

# IPERIONX ACHIEVES MAJOR MILESTONE WITH FIRST SUCCESSFUL TITANIUM FURNACE PRODUCTION RUN

IperionX (NASDAQ: IPX, ASX: IPX) is pleased to announce the successful commissioning of the Hydrogen Assisted Metallothermic Reduction (HAMR™) furnace, marking the first titanium de-oxygenation production run at the Titanium Manufacturing Campus in Virginia, U.S.A.

This first titanium de-oxygenation production run represents a key technological milestone for IperionX that underpins a breakthrough +60x increase in titanium production capacity.

Produced entirely from 100% scrap titanium (Ti-6Al-4V alloy, Grade 5 titanium), quality assessments confirmed a large reduction in oxygen levels from 3.42% to below 0.07%, far exceeding the ASTM standard requirement of 0.2% for Grade 5 titanium.

IperionX's proprietary HAMR technologies offer a range of competitive advantages, including lower operating temperatures, reduced energy consumption, enhanced process efficiency, and accelerated production cycles - all achieved with lower capital investment intensity.

Over the coming months, IperionX will commission and optimize the supporting process equipment to achieve full system production capacity in Virginia, with end-to-end system operations expected in late Q4 2024.



**Figure 1: IperionX team at the Titanium Manufacturing Campus for the first successful HAMR furnace production run**

**Anastasios (Taso) Arima, CEO of IperionX, commented:**

“The IperionX team delivered an important technological and commercial milestone for the global titanium industry.

Over the last two years, we have successfully operated our pilot titanium production facility in Utah, producing high performance titanium products for customers and importantly - delivering first revenues for our company.

Today, we demonstrated that our HAMR technology works at commercial scale. We successfully increased the furnace production capacity by ~60x times and produced high performance titanium that exceeds industry quality standards.

IperionX’s patented technologies underpin long-term competitive advantages over the Kroll titanium production process - with lower energy consumption, lower capex, faster cycle times, higher product yields and the ability to utilize 100% scrap titanium or upgraded titanium minerals as feedstocks.

IperionX plans to expand the capacity of its Titanium Manufacturing Campus by adding modular, low-risk and low-cost HAMR furnaces. IperionX aims to be a leading U.S. titanium producer of +10,000 metric tons per annum by 2030.

Our goal is to re-shore the full titanium supply chain to the United States, at lower costs for our customers, and deliver the most sustainable titanium products on the market.”

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*Figure 2: IperionX HAMR first furnace production cycle*

This announcement has been authorized for release by the CEO and Managing Director.

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## About IperionX

IperionX aims to become a leading American titanium metal and critical materials company – using patented metal technologies to produce high performance titanium alloys, from titanium minerals or scrap titanium, at lower energy, cost and carbon emissions.

Our Titan critical minerals project is the largest JORC-compliant mineral resource of titanium, rare earth and zircon minerals sands in the United States.

IperionX's titanium metal and critical minerals are essential for advanced U.S. industries including consumer electronics, space, aerospace, defense, hydrogen, electric vehicles and additive manufacturing.

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