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# Investor Presentation

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Decarbonising and electrifying the world through the development of ethically sourced nickel and cobalt materials



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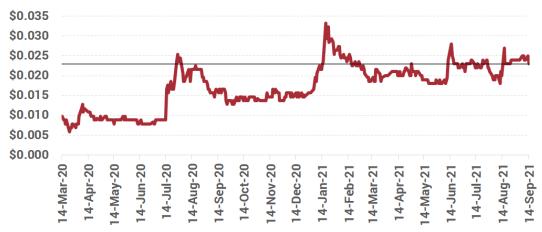
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# **Corporate Review**

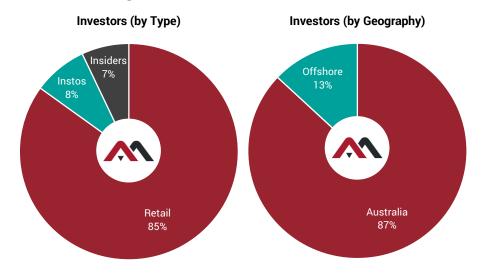
# **Capital Structure**

| Market Cap (14 September 2021)              | ~ A\$99M                                 |
|---|--|
| Share Price (14 September 2021)             | A\$0.023                                 |
| Issued Share Capital<br>(14 September 2021) | 4,304M                                   |
| Net Cash (30 June 2021)                     | ~ A\$9.8M (incl. net placement proceeds) |
| Listings                                    | ASX: AUZ;<br>USA: OTCQB; AMSLF: FSX      |

#### **Share Price Performance** (18 months)



# Ownership (14 September 2021)



| Total Holders                            | 11,512 |
|--|--------|
| Top-20 Holders (% of ISC; grouped)       | 26%    |
| Liquidity (% of ISC; 12 months; ASX+CXA) | 143%   |

# **Why Australian Mines?**



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# **World Class Sconi Project**

- Development ready, nickel-cobalt-scandium project in Queensland, Australia
- ✓ Tier-1 asset, lowest cost quartile with a 30+ year mine life
- Binding long form offtake agreement with LG Energy Solution (6+5 years)<sup>1</sup>
- ✓ Project finance progressing– expected completion on/before 30 June 2022
- Mixed nickel-cobalt hydroxide precipitate (MHP) production from 2024

#### **Strong Board and Experienced Team**

- ✓ Strong, experienced, and disciplined team
- ✓ Diverse skills mix, stable tenure, and well integrated
- Positioned well for next phase of growth and development

#### **Ethical, Sustainable, Future Facing Metals Focus**

- Achieved industry-first Carbon Neutral certification (Climate Active program)
- ✓ Prescribed Project status declared for Sconi in recognition of our social commitment
- Committed to third-party verification and certification processes against comprehensive ESG standards
- Highly leveraged to global mega trends (decarbonisation, electrification, and EV transition) and surging demand

<sup>1</sup> Australian Mines Limited, Binding offtake agreement with LG Energy Solution for supply of mixed nickel-cobalt hydroxide from the Sconi Project, Queensland, released 16 August 2021. The binding long form offtake agreement is subject to Sconi Project finance.

# **FY2021 Operating Highlights**





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- ✓ Binding long form offtake agreement with LG Energy Solution (6+5 years)
- Offtake agreement accounts for 100% of the projected future production of Sconi
- Deed of Access for Resource Extraction granted from the Australian Government
- Progressed financing discussions with banks, credit export agencies, and other institutions

#### **Corporate**

- Achieved industry first
   Carbon Neutral certification
- Fully funded beyond the current financial year
- Cost discipline refocussed project portfolio and clear path to production at Sconi



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# **Offtake Partner and Project Financing**

#### **Offtake Partner**

- ✓ Entered into a binding long form offtake agreement with LG Energy Solution, a subsidiary of LG Chem
- Supply agreement (commencing 2024) is for mixed nickel-cobalt hydroxide precipitate (MHP) product
- During the initial term (6 years), LG Energy Solution to purchase 71,000 dmt<sup>1</sup> of nickel and 7,000 dmt of cobalt (MHP form)
- Demonstrated technical and production capability (pilot plant operating since 2018)
- At full production, Sconi is projected to be one of the lowest cost, cobalt producing nickel operations in the world
- Australian Mines playing a key role in providing a stable, high quality, and ethical battery materials supply chain

#### **Project Financing**

- ✓ Financing negotiations to be completed on/before 30 June 2022
- ✓ Active negotiations with potential project financiers continuing<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1 &#</sup>x27;dmt' means dry metric tonnes

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The nature of any non-disclosure agreement (NDA) with potential project financiers signed by Australian Mines, coupled with ASX Listing Rules, prevent the company from commenting on the NDAs, including providing any indication of the number of such agreements signed by Australian Mines, the name / nationality / type of business of the other signatory, of even confirmation by Australian Mines that such an agreement exists.

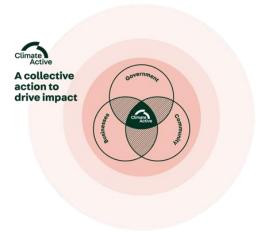
# **Responsible Corporate Citizen**



# **Achieved Industry First Carbon Neutral Certification**

- ✓ First mineral resources company to be certified a Carbon Neutral organisation¹ by the Australian Government's Climate Active program
- ✓ Climate Active is the only Australian Government recognised certification, awarded to organisations who have reached a state of achieving net zero emissions (such as Australian Mines)
- ✓ Third-party verification and certification process underway against comprehensive environmental, social and governance (ESG) standards
- Commitment to local communities recognised by the Queensland Government when granting *Prescribed Project* status for Sconi





<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Australian Mines Limited, Australian Mines achieves industry first carbon neutral certification, released 18 August 2020

#### **The Electric Vehicle Revolution**

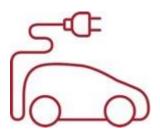


# Focus on Becoming a Leading Producer and Supplier of Ethically Sourced Nickel and Cobalt Materials

- Long term commitment to the EV and energy storage industries
- Source of ethically produced nickel and cobalt from a certified Carbon Neutral organisation
- Supplying essential intermediate/MHP materials for EV batteries
- Supporting clean energy technologies to decarbonise the global economy
- Aggressive targets for EV transition being introduced by governments globally







# **Market Opportunity – Demand Surge**

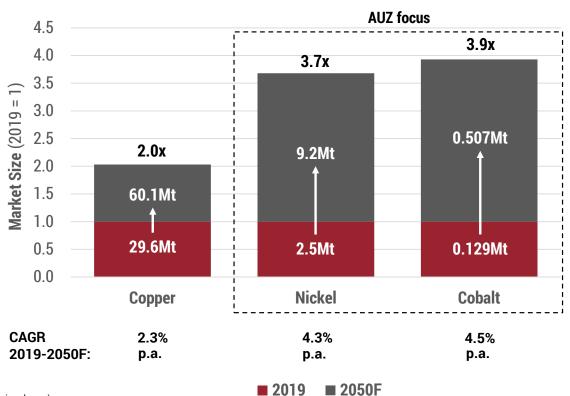


#### **ESG Mega Trends Driving Demand**

- ✓ Future facing metals (including nickel and cobalt) to drive decarbonisation and electrification, supporting future emissions targets
- Transition to electric vehicles (EV) continues to accelerate
- Nickel rich chemistries have grown to dominate the EV battery cell market, accounting for 53% of global battery demand this year<sup>1</sup>
- Nickel and cobalt supply growth this decade required to double (versus 2010s) in order to meet anticipated market demand<sup>2</sup>

#### **Projected Metal Demand Growth (2019-2050F)**<sup>3</sup>

(Under a Rapid Transition (IEA SDS) scenario (+1.5°c) to 2050F)



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Benchmark Mineral Intelligence report dated 9 July 2021, Renault backs NCM cathodes as it establishes French battery cell pipeline (www.benchmarkminerals.com)

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Glencore Preliminary Results 2020 dated 16 February 2021 (www.glencore.com)

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# **Sconi Investment Highlights**





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#### **World Class Project**

- √ 100% owned, nickel-cobalt-scandium materials project
- Lowest cost quartile (nickel and cobalt)
   operating costs US\$1.46/lb
   (C1 cash costs, post by-product credits)
- Sconi site well serviced by existing infrastructure (e.g., ports, roads, power, water, comms, and airports) and skilled labour
- Long term supply agreement with world leader, LG Energy Solution
- Ethical and sustainable project focus, leading ESG credentials

#### **MHP Production Process**

- ✓ Simple process, minimal technical risk
   successfully demonstrating nickel and cobalt production from Sconi ore since 2018
- Less capital intensive, easy materials handling (versus MSP/sulphate/P-CAM product)
- Utilises a sustainable dry stacking method (e.g., no tailings dams)
- ✓ Potential to add value to the project over time (e.g., scandium/manganese sales)

# **Ideally Located, Long Life**





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#### **Expected Mine Life of 30+ Years**

- ✓ Mineral Resource tonnage exceeds 115 million tonnes¹
- ✓ Contained metal quantities<sup>2</sup>:
  - 738,359 tonnes of nickel, plus
  - 71,757 tonnes of cobalt
- Development ready, with supporting infrastructure already in place

#### Sconi Nickel-Cobalt-Scandium Project



The Mineral Resource for the Sconi Project is reported under JORC 2012 Guidelines and was reported by Australian Mines on 14 February 2019. The Mineral Resource for the Sconi Project's Greenvale, Kokomo and Lucknow deposits, as outlined in the 14 February 2019 report is: Measured 8.27Mt @ 0.75% Ni & 0.09% Co; Indicated 49.24Mt @ 0.60% Ni & 0.08% Co; Inferred 18.2 Mt @ 0.54% Ni & 0.05% Co. There has been no Material Change or Re-estimation of the Mineral Resource since this 29 April 2019 announcement by the company. The Mineral Resource since this 29 April 2019 report is: Measured 11.4Mt @ 0.84% Ni & 0.05% Co; Indicated 12.7Mt @ 0.74% Ni & 0.03% Co; Inferred 1.7Mt @ 0.55% Ni & 0.03% Co. There has been no Material Change or Re-estimation of the Mineral Resource since this 29 April 2019 announcement by the company. The Mineral Resource for the Sconi Project's Minnamoolka deposit, as outlined in the 21 October 2019 report is: Indicated 11.9Mt @ 0.67% Ni & 0.03% Co; Inferred 2.4Mt @ 0.60% Ni & 0.02% Co. There has been no Material Change or Re-estimation of the Mineral Resource since this 21 October 2019 announcement by the Company.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> See Tables 1 to 5 in Appendix of this report. The information outlined on this page relating to Sconi was previously released to the market by Australian Mines via the ASX platform on 13 June 2019. Australian Mines confirms in the subsequent public report that all the material assumptions underpinning the forecast financial information derived from a production target, in the initial public report referred to in Listing Rule 5.17 continues to apply and have not materially changed. Scandium oxide production based on 1,441 tonnes of scandium metal produced over a 30-year period (65% metal:oxide ratio).

# **Infrastructure Ready**







Port Port facilities secured (import and export)



Road Sealed, all-weather roads from site to port



**Power**Power (grid)
already on site



Water Water supply available



Comms
Telecommunications
infrastructure
in close proximity



Airport
Existing airport
facilities at Greenvale
and Townsville



**Accom**Developed on freehold land

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# **Sustainability Advantage**







Zero CO<sub>2</sub>
Zero CO<sub>2</sub> emissions



**Green Power**Green power for a green project



Support Local
Employing local, living local,
buying local philosophy



Sustainable
Dry stacked tailings system,
a sustainable method



Ethical Ethical, auditable, and transparent Tier-1 supply chain

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# **Capital Expenditure**





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# Indicative Capital Cost Inputs<sup>1</sup> (MHP production)

- ✓ Life-of-mine average production of contained nickel and cobalt: 11,997 tonnes per annum¹
- Expected installed capacity cost (processing plant): circa US\$49,000/tonne produced annually (average)<sup>2</sup>

On Site Processing Plant



Proven Technology



Shared Infrastructure Investment



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Based on Ausenco's updated Bankable Feasibility Study (BFS) for the Sconi Project published on 13 June 2019. Life-of-mine average production of nickel and cobalt sulphate (53,800tpa) grading 22.3% contained nickel and cobalt (or 11,997tpa contained nickel and cobalt).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Global Mining Research report dated March 2018, HPAL: Upping the pressure (www.globalminingresearch.com) Australian Mines notes the disclosure echoes the Companies' announcement released on 30 May 2018 (see Slide 7).

# **Path to Production**





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#### **Indicative Timeline**

|                                       | CY2021       |    |    | CY2 | 2022 |    | CY2023 |    | CY2024 |    |        |    |    |    |
|---------------------------------------|--------------|----|----|-----|------|----|--------|----|--------|----|--------|----|----|----|
|                                       | Q3           | Q4 | Q1 | Q2  | Q3   | Q4 | Q1     | Q2 | Q3     | Q4 | Q1     | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 |
| Binding<br>Offtake<br>Agreement       | $\checkmark$ |    |    |     |      |    |        |    |        |    |        |    |    |    |
| Financing/<br>FID <sup>1</sup>        |              |    |    |     |      |    |        |    |        |    |        |    |    |    |
| Design and<br>Construction            |              |    |    |     |      |    |        |    |        |    |        |    | ,  |    |
| Commissioning                         | )            |    |    |     |      |    |        |    |        |    | ;<br>; |    | •  |    |
| Production/<br>Operations<br>(Year 1) |              |    |    |     |      |    |        |    |        |    |        |    | ,  |    |

<sup>1 &#</sup>x27;FID' means Final Investment Decision.

# **Lowest Cost Quartile**





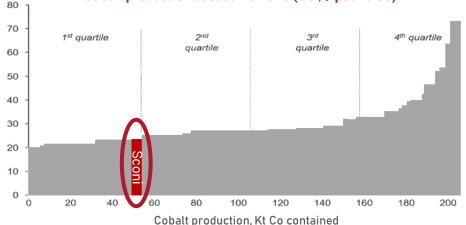
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#### **Market Study Forecast by CRU International**

- ✓ 1st quartile of cost curve for both nickel and cobalt production
- √ 1.3 million tonne nickel supply gap expected between 2023 and 2025
- Cobalt supply to remain tight to at least 2029
- ✓ EV sector will require multiple Sconi-size nickel-cobalt projects to come into production over the next 3 to 5 years to meet anticipated demand

# Nickel production cost curve 2025 (US\$ / tonne Ni) 15,000 10,000 5,000 Nickel production cost curve 2025 (US\$ / tonne Ni) 2nd quartile 2nd quartile 3nd quartile 4th quartile 3sd quartile 4th quartile Nickel production, tonnes Ni contained





Source: CRU International. Refer to Australian Mines' announcement released on 12 February 2019 for further information

# **Track Record of Delivery**





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# **Producing Nickel and Cobalt Products Since 2018**<sup>1</sup>

- ✓ Ore processed at Australian Mines' pilot plant in Perth
- ✓ Full production process demonstration circuit from Sconi Project ore
- Existing Sconi processing flow built on proven industry standard technology



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> On a campaign basis. Refer to Australian Mines' announcement released on 2 July 2018

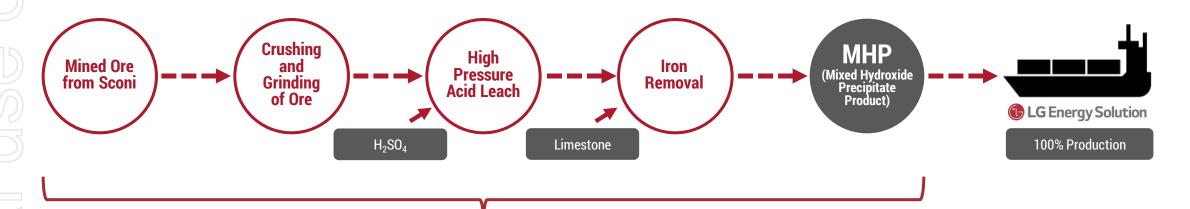
# **Proven Industry Standard**





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# **MHP Processing Flowsheet**



Existing Sconi processing flow built on proven 5<sup>th</sup> generation industry standard technology and design

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#### **Social and Economic Benefits**





# Committed to Queensland and Local Communities

- √ 90% of operating costs sourced locally
- ✓ 80% of workforce sourced locally
- Upgrading and investing in shared infrastructure
- Upgrading sports and community facilities underway
- Establishment of 24/7 medical facilities proposed

500 Construction Jobs



300
Full Time
Staff

# Workforce

Primarily Residential



# **Working with Government and the Community**





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# **Ongoing Support from the Queensland Government**

Offered conditional financial support package in July 2020<sup>1</sup>

- Conditions include executing an offtake agreement and securing financing
- Support would be provided through the Jobs and Regional Growth Fund

Granted Prescribed Project status in 2019

- Streamlined regulatory approval process for fast-track development
- Supported by existing infrastructure, including the Port of Townsville

1/25/2019 Newyear promises new recourses project for North Queencland - The Queendand Cabinet and Ministerial Directory

Media release

JOINT STATEMENT
Premier and Minister for Trade
The Honourable Annastacia Palaszczuk
Minister for State Development, Manufacturing,
Infrastructure and Planning
The Honourable Cameron Dick

New year promises new resources project for North Queensland

Hundreds of jobs are a step closer for North Qui declared a prescribed project.

Premier Annastacia Palaszczuk said the proj contributions to the local economy.

"It's a very happy new year for North Queensia"
"We're talking about a project set to create up

Queensland Government Media release

Premier and Minister for Trade
The Honourable Annastacia Palaszczuk

15 July 2020

#### Cobalt and nickel mine to power job creation in North Queensland

The proposed \$1.5 billion Sconi cobalt and nickel mine supporting 700 jobs is a step closer thanks to support from the Palaszczuk Government's \$175 million Jobs and Regional Growth Fund.

Premier Annastacia Palaszczuk said as economies around the world dealt with the global coronavirus pandemic, Queensland's continued health response meant the state's plan for economic recovery had already started.

"Part of that plan is supporting the resources industry," the Premier said.

"That's what's our support for Sconi is all about.

Acknowledging the challenges faced by many companies resulting from the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the Queensland Government extended the dates linked to key conditions in their Sconi financial support package, initially announced in July 2020, by a further 4 months. See Australian Mines' announcements released on 25 January 2019 and 15 July 2020



# **Summary**



# **Development-Ready, World Class Sconi Project**

- ✓ Long term offtake agreement (6+5 years) in place with LG Energy Solution
- ✓ Well serviced by existing infrastructure and skilled labour
- Lowest cost quartile and long expected mine life (30+ years)
- Potential to add value to the project over time
- Project financing negotiations to be completed on/before 30 June 2022
- Ethical, fully auditable, and transparent supply chain
- Local community focus, industry leading ESG credentials

100% Auditable Supply Chain







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Positioned to Meet Surge in EV Demand





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# **Board of Directors**





Michael Ramsden
Chairman
BEc, LLB, FFIN
Independent

30 years' experience as a corporate advisor



Benjamin Bell
Managing Director
BSc, MMET, MBA
Executive

25 years' experience in the resources sector



Michael Elias

Non-Executive
Director
BSc(Hons),
FAusIMM, CPGeo
Independent

Internationally recognised expert in lateritic nickel-cobalt deposits with 35 years' experience in nickel resource development



Non-Executive
Director
BEng, GDipSc, MBA
Independent

Over 20 years' corporate fundraising experience



Non-Executive
Director
BSc
Independent

Over 40 years' experience in project delivery across the mining, infrastructure, and energy sectors



Oliver Canton
Company
Secretary
BJuris, LLB

Qualified lawyer with over 30 years' experience in a variety of corporate roles

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# **Competent Persons' Statements**



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#### Sconi Project, Queensland (Australia)

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The information in this report that relates to Sconi Project's Greenvale, Lucknow and Kokomo Mineral Resources is based on, and fairly reflects, information compiled by Mr David Williams, a Competent Person, who is an employee of CSA Global Pty Ltd and a Member of the Australian Institute of Geoscientists (#4176). Mr Williams has sufficient experience relevant to the style of mineralisation and type of deposit under consideration and to the activity which he is undertaking to qualify as Competent Person as defined in the 2012 Edition of the Australasian Code for the Reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources, and Ore Reserves (JORC Code). Mr Williams consents to the disclosure of information in this report in the form and context in which it appears.

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# **Sconi Project Mineral Resources**



**Table 1: Greenvale Mineral Resource**Lower cut-off grade: 0.40% Nickel equivalent

Mineral Resources as per Australian Mines' announcement released via the ASX platform on 14 February 2019.

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| Classification | Tonnes<br>(million tonnes) | Nickel equivalent<br>(%) | Nickel<br>(%) | Cobalt<br>(%) |  |
|----------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|---------------|---------------|--|
| Measured       | 5.05                       | 1.06                     | 0.83          | 0.07          |  |
| Indicated      | 17.24                      | 0.90                     | 0.73          | 0.05          |  |
| Inferred       | 10.34                      | 0.63                     | 0.54          | 0.04          |  |
| TOTAL          | 32.63                      | 0.84                     | 0.69          | 0.05          |  |

**Table 2: Lucknow Mineral Resource**Lower cut-off grade: 0.55% Nickel equivalent

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| Classification | Tonnes<br>(million tonnes) | Nickel equivalent<br>(%) | Nickel<br>(%) | Cobalt<br>(%) |
|----------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Measured       | 1.60                       | 0.91                     | 0.53          | 0.11          |
| Indicated      | 12.63                      | 0.83                     | 0.47          | 0.11          |
| Inferred       | 0.38                       | 0.66                     | 0.55          | 0.03          |
| TOTAL          | 14.62                      | 0.83                     | 0.48          | 0.11          |

**Table 3: Kokomo Mineral Resource**Lower cut-off grade: 0.45% Nickel equivalent

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| Classification | Tonnes<br>(million tonnes) | Nickel equivalent<br>(%) | Nickel<br>(%) | Cobalt<br>(%) |
|----------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Measured       | 1.62                       | 1.17                     | 0.73          | 0.15          |
| Indicated      | 19.37                      | 0.83                     | 0.57          | 0.09          |
| Inferred       | 7.48                       | 0.70                     | 0.53          | 0.07          |
| TOTAL          | 28.47                      | 0.81                     | 0.57          | 0.09          |

Nickel equivalent grades were calculated according to the following formula: NiEq = [(nickel grade x nickel price x nickel recovery) + (cobalt grade x cobalt price x cobalt recovery) / (nickel price x nickel recovery). The formula was derived using the following commodity prices and recoveries: Forex US\$:A\$ = 0.71, Nickel – A\$27,946/t and 94.8% recovery, Cobalt – A\$93,153/t and 95.7% recovery. Prices and recoveries effective as at 10th February 2019.

Metal recovery data was determined by variability test work of nickel and cobalt solvent extraction during the inhouse pilot plant test work program. Results typically achieved between 90% and 99% from samples with nickel and cobalt grades aligned with expected mine grades as reported from the Mineral Resource model. Lower recoveries of between 85% and 90% were achieved from some lower-grade samples to determine economic cut-off grades. It is the opinion of Australian Mines that all the elements included in the metal equivalents calculation have a reasonable potential to be recovered and sold. Detail supporting the formula are provided within the Company's 14 February 2019 announcement. The Competent Person and Australian Mines believe there are reasonable prospects for eventual economic extraction of the Mineral Resources. Consideration was given to the relatively shallow depth of the mineralisation, existing infrastructure near to the project including sealed road access, power, labour and water, and positive results from the 2018 Feasibility Study.

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**Table 4: Bell Creek Mineral Resource** Lower cut-off grade: 0.45% Nickel equivalent

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| Classification | Tonnes<br>(million tonnes) | Nickel equivalent<br>(%) | Nickel<br>(%) | Cobalt<br>(%) |  |
|----------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|---------------|---------------|--|
| Measured       | 11.4                       | 1.02                     | 0.84          | 0.05          |  |
| Indicated      | 12.7                       | 0.74                     | 0.64          | 0.03          |  |
| Inferred       | 1.7                        | 0.66                     | 0.55          | 0.03          |  |
| TOTAL          | 25.8                       | 0.86                     | 0.72          | 0.04          |  |

**Table 5: Minnamoolka Mineral Resource** Lower cut-off grade: 0.45% Nickel

Mineral Resources as per Australian Mines' announcement released via the ASX platform on 21 October 2019. Prepared by CSA Global in accordance with the current 2012 JORC Code. There has been no Material Change or Re-estimation of the Mineral Resource since this 21 October 2019 announcement by Australian Mines.

| Classification | Classification Tonnes (million tonnes) |      | Cobalt<br>(%) |  |
|----------------|--|------|---------------|--|
| Indicated      | 11.9                                   | 0.67 | 0.03          |  |
| Inferred       | 2.4                                    | 0.60 | 0.02          |  |
| TOTAL          | 14.2                                   | 0.66 | 0.03          |  |

Nickel equivalent grades were calculated according to the following formula: NiEg = [(nickel grade x nickel recovery] + (cobalt grade x cobalt price x cobalt price x cobalt price x nickel price x nicke commodity prices and recoveries: Forex US\$:A\$ = 0.71, Nickel - A\$27,946/t and 94.8% recovery, Cobalt - A\$93,153/t and 95.7% recovery. Prices and recoveries effective as at 10 February 2019.

Metal recovery data was determined by variability test work of nickel and cobalt solvent extraction during the inhouse pilot plant test work program. Results typically achieved between 90% and 99% from samples with nickel and cobalt grades aligned with expected mine grades as reported from the Mineral Resource model. Lower recoveries of between 85% and 90% were achieved from some lower-grade samples to determine economic cut-off grades. It is the opinion of Australian Mines that all the elements included in the metal equivalents calculation have a reasonable potential to be recovered and sold. Detail supporting the formula are provided within the Company's 14 February 2019 and 29 April 2019 announcements. The Competent Person and Australian Mines believe there are reasonable prospects for eventual economic extraction of the Mineral Resources. Consideration was given to the relatively shallow depth of the mineralisation, existing infrastructure near to the project including sealed road access, power, labour and water, and positive results from the 2018 Feasibility Study.

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Ore Reserve as per Australian Mines' announcement released via the ASX platform on 13 June 2019. Prepared by specialist mine planning consultants, Orelogy, in accordance with the current 2012 JORC Code. There has been no Material Change or Re-estimation of the Ore Reserve since this 13 June 2019 announcement by Australian Mines.

| Classification | Pit       | Ore<br>(Million tonnes) | Nickel (%) | Cobalt (%) | Scandium<br>(ppm) |
|----------------|-----------|-------------------------|------------|------------|-------------------|
|                | Greenvale | 4.49                    | 0.83       | 0.07       | 36                |
| Durand         | Kokomo    | 1.52                    | 0.72       | 0.15       | 58                |
| Proved         | Lucknow   | 2.07                    | 0.47       | 0.09       | 51                |
|                | Sub-total | 8.08                    | 0.72       | 0.09       | 44                |
|                | Greenvale | 13.08                   | 0.73       | 0.05       | 29                |
| Dochahla       | Kokomo    | 17.43                   | 0.57       | 0.09       | 31                |
| Probable       | Lucknow   | 18.71                   | 0.42       | 0.08       | 38                |
|                | Sub-total | 49.22                   | 0.55       | 0.08       | 33                |
|                | Greenvale | 17.57                   | 0.76       | 0.06       | 31                |
| Total          | Kokomo    | 18.96                   | 0.58       | 0.10       | 33                |
|                | Lucknow   | 20.77                   | 0.42       | 0.08       | 39                |
|                | TOTAL     | 57.30                   | 0.58       | 0.08       | 35                |

Sconi Project Ore Reserve summary based on variable nickel equivalent cut-off between 0.40% and 0.45%.

The Mineral Resource figures in the preceding slide are inclusive of the Ore Reserve figures above. Approximately 14% of the Ore Reserves (outlined in the table above) are classified as Proved and 86% are classified as Probable. It should be noted that the Proved and Probable Reserves are inclusive of allowance for mining dilution and ore loss.

The breakeven cut-off grade was determined to be between 0.40% - 0.45% nickel equivalent using the formula: Nickel equivalent (%) = [(Ni grade x Ni price x Ni recovery) + (Co grade x Co price x Co recovery] ÷ (Ni price x Ni recovery) where: nickel price = 27,946 AUD, cobalt price = 93,153 AUD, Nickel Recovery = 94.8%, Cobalt Recovery = 95.7%.

Open pit optimisation was undertaken using US\$9/lb for nickel and US\$30/lb for cobalt and an exchange rate of 0.71 AUD/USD. No value was applied to scandium

Optimisation inputs parameters were:

- Ore processing rate of 2 million tonne per annum throughput.
- Dilution was applied through re-blocking to the 2m mining height.
- Overall slope angle of 45.
- Mining costs based on contractor rates averaging of US\$2.26/t mined.
- Ore costs for grade control, rehandle, reclaim and extra over for ore mining of US\$1.88/t ore.
- Mining overheads of US\$2.15/t ore.
- Road train haulage of US\$2.05/t ore and \$US\$10.04/t ore from Lucknow and Kokomo respectively.
- Variable processing costs (averaging US\$30.70/t ore) based on sulphur, limestone consumption linked primarily to magnesium and aluminium and NaOH consumption linked to nickel and cobalt.
- Fixed overheads of US\$33.21/t for G&A, plant labour, maintenance and sustaining capital.
- 10. Selling costs of \$32.77/t product plus royalties of 3.2% and 5.0% for Ni and Co respectively. Due to the variable processing costs the pit optimisation was based on block value calculations for free cashflow. The breakeven cut-off grade was determined to be between a 0.4% and 0.45% nickel equivalent grade.

