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# Kalgoorlie Nickel Project - Goongarrie Hub

A multi decade, large scale, low cost nickel-cobalt operation

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# **Experienced Board, Supportive**Shareholders, Tight Capital Structure

**199,682,915**Shares on Issue

3,316,400 Performance Rights. 3,000,000 Options Top 40
Shareholders
~60% equity

Board and Management ~10% equity

Market Cap **\$90M** 

\$0.45 Share Price 7 October 2024 Cash **\$14.8M** At 30 June 2024

Consortium fully funding DFS

\$98.5M

To earn 35% interest in KNP Goongarrie Hub with increase to 50% on successful FID<sup>1</sup>



Mat Longworth Non-Executive Chair

Experienced across exploration, project evaluation / development including KNP and corporate management



Andrew Penkethman MD & CEO

Experienced geologist with strong technical and corporate focus including discovery and strategic partner success and ASX, TSX and AIM experience



Maree Arnason Non-Executive Director

Highly experienced director and executive in the natural resources, energy and manufacturing sectors



lan Buchhorn Executive Director

Mineral economist and geologist, with significant Eastern Goldfields of WA, exploration, evaluation, development and operations experience



**Sam Middlemas** Company Secretary

Chartered Accountant experienced in providing

Chartered Accountant experienced in providing Company Secretary services

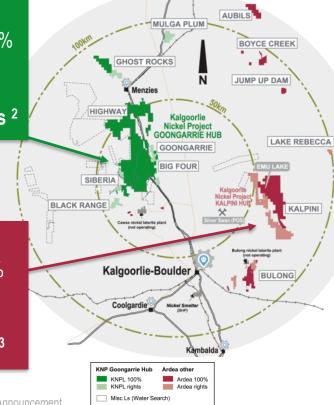




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**KNP Goongarrie Hub -**584Mt at 0.69% Ni and 0.043% Co for 4Mt of contained Ni and 250kt of contained Co <sup>1</sup> DFS fully funded by Partners <sup>2</sup>

Rest of KNP – 100% ARL 270Mt at 0.74% Ni and 0.05% Co for 2Mt of contained Ni and 136kt of contained Co <sup>1</sup> Plus Ni Sulphide at Kalpini <sup>3</sup>



Gas Pipeline

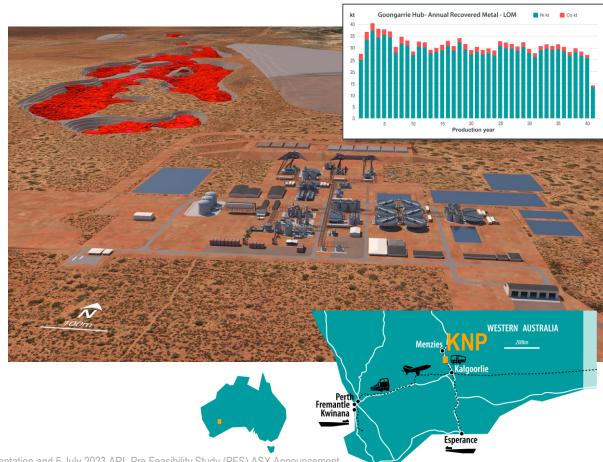
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1. See full Mineral Resource Estimate (MRE) tables in Appendix 2 of this presentation and 30 June 2023 ARL ASX Announcement

See 30 August 2024 ASX release KNP Goongarrie Hub Joint Venture Transaction Completion with Japanese Consortium

See 14 January 2022 ASX release Emu Lake Nickel Sulphide discovery confirmed with 2.72m at 5.42% Ni

Robust July 2023 PFS **9ndicated on average 30ktpa** nickel and 2ktpa cobalt at low **Soperating costs for** 40years, attracting **quality Strategic Partners**<sup>2</sup>



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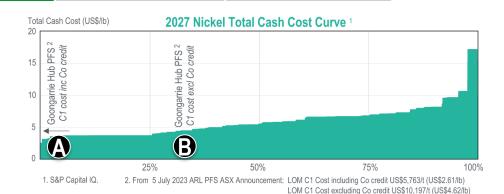
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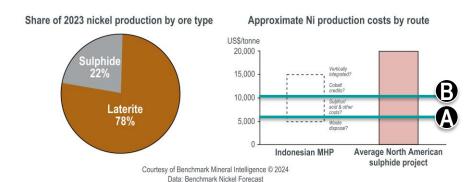


# RNP - Goongarrie Hub Parge scale, long life, low cost

Goongarrie Hub Ore Reserve<sup>2</sup> 194.1Mt at 0.70% Ni and 0.05% Co for 1.36Mt of nickel and 99,000t of cobalt to sustain production of approximately 30,000t of nickel and 2,000t of cobalt per year for > 40 years

KNP Goongarrie Hub Low C1 Opex after Cobalt credit of **US\$5,763/t Ni** in MHP LOM<sup>2</sup> compares well with Indonesian Opex and lower than most current producers





- 2. See full tables in Appendix and 5 July 2023 ARL PFS ASX Announcement
- A. LOM C1 Cost including Co credit US\$5,763/t<sup>2</sup>
- B. LOM C1 Cost excluding Co credit US\$10,197/t<sup>2</sup>

NB: Project MRE, Ore Reserve, Production, Operation and Financial numbers are being updated as part of the in-progress DFS





**Milestone agreement** With SMM & MC, to develop the KNP **Goongarrie Hub with Consortium to fully fund** The in progress DFS up do A\$98.5M<sup>1,2</sup>









Kalgoorlie Nickel Pty Ltd (KNPL) Managing underway **KNP Goongarrie Hub Definitive Feasibility Study (DFS)** 



Sumitomo Metal Mining (SMM) and Mitsubishi Corporation (MC), together the Consortium, fully funding DFS up to A\$98.5M to earn 35% interest in KNPL, and a further 15% interest in KNPL on Final Investment Decision (FID). Consortium to assist KNPL in optimising debt financing

See 30 August 2024 ASX release KNP Goongarrie Hub Joint Venture Transaction Completion with Japanese Consortium

# **Pully funded DFS Q**underway at KNP **Goongarrie Hub,** ्र generate **strong** news flow



Ore Preparation testwork on Goongarrie was conducted at the Bureau Veritas laboratories. Spot analyses using a hand-held XRF enabled rapid, costeffective decisions to be made (Image used with permission of BV and RCS Australia).

Metallurgical test work for DFS process design studies in progress

# **Evaluating increase to** 4Mtpa processing capacity

through reducing residence time in the autoclaves from 70 mins to 60 mins<sup>1</sup>

Engineering firm

Ausenco awarded the Process Plant contract<sup>2</sup>

Mineral Resource updates in progress with work on geology domain interpretations for DFS resource estimates, to be finalised after the Measured Infill drilling program is completed<sup>3</sup>

Infill Drilling underway to upgrade definition of Mineral Resources into Measured category within the first five year pit shells to be available for conversion to **Proven Ore** Reserve<sup>2</sup>

## Other activities which have commenced:

mine geotechnical and mine hydrogeological field investigations; bore water supply pumping and piping design; and construction camp design<sup>3</sup>

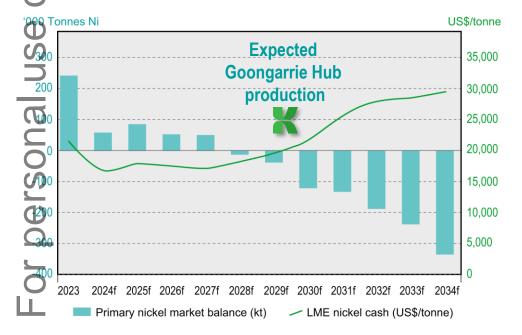
- Supported by metallurgy testwork results as low as 40 mins See 24 July 2018 Goongarrie Expansion Study ASX Announcement
- See 8 July 2024 Kalgoorlie Nickel Project Goongarrie Hub DFS Underway ASX Announcement
- See 13 September 2024 ASX release Ardea Resources Annual Report 2024





# Security and diversity of nickel supply is imperative with KNP Goongarrie Hub production perfectly timed

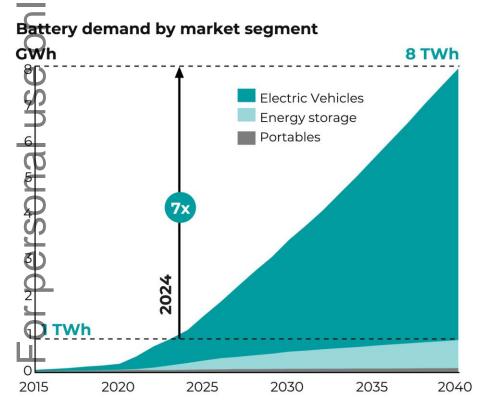
### Nickel Market Balance and Price Forecast



After Source: Fastmarkets Long Term Forecasts 2024

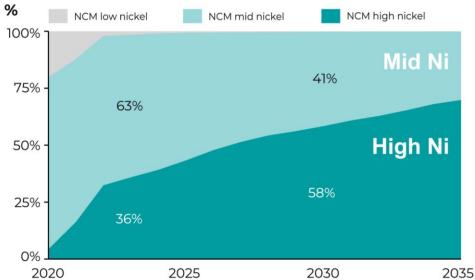
- 2023-24 nickel surplus has led to higher cost producers cutting or ceasing production
- Security and continuity of Critical Mineral supply at risk in poor ESG jurisdictions
- 2024-2027 forecast showing reducing surplus, with supply gap increasing progressively from 2028, with forecast nickel prices correspondingly rising – perfectly timed for Goongarrie Hub expected production

# Battery demand to grow 7-fold by 2040, while high-nickel cathodes to push up nickel demand over the long term



Stainless steel will continue to be the main market for **Nickel**, but **Li-ion batteries** will drive 60% of the long-term demand growth. NCM cathode chemistries will shift towards a slightly higher share of high-nickel intensity.

## NCM cathode demand by chemistry







# The KNP Goongarrie Hub will contribute significantly to local, state and national economy and will be an important part of the Australian Nickel sector

# 40 year mine life producing 30ktpa nickel & 2ktpa cobalt<sup>1,2</sup>



**3,000 Jobs** during Construction

>800

Operational workforce<sup>1,2,3</sup>

+ indirect jobs



Project to
support local,
state, national,
communities, suppliers
and stakeholders



Long term supply of low cost<sup>1,2</sup> Nickel-Cobalt

Innovative R&D & high ESG standards growing Australian Ni Sector

- 1. See 5 July 2023 ARL PFS ASX Announcement and Appendices of this presentation for Key Financial Metrics
- 2. Project Ore Reserve, production, operation and financial numbers are being updated in current in-progress DFS
- 3. Workforce estimates presented are based on past and current studies, and other industry examples. Indirect employment is not included in estimate. e.g. boost to local employment in City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder and Shire of Menzies site services, hospitality, equipment maintenance, logistics and more







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**Appendices** 

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# **Appendix 1 - Competent Persons**

Information in this presentation has been summarised from ARL ASX MRE Announcement 30 June 2023, ARL ASX PFS Announcement 5 July 2023 and ARL ASX Consortium Announcement 26 April 2024, 14 August 2024 and 30 August 2024.

### Resource Estimation, Exploration Results, and Industry Benchmarking

The Resource Estimation, Exploration Results and Industry Benchmarking summaries are based on information reviewed or compiled by Mr Ian Buchhorn, and Mr Andrew Penkethman. Mr Buchhorn is a Member of the Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy and Mr Penkethman is a reliew of the Australiasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy and a Member of the Australian Institute of Geoscientists. Both Mr Buchhorn and Mr Penkethman are full-time employees of Ardea Resources Limited and have sufficient experience, which is relevant to the style of mineralisation and type of deposit under consideration and to the activity which they are undertaking to qualify as a Competent Person as defined in the 2012 edition of the Australiasian Code for Reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves'.

Mr Duchhorn and Mr Penkethman have reviewed this press release and consent to the inclusion in this report of the information in the form and context in which it appears. Mr Buchhorn and Mr Penkethman own Ardea shares.

- Ardea wishes to clarify that its current Kalgoorlie Nickel Project (KNP) Mineral Resource Estimate (MRE) following JORC Code (2012) guidelines is:

(0					Contained	Contained
KNP	Resource Category	Size (Mt)	Ni (%)	Co (%)	Ni (kt)	Co (kt)
0	Measured	22	0.94	0.079	207	17
Kalgoorlie Nickel Project Total	Indicated	361	0.73	0.047	2,622	169
<u> </u>	Inferred	471	0.70	0.043	3,272	200
KNP	Grand Total	854	0.71	0.045	6,101	386

Note: 0.5% nickel cutoff grade used to report resources. Minor discrepancies may occur due to rounding of appropriate significant figures.

The Mineral Resource Estimate information shown in this ASX release has been previously released on the ASX platform by Ardea in ASX release 30 2023, in accordance with Listing Rule 5.8. The Mineral Resource Estimate in the above table is inclusive of the Ore Reserve shown in the table consiste.

The Company confirms that it is not aware of any new information or data that materially affects the information included in the previous market announcement noted above and that all material assumptions and technical parameters underpinning the Mineral Resource Estimate in the previous market announcement continue to apply and have not materially changed. The Company confirms that the form and context in which the Competent Persons' findings are presented have not been materially modified from the original market announcement.

### Ore Reserves

Information in this presentation that relates to Ore Reserves at the Kalgoorlie Nickel Project Goongarrie Hub is based on and fairly represents information and supporting documentation compiled by Mr Jake Fitzsimons, a Competent Person who is a full-time employee of Orelogy Mine Consulting, a company engaged by Ardea. Mr Fitzsimons is a Fellow of the Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy. Mr Fitzsimons has sufficient experience which is relevant to the style of mineralisation and type of deposit under consideration and to the activity which is being undertaken to qualify as a Competent Person as defined in the 2012 Edition of the Australasian Code for Reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves (2012 JORC Code). Mr Fitzsimons does not hold securities in Ardea and consents to the inclusion in this announcement of all technical statements based on his information in the form and context in which they appear.

					Contained	Contained
Goongarrie Hub	Ore Reserve Category	Size (Mt)	Ni (%)	Co (%)	Ni (kt)	Co (kt)
Ore Reserve	Proven	16.7	0.96	0.09	160	15
	Probable	177.4	0.68	0.05	1,204	84
	Grand Total	194.1	0.70	0.05	1,365	99

Note: Minor discrepancies may occur due to rounding of appropriate significant figures.

Full details on the Ore Reserve are available in the 5 July Ardea ASX announcement, see Section 5 and Appendix 1.

The Ore Reserve information shown in this ASX release has been previously released on the ASX platform by Ardea in ASX release 5 July 2023, in accordance with Listing Rule 5.9.

The Company confirms that it is not aware of any new information or data that materially affects the information included in the previous market announcement noted above and that all material assumptions and technical parameters underpinning the Ore Reserve in the previous market announcement continue to apply and have not materially changed. The Company confirms that the form and context in which the Competent Persons' findings are presented have not been materially modified from the original market announcement.



# **Appendix 2 - KNP Global MRE**

The Competent Persons (CP) for the Mineral Resources, are Mr Ian Buchhorn and Mr Andrew Penkethman, both are full-time employees of Ardea and consider the resource classification applied to the KNP resource models to reflect appropriate confidence in the input exploration data, geological interpretation and resource grade and tonnage estimates.

Various ASX market releases for the Mineral Resources described have **been** competed by Ardea, notably:

30 June 2023 'Kalgoorlie Nickel Project Mineral Resource Estimate Exceeds 6 Million Tonne Contained Nickel'. 16 June 2021 'Highway Nickel Deposit -Mineral Resource Estimate 92 million tonnes at 0.69% nickel and 0.038% cobalt'. 15 February 2021 'GNCP High Grade Resource -60 million tonnes at 1.0% nickel Sustainable Long-life Battery Metal Resource Confirmed'.

KNP Global nickel and cobalt Mineral Resources based on a 0.5% Ni cut-off grade

					Contained	Contained
KNP Hub	Resource Category	Size (Tonnes)	Ni (%)	Co (%)	Ni (kt)	Co (kt)
Goongarrie Hub	Measured	18,200,000	0.94	0.085	171	15
	Indicated	276,500,000	0.70	0.046	1,923	127
	Inferred	289,300,000	0.67	0.037	1,951	108
	Sub Total	584,000,000	0.69	0.043	4,044	250
Kalpini Hub	Indicated	15,900,000	1.06	0.055	169	9
	Inferred	113,600,000	0.76	0.047	859	53
	Sub Total	129,500,000	0.79	0.048	1,028	62
Yerilla Hub	Measured	3,800,000	0.94	0.048	36	2
	Indicated	68,400,000	0.78	0.049	531	33
	Inferred	67,800,000	0.68	0.057	462	39
	Sub Total	140,000,000	0.73	0.053	1,028	74
	Measured	22,000,000	0.94	0.079	207	17
Kalgoorlie Nickel Project Total	Indicated	360,800,000	0.73	0.047	2,622	169
	Inferred	470,700,000	0.70	0.043	3,272	200
KNP	Grand Total	853,500,000	0.71	0.045	6,101	386



# Appendix 2 continued **KNP Goongarrie Hub MRE**

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The Goongarrie Hub Mineral Resources shown in the adjacent table for the Goongarrie South, Highway, Goongarrie Hill, Big Four, Scotia Dam and Siberia North deposits are inclusive of the Ore Reserves shown in this presentation.

### KNP Goongarrie Hub nickel and cobalt Mineral Resources based on a 0.5% Ni cut-off grade

Prospect	Resource	Size	Ni	Co	Contain	ed Metal	E	Estimation De	eta
i roopoot	Category	(Mt)	(%)	(%)	Ni (kt)	Co (kt)	Method	Source	
Oi-	Measured	18	0.94	0.085	171	15	LUC	Ardea	
Goongarrie South	Indicated	82	0.71	0.049	584	40	LUC	Ardea	
South	Inferred	10	0.64	0.033	61	3	LUC	Ardea	
Highway	Indicated	71	0.69	0.038	487	27	LUC	Ardea	
Highway	Inferred	21	0.67	0.04	141	8	LUC	Ardea	
Ghost Rocks*	Inferred	47	0.66	0.042	312	20	OK	Snowden	
Coongorio I III	Indicated	40	0.65	0.037	259	15	LUC	Ardea	
Goongarrie Hill	Inferred	29	0.6	0.025	176	7	LUC	Ardea	
Dia Faur	Indicated	49	0.71	0.047	346	23	LUC	Ardea	
Big Four	Inferred	14	0.68	0.043	96	6	LUC	Ardea	
Castia Dam	Indicated	12	0.71	0.065	82	7	LUC	Ardea	
Scotia Dam	Inferred	5	0.72	0.043	37	2	LUC	Ardea	
	Measured	18	0.94	0.085	171	15			
Goongarrie	Indicated	253	0.69	0.044	1,758	112			
Subtotal	Inferred	127	0.65	0.037	823	47			
	Combined	398	0.69	0.044	2,753	175			
Siberia South*	Inferred	81	0.65	0.033	525	27	OK	Snowden	
Siberia North	Indicated	14	0.72	0.042	102	6	Ni (UC), Co (OK)	Snowden	
Siberia North	Inferred	72	0.74	0.034	534	25	Ni (UC), Co (OK)	Snowden	
Black Range*	Indicated	9	0.67	0.09	62	8	OK	HGMC	
Diack Range	Inferred	10	0.69	0.1	68	10	OK	HGMC	
	Indicated	24	0.7	0.061	165	14			
Siberia Subtotal	Inferred	163	0.69	0.038	1,127	61			
	Combined	186	0.69	0.04	1,292	75	**!	Minimal D	
	Measured	18	0.94	0.085	171	15		- Mineral Re	
KNP Goongarrie	Indicated	277	0.7	0.046	1,923	127	are no	t considered	ın

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**Hub TOTAL** 

ources that in 2023 PFS.



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# Appendix 2 continued - KNP Goongarrie Hub Ore Reserve Summary

CNP Goongarrie Hub Ore Reserve Summary consisting of ore above 0.5% Ni as the feed stock for the processing facility, and ore as Mineralised Neutraliser above 0.5% NiEq and LOI above 25%

Notes

The Ore Reserve is reported in accordance with JORC Code 2012.

• Or reserves are reported at a cut-off of 0.5% Ni for primary feed stock to the processing facility, plus mineralised neutraliser as ore at a cut-off of 0.5% Ni Equivalent (NiEq) and Loss on Ignition (LOI) above 25%.

NiEq defined using Ni + 2.32 x Co.

The Ore Reserve was evaluated using a base price of US\$22,000/t for Ni and US\$51,000/t for Co at 85% payable for a Mixed Hydroxide Precipitate (MHP) product, and an exchange rate 0.69 USD/AUD. In view of forward metal price projections averaging US\$25,000/t Ni, the Ore Reserve can be considered to isservative.

Ore Reserves account for mining dilution and mining ore loss.

Ore Reserves are reported on a Dry Tonnage Basis.

Probable Ore Reserves are based on Measured Mineral Resources only and Probable Ore Reserves are based on Indicated Mineral Resources only.

The sum of individual amounts may not equal due to rounding.

This Ore Reserve estimate is for a subset of the KNP Goongarrie Hub deposits being Goongarrie South, Big Four / Scotia Dam, Goongarrie Hill, Highway and Sheria North.

The Ore Reserve Summary was detailed in ARL ASX PFS Announcement, 5 July 2023.

- Minor discrepancies may occur due to rounding of appropriate significant figures.
- The Goongarrie Hub Mineral Resources shown in the prior slide for the Goongarrie South, Highway, Goongarrie Hill, Big Four, Scotia Dam and Siberia North deposits are inclusive of the Ore Reserves shown in this presentation.

	Ore >= 0.5% Ni					Ore > 0.5% NiEq and LOI > 25%				Total Ore					
Deposit	Mt	Ni %	Co %	Ni kt	Co kt	Mt	Ni %	Co %	Ni kt	Co kt	Mt	Ni %	Co %	Ni kt	Co kt
Proven	Proven														
Goongarrie South	16.7	0.96	0.09	160	15	0.05	0.43	0.03	0.20	0.01	16.7	0.96	0.09	160	15
Sub-total	16.7	0.96	0.09	160	15	0.05	0.43	0.03	0.20	0.01	16.7	0.96	0.09	160	15
Probable															
Big Four/Scotia Dam	34.9	0.76	0.07	265	23	0.8	0.38	0.04	3	0	35.7	0.75	0.06	268	23
Goongarrie South	33.6	0.79	0.07	265	23	1.8	0.40	0.03	7	1	35.4	0.77	0.07	272	24
Goongarrie Hill	15.8	0.70	0.04	110	7	0.1	0.44	0.02	0	0	15.9	0.70	0.04	111	7
Highway	54.0	0.70	0.04	380	22	27.2	0.39	0.01	106	4	81.2	0.60	0.03	486	26
Siberia North	9.2	0.74	0.05	68	4	-	-	-	-	-	9.2	0.74	0.05	68	4
Sub-total	147.4	0.74	0.05	1,087	79	29.9	0.39	0.02	117	5	177.4	0.68	0.05	1,204	84
PROVEN AND	PROBABL	E TOTAL													
Big Four/Scotia Dam	34.9	0.76	0.07	265	23	0.8	0.38	0.04	3	0	35.7	0.75	0.06	268	23
Goongarrie South	50.2	0.85	0.08	425	38	1.9	0.40	0.03	7	1	52.1	0.83	0.07	432	39
Goongarrie Hill	15.8	0.70	0.04	110	7	0.1	0.44	0.02	0	0	15.9	0.70	0.04	111	7
Highway	54.0	0.70	0.04	380	22	27.2	0.39	0.01	106	4	81.2	0.60	0.03	486	26
Siberia North	9.2	0.74	0.05	68	4	-	-	-	-	-	9.2	0.74	0.05	68	4
TOTAL	164.1	0.76	0.06	1,247	94	30.0	0.39	0.02	117	5	194.1	0.70	0.05	1,365	99

# **Appendix 3 - PFS Key Financial Metrics**

<b>PFS</b> defines > 40-year
operation with strong mancial metrics <sup>1</sup> :
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 $\longrightarrow$  Pre-tax NPV<sub>7</sub> of **A\$7,625M** (IRR 30%)

Post-tax NPV<sub>7</sub> of **A\$4,980M** (IRR 23%)

Average Annual EBITDA of A\$800M

Project pay back within 3.1 years

www.cost after Cobalt credit of

QUS\$5,763/t Ni in MHP LOM

See 5 July 2023 ARL PFS ASX Announcement.

From start of operation.

NB: Project MRE, Ore Reserve, Production, Operation and Financial numbers are being updated as part of the in-progress DFS

Financials		
Nickel Revenue	A\$ M	44,429
Cobalt Revenue	A\$ M	7,880
Revenue - combined	A\$ M	52,309
EBITDA LOM	A\$ M	34,217
EBITDA Annual (average)	A\$ M	800
EBITDA margin	%	65%
Net Cash Flow (Pre-tax)	A\$ M	31,100
Valuation		
Net Present Value (NPV <sub>7</sub> ) <sup>2</sup>	A\$ M	4,980
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Internal Rate of Return (IRR) <sup>2</sup>	%	23%
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# **Appendix 3 continued - PFS 2023 Capital Cost Estimate**

# NP – Goongarrie Hub Contingency considered appro

Contingency considered appropriate to the level of the capital cost estimate has been included Base date March 2023

Refer to 5 July 2023 ARL PFS ASX Announcement for full details and Reasonable Basis Statement

Preproduction Cost Category	Costs (A\$)
Mining – overheads, mobilisation, pre-strip and other	98M
Process plant & infrastructure	2,264M
Sulphuric acid, steam and power plant	574M
Borefield	181M
Total Capital Cost <sup>1</sup>	3,117M

Ardea 5 July 2023 PFS capital cost estimate based on a 3.5Mtpa processing operation consisting of x2, 1.5Mtpa HPAL autoclaves and a 0.5Mtpa Atmospheric leach circuit.



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# **Appendix 3 continued - DFS Key Budget Items**

The Consortium (SMM and MC) will fund 100% of the KNP Goongarrie Hub DFS costs, up to the agreed Dudget of A\$98.5 million

DFS Cost Centre	Costs (A\$)
Drilling	13.4M
Metallurgical Test Work	2.3M
Mine Design (incl dewatering & geotechnical)	15.0M
Process Plant Design	28.3M
Buildings and Camp Design	5.3M
Approvals	4.9M
Staff, Corporate and Other	26.2M
Other Expert Consultants	1.5M
Tenement Costs	1.6M
DFS Total Budget	98.5M

# Appendix 3 cont – KNP Goongarrie Hub Superior HPAL Intensity

- ✓ Good ore grade + good slurry density = Lower Capex & Opex \$\$
- Atmospheric leach = stable operation, utilizes saprolite resource
- MHP & MSP Product = known technology & good market acceptance



### **Operating data from Australian HPAL Producers**

Performance Driver	Ardea	Bulong#	Cawse#	Murrin	RNO^	Metric	Ardea Rank	Comment
Atmospheric Leach	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	-	#1	Stable operation and full resource utilisation
PHPAL Feed Density	45%	31%	35%	38%	42%	% Solids	#1	The higher the better = Maximises plant throughput
Residence Time	70*	75	105	90	60	minutes	#2	The lower the better = Maximises plant throughput
Slurry Grade Ni	7.55	2.89	3.07	3.87	7.39	Ni kg/m3	#1	The higher the better = Increased revenue stream
Slurry Grade Co	0.59	0.23	0.24	0.34	0.31	Co kg/m3	#1	The higher the better = Strategic Co-Product credits

Data Sources: Ardea – Goongarrie Hub testwork results from PFS and Expansion Study, ASX release 28 March 2018 & Goongarrie Expansion Study, 24 July 2018 and ongoing project assessment as part of completing the DFS. Bulong, Cawse, Murrin - ALTA 1999, An Engineering Comparison of the Three Treatment Flowsheets In WA Nickel Laterite Projects. RNO – ALTA 2001, Observations from the RNO Pilot Plant at Lakefield Research. 2000 AD.

Ardea data is based on non-beneficiated material (with always an option to beneficiate selected KNP geo-met types, notably at Highway & Goongarrie Hill).

\*Goongarrie Hub DFS to assess reduction in Ardea residence time from 70 minutes to 60 minutes. Residence time 45 minutes estimated in Goongarrie Expansion Study (ASX announcement 24 July 2018)

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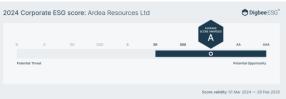
<sup>^</sup>Ravensthorpe Nickel Operation (RNO) figures based on design numbers on upgraded beneficiated ore from the Halleys Deposit which has since been mined out. # Bulong & Cawse – care and maintenance

# **Ardea Receives Improved ESG Certification Score 2024**



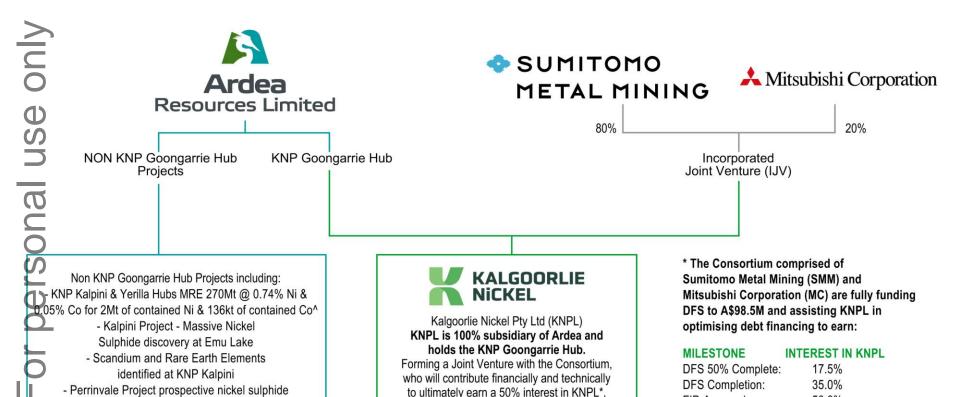
Ardea's work practices are aimed at meeting or exceeding the high LLESG standards expected by modern society with continuous improvement shown in the two Digbee ESG<sup>TM</sup> surveys completed

### 2024 ESG Scores for Ardea





# **Unlocking Value of Kalgoorlie Nickel Project**



Ardea will retain 50% interest into production



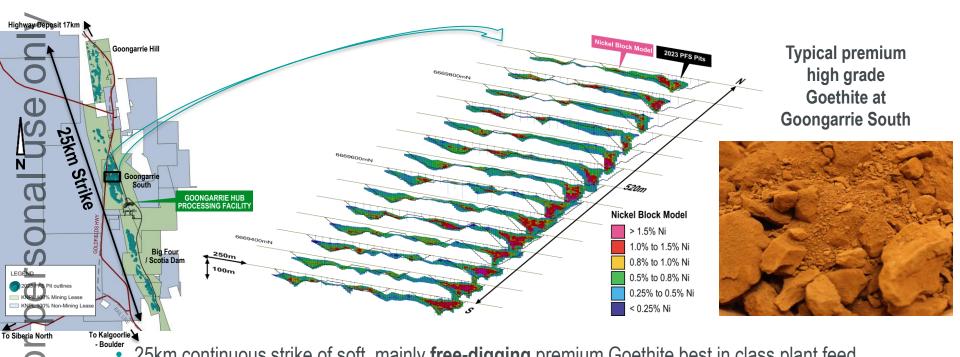
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FID Approval:

<sup>^</sup> See 30 June 2023 ARL MRE announcement. Or see Appendix 2 in this presentation

<sup>\*</sup> See 30 August 2024 ASX release KNP Goongarrie Hub Joint Venture Transaction Completion with Japanese Consortium

# **Premium Goethite Nickel-Cobalt Ore - Low Cost Characteristics**

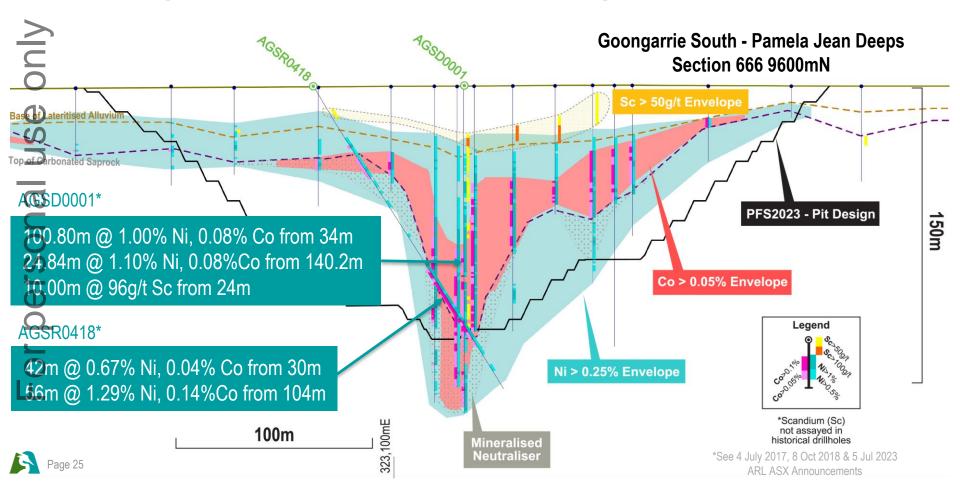


- 25km continuous strike of soft, mainly **free-digging** premium Goethite best in class plant feed makes up 69% of the direct Plant Feed defined in the 2023 PFS<sup>1</sup>
- Conventional low-cost open pit mining with mining costs less than 12% of total OPEX with 2023 PFS¹ pit schedule very low strip ratio of 1.8:1 (waste:ore) Life of Mine (LOM)

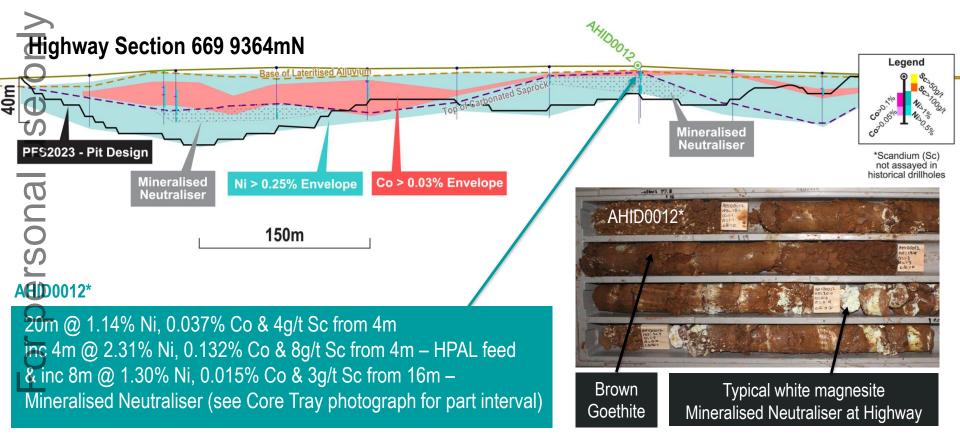


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# KNP Goongarrie Hub – Shallow, Thick, High-Grade Nickel



# KNP Goongarrie Hub - Mineralised Neutraliser in Highway Ore



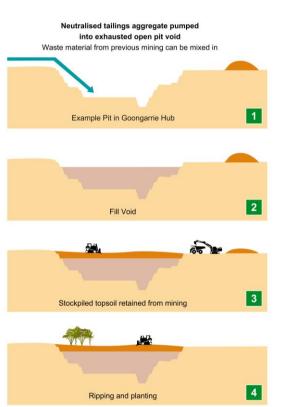


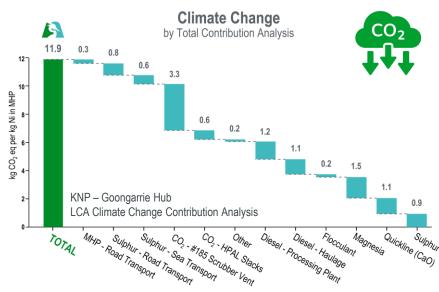


# **ESG Credentials Strengthened During PFS**

n-pit tailings disposal minimises environmental footprint and enables mine site rehabilitation, concurrent With steady-state mine operation.







Life Cycle Assessment (LCA) is expected to be 11.9 kg CO<sub>2</sub> eq. per kg nickel in MHP based on Ardea's Scope 1, 2 and upstream Scope 3 emissions<sup>1</sup>. This compares favourably to the global average of ~13.0 kg CO<sub>2</sub> eq. per kg nickel produced.

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# **Ardea Exploration Pipeline Upside**

Ardea controls ~3,500km² of tenure in the

Eastern Goldfields of WA with unrivalled

Battery and Critical Mineral exploration potential

Kalpini Project - Massive nickel-copper-PGE sulphides discovered at Emu Lake (AELD0003: 2.72m at 5.42% Ni & 0.85% Cu from 391.04m) within largely untested 20km of strike<sup>1</sup>

**Scandium** and **Rare Earth Elements** (REE) identified at Ardea's **KNP Kalpini**<sup>2</sup> tenure

Ardea retain 100% ownership of non-Goongarrie Hub KNP projects (where MRE total 2Mt contained Nickel<sup>3</sup>) providing an internal pipeline for future growth of laterite resources and other commodities

- 1. See 14 Jan 2022 ARL ASX Announcement
- 2. See 14 Mar 2022 ARL ASX Announcement
  - See full MRE tables in Appendix 2 and 30 June 2023 ARL ASX Announcement

