



# **EQR - AusIMM Presentation**May 2021



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# **Executive Summary & Value Proposition**

Australia's only primary tungsten producer with near term vision of developing and exploring the Mt Carbine high-grade tungsten mine in Queensland



### **Critical Minerals Security**

Australia has a role to play:

- Critical Minerals Facilitation Office established in 2020, to develop domestic critical minerals potential
- #2 largest tungsten resource globally

Mt Carbine is Australia's only primary tungsten mine in operation

#### **Low-Cost Expansion**

Minimal investment since acquisition of mining leases, take over of existing installations

XRT sorting operation will allow output expansion of 500%

Lowest specific capex and opex amongst peers

#### First Class Infrastructure

Highway connecting to Cairns within two hours (Int'l airport, port facilities)

Nearby towns and regions allows local recruitment and sourcing

Previous operators developed mine site and underground decline (total replacement cost A\$30m+)

#### **By-Product Revenue**

Tungsten operations generating waste rock streams for use as aggregates/ road base for own quarry business

Quarry can operate based on tungsten waste rock from active operations or alternative historical stockpiles

#### **World Class Resource**

47.3Mt @ 0.12-0.14% WO<sub>3</sub> and 12Mt @ 0.07% WO<sub>3</sub> (JORC 2012 resource)

Underground operation within two years

Upside potential through further drilling of West Dyke, Iron Duke and Petersen Lode, and collaboration across known tungsten belt in Far North Queensland

#### **Strong Tungsten Fundamentals**

Classified by US, UK, EU, Japan, South Korea & India as critical for its economies

Geopolitical drive to reduce dependency on China (>80% of Global supply)

5-year APT price performance tracked between US\$170 & US\$345 with current pricing at US\$260 (COVID low at US\$200)

## **Board & Leadership**

#### **Diverse and Experienced Board & Leadership Team**

# PESOURCES

#### Oliver Kleinhempel - Non-executive Chairman



- Appointed Non-executive Director 12 August 2019 and Chair on 24 April 2020
- Executive management experience in project development, finance and commodity trading sectors
- Corporate experience includes Outotec, Ferrostaal Group and CRONIMET
- Currently an executive director of CRONIMET Holding GmbH

#### **Stephen Layton - Non-executive Director**



- Appointed Non-executive Director 14 November 2017
- +35 years' experience in equity capital markets in UK and Australia
- Experience in both principal and director roles with a depth of knowledge in capital raisings, ASX listings and corporate advisory matters
- Currently non-executive director of Mithril Resources Limited, and previously a nonexecutive director on New Age Exploration Limited (both ASX listed)

#### Zhui Pei Yeo - Non-executive Director



- Appointed Non-executive Director 12 August 2019
- Has held executive, management and supervisory roles with a range of experience from project planning to resource management
- Has been working at a leading system integrator in the telecommunications industry in South-East Asia
- Currently an executive director of a steel-product manufacturer

#### **Richard Morrow - Non-Executive Director**



- Appointed as Non-Executive Director on 16 March 2021
- +30 years' experience as a sharebroker in Melbourne and in London, with a particular interest in the resources space.
   A long-serving Chairman of Melbourne Mining Club, Australia's foremost networking organisation for the Australian resources sector.
- Richard's investment experience includes a role as director of Lowell Resources Fund Management, manager of the ASXlisted Lowell Resources Fund. He is a Fellow of the AusIMM and an honorary member of the AusIMM Investment Advisory Committee.

#### **Kevin MacNeill - Chief Executive Officer**



- Appointed Interim-CEO & Senior Technical Advisor in May 2019 and permanent CEO in January 2020
- +33-year career dedicated to developing and leading mining projects globally
- Expertise in project development, mineral processing, specialty processing applications & mining waste processing
- Held Executive appointments as President of Etruscan Diamonds (part of TSX-listed Etruscan Resources) & founded Specialized Metallurgical Projects Pty Ltd
- Currently Non-Executive director of Zimbabwe Lithium, a company developing the Kamativi Lithium Tailings Project

#### **Tony Bainbridge - Chief Geologist**



- EQR's Chief Geologist, focusing on developing Mt Carbine's underground resource to define & extract 'King-Vein' style mineralisation
- Experience in tungsten projects in South Korea & Africa including building, owning and managing a tungsten mining operation in South Korea
- Expertise include tungsten, gold, resource definition, mine exploration, feasibility studies, mine development, mine production efficiencies, and dayto-day operations
- Currently director of Asia Intercept Mining Ltd and AMB Exploration Pty Ltd

# Why Tungsten?

- Classified as a Critical / Strategic Metal in leading industrialised economies
- Australia 2<sup>nd</sup> largest resources in the world
- 82% produced in China, Australia has potential to lead supply
- Pricing at recent highs, forecast to continue increasing
- EQR currently only primary producer





# Australia is resource-rich with critical minerals



Global investors have the opportunity to reduce supply chain risks through investment in Australia.

			Concentrated market share of critical minerals				Production share by country %		
Source: USGS Antimony	%	Cobalt	%	Graphite	%	Lithium	%	Niobium	%
1 China	71	1 DR Congo	64	1 China	68	1 Australia	60	1 Brazil	88
2 Russia	10	2 Cuba	4	2 Brazil	10	2 Chile	19	2 Canada	10
3 Tajikistan	10	3 Australia	3	3 Canada	4	3 China	9	3 Other	1
Rare earth elem.	%	Rhenium	%	Tungsten	%	Vanadium	%	T . +	
1 China	71	1 Chile	55	1 China	82	1 China	55	There's more to Austral	ion
2 Australia	12	2 Poland	19	2 Vietnam	7	2 Russia	25		
3 United States	9	3 United States	17	3 Russia	3	3 South Africa	12	Min	ing

Watershed QLD Molyhil NT Dolphin TAS QLD Mt Carbine QLD

Tungsten Mining Thor Mining King Island Scheelite In development In development In development In development











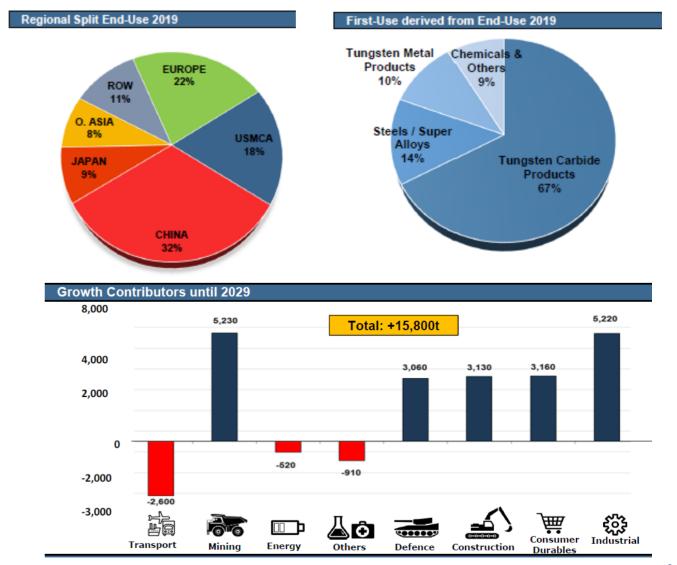


# **Tungsten Industry Overview**



### End-Use 2019 Transport Ô 31% Durables Med. & Pharma Chemical 106kt Petrochemical 10% Industrial Use Mining & 12% Construction 24%

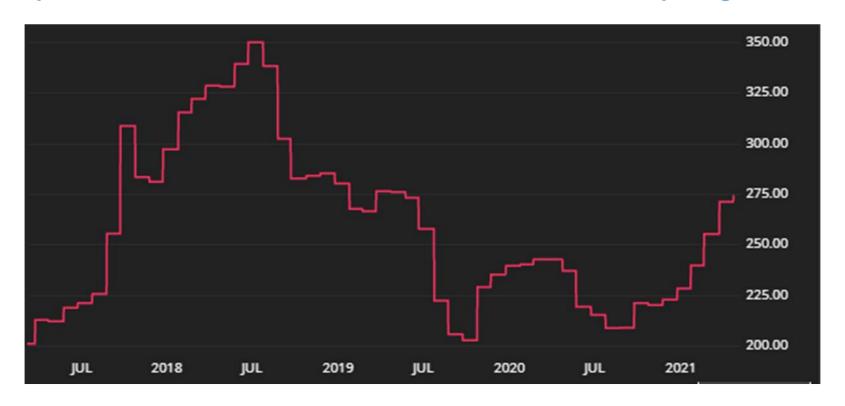
- Highest melting point of all elements except carbon
- Lowest expansion coefficient of all metals
- Hardest of all metals
- Superior heaviness among metals
- High thermal and electrical conductivity



# **Tungsten Price Performance**



5-year APT price\* performance tracked between US\$200 & US\$345 with current pricing at US\$272



- High-cost producers (primarily Chinese state-owned) supported floor pricing around US\$200/mtu throughout 2020
- Quota restrictions keeping Chinese domestic market in balance (thus "criticality" a problem of the Western World)
- More stringent environmental regulations expected to add cost to producers

<sup>\*</sup> APT price measured in metric tonne units (mtu) equaling 10kg of WO<sub>3</sub>

<sup>\*</sup> APT pricing

# **Mt Carbine History & Location**

# RESOURCES

## Historic mine site acquired by EQR...

- Mine restart in 1968 operating through until 1987
- Historic operations used photometric sorters, crushing & gravity separation
- Mining from 1968 onward was open cast mining with historic pit still visible today

### ...with infrastructure in place.

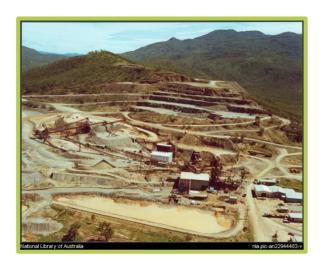
Power, water, roads & accommodation in place

Existing 430m decline allowing cost- and time-efficient start of UG works

International airport at Cairns & Townsville port for concentrate export









## **Mt Carbine Site Overview**



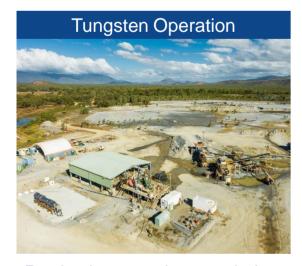


- Office, Lab & Core Shed
- Tailings Pond /
  Retreatment
  Plant
- Quarry & OOSR Stock-pile
- 4 XRT Sorter
- LG Ore Stockpile
- 6 Exploration Targets

## **Mt Carbine Operations**

Australia's leading primary tungsten producer with significant upside potential





Production scale-up during 2020, concentrate sold across various jurisdictions

Potential for large scale project through expansion

Targeting restart of UG mine

Project is low on cost curve – benefit of surface stockpiles and sensor-based sorting technology



Profitable quarry operation with strong operating history

Feedstock originating from ore sorter & gravity plant waste streams

Potential to expand operations to final product range

Benefit from infrastructure spend tailwinds post COVID

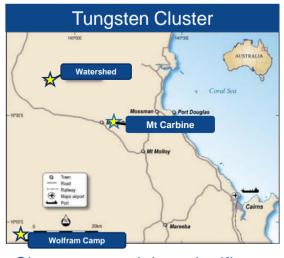


Opportunity to expand and grow the current resource of 47Mt @ 0,12-0,14% WO<sub>3</sub>

Mt Carbine - open to the North and at depth

Identified exploration targets on existing mining & explorations leases:

- Iron Duke
- Petersons Lode



Cluster potential - significant deposits defined in region

- Watershed: 2014 DFS by Vital Metals (2012 JORC)
- Wolfram Camp 2015
   Technical Report by Almonty Industries (NI 43-101)

# **Mt Carbine Feasibility**





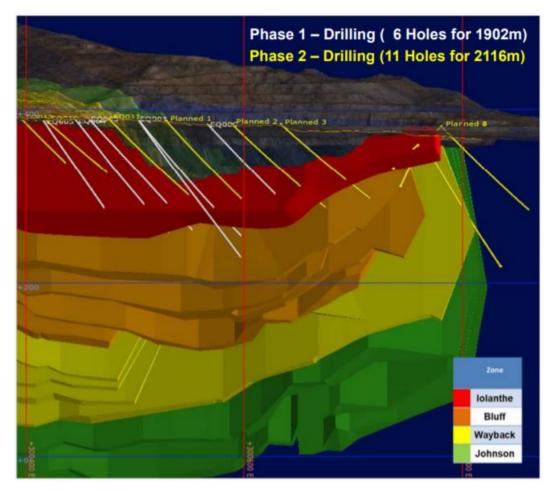
- Feasibility to be executed under an integrated owner's team approach.
- JukesTodd driving study for EQR in an integrated approach to manage and develop Bankable Feasibility Study
- Utilising best in class, bankable consultants for discrete study scopes
- Maximising value of each consultant while minimising overall study costs



# **Mt Carbine Resource Development**

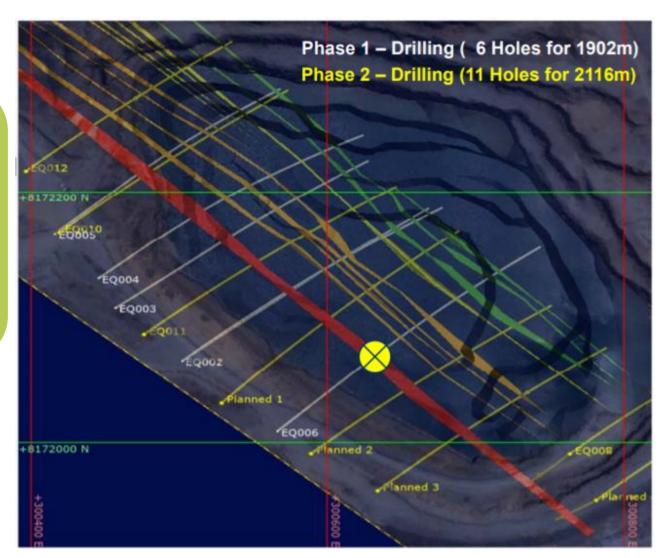


Phase	Hole #	East	North	RL	Dip	Direction	ЕОН	Current Status
Phase 1 Drilling	EQ001	300507	8172062	389.5	-49	50	309.1	Drilled
	EQ002	300507	8172062	389.5	-57	50	341.8	Drilled
	EQ003	300467	8172116	387.7	-50	50	290.0	Drilled
	EQ004	300454	8172136	386.7	-52	50	325.0	Drilled
	EQ005	300431	8172171	387.0	-58	50	327.3	Drilled
	EQ006	300574	8172020	383.9	48	50	309.3	Drilled
Phase 2 Drilling	EQ007	300745	8171977	365.0	-45	230	48.0	Drilled
	EQ008	300745	8171977	365.0	-65	230	60.5	Drilled
	EQ009	300745	8171977	365.0	-60	50	150.0	Drilled
	EQ010	300419	8172167	387.0	-41	50	245.0	Drilled
	EQ011	300476	8172086	388.9	-45	51	285.3	Drilled
	EQ012	300398	8172212	388.2	-45	50	240.0	In Progress
	Planned	300528	8172031	387.0	-45	45	290.0	
	Planned	300587	8171993	383.0	-43	48	263.0	20
	Planned	300620	8171970	382.8	-41	50	255.0	
	Planned	300781	8171954	380.4	-41	230	120.0	,
	Planned	300431	8172259	382.5	-45	50	160.0	



# **Mt Carbine Resource Development**







Drill Core – Hole EQ006:

from 124-128.5m depth in the lolanthe Vein

# **Mt Carbine Sensor Based Sorting**

Test pits on 12Mt Low Grade Stockpile





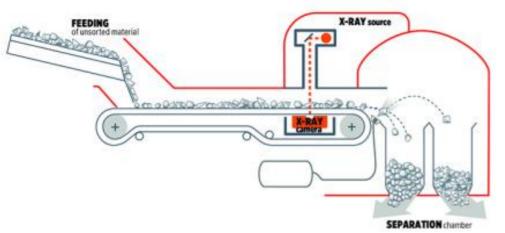
# Mt Carbine Sensor Based Sorting

**Installation and Comissioning of Tomra X-ray transmission ore sorter** 

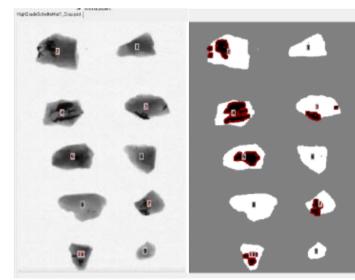


- Installation of a 45tph pilot sorter
  - Re-commissioning of sorter and surrounding equipment
  - Ongoing bulk testing
- Upgrade/Optimization of sorter
  - Upgrade to latest sensor technology for optimized sorting of low-grade waste rock
  - Program/algorithm to maximize recovery/upgrade of tungsten, based on Mt Carbine specificities





- Development of feed parameters based on preliminary sorting tests
  - Optimal size fractioning (crushing/screening tests)
  - · Maximum feed flowrate



# **Mt Carbine Sensor Based Sorting**

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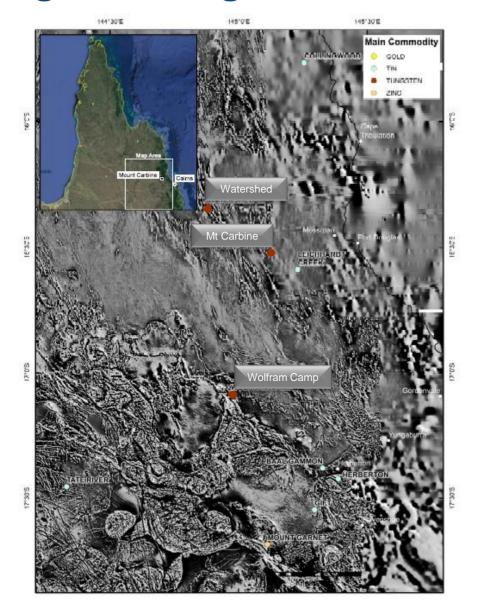
#### Installation and upgrade of Tomra X-ray transmission ore sorter

- Various material types tested OORS and LG with early results below
- Yield, grade function of particle size, liberation
- High recovery algorithm tested
- Substantial mass reduction for downstream processing for sample locations

Feed Material	Size Range (mm)	Sorter Feed Grade (WO <sub>3</sub> )	Sorter Product Grade (WO <sub>3</sub> )	Sorter Waste Grade (WO <sub>3</sub> )	Sorter Yield	Recovery	Upgrade Ratio
1 – Historical sorter rejects	25-50	0.13%	0.74%	0.010%	16.1%	93.4%	5.81
2 – Historical sorter rejects	10-25	0.07%	1.26%	0.010%	5.0%	86.9%	17.38
3 – Historical sorter rejects	10-25	0.06%	1.52%	0.008%	3.6%	87.8%	24.09
4 – Historical sorter rejects	25-50	0.05%	0.30%	0.010%	12.9%	81.7%	6.31
5 – LG stockpile	10-25	0.09%	1.89%	0.011%	4.2%	88.3%	21.06
6 – LG stockpile	10-25	0.08%	1.64%	0.013%	4.0%	84.0%	21.00

# **Regional Tungsten Cluster**





### Significant tungsten mineralisation in the region

The Mt Carbine deposit is situated in proximity to two other significant scale tungsten deposits; Geological potential to form a tungsten cluster in Far-North Queensland:

### **Tungsten Mining NL**

**Watershed:** 2014 DFS by Vital Metals (2012 JORC): Ore Reserves of 21Mt @ 0.15% WO<sub>3</sub>, Mineral Resources of 49Mt @ 0.14% WO<sub>3</sub>, Exploration Potential of 49-80Mt @ 0.1-0.19% WO<sub>3</sub>]

### Almonty Industries (former ML holder)

**Wolfram Camp:** 2015 Technical Report by Almonty Industries (NI 43-101): Ore Reserves of 375kt @ 0.22% WO<sub>3</sub>, Mineral Resources of 2.3Mt @ 0.29% WO<sub>3</sub>

# **Strong JV Partnership**













**CRONIMET** is a multi-national, privately owned business which has 103 branches, subsidiaries & representations at 72 locations on 6 continents with over 5,400 employees worldwide

#### The business has 3 business units focusing on:

- 1. Metals Recycling
- 2. Trade & sales of primary and secondary raw materials
- 3. Production of ferroalloys and metal powders

beneficial CRONIMET maintains long-term, mutually relationships with clients and partners, leveraging its global network of operations.

www.cronimet.de/en/

## Mt Carbine Retreatment Management **Joint Venture (unincorporated)**

- 50% CRONIMET Australia / 50% Mt Carbine Retreatment (EQR 100% Subsidiary).
- JV relates to surface stockpiles, 12Mt Low Grade Stockpile & 2Mt Tailings Stockpile – excludes UG.
- CRONIMET provided off-take funding securing right of product off-take at fair market value.
- Sharing of operational management & funding responsibility on pro-rata basis.
- CRONIMET introduction of sensor-based sorting plant to site.

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