

## Archer Exploration Limited *"Focused on the critical few"*

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64,428,477
\$0.175
\$11.3 million
11 \$2.92 million
Greg English
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The limited number of shares on issue and commodity exposure offers shareholders considerable leverage as exploration advances and deposits mature

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### **Tenement Position**

#### **Exploration Tenements**

- 100% of 18 tenements covering 9,042 km<sup>2</sup> over Eyre Peninsula, Leigh Creek, West Roxby, Burra and World's End areas.
   100% of 2 ELA's sourceing 1 E12 km<sup>2</sup>
- 100% of 3 ELA's covering 1,513 km<sup>2</sup>.

### 100% Sugarloaf Graphite Deposit

Exploration potential 9-20Mt\* of highly graphitic schist.

### 413Mt JORC Magnesite Resource

JORC Measured, Indicated and Inferred Resources at Leigh Creek of 413Mt grading 41.3% MgO. (Source MDL 2001 Report)

#### **7 Wholly Owned Manganese Prospects and Deposits** Seven manganese prospects including Salt Creek and Ketchowla.

#### Farm-In

Archer earning 100% of the rights to all minerals other than uranium on EL3377 (Wild Horse Plains) and EL3653(Elbow Hill) covering 895km<sup>2</sup> - prospective for manganese, copper and tin.

#### **Joint Venture**

JV with OMM Holdings over the Mn & Fe within EL3711 Jamieson Tank.

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Archer has a large portfolio of prospective tenements

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Archer has a solid pipeline of mineral projects at various stages of evaluation

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## **2011 First Order Priorities**

#### **Business Development** Graphite Characterisation **Calcine Characterisation Exploration and Resource Definition** Graphite Magnesite Manganese **Eyre Peninsula** Adelaidean Wild Horse Plains **Termination Hill EL and Carappee Hill** Ketchowla 100% (Salt Creek & Miltalie) **100% Sugarloaf deposit** Witchelina ELA Neales Flat 100% Nth Cowell 100% Area 54 km<sup>2</sup> Kanyaka 100% Area 962 km<sup>2</sup> Jamieson Tank Stone Hut 100% Wildhorse Plains Area 1,042 km<sup>2</sup> TARGET Area 2,466 km<sup>2</sup> Area 895 km<sup>2</sup> Mine producing 75,000 -TARGET 150,000tpa caustic Target TARGET **DSO Mn** >20Mt Inferred Resource calcined magnesia **DSO Mn** containing >2.5Mt graphite Amorphous/flake graphite

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## What is Graphite?

Graphite is a soft, grey to black, opaque crystalline form of carbon. Chemical formula C.

#### **Key Attributes:**

- Exhibits metallic (thermal and electrical conductivity) and nonmetallic (inertness, high thermal resistance, and lubricity) properties.
- Stable in corrosive environments.

#### **Major Uses:**

- High-temperature lubricants and friction materials.
- Key component in the aviation, automotive, steel and plastic industries.
- Electrodes and brushes on electric motors.
- High-purity flake graphite is essential for the production of the lithium-ion batteries that are crucial to the electronics industry.

#### **Market Outlook:**

- China dominates market producing ≈80% of world supply. China now has a 20% export duty on graphite, as well as a 17% VAT.
- Strong demand growth predicted from:
  - the automotive industry by 2020 hybrid electric vehicles (HEV) powered predominantly by lithium-ion batteries are projected to be 5 - 18% of sales. The 2009 US congressional stimulus bill included tens of billions of dollars in loans, grants, and tax incentives for battery and HEV research and manufacture to "jump-start" US industry.
  - emerging fuel cell technologies and next-generation nuclear reactors.

### Demand for graphite is expected to grow significantly and prices are on the rise. Fine flake ( $\approx$ USD1,400/t)

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## **Sugarloaf Graphite**

Sugarloaf consists of graphitic schist where the graphite formed by the concentration and crystallisation of carbon during regional ± contact metamorphism.

Two shafts dug to 63 and 80 feet in 1915 returned values of 25.3% and 15% carbon respectively. There is no record of tonnes mined from the shafts.

In 2004 Helix and Goldstream both drilled portions of the Sugarloaf deposit, although no carbon assays are reported, considerable graphite (up to 70m intercepts) was recorded in drill logs . 23 of 41 holes drilled recorded intervals of graphite.



**Goldstream drill section** 

### Graphite was not so important then!

## **Sugarloaf Graphite**

Archer drilling has recorded wide graphite intervals with total carbon values up to 22.9%.

The area has a pronounced EM signature extending over 2.5





Numerous drill holes record significant graphite intercepts over a 2km strike. Collar locations of historic drill holes are considered to be ± 20m.

### High grade total carbon recorded over wide drill intercepts

## **Sugarloaf Graphite**

- Graphitic schist adjacent to a felsic intrusion.
- Petrology identified graphite averaging 0.1mm in length.
- Sugarloaf likely to be able to produce amorphous graphite as well as potentially fine flake products.
- Exploration potential to 100m depth of 9 >20Mt\*.
- Felsic intrusive may coarsen flake size proximal to intrusion.

\*The potential quantities and grades presented are conceptual in nature, there has been insufficient exploration to define an overall Mineral Resource and it is uncertain if further exploration will result in the determination of a Mineral Resource



Photomicrograph: Transmitted light (TL). Thin section (TS). Ordinary light (OL). Moderate magnification (x100). Shows typical mode of occurrence and flake size of schistose blackopaque graphite within (muscovite) quartz-rich metasiltstone.

Another sample of weathered graphitic schist from the collar of one of the shafts was assessed as being mostly carbon with minor graphite.

#### When it comes to graphite – size matters

## **Sugarloaf Graphite**

#### Work Program

- Drilling in March April 2011 confirmed overall strike extent of the highly graphitic schist.
- 4 RC drill holes were drilled in April 2011. Highly graphitic schist intersections included:

Hole ID	From (m)	To (m)	Interval (m)	Total Carbon (%)
SLRC11_001	60	82	22	12.31%
	96	139	43	10.43%
	139	144	5	6.50%
SLRC11_002	0	9	9	8.77%
	9	20	11	5.78%
	28	38	10	13.05%
	47	63	16	11.08%
	64	75	11	7.05%
	75	93	18	10.77%
SLRC11_003	47	53	6	9.90%
SLRC11_004	81	90	9	6.60%
	90	103	13	15.00%
	106	113	7	10.10%
	124	140	16	12.80%
	140	148	8	8.00%
	148	151	3	17.00%

A number of samples from varying depths will be collected for further detailed petrology and graphite quality testing.



#### Location of 2011 metallurgical drill holes

### Whilst at an early stage of evaluation, Sugarloaf has excellent potential 11

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## What is Magnesite and Magnesia?

- Magnesite is magnesium carbonate (MgCO<sub>3</sub>). Leigh Creek magnesite was deposited as a chemical precipitate in shallow, marginal marine lagoons and mudflats, and occurs predominantly as cryptocrystalline particles 1-5 μm in size.
- 86 separate interbeds within the Skillogalee Dolomite have been identified at Leigh Creek.

Magnesia (MgO) is produced by heating magnesite typically above 750°C - 1000°C. Magnesia is traded in three forms:

- 1. Caustic Calcined Magnesia (CCM) is formed by heating magnesite to temperatures up to 1,000°C. It is reactive and that reactivity is important for construction materials, industrial applications, in fertilizers and as a soil conditioning agent in agriculture, for water purification and waste water treatment and in the paper and rubber industries.
- 2. Deadburn magnesia (DBM) is produced by heating CCM to temperatures of 2,300°C to produce inert magnesia used for the production of refractory bricks.
- 3. Electrofused magnesia (EM) is produced by melting CCM to 2,800 3,000°C to produce crystalline magnesia used primarily in arduous steelmaking applications.

### Magnesite / magnesia products are widely used across a number of high growth industries and widely used in high technology consumer goods

## **Magnesia Market Growth**

#### Crude steel production 1970\_2020f (Mt)



#### MgO growth closely mirrors that of the steel industry



#### MgO Refractory Bricks

#### Interior parts Seat components Instrument panels / Knee bolster Steering column components **Steering wheels** Brake & clutch pedal brackets **Airbag retainers Pedal brackets** Radio heat sink/Frame Radio/HVAC covers Sunroof components Mirror bracket/Frames Headlight retainer Inner door frame Chassis and body A- and B-pillars **Rad supports** Engine hoods Roof panels **Rear deck lids** Full magnesium doors

Automotive applications - In 5 years

- Industrial applications concrete
- Building products Mg board
- Fertilizers and soil conditioners strong local market
- Water purification
- Waste water treatment
- Acid mine water and acid tailings neutralisation
- Consumer electronics Mobile phones, laptops, cameras, iPods, PDAs
- High tech alloys AM-lite
- Magnesium batteries which hold twice the energy of lithium-ion cells likely to be used to power electric cars
- Liquid magnesium battery offers promising solar energy storage technique

MgO Market grows at ≈330ktpa. 63% of market in refractories; 23% in chemicals and 14% into magnesium metal

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### Archer's Leigh Creek Magnesite Deposits





- High grade (≈42% MgO)
- Consistent chemical composition over 80 kms strike
- 69 DDHs and all other attendant studies completed by previous owner to underpin JORC resource and reserve estimation
- \$millions spent on BFS for Mg metal production

### "World Class" is often self-bestowed but rarely deserved – Leigh Creek is an exception

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### **MDL's 1999 Resource Estimate**

Area	Measured* (Mt)	Indicated* (Mt)	Inferred* (Mt)	MgO <sup>1</sup>
Mt Hutton	18.3	42	53	42.9%
Mt Playfair		11	23	42.5%
Pug Hill		10	10	42.7%
Termination Hill	4	5	20	42.8%
Witchelina	23.7	94	99	40.0%
Total	46	162	205	

\*Source: Reproduced from MDL Report "Economic Evaluation of the Pug Hill Magnesite Deposit, North Flinders Ranges, South Australia. 2001. Note full BFS completed and JORC resources for 5 deposits and JORC reserve for Mt Hutton calculated. The independent resource estimates were completed by Mr. Colin Arthur (BSc, MSc, FGS, MAusIMM, CGeol, CEng) Manager, Micromine Resource Centre, August 1999. The estimates were based on 69 fully cored DDHs and all other attendant studies required to support resource and reserve estimation.

<sup>1</sup> Pure magnesite is 47.8% MgO



#### 413Mt JORC Measured, Indicated and Inferred Resource

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### Leigh Creek Magnesite

#### **Calcining Test Work**

- Calcining tests on straight run-of-mine magnesite produced magnesia grading:
  - $\geq 90\% \text{ MgO}$  $\geq 4.5\% \text{ SiO}_2$  $\approx 0.3\% \text{ Al}_2\text{O}_3$  $\approx 0.6\% \text{ CaO}$  $\approx 0.4\% \text{ Fe}_2\text{O}_3$
- To maximise the marketability of magnesia produced the magnesia (MgO) increased to  $\ge$ 95% MgO and SiO<sub>2</sub> reduced to  $\le$ 3.0%.
- Talc hydrated magnesium silicate  $H_2Mg_3(SiO_3)_4$  or  $Mg_3Si_4O_{10}(OH)_2$  is the principal silica contributor.
- Further test work will be undertaken to determine the optimum process flow sheet. Tests are being scoped and are likely to include evaluating flotation prior to calcining.

Further test work being scoped to increase product capability

## **Crushing Plant Growing the Magnesite / Magnesia Business** Mine ROM MgCO<sub>3</sub> **Crushed MgCO<sub>3</sub>** Flotation? & **Rail to Spencer Gulf Crushed MgCO<sub>3</sub>** Calcination >90% MgO **Caustic Calcined DSO Magnesite Steadily Growing** Market

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## Leigh Creek Development Options

### **Key Attributes**

- High grade magnesite deposits
- Huge JORC Resource can support large scale operation for many hundreds of years
- Low capital entry cost (Order of magnitude Capex price for 150,000tpa feed calciner and rotary cooler with installation \$30 million).
- Good supply chain logistics
- Proximal to Leigh Creek

#### **Funding Options**

Archer has 100% ownership of the magnesite deposits on Termination Hill EL and Witchelina ELA.

Capacity to raise funds by inviting partners to acquire interests in the assets and to participate in project development.



### 100% ownership affords Archer flexibility in project development

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Magnesia = MgO



Archer's JORC magnesite resources at Leigh Creek = 413 million tonnes

1 tonne MgO ≈A\$620 (2010 \$)

Further test work needed to unlock value

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### Manganese

### Ketchowla – DSO quality manganese

- 5 main manganese deposits.
- Medium grade (≈ 20% Mn ± Ni, Co, Cu & Zn, REE).
- Dense media separation and gravity concentration upgraded
  K1 drill cuttings from 17.47% Mn to >35% Mn at a 23.2%
  recovery. Ni, Co, Cu, Zn and Y also upgraded:
  - Ni (0.258% to 0.412%);
  - Co (0.175% to 0.296%);
  - Cu (0.226% to 0.377%);
  - Zn (0.164% to 0.277%);
  - Yttrium 113.2ppm to 204ppm.
- 90% 95% recovery of Mn, Ni, Co, Cu & Zn in agitated acid leach tests.
- Peak assays of 0.47% REE (from rock chip samples) and
  0.36% REE in drill cuttings at K1, K2, K3 and K9 deposits.
- Elevated REEs at K9 not related to manganese and occur within a weathered intrusive?
- Manganese deposits open at depth and along strike.
- Recently completed ground gravity survey has identified drill targets extending under surficial cover.







### Ketchowla one of several Archer manganese projects

### Manganese

### Salt Creek

- Widespread manganese intersected in all 19 RC drill holes completed in April 2011.
- The drilling tested 1.5km of strike or just 15% of the known strike length of at least 10km. The eastern limb and western flanks of the syncline yet to be drill tested.
- Significant manganese intercepts including:
  - $\circ~$  5m @ 12.47% Mn from 14 to 19m in SCRC11\_002
  - 57m @ 6.44% Mn from 0-57m in SCRC\_003 including 11m @ 12.35% Mn from 42 to 53m
  - o 7m @ 12.12% Mn from 5 to 12m in SCRC11\_005
- Samples to be collected for dense media and gravity separation.







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