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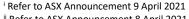
### Emerging Resources Conference Presentation

Australian Potash Limited (**ASX: APC** or the **Company**) is pleased to provide a copy of the presentation that will be given today by Managing Director & CEO Matt Shackleton at the Shaw and Partners Emerging Resources Conference.

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" Refer to ASX Announcement 8 April 2021

### **About Australian Potash Limited**

Lake Wells **Potash Project** WILUNA O lells Lake Darlot Potash Project Laverton Downs Project LEINSTER O LAVERTON LEONORA AUSTRALIAN

APC holds a 100% interest in the Lake Wells Sulphate of Potash (LSOP), located approximately 500km northeast of Kalgoorlie, in Western Australia's Eastern Goldfields. The Company is finalising predevelopment plans for commencement of construction. First production from the LSOP is scheduled for 24 to 27 months from a Final Investment Decision.

K-Brite<sup>™</sup> is a registered trademark brand of Australian Potash Limited and the brand under which the suite of high quality, premium SOP products from the LSOP will be marketed.

APC holds a 100% interest in the Laverton Downs Project, 5kms located north of Laverton, in Western Australia's Eastern Goldfields.<sup>i</sup>

APC holds a 30% free-carried interest in the Lake Wells Gold Project, located 500km northeast of Kalgoorlie, in Western Australia's Eastern Goldfields.<sup>ii</sup>

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The information in the announcement that relates to Mineral Resources is based on information that was compiled by Mr Duncan Gareth Storey. Mr Storey is a Director and Consulting Hydrogeologist with AQ2, a firm that provides consulting services to the Company. Neither Mr Storey nor AQ2 own either directly or indirectly any securities in the issued capital of the Company. Mr Storey has 30 years of international experience. He is a Chartered Geologist with, and Fellow of, the Geological Society of London (a Recognised Professional Organisation under the JORC Code 2012). Mr Storey has experience in the assessment and development of paleochannel aquifers, including the development of hypersaline brines in Western Australia. His experience and expertise are such that he qualifies as a Competent Person as defined in the 2012 edition of the "Australian Code for Reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore reserves". Mr Storey consents to the inclusion in this report of the matters based on this information in the form and context as it appears.

K Concent<sup>®</sup> SOP Grade Volume of Drainable Specific Yield SOP Resource (mg/L, {mg/L, Hydrogeological Unit Brine Volume aquifer (mean) weighted weighted (MT) (MCM) (MCM) mean value) mean value) 5.180 10% 518 4.009 8.941 4.6 Loam 3,020 Upper aquitard 10,772 7% 754 6,735 5.1 Crete 479 5% 24 2.386 5.320 0.1 136 Upper sand 801 17% 3,435 7.660 1.0 Lower aquitard 9,502 8% 760 3,367 7,509 5.7 17% Mixed aquifer 440 75 3,645 8,129 0.6 503 **Basal sand** 23% 116 3,415 7.616 0.9 Total (MCM/MT) 27.678 2.383 3.343 7.455 18.1

Table 1: Measured JORC Mineral Resource Estimate for Lake Wells Sulphate of Potash Project based on modelled aquifer volume, specific yield and weighted mean K concentrations (derived from modelling)

The information in this report that relates to mineral processing is based on information compiled by Mr Antoine Lefaivre P.Eng, a Competent Person who is a Member of the *Ordre des Ingénieurs du Québec* (Order of Engineers of Quebec). Mr Lefaivre is employed by Novopro Projects Inc, a consultant to the Company, and has sufficient experience that is relevant to the style of minerals processing and type of deposit under consideration and to the activity being 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 Lefaivre consents to the inclusion in the report of the matters based on his information in the form and context in which it appears.

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### **Financial Forecasts**

The forecast financial information stated in this presentation is based on the Company's Front End Engineering Design Program results as released to the ASX on 20 April 2021. The Company confirms that all material assumptions underpinning the forecast financial information continue to apply and have not materially changed.

# Australia's Green SOP Project

FEED Program<sup>\*</sup> positions the Lake Wells SOP K-Brite<sup>™</sup> product as a genuinely green, premium fertiliser product for distribution into the world's most lucrative markets



'SHOVEL READY': DEBT 70% COMPLETE, EQUITY FUNDING



- 100% OWNED TIER 1 LOCATION
- FULLY PERMITTED

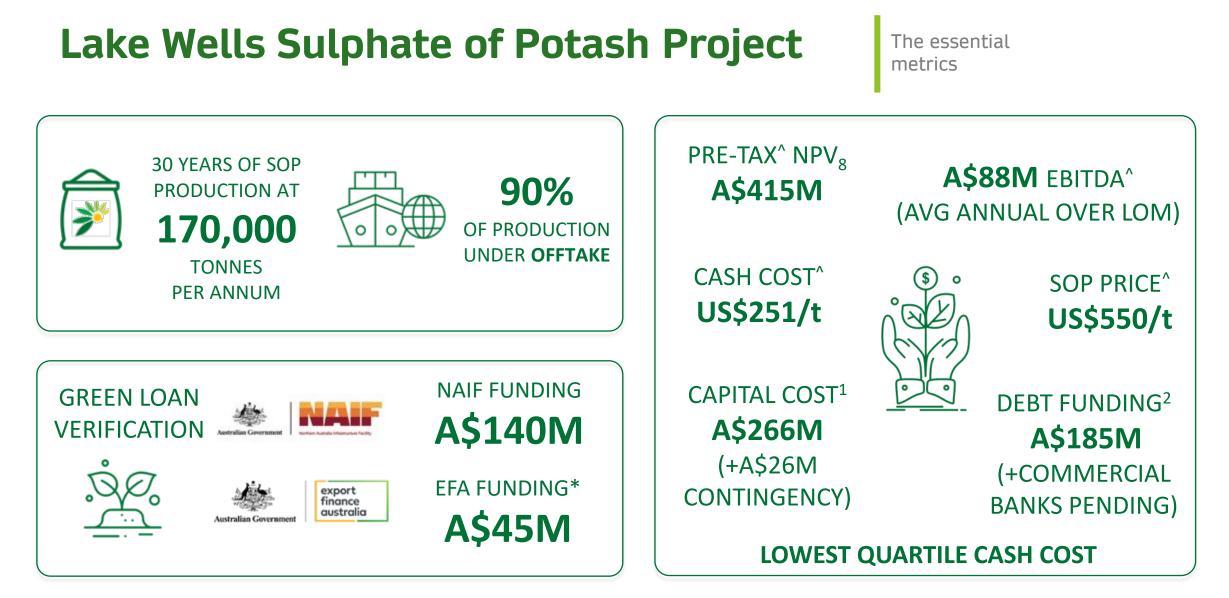


- AUSTRALIA'S LARGEST MEASURED SOP RESOURCE#
- HIGH GRADE, ORGANICALLY CERTIFIED PRODUCT LINES
- HIGH PENETRATION HYBRID RENEWABLE POWER STATION





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^ These are Real numbers

\* Conditional credit approval received

1. Refer Appendix 2

2. Refer Slide 16

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# Australia's Emerging Potash Industry

The pure SOP plays are building a new, domestic potassium fertiliser industry for the first time in Australia's history

Growing gains and pains

Current SOP spot price: US\$890/t

Peer	ASX code	Market capitlisation	Status		US\$890/t
Australian Potash	APC	\$49m	Development		
Agrimin	AMN	\$76m	Feasibility		
Kalium Lakes	KLL	\$129m	Development	Commis	sioning issues, emergency funding
Reward Minerals	RWD	\$22m	Feasibility		
Salt Lake Potash	SO4	-	Development		Administrators appointed
Trigg Mining	TMG	\$9m	Exploration		

### Global SOP production base:

### Global **solar-salt** SOP production base:

Australia's nascent solar-salt SOP industry proposed production as a percentage of the global <u>solar-salt</u> SOP production base:

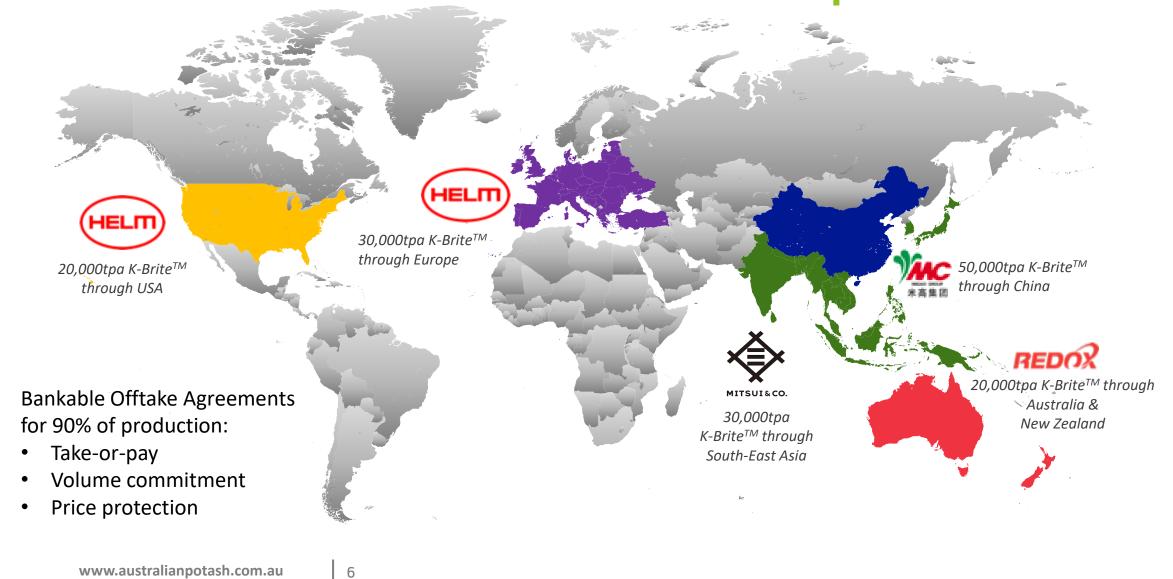
6.6mt – 7.3mt per annum<sup>\*</sup>

2.1mt – 2.4mt per annum\*

> 70%

# **Bankable offtake agreements**

Ship and supply



# **Sustainability**



Multi-generational reduction in Greenhouse Gas Emissions

### Lake Wells Renewable Power Station

- 63-69% Renewable fraction
- \$0.17/kwh
- 4.5MW solar
- 9MW wind (2x4.5MW turbines)
- 9MW/3MWh BESS



## Greenhouse Gas Emissions (GHG)^

[tCO<sub>2</sub>eq/tonneSOP, scope 1,2 & 3]

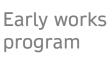
APC	Other SS	Mannheim
0.187	0.370	0.591

- 49% LESS GHG than other solar salt SOP projects
- 69% LESS GHG than Mannheim SOP operation

# At what stage is the Project?



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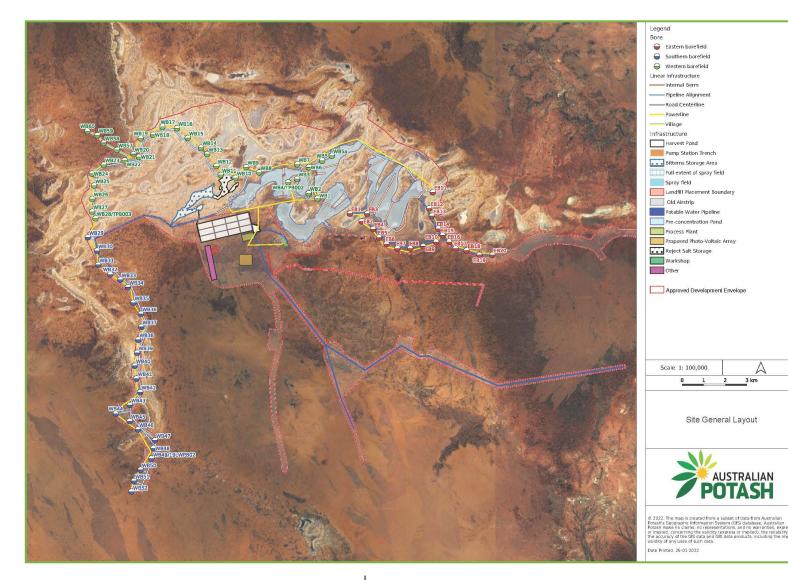
- Village infrastructure in place to support early works construction activities
- 20 rooms, tavern, kitchen/dining room, sewage treatment plant, potable water treatment plant all constructed
- 28 bore pads constructed and handed over to drilling contractor
- ~25km of access tracks completed







# At what stage is the Project?



Early works program



20 bores drilled/18 developed out of total 79 bores across three borefields



Test pumping indicate flow rates aligned with resource model: 36% of borefield by volume developed



Brine abstraction materially de-risked with early works



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# At what stage is the Project?



Early works program



On-playa evaporation pond trial program complete



High-grade K SOP produced from pilotevaporation program<sup>\*</sup>



Organic certification received in Europe, USA & Australia



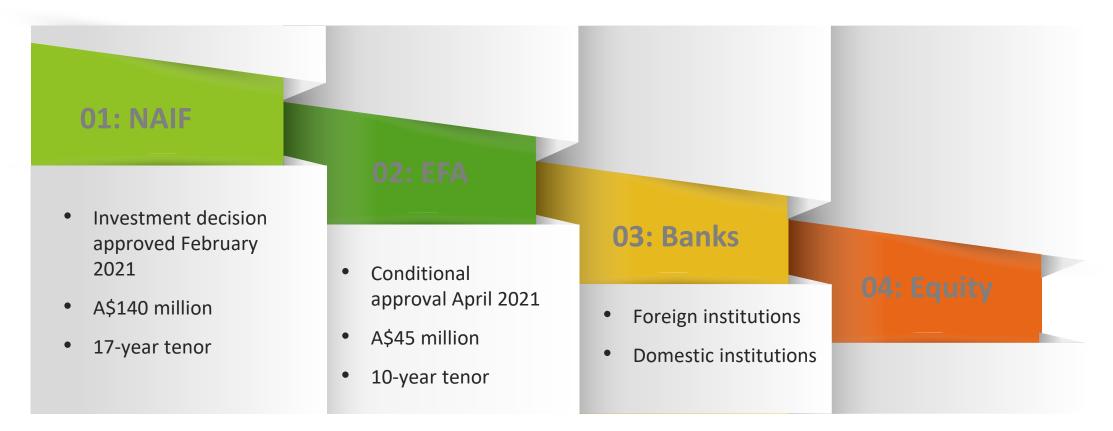
Operational experts engaged (Corey Milne)



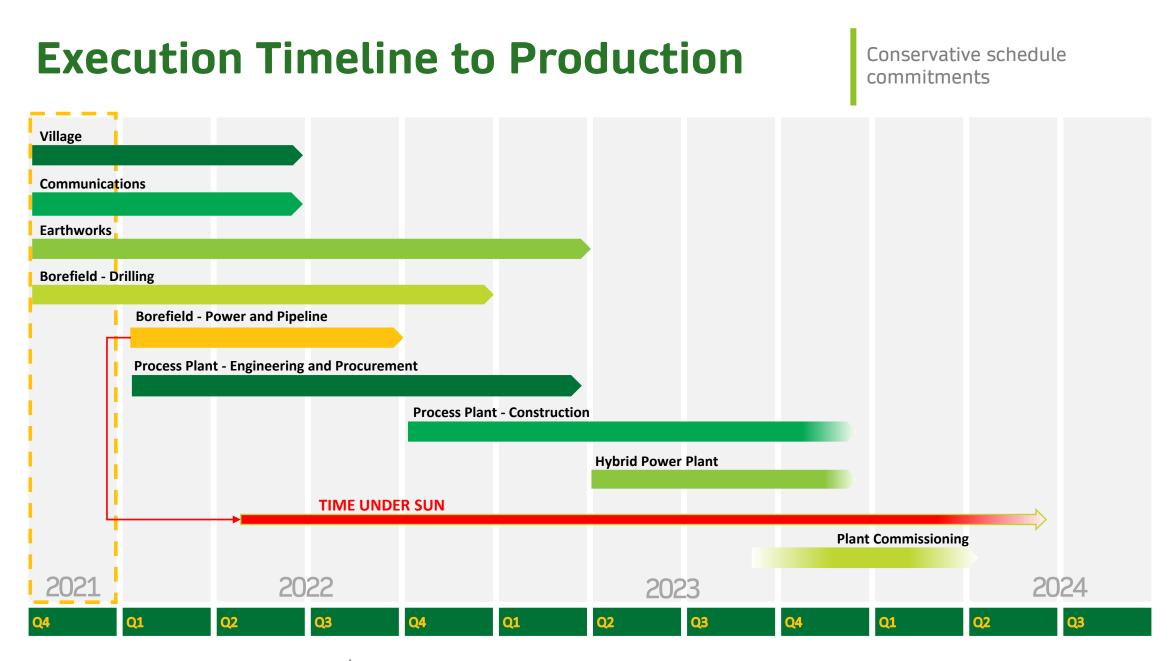
Vital two evaporation seasons to production

# **Financing the Build**

NAIF EFA Commercial banks Equity

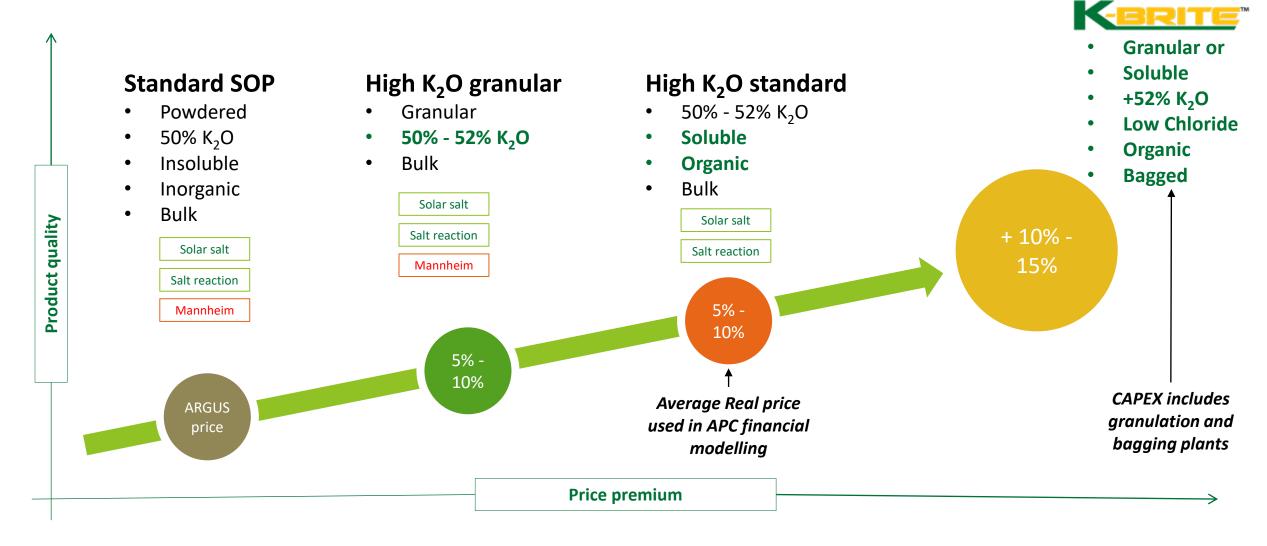


- Green Loan verification on debt issued by APC
- Capital cost of A\$266million [plus contingency of A\$26million]\*



# How does SOP pricing work?

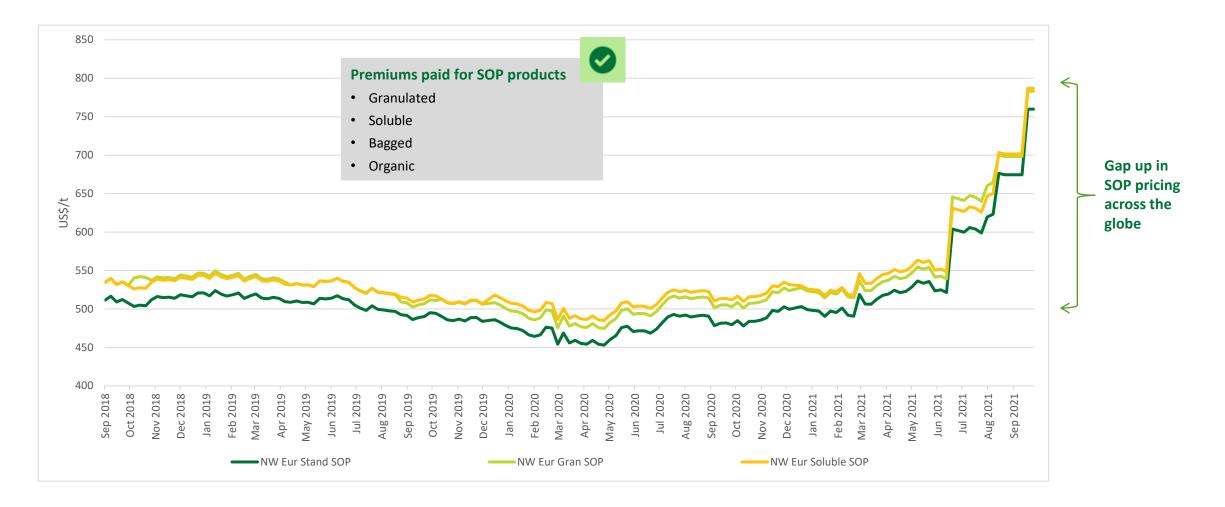
Premium product commands premium pricing



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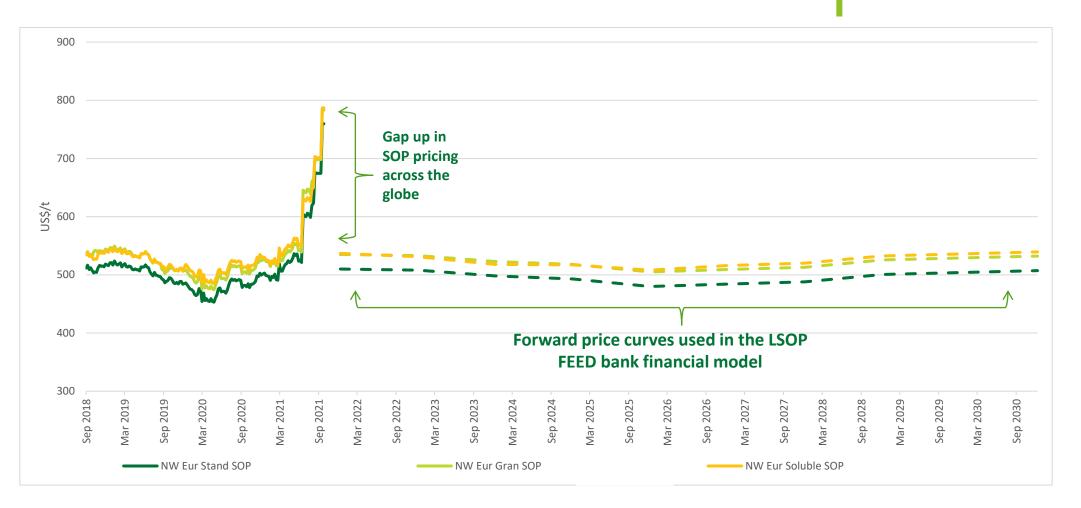
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# **How does SOP pricing work?**

Premium product commands premium pricing



# **Contracting Strategy**

Minimising the risk of cost overruns, schedule creep and process under-performance

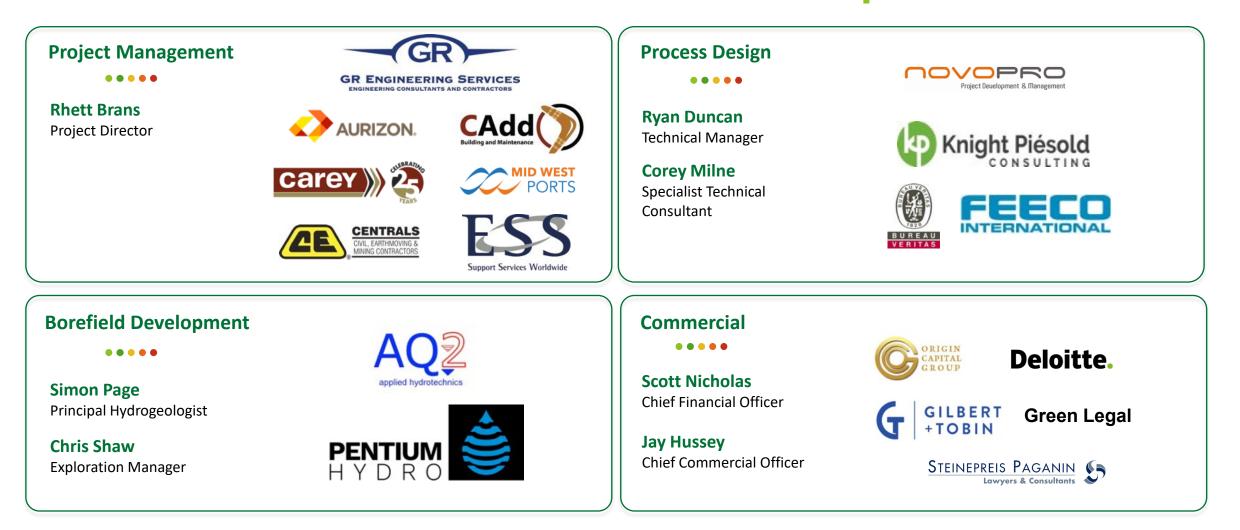
### +75% of construction contracts by value are EPC



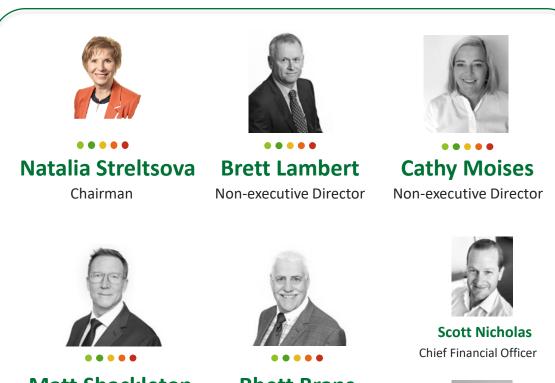
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# **Key Implementation Team**

Skills Experience Competence



# Corporate



Matt Shackleton

Managing Director & CEO



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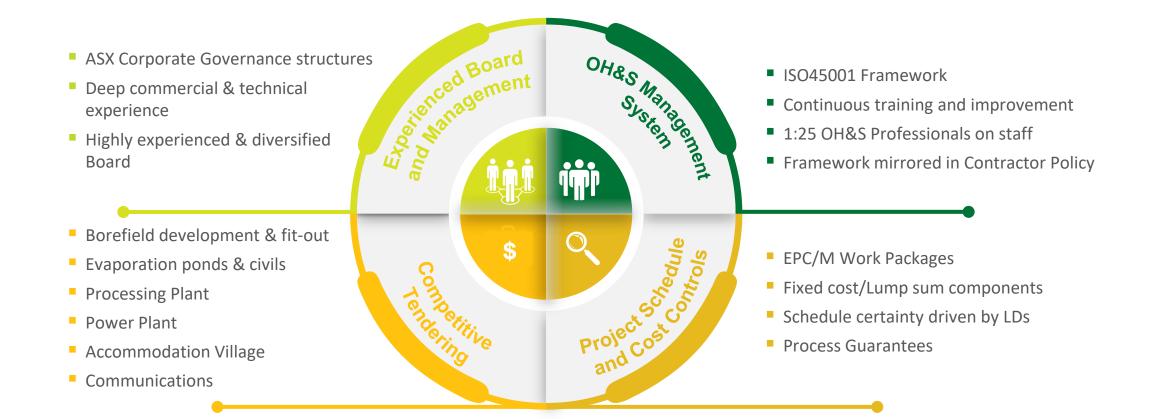
Michelle Blandford Company Secretary Skills Experience Competence

Share Price (27 January 2022)	\$0.061
Shares on Issue	805.9m
Unlisted Options & Performance Rights	11.9m
Market Capitalisation	\$49m
Cash (31 December 2021)	\$7.8m
Debt	Nil
Enterprise Value	\$41m



# **Risk Management**

### Skills Governance Commitment





# **Community Engagement**



- Interdisciplinary approach promoting Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths
- 3 year investment

- Construction of Laverton
  Training Centre has
  commenced
- Local, state, federal & industry funding





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A commitment to the community

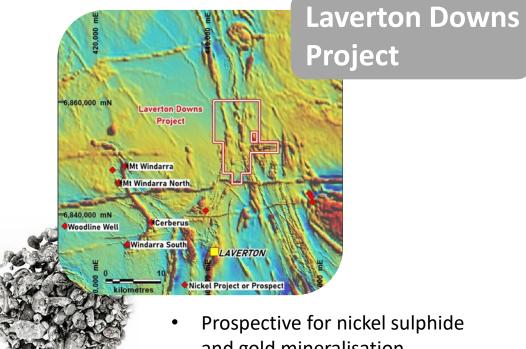
- Target of 15% Aboriginal participation
- Carey Mining and Central Earthmoving joint venture contracted for earthworks

### Employment



# **Exploration Opportunities**

Regional multi-commodity potential



- and gold mineralisation
- Assays pending from diamond • drilling program undertaken in June 2021 quarter and will influence future field activities



- SBM earnt in 70% during April 2021; ٠ APC 30% free-carried to bankable feasibility study for non-potash resource
- Extensive exploration program ٠ planned for 2021/22 to test mineralised corridor exceeding 9km in length

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# **Appendix 1: Our Market**

SOP is the premium form of an essential, nonsubstitutable plant fertiliser



### **Market Size**

- SOP = 10% of the global demand for potassic fertilisers
- 170ktpa = 2.4% global demand

### <1% Chloride/17% Sulphur

- Potassium is essential
- Potassium without chloride is essential
  - SOP is essential and nonsubstitutable

# **High Margin**

### **Premium pricing**

- Solar salt = lowest quartile cost
  - 50/50 China/Rest-of-World production
- 4% 6% CAGR profile past 2030

# US\$3.5B

### **SOP Global Demand**

- 50% of global supply from the high-carbon emitting Mannheim industrial process
- 50% from the passive solar evaporation (low Carbon) process

# **Appendix 2: CAPEX Summary**

### Capital expenditure

The Lake Wells Sulphate of Potash Project



CAPEX*	A\$m	Delivery and Execution Risk Mitigated
Owner's Team	18	Capable & experienced owner's team
Bore drilling & development	16	Schedule guarantee, specialist contractor, productivity KPIs
Bore-field fit out, pipeline, HV	36	Lump sum, schedule & process guarantee
Earthworks & ponds	40	Schedule guarantee, specialist contractor, productivity KPIs
SOP processing plant	104	Lump sum, schedule & process guarantee
Granulation & bagging	36	Lump sum, schedule & process guarantee
NPI	16	Lump sum, schedule & process guarantee
Total (excluding contingency)	266	
Contingency	26	EPC contracting strategy for +75% of packages of work
Total (including contingency)	292	

# **Appendix 3: OPEX Summary**

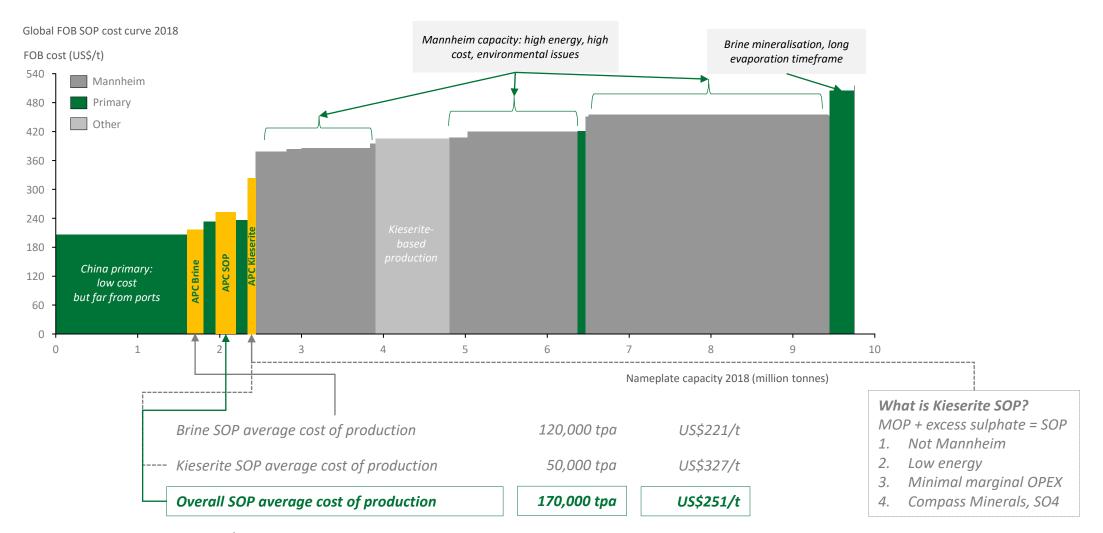
### Operating expenditure

The Lake Wells Sulphate of Potash Project



	Brine SOP	MOP conversion	Combined
Annual production	120,000 tonnes	50,000 tonnes	170,000 tonnes
Salt harvesting	13	-	9
Power	49	3	35
Reagents & consumables	12	266	85
Labour	57	-	41
Export logistics (FOB)	59	59	59
Maintenance	4	_	3
Indirects	27	-	19
Total cash costs (USD) per tonne	221	328	251

# Appendix 4: Lowest Quartile on Global Cost Curve



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Source: Argus Consulting

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# **Appendix 5: FEED Summary**

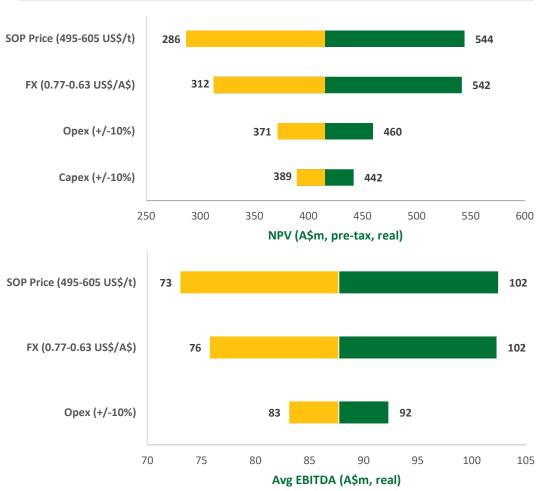
Financial metrics

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The Lake Wells Sulphate of Potash Project			t 🔮
Assumptions*	Unit		
SOP price [real]	US\$/t	550	
FX rate	US\$:\$A	0.70	
Discount rate	%	8.0	
Mine life	years	30	
Production	ktpa	170	
Financial metric	Unit	Nominal	Real
Project NPV <sub>8</sub> [pre-tax]	A\$m	614	415
IRR (pre-tax)	%	21	19
Annual avg EBITDA [LOM]	A\$m	124	88
Annual avg FCF [pre-tax]	A\$m	119	84

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Strong Returns in All Scenarios



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