

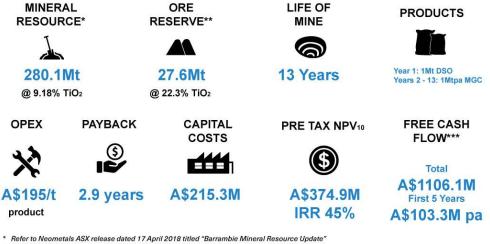
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# Barrambie Titanium Project PFS and Ore Reserve Update

## Highlights

- Neometals completes Class 4 Pre-Feasibility Study Update ("PFS Update") for production of Direct Shipped Ore ("DSO") and Mixed Gravity Concentrate ("MGC") from Barrambie;
- PFS Update includes mining from titanium-rich Eastern bands at Barrambie with a staged capital efficient approach to development:
  - Initial A\$78.1m capital requirement for 1 year production of DSO with mining, crushing, and screening only;
  - Followed by a further A\$137.2m to construct a crush, mill, beneficiate ("CMB") plant for a further 12 years of MGC production.
- Project NPV (pre-tax) of A\$374.9m A and IRR of 45%;
- Average free cash (before tax, depreciation, and amortisation) of A\$103.3M p.a. over the first 5 years; and
- Probable Ore Reserve update to 27.6 Mt at 22.3% TiO<sub>2</sub>, 43.7% Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> and 0.57% V<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>.

Emerging sustainable battery materials producer, **Neometals Ltd** (ASX: NMT & AIM: NMT) ("**Neometals**" or "**the Company**"), is pleased to announce the completion of an update to its Association for the Advancement of Cost Engineering ("AACE") Class 4 (+/- 25%) PFS for the production of DSO and MGC from its 100% owned Barrambie Titanium Project ("**Barrambie**")<sup>1</sup>. Following recent successful smelting trial results<sup>2</sup> and announcement of an offtake term sheet with Jiuxing Titanium Materials (Liaonging) Co. Ltd ("**Jiuxing**") ("**Jiuxing Offtake Term Sheet**")<sup>3</sup>, the PFS Update has delivered compelling financial metrics allowing the project to move into a definitive feasibility study phase.



\* Refer to Neometals ASX release dated 17 April 2018 titled "Barrambie Mineral Resource Update" \* Probable \*\*\* Free cashflow is pre-tax and undiscounted Note: USD\$: A\$ 0.70, Average sales price A\$275/t





The PFS Update uses the Neometals 2018 Mineral Resource Estimate<sup>4</sup> as a basis to update its Ore Reserves, estimated using the guidelines of the 2012 edition of the Australian Code for Reporting Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves ("JORC Code (2012)"). The Barrambie Mineral Resources reported are inclusive of Ore Reserves. The production targets referred to in this announcement are based on 100% Probable Ore Reserves.

Neometals has invested in excess of \$A40 million in the acquisition, exploration and evaluation of Barrambie since 2003. The Company has in more recent times maintained a primary focus on recovering a titanium product from Barrambie to realise maximum value for shareholders. The PFS Update assumes a CMB option at Barrambie on predominantly Eastern Band titanium-rich mineralisation to produce 12 months of DSO, followed by MGC. The PFS Update removes further processing of MGC via a low-temperature reduction roast ("LTR") and magnetic separation at a second site alongside the Dampier to Bunbury Gas Pipeline east of Geraldton. This option can be considered in the future.

Chris Reed, Neometals' Managing Director said:

The team has done an outstanding job updating the PFS for development of a concentrate-only operation contemplated in the Jiuxing Offtake Term Sheet, the results speak for themselves. This lower capital, staged development of Barrambie would speed the addition of approximately 4% to global supply, Our customer Jiuxing, is the largest chloride-grade titanium slag producer in the largest titanium market, China. The market-linked pricing and floor price mechanisms for the DSO and MGC products are evidence of the strong market fundamentals for titanium and emerging structural supply deficit. We look forward to taking the project through the final feasibility and approvals stages and developing this hugely strategic asset."

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> For further details see Neometals announcement titled "Robust Outcomes from Barrambie Titanium Project PFS" dated 17<sup>th</sup> November 2022.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> For further details see Neometals announcement titled "Successful Commercial-Scale Smelting Trials for Barrambie" dated 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2022.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> For further details see Neometals announcement titled "Offtake Term Sheet with Jiuxing Titanium Executed" dated 20th April 2023.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> For further details see Neometals announcement titled "Updated Barrambie Mineral Resource Estimate" dated 17<sup>th</sup> April 2018.



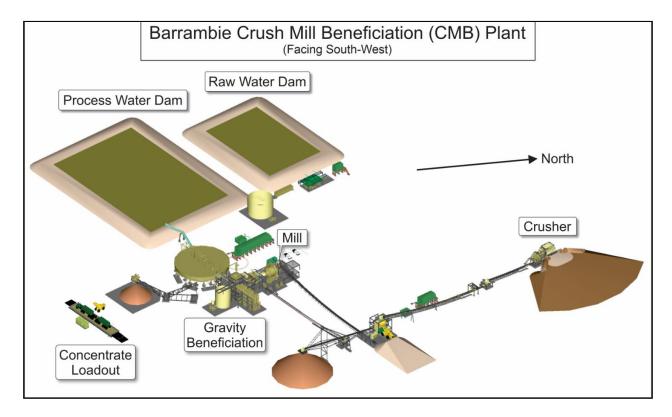


Figure 1: 3D Representation of Barrambie CMB Site

## Background

As previously announced<sup>2</sup> a mixed gravity bulk sample from Barrambie mineralisation was successfully smelted at industrial scale with other commercially available titanium sources to produce +90% TiO<sub>2</sub> chloride grade titanium slag (an intermediate product for production of pigment or sponge titanium) with potential offtake partner Jiuxing. With the Jiuxing Memorandum of Understanding ("**Jiuxing MoU**")<sup>5,6</sup> expanded upon via the announcement of the Jiuxing Offtake Term Sheet, together with the completion of this PFS Update, the key data points are available for binding take-or-pay offtake with Jiuxing ("Offtake Agreement"). The Offtake Agreement is a key pillar in Neometals' Barrambie strategy to derive value from the Mineral Resource on a capital light basis.

The Jiuxing Offtake Term Sheet outlines the key principles that will form the basis for the Offtake Agreement. The key commercial parameters contemplated include an initial 12 months of DSO supply followed by 48 months of MGC. The sales terms will see DSO on actual delivered cost CIF China Main Port basis (including royalties) plus a fixed margin. The MGC price is derived from Australian ilmenite concentrate 55-58% TiO<sub>2</sub> CIF China Main Port basis, multiplied by a payability factor, subject to a floor price with annual upward only adjustments with reference to the greater of relevant CPI measure and a mechanism based on Australian gas, diesel and labour indices.

The PFS Update engineering capital and operating cost estimations are accurate as of November 2022 and consider the Barrambie value chain from DSO to production of MGC.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> For further details see Neometals announcement titled "Barrambie - MOU for Cornerstone Concentrate Offtake" ("Jiuxing MoU") dated 16<sup>th</sup> April 2021.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> For further details see Neometals announcement titled "Barrambie Pilot Plant and Offtake update" dated 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2021.

	DSO	MGC 35% TiO <sub>2</sub>	MGC 30% TiO₂
Composition	1st 12 months	Subsequent 48 months	Remainder of Life
TiO <sub>2</sub> (%)	26.87	36.54	30.77
V <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> (%)	0.64	0.76	0.69
Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> (%)	43.36	57.43	63.11
SiO <sub>2</sub> (%)	14.44	2.65	2.65
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> (%)	9.75	188	1.60

Table 1: Typical assay qualities of the various Barrambie product options

Neometals has commenced an early contractor engagement process and the PFS Update will form a key component of the due diligence required by a successful 'build-own-operate' partner. This development model was used successfully by Neometals and its partners to advance the Mt Marion Lithium Project in 2015, which is now the world's second largest producer of spodumene (hard-rock lithium) concentrates; (Neometals sold its final equity position in the project in 2019 and its offtake right in 2021). The benefit of a staged development approach (DSO followed by MGC) is that the DSO operation could begin to generate cashflow whilst Neometals constructs the CMB plant with a 'build-own-operate' contractor in parallel.

Further, a staged development approach will enable Neometals to stage capital investments for earlier project cashflows. Neometals has produced chloride grade slag (an intermediate for the production of pigment and titanium metal sponge) from the smelting of Barrambie MGC at Jiuxing's commercial smelter in China reducing marketing risk and enabling offtake in a global market with transparent pricing.

Figure 3 shows an indicative timeline of next steps for the development of Barrambie.

H1 2023	H2 2023	H1 2024	H1 2025	H1 2026
Complete Project Strategy / Corporate Structure Review Conditional Term Sheet for Offtake of DSO/MGC	Formal Offtake Agreement* for DSO/MGC Complete Met Testing for DFS/ BOO/T MOU for Barrambie EPCM/ BOOT Evaluation Finalise Native Title Agreement Commence infill and extension drilling	Commence DFS for CMB/ MGC Submit Ministerial Statement 911 for timeline extension Complete infill and grade control drilling program	Year 1 DSO operation	MGC operations commence





## **PFS Update Outcomes**

## **Mineral Resources**

Independent geology and mining consultants, Snowden Optiro, used the Barrambie Mineral Resource Estimate as reported on 17<sup>th</sup> April 2018<sup>4</sup> as a basis to undertake a detailed mine planning process and to estimate and report on the May 2023 Ore Reserve in accordance with the JORC Code (2012).

The Mineral Resource estimate, which is inclusive of Ore Reserves, contains total Indicated and Inferred Mineral Resources of 280.1 million tonnes at 9.18%  $TiO_2$  and 0.44%  $V_2O_5$  to a maximum depth of 80m, reported above a cut-off grade of 10%  $TiO_2$  or 0.2%  $V_2O_5$ .

Table 2: Barrambie Project Mineral Resource Estimate as at April 2018

Classification	Domain	Oxidation	Tonnes (Mt)	TiO <sub>2</sub> (%)	V <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> (%)
Indicated	Central	Strongly oxidised	112.6	6.71	0.44
		Weakly oxidised	28.1	7.21	0.47
		Fresh	6.8	6.47	0.40
		Central sub-total	147.5	6.80	0.45
	Eastern	Strongly oxidised	26.4	19.68	0.50
		Weakly oxidised	10.0	21.45	0.56
		Fresh	3.2	19.14	0.47
		Eastern sub-total	39.6	20.09	0.51
	Indicated Total		187.1	9.61	0.46
Inferred	Central	Strongly oxidised	16.0	5.32	0.39
		Weakly oxidised	18.3	6.02	0.41
		Fresh	38.8	5.76	0.38
		Central sub-total	73.1	5.73	0.39
	Eastern	Strongly oxidised	6.5	15.19	0.36
		Weakly oxidised	5.1	18.80	0.47
		Fresh	8.3	19.18	0.45
		Eastern sub-total	19.9	17.78	0.42
	Inferred Total		93.0	8.31	0.40
	Grand Total		280.1	9.18	0.44

Note:

- Reporting criteria: ≥ 10% TiO<sub>2</sub> or ≥ 0.2% V<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>; small discrepancies may occur due to rounding; and
- Mineral Resources reported are inclusive of Ore Reserves



## Mining and Ore Reserves

Snowden Optiro completed a PFS-level mining study for the Barrambie Project based on the proposed plant process flowsheet.

During the PFS stage of work, Snowden Optiro's scope of work included the work areas outlined below:

- Mine Planning Criteria
- Optimisation
- Mine Design and Scheduling
- Study Reporting
- JORC Code (2012) Ore Reserve estimation and reporting

Mining of the Barrambie deposit will be completed with conventional excavator and truck, supported by ancillary fleet with all works provided by a professional mining contractor including mobile plant, maintenance and drill and blast. The mining fleet was scoped utilising 250 t and 120 t excavators matched with 140 t trucks. It is anticipated that all material will require drill and blast with an average powder factor of 0.37 kg/bcm, increasing within the harder rock zones. Grade control drilling with angled reverse circulation drilling will be conducted as required. The orebody consists of multiple steep dipping lodes which will need to be mined selectively on 2.5 m flitches within the central ore zones to minimise dilution and 5 m flitches within the eastern ore zone and waste zones. Ore will be hauled to a central ROM and fed into the ROM bin using a front-end loader. Low grade ore will be stockpiled on the surface before rehandling to the ROM later in the mine life. Waste rock will be hauled to planned external waste rock landforms.

Dilution and ore loss was applied by re-blocking the Mineral Resource model to 2.5 m E by 10m N by 5 m RL. This was deemed to be an appropriate selective mining unit ("**SMU**") when considering blast movement, grade control patterns and loading accuracy. Figure 4 shows an example cross section through the proposed pit.

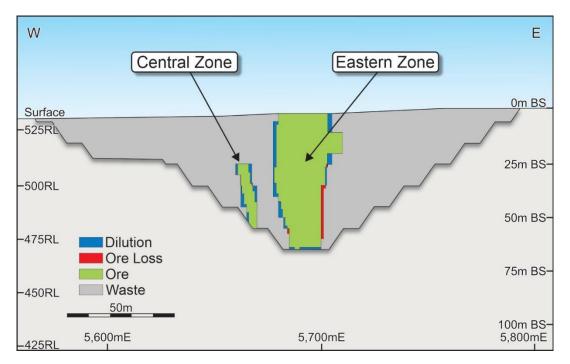


Figure 4: Section showing Dilution and Ore Loss (12,060m N local grid) within the pit-shell



Table 3 summarises the dilution and ore loss resulting from the re-blocking process. The narrower lodes in the Central zone incur most of the ore loss and dilution.

Table 3: Dilution and Ore Loss by Geological Zone

ltem	Eastern	Central	Overall
Ore loss (% of tonnes lost)	2.9	11.6	3.4
Dilution (% tonnes increased)	3.8	47.5	6.3

A pit optimisation was performed and subsequent ultimate and staged pits were designed from Indicated Mineral Resources only. Key parameters used as part of the pit optimisation process included (but are not limited to):

- Assumed average of 2.18 Mtpa of ore processing.
- Production to achieve 35% TiO<sub>2</sub> MGC for as long as the Mineral Resource permits, followed by production of 30% TiO<sub>2</sub> MGC for as long as the Mineral Resource permits.
- A selling price (CIF China) of A\$ \$275/t of products on average across the life of mine, comprising
  of:
  - DSO at cost (including royalties) plus a fixed margin
  - MGC at a fixed floor price dependent on TiO<sub>2</sub> content of the MGC
- Average mining costs (inclusive of incremental ore costs) of A\$ \$4.49/t ex-pit derived from submissions received from a reputable mining contractor.
- Concentrator recovery varies by zone and input chemistry based on work completed. The average concentrator recoveries are 53.0% mass yield and 77.7% TiO<sub>2</sub>.
- Average CMB plant cost of \$15.56/t ore and MGC transportation to Geraldton port of \$38.6/t products.
- Port storage, ship loading, international freight & insurance of \$39.92/t products.
- State government and other royalties of 9.5% for DSO and 7.0% MGC.

An Ore Reserve of 27.6 Mt at 22.3%  $TiO_2$  (Table 4) was estimated using the Guidelines of the 2012 Edition JORC Code through the selection of positive cash flow blocks within the final pit design.

Table 4: May 2023 Barrambie titanium Ore Reserve estimate

Ore Reserve Category	Ore Tonnes (Mt)	TiO2 (%)	V2O5 (%)	Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> (%)	SiO2 (%)	Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> (%)
Probable	27.6	22.3	0.57	43.7	16.5	10.4

Note tonnes and grades are as at the ROM and are dry.

Cut-off is based on achieving an average concentrate grade of 32% TiO<sub>2</sub>. To achieve this these filters were applied:

- TiO<sub>2</sub> head grade > 0.37 x Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> head grade; and
- SiO2 head grade < 30%.

The life-of-mine strip ratio for the Ore Reserve pit design is 3.8:1 (waste: ore). The proposed resultant site layout is shown in Figure 5. Infrastructure requirements for open pit mining include a maintenance workshop for all mobile equipment, offices, crib rooms and amenities, fuel farm, water dams, and dewatering systems as required.

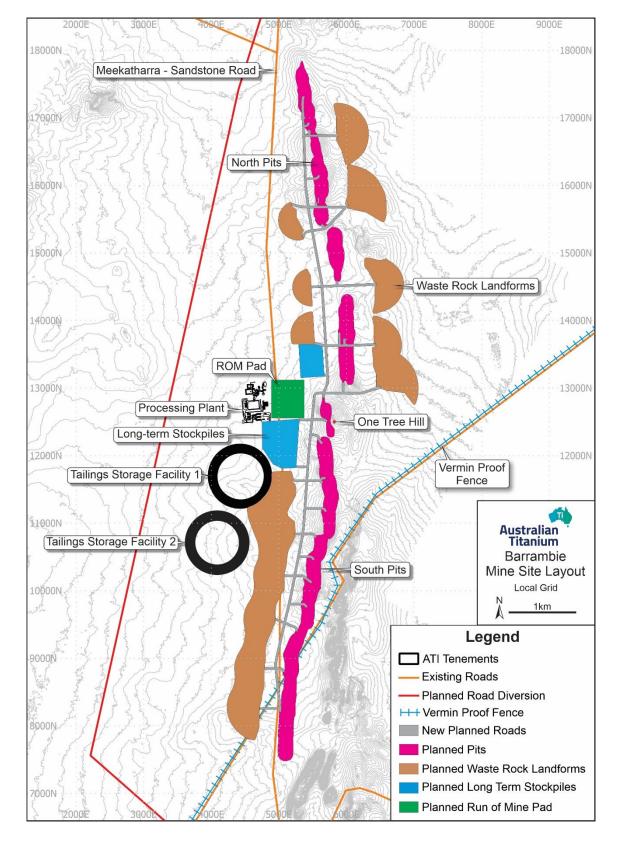


Figure 5: Overall Barrambie Mining Site Layout (local grid)



The mine processing schedule (Figure 6) was based upon a maximum crusher feed capacity of 2.18 Mtpa. The schedule considered:

- Maximisation of revenue through early high-grade mining and related higher metallurgical recovery
- A variable sinking rate equating to about eight 5 metre benches per annum
- Smoothed overall mining rate

There is approximately one month of pre-production mining that supplies construction waste and ore feed for plant commissioning. Mining commences in both the north and south of the pit shell and ramps up to 11.5 Mtpa for the majority of the 13-year mine life. This mining rate allows low-grade ore to be stockpiled which brings forward value. Stockpiles are depleted for the remaining eight years of the operation. The processing operations will continue for 2 quarters post mining.

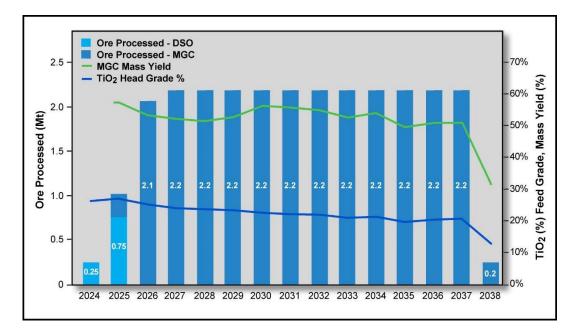


Figure 6: Barrambie CMB feed Process Schedule

MGC Mass Yield does not apply when DSO in production.

The mining operation, at its peak will use:

- One 250 t Hitachi EX2500-6 Excavator
- Two 120 t Komatsu PC1250 Excavators
- Eight CAT 785C 140t Dump Trucks
- Two CAT D10 Dozers
- One Cat 16M Grader
- One Cat 777 Water Cart
- One Volvo 8x4 Service Truck
- Five Epiroc SmartROC T45 production drill rigs
- Manning of up to 94 persons across three crews including management staff, operators, and maintenance



The mining cost inputs (including Drill and Blast) are based on current market pricing received from mining contractors' submissions for the pit design determined by Snowden Optiro. The mining costs are summarised in Table 5 and are inclusive of A\$4.1m of site establishment, mobilisation and pre-stripping which is capitalised.

Table 5: Barrambie Mining Cost Summary

Item	\$M	\$ / BCM Mined	\$/t Ore
Mining Establishment			
Site Establishment	\$0.5	\$0.01	\$0.02
Mobilisation	\$0.7	\$0.01	\$0.02
Variable Mining Costs			
Mine Development	\$16.5	\$029	\$0.60
Drill & Blast	\$177.9	\$3.10	\$6.45
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Load & Haul	\$396.2	\$6.91	\$14.38
Rehandle	\$11.3	\$0.20	\$0.41
Demobilisation	\$0.5	\$0.01	\$0.02
Total	\$603.6	\$105.10	\$195.20

## Metallurgical Test Work

In 2020, drilling to collect material for the metallurgical bulk samples from both the eastern and central zones comprised 88 reverse circulation (RC) holes for 6,337 metres. Of this drilling 255 samples from 15 holes were combined to make a 7-tonne bulk sample of eastern zone material to use in beneficiation bench scale work.

Metallurgical test work (conventional gravity separation, reduction roasting and magnetic separation) was completed on the 7-tonne bulk composite sample of Eastern zone material to generate separate ilmenite and iron-vanadium product streams.

Beneficiation overall mass pull to concentrate was typically around 58% with recoveries of  $TiO_2$  and  $V_2O_5$  to gravity concentrate of around 77% and 63% respectively.

Low-temperature reduction roasting and subsequent magnetic separation of the beneficiated concentrate produced a high-quality ilmenite (> 52% TiO<sub>2</sub> content) at high recoveries (> 87% TiO<sub>2</sub> recovery) and mass yield of 60%, and a marketable magnetite by-product iron vanadium concentrate (with grades equivalent to 58.7% Fe and 1.58%  $V_2O_5$ ).



The results of the bench scale reduction roasting and magnetic separation test work were further ratified by test work with IMUMR at Pilot scale<sup>6</sup>.

During 2021 and 2022 further confirmatory metallurgical test work was completed to confirm;

- Selection of beneficiation circuit to produce MGC from Barrambie mineralisation
- Variability testing of the selected beneficiation circuit
- Development of a mass balance spreadsheet and process design criteria
- Preparation of a process flow sheet for use in engineering design
- Development of a relationship between ore grade and concentrate recovery, produced for estimating the value of each mining block of ore and to support the development of the mining plan

The flowsheet which was developed from the metallurgical test work is summarised by the following figure.



Figure 7: Schematic of Barrambie Flowsheet

<sup>6</sup> For further details see Neometals announcement titled "Barrambie Flowsheet Breakthrough" dated 22nd December 2020.



## **Overall Mineral Recoveries**

Overall recoveries from ore for the PFS Update are summarised in Table 6 below:

Table 6: Mass Yield and Titanium Recoveries from Ore

	Yield %	TiO <sub>2</sub> Recovery %
MGC	53.0%	77.7%

The following key correlations were used to provide a relationship between the mineralisation in the Barrambie Mineral Resource and key processing parameters and outputs:

Table 7: Correlations of the form y = mx + c

Y	X	М	С
MGC Mass Yield %	TiO <sub>2</sub> + Fe(0) in mineralisation	1.07	-3.86
MGC TiO <sub>2</sub> %	$TiO_2$ / $Fe_2O_3$ in mineralisation	40.43	12.01

## **Processing Facilities**

## **Process Design**

The prime objective has been to develop a safe, efficient, economic, and robust process plant to produce a MGC product via crushing, milling and gravity beneficiation from the mined ore. In line with the mass balance and flowsheets the plant has been designed to treat 2.18 Mtpa of ore to produce 1.23 Mtpa of MGC. The final product from the CMB plant will be road hauled to Geraldton for export.

The overview block flow diagram in Figure 8 summarises the key unit operations for the CMB plant at Barrambie.

Design Criteria for CMB plant include:

- Design life structures 50 years; mechanical plant 20 years
- Operating regime 24 hours/day, seven days/week basis, nominally 8,000 hours/year, allowing 760 hours for scheduled and un-scheduled maintenance works
- On-site ore beneficiation to create a high titanium, low silica (<2.65% SiO<sub>2</sub>) concentrate
- Crushing and milling circuit, deslime circuit, concentrator and dewatering and slimes circuit
- MGC concentrate to be deslimed to < 3% of 75  $\mu m$  material



## An overview schematic of the CMB plant is shown below:

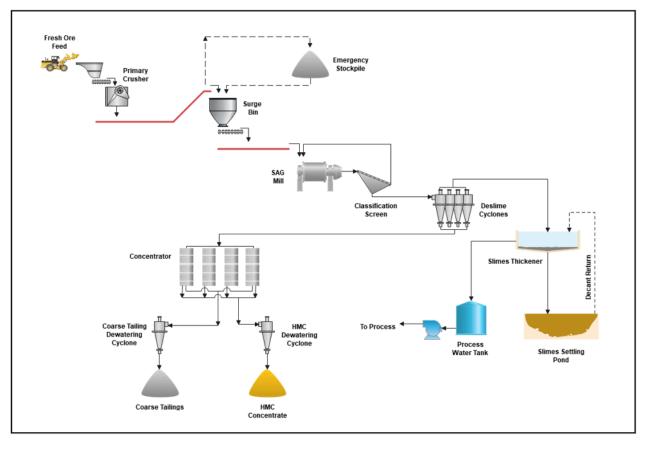


Figure 8: Overview Schematic of the CMB Plant

The following table shows the planned ramp up rate of the CMB plant used in the financial modelling for this PFS Update.

Month	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
<u>CMB</u>												
Ramp	50%	50%	50%	80%	80%	80%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

## Infrastructure Requirements

All local infrastructure required to construct, support, and maintain the Barrambie operation will be supplied as part of the project development. With the exception of the existing Meekatharra to Sandstone Road, which will also require some level of up-grading, none of the required facilities, supplies or services are available in the local area. In addition, a portion of the Meekatharra Sandstone Road and the Vermin Proof Fence will require relocation prior to mining. This will require applicable regulatory approvals. Preliminary discussion with the Sandstone shire has been held. Infrastructure will be designed and constructed in a sequenced manner to ensure items required to service the construction works are in place and



commissioned at an early stage and, where necessary, temporary facilities are in place to meet initial requirements. This is particularly relevant to the early supply of water, accommodation, and communications.

## Water Supply

Subject to permitting, water for the CMB plant will be supplied from the two bore-fields located approximately 25 km from the plant and pumped to a raw water pond. The bore-fields will source electric power from a local installed diesel generator set with overhead 11 kV distribution between bores. A HDPE pipeline will transfer water from the bore-fields pumping stations to the plant site at a nominal rate of 107 m<sup>3</sup>/h, with a required annual supply of up to 2.0 Giga litres. Contingencies of alternate bore-fields and water supply have been considered.

## **Power Supply**

For the CMB plant, a local Build-Own-Operate ("**BOO**") powerhouse (gas fired, with gas delivered in bullets) is proposed which will meet the demand for the process plant and village. The power station will comprise 3 individual 3.36 MW gas fuelled reciprocating engine powered generators. Twin 1 MW backup diesel generators are also included in the powerhouse for emergency black-start backup should the gas supply be interrupted. A solar PV farm of 8 MW and a Battery Energy Storage System (**BESS**) of 3.15 MW is installed to provide 30% Renewable Energy Penetration for a total installed capacity of 23.23 MW.

## Gas Supply

For the CMB power plant, Liquefied Natural Gas ("**LNG**") will be supplied to Barrambie in bullets and stored onsite and vapourised and used for power generation.

## Village

To accommodate the workforce at the Barrambie mine site a self-contained accommodation village will be established to a standard commensurate with good industry practice. Based on currently forecast workforce numbers and working rosters the village will comprise 180 individual ensuite rooms with supporting facilities and infrastructure.

## Roads

The Meekatharra Sandstone Road for the CMB plant runs alongside the mining lease and is a dual lane unsealed road maintained by the local Shires. It is anticipated that road transport will be from the south and will access the site leaving sealed arterial roads at Sandstone and travel north-west along the unsealed Meekatharra Sandstone Road approximately 70 km. Upgrade of this section of the road has been budgeted for with particular attention being given to improving the numerous floodways across the road. It is also planned that portions of the Meekatharra-Sandstone Road adjacent to the mining lease be moved to allow optimal location of supporting infrastructure for processing operations and waste landforms. This work will require regulatory approvals which are to be investigated further.

## Aerodrome

The Barrambie project will operate with a majority fly in-fly out workforce based in Perth WA. To service this workforce existing aerodromes at Sandstone or Meekatharra will be required to handle an estimated 2-3 return passenger flights per week.



## Hydrology and Hydrogeology

## Dewatering

Groundwater in the vicinity of the mining and processing operations typically occurs at a depth of around 35 m below ground level as indicated by Mineral Resource drilling. As the proposed mining will typically be to a depth of between 50 m and 60 m some groundwater extraction for mine dewatering will be required. Dewatering will be achieved through either sumps established within the pits, or a systematic approach of dewatering using bores within and surrounding the pits, to maintain dry mining conditions. Any water collected in the pits or ground water abstracted ahead of mining will be pumped to a water storage facility and used in the process plant. No water produced from mine dewatering will be discharged to the environment.

## **Tailings Management**

In the CMB plant, coarse tailings are generated from the concentrate circuit. The tails slurry will be pumped to the Heavy Material Concentrate ("**HMC**") dewatering cyclone cluster and placed onto a stockpile. A haul truck will transport the waste material back to the mine site waste landforms.

Slime materials, (< 75  $\mu$ m) will be pumped from the slimes thickener underflow to the slimes settling pond. The circuit tails (~1mtpa solids) will be pumped to storage as a nominal 45% solids w/w slurry. The tails storage facility ("**TSF**") slimes settling pond will be a single cell, integrated waste landform type facility, constructed within a waste landform. The dam will include a decant return water pump for water recovery. A second TSF is currently required near the end of the mine life and will be optimised in the next feasibility study phase.

## **Geotechnical Investigation**

The open pit geotechnical investigation programme for Barrambie undertaken in 2007/2008 was split into three phases and contains geotechnical data obtained from seven HQ3 and twelve PQ3 diamond drill holes comprising 1,269 m of diamond drill core. Phase 1 (P1) consisted of mineral resource evaluation drilling and metallurgical bulk sampling twinned with geotechnical data collection. Phase 2 (P2) and Phase 3 (P3) consisted of geotechnical drilling programmes designed to provide geotechnical data for the east and west walls of the potential open pits respectively.

No. of Bench	Batter Angle(º)	Berm Width at base of batter (m)	Batter Height (m)	Slope Height (m)	Overall Slope Angle crest to toe (°)
1	50	5	15	15	50
2	50	5	15	30	44.8
3	60	5	10	40	44.3
4	60	5	10	50	44

Table 9: Recommended Pit Slope Design Parameters for Barrambie P3 for 50m Deep Pit

The PFS Update design recommendations presented apply to 50m high pit slopes developed entirely within strongly oxidised ("**SOX**") materials.

For deeper parts of the excavation with pit walls up to 80m high, where the pits penetrate the weakly oxidised ("**WOX**") and fresh ("**FRE**") materials, design parameters are provided in Table 10.



Table 10: Recommended Pit Slope Design Parameters for Barrambie P3 for 80m Deep Pit

Batter Angle (º)	Berm Width at base of batter (m)	Batter Height (m)	Inter Ramp Slope Angle crest to crest (°)	Overall Slope Angle crest to toe (°)
55	7	10	35.5	38

## **Financial Evaluation**

The production targets referred to in this announcement are based on 100% Probable Ore Reserves. The key parameters and financial outcomes for the PFS Update are set out below:

Table 11: Summary of Key Parameters

Summary of Key Parameters from PFS Update Financial Model		
Life of Mine (LOM)	Years	13.2
LOM Ore Mined	Mt	27.6
LOM Waste Mined	Mt	106.0
LOM Strip Ratio	(waste: ore)	3.8
Average CMB Plant Feed Rate	Mtpa	2.18
Average Titanium Head Grade	% TiO <sub>2</sub>	22.3
Average Titanium Recovery (Overall)	% TiO <sub>2</sub>	77.7
Average MGC Production (LOM)	Ktpa	1,138
Average Realised Product Price	A\$/t product CIF China	275
FX	A\$: USD	0.70
DSO Capital Cost (including 25% contingency)	A\$M	78.1
Incremental MGC Capital Cost (including 25% contingency)	A\$M	137.2
Ave LOM All-in Cost <sup>8</sup>	A\$/t product	195.2
LOM Free Cash Flow <sup>9</sup>	A\$M	1,106.1
Average Free Cash Flow per annum - first 5 yrs	A\$M	103.3
NPV (10% Discount Rate, Pre-Tax)	A\$M	375
IRR (Pre-Tax)	%	45

<sup>8</sup> Average LOM All-in costs include all mining, processing, transport to port, site based general and administration costs, freight, royalties and native title costs.

<sup>9</sup> Free Cashflow is pre-tax and undiscounted.



## **Capital Cost Estimates**

The capital cost estimate to construct a new 2.18Mtpa CMB plant at Barrambie with associated infrastructure, including all direct and indirect costs, is approximately A215.3 million. This estimate includes a contingency of 25%. The costs presented have been estimated to an overall accuracy of +25 to -25%, which is commensurate with an AACE Class 4 level of PFS and are accurate as of November 2022.

The table below summarises the key components of the capital cost estimate:

Table 12 – Capital Cost Estimate

Capital	A\$M			
Mining				
Mobilisation, Site establishment & Pre-Strip	4.1			
DSO	·			
Direct Field Cost	16.4			
Contractors Indirects	2.8			
Offsite Infrastructure	26.8			
Owner's Costs	13.3			
Contingency (25%)	14.8			
Subtotal DSO	74.0			
CMB (incremental)				
Plant and Construction	64.6			
TSF	6.5			
Accommodation Village	5.0			
Engineering Design	9.1			
Project & Construction Management	10.8			
Commissioning	0.6			
Owner's Indirect Costs	13.2			
Contingency (25%)	27.4			
Subtotal CMB	137.2			
Total	215.3			
Sustaining Capex <sup>10</sup>	75.4			

<sup>10</sup> Sustaining capital to upgrade the Barrambie-Sandstone Road to enable Super Quad payloads of up to 137t, to increase TSF capacity sequentially, and 2% of deployed capital.



## Cash Operating Cost Estimates

Table 13: Combined DSO / MGC LOM Cash Operating Costs Estimate

Opex	A\$M	A\$/t feed	A\$/t product
Mining			
Mining ex-pit	588.1	21.3	39.6
Incremental ore rehandle	11.3	0.4	0.8
СМВ			
CMB Processing Plant	482.8	17.5	32.5
MGC transport to Geraldton Port <sup>11</sup>	934.5	33.9	63.0
Port storage, ship loading, international freight & insurance	591.7	21.5	39.9
Total	2,608.5	94.6	175.8

## Financial Analysis - Sensitivities

A sensitivity analysis on the pre-tax NPV is provided below in Figure 9.

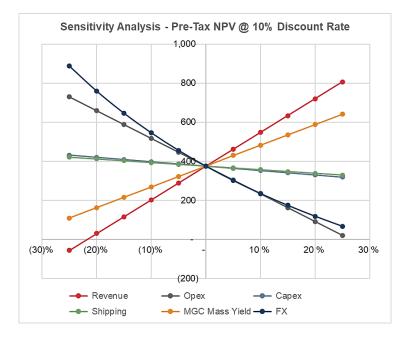


Figure 9: Sensitivity Analysis on Pre-Tax NPV

<sup>11</sup> Haulage prices as supplied by Rivet Group and are accurate as of November 2022.



## Project Phasing

It is planned that Barrambie will be staged to reduce initial capital outlay and enable earlier cashflows. The following table provides a high-level summary of the phasing from DSO to MGC.

Table 14: Barrambie Project Phasing Options

Phase	Product	Incremental Capex (A\$M)
DSO	1.0 Mtpa DSO	78.1
MGC	1.23 Mtpa MGC	137.2

## Marketing

## Offtake

The Neometals memorandum of understanding with Jiuxing<sup>3,4</sup> was superseded by the Jiuxing Offtake Term Sheet between Neometals' wholly owned subsidiary, Australian Titanium Pty Ltd ("**ATi**"), and Jiuxing is one of the leading chloride-grade titanium slag producers and is the largest in north-eastern China.

The Jiuxing Offtake Term Sheet details certain key commercial parameters upon which a full-form binding Offtake Agreement will be negotiated between ATI and Jiuxing:

- Contract Period 5 years from the date of first commercial scale production of DSO, encompassing a planned initial 12 months for sale and purchase of DSO and a subsequent planned 48 months for sale and purchase of MGC;
- 2. Quantity minimum DSO: 1,000,000 wet tonnes, MGC: 800,000 wet tonnes per annum;
- 3. Sales Terms DSO: actual delivered cost CIF China Main Port basis (including royalties) plus a fixed margin, MGC: derived from Australian Ilmenite concentrate, 55-58% TiO<sub>2</sub>, CIF China Main Port basis, multiplied by a payability factor, subject to a fixed floor price with annual upward only adjustments with reference to the greater of relevant CPI measure and a mechanism based on Australian gas, diesel and labour indices; and
- 4. Payment Terms Payment for deliveries shall be made to ATi by draw down against a Letter of Credit with a bank or financial institution that has a branch located in Australia.

The Jiuxing Offtake Term Sheet sets out the framework for, and is subject to finalisation of, a binding Offtake Agreement.



## **Titanium Market**

#### Overview

The schematic below describes the titanium feedstock supply chain and identifies the main titanium raw materials and intermediate products as well as the main consuming industries.

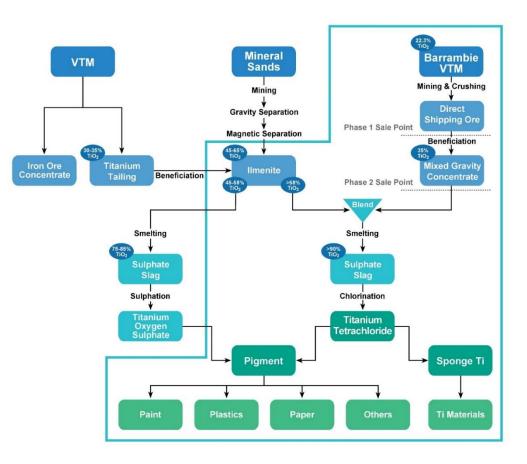


Figure 2: Titanium Feedstock Supply Chain

Ilmenite is generally classified as either sulphate or chloride depending on its physical and chemical characteristics and its suitability as feedstock for the two major processes employed for manufacturing TiO<sub>2</sub> pigment, the sulphate process, and the chloride process. Collectively, these processes consume ~90% of all titanium feedstocks. Notwithstanding that the short-term production focus at Barrambie contemplates sale of DSO followed by MGC, scope remains in the longer term to further subject the MGC to a low-temperature reduction roast ("LTR") and magnetic separation at a second site alongside the Dampier to Bunbury Gas Pipeline east of Geraldton to produce separate ilmenite and iron-vanadium concentrate streams. This option will be considered at a later date with standalone commercial parameters.

This ilmenite has unique characteristics, including a good FeO:  $Fe_2O_3$  ratio, negligible  $Cr_2O_3$  and very low levels of MgO, CaO, U and Th. It is suitable for direct sulphation in a sulphate route  $TiO_2$  pigment plant and can be smelted to produce sulphate slag or chloride slag. Given its unique characteristics, Barrambie ilmenite is a readily marketable product and is likely to command a premium price in the market.



## Supply

According to TZ Minerals International ("**TZMI**"), estimated total titanium feedstock supply in 2022 was 8.65 million TiO<sub>2</sub> units. Ilmenite is the primary commercially exploited titanium-bearing mineral, accounting for more than 90% of all titanium minerals mined. It is used directly in the sulphate route TiO<sub>2</sub> pigment process by many pigment producers and in the chloride process by one major Western TiO<sub>2</sub> pigment producer. It is also beneficiated into other high value titanium feedstocks including sulphate slag, chloride slag, upgraded slag ("**UGS**") and synthetic rutile. Annual global production of ilmenite for all these applications exceeds 16 million tonnes annually. The largest volume titanium feedstock supply. Barrambie ilmenite is suitable for both applications.

Note: A TiO<sub>2</sub> unit is equal to one tonne of contained TiO<sub>2</sub>. One tonne of sulphate slag with 80% TiO<sub>2</sub> content contains 0.8 TiO<sub>2</sub> units. One tonne of sulphate ilmenite with 50% TiO<sub>2</sub> content contains 0.5 TiO<sub>2</sub> units.

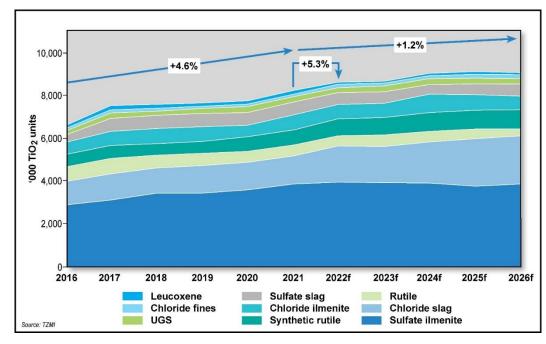
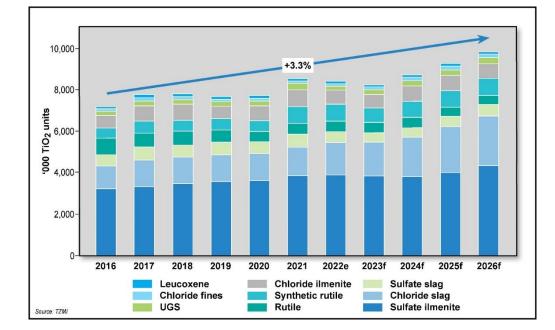
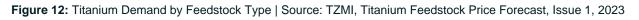


Figure 11: Titanium Supply by Feedstock Type | Source: TZMI, Titanium Feedstock Price Forecast, Issue 1, 2023

## Demand

TZMI's estimated consumption of titanium feedstocks in 2022 was 8.43 million TiO<sub>2</sub> units. Demand is forecast to soften in 2023 due to a slowdown in the pigment market but is then expected to recover as the pigment sector rebounds. The Compound Annual Growth Rate ("**CAGR**") in feedstock demand over the next four years is predicted to be 3.9%, resulting in total annual demand of 9.83 million TiO<sub>2</sub> units in 2026. In the sulphate sector, more sulphate ilmenite is being consumed, particularly in China, as sulphate pigment producers opt to reduce sulphate slag consumption in favour of ilmenite to maximise copperas production. Copperas, also known as ferrous sulphate, has a growing market due to its consumption in lithium-ion batteries with lithium iron phosphate (LiFePO4) chemistry, which is favoured in Chinese electric vehicles. In the chloride sector, demand for chloride slag is growing, underpinned by chloride capacity expansions in China where chloride slag is the feedstock of choice. Additionally, increased chloride slag and synthetic rutile output in China is resulting in greater ilmenite demand. China purchases merchant ilmenite as feed for its smelters and kilns owing to the unsuitability of most domestic ilmenite for these applications.





## Price

The price of ilmenite imported into China has been steadily increasing over the last four years as the Chinese TiO<sub>2</sub> pigment sector and demand for merchant ilmenite suitable for smelting has grown. The weighted average price of ilmenite imported into China in 2023 was US\$398/t CIF, up 29% compared to 2021. This price increase was largely attributed to a massive 64% y-o-y increase in Chinese chloride slag output. Whilst prices are expected to soften during the cyclical downturn predicted in 2023, prices are likely to remain above historical averages and are expected to return to a growth trajectory as demand growth starts to outweigh supply growth.

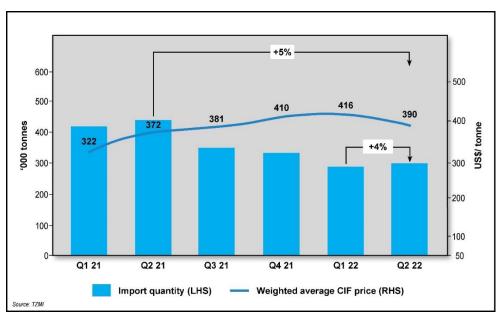


Figure 13: Chinese Ilmenite Imports and Weighted Average Price | Source: TZMI, Titanium Feedstock Price Forecast, Issue 1, 2023



## Outlook

A cyclical downturn is anticipated in 2023 before a moderate recovery the year after, resulting in a surplus of titanium feedstock supply in 2023 and 2024. However, in the medium-term increasing deficits are forecast as output from feedstock producers declines and demand increases. Without new projects, TZMI estimates the global titanium feedstock deficit to reach 745,000 TiO<sub>2</sub> units by 2026. China, which is the largest consumer accounting for roughly half of global demand, is expected to lead demand growth in volume terms during the next four years. China's growth during the next four years is estimated at close to 800,000 TiO<sub>2</sub> units, underpinned by the propagation of chloride technology, driving greater demand for chloride feedstocks.

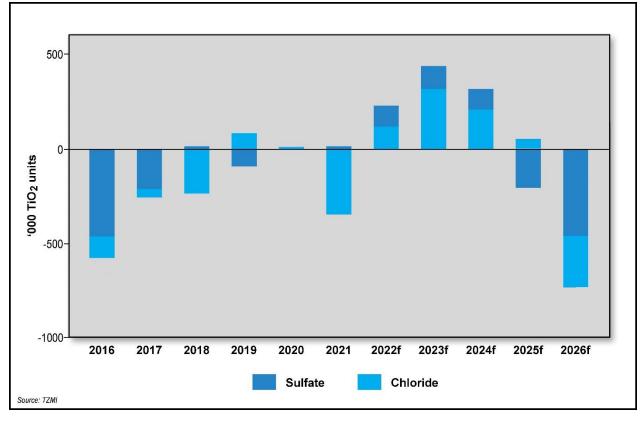


Figure 14: Annual Feedstock Surplus/Deficit by Pigment Process Route | Source: TZMI, Titanium Feedstock Price Forecast, Issue 1, 2023

## **Environmental Assessment and Approvals**

## Environmental Impact Assessment

Environmental studies have been undertaken in order to assess the potential impact of the Barrambie Project on the various aspects of the environment. These include flora, fauna and vegetation surveys, hydrogeological investigations, air quality modelling, and waste characterisation. The initial studies were completed in the period 2005-2009 and are reported in the BARRAMBIE VANADIUM PROJECT (Project) Public Environmental Review (PER) (Reed Resources, 2010) (Barrambie Vanadium Project | EPA Western Australia, 2012 The PER was approved in 2012 under Part IV of the Environmental Protection Act 1986 (EP Act) via Ministerial Statement 911. An application to extend the time limit for implementation of the Project (S46 application) was granted in November 2019 (Ministerial Statement 1119).



A further extension of the time limit is required and a second S46 application will be prepared and submitted in 2024. Changes to the project design also require amendment of the approved Project through a Section 45C application. The project design changes are not expected to have a significant detrimental effect on the environment, in addition to, or different from, the original proposal.

Further studies will be completed in 2023 and 2024 to update the original studies in support of the S46 and S45C applications along with detailed design and studies in support of secondary approvals under the Mining Act 1978, Rights in Water and Irrigation Act 1914 (RIWI Act) and EP Act (Part V).

## Native Title and Heritage

Recently determined and registered Native Title party, the Yugunga-Nya, have overlap with some of the Neometals tenements associated with the Barrambie Project. A Heritage Agreement and negotiation protocol covering the Neometals tenements within the determined area are currently being negotiated with the Yugunga-Nya, however, four heritage surveys have been conducted historically.

## **Title and Ownership**

Barrambie is owned 100% by Australian Titanium Pty Ltd (a 100% owned subsidiary of Neometals Limited). Table 15 shows the applicable tenements for Barrambie. The Ore Reserve is 100% contained within Mining Licence M57/173-I.

Tenement	Status	Application	Term Granted	Grant Date	Expiry Date	Renewability
M57/0173-I	LIVE	19 Dec 89	21 years	31 Jul 90	30 Jul 32	Periods of 21 years
E57/0769-I	LIVE	16 Jul 08	2 years	18 Aug 09	17 Aug 23	Periods of 2 years
E57/0770-I	LIVE	16 Jul 08	2 years	14 Aug 09	13 Aug 23	Periods of 2 years
E57/1041-I	LIVE	29 Sep 15	5 years	04 May 16	03 May 26	Periods of 5 years
L20/0055	LIVE	4 Feb 08	21 years	24 Aug 09	23 Aug 30	Periods of 21 years
L20/0080	LIVE	14 Nov 18	21 years	28 Apr 22	27 Apr 43	Periods of 21 years
L20/0081	LIVE	22 Feb 19	21 years	28 Apr 22	27 Apr 43	Periods of 21 years
L57/0030	LIVE	4 Feb 08	21 years	24 Aug 09	23 Aug 30	Periods of 21 years
E20/1030	PENDING	17 Jun 22				
E20/1037	PENDING	26 Aug 22				
E57/1220	PENDING	24 Mar 22				
E57/1244	PENDING	26 Aug 22				
E57/1245	PENDING	26 Aug 22				
E57/1379	PENDING	21 Feb 23				
L57/0064	PENDING	30 Jun 22				
L57/0065	PENDING	30 Jun 22				
L57/66	PENDING	14 Apr 23				

Table 15: Current Tenement Status – Barrambie Project



Australian Titanium holds tenure in the form of Exploration Licences and Miscellaneous Licenses around granted Mining Lease M57/173-I. The granted Mining Lease M57/173-I is sufficient to enable the commencement of mining at Barrambie. The granted Miscellaneous Licenses will allow for some ancillary infrastructure.

Additional tenure in the form of future Mining Lease(s) over mineralised areas of Exploration Licenses will be made, and if required General Purpose Leases will be applied for. These mining tenements will allow for the growth of stockpiles and waste rock landforms required for the Project. This tenure is anticipated to be applied for in late 2023, with grant anticipated in 2024.

## Funding

The Company is currently evaluating several competing projects and does not currently have the financial capacity to internally fund 100% of the development of Barrambie. External funding in the form of some mix of debt, JV interest and/or equity will be required to advance the project through the remaining development stages. In parallel with ongoing work programs the Company is continuing to evaluate its financing strategy with the objective of minimising dilution for existing shareholders. Shareholders should be aware that further equity funding may be required for the future funding for development of the Barrambie project, and if so, their ownership of the Company or the Company's economic interest in the Barrambie project may be diluted.

The Company is yet to engage advisors to understand the debt carrying parameters of the project. Opportunities for potential JV participation (including through contract mining/processing and Build-Own-Operate-Transfer (BOO/T) plant operations) have been identified and mature dialogues are underway. Release of the PFS Update now provides a platform for the Company to advance discussions with potential development partners, finance providers and/or JV partners. On the basis of the robust market outlook for titanium and vanadium, the Company's sound financial position (net cash), track record of successfully developing and implementing mineral projects (including through JV and offtake arrangements), and preliminary work already undertaken in relation to financing and JV participation, the Company considers that there is a reasonable basis that the development of the Barrambie project can be successfully funded.



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#### About Neometals Ltd

Neometals is an emerging, sustainable battery materials producer. The Company has developed a suite of green battery materials processing technologies that reduce reliance on traditional mining and processing and support circular economic principles.

Neometals' three core battery materials businesses, listed below, are commercialising these proprietary, low-cost, low-carbon process technologies in incorporated joint ventures:

- Lithium-ion Battery ("LIB") Recycling (50% equity) to produce nickel, cobalt and lithium from production scrap and end-of-life LIBs in an incorporated JV with leading global plant builder SMS group. The Primobius JV is operating a commercial disposal service at its 10tpd Shredding 'Spoke' in Germany and is the recycling technology partner to Mercedes Benz. Primobius' first 50tpd operation, in partnership with Stelco in Canada is expected to reach investment decision in Q4 2023;
- Vanadium Recovery (72.5% equity) to produce high-purity vanadium pentoxide via processing of steelmaking by-product ("Slag"). Targeting a 300,000tpa operation in Pori, Finland, underpinned by a 10-year Slag supply agreement with leading Scandinavian steelmaker SSAB. Finnish project investment decision with JV partner, Critical Metals, expected Q2 2023. MOU with H2Green Steel for up to 4Mt of Slag underpins a potential second operation in Boden, Sweden; and
- Lithium Chemicals (earning 35% equity) to produce battery quality lithium hydroxide from brine and/or hard-rock feedstocks using patented ELi® electrolysis process owned by RAM (70% NMT, 30% Mineral Resources Ltd). Co-funding pilot plant and evaluation studies for a 25,000tpa operation in Estarreja with Portugal's largest chemical producer, Bondalti Chemicals S.A.



## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

## **Competent Persons Statement**

The information in this announcement that relates to Exploration Results was presented in announcement released by the Company on the ASX on 22nd December 2020 titled "Barrambie Flowsheet Breakthrough". The Company confirms that it is not aware of any new information or data that materially affects the information included in the original market announcement.

The information in this announcement that relates to Mineral Resources is based on, and fairly represents, information and supporting documents compiled by Michael Andrew who is a full-time employee of Snowden Optiro and is a Fellow of the Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy. Mr Andrew has sufficient experience that is relevant to the style of mineralisation and type of deposit under consideration and to the activity being undertaken to qualify as a Competent Person as defined in the JORC Code (2012). Mr Andrew consents to the inclusion in the report of the matters based on his information in the form and context in which it appears.

The information in this announcement that relates to Ore Reserves is based on, and fairly represents, mine planning studies and supporting documents compiled by Frank Blanchfield or supplied by Neometals (Infrastructure, mining costs, environmental, permitting and social license studies and marketing and financial analyses) and reviewed by Frank Blanchfield, who is an employee of Snowden Optiro and is a Fellow of The Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy. Mr Blanchfield has sufficient experience that is relevant to the style of mineralisation and type of deposit under consideration and to the activity being undertaken to qualify as a Competent Person as defined in the JORC Code (2012). Mr Blanchfield consents to the inclusion in the report of the matters based on his information in the form and context in which it appears.

The information in this announcement that relates to Ore Reserves (Process, Plant, Metallurgy and Metallurgical Factors and Assumptions) is based on, and fairly represents, information and supporting documents, compiled by Gavin Beer who is a full-time employee of Neometals Ltd and is a Chartered Professional (Metallurgy) and Member of The Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy. Mr Beer has sufficient experience that is relevant to the style of mineralisation and type of deposit under consideration and to the activity being undertaken to qualify as a Competent Person as defined in the JORC Code (2012). Mr Beer consents to the inclusion in the report of the matters based on his information in the form and context in which it appears.

The estimated Ore Reserves underpinning the production targets in this announcement have been prepared by a Competent Person in accordance with the requirements of the JORC Code (2012).

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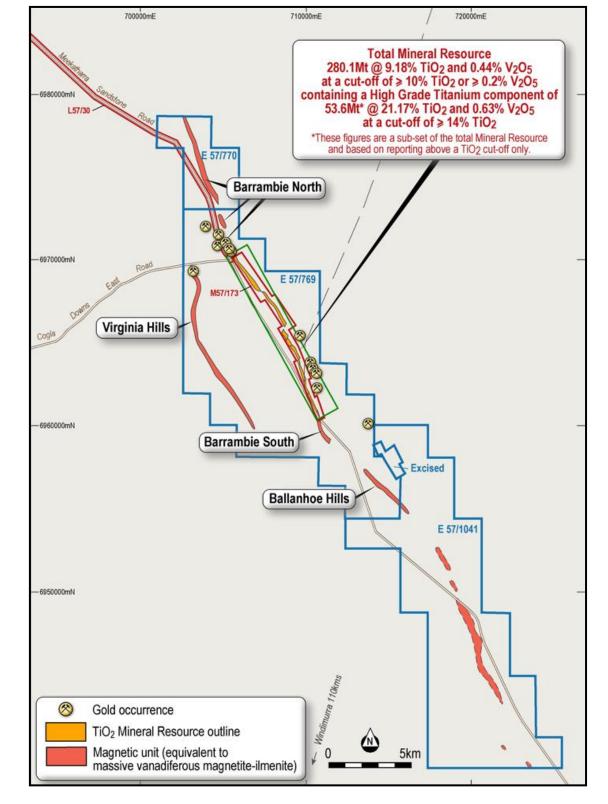
## **APPENDIX 1**

## **Project Background**

Located approximately 80km north-west of Sandstone in Western Australia, Barrambie has a granted mining permit and is 100% owned by Neometals through Australian Titanium Pty Ltd. Barrambie has had in excess of A\$40M exploration and evaluation expenditure invested in it since 2002 and is one of the world's highest-grade titanium-vanadium hard-rock assets. The LTR plant (not included in this PFS Update) is proposed to be situated alongside the DBNGP between Geraldton and Tenindewa.



Figure A-1: Location of Barrambie site and LTR processing site



**Figure A-2:** Project tenure and an outline of the Mineral Resource. Distribution of vanadium-titanomagnetite (VTM) mineralisation along strike and west of Barrambie is based on interpretation of aeromagnetic data.



The Barrambie Mineral Resource contains total Indicated and Inferred Mineral Resources of 280.1 million tonnes at 9.18% TiO<sub>2</sub> and 0.44% V<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> to a maximum depth of 80m, reported above a cut-off grade of 10% TiO<sub>2</sub> or 0.2% V<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>. Within the Mineral Resource there is a subset high-grade titanium Indicated and Inferred Mineral Resource of 53.6 million tonnes, reported above a cut-off grade of 14% TiO<sub>2</sub>.

Table A-1: Mineral Resource Estimate

	Tonnes (M)	TiO <sub>2</sub> (%)	V <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> (%)
Indicated	187.1	9.61	0.46
Inferred	93.0	8.31	0.40
Total	280.1	9.18	0.44
High Grade \	/ <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> Mineral Res	ource (at 0.5% \	√ <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> cut-off) <sup>2</sup>
	Tonnes (M)	TiO <sub>2</sub> (%)	V <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> (%)
Indicated	49.0	16.93	0.82
Inferred	15.9	16.81	0.81
Total	64.9	16.90	0.82
High Ti	O <sub>2</sub> Mineral Resou	ırce (14% TiO <sub>2</sub>	cut-off) <sup>2</sup>
	Tonnes (M)	TiO <sub>2</sub> (%)	V <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> (%)
Indicated	39.3	21.18	0.65
Inferred	14.3	21.15	0.58
Total	53.6	21.17	0.63

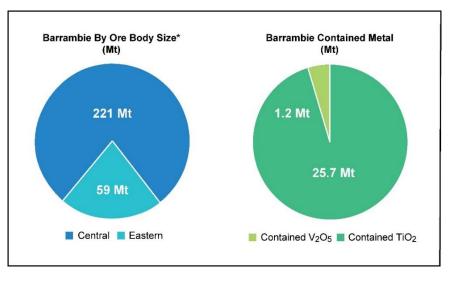


Figure A-3: Barrambie Mineral Resource by Size of Geological Zones and Contained Metal

A mine & beneficiate flowsheet option to produce MGC containing titanium, vanadium and iron for direct smelting is the favoured flowsheet option with potential offtake partner Jiuxing (and the basis for this PFS Update). Jiuxing is contemplating a direct smelt of the MGC blended with commercially available ilmenites.

Notwithstanding that the short-term production focus at Barrambie contemplates sale of DSO followed by MGC, scope remains in the longer term to further subject the MGC to a low-temperature reduction roast ("LTR") and magnetic separation at a second site alongside the Dampier to Bunbury Gas Pipeline east of Geraldton to produce separate ilmenite and iron-vanadium concentrate streams. This processing option has been removed from the PFS Update to enable a lower capital cost startup. The LTR pathway (greyed out in Figure A-4 below) will be considered at a later date with standalone commercial parameters.

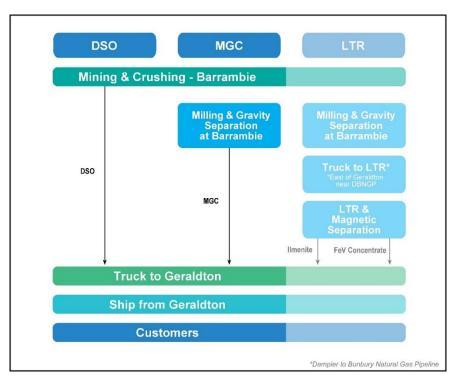


Figure A-4: Barrambie Flowsheet

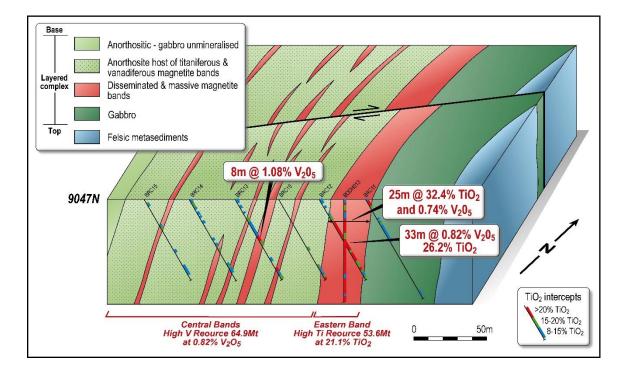


Figure A-5: Cross section showing typical distinct layers of high-grade vanadium and titanium bands

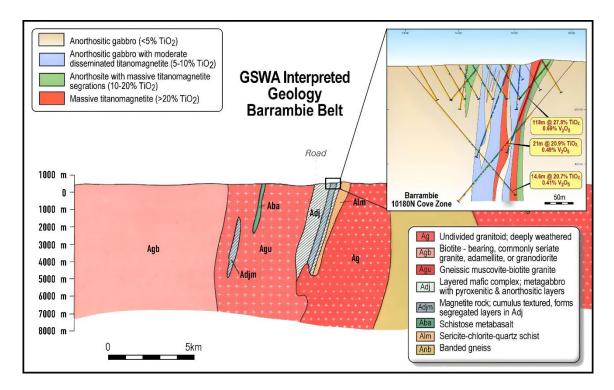


Figure A-6: GSWA Interpreted Geology Barrambie Belt

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## **APPENDIX 2**

JORC Code Table 1, Section 1, Sampling Techniques and Data

<ul> <li>Sampling techniques</li> <li>Nature and quality of sampling (e.g. cut channels, random chips, or specific specialised industry standard measurement tools appropriate to the minerals under investigation, such as down hole gamma sondes, or handheld XRF instruments, etc). These examples should not be taken as limiting the broad meaning of sampling.</li> <li>Include reference to measures taken to ensure sample representivity and the appropriate calibration of any measurement tools or systems used.</li> <li>Aspects of the determination of mineralisation that are Material to the Public Poot</li> </ul>
Report. • In cases where 'industry standard' work has been done this would be relatively simple (e.g. 'reverse circulation drilling was used to obtain 1 m samples from which 3 kg was pulverised to produce a 30 g charge for fire assay'). In other cases more explanation may be required, such as where there is coarse gold that has inherent sampling problems. Unusual commodities or mineralisation types (e.g. submarine

Criteria	JORC Guidelines	Commentary
techniques open-hole hammer, rotary air blast, auger,		The Barrambie deposit has a 50-year drilling history. Drilling techniques include rotary air blast (RAB), open hole percussion (OHP), RC and DD. Only RC and DD holes have been used for the resource estimation.
	diameter, triple or standard tube, depth of diamond tails, face-sampling bit or other type, whether core is oriented and if so, by what method, etc).	For diamond drilling conducted in 2017 core orientation marks were attempted using a spear and crayon at the end of each core run; however, these were only successful on partly oxidised or fresh material.
Drill sample recovery	• Method of recording and assessing core and chip sample recoveries and results assessed.	A qualitative logging code was used to record recovery for the RC and DD drilling used in the Mineral Resource estimate. Recovery of samples is considered good with only minor losses within fault zones which are dominated by clay.
	• Measures taken to maximise sample recovery and ensure representative nature of the samples.	
	• Whether a relationship exists between sample recovery and grade and whether sample bias may have occurred due to preferential loss/gain of fine/coarse material.	
Logging	• Whether core and chip samples have been geologically and geotechnically logged to a level of detail to support appropriate Mineral	Geological logging of core and rock chips was carried out recording oxidation, colour, texture, mineralisation, water and sample recovery. Magnetic susceptibility readings were taken every 1 m for RC holes and 0.5 m for DD holes.
	<ul> <li>Resource estimation, mining studies and metallurgical studies.</li> <li>Whether logging is qualitative or quantitative in nature. Core (or costean, channel, etc) photography.</li> </ul>	Snowden Optiro considers the logging was carried out in sufficient detail to meet the requirements of mineral resource estimation and mining studies.
	• The total length and percentage of the relevant intersections logged.	
Subsampling techniques and	• If core, whether cut or sawn and whether quarter, half or all core taken.	Core was wrapped in film and transferred to core trays where the downhole depth was marked on core blocks. Core was cut in half using a core saw.
sample preparation	• If non-core, whether riffled, tube sampled, rotary split, etc and whether sampled wet or dry.	RC samples were collected in a cyclone at the rig and then split to subsamples to be submitted for assay. Samples were collected at 3 m intervals in areas of background mineralisation and 1 m intervals within mineralised zones. All samples within the mineralised zones were mostly dry.

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	• For all sample types, the nature, quality and appropriateness of the sample preparation technique.	Initially core sample intervals were adjusted so samples did not cross geological boundaries. This was modified to routine 1 m samples, due to the difficulty in identifying the contacts during the drilling campaign in 2007 (hole BDDH012).
	<ul> <li>Quality control procedures adopted for all sub-sampling stages to maximise representivity of samples.</li> <li>Measures taken to ensure that the sampling is representative of the in situ material collected, including for instance results for field duplicate/second-half sampling.</li> <li>Whether sample sizes are appropriate to the grain size of the material being sampled.</li> </ul>	Limited information is available on the quality control (QC) methods applied to the historic drill holes (prior to 2007). QC procedures to ensure sampling is representative of the in-situ material for the drilling since 2007 includes the use of field duplicates and twinned holes. Comparison of the original and duplicate assays show an acceptable level of precision indicating field sampling procedures are reasonable. A total of 13 DD holes were twinned with selected RC holes. The results indicate minimal downhole smearing in RC drill holes, and that the RC derived samples are suitable for use in elemental analysis. The samples sizes are considered appropriate to correctly represent the mineralisation.
Quality of assay data and laboratory tests	<ul> <li>The nature, quality and appropriateness of the assaying and laboratory procedures used and whether the technique is considered partial or total.</li> <li>For geophysical tools, spectrometers, handheld XRF instruments, etc, the parameters used in determining the analysis including instrument make and model, reading times, calibrations factors applied and their derivation, etc.</li> <li>Nature of quality control procedures adopted (eg standards, blanks, duplicates, external laboratory checks) and whether acceptable levels of accuracy (ie lack of bias) and precision have been established.</li> </ul>	Samples have been assayed for TiO <sub>2</sub> , V <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> , Fe, SiO <sub>2</sub> , Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> , CaO, Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> , K <sub>2</sub> O, MGO, MNO, Na <sub>2</sub> O, P, S and LOI using XRF analysis except for 4 historical DD holes which were assayed using AAS. Limited information is available on the QC methods applied to the historic drill holes (prior to 2007). Field QC procedures for the most drilling since 2007 include the use of assay standards, field duplicates and umpire laboratory analysis. Results of the QC analysis indicated that acceptable levels of accuracy and precision have been achieved. No independent QAQC was conducted for the 20 metallurgical DD holes drilled in 2017. Intertek Genalysis, the laboratory used for the majority of analyses from 2007 to 2018, conducted their own internal QAQC, with no issues being reported.
Verification of sampling and assaying	<ul> <li>The verification of significant intersections by either independent or alternative company personnel.</li> <li>The use of twinned holes.</li> </ul>	A total of 13 DD holes were twinned with selected RC holes. The results indicate minimal downhole smearing in RC drill holes. Primary data from the historic drilling have been compiled into a single Microsoft Excel spreadsheet. Th drilling from 2007 to 2018 has been compiled into a separate Microsoft Excel spreadsheet, and a database using a SQL based system is maintained and managed by an external contractor.

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	• Documentation of primary data, data entry procedures, data verification, data storage (physical and electronic) protocols.	Intersections in metallurgical diamond drill holes drilled in 2017 are commensurate with surrounding drill holes.
	Discuss any adjustment to assay data.	
Location of data points	<ul> <li>Accuracy and quality of surveys used to locate drill holes (collar and down-hole surveys), trenches, mine workings and other</li> </ul>	The drilling coordinates are in a local metric grid established by surveyors Hille Tompson and Delfos located in Geraldton, which has a grid north-south baseline at 5,500 mE. The historic drill holes were surveyed on the local metric grid. Where the historic hole collars could not be identified the collar locations were converted from the old imperial grid locations.
	locations used in Mineral Resource estimation.	Drill collar and azimuth of the metallurgical holes were pegged in the field using GDA94 system by independent surveyors.
	<ul> <li>Specification of the grid system used.</li> <li>Quality and adequacy of topographic control.</li> </ul>	The topographic surface was provided by Southern Geoscience Consultants (SGC) compiled as part of an aeromagnetic survey flown on 25 m spaced lines in 2005. The Digital Elevation Model (DEM) was supplied in GDA, MGA Zone 50 coordinates and transformed to the local metric grid using four drill holes as common points.
Data spacing and distribution	• Data spacing for reporting of Exploration Results.	Drill spacing is predominantly 100 m x 25 m. There is one 100 m area drilled at centres of 25 m x 25 m, and one 25 m area drilled at centres of 12.5 m x 12.5 m.
	• Whether the data spacing and distribution is sufficient to establish the degree of	Drill spacing is sufficient to establish the degree of geological and grade continuity necessary to support the Mineral Resource classification.
	geological and grade continuity appropriate for the Mineral Resource and Ore Reserve estimation procedure(s) and classifications applied.	All samples were composited using a nominal 1 m interval prior to compiling the estimate. Where necessary, the composite interval has been adjusted to ensure that there are no residual sample lengths.
	• Whether sample compositing has been applied.	
Orientation of data in relation to geological	• Whether the orientation of sampling achieves unbiased sampling of possible structures and the extent to which this is	Drill holes are drilled towards local grid east or west at varying angles to intersect the mineralised zones as near as possible to perpendicular. The location and orientation of the Barrambie drill holes is appropriate given the strike and morphology of the mineralisation.
structure	<ul> <li>known, considering the deposit type.</li> <li>If the relationship between the drilling orientation and the orientation of key mineralised structures is considered to have introduced a sampling bias, this should be assessed and reported if material.</li> </ul>	Metallurgical drill holes are drilled within the plane of the mineralisation within the Eastern zone at 50 m intervals along strike.

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Sample security	• The measures taken to ensure sample security.	Samples were stored onsite and transported to the laboratory on a regular basis during drill campaigns. The laboratory was instructed by Neometals to dispose of the residual samples.
Audits or reviews	• The results of any Audits or reviews of sampling techniques and data.	To date there have been no Audits or reviews of sampling techniques and data.

## JORC Code Table 1, Section 2, Reporting of Exploration Results

Criteria	JORC Guidelines	Commentary
Mineral tenement and land tenure status	<ul> <li>Type, reference name/number, location and ownership including agreements or material issues with third parties such as joint ventures, partnerships, overriding royalties, native title interests, historical sites, wilderness or national park and environmental settings.</li> <li>The security of the tenure held at the time of reporting along with any known impediments to obtaining a licence to operate in the area.</li> </ul>	The Barrambie mineralisation is within granted mining lease M57/173 in the Eastern Murchison - Northern Goldfields district in the state of Western Australia. In April 2003, Reed Resources Ltd (Reed) through its subsidiary AVCH acquired 100% ownership of M57/173-I. The tenure is secure at the time of mineral resource and ore reserve estimation and reporting. Reed was renamed Neometals Ltd on 12 December 2014. The Barrambie Project tenements are currently held by the wholly owned subsidiary of Neometals, Australian Titanium Pty Ltd. No known impediments exist to operate in the area.
Exploration done by other parties	• Acknowledgment and appraisal of exploration by other parties.	There is no exploration done by other parties to acknowledge or appraise at this time.

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Geology	• Deposit type, geological setting and style of mineralisation.	The ferrovanadium titanium (Ti-V-Fe) deposit occurs within the Archaean Barrambie Greenstone Belt, which is a narrow, north-northwest to south-southeast trending greenstone belt in the northern Yilgarn Craton. The linear greenstone belt is about 60 km long and attains a maximum width of about 4 km. It is flanked by banded gneiss and granitoids. The mineralisation is hosted within a large layered, mafic intrusive complex (the Barrambie Igneous Complex), which has intruded into and is conformable with the general trend of the enclosing Greenstone Belt. From aeromagnetic data and regional geological mapping, it appears that this layered sill complex extends over a distance of at least 25 km into tenements to the north and south of M57/173-I that have been acquired by Australian Titanium for Neometals. The layered sill varies in width from 500 m to 1,700 m.
		The sill is comprised of anorthositic magnetite-bearing gabbros that intrude a sequence of metasediments, banded iron formation, metabasalts and metamorphosed felsic volcanics of the Barrambie Greenstone Belt. The metasediment unit forms the hanging-wall to the layered sill complex.
		Exposure is poor due to deep weathering, masking by laterite, widespread cover of transported regolith (wind- blown and water-borne sandy and silty clay), laterite scree and colluvium. Where remnant laterite profiles occur on low hills, there is ferricrete capping over a strongly weathered material that extends down to depths of 70 m.
		Ti-V-Fe mineralisation occurs as bands of cumulate aggregations of vanadiferous magnetite (martite)-ilmenite (leucoxene) in massive and disseminated layers and lenses.
		Within the tenement the layered deposit has been divided into five sections established at major fault offsets. Cross faults have displacements that range from a few metres to 400 m. The water table occurs at about 35 m below the surface (when measured where the laterite profile has been stripped).
Drill hole information	• A summary of all information material to the understanding of the exploration results including a tabulation of the following information for all Material drill holes:	No exploration results being reported. Exploration results can be found in previous public reports.
	o easting and northing of the drill hole collar	
	o elevation or RL (Reduced Level – elevation above sea level in metres) of the drill hole collar	
	o dip and azimuth of the hole	

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	o down hole length and interception depth	
	o hole length.	
	• If the exclusion of this information is justified on the basis that the information is not Material and this exclusion does not detract from the understanding of the report, the Competent Person should clearly explain why this is the case.	
Data aggregation methods	• In reporting Exploration Results, weighting averaging techniques, maximum and/or minimum grade truncations (eg cutting of high grades) and cut-off grades are usually Material and should be stated.	No exploration results being reported. Exploration results can be found in previous public reports.
	• Where aggregate intercepts incorporate short lengths of high grade results and longer lengths of low grade results, the procedure used for such aggregation should be stated and some typical examples of such aggregations should be shown in detail.	
	• The assumptions used for any reporting of metal equivalent values should be clearly stated.	
Relationship between mineralisation	• These relationships are particularly important in the reporting of Exploration Results.	No exploration results being reported. Exploration results can be found in previous public reports.
widths and intercept lengths	• If the geometry of the mineralisation with respect to the drill hole angle is known, its nature should be reported.	

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	• If it is not known and only the down hole lengths are reported, there should be a clear statement to this effect (e.g. 'down hole length, true width not known').	
Diagrams	• Appropriate maps and sections (with scales) and tabulations of intercepts should be included for any significant discovery being reported These should include, but not be limited to a plan view of drill hole collar locations and appropriate sectional views.	All appropriate maps (with scales) and tabulations of survey parameters are reported in the body of this announcement, and in the previous referenced ASX announcements.
Balanced reporting	• Where comprehensive reporting of all Exploration Results is not practicable, representative reporting of both low and high grades and/or widths should be practiced to avoid misleading reporting of Exploration Results.	
Other substantive exploration data	• Other exploration data, if meaningful and material, should be reported including (but not limited to): geological observations; geophysical survey results; geochemical survey results; bulk samples – size and method of treatment; metallurgical test results; bulk density, groundwater, geotechnical and rock characteristics; potential deleterious or contaminating substances.	Only drillhole sample and topographic data is used for Mineral Resource estimation purposes
Further work	• The nature and scale of planned further work (eg tests for lateral extensions or depth extensions or large-scale step-out drilling).	Below is a table and map showing the drilling that has occurred on the Mining Lease M57/173-1 since the April 2018 mineral resource estimate.

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		Hole Series	#	Туре	Year	Total Metres	Location	Campaign Purpose
		MSC	88	RC	2019	6351.04	Mining Lease M57/173- I	Metallurgical Sample and Mineral Resource Infill.
		22BDD	13	Diamond	2022	820.51	Mining Lease M57/173- I	Twin RC holes, structural data, metallurgical work sample.

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		In 2022 Australian Titanium (Neometals) completed an RC drilling and sampling program of 52 holes and4,161 metres on the Mining Lease M57/173-1. The aim of the drill program was to test for extensions of th Mineral Resource, particularly on the eastern and southern margins. Drilling was also used to assist in understanding ground water across the Barrambie site. Results from this drilling program are pending. In May 2023 9 x RC holes for 672m were drilled on E57/769 to the Southeast of the Vermin Proof Fence for Extension of Term commitments. Results from this drilling program are pending.

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Database integrity	<ul> <li>Measures taken to ensure that data has not been corrupted by, for example, transcription or keying errors, between its initial collection and its use for Mineral Resource estimation purposes.</li> <li>Data validation procedures used.</li> </ul>	For the majority of the data used in the Mineral Resource estimate handwritten logs were entered into Microsoft Excel at the end of each day and transferred to a Microsoft Access database on a regular basis. Snowden Optiro completed a basic validation check of the database for potential errors as a preliminary step to compiling the resource estimate. No issues were identified. The geological and sample database is maintained by an external contractor under review of Neometals. The database was validated by Snowden Optiro during the Mineral Resource update in January 2009, this included a review of the QC data. Drilling and sampling procedures were documented by Bryan Smith (Geosciences Pty Ltd) who made regular site visits during the drilling campaigns. Snowden Optiro considers sufficient information was provided to develop the geological model and Mineral Resource estimate to the level of an Indicated and Inferred Mineral Resource.
Site visits       • Comment on any site visits undertaken by the Competent Person and the outcome of those visits.         • If no site visits have been undertaken indicate why this is the case.		Snowden Optiro personnel visited the Barrambie site in 2008–2009 and in November 2018, and August 2019 reviewing the general site layout and outcropping geology. No drilling was occurring during the 2018 site visit by Snowden Optiro; however, exploration drilling was being carried out in August 2019. Michael Andrew visited the Barrambie project in 2009, reviewing the general site layout, outcropping geology and available drill sites.
Geological interpretation	Confidence in (or conversely, the uncertainty of) the geological interpretation of the mineral deposit.	The interpretations for structural and lithological surfaces were compiled by Snowden Optiro in 2009 using the drill hole database supplied by Neometals. Minor adjustments were made by Snowden Optiro to the interpretation based on the additional diamond drill holes in 2017.
	<ul> <li>Nature of the data used and of any assumptions made.</li> <li>The effect, if any, of alternative</li> </ul>	A topography wireframe surface was generated from RC and DD drill hole collars, combined with the DEM points supplied by SGC. Discrepancies in elevation between drill hole collars and the DEM in the order of 2 m to 3 m were found north of 12,600 mN.
	<ul> <li>interpretations on Mineral Resource estimation.</li> <li>The use of geology in guiding and controlling Mineral Resource estimation.</li> </ul>	The interpretations for the mineralisation envelope and domains were primarily based on $V_2O_5$ grade cut- offs determined from statistical analysis of the drill hole data. A mineralisation indicator of 0.6% $V_2O_5$ was used to define the high-grade domain within both the Central and Eastern zones. The Eastern zone low grade mineralisation was based on a threshold of 0.3% $V_2O_5$ and 0.1% $V_2O_5$ for the Central and Eastern zone low grade mineralised envelopes surrounding the lodes. Six mineralised domains have been interpreted, four within the Eastern zone and two within the Central zone. Snowden Optiro notes that there

### JORC Code Table 1, Section 3, Reporting of Mineral Resources

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	• The factors affecting continuity both of grade and geology.	domains is also considered to be appropriate for TiO2				
		Neometals completed a program of closely spacing d better understanding of the short-range continuity of r				
Dimensions	• The extent and variability of the Mineral Resource expressed as length (along strike or otherwise), plan width, and depth below surface to the upper and lower limits of the Mineral Resource.	The deposit covers an area of approximately 11 km n extends to a depth approximately 80 m below surface	orth-south by approximately 250 m east-west and a. The deposit remains open at depth and along strike.			
Estimation and modelling techniques	• The nature and appropriateness of the estimation technique(s) applied and key assumptions, including treatment of extreme grade values, domaining, interpolation parameters	to include all intervals and avoid loss of residual same Top-cuts were applied where required to limit the influ	to 1 m downhole, with the composite lengths adjusted ples. Jence of outlier grades.			
	and maximum distance of extrapolation from data points. If a computer assisted estimation method was chosen include a description of computer software and parameters	Traditional variograms were modelled for the combined Eastern and Central zones and the parameters applied to the six original mineralised domains, with the nuggets and sill values adjusted for those domains. There was insufficient data within the Far Eastern zone high grade domain; therefore, the Eastern zone high grade parameters were applied. The Dyke variogram was modelled as an omni-directional variogram as the low number of samples in this domain could not support directional variography.				
	<ul> <li>The availability of check estimates, previous estimates and/or mine production records and whether the Mineral Resource estimate takes appropriate account of such data.</li> </ul>	Studio 3 (Datamine) software was used to estimate g magnetic susceptibility using ordinary block kriging (C determined by a kriging neighbourhood analysis (KN/ 10 m x 1.25 m has been allowed. A block discretisation elevation directions respectively.	DK) into 10 mE x 40 mN x 5 mRL parent cell size as A) carried out in March 2008. Sub-celling to 0.25 m x			
	The assumptions made regarding recovery of by-products.	Boundary conditions used in the estimate are listed b	pelow:			
	• Estimation of deleterious elements or	Domain Attribute	Boundary conditions			
	other non-grade variables of economic significance (e.g. sulphur for acid mine	Domains 1-2 TiO <sub>2</sub>	Soft boundary across grouped domains			

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	drainage characterisation).			Soft boundaries over oxidation horizons
	<ul> <li>In the case of block model interpolation, the block size in relation</li> </ul>	Domains 3-6	TiO <sub>2</sub>	Hard boundaries across grouped domains Soft boundaries over oxidation horizons
	to the average sample spacing and the search employed.	Domains 1-6	V <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> , Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> , Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> , SiO <sub>2</sub>	Hard boundaries across grouped domains Soft boundaries over oxidation horizons
	<ul> <li>Any assumptions behind modelling of selective mining units.</li> </ul>	Domains 1-6	CaO, magnetic susceptibility	Hard boundaries across grouped domains Hard boundaries over oxidation horizons
	<ul> <li>Any assumptions about correlation between variables.</li> </ul>	Domain 7	V <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> , TiO <sub>2</sub> , Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> , Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> , SiO <sub>2</sub> , CaO, magnetic susceptibility	Hard boundaries across grouped domains Soft boundaries over oxidation horizons
	<ul> <li>resource estimates.</li> <li>Discussion of basis for using or not using grade cutting or capping.</li> <li>The process of validation, the checking process used, the comparison of model data to drill hole data, and use of reconciliation data if available.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>were estimated usin minimum number of search radii.</li> <li>Blocks within the minimum near assay of The estimates were</li> <li>A visual comparise section basis showing grades within</li> <li>A comparison of Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>, Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>, SiC within 8% for all generation of the show and northing direst section show and northing direst section section show and northing direst section sec</li></ul>	ng a minimum of six and a maximum of samples required, then a second ineralised domains not estimated of the Dyke, Central and Eastern zor a validated as follows: son of the block grade estimates the bows a reasonable correlation, althout in the low grade mineralised envel the estimated block grades to the D <sub>2</sub> within the mineralised domains grades except for Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> which are <i>i</i> a reasonable comparison of the bettions. For the elevation direction	o the input drill hole composite data on a section by ough there is some evidence of smoothing of low ar opes. average composite (naïve) grades for TiO <sub>2</sub> , V <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> , show good results, with both sets of results being

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		A comparison between the 2013 Mineral Resource estimate and the March 2018 Mineral Resource estimate shows that at a $15\%$ TiO <sub>2</sub> cut-off there is no material change.
Moisture	• Whether the tonnages are estimated on a dry basis or with natural moisture, and the method of determination of the moisture content.	Not applicable to this estimate – only dry mass considered.
Cut-off parameters	• The basis of the adopted cut-off grade(s) or quality parameters applied.	The TiO <sub>2</sub> and V <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> mineralisation is associated with ilmenite-magnetite mineralogy (generally spatial integrated), either within magnetite-rich layers or as disseminated mineralisation within gabbro and/anorthosite. As such, Snowden Optiro believes that reporting a Mineral Resource based on both TiO <sub>2</sub> at V <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> is appropriate for Barrambie. Based on previous mining studies by Snowden Optiro (2015 PFS), while assessed the TiO <sub>2</sub> potential of the project, a cut-off grade of 10% TiO <sub>2</sub> is in Snowden Optiro's opinion appropriate for assessing the TiO <sub>2</sub> Mineral Resource. A cut-off grade of 0.2% V <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> is believed to 1 appropriate for assessing the V <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> Mineral Resource and is commensurate with similar deposits (e. Windimurra and Mt Peake). Based on this, the following cut-off grade criteria have been established by Snowden Optiro for Barrambie $2  10\%  \text{TiO}_2$ or $2  0.2\%  \text{V}_2\text{O}_5$ A block in the block model will therefore be selected for inclusion in the Mineral Resource if the TiO <sub>2</sub> for the tiO <sub>2</sub> of the tide of the tide.
		greater than or equal to $10\% \text{ or}$ the V <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> is greater than or equal to 0.2%. Only one of the criteria must b met for a block to be selected for inclusion.
Mining factors or assumptions	Assumptions made regarding possible mining methods, minimum mining dimensions and internal (or, if applicable, external) mining dilution. It is always necessary as part of the process of determining reasonable prospects for eventual economic extraction to consider potential mining methods, but the assumptions made	The Barrambie deposit will be mined using conventional drill and blast with truck and shovel open pit minin methods. Reasonably small mining equipment would be used to mine the ore with limited dilution. Minin factors and assumptions are detailed in Section 4.

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	regarding mining methods and parameters when estimating Mineral Resources may not always be rigorous. Where this is the case, this should be reported with an explanation of the basis of the mining assumptions made.	
Metallurgical factors or assumptions	• The basis for assumptions or predictions regarding metallurgical amenability. It is always necessary as part of the process of determining reasonable prospects for eventual economic extraction to consider potential metallurgical methods, but the assumptions regarding metallurgical treatment processes and parameters made when reporting Mineral Resources may not always be rigorous. Where this is the case, this should be reported with an explanation of the basis of the metallurgical assumptions made.	Metallurgical samples from the oxide and transition zones were provided for laboratory testwork. The testwork demonstrated that both $V_2O_5$ and TiO <sub>2</sub> can be recovered using a two-stage leaching process. Whilst mineralisation within the primary zone has not been tested this zone constitutes a minor proportion of the defined Mineral Resource. Testwork carried out on similar primary material from Canadian deposits indicates that the Barrambie primary material would be amenable to this processing technique. Revised metallurgical factors and assumptions are detailed in Section 4 based on testwork undertaken after the generation of the 2018 Mineral Resource.
Environmental factors or assumptions	• Assumptions made regarding possible waste and process residue disposal options. It is always necessary as part of the process of determining reasonable prospects for eventual economic extraction to consider the potential environmental impacts of the mining and processing operation. While at this stage the determination of potential environmental impacts, particularly	The initial studies were completed in the period 2005 to 2009 and are reported in summary in the "BARRAMBIE VANADIUM PROJECT (Project) Public Environmental Review" (PER) (Reed Resources, 2010). The PER was approved under Part IV of the Environmental Protection Act 1986 (EP Act) in Ministerial Statement 911. An application to extend the time limit for implementation was granted in 2019. A second application to extend the time limit for implementation of the Project (S46 application) will be lodged with the WA Environmental Protection Authority for approval in 20232024. For more up to date information see the Environmental factors in Section 4 for any work completed subsequent to the 2018 Mineral Resource estimate.

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	for a greenfields project, may not always be well advanced, the status of early consideration of these potential environmental impacts should be reported. Where these aspects have not been considered this should be reported with an explanation of the environmental assumptions made.	
Bulk density	<ul> <li>Whether assumed or determined. If assumed, the basis for the assumptions. If determined, the method used, whether wet or dry, the frequency of the measurements, the nature, size and representativeness of the samples.</li> <li>The bulk density for bulk material must have been measured by methods that adequately account for void spaces (vugs, porosity, etc), moisture and differences between rock and alteration zones within the deposit.</li> <li>Discuss assumptions for bulk density estimates used in the evaluation process of the different materials.</li> </ul>	Density values were estimated from the mineralised domains in the block model with regression equations using estimated Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> , SiO <sub>2</sub> and Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> block grades. Limited data was available from the transitional and very little data was available from the fresh. Waste blocks were assigned a default density based on fresh unmineralised gabbro.
Classification	<ul> <li>The basis for the classification of the Mineral Resources into varying confidence categories.</li> <li>Whether appropriate account has been taken of all relevant factors (i.e.</li> </ul>	The Barrambie Mineral Resource is classified as and Indicated and Inferred Mineral Resource for the five major elements $V_2O_5$ , TiO <sub>2</sub> , Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> , Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> , SiO <sub>2</sub> , based on a number of criteria, including the geological confidence, the integrity of the data, the spatial continuity of the mineralisation as demonstrated by variography and the quality of the estimation. The estimates of CaO and magnetic susceptibility have not been classified as they are considered to have low confidence due to poor validation.

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	relative confidence in tonnage/grade estimations, reliability of input data, confidence in continuity of geology and metal values, quality, quantity and distribution of the data).	Mineralised zones where the drill spacing is 100 m x 25 m, 120 m x 25 m or 150 m x 25 m and are within the OK variance envelope (based on a threshold of 0.5) and above the base of drilling have been classified as Indicated. Mineralised zones outside the OK variance envelope and below the base of drilling have been classified as Inferred. Mineralised zones have been extrapolated approximately 20 m beyond the base of drilling.
	• Whether the result appropriately reflects the Competent Person's view of the deposit.	The Mineral Resource estimate appropriately reflects the views of the Competent Person with respect to the deposit.
Audits or reviews	• The results of any Audits or reviews of Mineral Resource estimates.	Snowden Optiro has completed an internal peer review of the estimate which has concluded that the procedures used to estimate and classify the Mineral Resource are appropriate. There have been no external Audits or reviews carried out.
Discussion of relative accuracy/ confidence	<ul> <li>Where appropriate a statement of the relative accuracy and confidence level in the Mineral Resource estimate using an approach or procedure deemed appropriate by the Competent Person. For example, the application of statistical or geostatistical procedures to quantify the relative accuracy of the resource within stated confidence limits, or, if such an approach is not deemed appropriate, a qualitative discussion of the factors that could affect the relative accuracy and confidence of the estimate.</li> <li>The statement should specify whether it relates to global or local estimates, and, if local, state the relevant to technical and economic evaluation. Documentation should</li> </ul>	The relative accuracy and confidence in the Mineral Resource estimate is reflected in the reporting of the Mineral Resource as set out in the JORC Code. The Mineral Resource is considered to be globally accurate.

Criteria JORC Guidelines	Commentary				
include assumptions made and the procedures used.					
These statements of relative accuracy and confidence of the estimate should be compared with production data, where available.					

#### JORC Code Table 1, Section 4, Reporting of Ore Reserve

The key Modifying Factors used to estimate the Ore Reserve are based on the experience of Snowden Optiro and Neometals employees for this type of deposit and style of mineralisation. The table below summarises the status of material aspects of the May 2023 Barrambie Ore Reserve estimate, against the items listed in the table as the Competent Person's assessment of Ore Reserve estimation for the Barrambie deposits.

#### Barrambie JORC Code (2012), Table 1, Section 4

Criteria	JORC Guidelines	Commentary
Mineral Resource for conversion to Ore Reserves	<ul> <li>Description of the Mineral Resource estimate used as a basis for the conversion to an Ore Reserve.</li> <li>Clear statement as to whether the Mineral Resources are reported additional to, or inclusive of, the Ore Reserves.</li> </ul>	Mineral Resources are inclusive of Ore Reserves. Barrambie Mineral Resource reporting for a 10% TiO <sub>2</sub> cut-off or a 0.2% $V_2O_5$ cut-off is found in Table 2 of this announcement.
Site visits	<ul> <li>Comment on any site visits undertaken by the Competent Person and the outcome of those visits.</li> <li>If no site visits have been undertaken indicate why this is the case.</li> </ul>	Site visits were completed by the following Competent Persons:

Criteria	JORC Guidelines	Commentary			
		Competent Persons	Items	Date of site visit	
		Frank Blanchfield	Mining	May 2007	
		Gavin Beer	Metallurgy	Not undertaken	
		No metallurgy site vis	sit was undertaker	n as there is no plant or d	illhole core to inspect at site.
Study status	• The type and level of study undertaken to enable Mineral Resources to be converted to Ore Reserves.	The Barrambie Titani completion of this 202			Feasibility Study (PFS) level with the
	• The Code requires that a study to at least Prefeasibility Study level has been undertaken to convert Mineral Resources to Ore Reserves. Such studies will have been carried out and will have determined a mine plan that is technically achievable and economically viable, and that material Modifying Factors have been considered.				
Cut-off parameters	• The basis of the cut-off grade(s) or quality parameters applied.	Cut-off is based on a applied:	chieving an avera	age concentrate grade of	32% TiO <sub>2</sub> . To achieve this these filters were
		<ul> <li>TiO<sub>2</sub> head g</li> <li>SiO<sub>2</sub> head g</li> </ul>		O₃ head grade; and	
		Post dilution applicati	on a marginal cut	t-off grade was calculated	for each block using values for:
Mining factors and assumptions	The method and assumptions used as reported in the Prefeasibility or Feasibility Study to convert the Mineral Resource to	•			to determine a new, independent conversion 2022 Ore Reserve previously determined for

Criteria	JORC Guidelines	Commentary							
	an Ore Reserve (i.e. either by application of appropriate factors by optimisation or by preliminary or detailed design).		released in November 2 eting of a TiO <sub>2</sub> concentra		•	ollowed by LTR processin			
	<ul> <li>The choice, nature and appropriateness of the selected mining method(s) and other mining parameters including associated design issues such as prestrip, access, etc.</li> <li>The assumptions made regarding geotechnical parameters (e.g. pit slopes, stope sizes, etc), grade control and preproduction drilling.</li> <li>The major assumptions made and</li> </ul>	an economic r Reserve. Min Snowden Opti haul mining cy Snowden Opti	nining shell followed by o e equipment requirement iro mine production sche vcle is used for mining ac	detailed pit design nts were determin edule as a basis. S ctivities. chnical analysis	C only. An evaluation usin was used to convert the ned by contractors, who Selective mining using an to recommended pit slo	Mineral Resource to an C provided pricing using t open pit drill blast load a			
	• The major assumptions made and Mineral Resource model used for pit and stope optimisation (if appropriate).	Batter	Berm width at base	Batter height	Inter-ramp slope	Overall slope angle,			
	The mining dilution factors used.	angle (º)	of batter (m)	(m)	angle, crest to crest (°)	crest to toe (°)			
	The mining recovery factors used.	55	7	10	35.5	38			
	<ul> <li>Any minimum mining widths used.</li> <li>The manner in which Inferred Mineral Resources are utilised in mining studies and the sensitivity of the outcome to their inclusion.</li> <li>The infrastructure requirements of the selected mining methods.</li> </ul>	s ir selectively on 2.5m flitches within the central ore zones to minimise dilution and 5m benches within the easter ore zone and waste zones.							
		deemed to be			he model to 2.5m E by 1 U") when considering bla	-			

Criteria	JORC Guidelines	Commentary						
		Dilution and ore loss changes (with al as:	% changes	in grade bein	g negative) by	geological zone are summarised		
		Item	Eastern	Central	Overall			
		Ore loss (% of tonnes lost)	2.9	11.6	3.4			
		Dilution (% of tonnes increased)	3.8	47.5	6.3			
		The minimum mining width is 20 m.						
		No in pit Inferred Mineral Resources were used to quantify Ore Reserves.						
Metallurgical factors and assumptions	<ul> <li>The metallurgical process proposed and the appropriateness of that process to the style of factors or mineralisation.</li> <li>Whether the metallurgical process is well-tested technology or novel in nature.</li> <li>The nature, amount and representativeness of metallurgical testwork undertaken, the nature of the metallurgical domaining applied and the corresponding metallurgical recovery factors applied.</li> <li>Any assumptions or allowances made for deleterious elements.</li> <li>The existence of any bulk sample or pilot-scale testwork and the degree to which such samples are considered representative of the orebody as a whole.</li> <li>For minerals that are defined by a specification, has the ore reserve estimation been based on the appropriate mineralogy to meet the specifications</li> </ul>	The metallurgical processes proposed at The metallurgical processes employed a and V. In 2020, drilling to collect material for the 88 reverse circulation (RC) holes for 6,33 7 tonne bulk sample of eastern zone mat (conventional gravity separation, reductio composite sample of Eastern zone mate Beneficiation overall mass pull to concern concentrate of around 77% and 63% res separation of the beneficiated concentrat 87% TiO <sub>2</sub> recovery) and mass yield of 60 grades equivalent to 58.7% Fe and 1.58 separation testwork were further ratified to During 2021 and 2022 further confirmato Selection of beneficiation ci Variability testing of the sele Development of a mass bal Preparation of a process flo	are well known metallurgical k 7 metres. Of the erial to use in n roasting and rial to generat trate was typic pectively. Low e produced a 1%, and a man % V2O5). The by testwork with ry metallurgica recuit produces acted benefic ance spreads	n and widely u bulk samples fi this drilling 255 beneficiation to d magnetic sep e separate ilm cally around 58 /-temperature high-quality iln ketable magn results of the to th IMUMR at F al testwork wa MGC from E ciation circuit sheet and pro	tillised in common rom both the ear samples from bench scale wo paration) was co enite and iron-v 3% with recover reduction roasti nenite (> 52% T etite by-product bench scale red Pilot scale. s completed to Barrambie min bcess design of	nercial facilities for recovering Ti, Fe, astern and central zones comprised 15 holes were combined to make a rk. Metallurgical testwork ompleted on the 7 tonne bulk anadium product streams. ries of TiO <sub>2</sub> and V <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> to gravity ng and subsequent magnetic TiO <sub>2</sub> content) at high recoveries (> rion vanadium concentrate (with uction roasting and magnetic confirm: eralisation		

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			elopment of a relationship be nating the value of each min				
		Overall recov	eries for the PFS Update are	e summaris	ed in the	table below:	Recoveries
					Yie	ld %	TiO <sub>2</sub> Recovery %
			MGC	MGC		3.0	77.7
			ey correlations were used to prokey processing parameters and	ween the mir	neralisation in the Barı		
			Y	;	x	М	С
			MGC Mass Yield %		TiO2 + Fe(0) in mineralisation		-3.8556
			MGC TiO2 %		e2O3 in disation	40.427	12.013
		Correlations of	the form $y = mx + c$				
Environmental	• The status of studies of potential environmental impacts of the mining and processing operation. Details of waste rock characterisation and the consideration of potential sites, status of design options considered and, where applicable, the status of approvals for process residue storage and waste drums should be reported.	various aspe investigations period 2005 Environmenta Environmenta limit for imple of the Project 2024. Amend	al studies have been undert cts of the environment. The s, air quality modelling, and to 2009 and are reported al Review" (" <b>PER</b> ") (Reed F al Protection Act 1986 (EP A mentation was granted in 20 (S46 application) will be lod ments to the project design . An update of the studies	ese include waste cha d in the " Resources, Act) in Mini 19. A seco ged with thalso requir	e flora, fa aracterisat BARRAM 2010). T sterial Sta nd applica ie WA Env e amendri	una and ve ion. The init BIE VANAE he PER wa tement 911. ation to exter vironmental hent of the a	getation surveys, h tial studies were co DIUM PROJECT ( as approved under . An application to e nd the time limit for Protection Authority approved Project thr

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		expected to have a significant detrimental effect on the environment, in addition to, or different from, the original proposal.
		A Mining Proposal for a Starter Pit that would allow two to three years of mining at 1 million tonnes per annum has been approved by the Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety (DMIRS). This approval (REG ID 77751) requires the time limit for implementation of MS911 to be further extended before it can be utilised. A Works Approval for crushing and screening is also in place (W6367/2020/1) but also requires the MS911 time limit to be extended. A Works Approval amendment has been requested to extend the implementation duration by five years.
		A groundwater licence to take water will be sought under the Rights in Water and Irrigation Act 1914 to secure the project water demand.
		Waste rock characterisation studies completed to date show that 21 of 22 samples are assessed as non-acid forming. The one potentially acid forming sample was "trace-pyrite" (0.37% S). Erodibility testing and erosion modelling has been undertaken and used as inputs into Waste Rock Landform designs. The tails storage facility ("TSF") slimes settling pond will be a single cell, integrated waste landform type facility, constructed within a waste landform. A second TSF will be required from year 12. The TSF design has been prepared with the objective to provide optimum return water to the plant, optimising tailings storage capacity and reducing environmental impact.
		Detailed tailings characterisation testwork and TSF design will be undertaken to support a Mining Proposal and Works Approval for the tailings storage facility.
Infrastructure	• The existence of appropriate infrastructure: availability of land for plant development, power, water, transportation (particularly for bulk commodities), labour, accommodation; or the ease with which the infrastructure can be provided or accessed.	All local infrastructure required to construct, support and maintain the planned Barrambie operation will be supplied as part of the project development. With the exception of the existing Meekatharra to Sandstone Road, (which will also require some level of upgrading), none of the required facilities, supplies or services are available in the local area. Infrastructure allowed for the Barrambie site in the Study include:

Criteria	JORC Guidelines	Commentary							
		A borefield for water supply							
		<ul> <li>A borefield for water supply</li> <li>A build-own-operate gas-fired powerhouse</li> <li>A 180-room self-contained accommodation village</li> <li>A 180-room self-contained accommodation village</li> <li>A two-way radio network for operational communications</li> <li>Upgrades and re-alignment to the existing Meekatharra-Sandstone Road</li> <li>The Meekatharra-Sandstone Road runs alongside the mining lease and is a dual lane unsealed romaintained by the local shires. It is subject to closure whenever there is a significant rainfall event.</li> <li>Reagents will generally be delivered from the south by road train.</li> </ul>							
		A 180-room self-contained accommodation village							
		A two-way radio network for operational communications							
		The Meekatharra-Sandstone Road runs alongside the mining lease and is a dual lane unsealed							
		Reagents will generally be delivered from the south by road train.							
Costs	• The derivation of, or assumptions made, regarding projected capital costs in the study.	The operating and capital cost data for this study has come from the following sources: Mining from multip mining contractors; operating and capital cost estimates (crush, mill, de-slime, gravity beneficiation, low temperature reduction roast, magnetic separation and infrastructure) as completed by Primero in Novemb							
	• The methodology used to estimate operating costs.								
	Allowances made for the content of deleterious elements.								
	• The derivation of assumptions made of metal or commodity price(s), for the principal minerals and co-products.								
	• The source of exchange rates used in the study.	Operating costs							
	Derivation of transportation charges.								
	• The basis for forecasting or source of treatment and refining charges, penalties for failure to meet specification, etc.	Opex A\$M A\$/t feed A\$/t product							

Criteria	JORC Guidelines	Commentary						
	<ul> <li>The allowances made or royalties payable, both government and private.</li> </ul>	Mining	Mining					
	payable, both government and private.	Mining ex-pit	588.1	21.3	39.6			
		Incremental ore rehandle	11.3	0.4	0.8			
		СМВ						
		CMB Processing Plant	482.8	17.5	32.5			
		MGC transport to Geraldton Port	934.5	33.9	63.0			
		Shipping						
		Port storage, ship loading, international freight & insurance	591.7	21.5	39.9			
		Total	2608.5	94.6	175.8			
		Capital Costs	A\$	M				
		Mining	ÂΨ					
		Mobilisation, Site establishment & Pre-Strip	4.	1				

Criteria	JORC Guidelines	Commentary		
			Direct Field Cost	16.4
			Contractors Indirects	2.8
			Offsite Infrastructure	26.8
			Owner's Costs	13.3
			Contingency (25%)	14.8
			Subtotal DSO	74.0
			CMB (increm	ental)
			Plant and Construction	64.6
			TSF	6.5
			Accommodation Village	5.0
			Engineering Design	9.1
			Project & Construction	10.8
			Management	
			Commissioning	0.6
			Owner's Indirect Costs	13.2
			Contingency (25%)	27.4
			Subtotal CMB	137.2
			Total	215.3
			Sustaining Capex <sup>12</sup>	75.4
<sup>2</sup> Sustaining capital	al to upgrade the Barrambie-Sandstone Road t	o PBS TDQ4B.3 t Exchange rates	o enable Super Quad payloads of up to 137 used are A\$:US\$0.70.	t, to increase TSF capacity sequentially, and
		Provision has b other parties.	een made for 9.5% royalties on DSO and	7.0% on MGC revenues for state governm

Criteria	JORC Guidelines	Commentary
		Transportation charges are included and based on DSO and MGC being trucked between Barrambie and the port of Geraldton. Sea Freight is in 50kt Supramax ships from Geraldton to Qingdao.
Revenue factors	<ul> <li>The derivation of, or assumptions made regarding revenue factors including head grade, metal or commodity price(s) exchange rates, transportation and treatment charges, penalties, net smelter returns, etc.</li> <li>The derivation of assumptions made of metal or commodity price(s), for the principal metals, minerals, and coproducts.</li> </ul>	The average price per tonne of product of the total products produced over the life of mine is A\$ \$275/t. Revenue assumptions for the DSO and MGC have been based upon information exchanged between the parties under the Offtake Term Sheet with Jiuxing. DSO on actual delivered cost CIF China Main Port basis (including royalties) plus a fixed margin. MGC subject to a floor price on 35% TiO <sub>2</sub> and scaled down linearly with reducing concentrate grade.
Market assessment	<ul> <li>The demand, supply and stock situation for the particular commodity, consumption trends assessment and factors likely to affect supply and demand into the future.</li> <li>A customer and competitor analysis along with the identification of likely market windows for the product.</li> <li>Price and volume forecasts and the basis for these forecasts.</li> <li>For industrial minerals the customer specification, testing and acceptance</li> </ul>	Neometals and Jiuxing have a Memorandum of Understanding (" <b>MOU</b> ") dated 16 <sup>th</sup> April 2021 to develop the Barrambie Mineral Resource. The Jiuxing MoU contemplates a path to a formal offtake agreement where Neometals supplies a MGC or separate ilmenite and iron-vanadium concentrate from Barrambie to Jiuxing. Specifically, the MoU outlines an evaluation regime and contains the key commercial terms for a formal offtake agreement (i.e. pricing, volumes, price floor etc.), subject to product evaluation from smelting trials. The Jiuxing MoU contemplates the parties negotiating and entering into a binding formal offtake agreement for the supply of 800,000 dry tonnes per annum ("dtpa") of MGC or 500,000 dtpa of ilmenite and 275,000 dtpa of iron-vanadium concentrate, on a take-or-pay basis for a period of 5 years from first production.
	requirements prior to a supply contract.	

Criteria	JORC Guidelines	Commentary
		binding commercial parameters upon which a full-form binding Offtake Agreement will be negotiated between ATI and Jiuxing:
		1. Contract Period – 5 years from the date of first commercial scale production of DSO, encompassing a planned initial 12 months for sale and purchase of DSO and a subsequent planned 48 months for sale and purchase of MGC;
		2. Quantity – minimum DSO: 1,000,000 wet tonnes, MGC: 800,000 wet tonnes per annum;
		3. Sales Terms – DSO: actual delivered cost CIF China Main Port basis (including royalties) plus a fixed margin, MGC: derived from Australian Ilmenite concentrate, 55-58% TiO <sub>2</sub> , CIF China Main Port basis, multiplied by a payability factor, subject to a fixed floor price with annual upward only adjustments with reference to the greater of relevant CPI measure and a mechanism based on Australian gas, diesel and labour indices; and
		4. Payment Terms – Payment for deliveries shall be made to ATi by draw down against a Letter of Credit with a bank or financial institution that has a branch located in Australia.
		Neometals commissioned TZMI to complete a bespoke price forecast for Barrambie ilmenite and MGC. This forecast is utilised to price MGC outside of the contracted period with Jiuxing.
Economic	<ul> <li>The inputs to the economic analysis to produce the net present value (NPV) in the study, the source and confidence of these economic inputs including estimated inflation, discount rate, etc.</li> <li>NPV ranges and sensitivity to variations in the significant assumptions and inputs.</li> </ul>	Neometals developed a project cashflow model for the 13-year project. Financial modelling was completed by Neometals. Snowden Optiro is reliant on the metal price projections advised by Neometals. Snowden Optiro is not expert in the forecasting of metal prices, and other than to draw attention to the sensitivity of the project to these projections, is not able to comment on the risk that these

Criteria	JORC Guidelines	Commentary		
		projections will change over time. However, it is noted Neometa leading industry body for the titanium market - TZMI.	ils has taken into con	sideration data from the
		The production targets are based on 100% Probable Ore R outcomes for the PFS are set out below:	eserves. The key pa	arameters and financi
		Summary of Key Parameters from PFS Update Financial N	lodel	
		Life of Mine (LOM)	Years	13.2
		LOM Ore Mined	Mt	27.6
		LOM Waste Mined	Mt	106.0
		LOM Strip Ratio	(waste:ore)	3.8
		Average CMB Plant Feed Rate	Mtpa	2.18
		Average Titanium Head Grade	% TiO <sub>2</sub>	22.3
		Average Titanium Recovery (Overall)	% TiO <sub>2</sub>	77.7
		Average MGC Production (LOM)	Ktpa	1,138
		Average Realised Product Price	A\$/t product CIF China	275
		FX	A\$:USD	0.70
		DSO Capital Cost (including 25% contingency)	A\$M	78.1
		Incremental MGC Capital Cost (including 25% contingency)	A\$M	137.2
		Ave LOM All-in Cost <sup>13</sup>	A\$/t product	195.2

Criteria	JORC Guidelines	Commer	ntary								
		LOM Fr	LOM Free Cash Flow <sup>14</sup>						A\$M		1,106.1
		Average	e Free Cas	sh Flow p	er annun	n - first 5	yrs		A\$M		103.3
		NPV (1	NPV (10% Discount Rate, Pre-Tax) A\$M								375
		IRR (Pr	e-Tax)						%		45
			075	0.004	0.001		Revenu		0004		
		A sensitiv	ity analys/	is on the	pre-tax N	IPV is pr	ovided I	below.			
		ţ	375	-30%	-20%	-10%	0%	10%	20%	30%	
		Discount Rate	12%	(137)	14	166	318	469	621	772	
		Disco	10%	(143)	30	202	375	547	720	892	
			8%	(149)	48	246	443	641	838	1,035	
		Ø					Onex				
		unt Rate					Opex				
		It	375	-30%	-20%	-10%	0%	10%	20%	30%	

<sup>13</sup> Average LOM All-in costs include all mining, processing, transport to port, site based general and administration costs, freight, royalties, and native title costs.

<sup>14</sup> Free Cashflow is pre-tax and undiscounted.

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Criteria	JORC Guidelines	Commer	itary							
			10%	801	659	517	375	233	91	(51)
			8%	927	766	604	443	282	121	(41)
							Chippi			
							Shippi	ng		
		Rate	375	-30%	-20%	-10%	0%	10%	20%	30%
		Discount Rate	12%	366	350	334	318	301	285	269
		Disc	10%	431	412	393	375	356	338	319
			8%	507	486	465	443	422	400	379
		ate					Cape	x		
		int R	375	-30%	-20%	-10%	0%	10%	20%	30%
		Discount Rate	12%	382	360	339	318	296	275	253
		Ω								

Criteria	JORC Guidelines	Commen	tary							
			10%	442	419	397	375	353	330	308
			8%	513	490	466	443	420	396	373
						MG	C Mass	Yield		
		Rate	375	-30%	-20%	-10%	0%	10%	20%	30%
		Discount Rate	12%	37	131	224	318	412	505	599
		Disc	10%	56	163	268	375	482	588	694
			8%	79	201	321	443	566	687	808
		Rate					FX			
		Discount Rate	375	-30%	-20%	-10%	0%	10%	20%	30%
		Dise	12%	898	656	468	318	195	92	5

Criteria	JORC Guidelines	Commentar	у										
			10%	1,034	760	546	375	235	118	20			
			8%	1,197	883	639	443	283	150	37			
Social	The status of agreements with key stakeholders and matters leading to social licence to operate.												
		Consultation Consultation with key local stakeholders including neighbouring pastoral owners, indigenous groups,											
		•	of Wat		•	•					<ul> <li>Regulation (DMIRS), the second se second second sec</li></ul>		
Classification	• The basis for the classification of the Ore Reserves into varying confidence categories.												
	Whether the result appropriately reflects the Competent Person's view of the deposit.     The properties of Probable Ore	The result of the classification reflects the Competent Person's view of the deposit. No Inferred Resources is included in the Ore Reserve estimate.											
	The proportion of Probable Ore Reserves that have been derived from Measured Mineral Resources (if any).												

Criteria	JORC Guidelines	Commentary
Other	• The status of agreements with key stakeholders and matters leading to	An approval has been granted under the Mining Act for the extraction of a Bulk Sample (Reg ID 70790).
	social licence to operate.	The granted Mining Lease M57/173-I is sufficient to enable the commencement of mining at Barrambie.
	• To the extent relevant, the impact of the following on the project and/or on the estimation and classification of the Ore Reserves:	Additional tenure in the form of future Mining Lease(s) over mineralised areas of Exploration Licenses will be made, and if required General Purpose Leases will be applied for. These mining tenements will allow for the growth of stockpiles and waste rock landforms required for the Project. This tenure is anticipated to be applied
	Any identified material naturally occurring risks.	for in 2023, with grant anticipated in 2024.
	• The status of material legal agreements and marketing arrangements.	A non-binding MOU for 800dktpa MGC or 500dktpa of ilmenite and 275dktpa of iron-vanadium concentrate is in place with potential offtake partner Jiuxing. This has been followed by an Offtake Term Sheet on 20 <sup>th</sup> April 2023 with Jiuxing for 1,000,000 wet tonnes of DSO, followed by 800,000 wet tonnes per annum for 4 years.
Audits or reviews	The results of any Audits or reviews of Ore Reserve estimates.	There have not been external Audits or reviews of the 2023 PFS Update. Mineral Resource estimate, pit optimisation, design and schedule as developed for the Barrambie Pre-Feasibility Mining Study were reviewed internally by Snowden Optiro.
Relative accuracy/ confidence	Where appropriate a statement of the relative accuracy and confidence level in the Ore Reserve estimate using an approach or procedure deemed appropriate by the Competent Person. For example, the	The capital cost estimates in this study relating to mining, processing and cost performance are underpinned by a comprehensive Preliminary Feasibility Study which has an assessed with global accuracy of +25% and -25% at the 90% confidence range and is accurate at November 2022.
	application of statistical or geostatistical procedures to quantify the relative accuracy	Factors that could affect the accuracy of the Ore Reserve are related to the project risks assessed as "high":
	of the reserve within stated confidence	• Dilution: A powder factor averaging 0.37 kg/BCM was proposed by SMS who completed mine cost estimates.
	limits, or, if such an approach is not deemed appropriate, a qualitative discussion of the	Snowden Optiro recommends detailed blast movement modelling be done on several of the lodes differing in
	factors which could affect the relative accuracy and confidence of the estimate.	shape and thickness in ore to better quantify and control dilution.
	• The statement should specify whether it	

Criteria	JORC Guidelines	Commentary
	relates to global or local estimates, and, if local, state the relevant tonnages, which should be relevant to technical and economic evaluation. Documentation should include assumptions made and the procedures used.	<ul> <li>Silica levels and beneficiation: An incomplete understanding of the relationship between the specific properties of the ore being mined and the achievable levels of silica in the concentrate produced and the overall recovery through the beneficiation circuit. This will require reconciliation between the mine and the mil to manage the ore feed to assist in controlling silica levels in the concentrate. Further variability testwork or the Barrambie Mineral Resource is required to confirm yields and qualities of MGC.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Accuracy and confidence discussions should extend to specific discussions of any applied Modifying Factors that may have a material impact on Ore Reserve viability, or for which there are remaining areas of uncertainty at the current study stage.</li> </ul>	The Ore Reserve is supported by the current 2023 Barrambie Titanium Project PFS Update Report bein compiled by Neometals. Snowden Optiro's opinion of the Ore Reserve is that the classification of probable i reasonable, based on the PFS Update outcomes reviewed by the Competent Persons.
	• It is recognised that this may not be possible or appropriate in all circumstances. These statements of relative accuracy and confidence of the estimate should be compared with production data, where available.	

# **APPENDIX 3**

#### Glossary

US\$ or USD	United States Dollars
A\$ \$ or A\$	Australian Dollars
Αֆ ֆ ΟΓ Αֆ	
μm	Micrometre
AACE	Association for the Advancement of Cost Engineering
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	Alumina
bcm	Bank Cubic Meter
Са	Calcium
CaO	Calcium oxide
CIF	Cost Insurance and Freight as defined by Incoterms (a set of internationally recognised rules which define the responsibilities of sellers and buyers in the export transaction)
СМВ	Crush, mill and beneficiate
Competent person	The JORC Code requires that a Competent Person must be a member or Fellow of The Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy, or of the Australian Institute of Geoscientists, or of a "Recognised Professional Organisation". A Competent Person must have a minimum of five years' experience working with the style of mineralisation or type of deposit under consideration and relevant to the activity which that person is undertaking
DBNGP	Dampier to Bunbury Natural Gas Pipeline
DSO	Direct shipping ore
DTPA	Dry tonnes per annum
Fe/V	Iron vanadium concentrate
Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	Iron oxide
Feedstock	Raw material supply to a process
Gangue	Commercially valueless material
HDPE Pipeline	High density polyethylene pipe
Ilmenite	Minerals source of titanium dioxide

K <sub>2</sub> O	Potassium oxide			
kg	Kilogram			
ktpa	Kilo tonnes per annum			
LiFePO4	Lithium iron phosphate			
m3/h	Cubic metres per hour			
Magnetite	A mineral and one of the main iron ores, with the chemical formula Fe2+Fe3+2O			
Mass yield	Amount of mass exiting a process step as a percentage of the amount of mass entering a process			
Mg	Magnesium			
MGC	Mixed gravity concentrate			
MgO (%)	Magnesium oxide			
Middling Ilmenite	Lower quality Ilmenite that contains less titanium dioxide than ilmenite			
Mineral Resources	Mineral Resources are a concentration or occurrence of solid material of economic interest in or on the Earth's crust in such form, grade (or quality), and quantity that there are reasonable prospects for eventual economic extraction. The location, quantity, grade (or quality), continuity and other geological characteristics of a Mineral Resource are known, estimated or interpreted from specific geological evidence and knowledge, including sampling. Mineral Resources are sub- divided, in order of increasing geological confidence, into Inferred, Indicated and Measured categories			
MnO (%)	Manganese oxide			
Mt	Million tonnes			
Мtра	Million tonnes per annum			
MW	Megawatt			
Nb <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub>	Niobium pentoxide			
Орех	Operating expenditure			
Ore Reserves	Parts of a Mineral Resource that have the potential to be economically mined based on current assumptions			
P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub>	Phosphorus pentoxide			

PFS	Pre-feasibility study
PV	Photovoltaics
Reverse Circulation	Drilling method
SiO <sub>2</sub>	Silica
Slag	Waste matter
SO <sub>3</sub>	Sulphur trioxide
Spodumene	Hard-rock lithium
Synthetic rutile	Synthetic rutile is produced by upgrading ilmenite in a rotary kiln. It is a high- grade titanium dioxide feedstock
Tailings	Waste stream
Th	Thorium
TiO <sub>2</sub>	Titanium dioxide
tpa	Tonnes per annum
TSF	Tailings storage facility
U	Uranium
V <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub>	Vanadium oxide