Farghaly **Technical Manager** 



**Merrill Gray** 

Head of Recycling



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**Thomas Heinzle** Project Engineer



Seppo Karvonen Country Manager



**Campbell Kenny Business Analyst** 



Casper Adson EGM – Titanium



**Greg Hudson** GM – Geology



**Owen Casey** Senior Project Geologist

## **Corporate Dashboard**

### NEOMETALS HAS SIGNIFICANTLY OUTPERFORMED THE ASX200 A\$82M RETURNED VIA DIVIDENDS AND BUY BACKS IN THE LAST ~5 YEARS

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Shares on Issue <sup>(1)</sup>	m	552.7	2.00
Share Price	A\$	0.62	
Market capitalisation	A\$m	343	1.80
Cash (31-Dec-22)	A\$m	42.0	1.60
Debt	A\$m	-	1.40 M
Investments (31-Dec-22) <sup>(2)</sup>	A\$m	29.4	
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David Reed	6.2%
The Vanguard Group, Inc.	2.3%
Тор 20	40%
No of Shareholders	~14,442



<sup>(1)</sup> Excludes 12.6M performance rights

<sup>(2)</sup> Receivables and investments

<sup>(3)</sup> Sourced from Bloomberg (as at 31 December 2022) assumes dividends re-invested



### 5-Year TSR<sup>(3)</sup>



## **Sustainability**



Neometals is committed to optimising finite resources with circular practices to benefit society and the environment for a sustainable future

- Focus on production of sustainable battery materials - reducing reliance on new mined materials.
- Commercialising internationally recognised award-winning sustainable processing technologies
- Transparent sustainability reporting to GRI, SASB, TCFD
- Neometals' 3<sup>rd</sup> annual sustainability report released in September 2022







## Lithium-ion Battery (LiB) Recycling

Intellectual Property Holding Company 50% Neometals / 50% SMS group

**Primobius GmbH – Commercialisation** Incorporated 50:50 JV with SMS group



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## Aim is to be leading provider of recycling solutions to OEMs

**OUR SCALABLE PLANT SOLUTIONS ADDRESS GROWING VOLUMES OF PRODUCTION SCRAP AND END-OF-LIFE BATTERIES** 



Source: Benchmark Minerals Intelligence (Dec. 2022), Battery Density - NMT Management (4t/MWh)



## Our scleable patent-pending recycling technology

1. PRIMOBIUS' FULLY CERTIFIED DISPOSAL SERVICE IN HILCHENBACH, GERMANY SERVICES ALL OEM SUPPLY CHAINS

2. PRIMOBIUS' AWARD-WINNING TECHNOLOGY WILL DELIVER BATTERY MATERIALS WITH LOWEST CARBON FOOTPRINT





## **European Regulation Driving Automakers to "Close the Loop"**

### AIM TO BE THE FIRST TO BE FULLY COMPLIANT WITH ALL EU BATTERY REGULATIONS FOR LIB RECYCLING, ON TRACK FOR 2026

Total Recovery	Current 2023
Copper	87.4%
Nickel	84.4 %
Cobalt	82.3 %
Lithium	83.5 %





Source: European Commission, FCAB

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Source: European commission, FCAB





### European regulations are pushing the responsibility to "close the loop" to the OEMs

## **Recycling = resilient raw material supply chains**







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## **Recycling = lowest carbon footprint raw materials**

## OUR PROCESSING TECHNOLOGY REDUCES THE CO2 FOOTPRINT BY >80% VS MINED RAW MATERIALS



Source : Dusenfeld (Primary Raw Materials and Pyromet Recycling) Neometals (Pilot Plant LCA 2020)

Source: Duesenfeld







## Primobius equipment solutions backed by SMS group

SMS IS A 140 YEAR-OLD LEADING GERMAN PLANT BUILDER, 14,500 EMPLOYEES IN 95 SITES AROUND THE WORLD, PRODUCTION FACILITIES IN EUROPE, NORTH AMERICAN, INDIA AND CHINA

## Primobius SMS

Battery recycling without limits







## Our flexible business models deliver lowest total cost of recycling



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### A DIFFERENTIATED CUSTOMER DRIVEN MODEL

PLANT INVESTMENT DECISIONS PREDICATED ON PARTNERSHIPS WITH SECURE ACCESS TO LIB FEED STOCKS

## **Commercial Pipeline\***

### Operational

### **Targeted Growth Plan**



\*Subject to Customer, Primobius and Neometals Board Approvals

1. BGMS = Battery Grade Metal Sulphates



### Scale Up Opportunity

### Total Addressable Market (US\$bn)



Economies of scale and access to feed key to the success of LiB battery recyclers scale-up

Source: RBCe. NCM battery recycling North America and Europe.

## Hilchenbach Spoke – establishing market share in EU

RAMPING UP TO LICENCED CAPACITY <10tpd IN SEPQ 2023, SECURED BASELOAD FEED FORCY 2023 FROM **GERMAN OEM SUPPLY CHAIN** 



Source: RhoMotion

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Source: Roland Berger Intergrated LiB Demand and Supply Model \* Excludes ESS which we forecast 36,000 of scrap material in EU & EFTA & UK in 2030





## **Partnership with Mercedes-Benz**

### **COOPERATION AGREEMENT WITH MERCEDES-BENZ**





### Partnership

- Cooperation agreement between Mercedes-Benz recycling subsidiary and Primobius •
- Cooperation agreement follows partnership for designing and constructing a • 2,500tpa Recycling Plant located in Kuppenheim, Germany
- Long-term collaboration to recycle next generation cell formats and chemistries ٠
- Strong validation of the Primobius technology •

\*For further information, refer to ASX release dated 13 May 2022 – "Primobius executes Co-operation Agreement with Mercedes Benz" \*\*Source: Mercedes-Benz Strategy Update: electric drive, July 2021



Potential EOL recycling requirement by 2040 with additional volumes potentially available from production scrap





### **MERCEDES-BENZ TARGET CELL PRODUCTION\*\***



**Key Illustrative Assumptions** 

- ~10 year battery life
- ~4.5MWh to tonne of battery

### POTENTIAL MERCEDES-BENZ EOL LIB RECYCLING REQUIREMENTS **BY 2040**





### ~50 x 50tpd OR 5 x 500tpd Plants

Required to process\*

\*Based on Neometals assumptions.

## **Partnership with Stelco**

### **TECHNOLOGY LICENSE AND JV OPTION (≤50%) WITH STELCO IN NORTH AMERICA\***







- Partnership
- Recycling venture to offer a holistic end-of-life vehicle • recycling solution in North America with the ability to secure large feedstock volumes
- Stelco will be responsible for supply of LiB feedstock and • the securing of sites for plants
- Exclusively licensed to Stelco in North America except right to recycle for German OEMs has been retained
- Primobius has an option to acquire 25–50% of the equity in Stelco's recycling SPV
- Non election would lead to a 10% royalty on gross revenue earned from the use of the technology<sup>(1)</sup>



### STELCO IS POSITIONED TO BE A LEADER IN THE ELECTRIC **VEHICLE CIRCULAR ECONOMY**



Diagram showing relationship between Stelco and the Electric Vehicle (Automotive OEM) value chain

<sup>\*</sup>For full details refer to Neometals ASX release dated 31 December 2021 titled "Primobius to Enter North America with Stelco for Recycling of Electric Vehicle Batteries""

<sup>(1)</sup> Scope for reductions in the royalty rate depending on IRRs generated, and a minimum royalty fee in cases of stalled recycling production.

## **Primobius Greenfields Integrated Refinery - Germany**

**EVALUATION OF A FUTURE INTEGRATED OPERATION IN GERMANY** 

- Staged Engineering and Cost Study ("ECS") will deliver Operating & Capital Costs for a 50 tpd (~20,000 tpa) integrated operation covering:
  - Inbound LIB storage
  - Discharging and Disassembly of modules
  - Shredding and Separation
  - Hydrometallurgical Refinery
- The Spoke and Hub are Primobius' products which it can deploy under different business models
- Provides template for potential customers to integrate and re-estimate, tailored to their sites
- Kaiserslautern is a potential site in an existing industrial estate

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**1. Tesla** Grünheide, up to 250 GWh

**2. Microvast** Ludwigsfelde, up to 6 GWh

**3. Farasis** Ludwigsfelde, 8-10 GWh from 2022, later up to 16 GWh

4. VW & Northolt Salzgitter, up to 24 GWh from 2024

Source: en:former





## **Robust Economics Across Key Battery Chemistries**

Disclosed capital costs include land, plant, buildings, plant and equipment, installation, infrastructure, pre-production, EPC costs and contingency			
		\$16,000-	
New design includes Europe's first integrated module discharge and disassembly operation – provides futureproof flexibility to handle any		\$14,000-	
mix of production scrap, warranty return or EOL arisings		\$12,000-	
Hub Engineering Cost Study Results expected JunO 2022	JS\$/t)	\$10,000-	
hub Engineering Cost Study Results expected June 2025	) anue	\$8,000-	
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	Primobius Spoke ECS Outputs		<b>₩</b> \$6,000-
Annual Throughput (Feed)	21 ktpa		\$4,000-
Annual Production (Black Mass)	7,130 tpa		\$2,000-
Operating Cost per tonne of feed	US\$1,400/t <sup>(1)</sup>		0-т
Capital Costs (incl 20% contingency)	US\$104m	S	Source: London Metal E

\*For further information, refer to ASX release dated 13 September 2022 – "Primobius – 50tpd Spoke Engineering Cost Study Results" and the assumptions set out therein. 1. Assumes 1:1 USD:Euro FX







## Indicative Timeline – LiB Recycling

MarQ 2023	JunQ 2023	SepQ 2023	DecQ 2023	1H 2024
Spoke Plant Supply Agreement for MB*	Hub Plant Supply Agreement for MB* ECS for 50tpd Hub Plant in Germany	Commence installation of Spoke for MB*	Commence Commissioning Spoke for MB*	Commence Commissioning Hub for MB* Commence installation
	Spoke Plant Supply Agreement for Stelco*	Consider Investment decision to acquire up to 50% equity in Stelco Recycling SPV *		of Spoke for Stelco Recycling SPV*

**Stelco Feedstock and Offtake Negotiations** 

\*Subject to Customer Award/Primobius and Neometals Approvals



## **Unique Positioning for Rapid Growth**









Vanadium Recovery Process Technology **100% Neometals** 

Vanadium Recovery Project 1 - Finland 50:50 Incorporated JV with Critical Metals Ltd, **Recycling Industries Scandinavia AB ("RISAB")** 

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## Vanadium Recovery

## Vanadium Market Background

### MAIN FINISHED VANADIUM PRODUCTS

Vanadium (V) is a silvery-grey transition metal that has two main finished vanadium products:

Vanadium pentoxide (V<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>)



- Vanadium pentoxide can be utilized in steel applications as well as other applications such as non-ferrous alloys, chemicals and vanadium redox flow batteries
- Higher-purity forms of vanadium pentoxide are also supplied, albeit in smaller quantities and typically commands a pricing premium

### Ferrovanadium (FeV)



- Ferrovanadium is an alloy of vanadium and iron, with vanadium content between 35-85%
- Vanadium is added to regular carbon steel mainly as ferrovanadium
- Even in small quantities, it can increase tensile strength, increase high-temperature strength and increase a grain refining and dispersion hardening effect in tempering steel

Source: Vanitec











### **VANADIUM CONSUMPTION**

### Vanadium redox flow batteries (VRFBs)

 Vanadium pentoxide is used in VRFBs with need for high-purity (>99%) product to improve battery efficiency and lifetime



### Steel

- Ferrovanadium is a necessary ingredient for carbon steel production
- Used in steel manufacturing in the form of ferrovanadium or vanadiumnitrogen alloys to increase strength (high-strength low-alloy steel or full alloy steels)

### Aerospace alloy

- Vanadium-aluminium master alloys, which are used in the production of titanium alloys
- Needed especially in aerospace industry

### Chemical catalyst

• Catalysts used in medical, glass, and pigments (smaller volume and specialized markets)

## **Growth Market Supported by Energy Transition**

### **MARKET DYNAMICS**

- Vanadium consumption is primarily anchored to steel production with demand from energy storage (vanadium redox flow batteries) becoming dominant use next decade
- Once in operation, RISAB will supply c. 3% of the global vanadium supply (2027) and it will be the only European vanadium producer
- VRP1 aims to be largest producer of high-purity  $V_2O_5$  for the production of electrolyte for VRFBs
- Given the current geopolitical environment and a push to reduce reliance on China, European prices are expected to continue to remain stable<sup>1</sup>

### VANADIUM DEMAND BY END USE, 2023-2040



Sources: Wood Mackenzie 2022, Vanitec 1) Based on CRU market study as of January 2023



### **CURRENT PRODUCTION BY COUNTRY**

## **Extracting Vanadium from Industrial By-products**

SSAB Luleå 🔿

SSAB Oxelösund

SSAB Raahe

Plant, Pori

### **INTRODUCTION TO THE FINNISH VANADIUM RECOVERY PROJECT ("VRP1")**

### **PLANT LOCATION AND KEY INFORMATION**

Location: Tahkoluoto Port, City of Pori, Finland

Average annual revenue: ~200M USD (post-ramp-up)



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Capital cost: ~314M USD



Operating cost: US\$4.19/Ib V<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> (lowest quartile)



Construction timeline: H2 2023 - H2 2025



Slag secured: 10 years **2m tonnes minimum** (stockpiled plus first right to purchase additional volumes from SSAB's future production )



Throughput: up to 300k tonnes p.a.



Annual production: ~9k tonnes V<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>



For further information, refer to ASX release dated 8th March 2023 – Vanadium Recovery Project Delivers Strong Feasibility Results



**COMPANY DESCRIPTION AND BACKGROUND** 

- RISAB ("Company") is established by two green battery materials and technology companies Critical Metals and Neometals.
- The Company will build and operate a plant which will recover vanadium from steel production side stream and process it into high-purity vanadium that is used e.g. in greener steel and energy storage applications (the "Project" or "VRP1")
- Currently the raw material (slag) is secured for 10-year term
- The final investment decision is subject to finance. RISAB has leading Nordic investment banks managing the equity and debt financing process.





## **Carbon Negative\* Production Process to Extract Vanadium** from Steel Slag

### **CLOSED CYCLE VANADIUM PRODUCTION PROCESS**



\*For further information, refer to ASX release dated 8th March 2023 – Vanadium Recovery Project Delivers Strong Feasibility Results



## **RISAB – Promoting Circular Economics**

**RISAB** will be amongst the largest CO<sub>2</sub> consumers in Finland promoting circular economics

### **CARBON FOOTPRINT\***

### **CLOSED CYCLE PRODUCTION PROCESS PROMOTING THE CIRCULAR ECONOMY**







### The company will be one of the largest consumers of $CO_2$ in Finland annually and will source its CO<sub>2</sub> from industrial processes

Sources: Internal image based on data from Minviro 1)  $CO_2$  emissions are related to e.g. electricity, steam boiler, transport and consumption of other materials

\*For further information, refer to ASX release dated 8th March 2023 – Vanadium Recovery Project Delivers Strong Feasibility Results





## **Feasibility Study**



\* Pre tax

For further information, refer to ASX release dated 8th March 2023 – Vanadium Recovery Project Delivers Strong Feasibility Results







## **Funding Structure and Strategy**

### **ESTIMATED PROJECT COST (MEUR)**



- reserves

### **ESTIMATED PROJECT COST (MEUR)**



- Target to fund 60% of total project cost with debt
- Target to fund 40% of total project cost with equity

1) 1.12 USD/EUR fx rate assumed

For further information, refer to ASX release dated 8th March 2023 – Vanadium Recovery Project Delivers Strong Feasibility Results





• Total estimated construction cost of the plant 360-400 MEUR includes initial working capital and cash buffer

• Capital cost estimate from Sweco feasibility study (AACE Class 3 Study) for 300k tpa facility AACE Class 3 Engineering Cost Study by Sweco was review by independent expert, Behre Dolbear Australia

• Neometals and Critical Metals maintain the right to finance their current ownership share of the Company

## **FY23 Workflow**

### **NEXT STEPS**

- Work with equipment vendors and engineering firms to continue advancing project engineering
- Procure vanadium product and calcium carbonate by-product offtake agreements
- Procure new equity investors into RISAB and credit approved term sheets for debt financing to enable consideration of financial investment decision by 30 June 2023

### **VRP CORPORATE STRUCTURE**







1. Assumes Critical contributes A\$3M on or before 31 March 2023

## **Key People – Experienced Team Onboard**

### **Johanna Lamminen** CEO

### **Darren Townsend COO**



- Highly experienced business leader and board professional
- Experience includes CEO of Gasum, CEO and CFO of Danske Bank Finland, CFO and deputy CEO of Evli and board member of Pohjolan Voima and ETLA
- Doctor of Science in industrial management

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- Mining Engineer with 25+ years development, mining and corporate experience including managing ASX and TSX listed companies
- Chief Development Officer, Neometals, a minerals and advanced materials company



- **Corporate Board Services**







### **Damian Hicks Business Development**

### Irena Ivanova **GM** – **Project Development**

 Strong background in the circular economy, resource extraction, use, reuse, and recycling

 Executive Director of Critical Metals, Kiruna Iron, ASX listed Hannans Ltd and Chairman of advisory firm



- Chemical Engineer with extensive expertise in process design, technology implementation, project and engineering management and team development
- General Manager Evaluation Studies, Neometals, a minerals and advanced materials company

Key experience: Nm Neometals FLUOR. TE HATCH AUSENCO ETRA TECH

## Indicative Timeline – Vanadium Recovery

### **KEY MILESTONES**



Lease agreement with the city of Pori

Signed lease agreement with the city of Pori for the VRP plant to be situated in Tahkoluoto



### Operational and environmental permit

Permit to start operations from the Regional State Administrative Agency received



### Feasibility study on vanadium applications

Third party study confirming that produced vanadium pentoxide is suitable for vanadium flow redox battery technology and production

Contracts with SSAB and SSAB

BETOLAR Letter of Intent with Betolar

Signed Letter of Intent for by-product and binding Slag Supply Agreement

MarQ 2023	JunQ 2023	SepQ 2023	DecQ 2023	Q1 2026
Finalise New Supply Agreement with SSABwith SSABIComplete Feasibility Study & LCAIExecute SHA for 50% of VRP SPV & Technology Licence	Term Sheets for Debt Financing RISAB making a positive FID on or before 30 June	<text></text>	First slag being transported to Tahkolouto**Commence civil works for processing plantNeometals equity contribution into RISAB for debt drawdown	<section-header></section-header>

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\* Pre-payment to be paid within 72 hours after the Buyer's Positive Investment Decision \*\* Subject to FID, approvals and finance



## **Investment Case – Highlights**

### SUPPLY CONSTRAINED CRITICAL BATTERY MINERALS WITHOUT MINING RISK







## Lithium Chemicals

ELi<sup>®</sup> Processing Technology **Reed Advanced Materials ("RAM")** 70% Neometals / 30% Mineral Resources Ltd

Process

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Lithium Chemicals Project - Portugal Co-funding evaluation of 50:50 JV with Bondalti Chemicals SA using ELi®

## Seriously where is the lithium going to come from?



Source: McKinsey MineSpans, 2022



Source: Benchmark Minerals Intelligence (2022)

## Must be brine + 60% of global lithium in brine deposits

### World Resources in 2022 of **Contained Tonnes of Lithium Carbonate Equivalent (LCE)**





# Our process converts aqueous LiCI (salar concentrate) into LiOH using electricity (and own reagents)



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## "LIQUID SPODUMENE"

- 1t of Aqueous LiCl (6% Li)
- contains the lithium equivalent of
- 2t of SC6 Spodumene Concentrate (6% Li<sub>2</sub>O)

## What is ELi<sup>®</sup>?

- "ELi" is short for Electrolytic Lithium.
- The +100yr old Chlor-alkali process uses electricity to split sodium salt (NaCI) into caustic soda (NaOH) and chlorine gas (plus hydrogen!)
  - Modern technology, proven chlor-alkali equipment packages available "off the shelf"
- We created a purification flowsheet to make LiCI pure enough for electrolysis using conventional equipment
- Initially produced low-cost, high-purity LiOH production from HCI leaching of spodumene  $(Li_2O)$  then tested major SA brine deposits
- Brine LiCI + ELi potentially the lowest-cost, lowest-carbon, highest purity Lithium Hydroxide
- 13 Granted Patents in all major lithium ۲ producing countries







## **Operating & Capital Cost Advantages – updating April '23**





## Eliminate bulk reagents – create and use own lithium carb

- Use of solvent extraction, ion exchange and internal recycling results in minimal reagent consumption and circuit top-up
- Decoupled from bulk reagent availability, market disturbances and transport costs
- Proposed sites leverage attractive energy supply options

	Our Process	Conv	entional
Process	RAM	Brine	Hard Rock
Bulk Lime	No	Yes	Yes
Bulk Soda Ash	Minimal	Yes	Yes
Power	Yes	Yes	Yes
Gas/oil	Yes	Yes	Yes
Acid	Recycled	Low	Yes





## Surest way to reduce to LiB CO<sub>2</sub> footprint is more brine lithium



Source: Carbon footprint - SQM Benchmark World TourWest Jume 2020 Battery composition - Neometals Managment

Graph excludes plastics, electrolyte and binder CO2 footprints are for metals, not salt equivalents



## **Commercialise in EU with Bondalti**

Leverage Bondalti's strong experience in chlor-alkali extensive infrastructure enables fast-track evaluation and piloting at their Estarreja chemical site.

### **Bondalti:**

- Largest Portuguese chemical producer based in the Estarreja chemical cluster
- Seeking entry into LiOH production using its chlor-alkali process infrastructure
- Production synergy for ELi<sup>®</sup> to ship H<sub>2</sub> and Cl<sub>2</sub> by-products "over the fence"
- Experienced and competent industrial operator of same type of chlor-alkali plant used for ELi<sup>®</sup>

### **Cooperation\*:**

- Binding cooperation to pilot ELi<sup>®</sup> and evaluate future 50:50 JV to produce LiOH for European auto value-chain
- RAM would issue the JV a royalty free license to the technology
- Equal co-funding on pilot and evaluation activities



\*For further information, refer to ASX release dated 13th December 2021 – "Agreement to Commercialise ELi Lithium Process in EU"









## **Business Plan: Merchant LiCl Conversion in the EU**



Source: Roskill





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Offtake to European EV supply chain



CHINA

 Mineral extraction
 Refining Li<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> & LiOH capacity

AUSTRALIA

Mineral extraction
Future refining LiOH capacity

Source: Benchmark Forecasts

## **Neometals Lithium Chemicals Team**





### Michael Tamlin – Chief Operating Officer (Project Sponsor)

Mike has over 35 years experience in metals industries covering lithium, tantalum, vanadium, base metals, industrial minerals and chemicals in Australia, China, South America and Canada. He has a strong track record in maximising commercial performance, developing and implementing strategy and brings experience in the development of lithium projects, lithium supply negotiation, lithium markets and management at executive level. Mike holds B. App. Sc in Metallurgy.

### Dr David Robinson – General Manager, Metallurgy R&D (Pilot, Process Development)

Dave has more than 20 years industry experience. He is currently responsible for managing: i) metallurgy programs targeting flowsheet development and optimisation, ii) project technology development and associated research programs and iii) group intellectual property management. Dave most recently spent 12 years managing CSIRO hydrometallurgical research and related industry liaison. Prior to CSIRO, he spent several years at Anglo American/Anglo Platinum working at and supporting numerous operations including being responsible for PGM refining technology development and application at the Rustenburg PMR. Dave holds a Ph.D., M.Sc., B.Sc. (Hons) and M.B.A.





### Kausar Shah – Senior Process Engineer

Kausar has worked across several major engineering consultancies, operations and laboratories within front end project and flowsheet development through to implementation (construction through to commissioning) phases primarily in the battery minerals space. He is currently responsible for providing engineering and management expertise which includes support research and project/process development, design reviews across all engineering outcomes, engagement of vendors and coordinating the communication of technical outcomes to the project and leadership teams. Kausar holds a Bachelor of Chemical Engineering (Hons).

### **Dirk Kotzee – Senior Project Engineer (Project Controls)**

Dirk has over 30 years experience across chemicals, smelting, minerals processing, oil and gas and mining. His key skills include contracts and contract management, business processes and systems, project controls, safety and quality. Dirk has provided project controls services in the coordination of lithium refinery feasibility studies, battery recycling flowsheet commercialisation and a vanadium recovery study. Dirk has previously worked in senior project roles for Woodside Petroleum, Rio Tinto, BHP in Australia and Africa and holds BSc. Mechanical Engineering (Materials), MBA, Project Management Diploma and Lead Auditor ISO 9001:2015, Pr. Eng. and MIEAust



## **Indicative Timeline - Lithium Chemicals**

MarQ 2023	JunQ 2023	SepQ 2023	DecQ 2023	1H 2024
Complete Bench- scale Trials Ship Pilot Trial brine feedstocks to North America Commence Demo Plant engineering and design	Commence Pilot Trials Complete AACE Class 3 ECS by Primero - Bench Demo Plant long lead items* Vendor selection AACE Class 2 Study	Complete Pilot Trials Updated AACE CI.3 ECS by Primero - Pilot Decision to Incorporate Bondalti JV * Commence AACE Class 2 Study	Commence construction of Demo Plant Ship Demo Trial feedstocks to Portugal	<section-header><text></text></section-header>

\*Subject to Steering Committee Approvals





## **Investment Case – Lithium Chemicals**







# Barrambie Titanium and Vanadium

**Barrambie Titanium and Vanadium Project 100% Neometals** 

## **Barrambie: Sunrise for the Sleeping Giant**



- One of the highest-grade hard rock titanium assets globally
- 100% owned in Tier 1 jurisdiction
- Granted mining lease and mining approval to extract approximately 1.2Mtpa of mineralisation
- Environmental approval secured in 2012 to mine and construct a 3.2 Mtpa processing plant.
   Implementation timeframe extension application underway.
- Attracted strong partner to optimise value realisation
- Successful commercial scale trial to demonstrate value in use to end users

## **Need & Opportunity**

China is half of the global titanium pigment production and is shifting to the more sustainable chloride process

World supply of quality chloride feedstocks is in decline, with prices steadily increasing for the last 5 years

- Chloride pigment production requires high-grade feedstocks such as ilmenite, rutile and titanium slags
- Primary mineral sands (rutile, ilmenite) deposits are being depleted
- Neometals is working with Chinese partners to realise value from production<sup>1</sup>



1. For full details of commercial partnerships via MOU refer to: Neometals ASX release dated 16th April 2021 titled "Barrambie - MOU for Cornerstone Concentrate Offtake" and Neometals ASX release dated 4th October 2021 titled "MOU for JV to develop Barrambie"

Source: TZMI, Titanium Feedstock Price Forecast, Issue 3, 2022 and Fastmarkets





## The Solution: Pathways to Commercialise







## **Robust PFS Results**



at US\$400/t Ilmenite free cashflow \* refer to Table 2 \*\* probable \*\*\* years of processing plant operation \*\*\*\* USD: AUD 0.6419 \*\*\*\*\* at US\$300/t Middling ilmenite \*\*\*\*\*\* is pre-tax at US\$85/t Iron-vanadium conc. and undiscounted

For full details refer to Neometals ASX release dated 17th November 2022 titled "Robust Outcomes From Barrambie Titanium Project PFS"





 The PFS confirms 'value-in-use' for Barrambie's product basket and supports dialogue with potential offtake partner Jiuxing

## **Jiuxing Titanium MOU - MGC/Ilmenite Offtake**

- Jiuxing Titanium Minerals (Liaonging) Co. Ltd is the largest chloride-grade titanium slag producer in China.
- Current non-binding MOU for 800,000t of MGC or 500,000 tpa Ilmenite (if LTR) development)
- Offtake Agreement guiding principles:
  - 800,000 wmt of Mixed Gravity Concentrate (MGC)
    - Price = Chinese ilmenite (37-39% TiO2, FerroAlloyNet.com) + 10%, subject to floor price to be agreed (Aus CPI indexed)
  - 500,000 wmt of Ilmenite (LTR)
    - Price = Mozambique ilmenite (52% TiO2 min, Asian Metal) + 10%, subject to floor price to be agreed (Aus CPI indexed)
  - Term 10 years.





## **Indicative Timeline - Barrambie**

MarQ 2023	JunQ 2023	SepQ 2023	DecQ 2023	1H 2024
Commence Variability Test work Complete Project Strategy/Corporate Structure Review	Conditional Term Sheet for Offtake of MGC Vendor selection for AACE Class 3 ECS section of DFS	Complete Variability Studies Commence DFS Formal Offtake Agreement with Jiuxing* for MGC	Vendor selection for Barrambie CMB plant BOOT contract*	Complete DFS Commence civil works for Barrambie CMB plant**

\*Subject to Board Approval

\*\* Subject to extension of timeline for Ministerial Statement 911 to construct project



## **Investment Case**

 Track record of working with partners to de-risk and deliver project execution outcomes with strong returns to shareholders (Mt Marion & Widgie Nickel examples)

Granted mining proposal. Ministerial Approval to construct 3.2Mtpa concentrator and currently in the process of securing a further extension of the timeframe for project implementation.

 MoUs with Chinese partners for potential operating JV and separate take-or-pay offtake

**Proven Partnering** 

**Business Model** 

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'Mine-ready'

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Capital Light Development Strategy

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Potential BOO/T mining and concentration in Australia with intermediate product exported to China

1. For full details refer to Neometals ASX release dated 17th April 2018 titled "Updated Barrambie Mineral Resource Estimate" and Neometals ASX release dated 17th November 2022 titled "Robust Outcomes From Barrambie Titanium Project PFS"

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## **Company Highlights**

Neometals is an attractive investment at the forefront of the low carbon production of battery materials via recycling





## Thank you.

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## **Barrambie Mineral Resource and Ore Reserve Estimate**

Global Mineral Resource as at 17 April 2018 <sup>1</sup>					
	Tonnes (M)	TiO <sub>2</sub> (%)	V <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> (%)		
Indicated	187.1 93.0	9.61 8 31	0.46 0.40		
Total	280.1	9.18	0.44		

### High Grade V<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> Mineral Resource (at 0.5% V<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> cut-off)<sup>2</sup>

	Tonnes (M)	TiO <sub>2</sub> (%)	V <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> (%)
Indicated	49.0	16.93	0.82
Inferred	15.9	16.81	0.81
Total	64.9	16.90	0.82

### High TiO<sub>2</sub> Mineral Resource (14% TiO<sub>2</sub> cut-off)<sup>2</sup>

	Tonnes (M)	TiO <sub>2</sub> (%)	V <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> (%)
Indicated	39.3	21.18	0.65
Inferred	14.3	21.15	0.58
Total	53.6	21.17	0.63

(1) Based on Cut-off grades of  $\geq 10\%$  TiO<sub>2</sub> or  $\geq 0.2\%$  V<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>

The high-grade titanium and vanadium figures are a sub-set of the total Mineral Resource. These figures are (2) not additive and are reporting the same block model volume but using different cut-off grades

\*For full details refer to Neometals ASX release dated 17th April 2018 titled "Updated Barrambie Mineral Resource Estimate"

### **Barrambie Titanium Ore Reserve Estimate - November 2022\*\***

### **Ore Re** Cated

### Proba

Cut-off is based on net value (revenue minus selling, processing, administration and incremental ore mining costs) >\$0/t on a diluted block-by-block basis from the paramaters used in the pit optimisation. Ore Reserves reported are within the Mineral Resource estimates. This relates roughly to a 10% TiO<sub>2</sub> cut-off.

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serve	Ore Tonnes	TiO <sub>2</sub>	V <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub>	Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>
Jory	(Mt)	(%)	(%)	(%)
ıble	44.5	18.7	0.61	44.1

\*\*For full details refer to Neometals ASX release dated 17th November 2022 titled "Robust Outcomes From Barrambie Titanium Project PFS"