# UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

**WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549** 

## FORM 8-K

#### **CURRENT REPORT**

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): May 15, 2023

# 5E ADVANCED MATERIALS, INC.

(Exact name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

Delaware
(State or Other Jurisdiction
of Incorporation)
(Co

001-41279 (Commission File Number) 87-3426517 (IRS Employer Identification No.)

19500 State Highway 249, Suite 125 Houston, Texas (Address of Principal Executive Offices)

77070 (Zip Code)

The Nasdaq Global Select Market

Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code: (346) 439-9656

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

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Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

Trading
Symbol(s)

Name of each exchange on which registered

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§ 230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§ 240.12b-2 of this chapter).

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Emerging growth company ⊠

Common Stock

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

#### Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure.

5E Advanced Materials, Inc. (the "Company") has updated its investor presentation, a copy of which is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 hereto. The investor presentation will also be available on the Company's website located at www.5eadvancedmaterials.com under the Investors tab in the Events and Presentations section. None of the other information on our website is incorporated by reference into, or a part of, this Current Report on Form 8-K.

#### FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

The information in this Presentation includes "forward looking statements". All statements other than statements of historical fact included in this Presentation regarding our business strategy, plans, goals and objectives are forward looking statements. When used in this Presentation, the words "believe", "project", "expect", "anticipate", "estimate", "intend", "budget", "target", "aim", "strategy", "estimate", "plan", "guidance", "outlook", "intend", "may", "should", "could", "will", "would", "will be", "will continue", "will likely result' and similar expressions are intended to identify forward looking statements, although not all forward looking statements contain such identifying words. These forward looking statements are based on 5E's current expectations and assumptions about future events and are based on currently available information as to the outcome and timing of future events. We caution you that these forward looking statements are subject to all of the risks and uncertainties, most of which are difficult to predict and many of which are beyond our control, incident to the extraction of the critical materials we intend to produce and advanced materials production and development. These risks include, but are not limited to: our limited operating history in the borates and lithium industries and the fact that we have not yet realized any revenue from our proposed extraction operations at our properties; our need for substantial additional financing to execute our business plan and our ability to access capital and the financial markets; our status as an exploration stage company dependent on a single project with no known Regulation S-K 1300 mineral reserves and the inherent uncertainty in estimates of mineral resources; our lack of history in mineral production and the significant risks associated with achieving our business strategies, including our downstream processing ambitions; our ability to obtain, maintain, and renew governmental and environmental permits in order to conduct development and mining operations in a timely manner; our incurrence of significant net operating losses to date and expectations to incur continued losses for the foreseeable future; risks and uncertainties relating to the development of the 5E Boron Americas Complex, including our ability to timely and successfully complete Phase 1 of our 5E Boron Americas Complex; our ability to obtain, maintain and renew required governmental permits for our development activities, including satisfying all mandated conditions to any such permits; and other risks. Should one or more of these risks or uncertainties occur, or should underlying assumptions prove incorrect, our actual results and plans could differ materially from those expressed in any forward looking statements. No representation or warranty (express or implied) is made as to, and no reliance should be placed on, any information, including projections, estimates, targets and opinions contained herein, and no liability whatsoever is accepted as to any errors, omissions or misstatements contained herein.

For additional information regarding these various risks and uncertainties, you should carefully review the risk factors and other disclosures in our Form 10-K filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) on September 28, 2022, as amended by our Form 10-K/A filed on October 31, 2022, as well as our Form 10-Qs filed on November 10, 2022, February 9, 2023, and May 15, 2023. Additional risks are also disclosed by 5E in its filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission throughout the year, as well as its filings under the Australian Securities Exchange.

The information referenced herein is being furnished pursuant to Item 7.01 of Form 8-K and will not be deemed "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or otherwise subject to the liability of such Section.

#### Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

Number Exhibit

99.1 Investor Presentation

104 Cover Page Interactive Data File (embedded with the Inline XBLR document)

#### **SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

5E Advanced Materials, Inc.

Date: May 15, 2023 By: /s/ Paul Weibel

Paul Weibel *Chief Financial Officer* 





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#### MARKET AND INDUSTRY DATA

This Presentation has been prepared by 5E and includes market data and other statistical information from third party sources, including independent industry publications, government publications or other published independent sources. Although 5E believes these third party sources are reliable as of their respective dates for the purposes used herein, neither we nor any of our affiliates, directors, officers, employees, members, partners, shareholders or agents make any representation or warranty with respect to the accuracy or completeness of such information. Although we believe the sources are reliable, we have not independently verified the accuracy or completeness of data from such sources. Some data is also based on 5E's good faith estimates, which are derived from our review of internal sources as well as the third party sources described above. Additionally, descriptions herein of market conditions and opportunities are presented for informational purposes only there can be no assurance that such conditions will actually occur or result in positive returns.

#### CAUTIONARY NOTE REGARDING RESERVES

Unless otherwise indicated, all mineral resource estimates included in this Presentation have been prepared in accordance with, and are based on the relevant definitions set forth in, the SEC's Mining Disclosure Rules and Regulation S-K 1300 (each as defined below). Mining disclosure in the United States was previously required to comply with SEC Industry Guide 7". In accordance with the SEC's Final Rule 13-10570, Modernization of Property Disclosure for Mining Registrate, the SEC has adopted final rules, effective February 25, 2019, to replace SEC Industry Guide 7" with new mining disclosure rules (the "Mining Disclosure Rules") under sub-part 1300 of Regulation S-K 1300 replaces the historical property disclosure requirements included in SEC Industry Guide 7. Regulation S-K 1300 uses the Committee for Mining Standards ("CRIRSCO") - based classification system for mineral resources and mineral reserves international Reporting Standards ("CRIRSCO"), and require SEC now recognizes estimates of "Measured Mineral Resources", "Indicated Mineral Resources" and "Inferred Mineral Resources", and require SEC-registered mining companies to disclose in their SEC filings specified information concerning their mineral resources, in addition to mineral reserves. In addition, the SEC has amended its definitions of "Proven Mineral Resources" and "Probable Mineral Reserves" to be substantially similar to international standards. The SEC Mining Disclosure Rules more closely align SEC disclosure requirements and policies for mining properties with current industry and global regulatory practices and standards, including the Australasian Code for Reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and "Inferred Mineral Resources" under the SEC Mining Disclosure Rules, investors should not assume that any part or all of the mineral deposits in these categories will be converted into a higher category of mineral resources or into mineral reserves.

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# **Technical Report Updates**

# **5E Boron Americas Complex: By The Numbers**





## **Phased CAPEX Schedule**



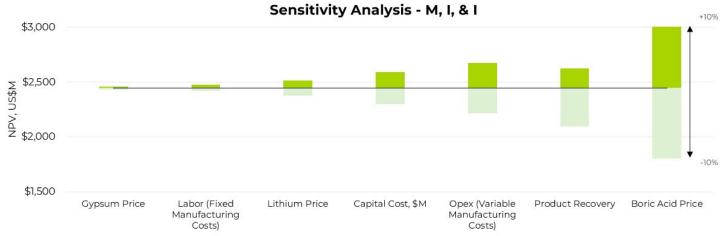
<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Includes 3% escalation assumption; CAPEX without escalation: Phase T: US\$373M, Phase 2: US\$553M, Phase 3: US\$783M



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# **Key Economics**

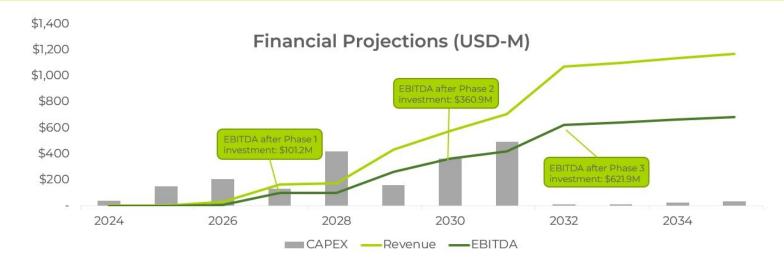
	2027	2030	2035	2040	2045	2050
Revenue (\$m)	\$162.9	\$575.0	\$1,168.4	\$1,354.5	\$1,570.2	\$1,820.3
Average Sales Price / st	\$1,810	\$2,130	\$2,596	\$3,010	\$3,489	\$4,045
Operating Margin (\$m)	\$64.4	\$264.3	\$480.2	\$644.4	\$850.1	\$991.2
Cash Cost/st	\$686	\$793	\$1,079	\$1,250	7,444	1,667
EBITDA (\$m)	\$101.2	\$360.9	\$682.9	<b>\$791.9</b>	\$920.5	\$1,070.3
EBITDA Margin	62.1%	62.8%	58.5%	58.5%	58.6%	58.8%





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## **Robust Financial Profile**



- ✓ Phased CAPEX allows for near-term revenue generation, risk-adjusted approach to scale
- ✓ Lithium co-product provides low OPEX and allows high EBITDA margins of +50%
- ✓ After-Tax NPV<sub>8</sub> of US\$2.41B and After-Tax IRR of 23%



# Pricing – Boric Acid Forecast and Price Drivers

## **Boric Acid Price Forecast<sup>1</sup>**



#### ~\$55 Trillion

"Green" Energy Infrastructure Investment (2016-2050)

#### ~145M

Global Electric Vehicle Growth (2020-2030)





#### ~30% CAGR

Global Electric Vehicle Stock Growth (2020-2030)

#### 5.8% CAGR

Global Installed Wind & Solar Capacity (2019-2050









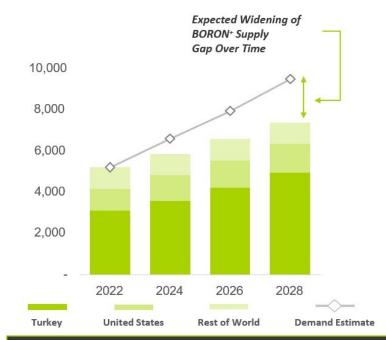
# Confluence of Demand Growth and Growing Supply Shortfall



Expected Demand Growth
Driven by Key Decarbonization Sectors

## Supply / Demand Imbalance(1)

(k tonnes; boric acid equivalent)



Continued Supply Pressures Bringing the Boron Supply Gap into Focus



Source: Credit Suisse Equity Research.

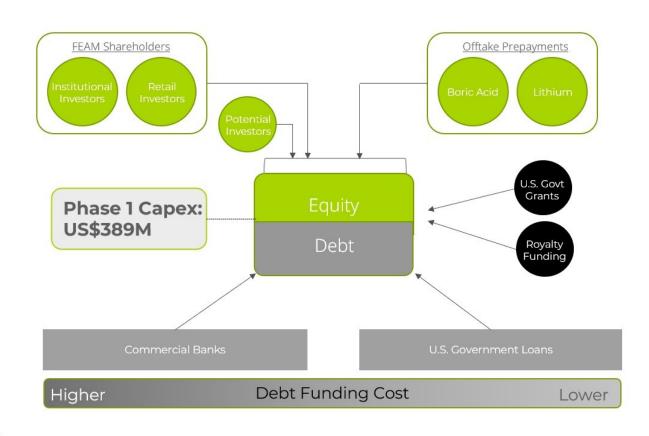
Note: Elemental boron figures converted to boric acid equivalent at a ratio of 150 NFIDENTIAL - INTERNAL USE ONLY

Based on "High Demand" case. Alternatively, under the "Low Demand" case, boron demand growth is expected to increase by "2x in 2030 and "4x in 2050 relative to 2020.

# **Funding Model for Phase 1**

**Equity Funding** 

Debt Funding





# Upcoming Project Milestones – Schedule

	<b>CY Indicative Schedule</b>	1H23	2H23	1H24	2H24	1H25	2H25	1H26	2H26
)t	EPA Authorization to Inject	0							
Initial Plant	Wellfield Commissioning								-
tial	Boric Acid/Gypsum Commissioning								
<u>:</u>	Initial Plant Operation / Data Collection								
	FEL-2 Study								
1 ons	FEL-3 Study								
E S	Datailed Facinessing 8 Construction								
Ph Ope	Commission of Phase 1 - 90ktpa Boric Acid								
	Start Up Plant for Phase 1								





## Sustainability is an Important Focus of our Business



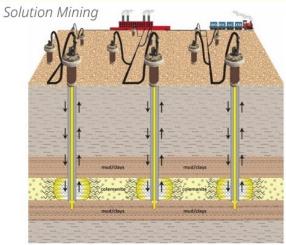


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Technical / research collaborations

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# 5E Boron Americas Complex – Small Scale Facility



Schematic showing well field and solution mining production wells

#### Suitable Ore Body for In-Situ Solution Mining

Fort Cady ore body is highly favorable for In-Situ Solution Mining for several reasons:

- Vertically dominated caverns
- Confined vertically by impermeable layers
- Faults in the area further confine ore zone for in-situ leaching

Well design has been proven at Fort Cady for both injection and recovery wells





5E Boron Americas Complex - March 2023



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## **Production History**

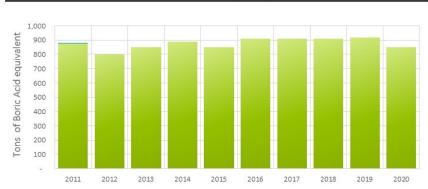
1986 - 1987: Mountain States Engineering produced around 450 tons of boric acid over an 18-month period from four production wells. The PLS averaged 3.7% boric acid head grade.

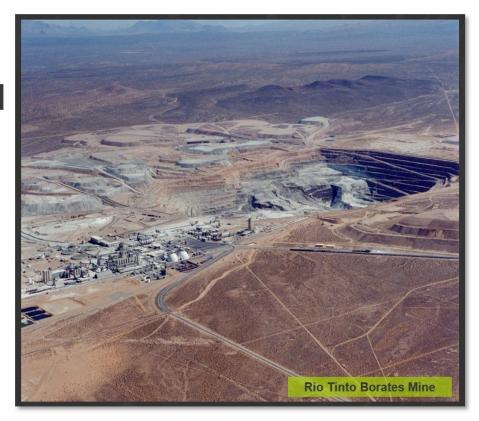
1995 - 2001: Dundee Resources produced around 1,800 tons of synthetic colemanite from 13 production wells over a five-year period. The facility was designed to demonstrate to potential partners the process of successfully producing a boron-based material. With only a 90ktpa proposed operation at the time for synthetic colemanite, and a modest selling price, it was uneconomical and Dundee was unable to secure partners.

# **Rio Tinto Borates**

Reserves expire in 2042

## Rio Tinto Boron BA (H<sub>3</sub>BO<sub>3</sub>) production

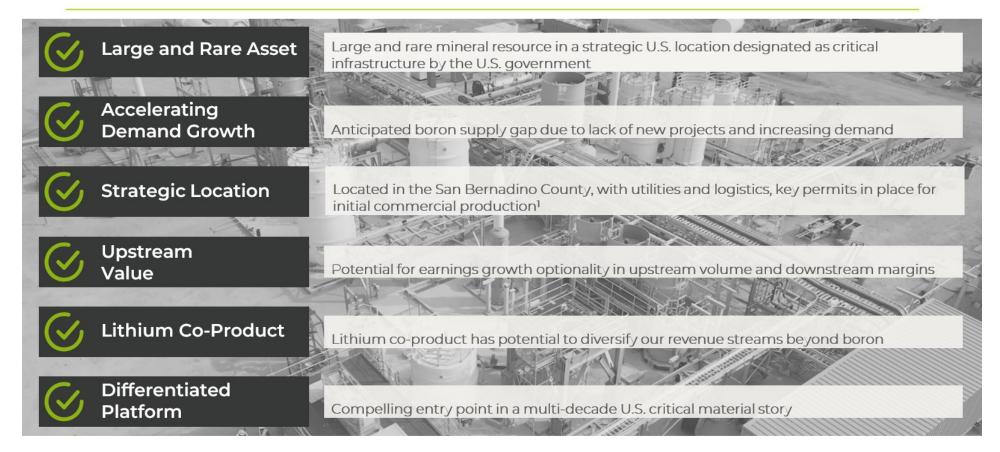








## **Key Investment Highlights**



# Estimate of Initial Capital Costs for Each Phase



# Large, High-Grade Boron Resource with Lithium Co-Product

#### Resource Statement\*

Measured Resource	Tonnage (MST)	B <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> (wt%)	H <sub>3</sub> BO <sub>3</sub> (wt%)	Lithium (ppm)	B <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> (MST)	H <sub>3</sub> BO <sub>3</sub> (MST)	LCE (MST)
Total Measured Resource	30.95	4.81	8.55	357	1.49	2.65	0.059
Total Indicated Resource	43.35	4.09	7.27	355	1.77	3.15	0.082
Total Measured & Indicated Resource	74.31	4.15	7.37	356	3.26	5.80	0.141
Total Inferred Resource	96.90	4.75	8.43	321	4.60	8.17	0.166

<sup>\*</sup>Using a 2%  $B_2O_3$  cut-off grade and no Lithium cut-off grade.

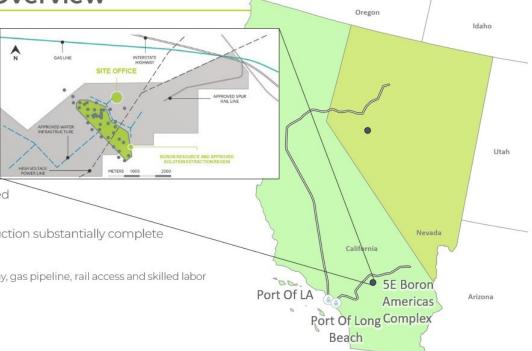
### **Contained Tons**

Total	13,970,761	306,508
Inferred	8,172,461	165,752
Indicated	3,151,461	81,854
Measured	2,646,840	58,901
	H <sub>3</sub> BO <sub>3</sub> (MST)	LCE (MST)



# **5E Boron Americas Complex Overview**

- √ 100% owned resource located in California
- ✓ Key permits in place to deliver initial commercial production of up to 90ktpa
- We believe we have one of the largest known new conventional deposits globally, not owned by the Turkish Government controlled entity, Eti Maden
- Extraction method designed to have less environmental impact (solution extraction) as compared to traditional mining
- Small-Scale Facility in commissioning phase and construction substantially complete
- ✓ Access to key inputs
  - Electricity, water from non-potable source, paved highway, gas pipeline, rail access and skilled labor



5E has unique opportunity to potentially develop this large and rare asset for which there is a market seeking new sources of reliable supply



# Leadership Team With Diverse Skillsets and Proven Execution Capabilities

### **Leadership Team**



Susan Brennan Chief Executive Officer







Paul Weibel Chief Financial Officer **PWC** 





J.T. Starzecki Chief Marketing Officer





Chantel Jordan Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Chief People







**Christopher Knight** Vice President, Operations

**ALBEMARLE** 



#### **5E Board of Directors**



**David Salisbury** Non-Executive Chair







Jimmy Lim Non-Executive Director





Stephen Hunt Non-Executive Director





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