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The information in this document that relates to "Mt Edwards Nickel- Mineral Resource Estimate", "Barrambie Project - Mineral Resource Estimate", "Barrambie Pre Feasibility Study Results", "Mt Marion Mineral Resource Update and "Lithium Battery Recycling – Scoping Study Results" are extracted from ASX Releases set out below. The Company confirms that it is not aware of any new information or data that materially affects the information included in the ASX Releases set out below, and in the case of estimates of mineral resources, that all material assumptions and technical parameters underpinning the estimates in those ASX Releases continue to apply and have not materially changed.

5/5/2009	Barrambie Vanadium Project – DFS Completion and Outcomes	19/4/2018	Mt Edwards Nickel – Mineral Resource Estimate
22/02/2017	Lithium Battery Recycling – Scoping Study Results	25/6/2018	Mt Edwards – Mineral Resource Over 120,000 Nickel Tonnes`
17/4/2018	Barrambie Project – Mineral Resource Estimate	16/11/2018	Neometals Commences Update of Barrambie DFS

The Company confirms that all the material assumptions underpinning the production target and the forecast financial information derived from the production targets in the "Barrambie Vanadium Project - DFS Completion and Outcomes" released on 5 May 2009, the "Metals Commences Update of Barrambie DFS" released on 16 November 2018 and the "Lithium Battery Recycling – Scoping Stud Results" released on 22 February 2017 continue to apply and have not materially changed.



#### Neometals is different



Project developer of strategic materials for the 21st Century

- Start with globally relevant commodity before its popular
- Acquire most advanced project with grade/scale
- Add value with drillbit, test work, evaluation studies
- Develop with partners to achieve optimum scale, minimise capital outlay and accelerate returns
- Built and exited major project in this risk averse manner
- We return \$ to shareholders, \$34M to date
- Have strong balance sheet and developing a track record
- We invest in innovation and target higher margins from downstream processing of mineral concentrates

### **Executive Summary**



- Listed (ASX:NMT) project developer
- Established in 2003, team of 20 with headquarters in Perth and industrial facility/research laboratory in Montreal
- Post-sale pro-forma cash of +A\$130M plus ~A\$6M in investments\* vs. current market cap of A\$114M
- Balance sheet to develop the following core, wholly-owned projects, currently in the final stages of evaluation:
  - 1. Barrambie Vanadium and Titanium Project (WA);
  - 2. Lithium-Ion Battery Recycling Project; and
  - 3. Kalgoorlie Lithium Refinery Project (WA).
- Projects supported by innovation to drive cost efficiencies and increase margins

#### Who are Neometals?















NE Board Members

Management Team

















Please refer to supporting information slides at rear of document for name and position..

# Strong Balance Sheet and getting stronger despite weak Li prices which lead share price



ASX: NMT	OTC:RDRUY	
Shares on Issue <sup>1</sup>	m	543.9
Share Price (19-Feb-2019	9) A\$	0.21
Market capitalisation	A\$m	114.0
Cash (31-Dec-18)*	A\$m	30.1
Debt (31-Dec-18)	A\$m	-
Investments (31-Dec-18) <sup>2</sup>	A\$m	9.2

<sup>\*</sup> Post settlement +A\$130M

Major Shareholders (7-Jan-20	19)
David Reed (Non-Executive Director)	9.0 %
Westoz Funds Management	2.9%
Top 20	37.2 %
No of Shareholders	~8,000

Note 1: Excludes 7.0m performance rights.

Note 2: Loan receivables and investments

Source: Neometals

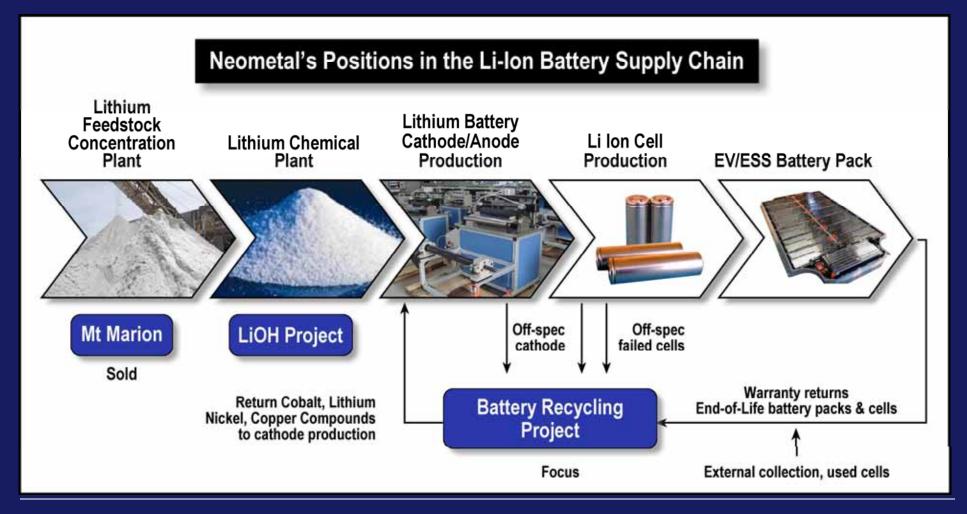






## Lithium





## Mt Marion Equity Divestment



#### Highlights:

- NMT to sell its Mt Marion equity to Ganfeng and Mineral Resources for A\$103.8M
- Subject to Ganfeng obtaining Chinese approval by 28 February, FIRB ✓
- 'Life of Mine' spodumene concentrate annual offtake option for 57ktpa of 6% Li<sub>2</sub>O at prices linked to international and Chinese lithium chemical prices.
- Retain option to produce higher value lithium chemicals from proven feed supply

#### Context:

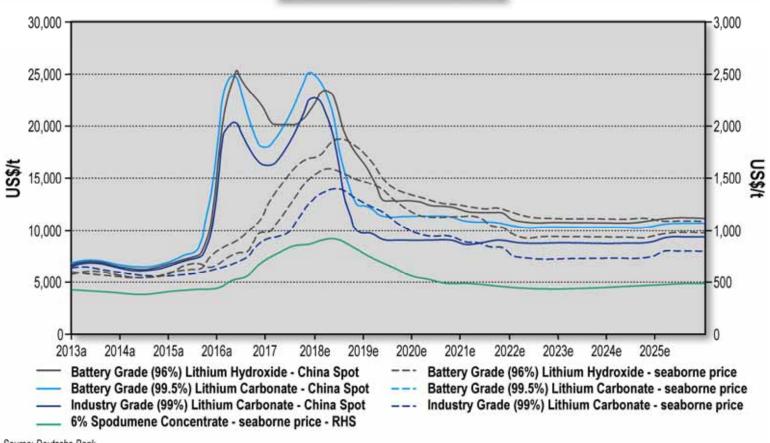
- ❖ Total Mt Marion equity sale proceeds since 2015 will be ~A\$198M on A\$3M NMT initial investment. ~A\$34M returned via dividends and share buybacks
- Shift exposure from upstream spodumene production to pursue the lithium battery thematic further down the value/supply chain
- Stronger balance sheet with offtake volume certainty aids NMT project finance and offtake/partner selection processes for all growth projects



# Prices normalising in the short term, medium term outlook is flat



#### **Lithium Price Forecast**



Source: Deutsche Bank





### Kalgoorlie Lithium Refinery (KLR)



Neometals is progressing technical and commercial feasibility of a lithium chemicals refinery in Kalgoorlie, with an initial production capacity of 10ktpa of LiOH.

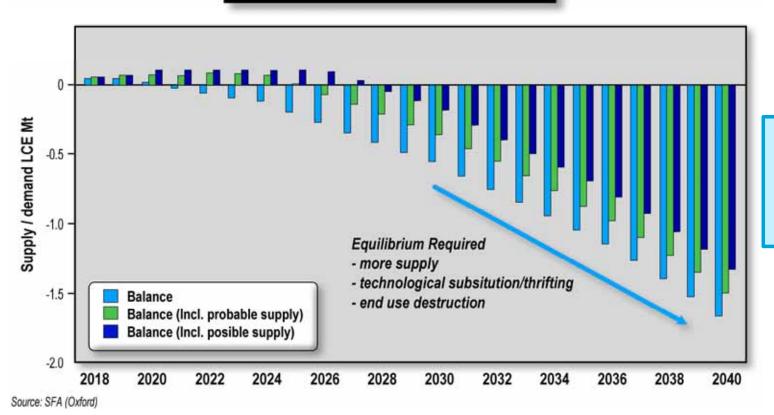
- Develop a conventional conversion plant to produce battery quality LiOH monohydrate from spodumene concentrate
- Baseload feed is Neometals' annual offtake option from Mt Marion
- Successful pilot scale test work produces 99.99% pure battery-quality LiOH at high recovery rates from run-of-mine Mt Marion concentrates
- Secured multi-year option with local government to lease 100 acre freehold site in new industrial estate and assistance with reagent supplies
- M+W Group have materially completed a FEED Study with results to be report March 2019.
- Continuing external approvals processes



# Lithium market and pricing will determine development timing



#### Lithium Supply & Demand Balance

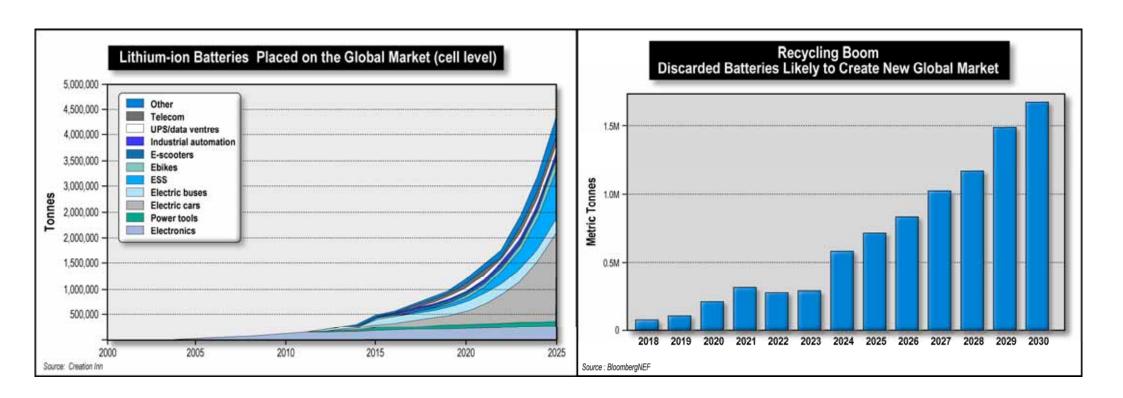


Significant supply deficit expected to Emerge mid 20's



# We have strong conviction in the long term lithium battery/EV/ESS thematic.... and that they wear out!





# Lithium Battery Recycling work stream is high priority for 2019



Neometals is developing a sustainable technology to economically recover critical metals from spent lithium ion batteries.

- Regulation driving ethical sourcing and disposal of lithium ion batteries
- <5% batteries truly recycled globally (ex China)
- 2017 Scoping Study showed potential for viable process to recover cobalt from phone/laptop (LCO) batteries at <US\$5/lb Cobalt</li>
- Process flowsheet now designed to recover multiple critical metals from LCO and NMC
- Operating modular Pilot Plant (100kg/pd) at SGS Canada for completion mid CY19 ahead of FEED Study on 50tpd plant to follow
- Flexible business model recycling as service, JV, licensing.

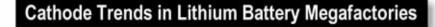


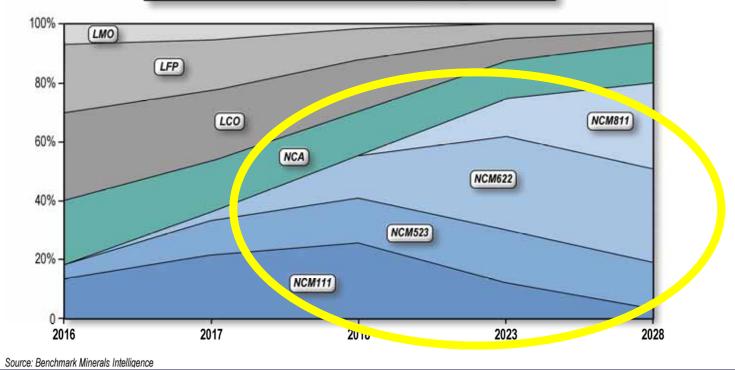


# Targeting EV & electronics manufacturers with our universal recycling flowsheet



Accelerated development of universal EV battery recycling flowsheet to meet market demand as NCA/NCM volumes accelerate, new flowsheet retains flexibility to also process LCO from consumer electronics, no LFP.

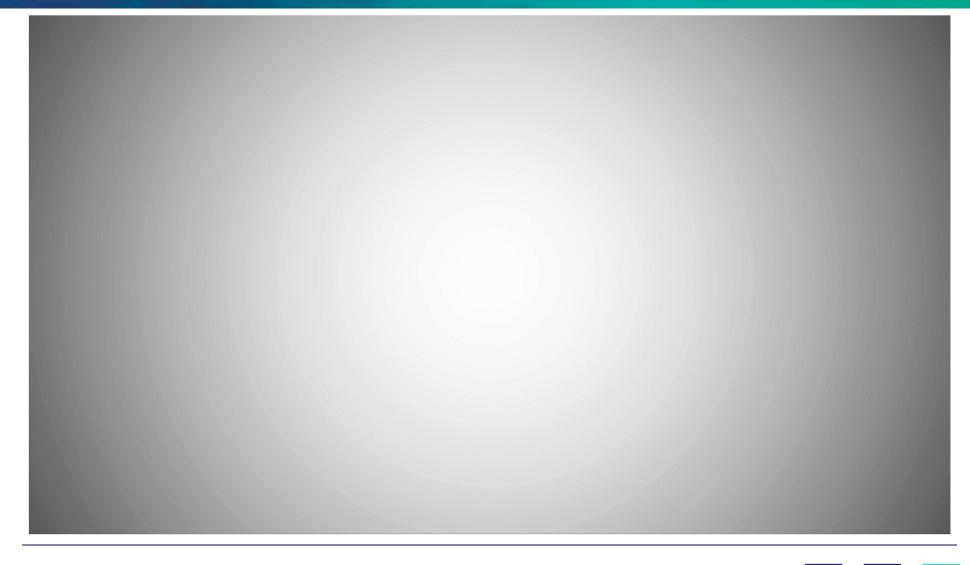






## Neometals Commercial scale (50tpd feed) Shredder Acceptance Testing Video





## Indicative Project Timeline





Running Partner/Site Selection Processes in parallel with test work and engineering programs

(\*) Subject to Board Approval







## Vanadium and Titanium



### Barrambie VTM Project



## One of the highest grade hard-rock Titanium assets & one of the largest Vanadium projects globally

- 100% Owned
- Located 80km north-west of Sandstone, WA
- A\$30M spent to date, +1,000 RC/Diamond holes drilled for ~55,000m
- Materially completed updating of 2009 DFS on standalone vanadium operation to become JORC2012 Compliant
- Awaiting extension of term for Environmental Approvals to develop vanadium operation

Most advanced vanadium project globally





## Barrambie Flythrough Video



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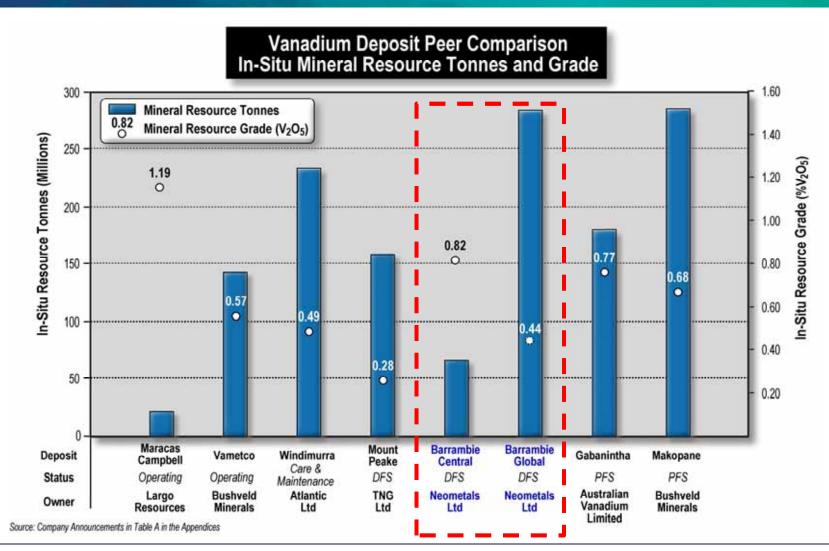
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### Globally Significant Resource





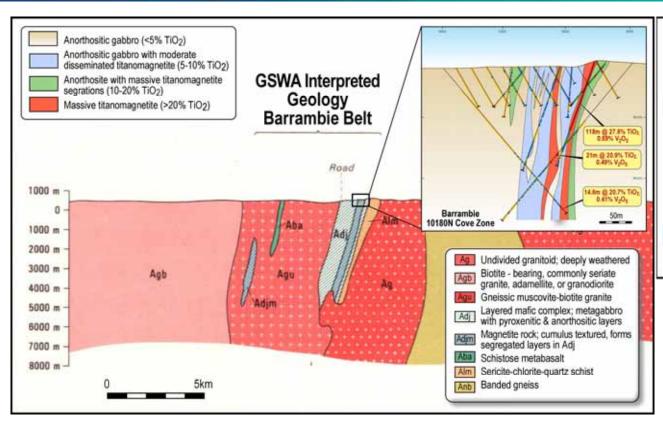


Refer to further information on this comparison data in slide 35 and the Announcement titled "Neometals Commences Update of Barrambie DFS" dated 16 November 2018 and available at https://www.neometals.com.au/reports/848-20181116BarrambieProjectCommencesUpdateofDFS.pdf



### Exploration upside





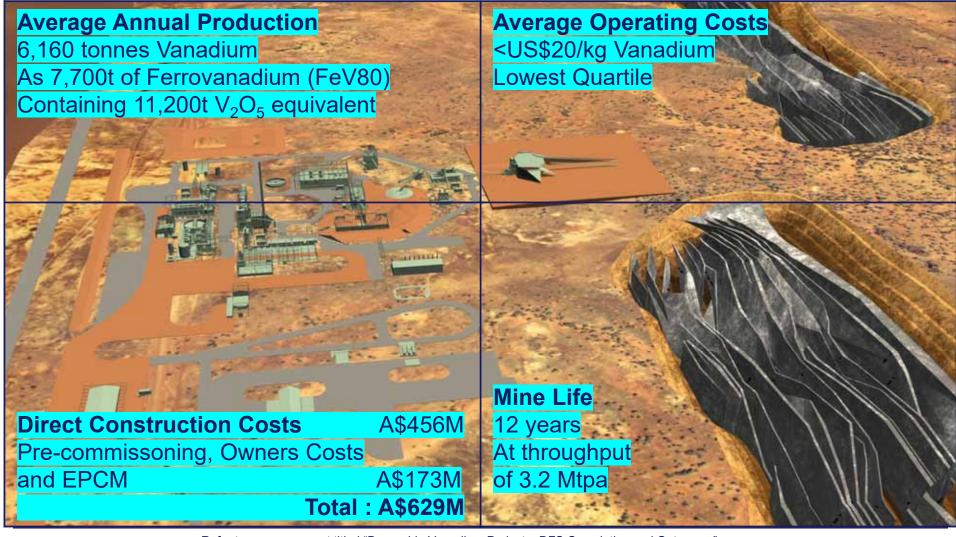
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Virginia Hills	20 - 30	10 - 14	0.5 - 0.7
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#### 2009 DFS Results





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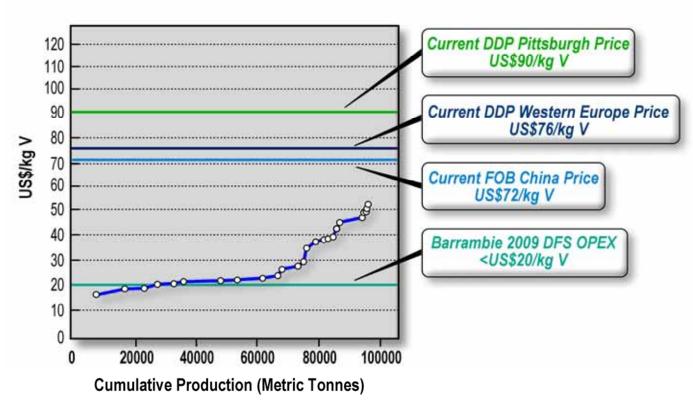
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### Globally competitive cash costs



#### Ferrovanadium Cash Cost Curve 2018/19



Source: TTP Squared. Inc (Cash costs), Metal Bulletin 15/2/2019 (Prices)

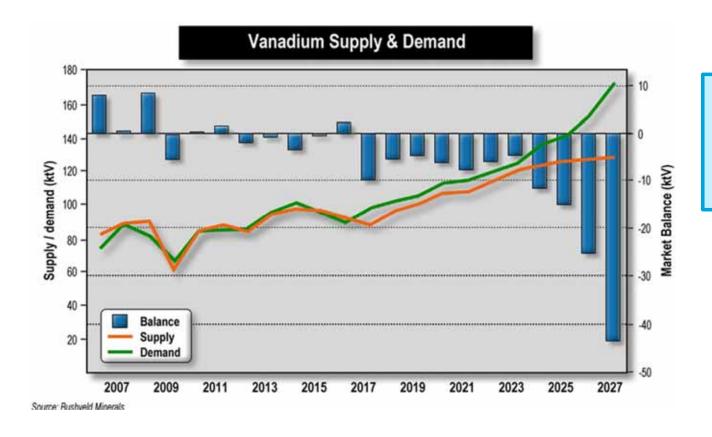




## Drivers for development of primary V



- China legislating increased vanadium addition for strengthening re-bar steels
- Increasing demand from energy storage and aerospace



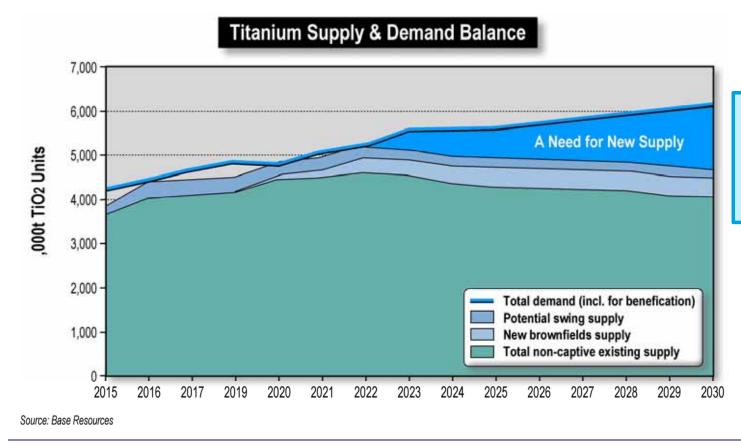
New primary supply needed now



## Drivers for development of secondary Ti



- Barrambie Eastern Band is worlds second highest grade deposit at 21% TiO<sub>2</sub>
- Barrambie Mineral Resource contains +25 million tonnes of TiO<sub>2</sub>

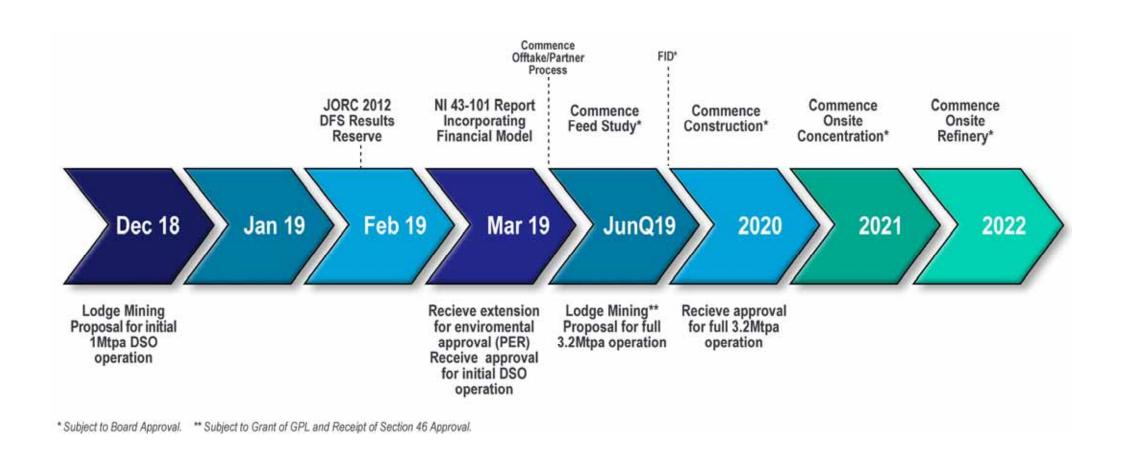


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### Indicative Project Timeline







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### Company Highlights



- History of de-risking development with strong operating and offtake partners
- Delivered A\$34M to shareholders over last three financial years
- Developing secure supplies of globally-relevant commodity feedstocks from Tier-one assets
- Clear path to grow margins via vertical integration and innovative cost reduction
- Team with exploration, development and production track record
- +A\$130M to pursue growth no change in strategic rigour post sale of Mt Marion,
   continue the disciplined evaluation and capital allocation to develop assets



# Neometals

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

#### Neometals Board of Directors





Steven Cole Chairman

Steven has 35 years of professional, corporate and business experience through senior legal consultancy, as well as a range of executive management and non executive appointments. His extensive boardroom and board sub-committee experience includes ASX listed, statutory, proprietary and NFP organisations covering the industrial, financial, educational, professional services, health and resources sectors.



**Chris Reed Managing Director** 

Chris started in the mining industry in 1990 and co-founded Reed Resources in 2001. Chris holds a Bachelor of Commerce from the University of Notre Dame and a Graduate Certificate in Mineral Economics from WA School of Mines. He is a Member of the AusIMM and immediate past Vice-President of the Association of Mining & **Exploration Companies.** 



**David Reed** Non-Executive Director

David was a director and Chairman of CIBC Australia Limited. David has been a prospector, former secretary of the Amalgamated Prospectors and Leaseholders Association and private mine owner. In 1984 David founded Mt. Martin Gold Mines NL. which with partner Newmont Australia developed the million ounce New Celebration Gold Mine. In recognition of his service to the community he was awarded the Order of Australia Medal in 2002.



Natalia Streltsova Non-Executive Director

Natalia Streltsova is a PhD qualified chemical engineer with +25 years minerals industry experience, including over 10 years in senior technical and corporate roles with mining majors - WMC, BHP and Vale. Dr Streltsova has considerable international experience covering project development and acquisitions in South America, Africa and the Former Soviet Union. She is currently a Non-Executive **Director of Western Areas** Limited and Parkway Minerals NL.



### Neometals Board of Directors Cont'd





**Douglas Ritchie** *Non-Executive Director* 

Doug Ritchie is a senior resources industry executive with over 35 years experience, including over 28 years working with Rio Tinto. Mr Ritchie has considerable international corporate experience, including in China. He has been a director of various ASX and HKSE listed companies as well as research and commercialisation organisations



**Jennifer Purdie** *Non-Executive Director* 

Jennifer holds the position of CEO for Adani Australia Renewables. She brings extensive experience to Avanti from roles in engineering, senior technology, strategy and operations for leading global mining companies. She is a PhD qualified chemical and material engineer and holds an Executive MBA. She is a member of Women in Mining and Resources, a fellow of the Institution of Chemical Engineers and a graduate of the AICD.



**Les Guthrie** *Non-Executive Director* 

Mr Guthrie B.Sc (Engineering and Marketing) brings +40 years of experience to Neometals including senior global roles within corporate and project management and capital program development. He was VP Projects for BHP Billiton, Head of Projects and President LNG for BG Group, President of Aker Kvaerner Inc. and he was also the MD of Kvaerner Australia. Les is a NED of the John Grill Centre for Project Leadership.



**Jason Carone**CFO & Company Secretary

Jason holds a Bachelor of Commerce in Accounting and Business Law from Curtin University and is a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants, and Chartered Secretaries He has over 20 years' experience in accounting, company administration in Australia and South East Asia across a broad range of industries. Jason has been with Neometals 10 years.



#### Lithium Executive Team





**Mike Tamlin** *COO* 

Mike has over 35 years experience, including over 20 years in the lithium industry and was responsible for developing the spodumene trade between Australia and China. Former positions include GM Marketing of Sons of Gwalia and GM China of Galaxy Resources. He has a degree in Metallurgy and is also currently a director of Frontier Lithium.



**Greg Hudson GM** - Exploration

Greg has more than 18 years' experience in all facets of hard rock geology, including exploration, project evaluation, mineral resource development and mining. He has extensive minerals experience across Gold. Iron Ore. Lithium. Tantalum and other base metals. Greg was previously the General Manager Geology for Mount Gibson Iron and the Chief Geologist at BC Iron. He holds a Bachelor of Science with Honours and post graduate qualifications in Applied Finance and Mineral Economics.



**Gavin Beer** GM – Process & Metallurgy

Gavin is a metallurgist with 29 years of experience in operational and technical roles. His extensive experience through multiple commodities around the world has been gained through various roles, the most recent being General

Manager Metallurgy of

Peak Resources Limited. Gavin has also run a successful consultancy since 2012 specialising in flowsheet development and optimisation for rare earths, niobium and lithium technology metals.



**Jeremy McManus** GM – Commercial & IR

Jeremy has nearly 20 years experience in the resources and technology minerals sectors.

Prior to Neometals. Jeremy was the Commercial Manager for advanced materials company Talga Resources.

Holding a MBA and postgraduate qualifications in applied finance and corporate governance, Jeremy is versed in strategy management, technology commercialisation, capital markets and IP management.









## Titanium-Vanadium Executive Team Ti/V





**Darren Townsend** CDO

Darren is a Mining Engineer with 20 years' mining and corporate experience. Extensive experience in managing ASX and TSX listed companies. East African experience incl. development of tantalum mines in Australia and Mozambique and resource drill out and permitting a niobium project in Kenya.



**David Robinson** GM - Metallurgy & IP

New appointment commencing late November. Responsible for supervising all metallurgy programs, project technology development and managing research programs and associated IP protection.



**Paul Wallwork** GM - Product Development & Marketing

Paul has nearly 30 years of experience in technical sales, international marketing and management roles. Most recently, in the role of Trading Manager at Iluka Resources, Australia's largest mineral sand producer. In the five-year period from 2008 to 2013 Mr Wallwork held the roles of Marketing Manager and General Manager Marketing at Talison with responsibility for export sales of tantalum, tin and lithium minerals.



**Drew Bradshaw** GM - Mining (seconded from ADAMAN Resources)

Drew is a Mining Engineer with 12 years' operations experience in both Underground and Open Pits focused on mine planning and operations management. Most recently developed and managed the Karari / Whirling Dervish Undergrounds for Saracen Mineral Holding.





#### Barrambie JORC Mineral Resource



#### Global 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	9.61	0.46
Inferred	93.0	8.31	0.40
Total	280.1	9.18	0.44

#### High Grade V<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> 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> 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

<sup>(1)</sup> Based on Cut-off grades of ≥0% TiO₂ or ≥.2% V₂O₂

Refer to Neometalsi ASX release dated 17 April 2018 title 'Updated Barrambie Mineral Resource Estimate' available at www.neometals.com.au/reports/2018-04-17-5645-Barrambie/P.pdf





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

# Vanadium Deposit Comparison Data Supporting Slide 13



#### Vanadium Deposit Peer Comparison In-Situ Mineral Resource Tonnes and Grade

Company Deposit	Status	M	Measured		Indicated		Inferred		Total	
Company - Deposit	Status	Mt	% V <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub>							
Largo - Cambell	Operating Mine	18.08	1.19	1.7	128	1.65	1.2	21.43	1.19	
<b>Bushveld - Vametco</b>	Operating Mine	-	-	61.5	0.55	80.8	0.59	142.4	0.57	
Atlantic - Windimurra	Care & Maintenance	48	0.48	136	0.5	49	0.47	235	0.49	
TNG - Mount Peake	DFS	120	0.29	20	0.28	22	0.22	160	0.28	
Neometals - Central	Updating DFS	ē		49	0.82	15.9	0.81	64.9	0.81	
Neometals - Global	Updating DFS			187.1	0.46	93	0.4	280.1	0.44	
AVL - Gabanintha	PFS Complete	10.1	1.1	24	0.63	141.4	0.77	175.5	0.77	
Bushveld - Makopane	PFS Complete	-		63	1.32	234	0.5	297.2	0.68	

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vii LSE Announcement: BMN "Vanadium Project - Significant Mineral Resource Update" 12/11/2014

### Barrambie JORC Exploration Target



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