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## Update to investor presentation published 26 February 2025

MELBOURNE, Australia – Sunrise Energy Metals Limited (**Sunrise Energy Metals** or **the Company**) (ASX:SRL and OTC:SREMF) advises on updates to the Syerston Scandium Project Presentation released on 26 February 2025 (**the Presentation**).

The Company advises that the Presentation has been amended as follows:

- Additional footnote on slide 9 'Primary scandium mine supply opportunity' outlining the metallurgical recovery cross reference to the 2016 feasibility study for the project
- Additional footnote on slide 14 'Syerston Mineral Resource Estimate (MRE)' detailing the conversion factor required to calculate Scandium oxide equivalent ( $\text{Sc}_2\text{O}_3$  Eq)
- An additional appendix slide to include ore reserves and data to support the graph portrayed on slide 16 'Global scandium resources'

Please refer to the attached additional and modified slides.

This announcement is authorised for release to the market by the Managing Director & Chief Executive Officer of Sunrise Energy Metals Limited.

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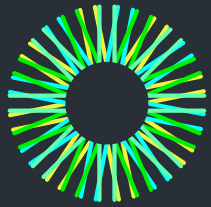
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### About Sunrise Energy Metals Limited

Sunrise Energy Metals Limited owns the Sunrise Nickel-Cobalt-Scandium Project in central-west New South Wales, one of the largest and most cobalt-rich nickel laterite deposits in the world. It is also progressing its Syerston Scandium Project, with the aim of developing the world's largest source of mineable, high-grade scandium. An earlier feasibility study for the Syerston Project, supported by extensive piloting, metallurgical test work and engineering, is currently being updated.

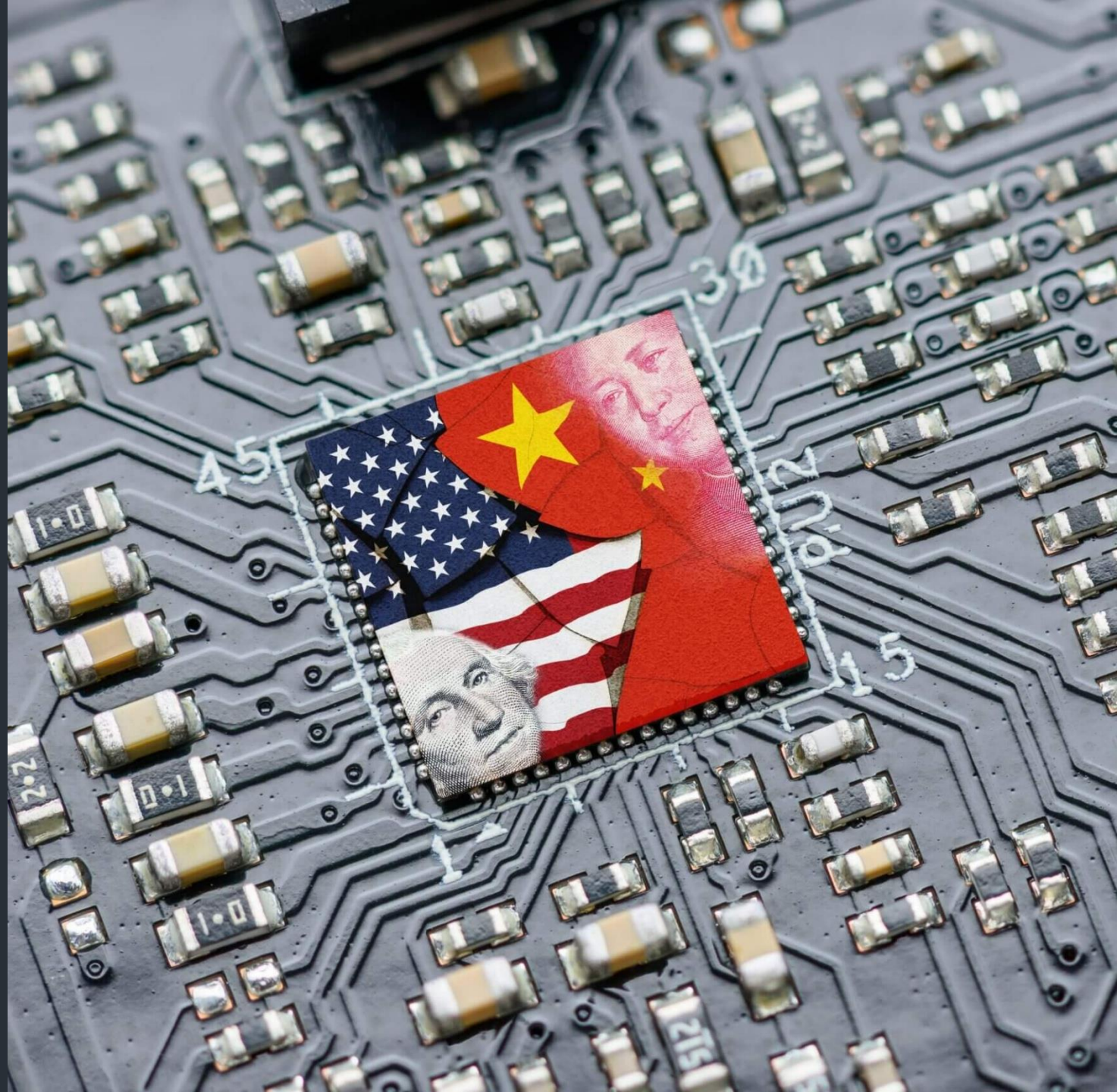


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# Syerston Scandium Project

*Building Scandium Valley*

February 2025



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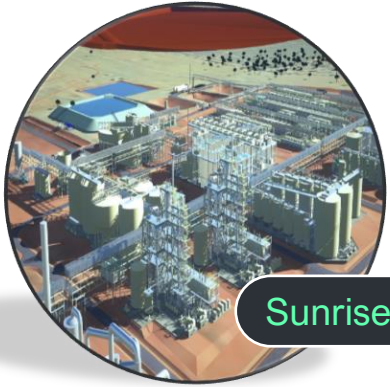
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## **Competent Persons Statement**

The information in this document that relates to Exploration Results, Mineral Resources or Ore Reserves is based on information compiled by Mr Stuart Hutchin who is a Member of the Australian Institute of Geoscientists (#5285), and a full-time employee of Mining One Pty Ltd. Mr Hutchin has sufficient experience that is relevant to the style of mineralisation and type of deposit under consideration and to the activity which he is undertaking 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 Hutchin, who is a consultant to the Company, consents to the inclusion in the report of the matters based on his information in the form and context in which it appears.





Sunrise Nickel-Cobalt

- Large, long-life, low-cost resource
- Permitted, engineered and development-ready
- Market currently flooded with excess Chinese supply (Indonesia / DRC)
- Plan is to limit work and preserve options until market conditions improve



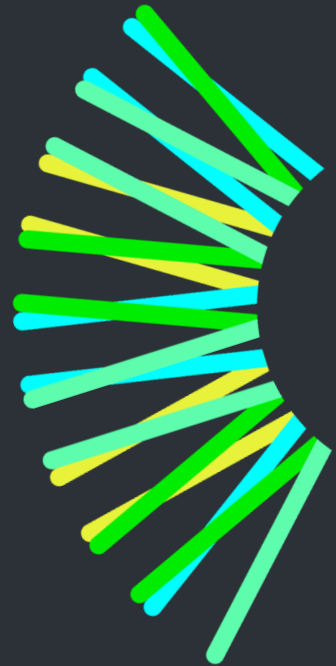
Syerston Scandium

- Largest high-grade scandium (Sc) resource globally
- Feasibility study update underway
- Markets are strategic – e.g. semiconductors, defense alloys, microelectronic mechanical systems (MEMS)
- Strategy is to develop a source of mineable scandium for customers



Copper-Gold Exploration

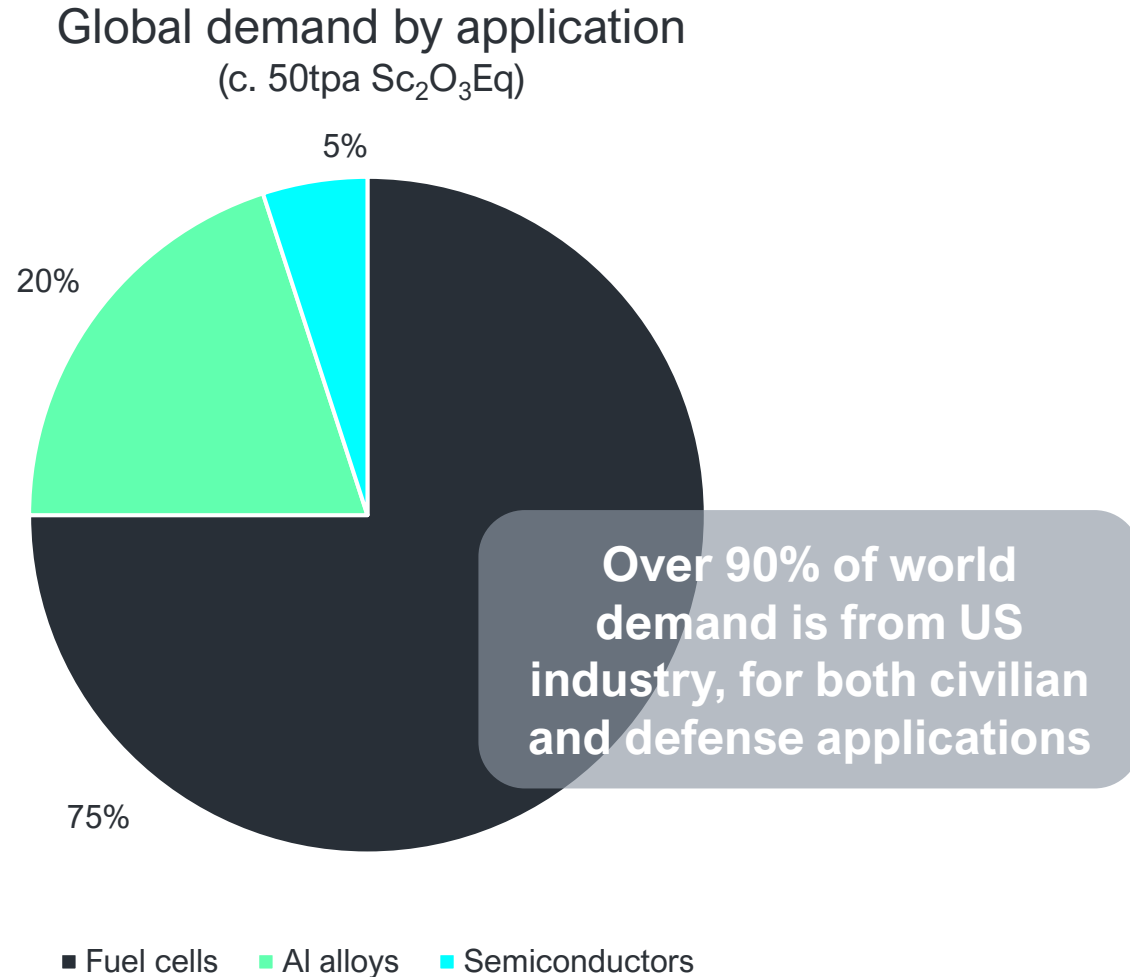
- Prospective copper-gold (Cu-Au) targets across the Cloncurry district covering 1,000 km<sup>2</sup> north-east of Mt Isa, Qld
- Focus is on the 400km north-south structural corridor hosting Osborne, Starra, Swan and Ernst Henry
- Shallow drill program to commence 1H25



# Scandium market

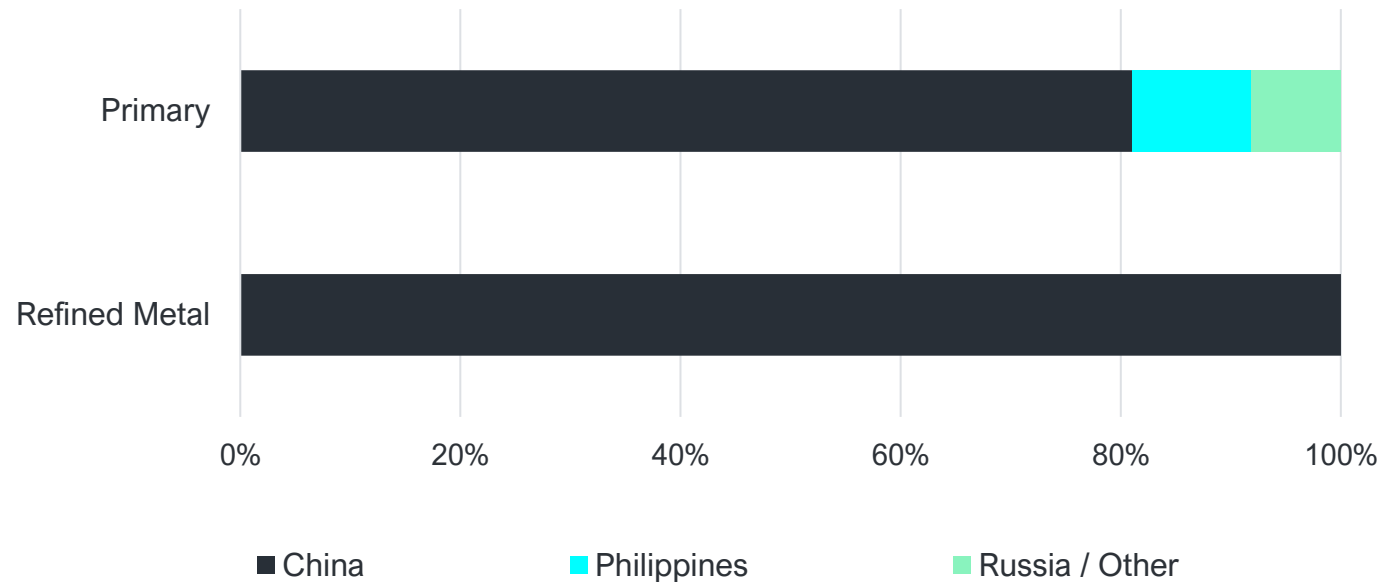


- Scandium (Sc) is the lightest transition metal and classified as a rare earth element (REE) - it is common in the earth's crust, but at very low concentrations
- Its distinct outer shell electron structure has a potent ability to transform the properties of other elements and compounds, especially in aluminium and in piezoelectric and ferroelectric applications
- Scandium has rarely been produced via mining – usually waste reprocessing or as by-product
- A lack of diversified supply options, and a concern that production cannot scale fast enough to meet new demand, has limited Sc adoption by customers despite its intrinsic value



- **Solid oxide fuel cells** remain the largest end-use application - steady growth driven primarily by Bloom Energy (CA), with future potential in hydrogen electrolyzers
- **Aluminium alloys** are the largest use case - automotive, marine and aerospace. Scandium improves strength, extrudability, corrosion-resistance and weldability. The high-volume requirements demand proof of diverse and scalable supply chains.
- In **radio frequency (RF) filtering**, the piezoelectric properties of aluminum scandium nitride (AlScN) thin film makes it the (only) material of choice in 5G/6G spectrum >3GHz. Its ferroelectric properties also make it an emerging option for stable, low-energy **flash memory** at high temperature.

Global supply by location



- China's share of global scandium supply exceeds that of almost all strategic metals, including gallium, germanium, silicon and rare earths
- China has actively pursued a vertical integration strategy to control supply and pricing into western markets
- Higher tech applications require extremely pure refined metal, which can only be sourced from China



# Geopolitics drives the outlook for scandium

## US trade announcements

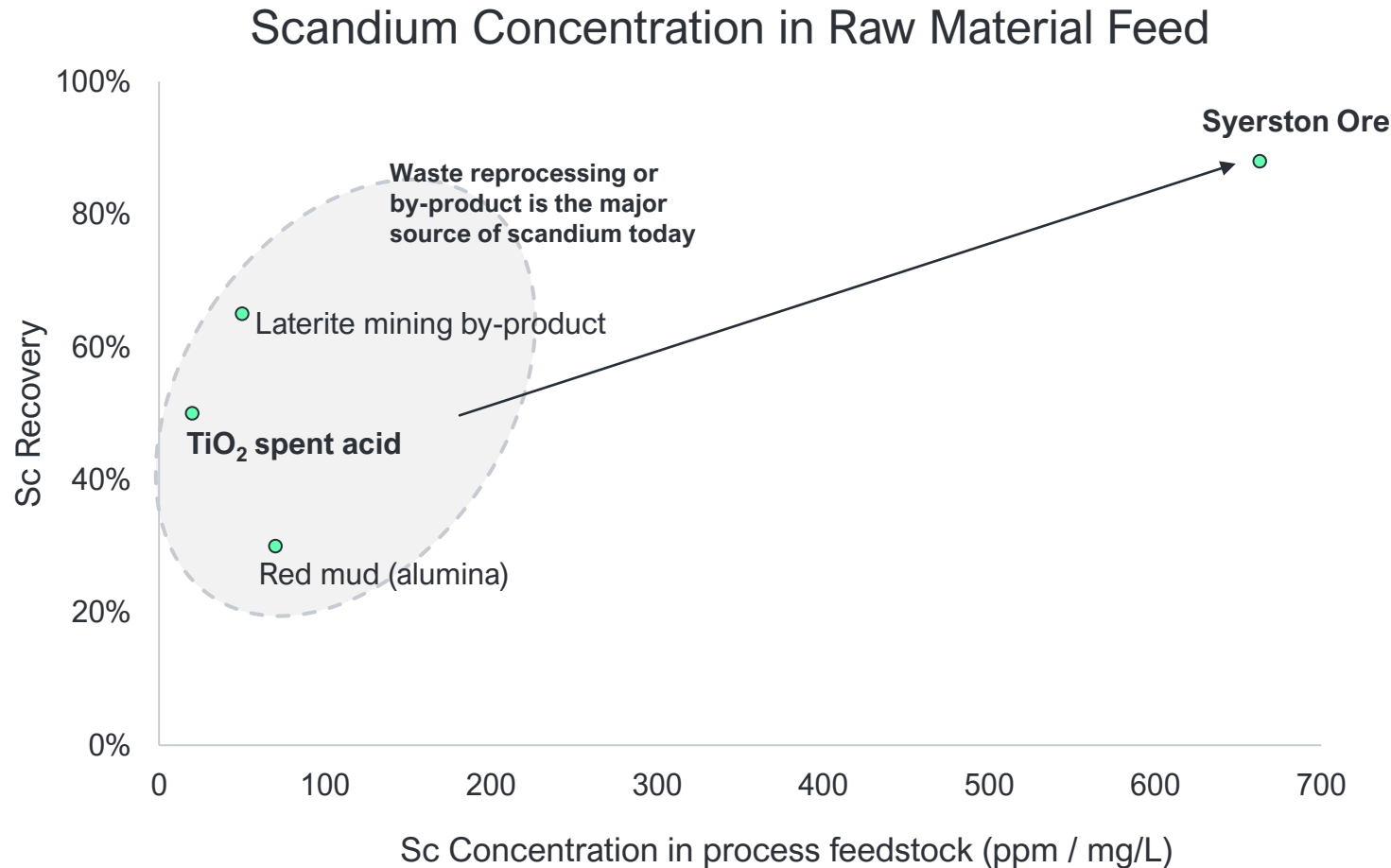
- ▶ US tariffs may see increased scandium prices for chemicals ( $\text{Sc}_2\text{O}_3$  and  $\text{ScF}_3$ ) and metal (ingot and powder)
- ▶ Aluminum tariffs may raise utilisation rates at US casting and fabrication facilities (rolling, pressing, extrusion), creating a strong value-in-use case for Sc
- ▶ Aircraft: 44,000 new aircraft<sup>1</sup> to be built in the next 20 years; if scandium was used in 50% of that aluminum, that requires c.150-200tpa  $\text{Sc}_2\text{O}_3$



## China's supply response

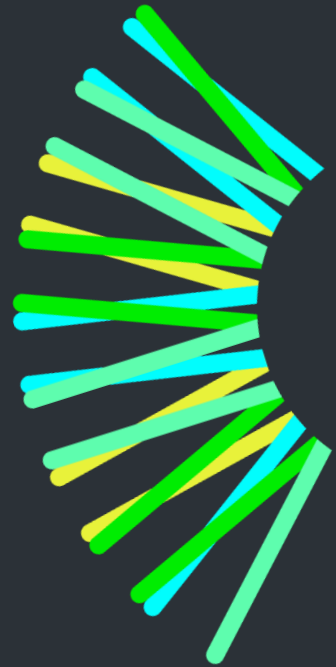
- ▶ Scandium metal is on China's list of goods subject to export-restricted licensing, as are scandium chemicals and compounds
- ▶ Export of Chinese equipment and engineering services also restricted
- ▶ China's scandium industry has been consolidated under one entity - LB Group - which is significantly expanding capacity<sup>2</sup>
- ▶ China continues to support its scandium industry with tax subsidies under its high-tech manufacturing programs

# Primary scandium mine supply opportunity



- Most of the world's scandium today comes from China, where TiO<sub>2</sub> pigment waste is reprocessed to extract low concentrations of scandium (c. 20 ppm), often at high environmental cost
- The high-grade, shallow discoveries in Australia's 'Scandium Valley' present an opportunity to completely restructure global supply chains
- Mining offers the ability to **scale production** to satisfy high-volume customers (eg alloys), and also providing metallised alternatives

Note: Scandium recovery of 88% for Syerston based on metallurgical testing and piloting undertaken as part of the 2016 feasibility study for the project at ALS Metallurgy in Perth. See the Company's ASX announcement of 30 August 2016.



# Syerston Scandium Project

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Significantly advanced mining project with major milestones achieved, including key development permits, piloting and good community support

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2025 Mineral Resource Estimate (MRE) to support an updated Feasibility Study for a scandium mine and processing facility in New South Wales

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Offtake discussions progressing, the results of which will inform the design scope for the 2025 update to the Feasibility Study

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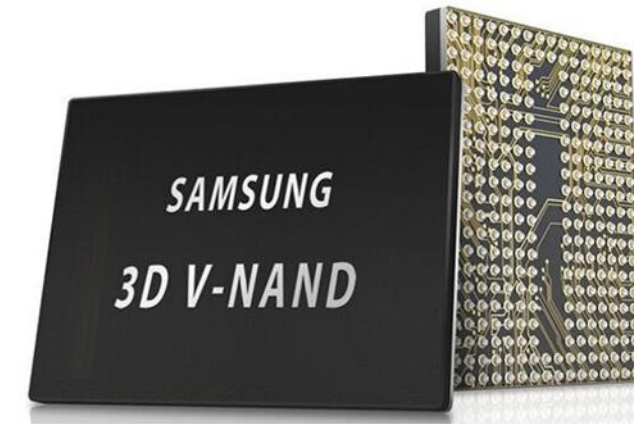
Product development programs in progress in the US and Asia, including engagement via US government programs

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Focus is to develop a small, high-grade (c. 600ppm Sc) low capex operation which can expand on the back of the significant global resource base

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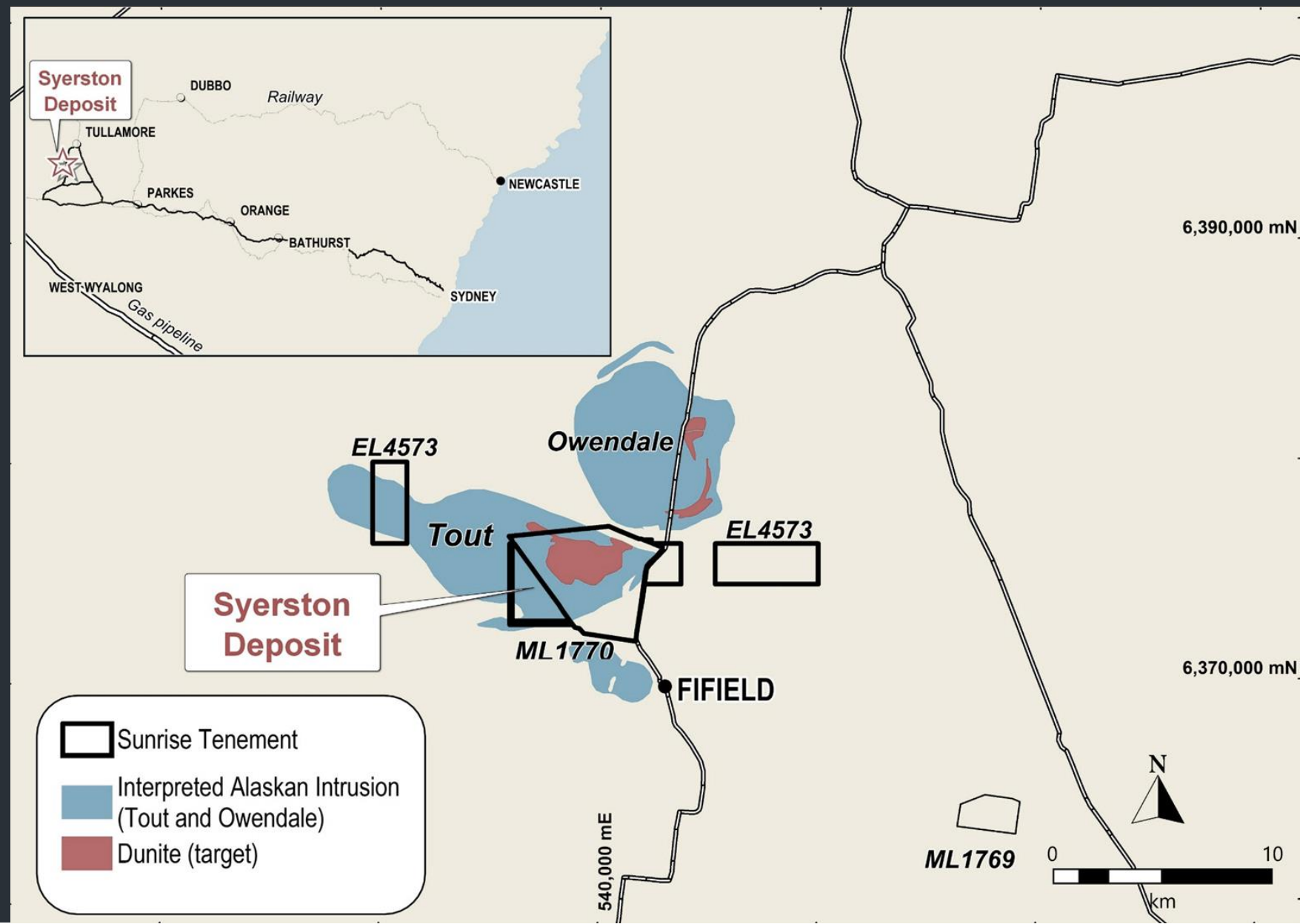


# Syerston Scandium Project: location and infrastructure

Granted **Mining Lease** (ML1770)  
adjacent to excellent road and rail  
**infrastructure**

**Water rights** secured, **electrical  
connection** application submitted

**Freehold land rights** surrounding  
the project are secured







# Syerston Mineral Resource Estimate (MRE)



- Resource estimate supported by 1,940 drill holes over 73,870 metres of drilling, including 47,817 assays
- Deposit extends 4.5 km (north-south) by 4.2 km (east-west)
- Shallow, continuous mineralisation (30 - 40m depth) delivers a low strip ratio for simple, low-cost mining
- Further drilling is planned to target more high-grade mineralisation, with the resource open to the north and west

## Syerston Mineral Resource Estimate (JORC 2012)

Cut-off	Class	Mt (dry)	Sc (ppm)	Sc (t)	Sc <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> Eq (t)*
300 ppm Sc	Measured	5.3	436	2,299	3,518
	Indicated	18.2	400	7,284	11,144
	<b>M+I</b>	<b>23.5</b>	<b>408</b>	<b>9,583</b>	<b>14,662</b>
	Inferred	36.9	379	13,972	21,376
	<b>M+I+I</b>	<b>60.3</b>	<b>390</b>	<b>23,554</b>	<b>36,038</b>
600 ppm Sc	Measured	0.4	680	302	462
	Indicated	0.2	638	140	214
	<b>M+I</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>666</b>	<b>442</b>	<b>676</b>
	Inferred	0.1	642	59	91
	<b>M+I+I</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>663</b>	<b>501</b>	<b>767</b>

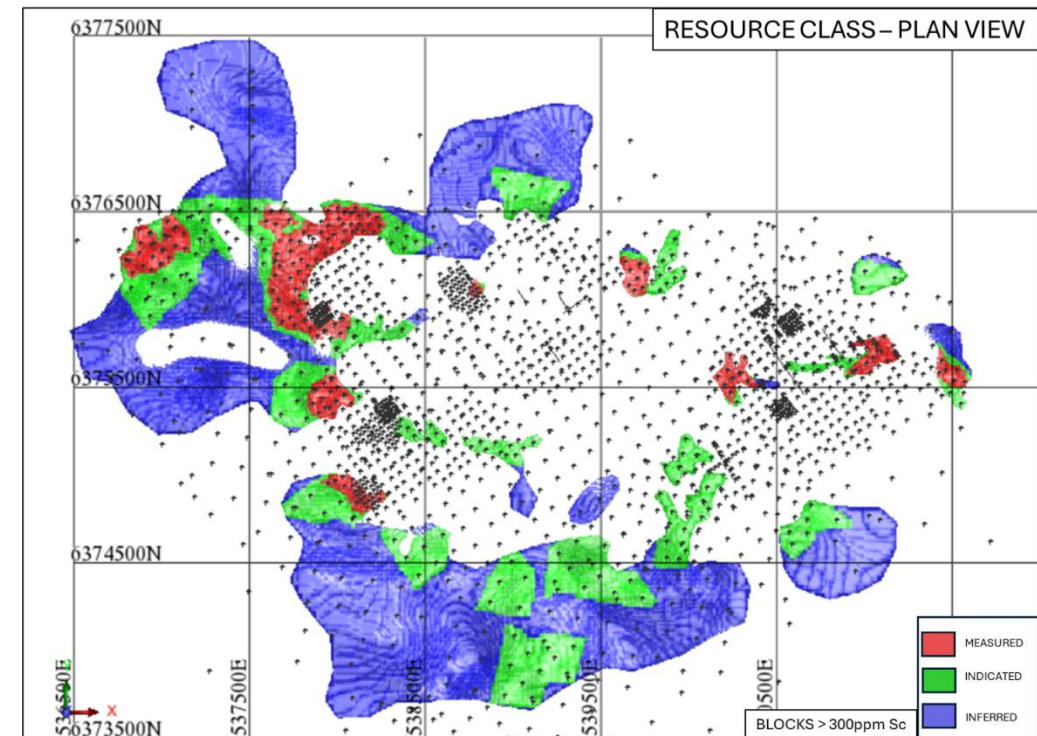
Note: Scandium tonnes multiplied by 1.53 to convert to Sc<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>.

*“The updated Syerston MRE highlights the scale and quality of our scandium assets, with enough grade and tonnage to support decades of future supply.”<sup>1</sup>*

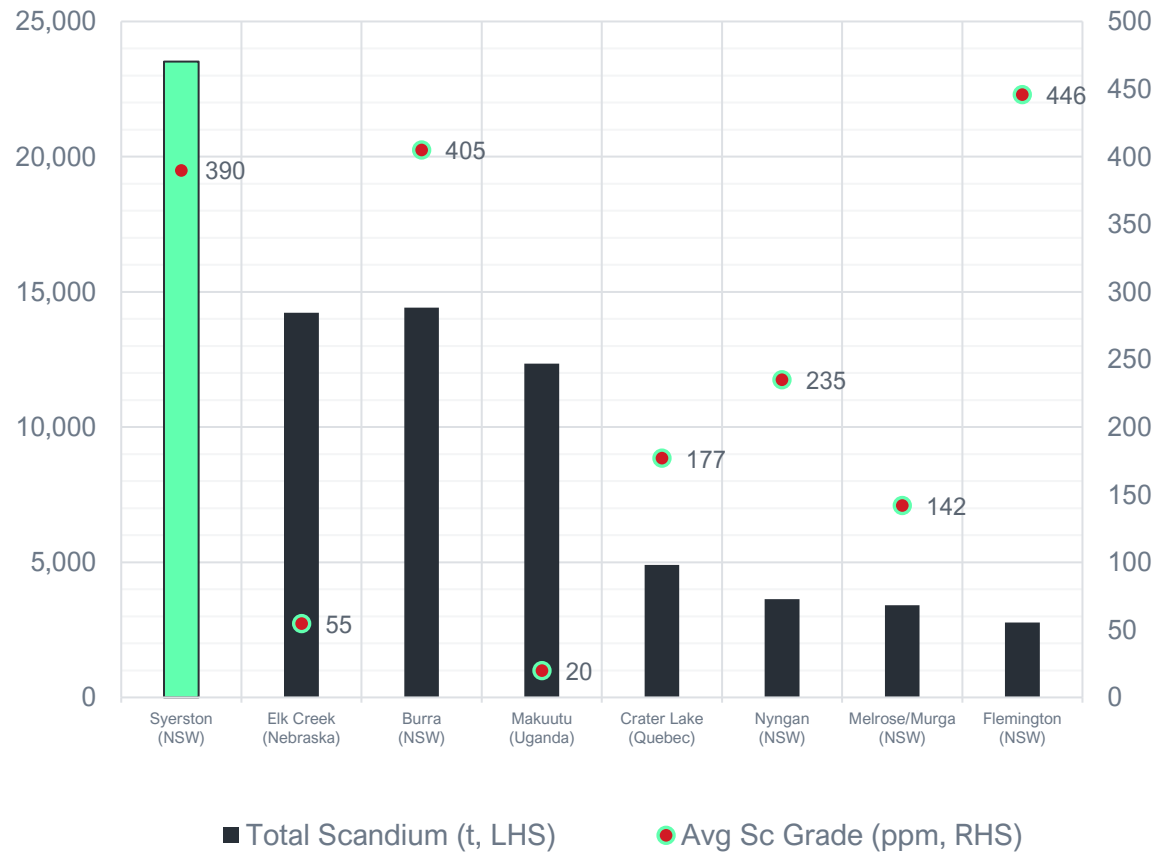
1. Refer to the Company’s ASX announcement of 5 February 2025 for further details on the Mineral Resource Estimate and the Competent Persons Statement.

- Whilst the MRE is supported by 73km of drilling, there remain areas of undrilled potential adjacent to zones of high-grade mineralisation
- These zones justify further testing via a drilling campaign, scheduled to commence in 2Q CY25
- The drilling campaign will focus on expanding the tonnage and grade within the high-grade zones of the deposit
- The campaign will be relatively short in duration and involve reverse circulation (RC) and/or air core (AC) drilling to shallow depths
- Data from the drill campaign will add further definition for the mine plan and development of Ore Reserves

**Drill hole locations and distribution of resource classification**



Contained Scandium in Mineral Resources and Grade

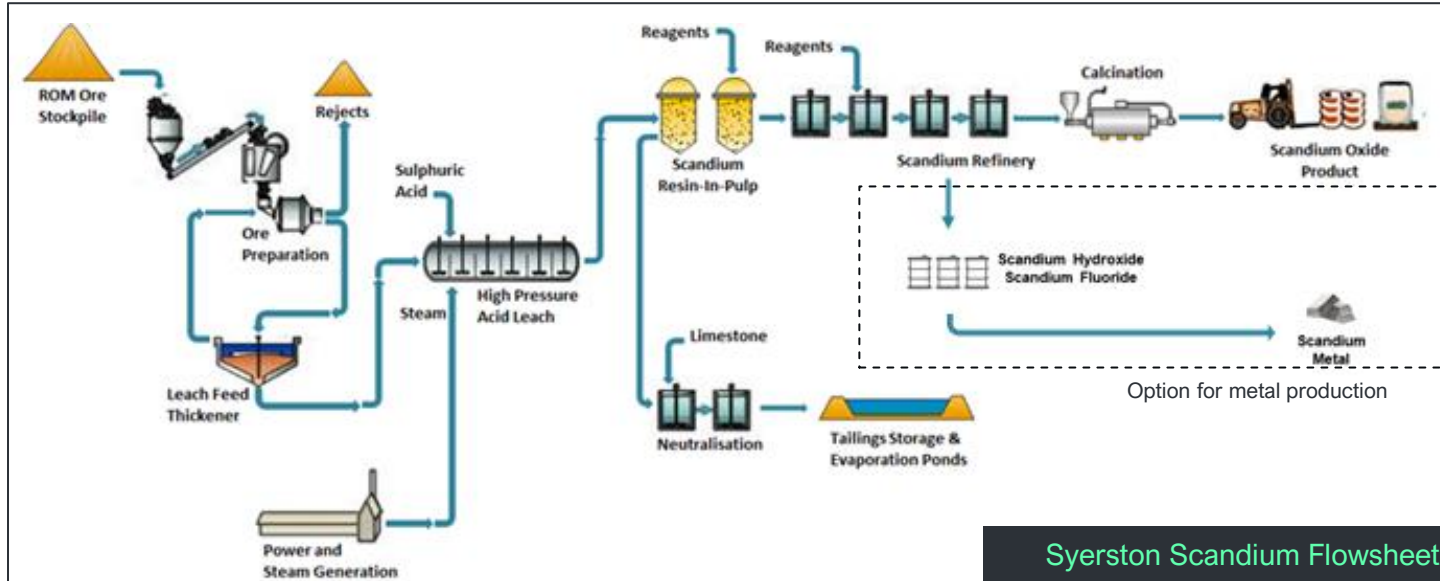


- The discovery of high-grade scandium-bearing laterites in central-west NSW has provided the world with its first district-scale opportunity to develop primary mining sources of scandium
- **The Syerston Project is the largest high-grade scandium resource in the world**
- **Ultimately, value is driven by identifying high-grade zones of mineralisation (>600ppm) that will underpin early low-cost development**
- As demand expands and unit costs decline with volume, the project aims to target hundreds of tonnes of annual production

Source: See Appendix at end of presentation for assumptions and source materials.



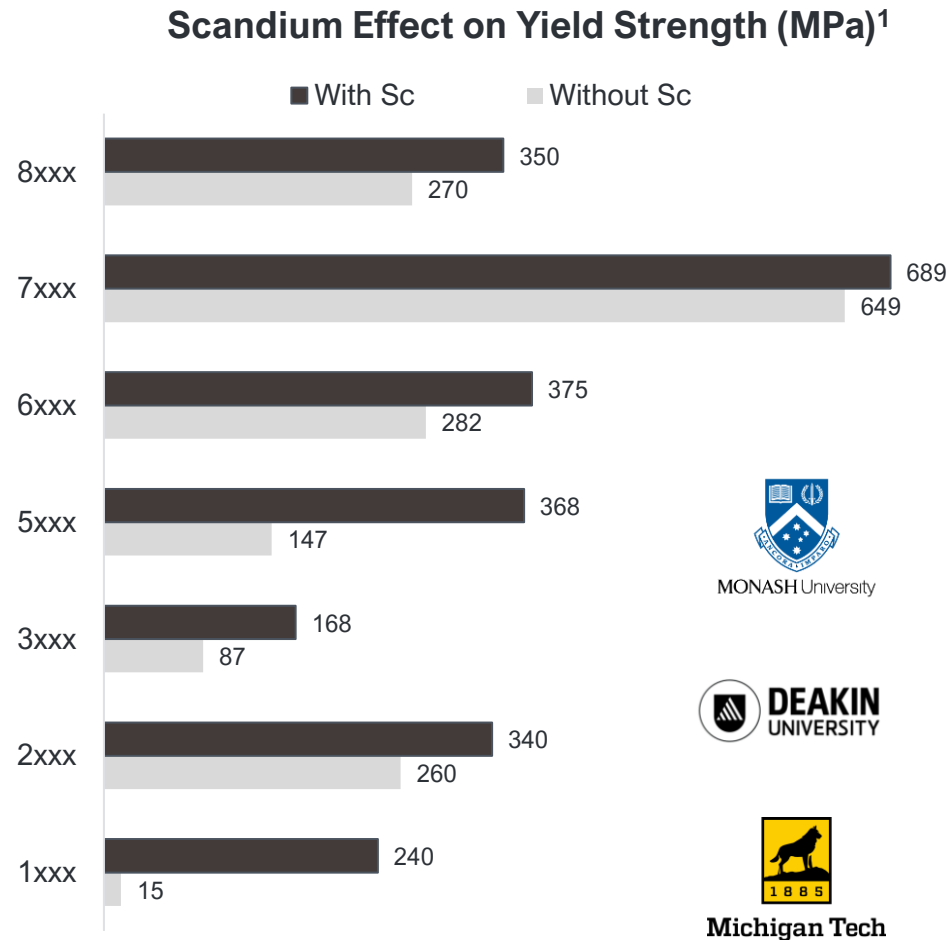
# Flow sheet supported by met test work and piloting



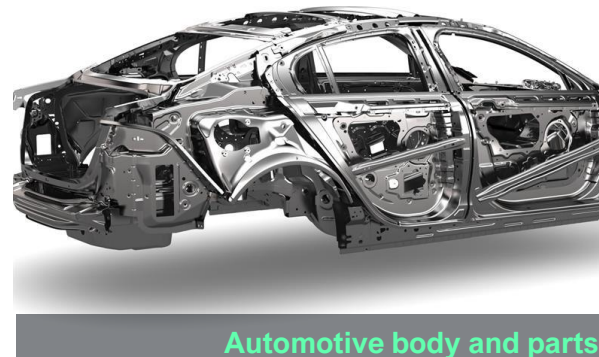
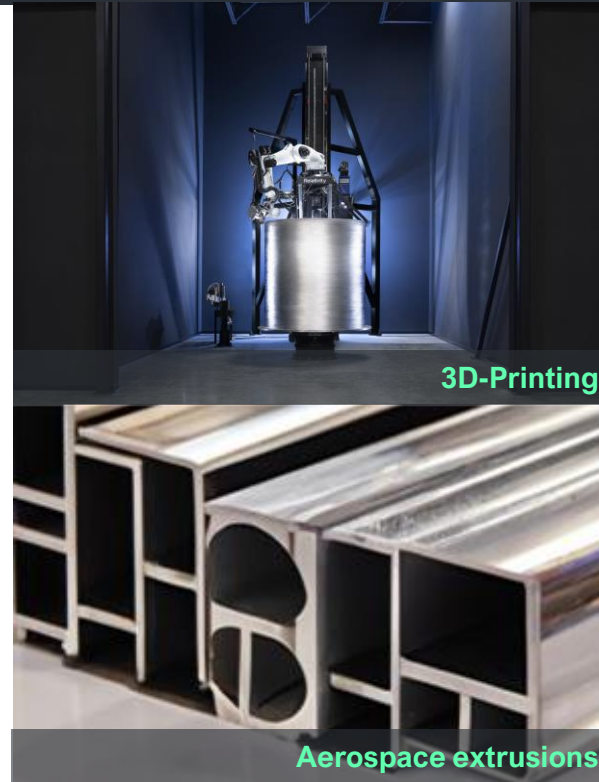
- Conventional flow sheet comprising a milling circuit, autoclave for pressure acid leaching of ore, an ion exchange resin-in-pulp circuit and a multi-step purification process (precipitation and calcination) – small scale in mining terms
- The pilot plant ran in 2015 and 2016 using representative composite bulk ore samples from site to produce high purity scandium oxide for customer testing
- Current update to the flow sheet will assess production of scandium fluoride and high purity scandium metal



# Developing a larger scandium market



1. Hydro Aluminium R&D, Sunndal, 2012. The 6xxx series results from Sunrise testwork.  
2. AMG Aluminum, *Aluminum Scandium Alloys*, p1



- Our focus has been on development programs with partners that can deliver high volume applications, ie. alloy focus in aerospace / transport
- Higher volumes reduce unit cost and strengthen the value-in-use case
- Patent portfolio in auto and aircraft alloys, electric vehicle batteries and semiconductor targets

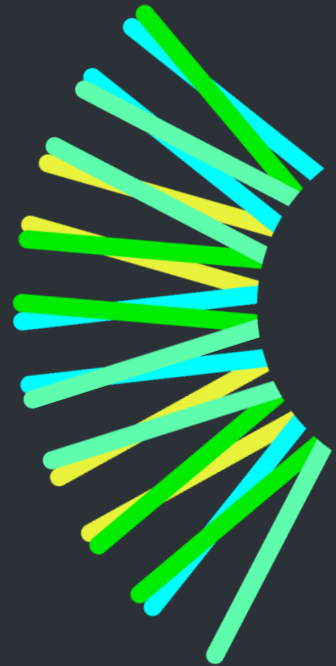
“Scandium provides strength, toughness, and microstructure control that were **previously unobtainable via conventional alloying and processing methods**. [It] provides the **highest strength increase of any element**, on an atomic fraction added basis, and  $\text{Al}_3\text{Sc}$  is among the most potent inhibitors of recrystallization and grain growth.”<sup>2</sup>

## Delivered

- ✓ Granted Mining Lease
- ✓ Environmental Impact Statement completed
- ✓ Water rights secured and pump testing completed
- ✓ Electrical connection application filed for renewable energy supply
- ✓ Metallurgical test work and piloting successfully completed
- ✓ Scandium patent applications

## Upcoming

- ❑ Commence drilling campaign on high-grade Sc zones (2Q25)
- ❑ Progress aluminium alloy development work in the US and Japan (ongoing)
- ❑ Finalise options on scandium metallisation processes (3Q25)
- ❑ Offtake discussions (ongoing)
- ❑ Engagement on US Government critical metals programs (ongoing)



# Investment thesis

## Unique asset



- A large, high-grade source of mineable scandium
- Amenable to shallow, low strip mining with decades of expandable resource available
- Granted Mining Lease adjacent to excellent infrastructure

## Advanced and with low sovereign risk



- Piloting and metallurgical test work completed with excellent results
- Key permits in place and the project has good state government and local community support
- A focus on the US-Australian partnership for critical mineral supply

## Strategic

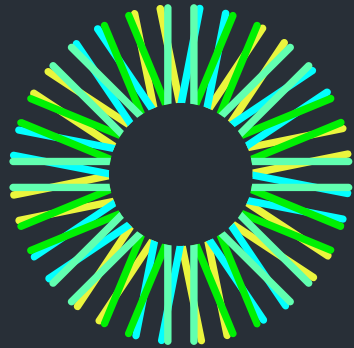


- Scandium is at the heart of modern semiconductor comms technologies
- China's share of global supply is extreme, even by REE standards
- US trade policy has potentially positive impacts for supporting alternative supply options

## Exploration



- Positions in two of the world's most prospective geological districts - Lachlan Fold Belt (NSW) and Cloncurry (Qld)
- Target generation supported by a world class exploration team
- Drilling campaigns planned for both NSW (high-grade Sc) and Qld (Cu-Au)



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# Project comparison information – Mineral Resources

## Appendix

Company	Project	Ownership	Status	Source	Measured / Indicated (t)	M&I (t)	Inferred (t)	Sc (t)
Sunrise Energy Metals	Syerston	100%	Feasibility Study	<a href="https://www.sunriseem.com/investors/asx-announcements/">https://www.sunriseem.com/investors/asx-announcements/</a>	M : 5.3 I : 18.2	23.5	36.9	23,554
NioCorp	Elk Creek	100%	Feasibility Study	<a href="https://www.niocorp.com/wp-content/uploads/NioCorp_June-2022_NI_43-101_Technical_Report.pdf">https://www.niocorp.com/wp-content/uploads/NioCorp_June-2022_NI_43-101_Technical_Report.pdf</a>	I : 151.7	151.7	108.3	14,218
Rio Tinto	Burra	100%	Feasibility Study	<a href="https://wcsecure.weblink.com.au/pdf/PGM/02059377.pdf">https://wcsecure.weblink.com.au/pdf/PGM/02059377.pdf</a>	M : 7.8 I : 12.5	20.3	15.3	14,332
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Imperial Mining	Crater Lake	100%	Exploration	<a href="https://scandium-canada.com/crater-lake/">https://scandium-canada.com/crater-lake/</a>	I : 11.8	11.8	15.9	4,909
Scandium Int'l	Nyngan	100%	Feasibility Study	<a href="https://scandiummining.com/projects/technical-reports/">https://scandiummining.com/projects/technical-reports/</a>	M : 4.9 I : 10.6	15.5	-	3,643
Australian Mines	Flemington	100%	Exploration	<a href="https://wcsecure.weblink.com.au/pdf/AUZ/02901392.pdf">https://wcsecure.weblink.com.au/pdf/AUZ/02901392.pdf</a>	M : 6.1 I : 0.1	6.1	0.1	2,770
Rimfire	Melrose / Murga Nth	Subject to Earn-In Agreement*	Exploration	<a href="https://www.rimfire.com.au/pdf/e418b61c-12ca-4984-85ed-a268389c8cb5/Maiden-Scandium-Resources-for-Melrose-and-Murga-North.pdf">https://www.rimfire.com.au/pdf/e418b61c-12ca-4984-85ed-a268389c8cb5/Maiden-Scandium-Resources-for-Melrose-and-Murga-North.pdf</a>	I : 2.9	2.9	21.1	3,396

Source: SNL Global Resource Database, publicly available company announcements, presentations and technical reports. Basis for choosing peer comparison assets: Only projects with grades >20ppm Sc are reported and Mineral Resources are reported exclusive of Ore Reserves. All assets are non-operating.

\* Earn-in arrangements between Rimfire and Golden Plains Resources are the subject of legal proceedings: See Rimfire ASX announcement of 26 September 2024