

Ardea Resources

World-significant Australian cobalt and nickel
for the battery industry



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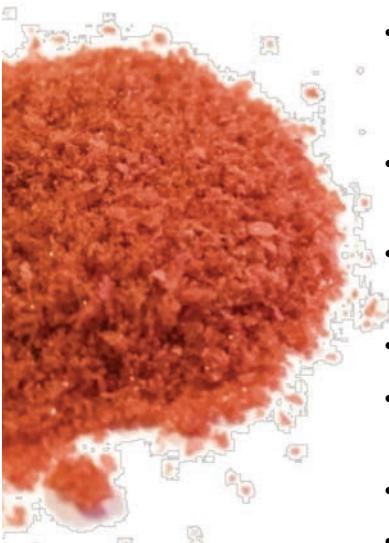
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The Ardea Value Proposition



Cobalt sulphate produced from Goongarrie ore, December 2017

- The 100%-owned Goongarrie Nickel Cobalt Project is part of the largest Cobalt Resource in the Developed World
 - 773Mt at 0.7% Ni and 0.05% Co*
- Potentially a multi-decade producer of high-quality nickel and cobalt sulphate – 100% offtake available
- 1.0Mtpa base case PFS demonstrates a low-capital expenditure start-up with robust project economics
- Readily expandable to 2.25Mtpa – Mill feed grades 0.88% Ni and 0.10% Co
- Goongarrie is a low technical risk project to feed the burgeoning EV and ESS market
- DFS programs underway – focus on Approvals, piloting
- Strategic partner interest is high as Ni-Co supply concerns rise
- Other value drivers – Au and Ni sulphide in WA and base metals in NSW

*Ardea Resources Annual Report 2017

Corporate Snapshot

Capital Structure

Shares on Issue	104,990,413
Share Price (1 August 2018)	\$0.855
52 week high / low	\$2.20 / \$0.69
Cash (30 June 2018)	\$19.2 million
Market Cap (1 August 2018)	\$90 million
Unlisted Stock \$0.25 options (IPO)	12.31 million
Staff performance rights	2.99 million

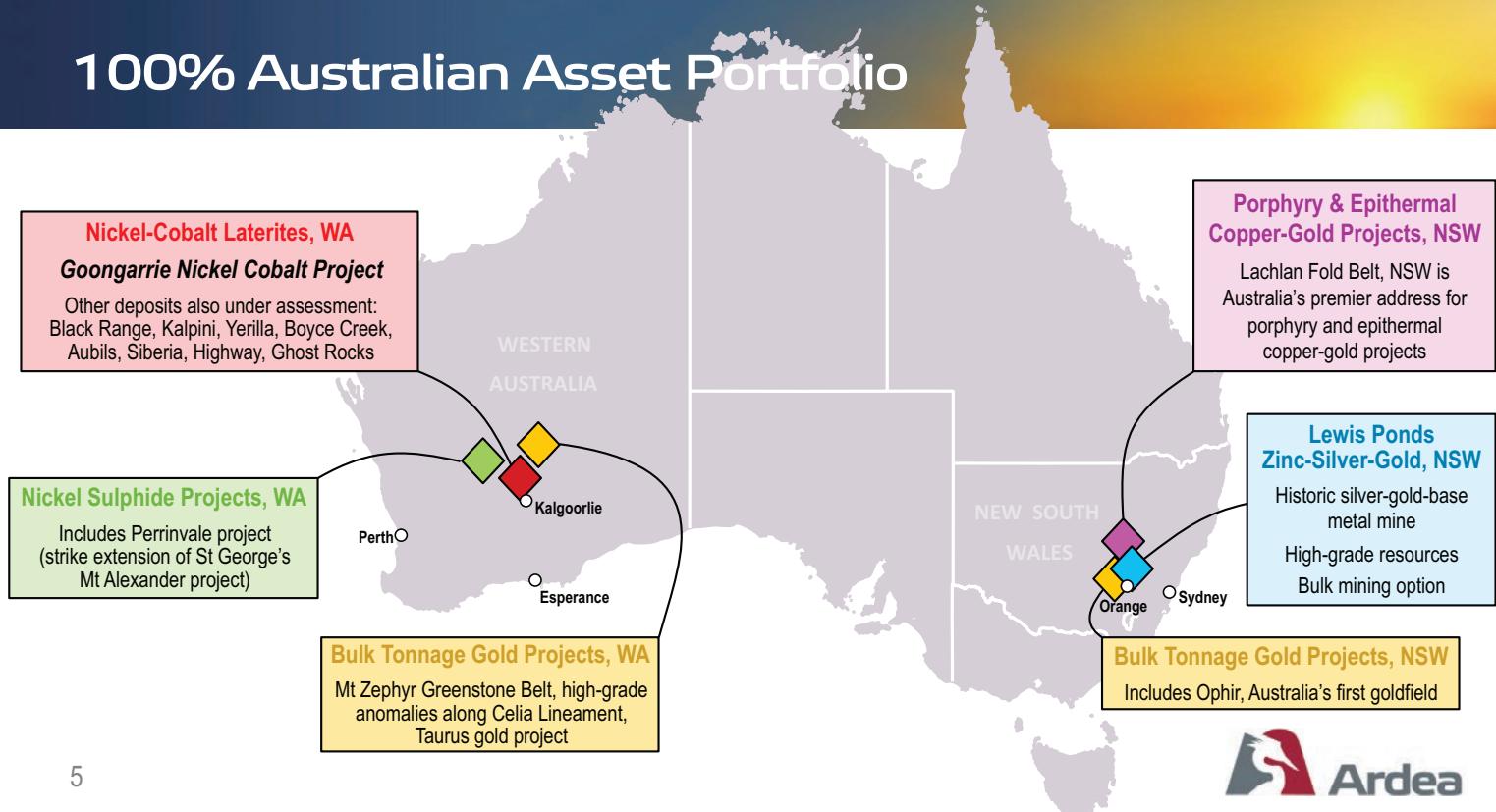
Ian Buchhorn and Associates	11.3%
Citicorp Nominees	9.8%
Brian O'Shannessy and Associates	8.5%
BNP Paribas Nominees	8.1%
JP Morgan Nominees	3.4%

Katina Law	Executive Chair
Ian Buchhorn	Executive Director
Wayne Bramwell	Non-Executive Director
Sam Middlemas	Chief Financial Officer
Sarah Mitchell	GM Technical Services
Dr Matt Painter	GM Gold

Experienced management team with global experience in corporate fundraising, processing and engineering for laterite nickel-cobalt deposits, laterite geology and geometallurgy, ensures the right mix to make Goongarrie succeed.



100% Australian Asset Portfolio



GOONGARRIE NICKEL COBALT PROJECT

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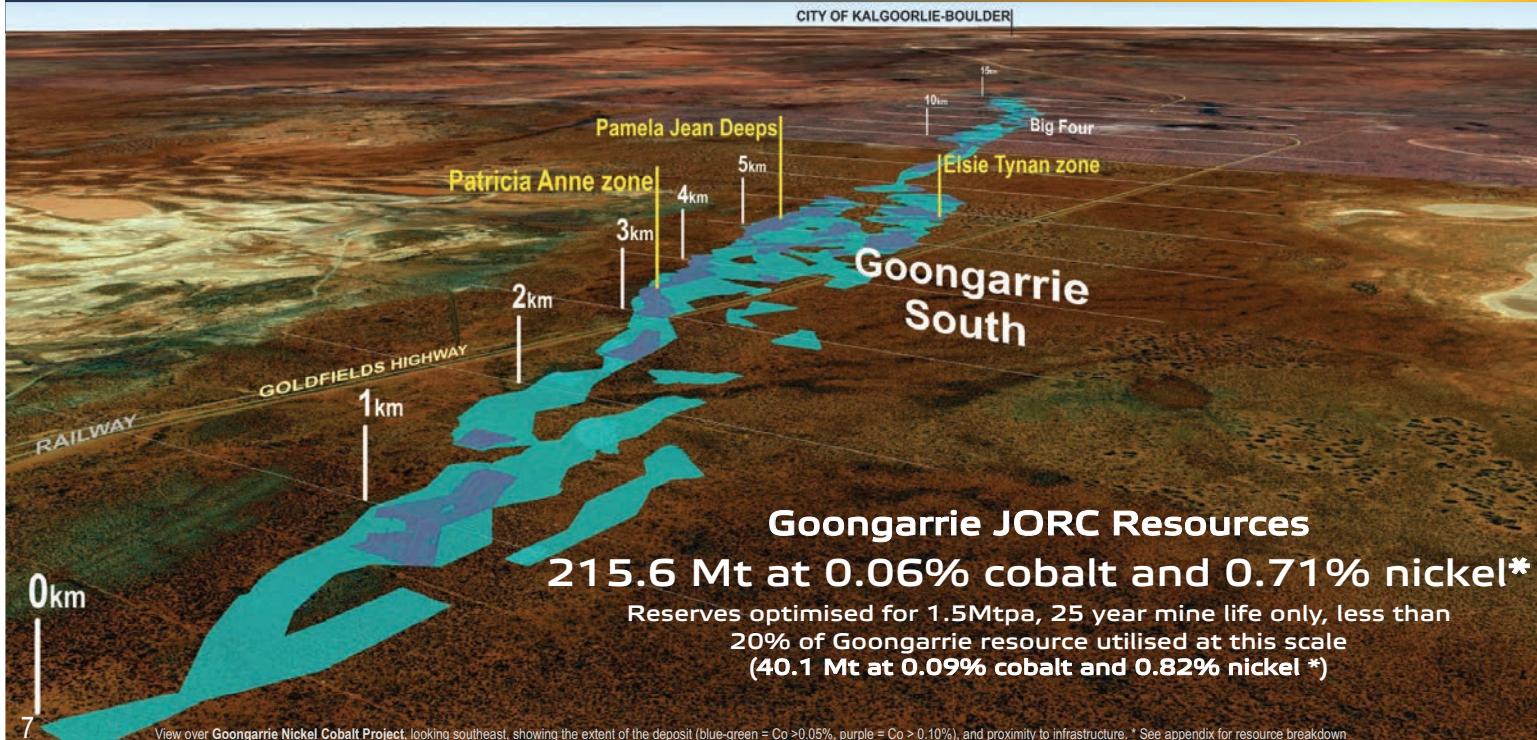
Ardea's flagship is Australia's premier nickel cobalt project



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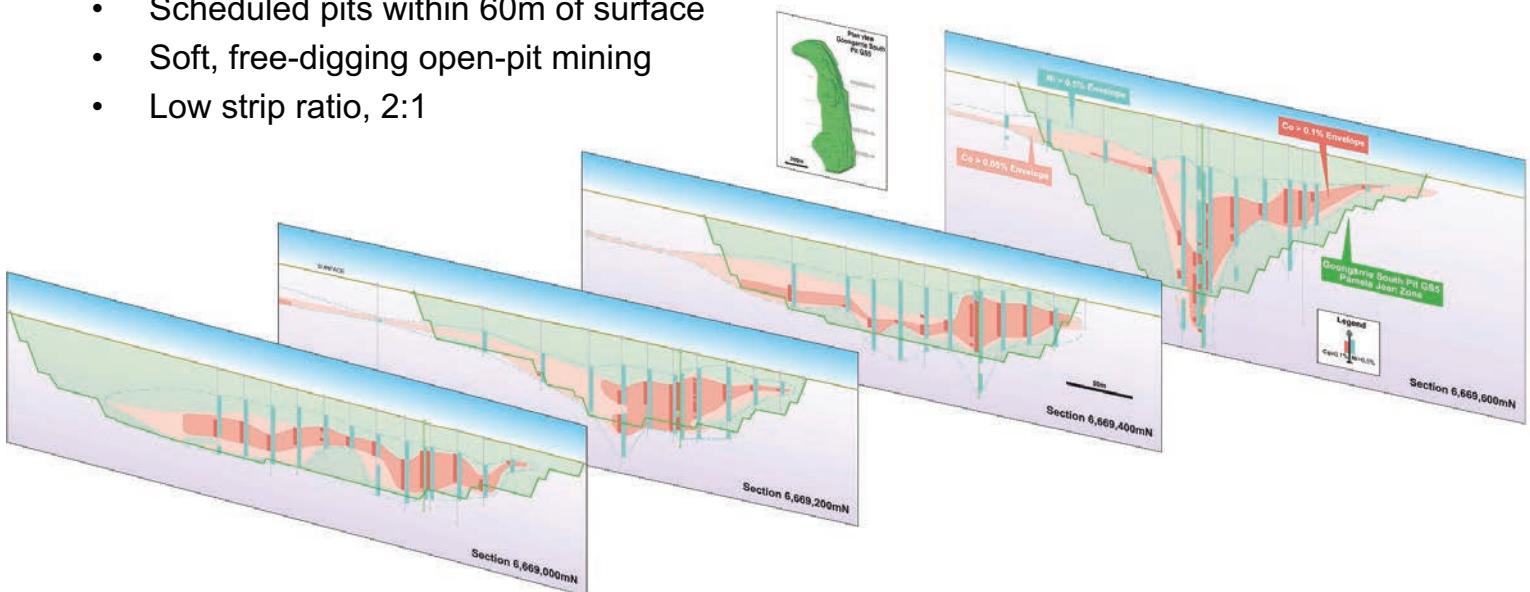
Looking towards the ore body at Goongarrie adjacent to the Goldfields Highway, looking NE

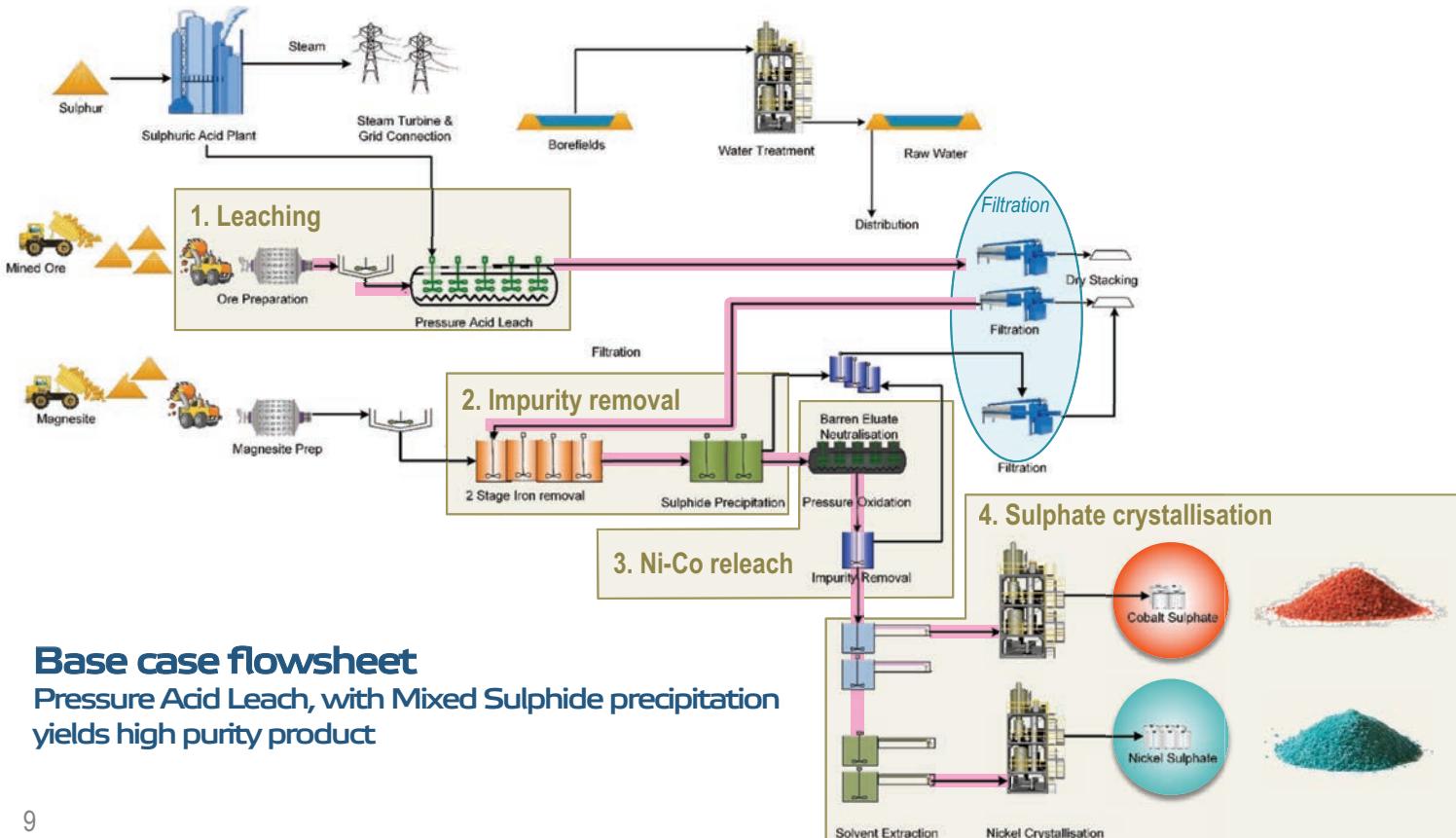
Goongarrie Nickel Cobalt Project – 15km strike length of continuous mineralisation



Simple, shallow open pit mining

- Uniform mineralisation grades and mineralogy
- Scheduled pits within 60m of surface
- Soft, free-digging open-pit mining
- Low strip ratio, 2:1





A High-Quality Cobalt and Nickel Sulphate Producer

Outstanding results delivered from recently completed PFS* and Expansion Study⁺

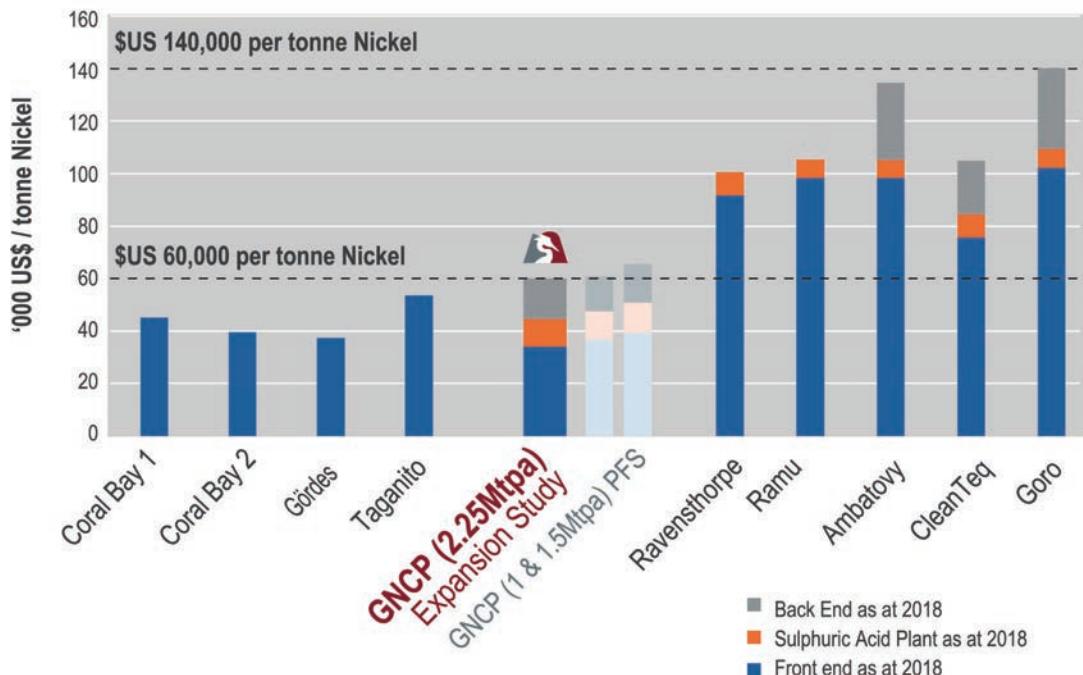
- PFS 1.0Mtpa base case over a 25-year mine life
- ES 2.25Mtpa with a 25-year mine life
- 95.5% cobalt and 94.5% nickel recovery – life of mine
- Pre-cobalt credit C1 costs in line with current worldwide operators
- PAL** 5th generation plant, proven design, successfully operated in other laterite projects globally

	1.0Mtpa	1.5Mtpa	2.25Mtpa
Status	PFS	PFS	ES
No. Trains	1	1	1
Pre Tax NPV₈	US\$ 1.13 billion	US\$ 1.52 billion	US\$ 2.4 billion
Pre Tax IRR	29 %	29 %	31%
CAPEX	US\$ 472 million	US\$ 588 million	US\$918 million
C1 cash cost	US\$ 0.42 / lb	US\$ 0.45 / lb	US\$ (0.34) / lb
Payback	5.3 years	5.6 years	5.1 years
Cobalt sulphate	5,500tpa	6,900tpa	10,000tpa
Nickel sulphate	41,500tpa	55,300tpa	81,000tpa

* Goongarrie Nickel Cobalt Project, PFS study, 28 March 2018, ** PAL = Pressure Acid Leach
+Goongarrie Expansion Study, 24 July 2018



Capital Intensity of HPAL Projects - Peer Comparision

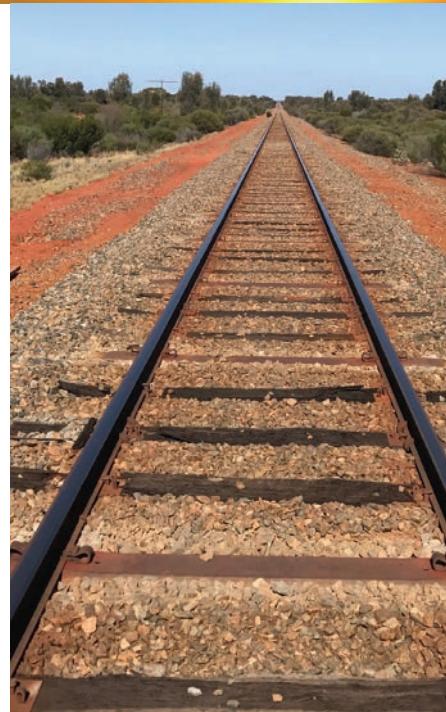


2.25Mtpa Expansion Study

- Unique mineralogy of Goongarrie allows:
 - Single autoclave for 2.25Mtpa (same size as the 1.5Mtpa case)
 - 40 minutes residence time
 - High density solids into the autoclave
 - No significant change in recoveries with short residence time
- Goongarrie exhibits significant potential for expansion via multiple parallel modular trains
- Proximity to world-class infrastructure and logistics - prime location on the Goldfields Highway
 - Adjacent to rail
 - Adjacent to gas pipelines and power transmission lines
- Significant potential to provide exceptional returns over a minimum of 25 years
- Expansion Study was based on only 26% of the Company's total resources at Goongarrie
- Goongarrie offers an ethical, low environmental impact and long life source of Ni-Co from a stable jurisdiction

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The Kalgoorlie-Menzies railway line where it crosses the northwesternmost tip of the Patricia Anne Ni-Co orebody at Goongarrie, 80km north of Kalgoorlie



DFS Programs Underway

- DFS programs underway including:
 - Demonstration-scale Pilot Plant currently running to produce Ni and Co Sulphate
 - Resource drilling and re-estimation
 - Approvals
- Additional upside options are currently being assessed and include the following:
 - Mineralised neutraliser optimisation
 - Scandium by-product optimisation
 - High purity alumina
 - Vanadium



Demonstration Plant in Welshpool

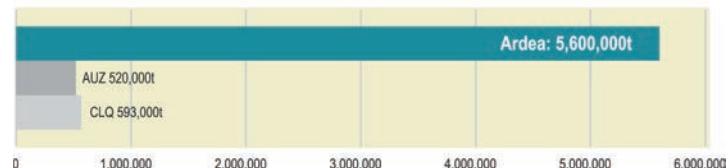
Exceptional Size and Scale

Investment criteria	Ardea Resources
<i>Company resources</i>	773 million tonnes of cobalt and nickel resources, WA Goongarrie, Black Range, Kalpinin, Yerilla, Boyce Creek, Aubils, Siberia, Highway, Ghost Rocks (all within 100km radius)
<i>Metal contained in resources</i>	>400,000 t cobalt >5,600,000 t nickel
<i>Market capitalisation</i>	\$90 million
<i>Market cap per cobalt tonne (in resources)</i>	~A\$225 / t cobalt
<i>Market cap per nickel tonne (in resources)</i>	~A\$16.1 / t nickel

Contained cobalt metal in resources

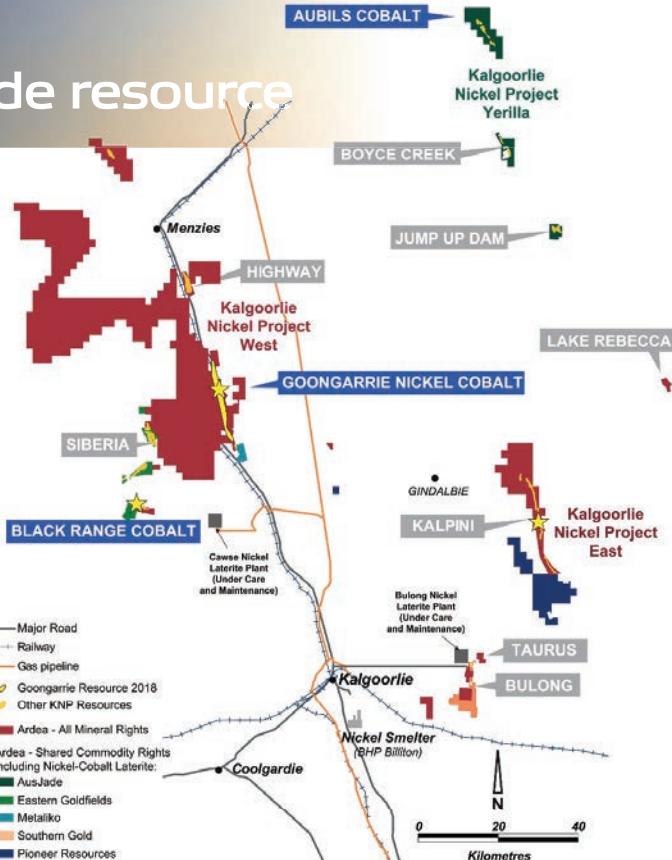


Contained nickel metal in resources



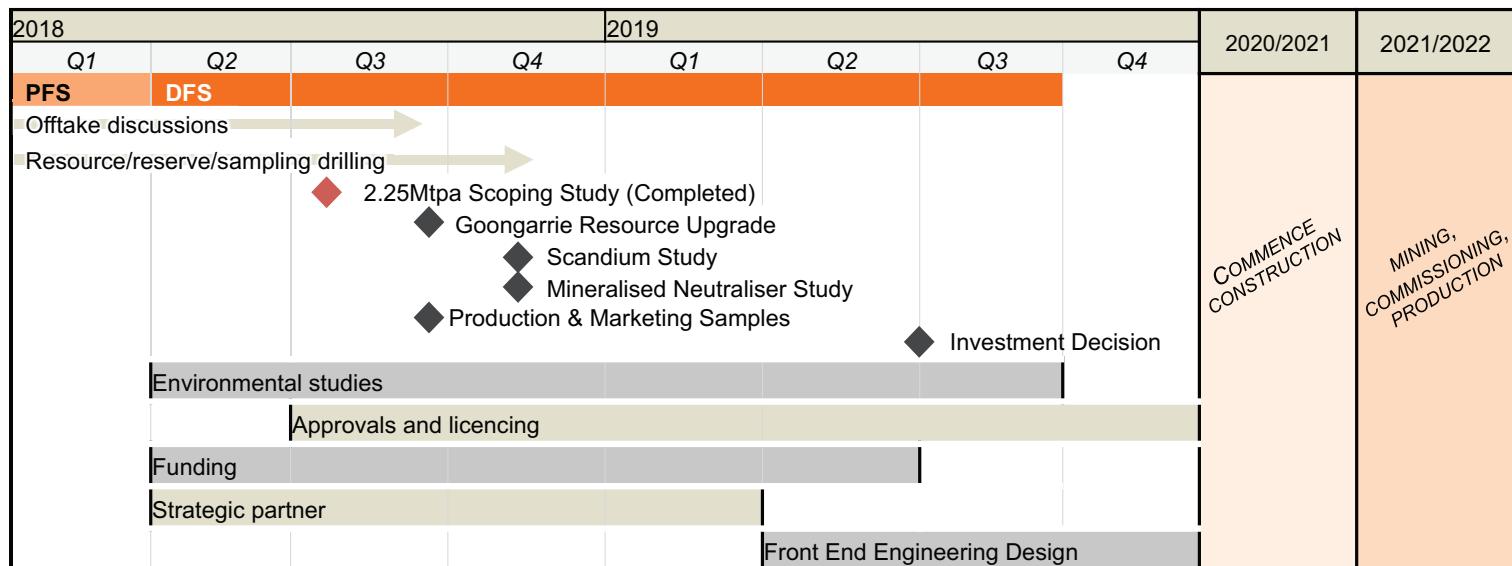
The Bigger Picture – multi-decade resource

- The Goongarrie Nickel Cobalt Project is part of the broader Kalgoorlie Nickel Project (KNP)
- KNP is the **largest cobalt resource in Australia***
- Ardea is adopting a staged development approach
- Potential additional processing hubs at:
 - Siberia/Highway/Ghost Rocks
 - Black Range
 - Aubils/Boyce Creek
 - Kalpini
- Other deposits able to provide potential feed for 3rd party operators



* See appendix for resource breakdown

Indicative Development Timetable



OTHER VALUE DRIVERS FOR ARDEA

Ardea's portfolio includes Australia's largest cobalt resource, as well as significant gold, nickel sulphide and base metal projects



Au - Mount Zephyr (WA)



Mount Zephyr gold mine (ca. 1899-1920), Dunn's Line project

- New ideas to test in old gold mining areas ~350km north of Kalgoorlie
- Mt Zephyr greenstone belt barely explored for >20 years
- Numerous historic gold workings
- Extensive exploration programs underway:
 - New geophysics
 - New geological interpretations
 - New targets
- Historic workings along >4 km strike
 - Gold grading from “a few pennyweights to 3oz per ton”, Dunn, April 1900
 - ~5 to 90 g/t gold
 - Gold-hosting BIF units traced ~18 km under cover
- Mt Morgans equivalent BIF-hosted replacement style gold
 - Hill 50-style with mineralised breaks, largely undrilled

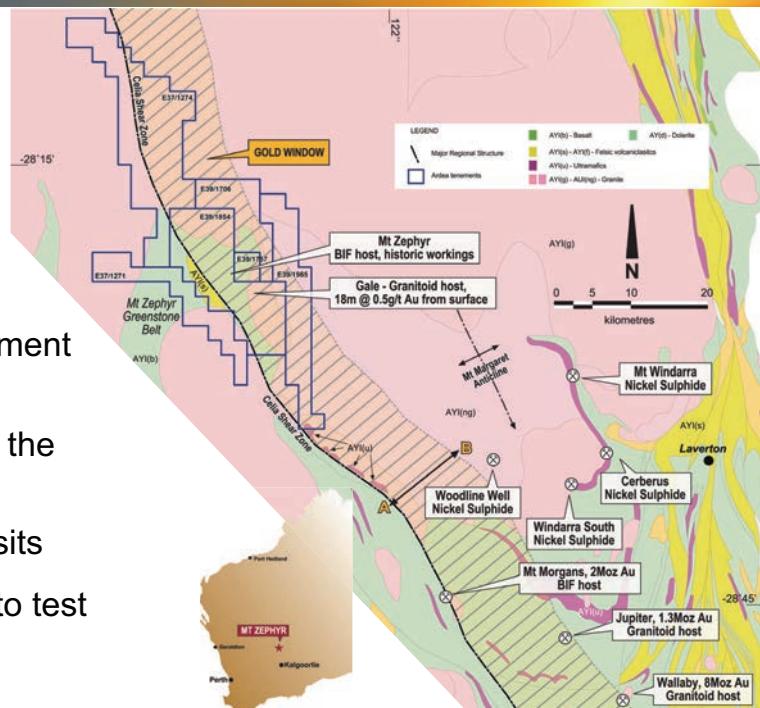


Alteration and brecciation in granite, Gale project

New concepts to test



- **Area east of Celia Lineament** is highly prospective:
 - Most historic gold workings east of lineament
 - Mt Windarra nickel sulphide stratigraphy
 - Jupiter, Wallaby granitoid-hosted gold to the east of the lineament further south
 - Along structure from Mt Morgans gold deposits
 - Ardea has first application of new concepts to test



Zn Au – Lewis Ponds (NSW)

- Major zinc-gold-silver development project with enormous potential in NSW
- Historic resources:
 - 6.62 Mt @ 2.4 % Zn, 1.4 % Pb, 0.2 % Cu, 1.5 g/t Au, and 69 g/t Ag
 - Bulk mining open pit exploration target:
 - 15-25 Mt @ 2.2-3.7 % Zn equiv* or 1.0-1.5 g/t Au equiv*
- Main resource on freehold land owned by Ardea
- Mineral Resource currently being updated
- Large tenement holding in NSW



Need long term Ni-Co Supply?

- Goongarrie is a multi-decade producer of high-quality nickel and cobalt sulphate
- 1.0Mtpa base case PFS demonstrates a low-capital expenditure start-up with robust project economics
- Size and scalability of Goongarrie offers significant upside for project growth
- PFS has only accounted for 5% of the Company's nickel-cobalt laterite resources
- 2.25Mtpa Expansion Study via a single processing train confirms economies of scale
- Substantial resource inventory supports multiple trains at Goongarrie, and potential additional processing hubs at Kalpini or Yerilla
- Goongarrie perfectly placed to leverage Electric Vehicle and Electric Static Storage demand growth
- Significant amount of news flow expected over the coming months



APPENDICES

APPENDIX – Goongarrie Nickel Cobalt Project Resources

Summary of total mineral resources within the Goongarrie Nickel Cobalt Project area, comprising resources at Goongarrie Hill, Goongarrie South, Big Four, and Scotia Dam (14 March 2018).

Camp	Domains	Cut-off %	Resource category	Size (Mt)	Cobalt (%)	Nickel (%)	Contained metal Co (t)	Contained metal Ni (t)
Goongarrie Hill	Ni & Co	$\geq 0.5\%$ Ni or $> 0.08\%$ Co	Inferred	52.5	0.04	0.65	21,600	340,400
			Subtotal	52.5	0.04	0.65	21,600	340,400
Goongarrie South	Ni & Co	$\geq 0.5\%$ Ni or $> 0.08\%$ Co	Measured	10.3	0.10	0.98	10,200	101,200
			Indicated	56.2	0.07	0.72	37,200	407,000
			Inferred	32.2	0.06	0.69	20,300	221,200
			Subtotal	98.7	0.07	0.74	67,700	729,300
Big Four	Ni & Co	$\geq 0.5\%$ Ni or $> 0.08\%$ Co	Indicated	45.5	0.06	0.71	28,200	320,700
			Inferred	9.9	0.06	0.63	6,100	61,900
			Subtotal	55.4	0.06	0.69	34,300	382,700
Scotia Dam	Ni & Co	$\geq 0.5\%$ Ni or $> 0.08\%$ Co	Indicated	3.3	0.09	0.81	3,000	26,900
			Inferred	5.7	0.07	0.76	4,100	43,300
			Subtotal	9.0	0.08	0.78	7,100	70,200
Total	All	$\geq 0.5\%$ Ni or $> 0.08\%$ Co	Measured	10.3	0.10	0.98	10,200	101,200
			Indicated	105.0	0.07	0.72	68,400	754,600
			Inferred	100.3	0.05	0.67	52,100	666,900
Goongarrie Resource Global			TOTAL	215.6	0.06	0.71	130,700	1,522,700

Note: All nickel and cobalt domains are included, and are encapsulated by an envelope defined by nickel grades equal to or greater than 0.5%. Note that figures are rounded to reflect degree of certainty and may not tally.

APPENDIX – Reserves Defined for Goongarrie Nickel Cobalt Project

Goongarrie Nickel Cobalt Project, Ore Reserves based on 25 year mine life at 1.5 Mtpa.

Deposits	Class	Size (Mt)	Cobalt (%)	Nickel (%)
Goongarrie South	Proven	8.95	0.10%	0.96%
	Probable	17.26	0.09%	0.79%
	<i>Total</i>	26.22	0.10%	0.85%
Big Four	Proven	—	—	—
	Probable	13.92	0.09%	0.77%
	<i>Total</i>	13.92	0.09%	0.77%
TOTAL	Proven	8.95	0.10%	0.96%
	Probable	31.18	0.09%	0.78%
	<i>Total</i>	40.13	0.09%	0.82%

Using a nickel equivalent cut of >0.81 %, which used inputs of A\$18,900/t nickel and A\$120,750/t cobalt. (US\$15,120/t Ni and US \$96,600/t Co, 0.8 exchange rate). Nickel equivalent (Nieq %) = $Ni\ grade + Co\ grade \times Co\ price / Ni\ price$. Prices used are US\$15,120/t for nickel and US\$96,600/t for cobalt. No assumption about recovery is included here. Recoveries are addressed elsewhere throughout the mining schedule and financial model.

APPENDIX – KNP resource breakdown

KNP nickel-cobalt mineral resource (JORC 2012), Ardea Annual Report 2017

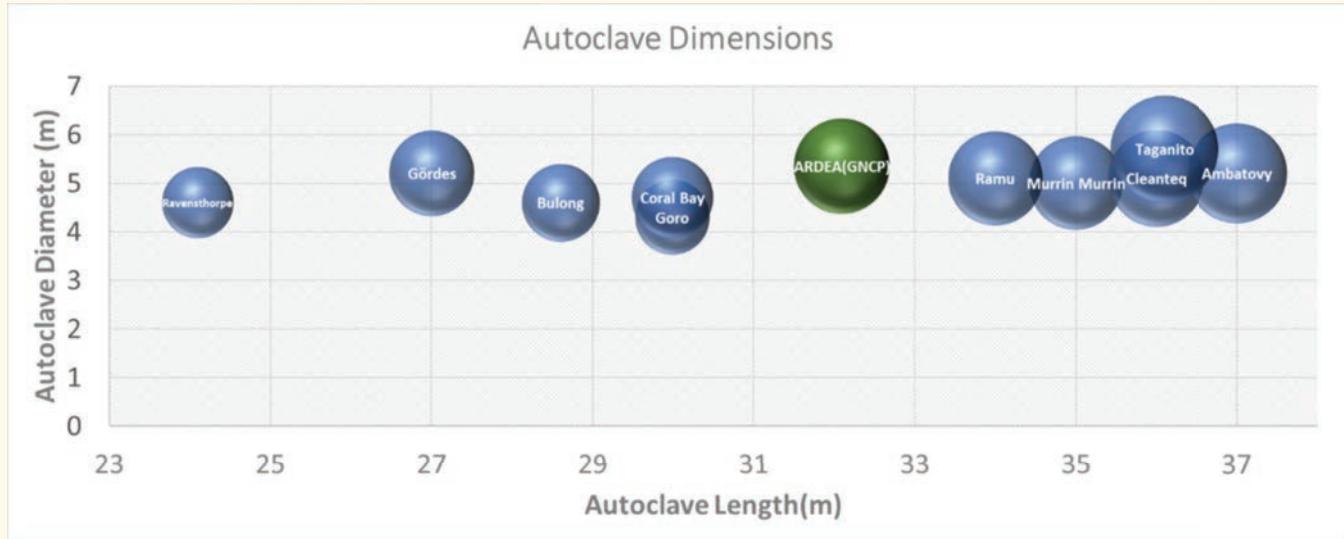
Resource Category	Quantity (Mt)	Cobalt (%)	Nickel (%)	Contained cobalt (t)	Contained nickel (t)
Measured	9.6	0.10	1.02	9,700	98,800
Indicated	232.9	0.06	0.75	141,200	1,759,700
Inferred	530.5	0.05	0.68	254,400	3,600,000
KNP Total Resources	773.0	0.05	0.70	405,400	5,458,400

In accordance with the Australian Securities Exchange Limited Listing Rules Appendix 5A:

The information in this report that relates to Mineral Resources for the Highway, Goongarrie Hill, Goongarrie South, Big Four, Aubils and Boyce Creek Prospects is based on information originally compiled in-house and validated by Steve Jones in 2013. Steve Jones is a member of the Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy. Steve Jones is a full time employee of Heron Resources Limited and has sufficient experience that is relevant to the style of mineralisation and type of deposit under consideration and to the resource estimation activity that he is undertaking to qualify as a Competent Person as defined in the 2012 Edition of the 'Australasian Code for Reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves'. Steve Jones consents to the inclusion in this report of the matters based on his information in the form and context that it appears. Note that Mineral Resources that are not Ore Reserves do not have demonstrated viability.

The information in this report that relates to Mineral Resources for the Siberia North, Bulong East, Siberia, Black Range, Taurus and Jump Up Dam Prospects is based on information compiled by Snowden Mining Industry Consultants by members of the Australian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy. Snowden Mining Industry Consultants had sufficient experience that is relevant to the style of mineralisation and type of deposit under consideration and to the resource estimation activity. All resources were internally audited by Snowden and signed off by a person of sufficient experience to qualify as a Competent Person as defined in the 2012 Edition of the 'Australasian Code for Reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves'. Steve Jones validated the Snowden Mining Siberia North estimate in 2013. Note that Mineral Resources that are not Ore Reserves do not have demonstrated viability.

APPENDIX – Autoclave Size Comparison

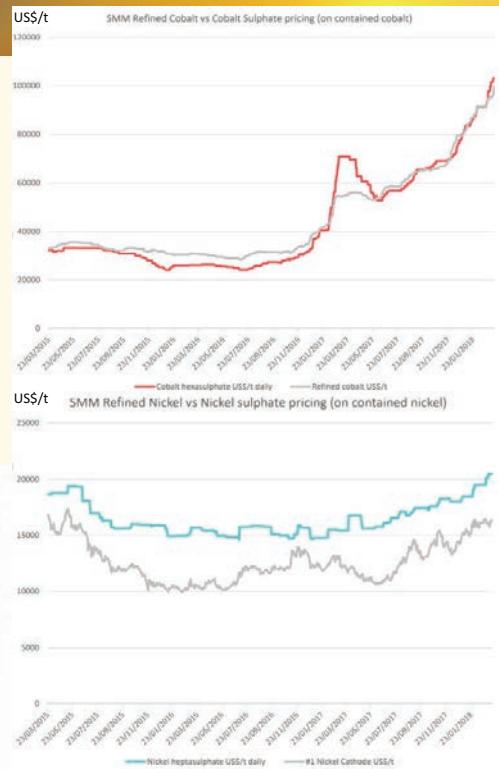


APPENDIX – The Sulphate Markets

- Strong growth in sulphate pricing is expected with rapidly increasing demand for high-purity product from manufacturers globally. Increased battery production is required to power the Automotive Electrification Revolution
- Cobalt sulphate and nickel sulphate attract a price premium (based on contained metal)
 - Cobalt sulphate – 5% premium**
 - Nickel sulphate – 30% premium**
- East Asia is the major consumer, manufacturing most of the world's lithium ion batteries – ongoing discussions with a number of interested parties from this region.
- Sulphate market is strong with spot prices increasing substantially since PFS release

	Price date	Units	CNY / t	USD / t	USD / lb
Cobalt sulphate (contains 20.97% cobalt)	PFS Feb 2018 (avg)	Sulphate	¥121,600	\$19,241	\$8.73
		Contained metal equiv.		\$91,771	\$41.63
Nickel sulphate (contains 22.33% nickel)	Spot 4 Apr 2018	Sulphate	¥142,000	\$22,469	\$10.19
		Contained metal equiv.		\$107,167	\$48.61
	PFS Feb 2018 (avg)	Sulphate	¥27,500	\$4,351	\$1.97
		Contained metal equiv.		\$19,486	\$8.84
	Spot 4 Apr 2018	Sulphate	¥28,500	\$4,510	\$2.05
		Contained metal equiv.		\$21,509	\$9.76

All pricing data sourced from SMM (Shanghai Metals Markets – metals.com)
CNY USD exchange rate: USD:CNY: \$1.00 equals ¥6.32



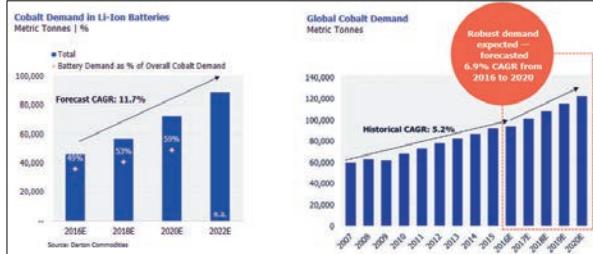
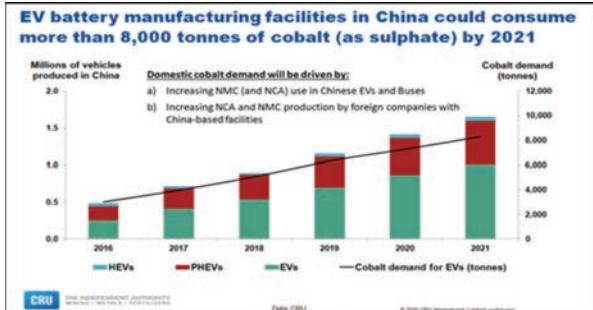


TARGETING THE SULPHATE MARKET

Ardea is positioning itself to supply the lithium ion battery market as the Automotive Electrification Revolution gathers pace

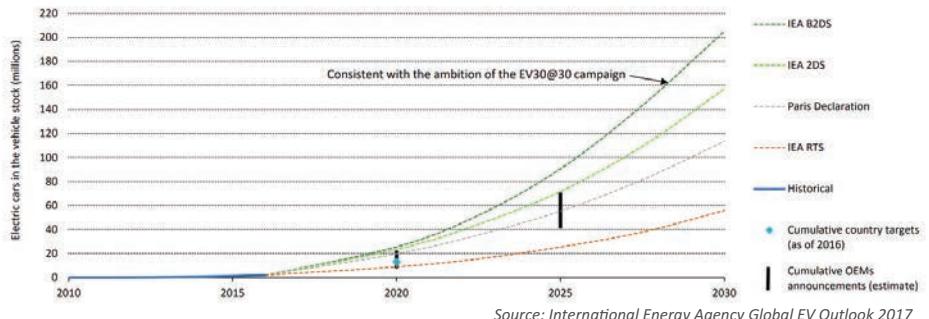
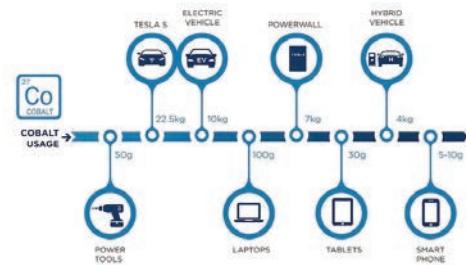
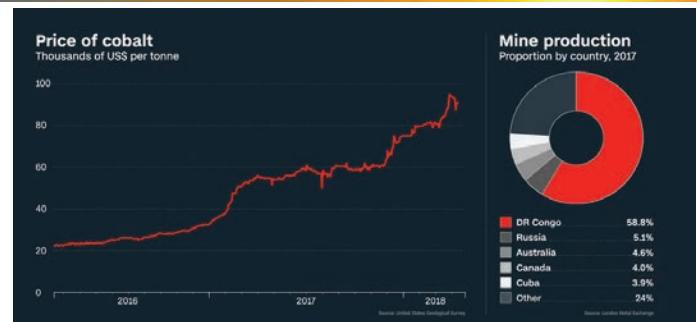
The Growing Momentum in Cobalt

- Cobalt demand continues to grow on the back of the Electric Vehicle and Electric Static Storage battery markets
- Electric Vehicles predicted to account for **14% of all new car sales by 2025**
- Cobalt sulphate market forecast to reach **US \$9.5 billion by 2025**
- Anticipated cobalt sulphate market **CAGR of 8% from 2017-2025**
- Increased demand for cobalt sulphate driven by the **higher energy density it provides to EV and ESS batteries**



The Growing Momentum in Cobalt

- Increasing ethical concerns over supply of cobalt from DRC (~60% of global supply)
- Some companies have stopped sourcing cobalt from DRC and are opting to pay a premium for cobalt from regulated industrial mines
- More global manufacturers anticipated to follow in sourcing alternative supply
- Demand for alternative cobalt supplies will drive new mine development and product pricing



Cobalt and Nickel Sulphate Fundamentals

- Cobalt and nickel are critical components of lithium ion batteries ensuring high energy density and chargeability
- Higher cobalt and nickel content provides EVs with greater range and faster recharge times
 - The battery industry requires the metals specifically as soluble compounds to be suitable for the cathode manufacturing process
 - Purity of the sulphate product is key to produce high-quality batteries.
 - PFS bench-scale sulphate production confirms that Ardea has the flowsheet to deliver highest-purity cobalt and nickel sulphate products
- Goongarrie is a limonite laterite deposit, which means:
 - Efficient dissolution in acid
 - High metal recoveries
 - Low undesirable elements
 - Goongarrie is amenable to high-purity sulphate production
- At Goongarrie, an incremental capital cost increase for sulphate circuits is expected to realise substantial revenue benefits



Cobalt Sulphate
(20.97% cobalt)



Nickel Sulphate
(22.33% nickel)





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