



Ardea
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A Strategic, Independent Nickel-Cobalt Supply Chain for Global Markets

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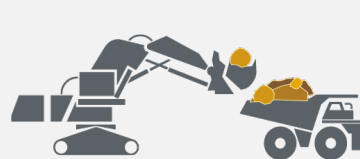
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Long life battery metal project for an independent nickel-cobalt supply chain

- > 40-year project life, producing 30ktpa nickel & 2ktpa cobalt¹
- Japanese partners with 75% offtake² have established downstream refining and supply chains
- Operating to high ESG standards³
- Tier 1 mining jurisdiction Western Australia
- Updated DFS flow sheet to MSP with x2, 1.75 Mtpa autoclaves⁴
- Funding support up to A\$1B with conditional and Non-Binding Letter of Support from Export Finance Australia (EFA) and Letter of Interest from Export-Import Bank of the United States (EXIM)⁵

Mining & processing nickel-cobalt ore in Western Australia



High-purity Mixed Sulphide Precipitate (MSP) concentrate shipped to Japan



Refined to nickel products for global supply chains



1. See ARL ASX Announcement 5 July 2023 Pre-Feasibility Study (PFS)
2. See ARL ASX Announcement 30 August 2024 ASX Announcement 3. See ARL ASX Announcement 9 May 2023 ESG 4. See ARL ASX Announcement 8 December 2025 KNP Goongarrie Hub DFS Update
5. See ARL ASX Announcement 5 February 2026 EFA & US EXIM letters of Funding Support.



Multi-decade nickel-cobalt Mineral Resource¹

The largest nickel-cobalt MRE¹ in Australia, located in Tier 1 jurisdiction

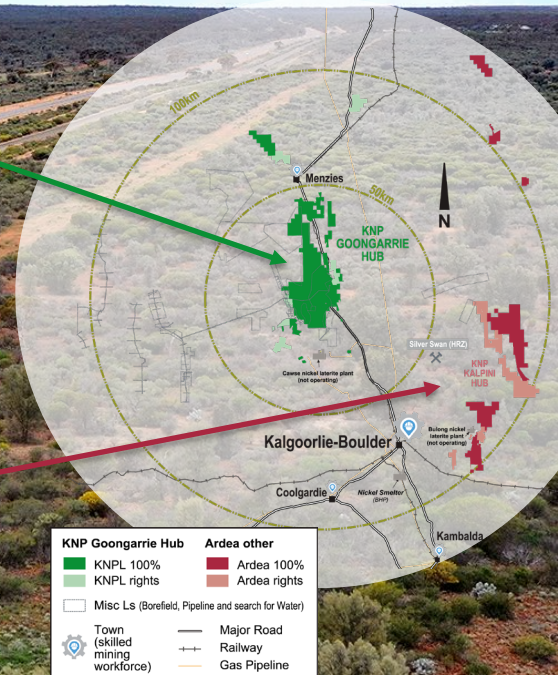


KNP Goongarrie Hub -
584Mt at 0.69% Ni and 0.043%
Co for **4Mt of contained Ni**
and 250kt of contained Co¹
DFS fully funded by Partners²

Infrastructure Advantages:

- ✓ Highway
- ✓ Fibre optic link
- ✓ Power & nearby gas
- ✓ Rail link to 2 ports

KNP Kalpini Hub – 100% ARL
270Mt at 0.76% Ni and 0.05%
Co for **2Mt of contained Ni**
and 136kt of contained Co¹
Plus Ni Sulphide at Kalpini³



1. See full Mineral Resource Estimate (MRE) tables in Appendix 1 of this presentation and 30 June 2023 ARL ASX Announcement. Also see GSWA rankings 20 June 2024 Flyer
2. See ARL ASX Announcement 30 August 2024 Kalgoorlie Nickel Project (KNP) Goongarrie Hub Joint Venture Transaction Completion with Japanese Consortium
3. ARL ASX Announcement 14 January 2022 Emu Lake Nickel Sulphide discovery confirmed with 2.72m at 5.42% Ni



Experienced International Partners

Partnership^{1,2} validates project, connects to global market

100%



Non KNP Goongarrie Hub Projects

MRE 270Mt @ 0.76% Ni & 0.05% Co for 2Mt of contained Ni & 136kt of contained Co*

* See ARL ASX Announcement 30 June 2023 ARL MRE announcement

82.5%



17.5%



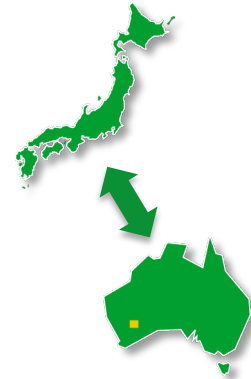
Kalgoorlie Nickel Pty Ltd (KNPL)

Managing KNP Goongarrie Hub Definitive Feasibility Study (DFS)

DFS Completion due H1 CY2026



Consortium has received support under Japanese Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (METI) Critical Minerals Supply Security Plan



1. Sumitomo Metal Mining (SMM) and Mitsubishi Corporation (MC), together the Consortium, fully funding DFS up to A\$98.5M to earn 35% interest in KNPL, and a further 15% interest in KNPL on Final Investment Decision (FID). Consortium earned its first 17.5% in July 2025 – See ARL ASX Announcement 4 July 2025
2. See ARL ASX Announcement 30 August 2024 KNP Goongarrie Hub Joint Venture Transaction Completion with Japanese Consortium





Sumitomo Metal Mining and Mitsubishi Corporation

Material scale and experience in mining, metals and finance



SMM's Long Term Vision:

“Become the world leader in the non-ferrous metals industry”

Grow nickel production from 81ktpa (FY23) to 150ktpa¹



“Sumitomo Metal Mining Co., Ltd. (SMM) dates from the 16th century and copper processing in Japan. SMM is an integrated producer spanning from mineral resources development, smelting and refining, to the production of battery materials and functional materials. For nickel, its strength lies in HPAL (High Pressure Acid Leach). SMM successfully developed and operates two HPAL operations in the Philippines, at Coral Bay and Taganito.”



Active in Australia for ~70 years

“Mitsubishi Corporation operates a wide range of businesses spanning multiple industries and overseen by eight industry-specific business groups: Environmental Energy, Materials Solution, Mineral Resources, Urban Development & Infrastructure, Mobility, Food Industry, Smart-Life Creation, and Power Solution.”

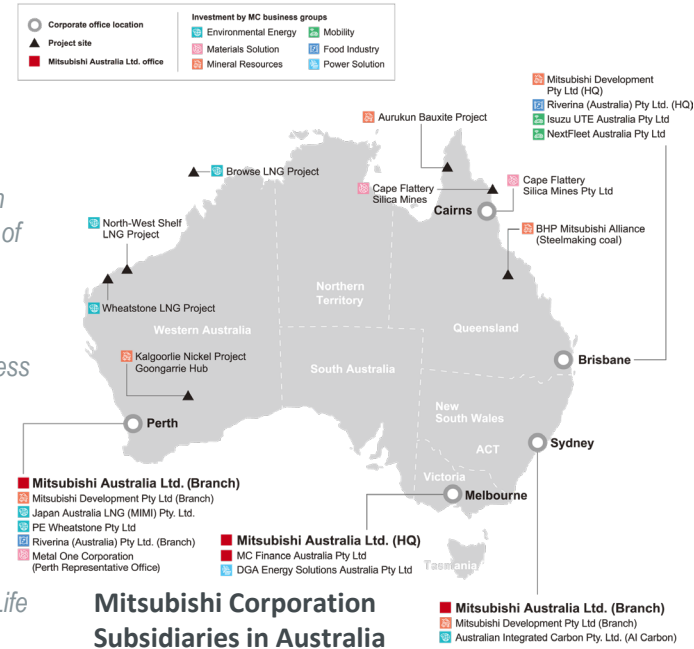


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Proven, mature, “off the shelf”, 5th generation technology

Global MHP and MSP production increased 350% from 2020 to 2024 and continues to grow¹

Moa Bay
Nickel, Cuba
1950's



Coral Bay,
Philippines
(SMM)
2000's



Industrial
Parks,
Indonesia
2020's

1990's

Eastern
Goldfields,
WA



2010's

Ramu, PNG
Taganito,
Philippines
(SMM)



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NICKEL**

Source 1: Company reports,
Ferroalloy.net, Macquarie Commodities
Strategy, March 2025

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Improved Nickel Market Sentiment – since Dec 2025

Indonesian strategy to revive global nickel prices drives rising price momentum

- **Indonesian Supply Cuts Sparked a Price Rally**

- Indonesia signaled **major reductions in 2026 nickel ore quotas**, with initial approvals showing cuts of **70%+** for some major producers¹
- Announcement on **19 December 2025** triggered a sharp market reaction, with LME nickel price jumping from **US\$14,125/t to US\$18,750/t**⁵ by late January 2026²

- **Shift Toward Active Supply Management in Indonesia**

- Indonesia began pivoting *from maximum volume* to **value-focused, restrictive production policies**: delayed mining permits, quota approval reductions, bans on new NPI/HPAL smelters³
- Signalling **structural tightening**, boosting sentiment that oversupply conditions may ease

- **Market Realisation that the 2025 “Surplus” was Overstated**

- Indonesia’s actual nickel production was significantly lower than 2025 approved ore capacity, which could lead to improved price expectations into 2026^{2 3}

- **Reinforced Expectations of Constrained Supply Into 2026**

- Continued quota reductions and stricter oversight increase conviction that Indonesia -the world’s dominant producer - may enforce meaningful supply discipline in early 2026⁴

*Nickel prices
stabilised around
US\$17,000/t+
through February
2026⁵ on
continued
expectations of
constrained
Indonesian
supply*

1. <https://www.marketindex.com.au/news/asx-nickel-stocks-jump-as-indonesia-cuts-production-at-giant-weda-bay-mine>

2. <https://www.spglobal.com/energy/en/news-research/latest-news/metals/122925-indonesia-navigates-nickel-market-with-output-cuts-policy-shifts>

3. <https://theoregongroup.com/commodities/nickel/can-nickel-prices-hit-25000-in-2026/#:~:text=nickel%20price%20rally:%20nickel%20prices,enforcement%20with%20significant%20fines%20levied>

4. <https://discoveryalert.com.au/indonesia-nickel-permit-2026-supply-regulatory-management/>

5. <https://www.lme.com/en/metals/non-ferrous/lme-nickel#Price+graphs>





Goongarrie Advantages

Global strategic significance of the Goongarrie Hub to meet nickel demand

- Eastern Goldfields of WA location
- Project partners have deep experience in HPAL, mega project development, and operations
- Demonstrated peer project delivery and ramp-up
- Major partners' DFS funding allows a quality study aligned with scale of project
- Vendor HPAL experience has grown materially
- Consistent ore means reliable, cost-competitive operation
- Support through Australia's Critical Minerals – EFA Single Point of Entry referrals





Pathway to Development - Funding Support up to A\$1B¹

Ardea received co-ordinated and conditional non-binding support from EFA and EXIM for KNPL ¹

- The total conditional and non-binding support from both Export Finance Australia (EFA) and Export-Import Bank of the United States (EXIM) in aggregate is for approximately up to **A\$1 billion** (equivalent) to KNPL for the development of the **Goongarrie Hub Nickel-Cobalt project**
- EFA has provided KNPL with a conditional and non-binding Letter of Support indicating potential support of up to **A\$500 million**
- EXIM has provided KNPL with a Letter of Interest indicating the potential for support of up to **US\$350 million**
- Support reflects the Project's strategic importance in developing global critical mineral supply chains among Australia and its partners, particularly for the battery, energy storage and electric vehicle sectors

Ardea's coordinated engagement with EFA and EXIM via their Single Point Entry scheme enabling faster referrals & joint financing of eligible critical mineral transactions

1. See ARL ASX Announcement 5 February 2026 Kalgoorlie Nickel Pty Ltd Receives Conditional and Non-Binding Letter of Support from EFA and Letter of Interest from U.S. EXIM for the Goongarrie Hub



+40 year¹ project, significant growth potential

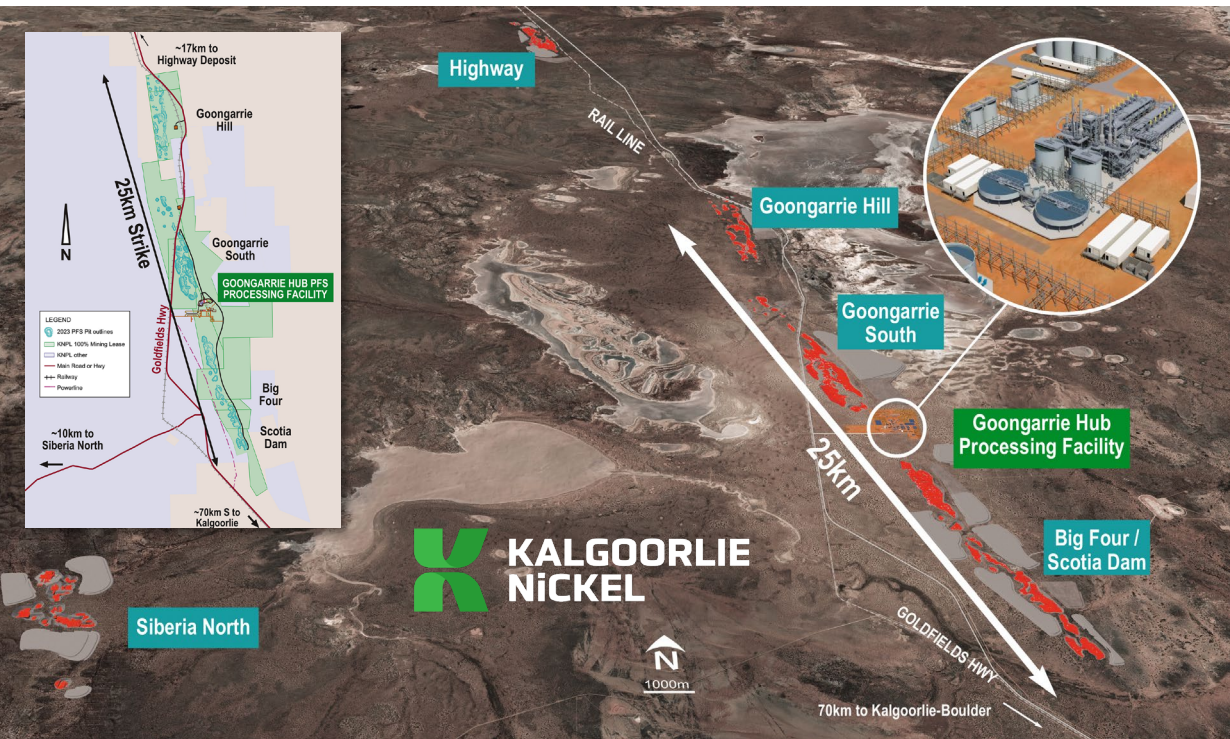
Nationally strategic KNP Goongarrie Hub to strengthen the battery minerals supply chain for decades

2023 PFS¹

- Average 30ktpa Ni and 2ktpa Co
- +40 years forecast operation

Growth opportunities

- Only 6 of 9 deposits, hosting ~76% of the Goongarrie Hub Ni Resource, were considered in 2023 Ore Reserve^{1,2}
 - ✓ Potential for project expansion and life extension
- Goongarrie DFS investigating flow sheet optimisation
 - ✓ DFS MSP flow sheet, two 1.75Mtpa autoclaves³



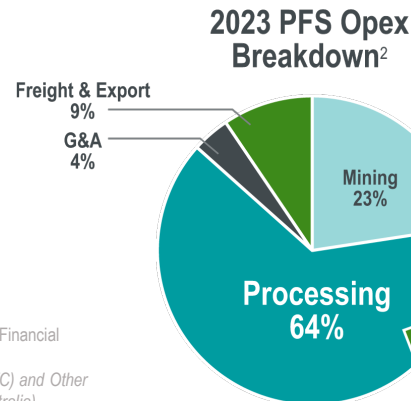
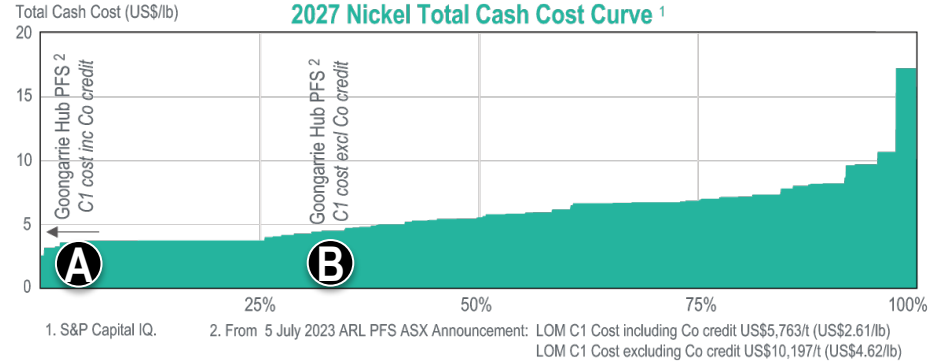
1. See full tables in Appendices of presentation & See ARL ASX Announcement 5 July 2023 Pre Feasibility Study (PFS) 2. See full Mineral Resource Estimate (MRE) tables in Appendix 1 of this presentation and ARL ASX Announcement 30 June 2023. 3. See ARL ASX Announcement 8 December Kalgoorlie Nickel Project – Goongarrie Hub DFS Update



Competitive costs of production

Goongarrie advantages provide margin through nickel price cycles

- PFS² Low C1 Opex before Cobalt credit of **US\$10,197/t Ni (US\$4.62/lb)** in MHP LOM compares well with Indonesian Opex
- **Australia's Production Tax Credit³:**
 - ✓ Provides 10% refund against processing costs (64% of PFS Opex estimate²) for first decade
 - ✓ Not included in PFS financial analysis
- KNP Goongarrie Hub **low cost** and **long mine life**, means the project will be able to operate throughout commodity price cycles.



2025 Australian Federal Government passes PTC³



10% Production Tax Credit Applicable

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2. See ARL ASX Announcement 5 July 2023 ARL PFS (A) LOM C1 Cost including Co credit US\$5,763/t² (B) LOM C1 Cost excluding Co credit US\$10,197/t² NB: Project MRE, Ore Reserve, Production, Operational and Financial metrics are being updated as part of the in-progress DFS.

3. "Critical Minerals Production Tax Incentive" as part of *The Future Made in Australia (Production Tax Credit (PTC) and Other Measures) Bill 2024* (<https://www.industry.gov.au/news/incentive-critical-minerals-production-and-processing-Australia>)



Strong News flow during in-progress Goongarrie Hub DFS

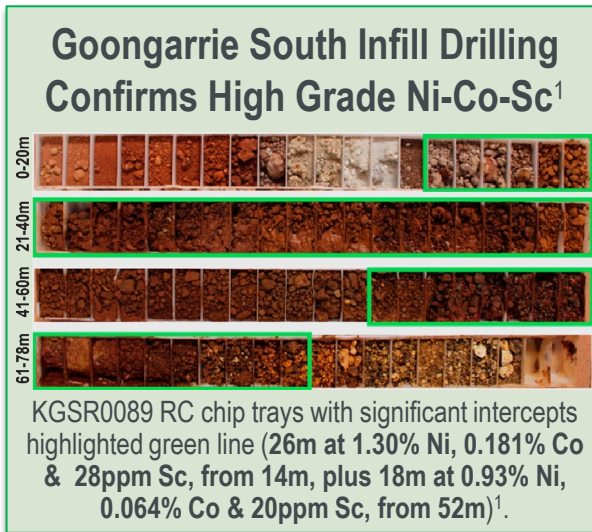
KNP Goongarrie DFS Key Activities Materially Advanced



MRE Infill Drilling Complete

- 727 RC holes totalling 45,735m
- 32 DD holes amounting to 2,277m

(Notes 1,4,7)



KNP's major project status recently renewed for second 3-year term⁶



Heritage Agreement signed

Significant step forward in a respectful and collaborative partnership.²

Upcoming news:

- Regular DFS updates and Quarterly reports, ongoing progress in resource modelling; mine planning and Ore Reserve; hydrogeological testing; bench scale metallurgical testing; process plant design work.
- Outcome on Lead Agency Status Application to assist with expedited approvals.
- Outcome of Investor Front Door status.

1. ASX ARL Announcement 22 September 2025 Goongarrie South Infill Drilling Confirms High Grade Ni-Co-Sc
 2. ASX ARL Announcement 3 September 2025 Heritage Agreement signed with Marlinyu Ghoorlie Claim Group
 3. ASX ARL Announcement 4 July 2025 Goongarrie Hub Project DFS Reaches Major Milestone

4. ASX ARL Announcement 25 June 2025 Highway Infill Drilling highlights widths and grade
 5. ASX ARL Announcement 14 April 2025 Big Four & Scotia Dam RC Infill Drilling Program Complete
 6. ASX ARL Announcement 20 October 2025 KNP Major Project Status Renewed





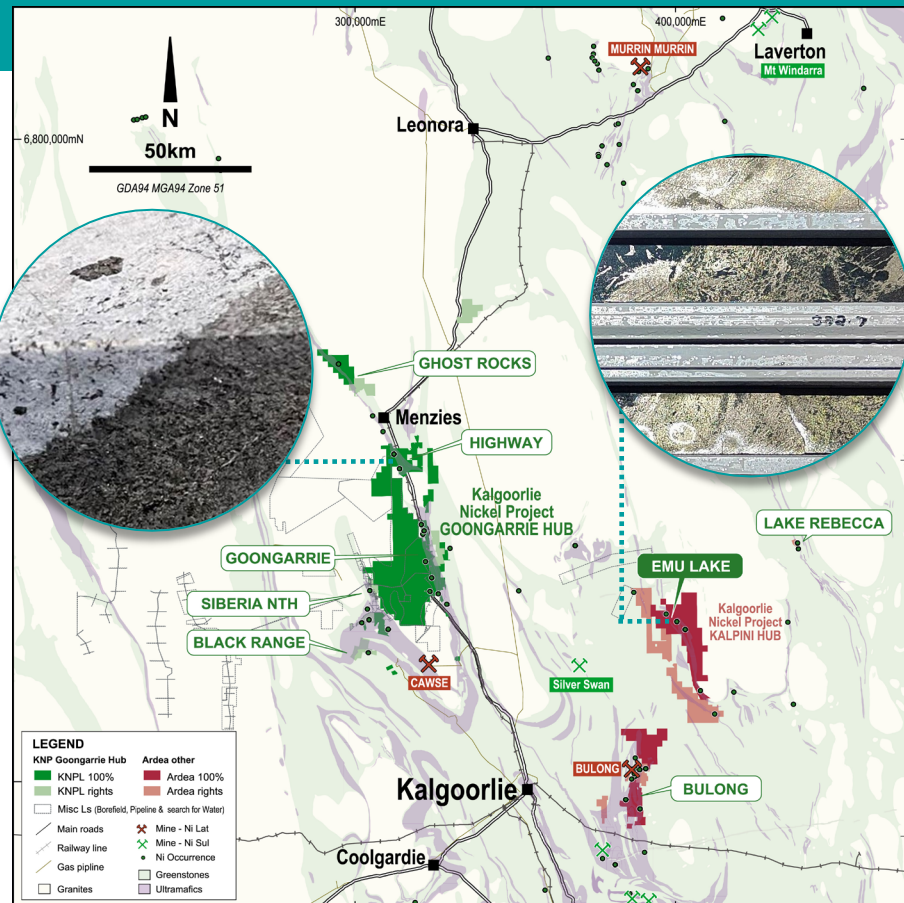
Ardea Exploration Pipeline Upside

Battery and Critical Mineral exploration potential

Ardea controls ~3,200km² of tenure in the Eastern Goldfields of WA with unrivalled exploration potential

- **Kalpini Project - Massive nickel-copper-PGE sulphides discovered at Emu Lake** (AELD0003: 2.72m at 5.42% Ni & 0.85% Cu from 391.04m¹) with encouraging follow-up along strike
- EIS hole AHID0024, beneath **Highway** Nickel Laterite confirmed potential for a Lithium-Caesium-Tantalum mineral system².
- Rock chips at Highway returned >1% Li₂O, 4520ppm Cs, 3740ppm Rb and at Ghost Rocks rock chips up to 0.72% Li₂O from two outcrops
- Ardea retains **100% ownership** of non-Goongarrie Hub KNP projects (with MRE 270Mt at 0.76% Ni and 0.05% Co for 2Mt of contained Ni & 136kt of contained Co)⁴ providing an internal pipeline for growth
- **Scandium** and **Rare Earth Elements** (REE) identified at Ardea's **KNP Kalpini** tenure⁵

1. See ARL ASX Announcement 14 Jan 2022 2. See ARL ASX Announcement 15 Dec 2023. EIS is State Government Exploration Incentive Scheme 3. See ARL ASX Announcement 30 July 2025 ASX Announcement 4. Full MRE tables in Appendix 1 and See ARL ASX Announcement 30 June 2023 ASX Announcement 5. See ARL ASX Announcement 14 Mar 2022





Operating to high ESG standards

Recruiting and retaining
the best people, building
a skilled, passionate team

Balanced, gender-diverse Workforce

Ardea is leading the way
on gender equality

We engage early with
**First Nations
Communities for
meaningful outcomes
& partnerships**

including Ardea's
**Indigenous Education
Grant** program

Innovative design
**Reducing CO₂
emissions &
environmental
footprint**

Waste heat to power,
in-pit tailings disposal

Strong leadership &
governance
**Delivering a diverse,
resilient and
sustainable Critical
Minerals supply
chain**

Meeting global and
National net zero
ambitions





KNP Goongarrie Hub:

An Australian nickel project with the best possible Partners, Sumitomo Metal Mining Co., Ltd and Mitsubishi Corporation



>40 year mine life
Long term low cost
supply^{1,2}

with expansion potential
Producing low cost
~30ktpa nickel & 2ktpa
cobalt^{1,2}



DFS due for
completion
1st half of 2026

Consistent news flow with
A\$98.5M
study, fully funded by
project partners



Project to boost
national, state &
local economy
Supporting regional
communities, large
workforce, suppliers &
stakeholders including
First Nations people



EFA & US EXIM
Conditional support³

Up to A\$1B
To develop the KNP
Goongarrie Hub
Reflects strategic
importance

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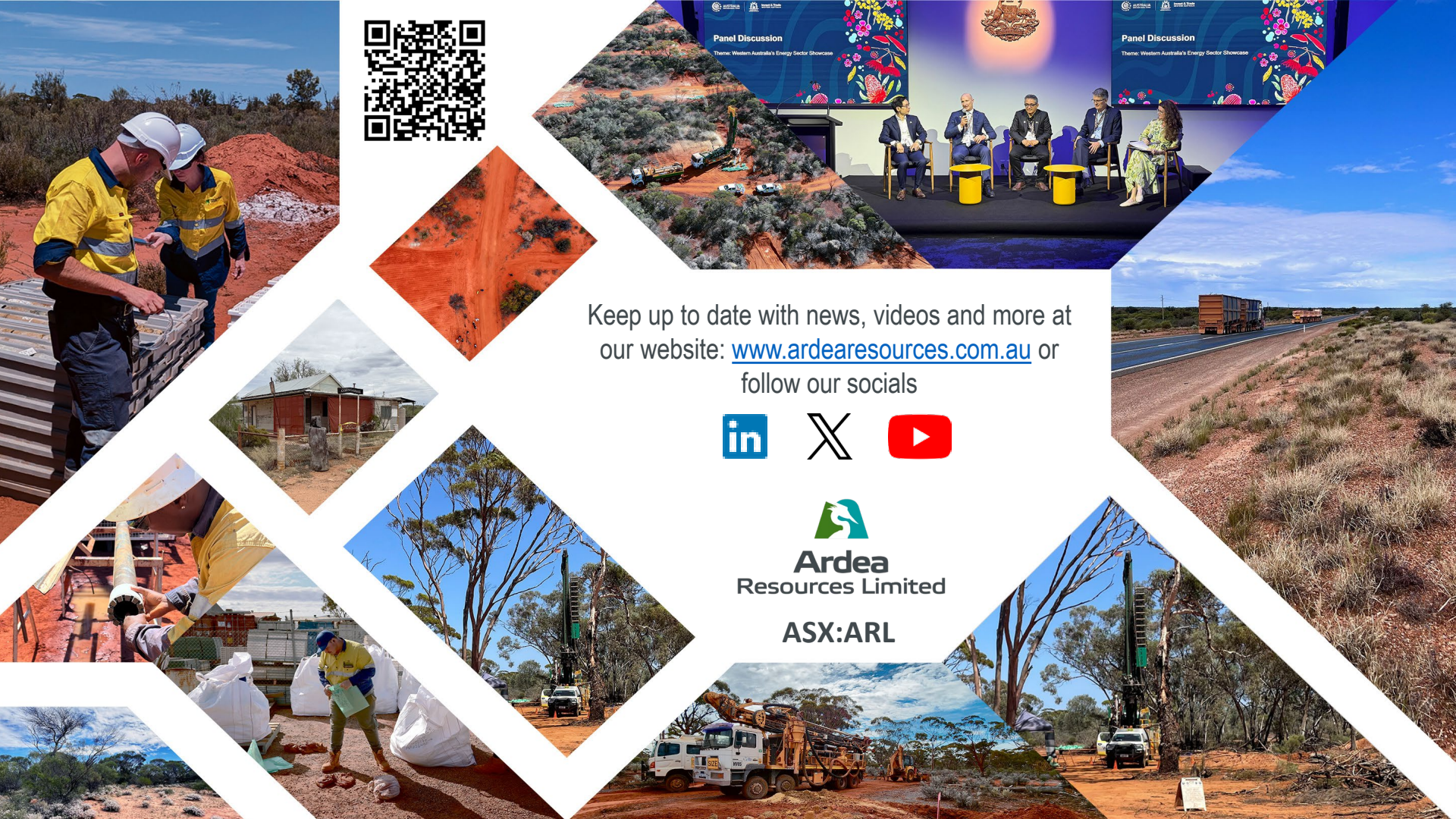


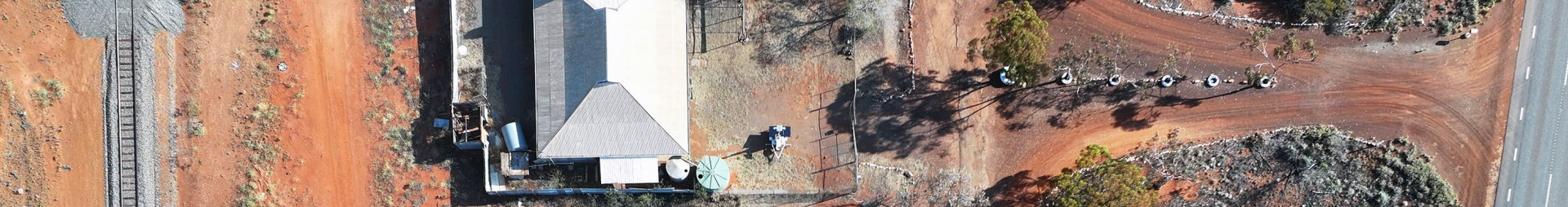
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Appendix 1 Corporate, Ore Reserve & Mineral Resources



**Experienced Board & management, respected Partners,
supportive Shareholders, tight capital structure**

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Shares on Issue

4,500,000 Performance Rights.
3,000,000 Options

Top 40 Shareholders
~63% equity

Board & Management
~9% equity

Cash

\$11.6M²

No Debt

31 December 2025

Market Cap

\$154.9M

\$0.735 Share Price
11 February 2026

Consortium fully
funding DFS

\$98.5M

To earn 35% interest in KNP
Goongarrie Hub, and can
increase to 50% on
successful FID¹

\$25.6M

remaining to be
expended by
Consortium in DFS
Funding

31 December 2025 ²



Mat Longworth Non-Executive Chair

Experienced across exploration, project evaluation / development including KNP and corporate management



Andrew Penkethman MD & CEO

Experienced geologist with strong technical and corporate focus including discovery and strategic partner success. ASX, TSX and AIM experience



Maree Arnason Non-Executive Director

Highly experienced director and executive in the natural resources, energy and manufacturing sectors



Michael Rodriguez Executive Director

Metallurgist experienced in the design, construction, commissioning and operation of metallurgical operations including HPAL



Sam Middlemas Company Secretary

Chartered Accountant experienced in providing Company Secretary services



Rebecca Moylan Chief Financial Officer

Experienced CFO with expertise in financial and corporate management, accounting, project financing and contract negotiation



Ian Buchhorn Technical Executive

Mineral economist and geologist, with significant Eastern Goldfields of WA, exploration, evaluation, development and operations experience

1. See ARL ASX Announcement 30 August 2024 Kalgoorlie Nickel Project (KNP) Goongarrie Hub Joint Venture Transaction Completion with Japanese Consortium 2. Unaudited. 31 December Cash Available of \$11.6M, \$49M funds remaining - See ARL ASX Announcement 30 January 2026 December quarterly report

Appendix 1 - Competent Persons

Information in this presentation has been summarised from ARL ASX MRE Announcement 30 June 2023, ARL ASX PFS Announcement 5 July 2023 and ARL ASX Consortium Announcement 26 April 2024, 14 August 2024 and 30 August 2024.

Resource Estimation, Exploration Results, and Industry Benchmarking

The Resource Estimation, Exploration Results and Industry Benchmarking summaries are based on information reviewed or compiled by Mr Ian Buchhorn, and Mr Andrew Penkethman. Mr Buchhorn is a Member of the Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy and Mr Penkethman is a Fellow of the Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy and a Member of the Australian Institute of Geoscientists. Both Mr Buchhorn and Mr Penkethman are full-time employees of Ardea Resources Limited and have sufficient experience, which is relevant to the style of mineralisation and type of deposit under consideration and to the activity which they are 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 Reserves¹.

Mr Buchhorn and Mr Penkethman have reviewed this press release and consent to the inclusion in this report of the information in the form and context in which it appears. Mr Buchhorn and Mr Penkethman own Ardea shares.

The Company confirms that it is not aware of any new information or data that materially affects the information included in the previous market announcement noted above and that all material assumptions and technical parameters underpinning the Mineral Resource Estimate in the previous market announcement continue to apply and have not materially changed. The Company confirms that the form and context in which the Competent Persons' findings are presented have not been materially modified from the original market announcement.

The Mineral Resource Estimate information shown in this ASX release has been previously released on the ASX platform by Ardea in ASX release 30 June 2023, in accordance with Listing Rule 5.8. The Mineral Resource Estimate in the above table is inclusive of the Ore Reserve shown in the table next slide.

Ardea wishes to clarify that its current Kalgoorlie Nickel Project (KNP) Mineral Resource Estimate (MRE) following JORC Code (2012) guidelines is:

					Contained	Contained
KNP Hub	Resource Category	Size (Mt)	Ni (%)	Co (%)	Ni (kt)	Co (kt)
Goongarrie Hub ¹	Measured	18	0.94	0.085	171	15
	Indicated	277	0.7	0.046	1,923	127
	Inferred	289	0.67	0.037	1,951	108
Sub Total	Combined	584	0.69	0.043	4,044	250
Kalpini Hub including Yerilla Hub ²	Measured	4	0.94	0.048	36	2
	Indicated	84	0.83	0.050	699	42
	Inferred	182	0.73	0.051	1,321	92
Sub Total	Combined	270	0.76	0.050	2,056	136
Kalgoorlie Nickel Project Total	Measured	22	0.94	0.079	207	17
	Indicated	361	0.73	0.047	2,622	169
	Inferred	471	0.70	0.043	3,272	200
KNP	Grand Total	854	0.71	0.045	6,101	386

Note: 0.5% nickel cutoff grade used to report resources. Minor discrepancies may occur due to rounding of appropriate significant figures.

1. The Goongarrie Hub is part of KNPL Incorporated Joint Venture. See 30 August 2024 ASX Announcement, KNP Goongarrie Hub Joint Venture Transaction Completion with Japanese Consortium. The Goongarrie Hub Resources are reported on a 100% basis, with Ardea holding an 82.5% interest.
2. The KNP Kalpini and Yerilla Hubs are known collectively as the Kalpini Hub and remain a 100% owned Ardea asset.

Appendix 1 - Competent Persons cont.

Ore Reserves

Information in this presentation that relates to Ore Reserves at the Kalgoorlie Nickel Project Goongarrie Hub is based on and fairly represents information and supporting documentation compiled by Mr Jake Fitzsimons, a Competent Person who is a full-time employee of Orelogy Mine Consulting, a company engaged by Ardea. Mr Fitzsimons is a Fellow of the Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy. Mr Fitzsimons has sufficient experience which is relevant to the style of mineralisation and type of deposit under consideration and to the activity which is being undertaken 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 (2012 JORC Code). Mr Fitzsimons does not hold securities in Ardea and consents to the inclusion in this announcement of all technical statements based on his information in the form and context in which they appear.

Ardea confirms that all the material assumptions underpinning the production target, and the forecast financial information derived from the production target continue to apply and have not materially changed. Noting that the PFS included the inclusion of a small amount of Inferred Mineral Resource (20Mt or 9%) spread over the Life of Mine (page 26 of Ardea 5 July 2023 PFS ASX announcement).

The Company confirms that it is not aware of any new information or data that materially affects the information included in the previous market announcement noted above and that all material assumptions and technical parameters underpinning the Ore Reserve in the previous market announcement continue to apply and have not materially changed. The Company confirms that the form and context in which the Competent Persons' findings are presented have not been materially modified from the original market announcement.

KNP Goongarrie Hub Ore Reserve Summary

Goongarrie Hub	Ore Reserve Category	Size (Mt)	Ni (%)	Co (%)	Contained	Contained
					Ni (kt)	Co (kt)
Ore Reserve ¹	Proven	16.7	0.96	0.09	160	15
	Probable	177.4	0.68	0.05	1,204	84
	Grand Total	194.1	0.70	0.05	1,365	99

Note: Minor discrepancies may occur due to rounding of appropriate significant figures.

Full details on the Ore Reserve are available in the 5 July Ardea ASX announcement, see Section 5 and Appendix 1.

The Ore Reserve information shown in this ASX release has been previously released on the ASX platform by Ardea in ASX release 5 July 2023, in accordance with Listing Rule 5.9.

¹ KNP Goongarrie Hub Ore Reserve is reported on a 100% basis. Ardea Resources holds an 82.5% interest in the KNP Goongarrie Hub.

The Competent Persons (CP) for the Mineral Resources, are Mr Ian Buchhorn and Mr Andrew Penkethman, both are full-time employees of Ardea and consider the resource classification applied to the KNP resource models to reflect appropriate confidence in the input exploration data, geological interpretation and resource grade and tonnage estimates.

Various ASX market releases for the Mineral Resources described have been competed by Ardea, notably:

- 30 June 2023 'Kalgoorlie Nickel Project Mineral Resource Estimate Exceeds 6 Million Tonne Contained Nickel'.
- 16 June 2021 'Highway Nickel Deposit -Mineral Resource Estimate 92 million tonnes at 0.69% nickel and 0.038% cobalt'.

The Goongarrie Hub Mineral Resource Estimate shown in the adjacent table are inclusive of the Ore Reserves shown in this presentation.

1. The Goongarrie Hub is part of KNPL Incorporated Joint Venture. See 30 August 2024 ASX release, KNP Goongarrie Hub Joint Venture Transaction Completion with Japanese Consortium. Goongarrie Hub Resources are reported on a 100% basis, with Ardea owning an 82.5% interest.
2. The KNP Kalpini and Yerilla Hubs are known collectively as the Kalpini Hub and remain a 100% owned Ardea asset.

KNP Global nickel and cobalt Mineral Resources based on a 0.5% Ni cut-off grade

					Contained	Contained
KNP Hub	Resource Category	Size (Tonnes)	Ni (%)	Co (%)	Ni (kt)	Co (kt)
Goongarrie Hub ¹	Measured	18,200,000	0.94	0.085	171	15
	Indicated	276,500,000	0.70	0.046	1,923	127
	Inferred	289,300,000	0.67	0.037	1,951	108
	Sub Total	584,000,000	0.69	0.043	4,044	250
Kalpini Hub ²	Indicated	15,900,000	1.06	0.055	169	9
	Inferred	113,600,000	0.76	0.047	859	53
	Sub Total	129,500,000	0.79	0.048	1,028	62
Yerilla Hub ² (now part of Kalpini Hub)	Measured	3,800,000	0.94	0.048	36	2
	Indicated	68,400,000	0.78	0.049	531	33
	Inferred	67,800,000	0.68	0.057	462	39
	Sub Total	140,000,000	0.73	0.053	1,028	74
Kalgoorlie Nickel Project Total	Measured	22,000,000	0.94	0.079	207	17
	Indicated	360,800,000	0.73	0.047	2,622	169
	Inferred	470,700,000	0.70	0.043	3,272	200
KNP	Grand Total	853,500,000	0.71	0.045	6,101	386

Minor discrepancies may occur due to rounding of appropriate significant figures.



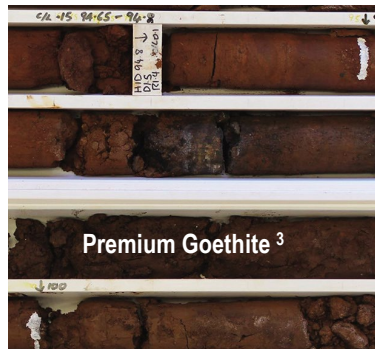
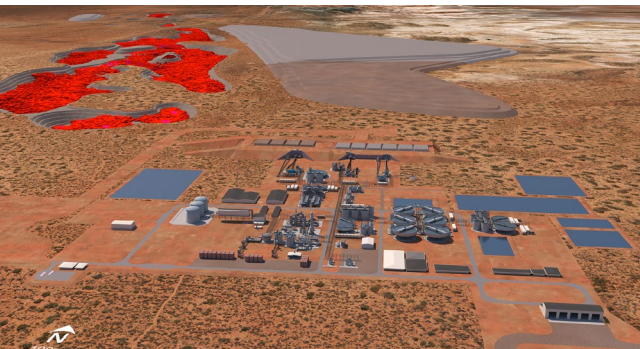
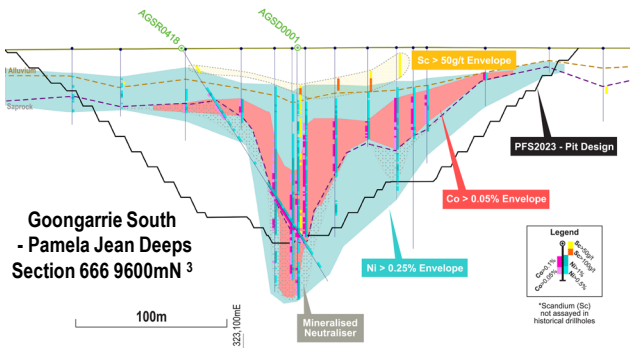
Appendix 2 Geology & ESG





Unique characteristics drive low cost

Potential lowest cost producer thanks to KNP Goongarrie Hub ore deposit characteristics & geometry



Goethite Premium Ore

- 25km continuous strike
- Mainly free-digging ore makes up ~70% of Plant Feed¹
- Low acid consumption and energy requirements¹

Conventional low-cost open pit mining

- Mining costs <12% of total OPEX¹
- Very low strip ratio of 1.8:1 (waste:ore)¹

Mineralised Neutraliser (MN)²

- Replace imported neutraliser (lime) with MN from within designed pits
 - ✓ Increased metal recovery
 - ✓ Reduced costs and emissions.
 - ✓ International Patent Application lodged²

1. See ARL ASX Announcement 5 July 2023 ARL PFS. NB: Project MRE, Ore Reserve, Production, Operation & Financial numbers are being updated in current in-progress DFS

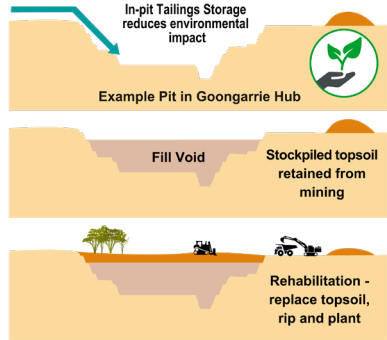
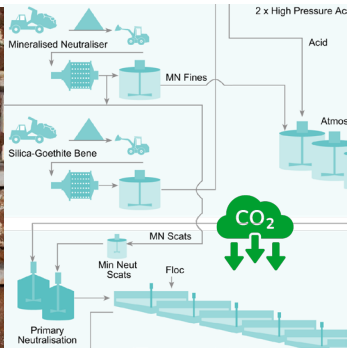
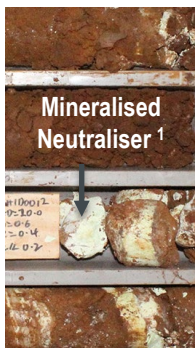
2. See ARL ASX Announcement 16 November 2022 ARL MN ASX Announcement, Appendix 1 for assays of MN in AHID0012 20-22m photographed and 15 June 2023 ARL MN ASX Announcement

3. See ARL ASX Announcement 8 October 2018 High-grade nickel-cobalt mineralisation extended at Goongarrie for AGSD001 as shown on cross section and in photograph for the 96-102m interval.



Innovated approach to elevate ESG performance

Continual improvement within a responsible ESG framework, enhanced by innovation in plant design

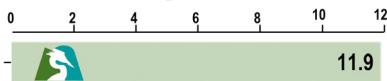


- Ardea's R&D defined **MN**, within designed pits. This material can replace imported neutralising material – reducing need to import lime, **increasing metal recovery, reducing costs and emissions**. An International Patent Application has been lodged for this process¹
- In-pit tailings storage** evaporation, suited to the semi-arid environment, improving rehabilitation outcomes²
- Excess steam from Acid Plant will be fed to **onsite power plant** reducing CO₂ emissions²
- Life Cycle Assessment (LCA)** is expected to be **11.9 kg CO₂ eq. per kg nickel in MHP** based on project and upstream emissions²

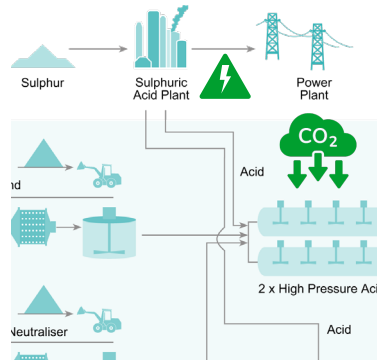


Climate Change Life Cycle Analysis

TOTAL kg CO₂ eq per kg Ni in MHP



Minviro LCA 2023 report to Ardea - 5 July 2023 PFS



1. See ARL ASX Announcement 16 November 2022 ARL Mineralised Neutraliser, Appendix 1 for assays of MN in AHID0012 20-22m photographed and 15 June 2023 ARL MN ASX Announcement
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Outlook for Nickel demand remains strong

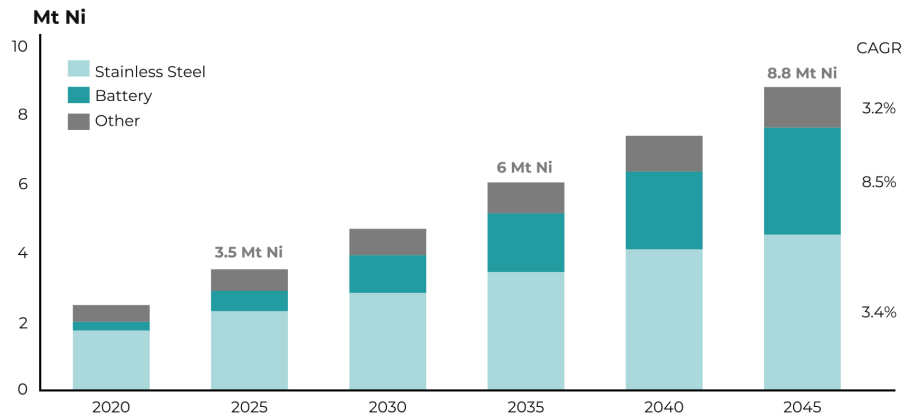
Nickel Market expected to tip to deficit from 2030 – Security of supply increasingly important

- Increasing stainless steel and battery demand, along with growth in high-nickel cathodes, to **grow nickel demand***
- **20.7 million Electric Vehicles (EV) sales ytd December 2025**, representing growth of 20% compared to 2024¹
- **BESS** system shipments **up 38%** year-on-year to October 2025²
- **156GWh** Global energy storage grid deployments through to October 2025²

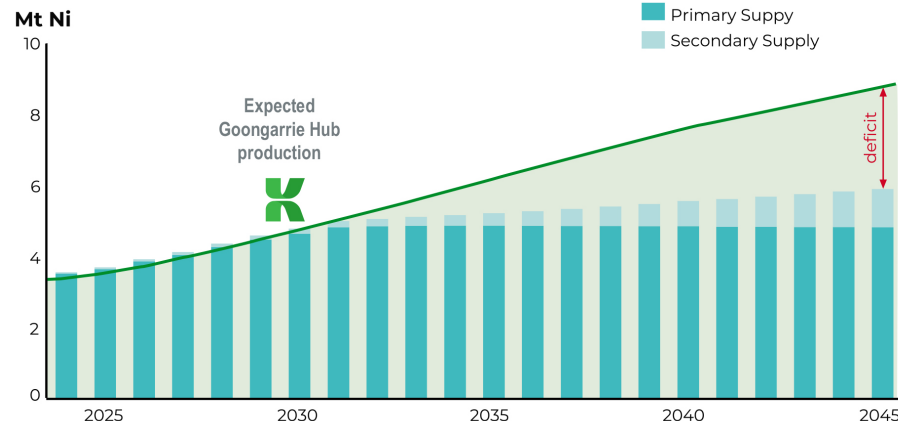
1. EV Statistics from Rho Motion 14 January 2026

2. Rho Motion Energy 24 November 2025

Global Nickel Demand by Market Segment (Base Case)



Base Case Ni Supply-Demand Forecast

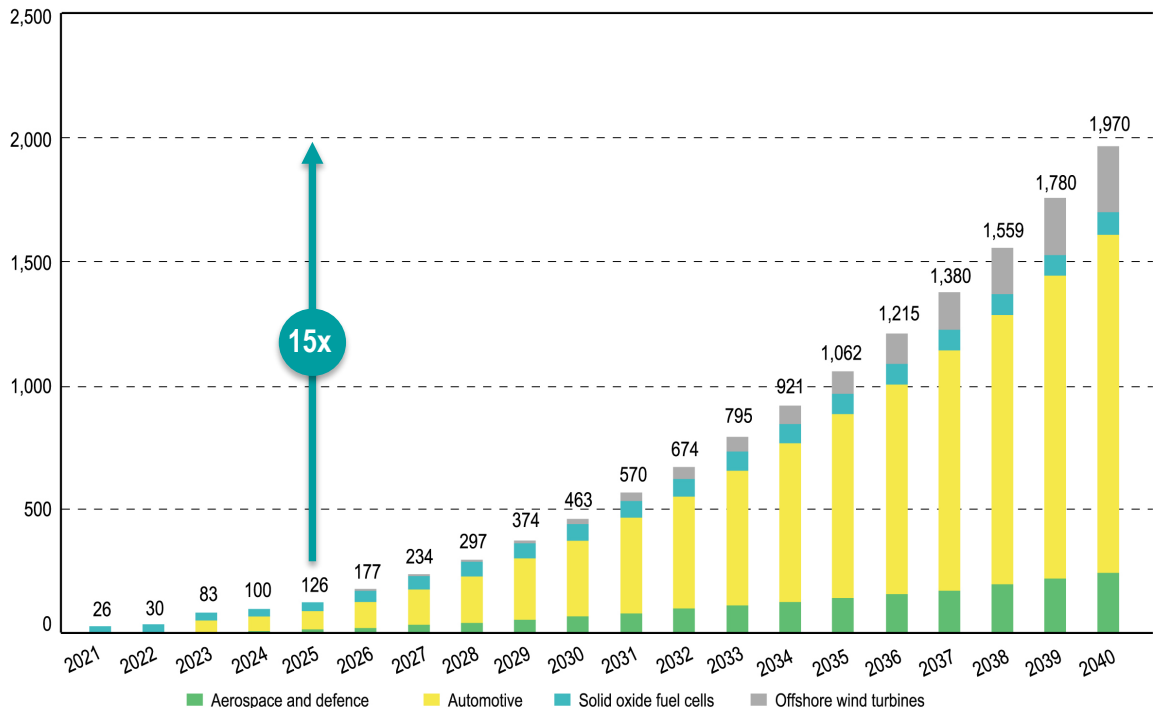


*19 August 2025 - The Demand forecast is based on Benchmark's Base Case scenario; nickel demand is expected to grow at a CAGR of 4.6% from 2024 to 2045.

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Potential for Scandium by-product¹

Scandium market size estimates, most likely scenario, 2021-2040 tonnes



Published on mining.com.au Oct 2024, source Internal EY market study 2022

1. Scandium was not considered in ARL 5 July 2023 PFS

2. Straights Research, July 2025

- Increasing global interest in security of supply following China's addition of the element to export control list
- Scandium alloying reduces weight and increases the strength of aluminium, crucial for high-performance applications in the aerospace, defence, and automotive sectors
- Scandium plays an important role in Solid Oxide Fuel Cells
- Predicted CAGR of 8.7% by 2033 to US\$1.25 billion²
- Space left for a Sc refinery in DFS process plant layout



Appendix 3 KNPL





DFS Key Budget Items

The Consortium (SMM and MC) are funding 100% of the KNP Goongarrie Hub DFS costs, up to the agreed budget of A\$98.5 million

DFS Cost Centre	Costs (A\$)
Drilling	13.4M
Metallurgical Test Work	2.3M
Mine Design (incl dewatering & geotechnical)	15.0M
Process Plant Design	28.3M
Buildings and Camp Design	5.3M
Approvals	4.9M
Staff, Corporate and Other	26.2M
Other Expert Consultants	1.5M
Tenement Costs	1.6M
DFS Total Budget	98.5M



Partnership detail

Partnership validates KNP Goongarrie Hub's global significance as a desirable Critical Minerals source



[^] See ARL ASX Announcement 30 June 2023 ARL MRE announcement.

* See ARL ASX Announcement 30 August 2024 KNP Goongarrie Hub Joint Venture Transaction Completion with Japanese Consortium. SMM and MC, together the Consortium, fully funding DFS up to A\$98.5M to earn 35% interest in KNPL, and a further 15% interest in KNPL on positive Final Investment Decision (FID). Consortium to assist KNPL in optimising debt financing