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## PRESENTATION TO INVESTORS AND WEBCAST DETAILS

Attached is a presentation, which is being presented by Alpha HPA Limited's Managing Director, Mr Rimas Kairaitis, to investors at 11.00am today.

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# ULTRA PURE ALUMINIUM PRODUCTS FOR DE-CARBONISATION



Alpha **HPA** 

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## **WE SUPPLY E-MOBILITY**

## The next major driver of de-carbonisation



#### **Gasoline Only**



#### **Average Emmissions**



#### **Plug-in Hybrid Electric**





#### **Battery Electric**



154 Grams of CO<sub>2</sub>e per mile

Source: Inside EV's (www.insideevs.com)

## CO<sub>2</sub> Emissions

**>50%** 



#### **WE SUPPLY**

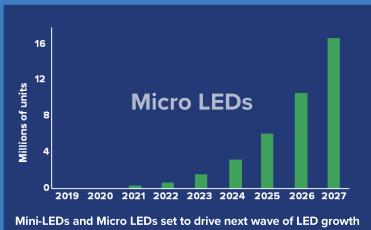
- HPA for separators
- Al-precursors for cathode
- Al-precursors for anode



Alpha **HPA** 

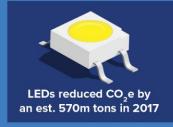
### **WE SUPPLY LED-LIGHTING**

## The current technology driver of de-carbonisation



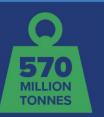
PROJECTED ENERGY SAVINGS IN US
LIGHT ENERGY CONSUMPTION BY 2035







IN 2017, THE USE OF LEDS TO ILLUMINATE BUILDINGS AND OUTDOOR SPACES REDUCED CO<sub>2</sub> EMISSIONS BY NEARLY







A COMPLETE SWITCH TO LED LIGHTING WORLD WIDE, WOULD PREVENT 1,400,000,000 TONNES OF CO<sub>2</sub> EMISSIONS



- HPA for LED sapphire substrates
- HPA for LED phosphors
- Al-precursors for LED phosphors



## Alpha HPA: Introduction

- We are a technology/industrial chemical company
- We offer exposure to the rapidly growing Li-ion battery and LED lighting markets
- We do this through a suite of ultra-high purity aluminium products which are:
  - Critical raw materials for de-carbonisation
- Our proprietary process delivers us the competitive edge
  - High purity/low CapEx/low OpEx
- Low carbon, sustainable process.
- We are commercialising our technology as the

#### **HPA FIRST PROJECT**

 The HPA First Project to deliver annual free cash flows of between AUD\$133 - \$280M pa



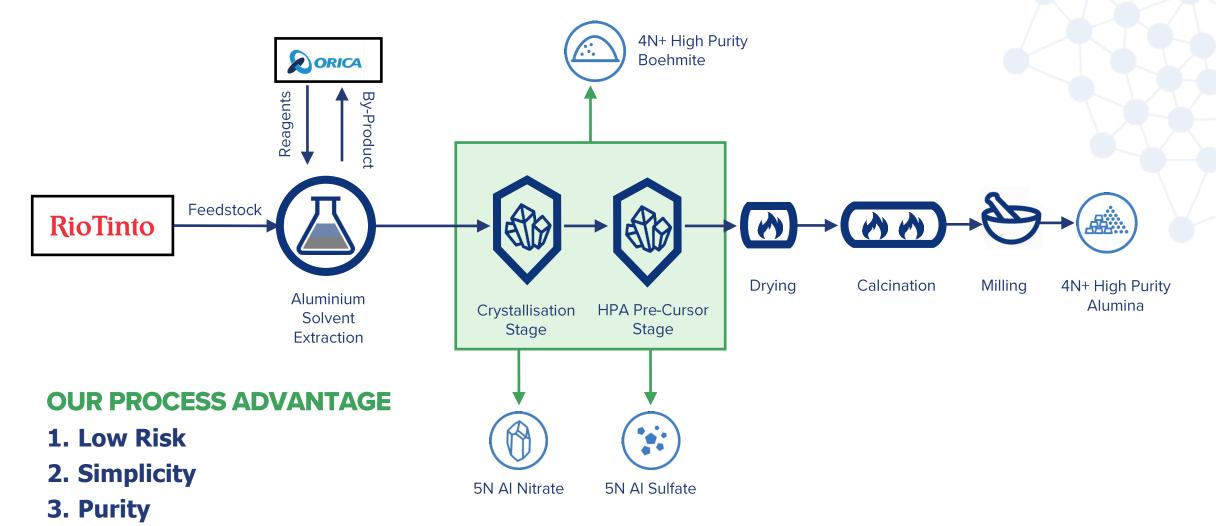




## **HPA First Project: Location**



## **Process Flow Sheet: Disruptive and Flexible**

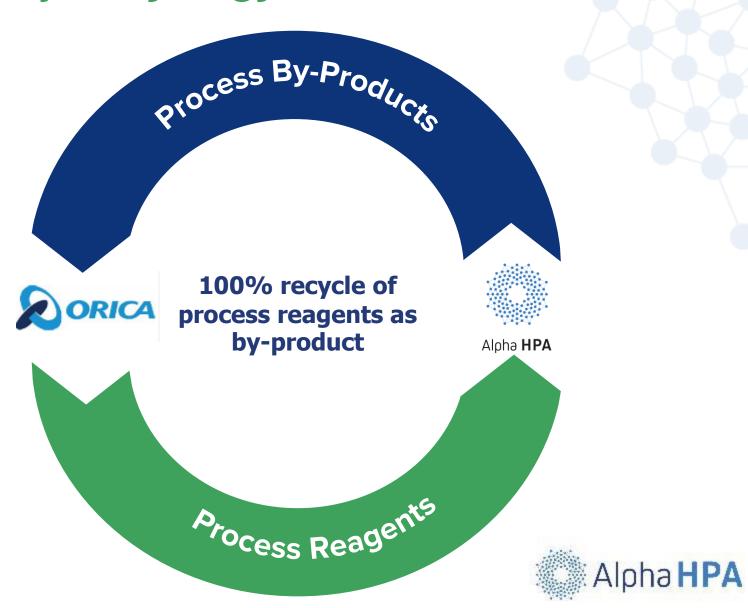




4. Flexibility

## **Alpha HPA & Orica: Project Synergy**

- Project partnership with ASX 100 Company Orica (ASX:ORI)
- Binding agreements in place
- Project integration with 100% recycle of process reagents as by-product.



### **Our products:**

#### **High Purity Aluminas**



## Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> Ultra High Purity Alumina Powder & Tablets

>99.995% (4N5) purity HPA engineered to suit customers specifications such as bespoke particle sized powders, sintered and un-sintered granules and sintered custom ingots.



#### Al-O-OH Ultra Boehmite

A bespoke engineered >99.995% (4N5) purity Boehmite to suit specific customer requirements, ideal for LiB separator coatings and as a precursor for speciality applications.

#### **Aluminium Pre-cursors**



#### Al(NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>.9H<sub>2</sub>O Ultra Aluminium Nitrate

Our >99.999% (5N) purity aluminium nitrate is the purest product available at commercial scale. Key applications in particle coating, LED, aluminate scintillators and other specialty products.



#### Al<sub>2</sub>(SO<sub>4</sub>)<sub>3</sub>.xH<sub>2</sub>O Ultra Aluminium Sulfate

Our >99.999% (5N) aluminium sulfate is the purest product available at commercial scale. A premium product for synthesis of aluminium cathode active materials (CAM) with NCA, NCMA and NFA.

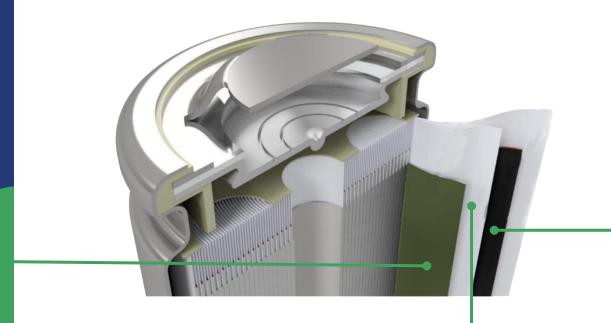


## Our products for the lithium-ion cell

#### **CATHODE**

Cathode pre-cursors for NCA & NCMA and alumina coating

5N Al-Nitrate + 5N Al-Sulfate



#### **ANODE**

Pre-cursors for coating graphite and silicon anode

**5N Al-Nitrate** 

#### **SEPARATOR**

Ceramic coating for thermal management

HPA &
High Purity
Boehmite

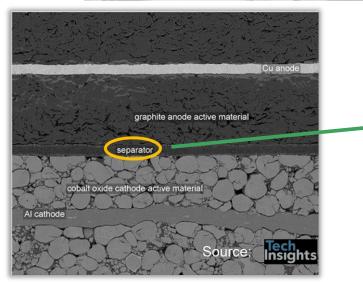


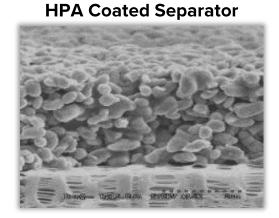
## Lithium-ion battery separator coating

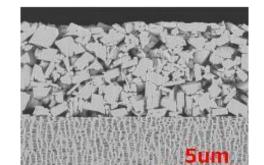










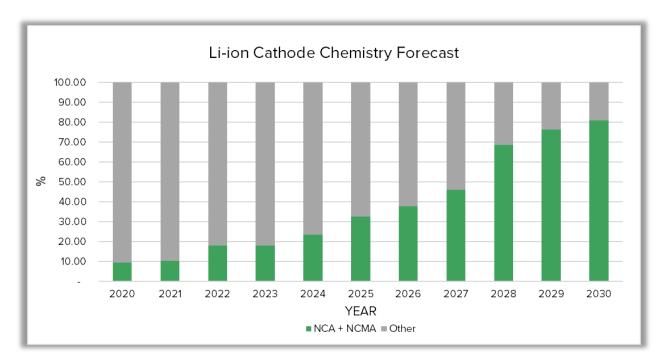


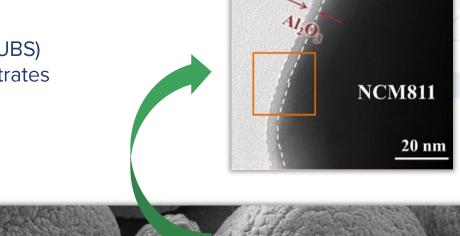
**Boehmite Coated Separator** 



### **5N Aluminium Precursors: For Li-B Cathodes & Anodes:**

- For synthesis of aluminium-bearing, lithium-ion battery cathode active materials (CAM)
- Used in aluminium bearing cathode chemistries, ie:
- NCA (eg: Tesla)
- NCMA (eg: GM-Ultium)
- NCA + NCMA chemistries forecast ~80% of all Li-B cathode by 2030 (UBS)
- High Ni (>80%) cathode increasingly require Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> coating using Al-Nitrates
- Alpha HPA's precursors considered the highest purity globally





SEM of NCA Cathode Active Materials (CAM)



NCA + NCMA Cathode Chemistries ~80% by 2030

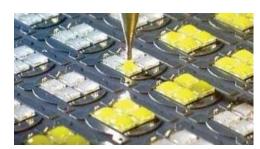
Source: UBS – Dec 2020

## **Our products for LED lights**

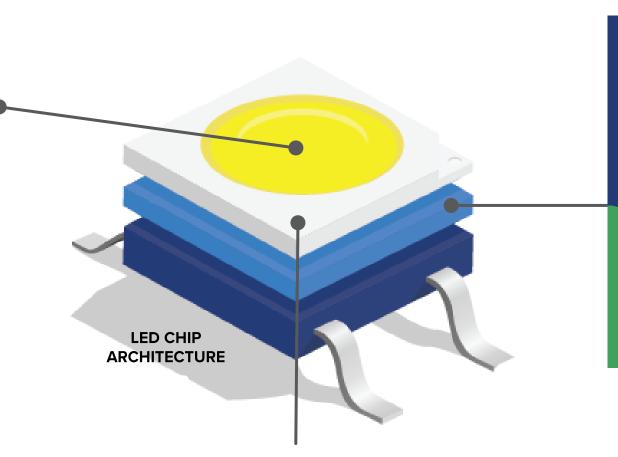
#### **LED PHOSPHORS**

Synthesis of Aluminate (YAG) Phosphors for white LEDS

HPA + 5N Al-Nitrate



Addition of YAG phosphors to LED lighting circuits



Ga-N circuit & Active Layers

## SAPPHIRE GLASS WAFERS

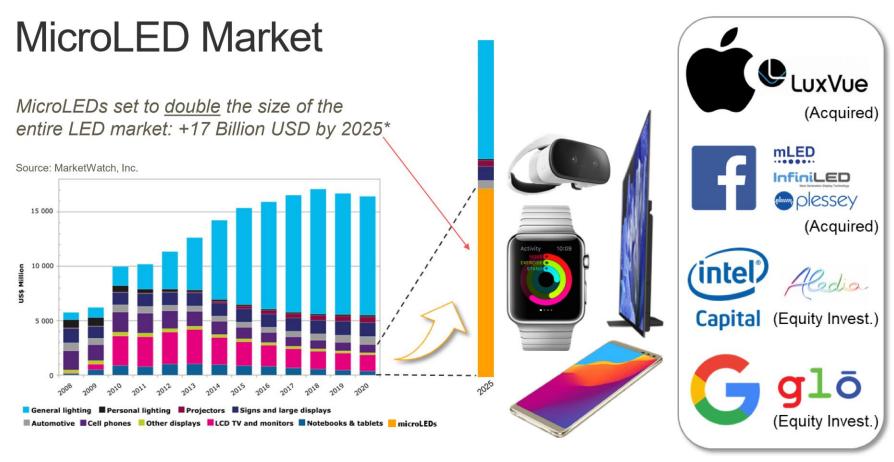
Sapphire crystal growth cut to sapphire wafer

**HPA Pellets** 



### **5N Aluminium-Nitrate: Micro-LED's**

- Adoption of micro-LED's has the potential to double existing LED market
- Micro LEDS's require nano-size phosphors
- Nano-size phosphors increasingly require 'wet process' synthesis >> using Al-nitrate





## Sapphire Glass Manufacture:

**ALOX Technology** 

- Alpha HPA is qualified for single crystal sapphire boule production grown by premium sapphire glass manufacturer ALOX Technology
- Alpha HPA now in discussions with ALOX on commercial supply



Alpha HPA's sintered pellets



**Crucible stacking** 



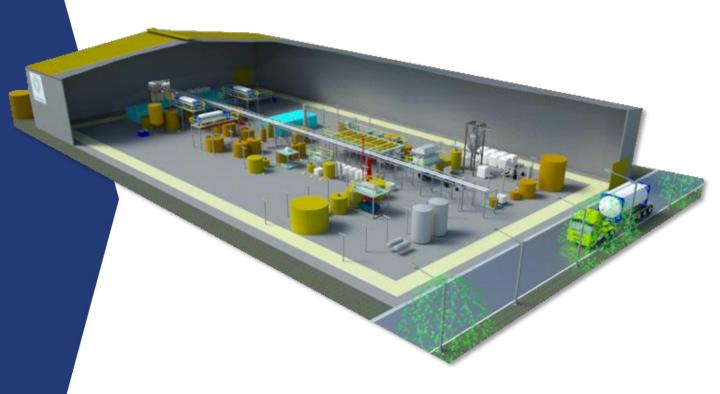
Single crystal boule



### Near term production:

## Precursor Production Facility (PPF)

- Fully funded PPF construction underway to fast-track production of 5N Al-precursors at ~200 tpa
- Also delivering bespoke volumes of HPA and boehmite (1-5 tonnes per annum)
- To be constructed within Alpha's existing HPA First Project site at Gladstone
- Fully vendor quoted CapEx ~A\$27.6M
- Targeting August 2022 Production



3D Schematic HPA First Project Precursor Production Facility



## **Stage 1: Precursor Production Facility (PPF)**

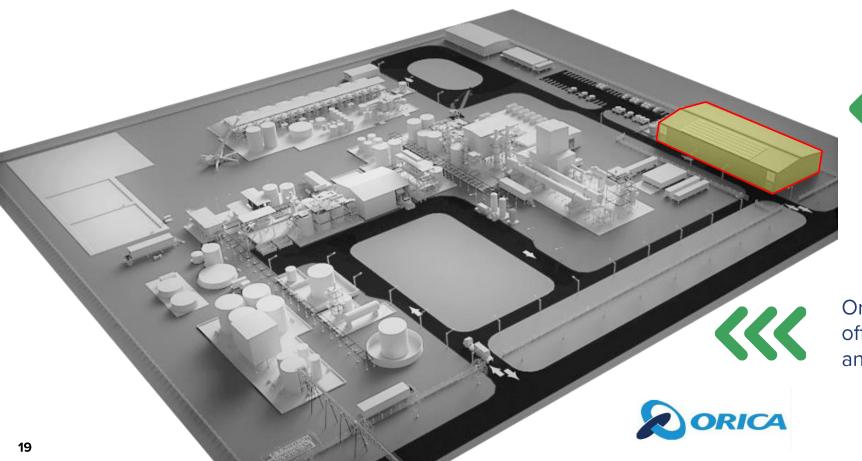


PPF: September 2022



## Project Layout: PPF and Full Scale Facility

- The PPF to be constructed within the HPA First Project Footprint
- To be incorporated into the Full Scale HPA First Plant as a dedicated unit for 5N Al-Sulfate.
- alphahpa.com.au/our-projects



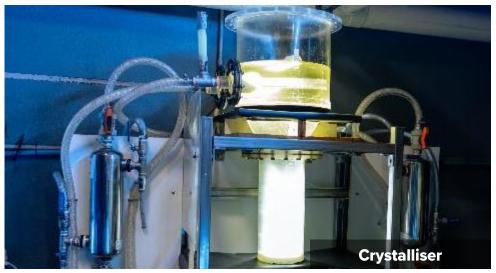


PPF to be constructed within the HPA First Project footprint, and then incorporated into the full-scale commercial plant.

Orica to supply reagents and offtake by-product for both the PPF and the full-scale facility



# HPA First Project: Brisbane Plant >>>









- Continuously operating facility, with over 3,500 operating hours
- Aluminium nitrate production to date >5,100kg
- Servicing specialty sales and continued product test orders



## **HPA First Project: Global Product Marketing**

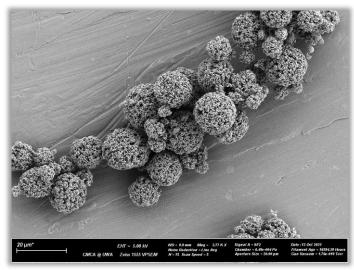
- Global Marketing Network established
- >80 product samples now distributed globally to >40 end users
- Products qualified for sapphire glass, LED phosphors and separator coatings
- Al-nitrate and HPA sales commenced
- **Sept 2021**: Multiple (8) bids submitted for high value supply contracts



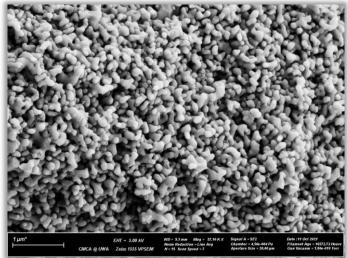


## **Product Marketing: Understanding our Customers**

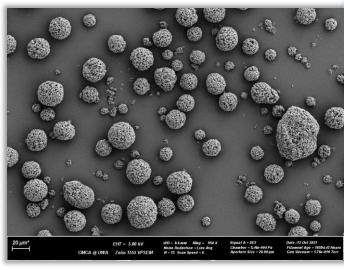
• Detailed technical interaction allows us to deliver to our customers requirements



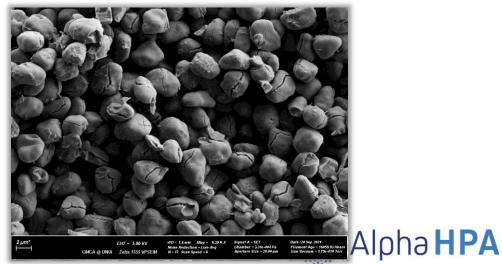
HPA spheres for Japanese electronics OEM



Sub micron HPA for German based LED phosphor OEM



Dispersible boehmites for US ceramics OEM

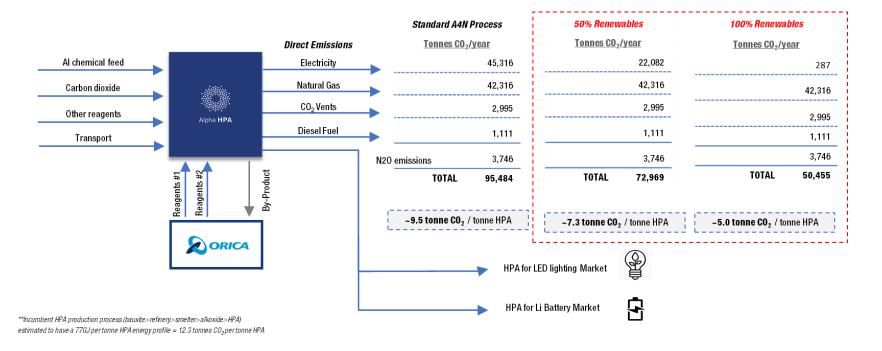


HPA coated Li-B anodes for EU anode OEM

## **HPA First Project: Low Carbon Footprint**

- Alpha HPA has a MOU with CleanCo (QLD) for up to 100% renewable energy supply
- 100% renewable energy supply represents a 59% reduction in Co2 emissions vs the incumbent (alkoxide) HPA process

Item	Tonnes CO <sub>2</sub> per tonne HPA	
Incumbent alkoxide process	12.44	
		CO <sub>2</sub> Reduction
HPA First Project - process baseline	9.5	22.4%
HPA First Project - 50% renewable electricity purchase	7.3	41%
HPA First Project - 100% renewable electricity purchase	5.04	59%





## **HPA First Project: DFS (March 2020)**

- Comprehensive technical and financial validation of the Company's HPA First Project
  - Production rate of 10,000tpa HPA
  - Annual free cashflow increased to A\$280M\*\*
  - Strong Project cashflows under all modelled price scenarios (US\$15/20/25kg HPA)
  - Unit cash costs of A\$8,730 (US\$5,940/t or US\$5.94/kg) HPA after by-product credits
  - Project CapEx of A\$308M (US\$209M)
  - Capital intensity of A\$30,800 (US\$20,900)/tpa HPA
  - Financially robust project with high profitability at HPA prices as low as US\$10,000/t

	HPA Pricing Scenarios					
Key Project Parameters	USD \$25/kg		USD \$20/kg		USD \$15/kg	
	AUD	USD	AUD	USD	AUD	USD
Annual Revenue @ 10,000tpa	\$368 million	\$250 million	\$294 million	\$200 million	\$221 million	\$150 million
Annual Pre-Tax Cashflow	\$280 million	\$191 million	\$207 million	\$141 million	\$133 million	\$91 million
Payback	< 2 years		<3 years		<4 years	

<sup>\*</sup>HPA price of US\$25/kg and USD/AUD = 0.68



<sup>\*\*</sup>Relative to March 2019 PFS = A\$265M

## **HPA First Project: Status and Catalysts**



Mar '20 Definitive Feasibility Study – ROBUST PROJECT CONFIRMED

Aug '20: Offtake, marketing & financing MOU with Traxys

Sept '20: 2 x High-purity Li-B Pre-Cursor manufacture confirmed

Feb '21: Major Project Permitting Approval (MCU)

Feb '21: HPA Pellets qualifies for sapphire glass manufacture

**Apr '21: MOU with Saint Gobain – all products** 

May '21: HPA powder qualifies for LED phosphor manufacture

May '21: MOU with CleanCo QLD to provide up to 100% Renewable Energy

May '21: Lenders Engineers (ITE) appointed – Final bank technical DD

**Aug '21: Orica Definitive Agreements** 

**Sep '21: NAIF – Strategic Assessment Phase Approval** 

**Nov '21: Project Site Secured** 

**Current:** Global Outreach >80 end-user test products shipped, multiple products under Devt.

**Pending: Large Volume Product Offtakes** 

Pending: Final Product Mix and DFS Update

**Pending: Project Financing and FID** 

Aug '22: COMMERCIAL PRODUCTION OF 5N AI-PRECURSORS - PPF



## **Corporate Snapshot**

#### TRADING INFORMATION

ASX CODE	A4N
Share Price (08/11/2021)	~49c
52-week trading range	14c – 67.5c
Issued Shares	793.3M

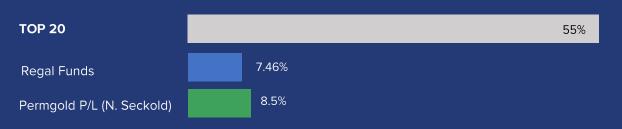
#### **CAPITAL STRUCTURE**

Issued Shares	793.3M
Unlisted options (@20c)*	10.0M (expire 31 July 2022)
Unlisted options (@30c)	34.0M (expire 31 July 2022)
Unlisted options (@35c)*	5.0M (expire 30 Sept 2023)
Unlisted options (@35c)	26.0M (expire 31 July 2023)
Market Cap	\$389M
Est Cash (30-09-2021)	~\$46M — No Debt
Enterprise Value	\$343M

#### **SHARE PRICE PERFORMANCE – 12 MONTHS**



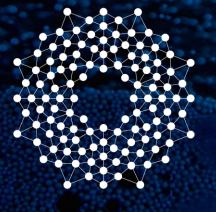
#### **SHAREHOLDERS**



<sup>\*</sup> Licensor Options



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