

# The Australian Vanadium Project

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#### Developing the Globally Significant High-Grade Australian Vanadium Project

- Pre-feasibility study completed showing strong economic fundamentals
- Definitive study well underway with a highly experienced vanadium expert team

#### Australian Vanadium Limited Investment Highlights





# NPV US\$616 million

- Globally significant project with high-grade Resources and Reserves hosted in magnetite-bearing rocks
- Pre-feasibility study completed with strong economic fundamentals through all price cycles
- Pilot Scale processing underway as part of definitive study due for completion late 2019
- Highly experienced corporate and vanadium expert team
- Developing a vertically integrated vanadium business with exposure to vanadium applications in steel and energy storage
- Ongoing studies focused on de-risking and improving project valuation

## Expert Vanadium Team

#### Vanadium expertise separates AVL from other explorers



At Australian Vanadium Limited, our management is committed to fast-track this significant global resource

Our team brings together experts in geoscience, mining, chemical engineering, marketing and corporate governance and has an extensive vanadium network and processing knowledge



Vincent Algar Managing Director Geologist with over 25 years of experience in the mining industry across multi-commodities



Daniel Harris Technical Director Over 40 years of global vanadium experience including processing and operation



Todd Richardson Chief Operating Officer Expert in vanadium process design, commissioning and operations spanning over 22 years

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#### **Expert Vanadium Team**



Vanadium expertise separates AVL from other explorers AVL is supported by a group of highly skilled external consultants which includes: oersonal 





















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#### The Australian Vanadium Project







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Project in active mining region close to road, rail, port and natural gas

WA ranked 2<sup>nd</sup> in the list of world's best mining investment locations





#### The Australian Vanadium Project Tenure and Location Plan 11.5km of known mineralisation under 100% AVL Dentrol





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#### The Australian Vanadium Project Geology

- Bushveld-type VTM deposit, drilled over 11km of AVL controlled strike
- AVL holds significant ground position for project development
- Highly consistent geology over 11.5km of AVL controlled strike
- Massive magnetite averaging 15–20m in true thickness

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## Highlights

- Plant Capital US\$260M (±25%)
- Total project cost \$US\$354M
- Production rate of 22.5Mlb  $V_2O_5$  or 5,650MTV
- Ability to produce high purity  $V_2 O_5$  powder for superalloys and energy storage
- 17-year initial mine life defined, potential for extension
- Resource strike covers 11km, current mine plan based on 2.5km
- Opex of \$4.15/lb  $V_2O_5$  equivalent
- Low cost base metal (cobalt nickel copper) recovery circuit improves overall operating expenses





#### **Pilot Scale Testwork**

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- Pilot scale metallurgical test program on 30 tonnes underway
- Standard V<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> product of 99.4% purity
- Improvements reported increasing PFS vanadium yields by 6% to 94%, using key processing improvements (pelletising and APV)
- Life-of-mine blends and recoveries being tested to confirm globally unique mass yields to magnetic concentrate of over 60%
- Testwork at scale a key differentiator of successful projects de-risking final design
- Definitive Feasibility Study underway



AVL'S STANDARD V205 PRODUCT

#### **Social Responsibility**

Alongside the legal responsibilities for native title claims and environmental regulations, AVL is keen to ensure that its mining activities in the Meekatharra region bring additional benefits to the community



AVL sponsors the Stephen Michael Foundation which helps to engage children in school and improve their lives through sport

Subsidiary VSUN Energy is sponsoring the inimitable *Meeka Howler* through ongoing advertising

AVL is continuously analysing its processes to see where emission reduction can occur, including the use of solar plus VRFBs and non-traditional fuel sources for haulage







## The Australian Vanadium Project Path Forward

- Completion of PFS, options studies, Mineral Reserve completed December 2018
- Pilot Study sample collection (30t) commenced January 2019
- Pilot Study, Environmental Impact Studies, Heritage review August 2019
- Financing partnership agreement /MOUs in place August 2019
- Definitive Feasibility Study completion December 2019
- Detailed design engineering completion April 2020
- Order long lead time equipment April 2020
- EPC/EPCM contract execution – June 2020
  - Construction, startup, commissioning and ramp-up 2020/2021

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## Vanadium Markets

Vanadium supply for steel currently in deficit, new markets for energy storage rapidly expanding

- Demand projections indicate market to remain in deficit in all sectors
- Increased demand from vanadium redox flow batteries (VRFBs) and other energy applications growing exponentially
- Tightened environmental and quality controls in steel supply chain in China supporting new supply
- Deposits with high in-situ grade combined with high concentrate grade will have the best chance of success



## **Status of VRFB market**

Vanadium price rises have led to innovations from manufacturers, with new entrants also entering the market

- Stack technology advancements, utilising welded stack technology
- Leasing of electrolyte, reducing capex and transferring some of the cost to opex
- Changing power to energy ratio to compete directly with lithium
- Incorporating VRFBs into solar farms to provide dispatchable energy
- Government incentive programs in countries such as China and Korea









- ✓ High-grade VTM deposit
- ✓ Conventional vanadium processing route
  - Strong project economics
- ✓ 30 Tonne pilot scale study well underway
- Team highly experienced in vanadium processing
  Offers exposure to steel and energy storage markets
  Ongoing studies to de-risk and improve project valuation
- $\checkmark$  Long life project projecting over 200 full time mining jobs
- Potential to become the world's lowest cost vanadium producer





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