



## Wonarah – Tier 1 Phosphate Project

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15 March 2013: Technical Report Mineral Resource Estimation for the Wonarah Phosphate Project, Northern Territory, Australia 30 April 2014: Quarterly activities report

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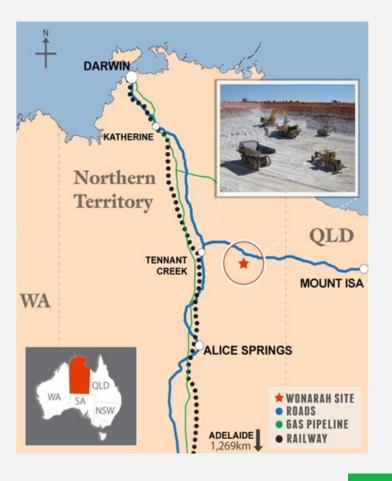
## Wonarah Project

- Tier 1 premium grade phosphate deposit in Australia
- 100%-owned by Avenira
- JORC 2012 resource of 550Mt, with 67Mt at 30% P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> (27% cutoff grade)
- Scoping study for Thermal Phosphoric Acid Plant and Ferric Phosphate Plant underway
- Strategic review continuing into supply/demand from:
  - Lithium ferro phosphate (LiFePO4) cathode market (growing strongly)
  - Fertilizer market (typically seasonal)
- Excellent infrastructure including nearby road, rail, gas, and water
- Abundant sun, almost 365 days per year blue sky, no clouds, highest photovoltaic power potential
- Proposed renewable power including solar and thermal regeneration of power complimenting baseload gas power
- Ongoing discussions with downstream industry participants

Wonarah positioned to leverage strong phosphate demand growth in Cathode and Fertilizer markets





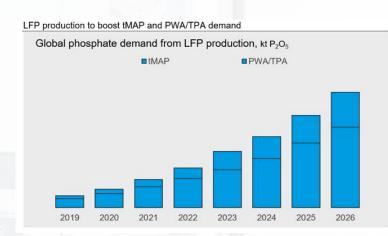


# Phosphate Market - Batteries

Lithium Ferro Phosphate (LFP) batteries are growing in popularity for electric vehicles and static storage due to:

- Low cost, effective vs surging nickel and cobalt prices
- Safe, low toxicity
- Reliable, well-defined performance, longer life cycle
- Long-term performance stability and thermal stability, no fires
- Nickel and cobalt-free recycling friendly
- Good potential replacement for lead-acid batteries
- Leading vehicle manufacturers switching to LFP
- China is largest manufacturer of LFP batteries for global EV manufacturers
- Korean battery producers accelerating towards LFP

Lithium Ferro Phosphate batteries are the fastest growing segment of the battery industry



Source CRU: No Y Axis scale supplied, but demand is predicted to be three fold by 2026. tMAP is technical mono ammonium phosphate or purified phosphoric acid about 61%  $P_2O_5$  and PWA/TPA is purified wet acid approximately 60%  $P_2O_5$ 



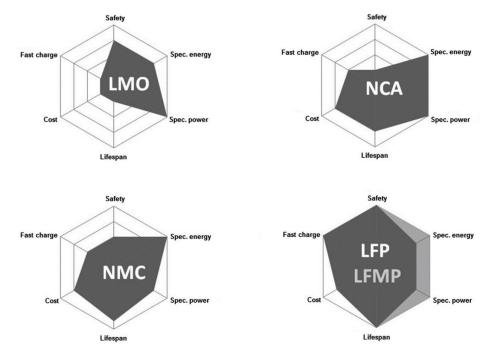
## **Rise of LiFePO<sub>4</sub> Batteries**

Significant change in sentiment towards safer, longer life, recycle friendly Lithium Ferro Phosphate (LFP) batteries batteries in last 6 months

- Tesla recently announced in its 2021 Q3 investor deck that it would be changing the battery in its standard range vehicles to LFP
- A number of other significant announcements also occurred in late 2021:
  - LG Chem increasing LFP production,
  - Samsung SDI expanding into LFP batteries,
  - Mercedes Benz to launch LFP vehicles in 2024,
  - BMW investment in ONE (US Company) re LFP battery development and
  - Volkswagen plans for a LFP "Unified Battery Cell" by 2023
- With electric cars growing in popularity worldwide, switching to LFP batteries can potentially reduce the cost of an electric car by 20-25%
- Electric vehicles will become cheaper than internal combustion vehicles within 3 -4 years according to Tritium, a global vehicle charging designer, developer, and operator







**Source: BCG, Spider diagram** showing advantages of LFP batteries, e.g. larger grey area = better all-round performance in Safety, Energy, Power, Lifespan and fast charging compared to other batteries. LMO = Lithium Manganese Oxide, NCA = Lithium Nickel Cobalt Aluminum, NMC = Lithium Nickel Manganese Cobalt, LFMP = Lithium Iron Manganese Phosphate



## **NEWS BULLETIN – 8 March 2022** WWW.THEAUSTRALIAN.CO FOR THE INFORMED LME steps in as nickel hits \$US100,000 a tonne **HEMARKETS** THE AUSTRALIAN, WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9, 2022 Q

theaustralian.com.au/businessreview

NMC Batteries, clouds forming

The current inflated (and unsustainable) metals prices on the London Metals Exchange and its effect on NMC batteries have created a mathematical scenario that almost doubles the cost of raw materials in NMC batteries so that they are approaching ~3x that of an LFP battery on a \$/kWh basis.

NICK EVANS	While nickel industry sources say they do not expect this week's
The nickel price crossed above	extraordinary prices to persist the sharp crash of 15 years ago is
\$US100,000 a tonne in early trad-	also unlikely to be replicated
ing on the London Metal Ex- change on Tuesday night.	given nickel's role in underpin-
	ning the global battery industry -
sparking emergency measures to protect the market from the wild	where previously it was primarily used in stainless steel.
spike.	BHP was trying to sell Nickel
The LME introduced emer-	West only five years ago, but re-
gency measures to allow traders	turned the division to the fold in
to defer delivery on contracts for	recognition of its importance as
nickel futures after a 90 per cent	one of the company's "future fac-
price rise in Monday trading trig-	ing commodities".
gered margin calls at traders, and	BHP boss Mike Henry told a
a Chinese bank was given extra	Sydney business conference the
time to pay up on a substantial	company forecast a robust long-
short position rumoured to have	term outlook for the commodity.
been taken by Chinese nickel	"The world is going to need
major Tsingshan Group.	probably about two times as
Nickel prices fell back after	much copper over the next 30
breaching \$US100,000 a tonne	years as the past 30, four times as
and were trading closer to	much nickel - even two times as
\$US80,000 at 1900 AEDT.	much steel - all to support the en-
Nickel hit a peak of \$US54,975	ergy transition," he said.
a tonne on Monday, pipping the	"We've recently developed a
previous high mark of around	nickel sulfate plant in our Nicke
\$US54,000 a tonne struck in	West operation in WA, and this is
2007.	to extract more rent from every
That year BHP's stainless steel	unit of nickel.
division, which at the time in-	"We've gone from supplying none of our nickel into the electric
cluded its Nickel West operations	
in Western Australia, out-earned	vehicle battery market to more
its iron ore operations by \$USIbn,	than 90 per cent into the EV bat
delivering stunning earnings of	tery market."
\$US3.7bn (\$5.1bn) for the full year.	The early steps of a consoli-
That same year Russia's Nor-	dation of the WA nickel industry
ilsk Nickel stumped up \$US6.4bn	are underway, courtesy of IGO's recent \$3.36 a share offer for fel-
for LionOre's Australian nickel	

WEDNESDAY March 9, 2022 \$3.50

PRICE INCLUDES GST

#### for LionOre's Australian nickel assets after a heated bidding war recent \$3.36 a share offer for fel with Xstrata. That takeover turned into ar-But the Australian market clearly does not expect Monday's guably one of the greatest disas-ters in Australian corporate wild rise in the nickel price to translate into anything close to history, however, as the global fi-nancial crisis crunched com-2007's bidding war for Australian nickel assets. modity prices. Within two years nickel prices Western Areas shares closed up only 3c to \$3.46, only 10c above

were trading at less than a fifth of their March 2007 peak and Nor-were down 2lc to \$12.79, with ilsk had been forced progressively to close all LionOre's Australian Panoramic Resources up 0.5c to 3lc. BHP shares closed down \$1.85 mines to stem its losses. at \$48.53.

## Phosphate Market - Fertilizers

#### Fertilizer demand is continuing to improve:

- Phosphate rock price 32% grade P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> has risen 240% from its 10 Year low price in April 2020
- Food demand predicted to grow 50% by 2050
- Phosphate is a vital ingredient for NPK fertilisers
- Depleted soil nutrients require replenishment
- Majority of Phosphate market is vertically integrated from phosphate rock producer to DAP/ MAP end product production
- Structural market changes recently have included Russia and China phosphate import/ export restrictions, the US increasing tariffs on phosphate imports and impending EU phosphate impurity regulations

Phosphate demand is continuing with Rock and DAP/MAP with corresponding phosphate price increases.





## Novaphos – IHP Process

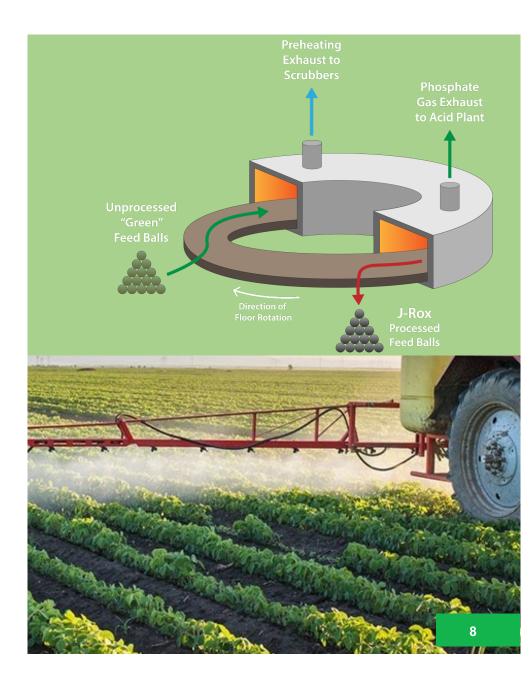
## Avenira has been a partner with Novaphos from initial foundation equity partner through to exclusive licensee in Australia

- The Novaphos process produces high quality super phosphoric acid
- Low environmental impact without the traditional wet acid process that produces waste gypsum and tailings
- Alternative benefits with co- products J- Rox that can be utilised in concrete, cement and construction industries



Novaphos is continuing to challenge the conventional wisdom of the phosphate industry through an exemplary ESG focus



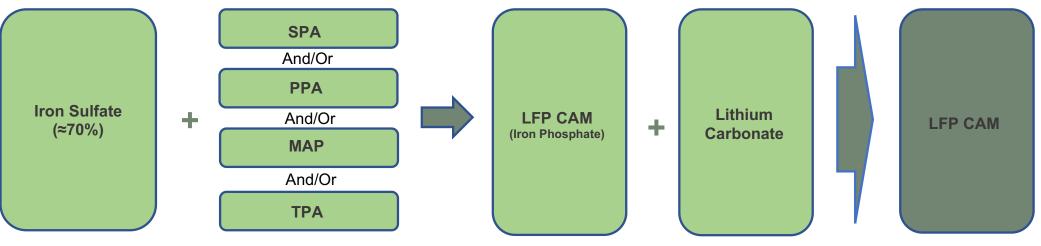


## **Scoping Study - Concepts**

The Avenira study team have over the past four months consulted scientific organisations, universities, industry technical and economic analysts and manufacturers to develop a level understanding of the full supply chain of the active cathode market and LFP batteries. Australia also produces lithium hydroxide and lithium carbonate and Avenira has started the process re engagement with potential partners. And by the way....Australia produced more than half of the worlds lithium in 2021\*.

#### In summary:

70% of Lithium Ferro Phosphate Cathode Active Materials (LFP CAM) are produced by the "Iron Phosphate Solid Phase Method", on account of the relative ease of access to Iron Sulfate and mature processing technology. The study will continue to also consider process circuits suited to discrete high value fertiliser products in parallel.



NOTES: SPA = Super Phosphoric Acid (Novaphos), PPA = Purified Phosphoric Acid, MPA = Mono Ammonium Phosphate,

TPA = Thermal Phosphoric Acid, scoping study options or combination thereof

\* Statista.com 2022 Lithium report



## Wonarah Project: specifics

#### Tier 1 world class phosphate asset:

- Largest premium grade phosphate resource (15% P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> cutoff) in Australia:
  - Measured Resource of 64.9 Mt @ 22.4% P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>
  - Indicated Resource of 133 Mt @ 21.1% P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>
  - Inferred Resource of 352 Mt @ 21% P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>
- 67 Mt at 30% P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> Measured and Indicated Resource (27% P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> cutoff)
- Definitive feasibility study completed for a DSO operation by AMC Mining Consultants and Lycopodium in 2011
- Australian Licensee for alternative Phosphoric Acid technology company Novaphos Inc
- Key Infrastructure in place

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- Sealed road, rail to Darwin Port nearby
- Northern gas pipeline runs through the project area
- Near potable quality water close to leases
- Re-engagement with Northern Territory government departments and appointment of Northern Territory advisors
- Scoping study for Thermal Phosphoric Acid Plant and Ferric Phosphate Plant underway
- Renewable power support to base load gas



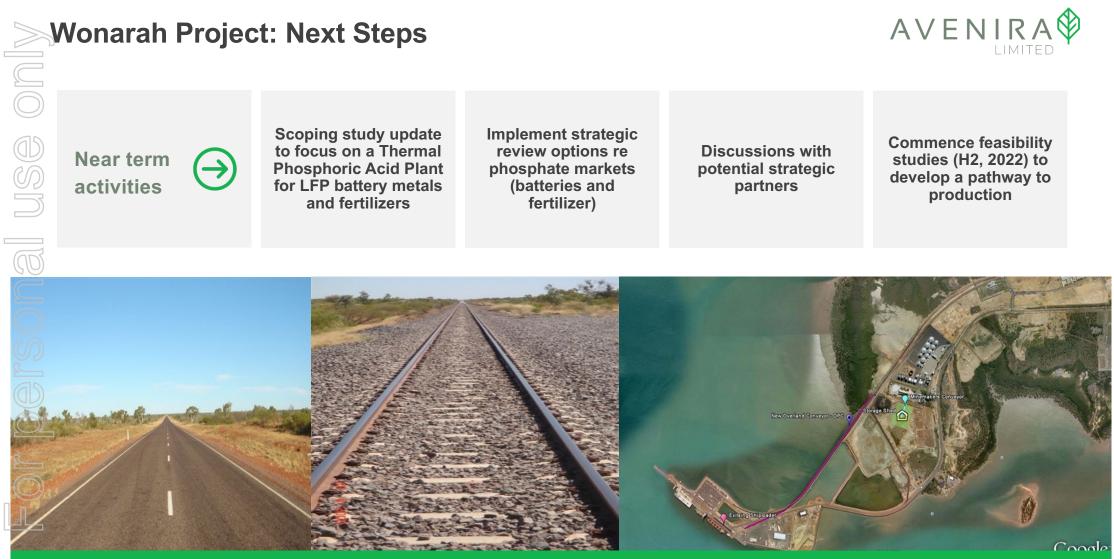


Scoping study update to focus on a Thermal **Phosphoric Acid Plant** for LFP battery metals

Implement strategic review options re phosphate markets (batteries and fertilizer)

**Discussions with** potential strategic partners

**Commence feasibility** studies (H2, 2022) to develop a pathway to production



**Barkly Highway** 

Adelaide – Darwin Rail

East Arm Bulk Facility - Port of Darwin

# Corporate Overview



#### **Board of Directors**



#### Brett Clark Executive Chairman

**Kevin Dundo** 

of Imdex Ltd.

Engineer and Investment Banker with +30 years of Board and Senior Management/ Executive experience. Extensive exposure to financial/capital markets, project development and operations having previously worked in senior management and/or board roles with Rio Tinto, WMC Resources, Barrick Gold/ Antofagasta and Mitsubishi Development/ Murchison Metals JV in a variety of commodities including Iron Ore, Gold, Copper, Coal, Graphite, Nickel, Cobalt, Potash and oil and gas.



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#### Dr Geoffrey Xue Non-Executive Director PhD & Masters in Economic

Non-Executive Director

Experienced corporate lawyer with +20

years gold sector experience. Chairman

of Red 5 Limited (ASX:RED) and NED

Geology. Experienced mining and investment banker in Australia, Significant experience in gold project development. Currently the Project Manager at Anova Metals Ltd.



## Winnie Lai Hadad

Australian qualified lawyer and a CPA. Established history of engagement between China based entities and Australian mining projects. Currently NED of Vonex Limited.



#### Roger Harris Non-Executive Director

B App Science. Founding director / owner of a large service-based company with branches in Western Australia and SE Asia . Operates a family office for 30 years investing in the natural resources sector.

#### **Technical Team**



#### Stephen Harrison Chief Geologist

A senior geologist previously responsible for exploration programs in the Yandal Greenstone Belt, including at the Jundee Gold Mine.

#### Marcus Flis Consulting Geologist and Geophysicist

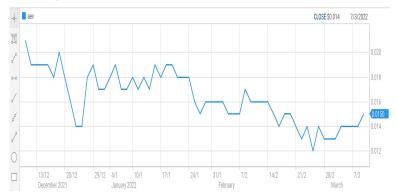
A senior geologist and geophysicist with many years' experience in Archean Eastern Goldfields settings.



#### Brian Campbell

**Project Manager – Wonarah Phosphate** Mr Campbell has deep experience leading engineering teams specialising in phosphate projects for global engineering organisations. This included roles with Worley as Director Mined Fertilizers, Advisian as a Strategic Consultant and Thyssenkrupp.

#### **Shareprice**



### **Capital Structure**

Shares on issue (ASX:AEV)	862.9M
Unlisted Options	60.0M
Top 20 Shareholders February 2022	~40%
Market Capitalisation 8 March 2022	A\$12.1M
Cash + Liquid Investments (@ December 31, 2021)	A\$2.88M
Debt	\$3m

## Wonarah Project: Conclusion

- Worldwide demand for phosphate is growing
  - Lithium Iron Phosphate Batteries
  - Rock phosphate, DAP/MAP
- Australia's Tier 1 premium grade phosphate project
- World class infrastructure adjacent to project
- 100% owned by Avenira
- Scoping study for a Thermal Phosphoric Acid plant and Ferric Phosphate Plant commenced with LFP battery and Fertilizer optionality with renewable power
- Strategic partnerships discussions in both battery and fertilizer investor markets





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