

## ASX & Media Release

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## Issued Capital

*Fully Paid Ordinary Shares*  
138,034,219

*Directors/Employee Performance Rights*  
4,667,000

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## FBICRC signs contract for \$18M flagship Cathode Precursor Production Pilot Plant

Ardea Resources Limited (**Ardea** or **ARL**) is pleased to advise that the Future Battery Industries Cooperative Research Centre (**FBICRC**), of which Ardea is an active member, has signed a contract valued at \$18M to design and commission the FBICRC's flagship Cathode Precursor Production (**PCAM**) Pilot Plant in Western Australia.

The consortium of FBICRC participants includes some of the largest nickel and chemicals producers in the world who are working with companies such as Ardea to produce from locally sourced materials, the present generation of cathode chemistries for the batteries used in electric vehicles.

Ardea's globally significant Kalgoorlie Nickel Project (**KNP**) with its contained 5.9Mt nickel and 384kt contained cobalt (ARL ASX release 16 June 2021) is well placed to provide essential supplies of nickel and cobalt for the rapidly expanding Lithium Ion Battery sector.

Installation and commissioning of the FBICRC Cathode Precursor Production Pilot Plant is to commence within Q1 2022 and will add value in downstream processing within Australia for the global electric vehicle market.

Ardea has assembled suitable bulk drill sample material from current Goongarrie Hub drilling, consisting of 39 diamond drill holes for 3,203m, plus product from the 2018 PFS Goongarrie pilot run as test material, which will be provided to the PCAM Pilot Plant to be assessed as part of the Pilot Plant. The diamond drilling samples will also be used for Ardea's metallurgical testwork as part of continuing feasibility study work streams. Results, including results from the PCAM Pilot Plant test work, will be reported in the coming months as the information becomes available and has been interpreted.

### Ardea Managing Director Andrew Penkethman noted:

*"Ardea continues to be an active member of the FBICRC and is optimising an enhanced flow sheet for the Kalgoorlie Nickel Project to also include additional Critical Mineral by-products such as Scandium and Rare Earth Elements.*

*Ardea's collaborative research at the FBICRC includes achieving the ability to trace and track nickel-cobalt products through the supply chain and with Environmental Social and Governance considerations at the forefront of the way Ardea does business, helps confirm that the Kalgoorlie Nickel Project development is based on sustainable and ethical principles."*

Authorised for lodgement by the Board of Ardea Resources Limited.

Links to the Government of Western Australia, Mines and Petroleum Minister Bill Johnston Media Release and FBICRC Media release follow:

<https://www.mediastatements.wa.gov.au/Pages/McGowan/2021/10/Government-support-for-progressing-battery-manufacture-in-WA--.aspx>

<https://fbicrc.com.au/fbicrc-signs-contract-for-18m-flagship-cathode-precursor-production-pilot-plant/>

For further information regarding Ardea, please visit <https://ardearesources.com.au/> or contact:

**Andrew Penkethman**

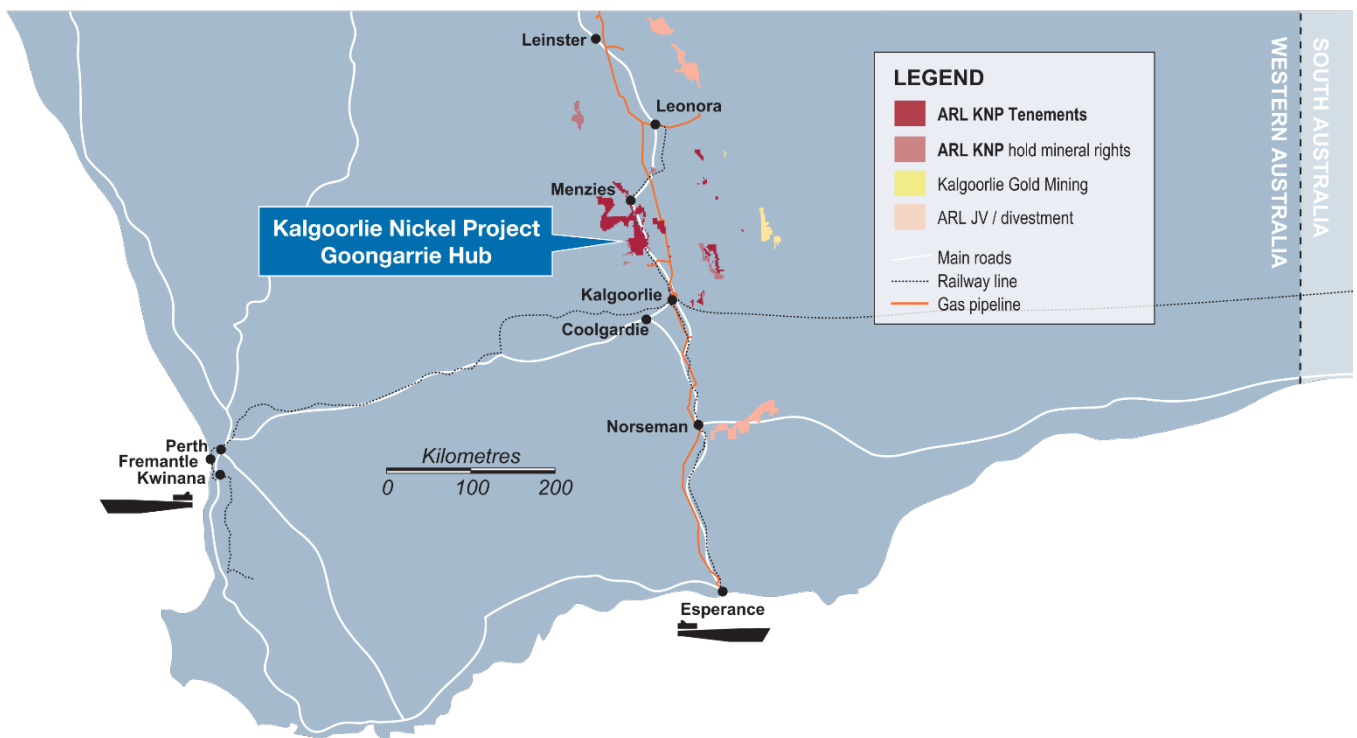
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**About Ardea Resources**

Ardea Resources Limited (ASX:ARL) is an ASX-listed resources company, with a portfolio of 100% controlled West Australian-based projects, focussed on:

- Feasibility Study for the development of the Kalgoorlie Nickel Project (**KNP**) and its sub-set the Goongarrie Hub, a globally significant series of nickel-cobalt and Critical Mineral deposits which host the largest nickel-cobalt resource in the developed world at **830Mt at 0.71% nickel and 0.046% cobalt for 5.9Mt of contained nickel and 380kt of contained cobalt** (ARL ASX release 16 June 2021) located in a jurisdiction with exemplary ESG credentials.
- Advanced-stage exploration at compelling nickel sulphide and Critical Minerals targets within the KNP's Kalgoorlie world-class nickel-gold province with all exploration targets complementing the KNP nickel development strategy.



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### **Competent Person Statement**

*The information in this report that relates to Exploration Targets, Exploration Results, Mineral Resources or Ore Reserves is based on information reviewed or compiled by Mr Andrew Penkethman, who is a Fellow of the Australian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy and Member of the Australian Institute of Geoscientists. Mr Penkethman is an Ardea employee and has sufficient experience, which is relevant to the style of mineralisation and type of deposit under consideration and to the activity which he is undertaking to qualify as a Competent Person as defined in the 2012 edition of the Australasian Code for Reporting of Exploration Results. Mr Penkethman consents to the inclusion in the report of the matters based on his information in the form and context in which it appears. Mr Penkethman owns shares in Ardea.*