

# Advancing the Julia Creek Project

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We pay our respects to their Ancestors and their descendants, who continue cultural and spiritual connections to Country.

We recognise their valuable contributions to Australian and global society."

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#### Scoping Study Cautionary Statement

The Scoping Study referred to in this presentation was undertaken for the purpose of initial evaluation of the potential for development of a series of an open pit and processing facilities at the Julia Creek Project. It is a preliminary technical and economic study of the potential viability of the Julia Creek Project.

The Scoping Study is based on low level technical and economic assessments (+/- 40% accuracy) that are not sufficient to support the estimation of Ore Reserves or to provide assurance of an economic development case at this stage or to provide certainty that the conclusions of the Scoping Study will be realised. Further exploration and evaluation work and appropriate studies are required before QEM will be able to estimate any Ore Reserves or to provide any assurance of an economic development case.

The Scoping Study is based on the material assumptions outlined in the Scoping Study. These include assumptions about the availability of funding. While QEM considers all the material assumptions to be based on reasonable grounds, there is no certainty that they will prove to be correct or that the range of outcomes indicated by the Scoping Study will be achieved. To achieve the range of outcomes indicated in the Scoping Study, funding of in the order of \$744 million excluding contingency costs and indirect costs such as owner's costs and EPCM (inclusive of these elements, the pre-production capital expenditure is \$1,095 million) will likely be required. Investors should note that there is no certainty that the Company will be able to raise that amount of funding when needed. It is also possible that such funding may only be available on terms that may be dilutive to or otherwise affect the value of QEM's existing shares.

Given the scale of the pre-production capital expenditure required, it is likely that QEM will need to access multiple streams of funding opportunities and/or partnering opportunities in order to support the pre-production capital expenditure, which may include a combination of project debt, equity capital, offtake prepayment, farm-in, joint venture and other appropriate initiatives.

It is also possible that QEM could pursue other 'value realisation' strategies such as a sale, partial sale or joint venture of the project. If it does, this could materially reduce the Company's proportionate ownership of the project. Given the uncertainties involved, investors should not make any investment decisions based solely on the results of the Scoping Study.

#### Competent Persons and Qualified Estimator Statements

The information in this announcement that relates to exploration results, mineral resource and contingent resource estimates for the Company's Julia Creek Project was first reported by the Company in its IPO prospectus dated 20 August 2018 and supplementary prospectus dated 12 September 2018 (together, the "Prospectus") and the subsequent resource upgrade announcements ("Resource Upgrades") dated 14 October 2018, 7 April 2022 and February 2024. The Company confirms that it is not aware of any new information or data that materially affects the information included in the Prospectus and Resource Upgrades, and in the case of estimates of Mineral Resources and Contingent Resources, that all material assumptions and technical parameters underpinning the estimates in the Prospectus and Resource Upgrades continue to apply and have not materially changed.



**QEM Limited** is focused on the exploration and development of the **Julia Creek Project**, a unique world class critical minerals and oil shale resource.

# Investment Highlights- 2024 JORC and SPE-PRMS Resources



One of the world's largest single vanadium resources with significant oil resource.





2,870 Mt

**Inferred** @ Ave V<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> ore content of 0.31%



461<sup>Mt</sup>

**Indicated** @ Ave V<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> ore content of 0.29%

## Oil Resource

Maiden 1C resource of 6.3 MMBBL's

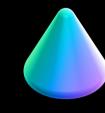
32% increase in 2C category to 94 MMbbl's





654 MMbbl's

3C 626 MMbbl's (SPE-PRMS) (recoverable @ 90%)



94 MMbbl's

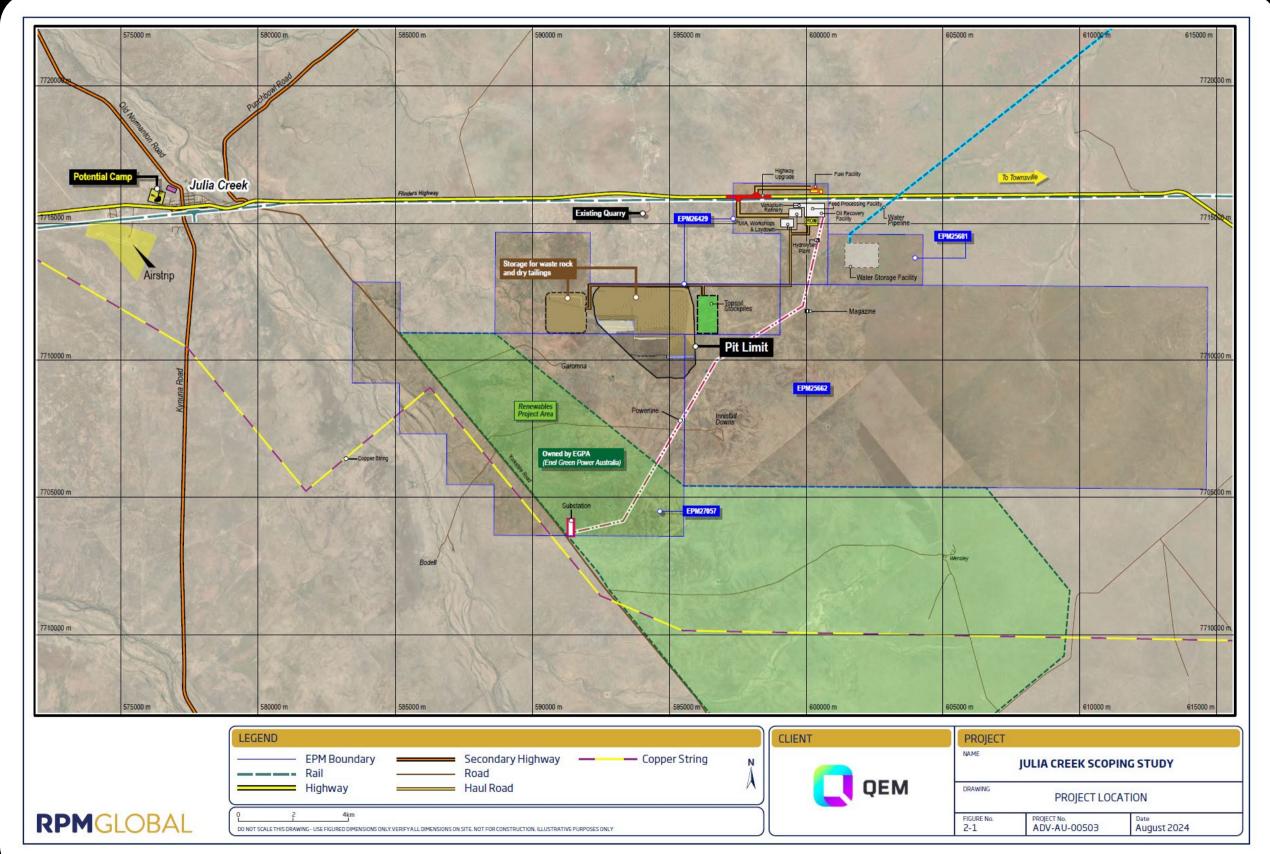
2C 71MMbbl's (SPE-PRMS) (recoverable @ 90%)

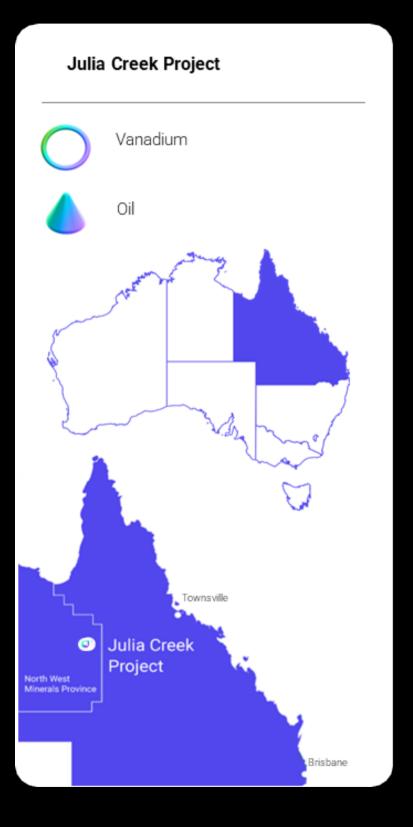
Refer to QEM ASX Announcement dated 4 March 2024. QEM confirms that it is not aware of any new information or data that materially affects the information included in the relevant announcement, and all material assumptions and technical parameters underpinning the mineral resource estimates in the relevant announcement continue to apply and have not materially changed.

# Julia Creek Project



4 EPMs covering 250km<sup>2</sup> in Queensland's NWMP. Well-located on major infrastructure corridor, including Copperstring access.





# 2024 Scoping Study Highlights



Post - Tax

NPV (8%):

AUD 1,106M

IRR:

16.3%

Payback Period:

5 Years

Pre - production CAPEX:

(ex-contingency,
owners' costs & EPCM)

**AUD 791M** 

Life of Mine:

30 Years

ROM:

**5.1Mt** (dry)

Annual Production:

**10,571** tonnes V<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>**313M** litres of fuel

OPEX:

**V**<sub>2</sub>**O** 5 : USD \$5.80/lb

**Fuel**: AUD \$0.59L

# 2024 Scoping Study Highlights- Detail



Key Outcomes of the Scoping Study:1

- Post-tax NPV of AUD 1,106 M (8% discount rate), DCF-IRR of 16.3%, and a payback period of 5 years from the start of mining 1
- o Pre-production capital expenditure is estimated at approximately AUD 791M.<sup>2</sup>
- Projected revenue over the life of mine from V2O5 sales is approximately
   11.5Bn AUD and approximately 10.1Bn AUD from sale of transport fuel
   (Total revenue 21.7Bn)
- 30-year mine schedule with over 80% of the process plant feed is Indicated Resources
- Scheduled plant feed quantities of approximately 148.4M dmt (154.7 M wmt @~4% moisture) at an average of 0.27% V2O5 and 54.1 litres per tonne (L/t) (PRMS), and strip ratio of 5:1
- Pit limit sensitivity analysis indicated the majority of the lease has economic ore and, therefore, the Project has significant potential to increase production or the life of the operation
- Mine life of 30 years, assuming an ore production rate of 5.1 Mt (dry) (5.3 Mt wet) per year

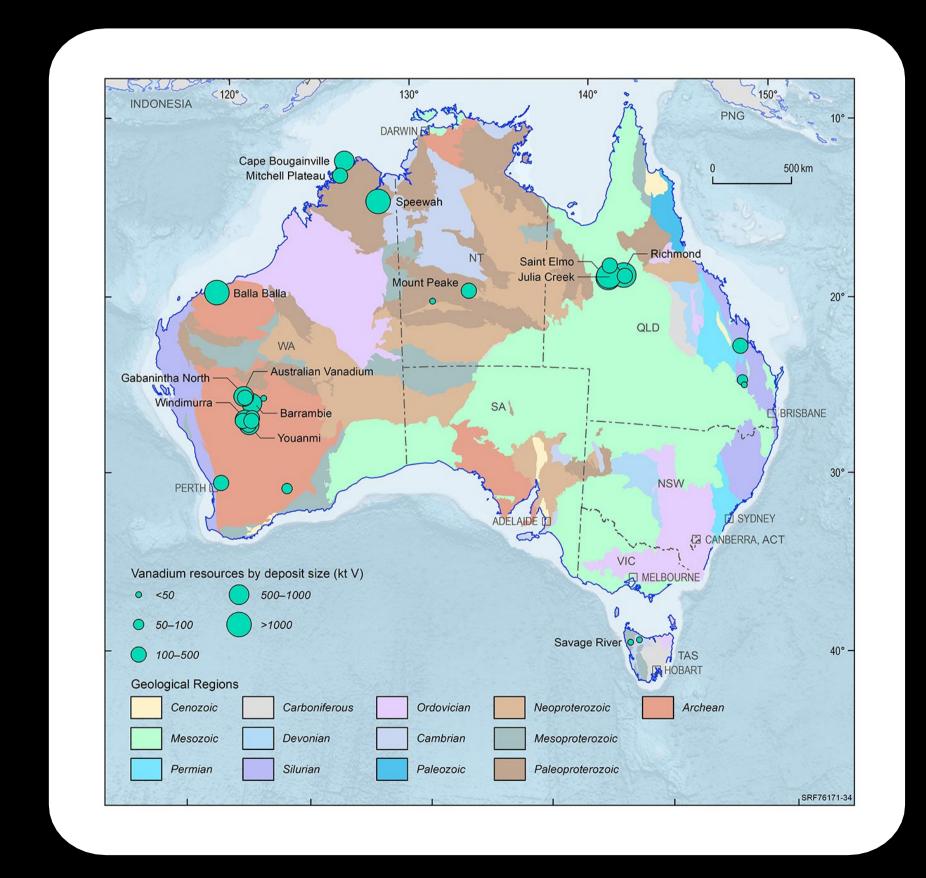
- Over the LOM, an average production of 10,571 tpa (23.3Mlbs)
   V2O5 (99.5% grade) and 5,960 bbl/day (313 million litres per annum) of transport fuel
- Approximately 7% of the produced transport fuel is to be provided freeissue to the mining contractor to undertake the mining work. Therefore, the average transport fuel sold is 5,500 bbl/day (874,500 L/day) totalling 291 million litres per annum
- Ongoing replacement and sustaining capital of AUD 598 M (over 30-year mine life ~AUD 20 M per annum), resulting in a total capital expenditure of AUD 1,694 M (including contingency costs and indirect costs)
- Mine cash operating costs average AUD 83.36/dmt plant feed (including royalties, transport costs and contingency)
- Projected vanadium pentoxide (V2O5) selling price of approximately USD11.56/lb and transport fuel at AUD 1.20/L (AUD 191.18/bbl) excluding excise and GST 3
- o Employment 600 jobs in construction and 588 in operations
- (1) A sensitivity analysis across a range of +/-15% undertaken on product selling price, capital and operating costs, and product output indicates that the NPV remains positive for each analysis. Refer to ASX announcement dated 27 August 2024 for further information.
- (2) Excluding contingency costs and indirect costs such as owner's costs and EPCM. Inclusive of contingency costs and indirect costs, pre-production capital expenditure is estimated at AUD 1,096M.
- (3) Based on a projected V2O5 selling price of approximately USD11.56/lb and exchange rate of AUD:USD 0.68. The projected selling price has been selected on the assumption that a premium is to be applied on the basis of the 99.5% grade of the V2O5 and with reference to the Vanitec Forecast and Vanadium Market Overview presented in July 2024 which projects the long-term average price of V2O5 to be USD12.26/lb. The transport fuel selling price of AUD 1.20/L (AUD 191.18/bbl) has been selected based on the 3-year average wholesale price at the gate price for diesel ex. Brisbane (excluding excise and GST).

# Australia's Vanadium Deposits

QEM- Globally significant vanadium project with half of Queensland's total resource



Vanadium		
	Critical Mineral	
	World Ranking	
	Resources 2 (31%)	
	Production 0 (0%)	
	Operating Mines 0	
P	Production 0 kt V (0%)	
(\$)	Export Income \$0 (0%)	
0000	EDR 8,110 kt V (• 10%)	
G	Ore Reserves 2,948 kt V (▲ 75%)	



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## Vanadium Global Production

Market set for strong growth driven by LDES of 4-10 hours+ - VFB

Market expected to reach

\$2.36 Billion

in 2025 at **CAGR of 10.2%** 

VFB demand expected to equate

 $\sim 25\%$  of vanadium market

by 2040 currently only ~ 4% (CRU- 17

**Global Production 2023** 

125,190

85% of supply from China, Russia & South Africa (vanited 2024)

Australia holds

31% of undeveloped

global reserves BUT has no domestic production - YET!

Vanadium Listed as

## Critical Mineral

in Aust, US, EU and Japan

Global Vanadium demand

**200**% Increase by 2050

5<sup>th</sup> highest growth market in critical minerals according to the World Bank- Minerals for Climate Action

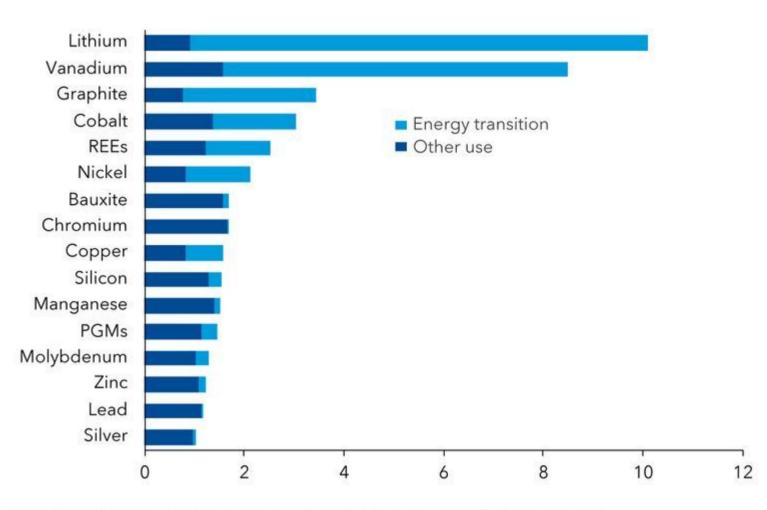


## IMF predicts 8-fold surge in **Vanadium Demand by 2050**

#### A critical surge

Global demand for energy transition minerals will increase significantly in the coming decades.

Ratio of 2050 to 2022 demand under a net zero emissions scenario



Sources: International Energy Agency (IEA) World Energy Outlook (2023); and IMF staff

Note: The chart shows the IEA's projected increase in mineral demand (in quantity terms) broken down by sector as a ratio of 2050 to 2022 demand, under the IEA's net zero emissions transition scenario. REE = Rare Earth Elements; PGMs = Platinum Group Metals.

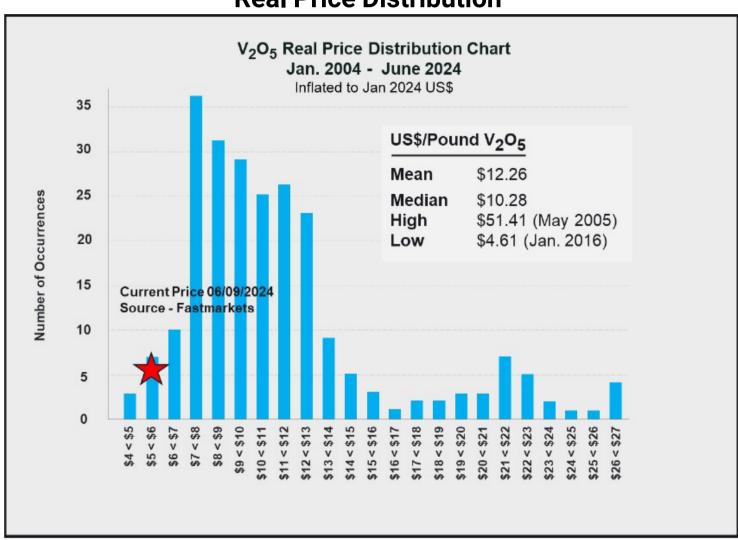


## Product Pricing- Vanadium Pentoxide



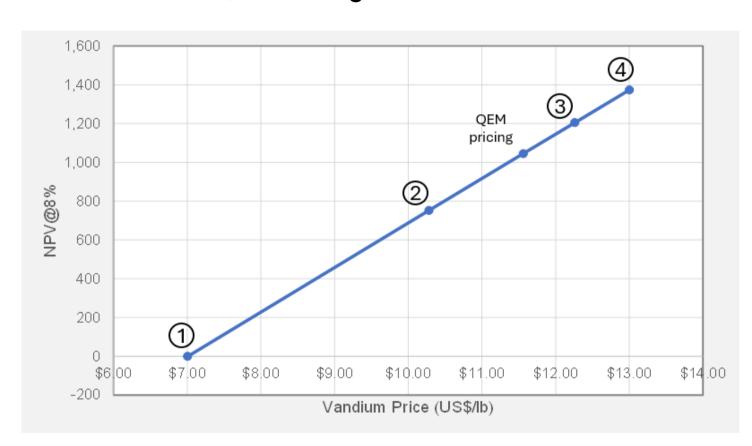
Key pricing assumptions used in the Scoping Study

#### Metal Bulletin Commodity Grade V<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> (98.5%) Real Price Distribution



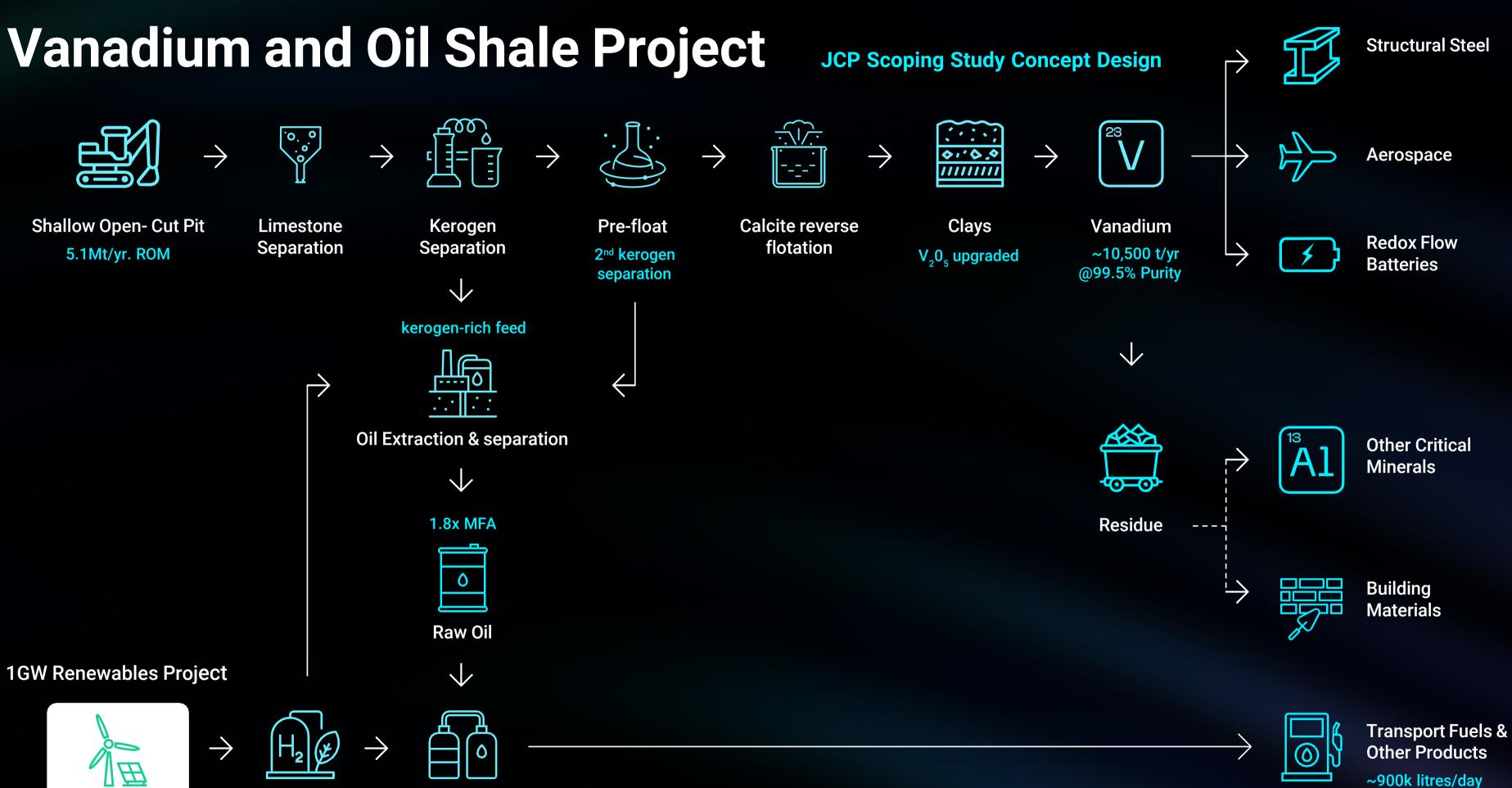
Source: Metal Bulletin, TTP Squared Inc and Fastmarkets.

#### QEM Pricing for 99.5% V<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>



Source: Vanitec: Forecast and Vanadium Market Overview for period 2004-2024

- (1) Lower Range (2004-2024) commodity grade V<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> (98.5%)
- (2) Median Price (2004-2024) commodity grade V<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> (98.5%)
- (3) Vanitec's projected long term average price forecast commodity grade V<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> (98.5%)
- (4) Upper Range commodity grade V<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> (98.5%)
- The nominal mean price for commodity grade V<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> (98%) over the past 20 years is US\$8.39/lb. Ref: TTP Squared Inc.
- The real (inflation adjusted to Jan 2024) mean price of commodity grade V2O5 over the past 20 years is US\$12.26/lb. Ref: TTP Squared Inc.
- On an inflated basis, 75% of the time the mean price of commodity grade V2O5 is between US\$7.00 and US\$13.00/lb V2O5. Ref: TTP Squared Inc.
- QEM's projected V<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> selling price of approximately USD11.56/lb. The projected selling price has been selected on the assumption that a premium is to be applied on the basis of the 99.5% grade of the V<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> and with reference to the Vanitec Forecast and Vanadium Market Overview presented in July 2024 which projects the long-term average price of commodity grade (98.5%) V<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> to be USD12.26/lb. Projected revenue from vanadium pentoxide is estimated at approx. AUD \$11.5Bn over LOM



(~6000bbl/day)













HydroTreating



## **Pilot Plant**

Bench scale pilot plant - Testing and optimisation program - HRL Labs Vic.

Bench scale pilot plant commissioned May in 2022\*

Oil yields (equivalent) ~180% that of a Modified Fischer Assay (MFA)\*\* indicating that this is a highly effective method of oil extraction, when compared to traditional methods such as retorting.

Pilot is a 25kg batch, sealed reactor as a proof of concept model that enables QEM to maximise oil recovery, using this innovative extraction process

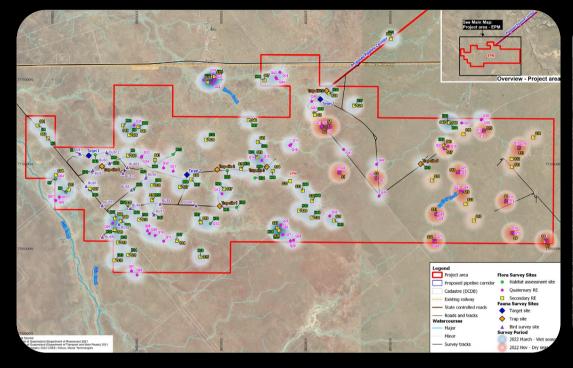
# **Environmental Progress**

**Environmental Studies Underway** 

# QEM

#### Work Undertaken includes:

- A 12-month ground and surface water baseline monitoring assessment has been completed.
- Two ecological flora and fauna field surveys. This data was captured and used as part of the company's Ecological Assessment Report (EAR).
- Waste Characterisation studies are currently underway.
- o Topographic survey of the entire 250km2 tenement.
- A flood modelling study has recently been completed which included 5 design AEP events ranging from AEP 10% to 0.1%, along with two historical flood events (1994 & 2019).
- o Initial Advice Statement submitted to the OCG office for assessment.

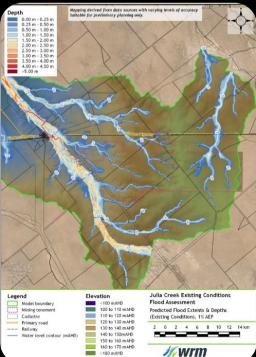


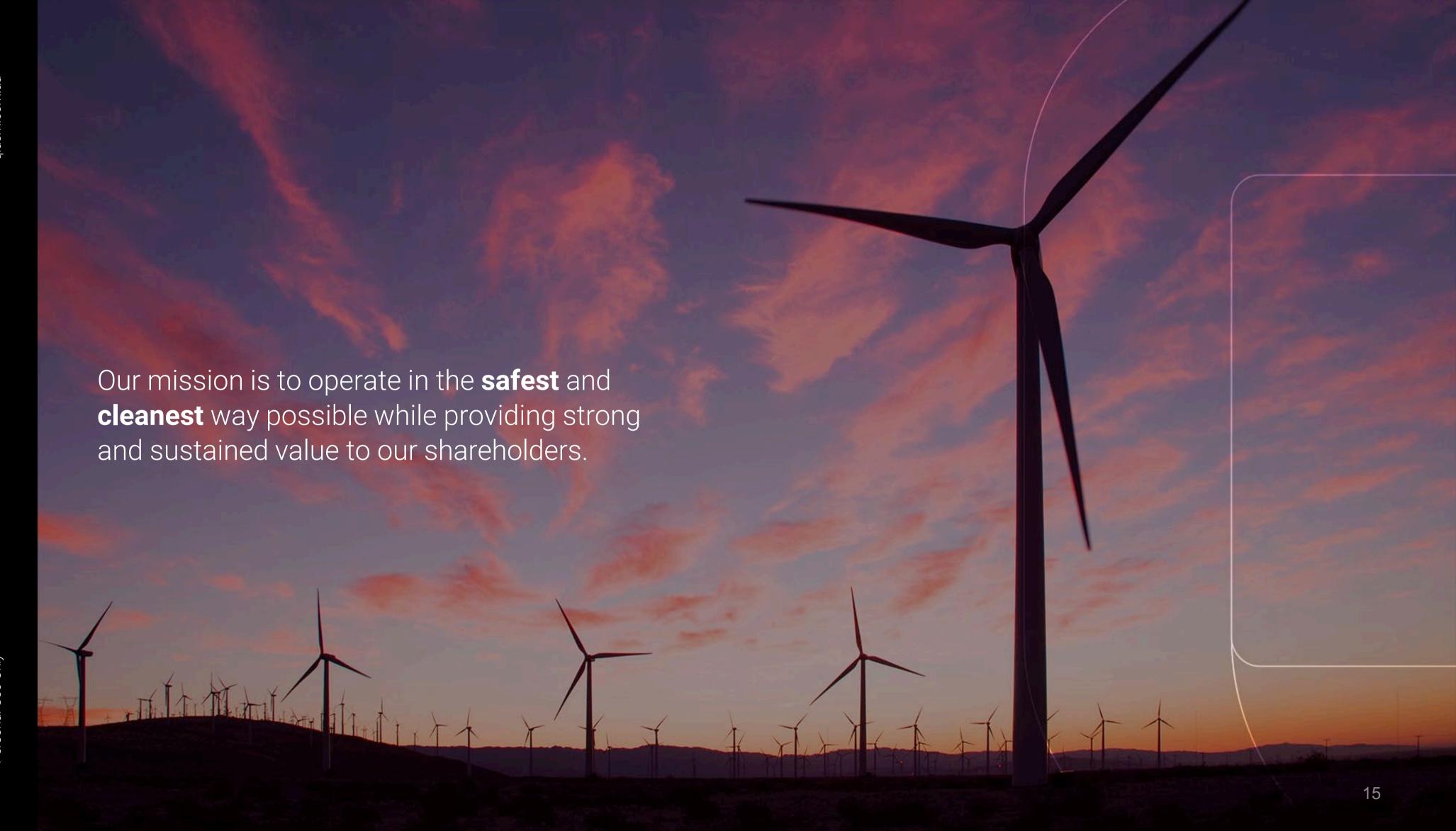












# Renewable Power Project - sale of assets to EGPA



"Situated in the best co-located wind and solar resources in Eastern Australia" - AEMO

- EGPA to develop up to 1GW hybrid wind, solar and BESS project
- In January 2024 QEM sold its project assets to global renewables giant ENEL Green Power Australia (EGPA) with first payment of \$3m being received in February 2024
- o In addition to this upfront payment, the consideration for the sale of Sale Interest is as follows:
  - two contingent milestone payments totaling \$4,000,000 in aggregate, payable in separate tranches upon achievement of key Project development milestones; and
  - a contingent milestone payment upon EGPA reaching Final Investment Decision (FID) (the FID Payment).
- Separately, on and from the Commercial Operations Date EGPA has agreed to pay QEM a revenue-based royalty of between 1- 2% generated by the JCRP operations. Additionally, through Project operations, QEM will be offered a 10-year off-take agreement (PPA), on an arm's length basis, for up to 25MW firm capacity to supply its mine operations.
- Delivery of CopperString expected at Julia Creek in 2029, aligning with QEM development timeframes



The Queensland government will deliver **CopperString** to provide affordable, renewable energy to open up the North West Minerals Province. The **1,100 kilometre \$5 billion** expanded CopperString project will be **100 per cent government owned**.





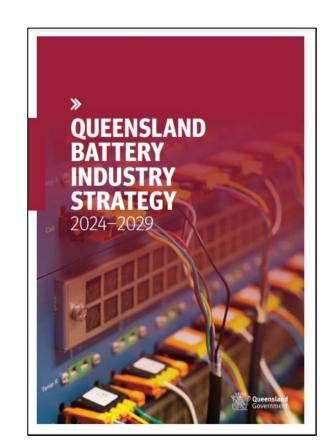
# **Strong Government Support**

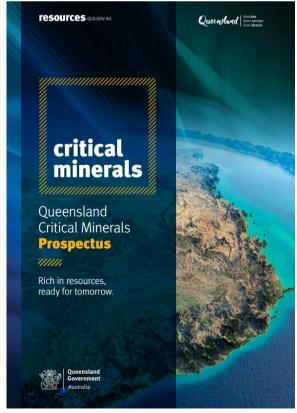
A framework of support across the Value Chain

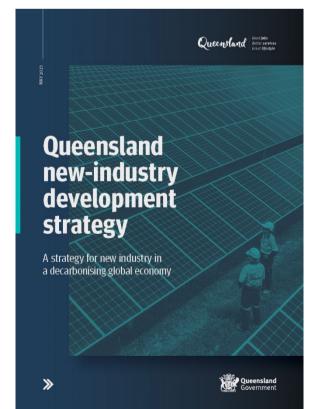
















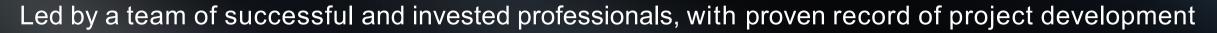




National Battery Testing Centre

Queensland Critical Minerals and Battery Technology Fund (QCMBTF)

## **Experienced Team**







### Tim Wall

Chair

- Former Senior Executive of multiple ASX 100 companies. Over 35 years of global Oil Refining & Fuel Supply experience.
- Global experience in Hydrogen, Ammonia and Chemical processing, Former President Global Manufacturing at IPL (ASX:IPL)
- Director & Principal of TJW Energy,
   Senior Advisor Oil, Gas, Energy dss+



### **Daniel Harris**

Non - Executive Director

- Over 40 years of global vanadium experience
- Former Director of US Vanadium LLC (USA), Currently, Australian Vanadium Ltd (ASX: AVL), Flinders Mines (ASX:FMS)
- Former CEO positions with Atlantic (ASX: ATI): Atlas Iron (ASX: AGO);
   ex VP EVRAZ plc. - Vanadium Assets;
   ex MD Vametco Alloys



## **Gavin Loyden**

Founder and Managing Director

- QEM Founder
- Identified & acquired QEM's Julia
   Creek resource
- Over 12 years experience in mining industry
- Responsible for QEM's project development along with renewables project development and sale



## **Tony Pearson**

Non - Executive Director

- NED of ASX listed Xanadu Mines
- Chair of Possability Group Ltd & former Chair of ASX-listed Cellnet Group Ltd and Peak Rare Earths;
- Global investment and finance experience - former MD of HSBC
- Strong ESG & critical minerals credentials

# Right Project at Right Time



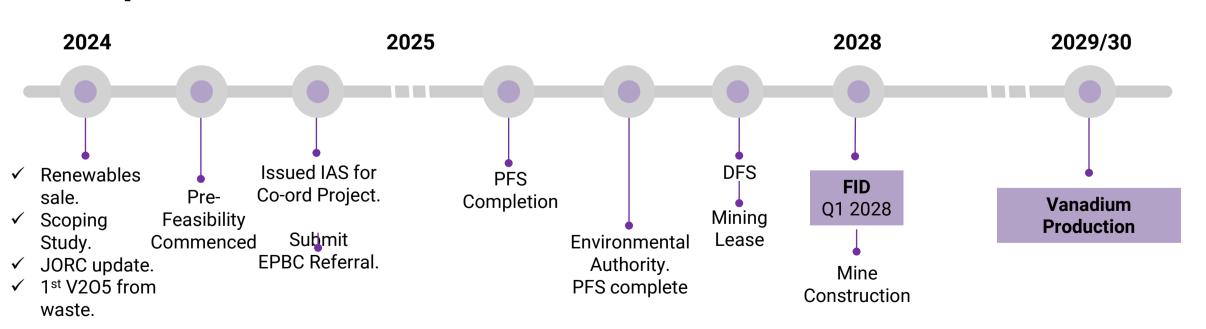
- Multi Commodity Exposure in high growth markets
- Globally significant Critical Minerals opportunity
- Domestic Fuel Security
- Strong Government Support- State & Federal

#### **Target milestones to 2026**

- Complete MET test work- Q2 2025
- Pre-feasibility Study- targeted to complete- Q12026
- Complete Technical Studies for EIS- Q12026
- EA, ML & Petroleum licence approvals Q4 2026



## **Project Development**





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