

### Iondrive completes \$6M placement to advance battery recycling pilot plant & presentation

### Highlights

- \$6 million Placement completed via the issue of 435,714,286 new londrive shares at \$0.014 per share, representing a 16.7% premium to the last traded price
- Welcoming institutional investor Terra Capital, alongside major cornerstone shareholders, Strata Investment Holdings Plc and Ilwella Pty Ltd
- Strong participation by the Board and Management, including incoming Director Hugo Schumann and Commercial Director Lewis Utting
- The funds will be used to build and operate a Pilot Plant for the Deep Eutectic Solvent (DES) based battery recycling technology, progressing industry collaborations in the EU and US, and for general working capital
- Iondrive's exclusively licensed technology extracts critical minerals from end-of-life lithium-ion batteries in a unique environmentally sustainable process

**Iondrive Limited (ASX: ION) ("Iondrive" or the "Company")** is pleased to announce it has received firm commitments from sophisticated and professional investors to raise up to \$6,100,000 (before costs) through a placement of up to a total of **435,714,286** fully paid ordinary shares (**Shares**) at \$0.014 each (**Placement**).

### Iondrive Limited CEO Ebbe Dommisse commented:

"We are thrilled to complete our capital raise, a key step in commercialising our battery recycling technology. Institutional and cornerstone investor participation highlights confidence in londrive. We thank our existing shareholders and warmly welcome new investors."

Inline with the Company's issuance capacity 144,341,161 Shares will be issued, with 73,490,411 under ASX Listing Rule 7.1 and 70,850,750 under ASX Listing Rule 7.1A. The remaining 291,373,125 Shares are subject to shareholder approval at a General Meeting anticipated to be held mid-February 2025. The Company will make a further announcement in relation to the General Meeting.

Joint lead managers Taylor Collison and Prenzler Group successfully secured participation from institutional investors Terra Capital and another major institution. Iondrive's cornerstone shareholders, Strata Investment Holdings Plc and Ilwella Pty Ltd, also participated, alongside new shareholders, including incoming director Hugo Schumann and Commercial Director Lewis Utting. Both existing and incoming management, along with Non-Executive Directors, participated in the placement, contributing a total of \$380,000. The

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participation of Non-Executive Directors is subject to shareholder approval, which will be sought at the General Meeting anticipated for mid-February 2025.

Proceeds of the Placement will be used to fund the construction and operation of a Pilot Plant for the Company's Li-ion battery recycling technology. The funds will also support broader commercialisation efforts such as the industry collaborations in key target markets of the EU and US, as well as providing for general working capital which may include exercising the Company's option to acquire the technology from the University of Adelaide for \$1 million, rather than exclusively licence.

The Company will issue 30 million unlisted options to one of the brokers to the placement as part payment for services received. The options are subject to shareholder approval at the General Meeting to be held mid-February 2025.

### **Battery Recycling Project**

londrive is currently addressing the inefficiencies, hazards, and high costs associated with traditional lithium-ion battery recycling methods. The Company's novel Deep Eutectic Solvent (DES) battery recycling process separates critical components such as lithium, nickel, cobalt, and manganese from battery black mass. This approach is cleaner, greener, and more cost-effective, with a significantly smaller environmental footprint, avoiding high temperatures and corrosive acids.

### Prefeasibility Study (PFS) Completion

The PFS comprised several activities, utilising expert consultants, aimed at reducing the technical and economic risks of commercialising londrive's new battery recycling technology.

The final consultant's reports were announced on 1 November 2024. Collectively, the PFS findings suggest the high metal recoveries are scalable, a commercial-scale plant is highly cost competitive. The Company now has a high level of confidence, and the Pilot Plant construction planned to be completed in the 2025 calendar year. A continuous, fully integrated closed-loop pilot plant process is an important next step in the commercialisation of the Company's battery recycling technology.

### **Investor Presentation**

A copy of the investor presentation is attached to this announcement.

Authorised for release by the Chair of the Board of Iondrive Limited.

### **Further Information**

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### **Iondrive Limited: Company Profile**

Iondrive, listed on the Australian Securities Exchange (ASX: ION), is a pioneering company in battery recycling technology. Its patented Deep Eutectic Solvent based Battery Recycling process uses an environmentally friendly solvent to safely and efficiently extract critical components from used lithium-ion batteries, offering a superior alternative to conventional methods.

londrive also holds exclusive global licenses from the University of Adelaide for advanced battery technologies, including a high-performance lithium-ion battery and a cost-effective, water-based battery with extended cycle life.

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**INVESTOR PRESENTATION:** 

Cleaner, Greener, Cheaper Battery Recycling

November 2024





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# **Executive Summary**

- process.
- by 2030.
- Consortium.

→ Massive Market Opportunity: Positioned to address a \$100B battery recycling market driven by 11M tpa black mass demand by 2040<sup>1</sup>, EV growth and regulatory tailwinds. Black Mass processing deficit in EU ~75% (exported to Asia).

→ Cleaner, Greener, Cheaper recycling: Iondrive's Deep Eutectic Solvent (DES) process avoids incineration and toxic acids used in current methods, offering reduced environmental impact and waste generation.

→ Proven Technology: DES achieves >95% recovery rates for lithium, nickel, cobalt, and manganese while using non-toxic, biodegradable solvents in a closed-loop

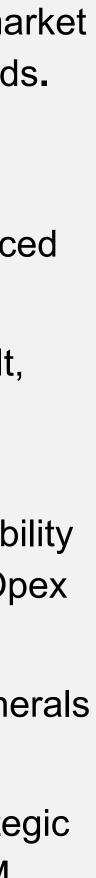
→ Strong Pre-Feasibility Study Results: Technical Feasibility and Commercial Viability – benchmark study showing 36% lower Capex than competitor, with competitive Opex and confirmed scalability with independent 3rd party validation\*.

→ Early-Mover Advantage: Aligns with EU regulations requiring recycled critical minerals

→ Clear Path to Commercialisation: Pilot plant planned for 2025 coupled with strategic partnerships accelerating de-risking and market entry foothold in Europe with PEM

→ Supportive, High Quality Shareholder Base: Strong financial position with cornerstone support from Strata and Ilwella, institutional investment and insiders.





# Battery Recycling with a Cleaner, Greener, Cheaper Solution

### **Our Vision**

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• To revolutionize battery recycling with cleaner, greener, and cost-effective solutions (attractive for EU).

### The Challenge:

• EV growth is creating millions of tons of end-of-life batteries, while +80% of black mass processing occurs in Asia.

### **Our Solution**

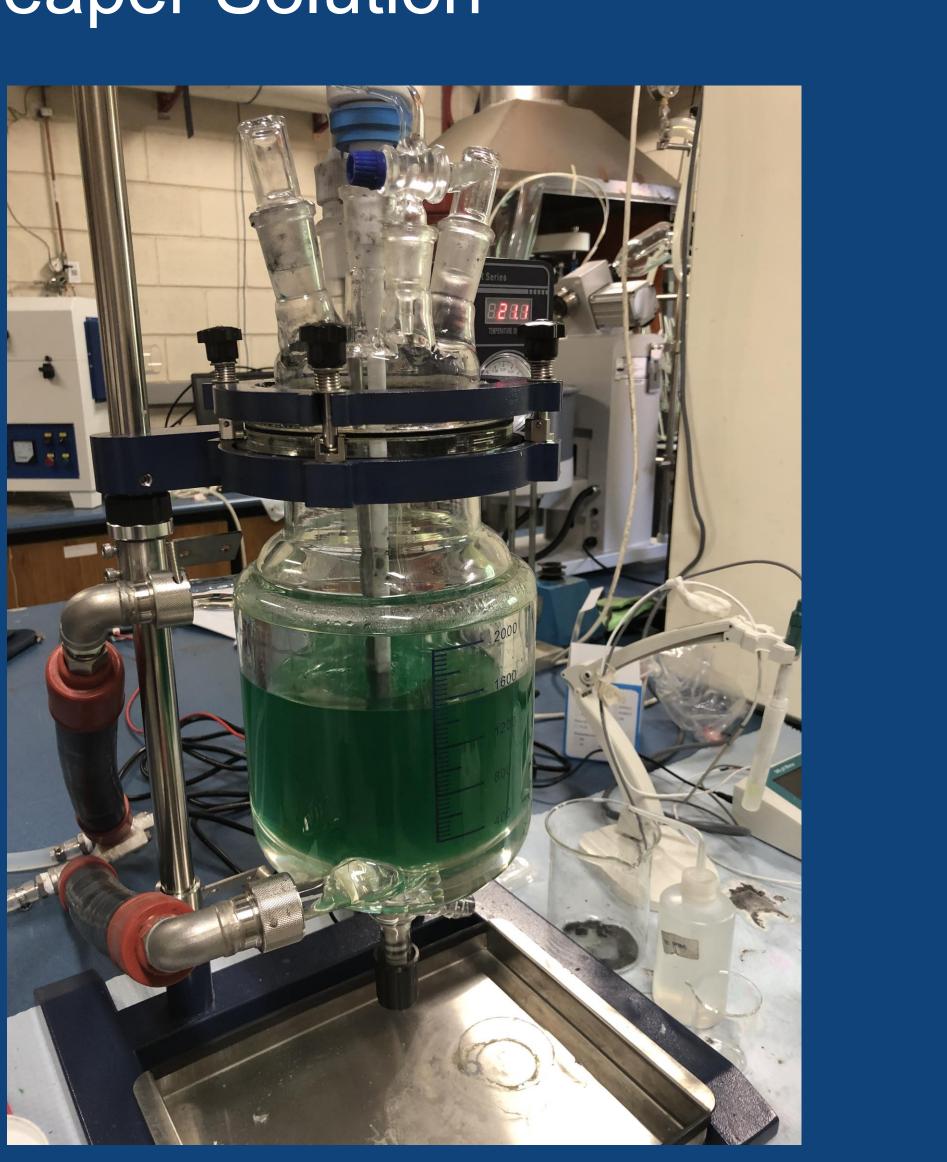
• Using DES technology, we recover high-grade Li, Ni, Co, and Mn with minimal waste in a closed-loop system.

### **Our Goal**

• To accelerate commercialisation of DES technology to maximise market share in a consolidating market. Dual track approach with pilot plant in EU and bus dev in USA.

### Why It Matters

• Strong push by EU and USA to reduce reliance on China and develop sovereign battery recycling and EV manufacturing capabilities.







# **Iondrive Team**



**Michael McNeilly** Chair - BA Econ

- Chief Executive Officer of Strata Investments Holdings Plc. (~19% shareholding of ION).
- Extensive experience in listed companies and is currently NED of ASX-listed Cobre Limited.
- Sits on several private company Boards within the Strata Investments Tiger Group.
- Past Board appointments include MOD Resources Limited (up to acquisition by Sandfire in November 2019), Metal Capital Limited, Greatland Gold Plc and Connemara Mining Plc.



**Dr Jack Hamilton** NED - PhD (Chem Eng)

- Highly accomplished senior executive and board director
- Significant leadership roles incl. Director of NorthWest Shelf Ventures for Woodside, overseeing Australia's largest resource project.
- NED roles include commercialisation of start-ups notably Calix Ltd and Anteo Diagnostix Ltd



### Hugo Schumann NED - CFA, MBA (INSEAD), SEP (Stanford)

- Former CEO of the Silver Division at Hindustan Zinc Limited, a leading global silver producer.
- Previously CFO at Jetti Resources, scaling an innovative copper extraction technology.
- Currently establishing a private equity business focused on critical metals recycling in the US.
- •Extensive experience identifying and scaling technologies for metal extraction and processing.



Dr. Ebbe Dommisse CEO B.Eng (Chem) MSc PhD MBA GAICD

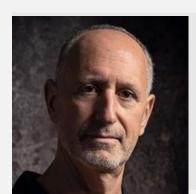
- Seasoned professional with over 25 years of commercialising technologies, execution, and manufacturing.
- Previously served as the COO at Circa Group, an Australian startup that commercialised a biochemical process from lab-scale to commercial scale.
- Prior, as GM of Pact Group, an ASX-listed manufacturer, responsible for establishing a worldclass plant in Indonesia.



**Andrew Sissian** 

NED - CPA, MAcc, BCom (Finance)

- Seasoned corporate and capital markets executive and CPA.
- CEO of leading international technology company Procon Telematics, teams in India, US, AU/NZ.
- Extensive listed experience, including directly as a Co-founder and NED of Cobre Limited, (ASX: CBE).
- Previous institutional banking and equity roles with NAB in Australia and Shanghai and Wilsons Advisory.



**Adam Slater** NED - BA

- Three decades of invaluable experience in the commodities industry.
- Led the development of the commodity division at CWT Limited, a company listed on the SGX, from 2007 to 2018. Pivotal to the growth in the CWT commodities division, which accounted for over 80% of Group revenues (S\$12 Billion out of S\$14 Billion) and in excess of 50% of the Group's profits.
- Current primary focus towards venture capital, contributing his expertise to multiple company boards and advisory committees.



Ray Ridge CFO & Company Secretary BA(Acc), CA, GIA(cert)

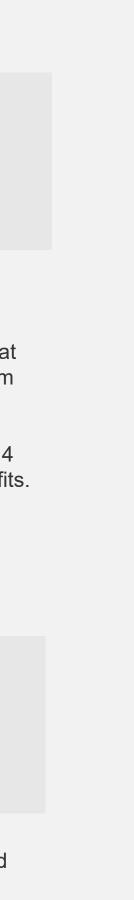
- A senior financial and commercial professional with over 30 years experience across a diverse range of industries.
- CFO and capital markets experience with four other ASX listed companies, with two in technology commercialization.
- Previous roles include National GM Commercial in a large global engineering firm (now WSP Global) and CFO of the agricultural products division of Elders Limited.



Lewis Utting **Commercial Director** BAppSc, GAICD

- Former Managing Director and CEO of ASX listed SciDev Ltd, driving rapid growth and shareholder returns.
- Previously BASF Global Business Development and R&D manager for Mining
- •20 years experience in business management servicing chemical, mining, water treatment, and oil & gas industries.
- Expertise in technology commercialization, capital markets, and strategic partnerships







# Breakthrough Technology for a Huge Market Opportunity



# Surging EV Demand Drives Urgent Battery Recycling Solutions



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### **Electrification increases significantly**

By 2030, around 40% of light vehicles globally will be based on a BEV platform and over 70% BEV share is expected in 2040. From 2030 to 2040 global battery demand will nearly double to up to 6.5TWh.



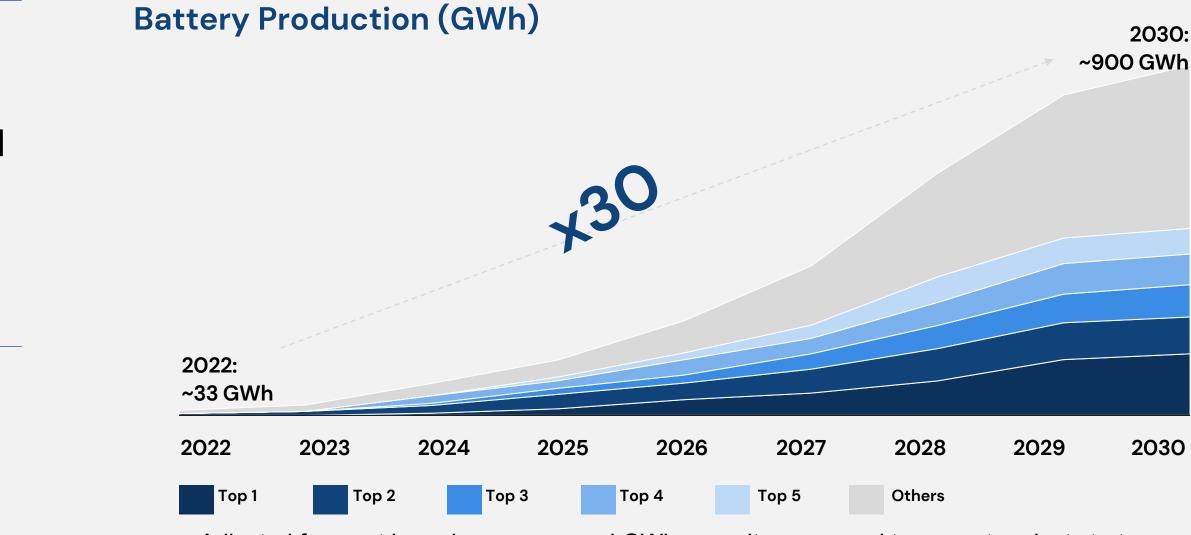
### **Gigafactory ramp-up in Europe**

Following the EU electrification market dynamics, battery manufacturing ramps up significantly all over Europe. By 2030, nearly 1TWh in EU gigafactory supply is expected



### End-of-life batteries take major role in recycling

Driven initially by gigafactory scrap, the market runs from 2030 onwards, with vehicles from the first wave of electrification reaching end-of-life. By 2040, the volume of end-of-life batteries is projected to generate 11 million tonnes of black mass annually, representing a \$100B recoverable value.



 Adjusted forecast based on announced GWh capacity compared to current project start-up status, based on desktop research and expert estimates.

Black Mass (million tonnes) 11.3 12 **Eol Batteries** +19% 10 **Production Scrap** 9 8 6 +25% 5 2.0 3 2 1 0 2020 2030 2035 2040 2025



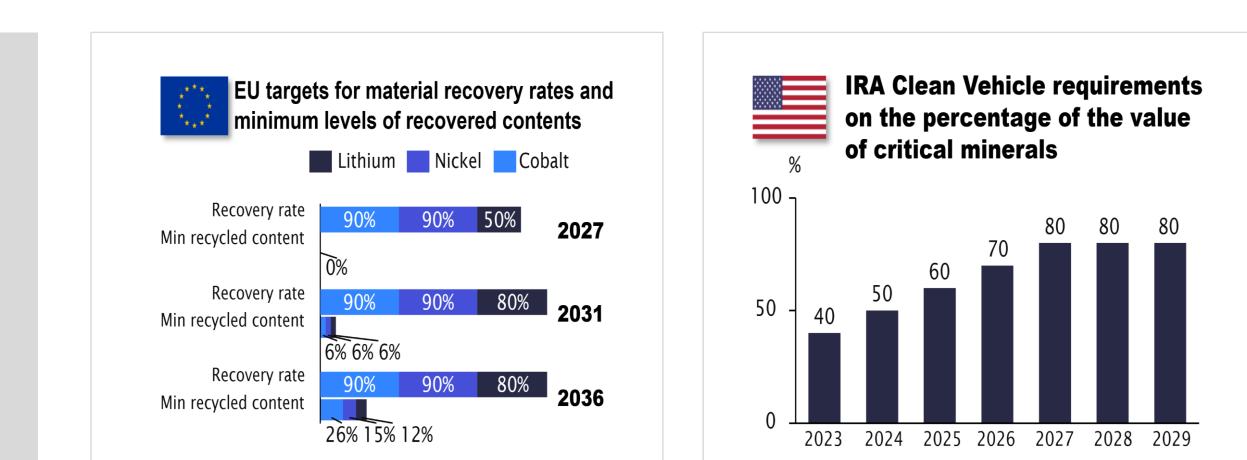


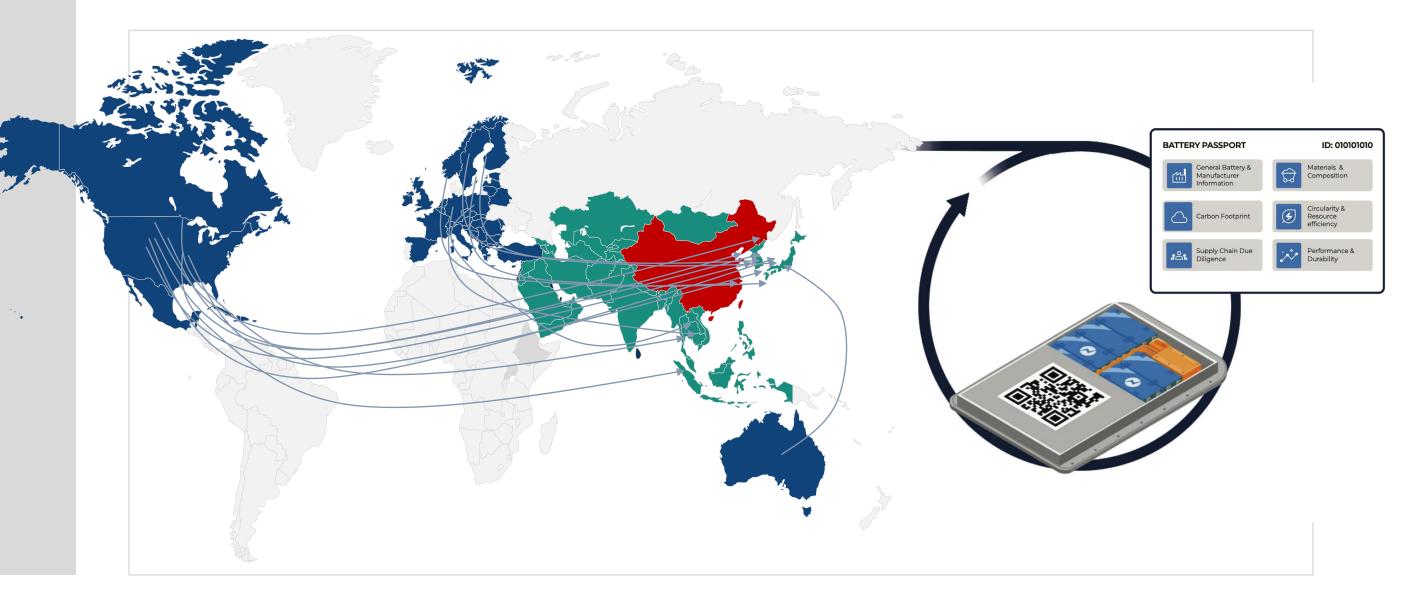


# **Battery Recycling Driving Forces**

Legislation in Europe and Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) are aimed at securing sovereign energy transition capabilities (i.e. market share from China) and securing supply of critical minerals while capturing economic value

- USA & EU drive for sovereign energy transition capabilities ulletrequiring critical minerals, in light of increasing geopolitical tensions (**CRMA**\*)
- EU now classifies black mass (shredded batteries ready for ulletrecycling) as hazardous material, and planning on banning exports
- EU legislation to require new EV batteries to include a • minimum threshold of recycled critical minerals
- EU requiring OEMs to be responsible for battery end-of-life ulletmanagement via "battery passports"
- Culminates in a 2030 intersection of regulatory deadlines and ulletgrowth in available black mass volume
- Incumbent recycling methods are challenged to meet these new demands - incineration, use of toxic acids, energyintensive



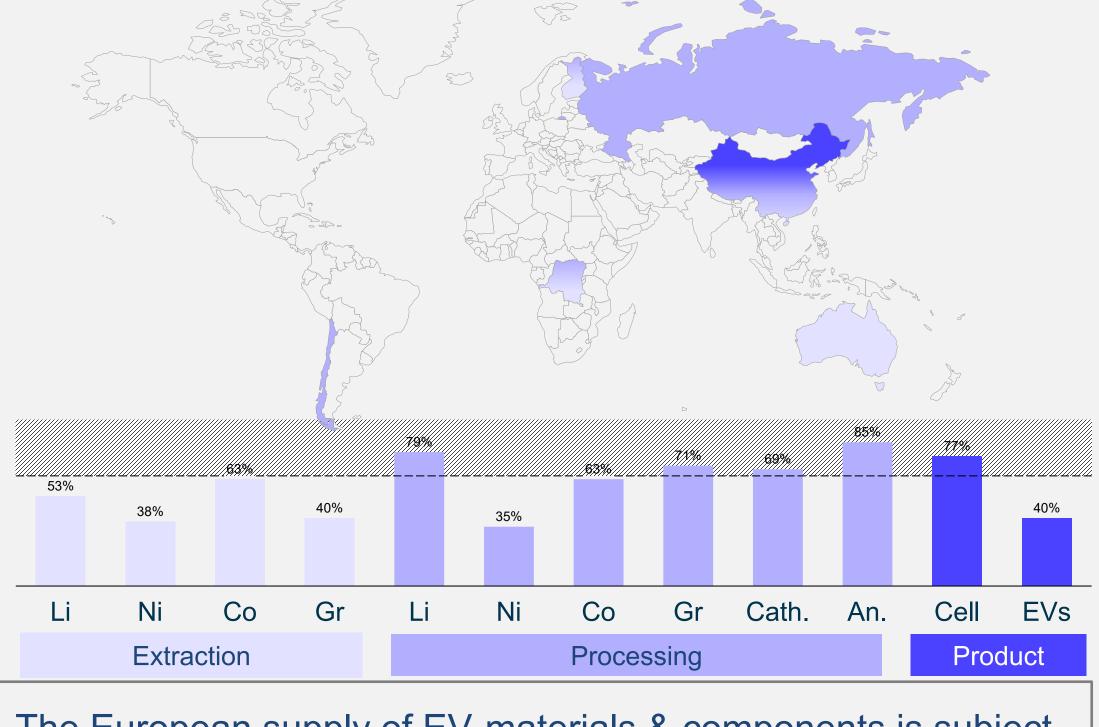






# European battery supply chains rely heavily on China and lack recycling capacity

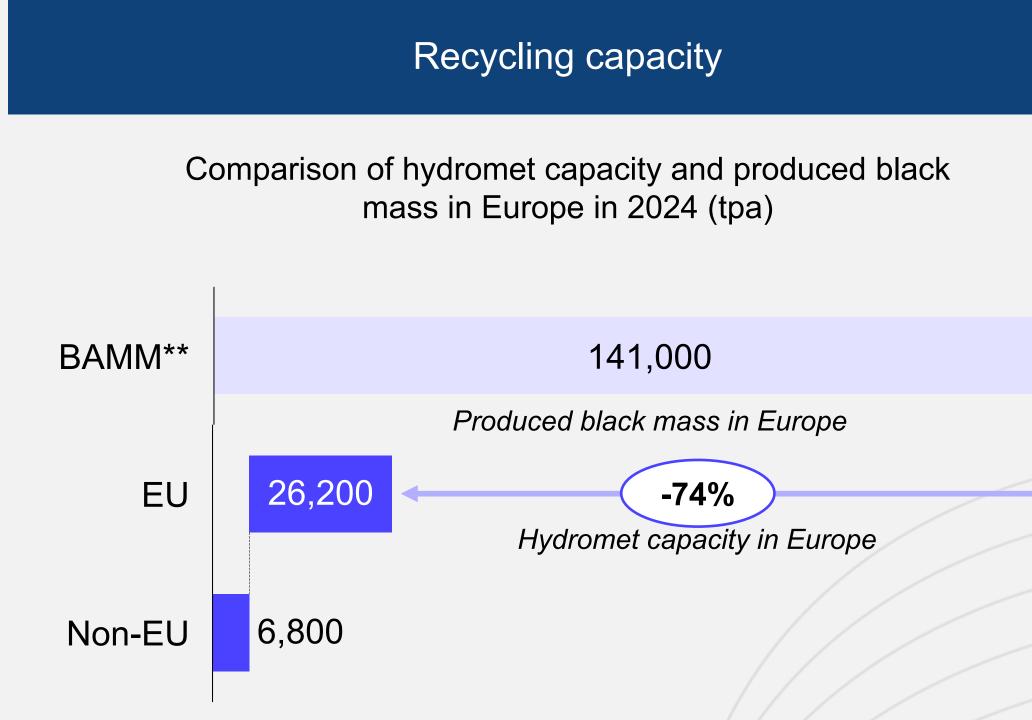
EU Import dependencies from single countries according to CRMA\*



# The European supply of EV-materials & components is subject to strong single country dependencies

\*CRMA: Critical raw materials act

\*\*BAMM: Battery Active Material Mixture (Black Mass)



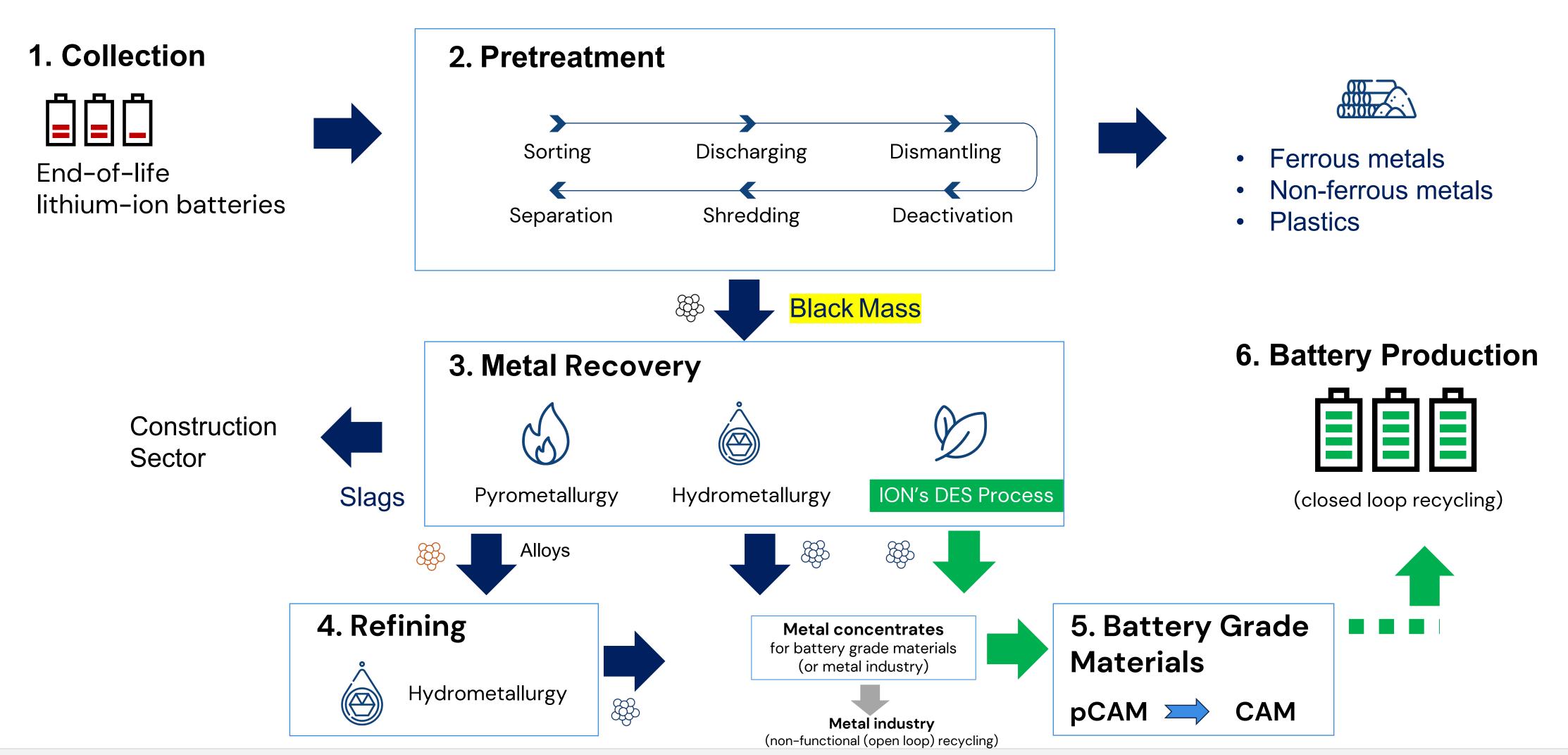
There is an undercapacity of battery recycling hydrometallurgical plants in Europe







# End-of-Life LiB recycling

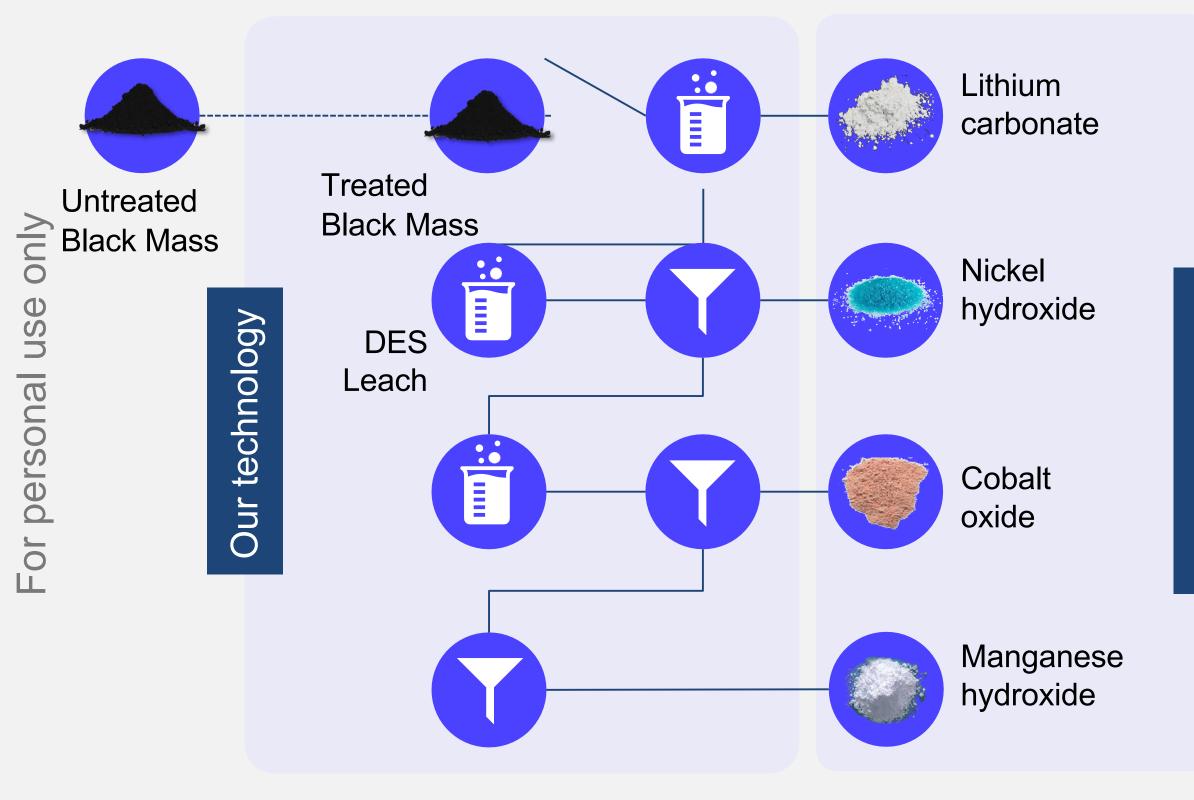




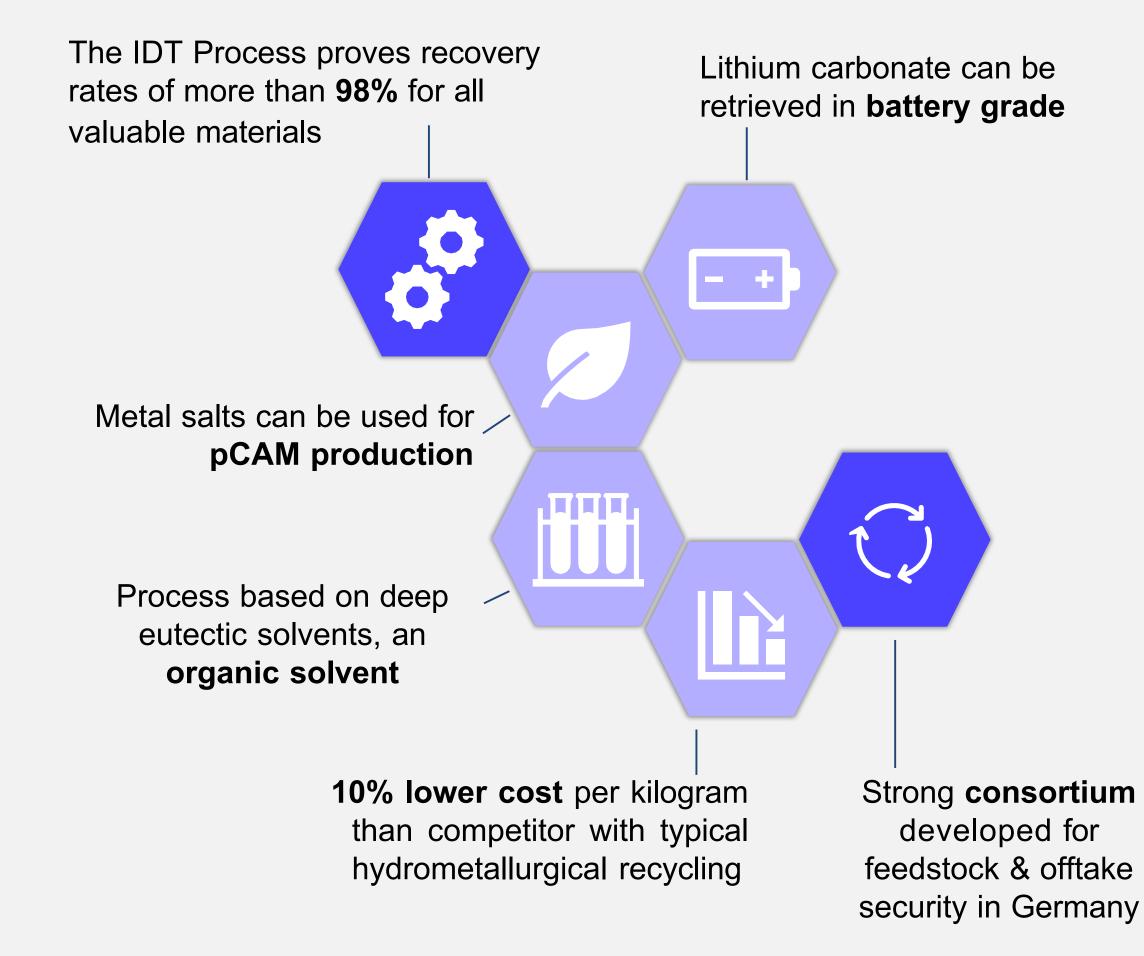




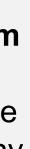
# **Iondrive's Recycling Solution**



Iondrive's DES-leaching technology enables high recovery rates and minimal environmental impact









# Disrupting the Battery Recycling Industry with Cleaner, Greener Technology

# Incumbent Recycling Technology

- → Requires incineration (pyrometallurgy) or toxic acids/bases (hydrometallurgy) to extract valuable materials
- → Significant, costly toxic waste treatment (e.g. Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>) is needed to prevent environmental impact
- → Energy-intensive processes are unattractive for ESG considerations, and erodes profitability and incentive to reclaim recyclable materials
- → Minimal ability to selectively separate critical minerals, requiring more intensive post-processing
- → Unappealing process for EU and USA markets due to high cost, environmental footprint and safety concerns

# ION Innovative Recycling Technology

- → Uses Deep Eutectic Solvents (DES) in conjunction with benign organic solvents
- → Non-toxic solvents in a closed-loop process with a small environmental footprint creating attractive opportunities in green energy transition
- → All solvents are recycled, consuming only a negligible volume enhancing the economics of the process
- → High degree of separation of valuable critical minerals (selectivity) with very high recovery rates (95%+)
- → ION expects strong appeal to the growing market for recycled battery materials in ESG-sensitive markets in EU and USA due to eco-friendly, safe, efficient process





# **Project Feasibilty Study (PFS) Confirms Exceptional Recovery Rates and Market Viability**



# **PFS De-risking Activities**

Iondrive completed its Pre-feasibility Study in **October 2024.** The PFS is a **Techno-Economic Evaluation** focusing on technological, commercial, and executional de-risking strategies. These de-risking activities ensure a strong foundation for successfully executing the commercialisation pathway for our recycling technology.

### Technology

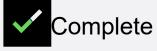


- Process Technology Review (Lycopodium)
- Large-scale bench trials and 3'<sup>rd</sup> party validation trials (IMO)
- High-level process engineering design of 10,000 tpa black mass plant (**Wood**)



- Value Engineering + Solvent Recovery (Koch Modular)
- Cost estimation Capex/Opex (Wood)





In Progress

 $\bigcirc$ Pending

### Execution



✓ ISO-56,000 Innovation Management System



Stage-gate project execution model



People / Team

### Strategic Partnerships

Strategic industry partnerships in EU

- Technology partnerships equipment & engineering
- ✓ MOUs & LOIs for consortium participation
- Explore supply and offtake agreements\* (Consortia)





# **Key PFS Findings**



### **High Recovery Rates:**

Verified high recoveries across critical minerals (Li, Ni, Co, Mn)



### **Cost-Advantages:**

36% lower Capex than benchmark and competitive Opex



## **Eco-Friendly:**

Minimal solvent loss (<2%), low toxic waste & less energy intensive



### **Scalable & Viable:**

Proven scalability and Technical Feasibility; Concept engineering study for 10,000 tpa plant completed



### **Strong Market Position:**

Early-mover advantage aligned with EU regulations and green initiatives. Industry partnerships consolidated with PEM Consortium participation



The successful PFS paves the way to pilot plant and commercialisation





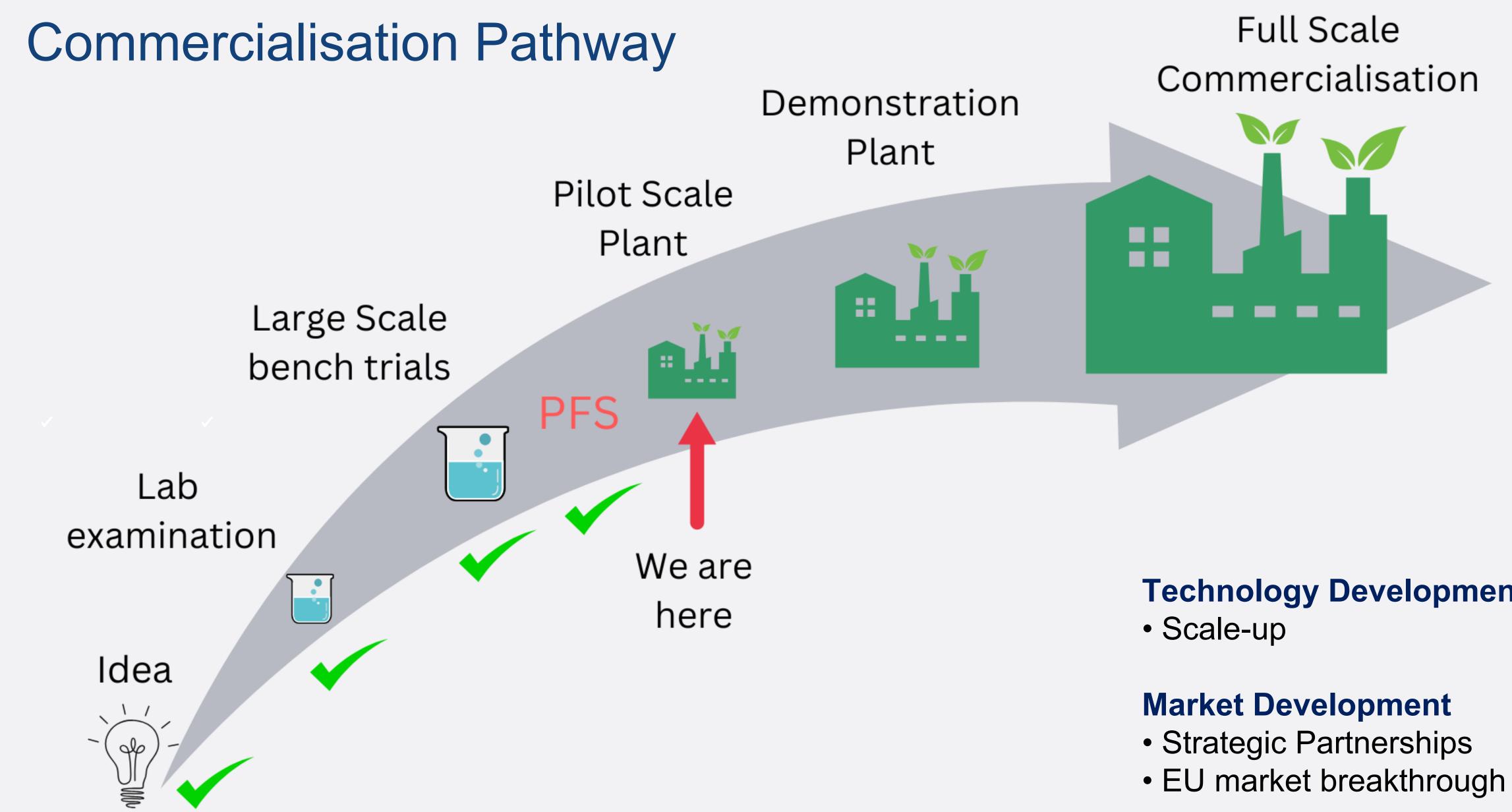


# Commercialisation Pathway









# **Technology Development**





# Pilot Plant

### Timeline

6-month construction in FY2025 Planned 2-year operation

- → Commence design and construction of a DES battery recycling Pilot Plant 2025
  - A major de-risking step on commercialisation pathway
  - Stage 1: Semi-continuous scale-up work commencing Q1 2025;
  - Stage 2: Continuous, fully integrated, closed-loop system representative of a large-scale commercial operation Q3/Q4 2025
  - Test vehicle for process development & optimisation
- → Funding subject to financing together with non-dilutive grants and rebates:
  - \$1M pa Grant awarded to UoA for ARC Battery Recycling Training Centre (ION contribution of \$200k pa, largest industry participant)
  - Matched IGP grant application to be submitted in December, outcome known from February 2024, other AU non-dilutive options being explored.
  - EU Grant applications to co-fund PEM Consortium and pilot plant
  - Other eligible expenditure claimable under the 43.5% R&D tax rebate<sup>1</sup>



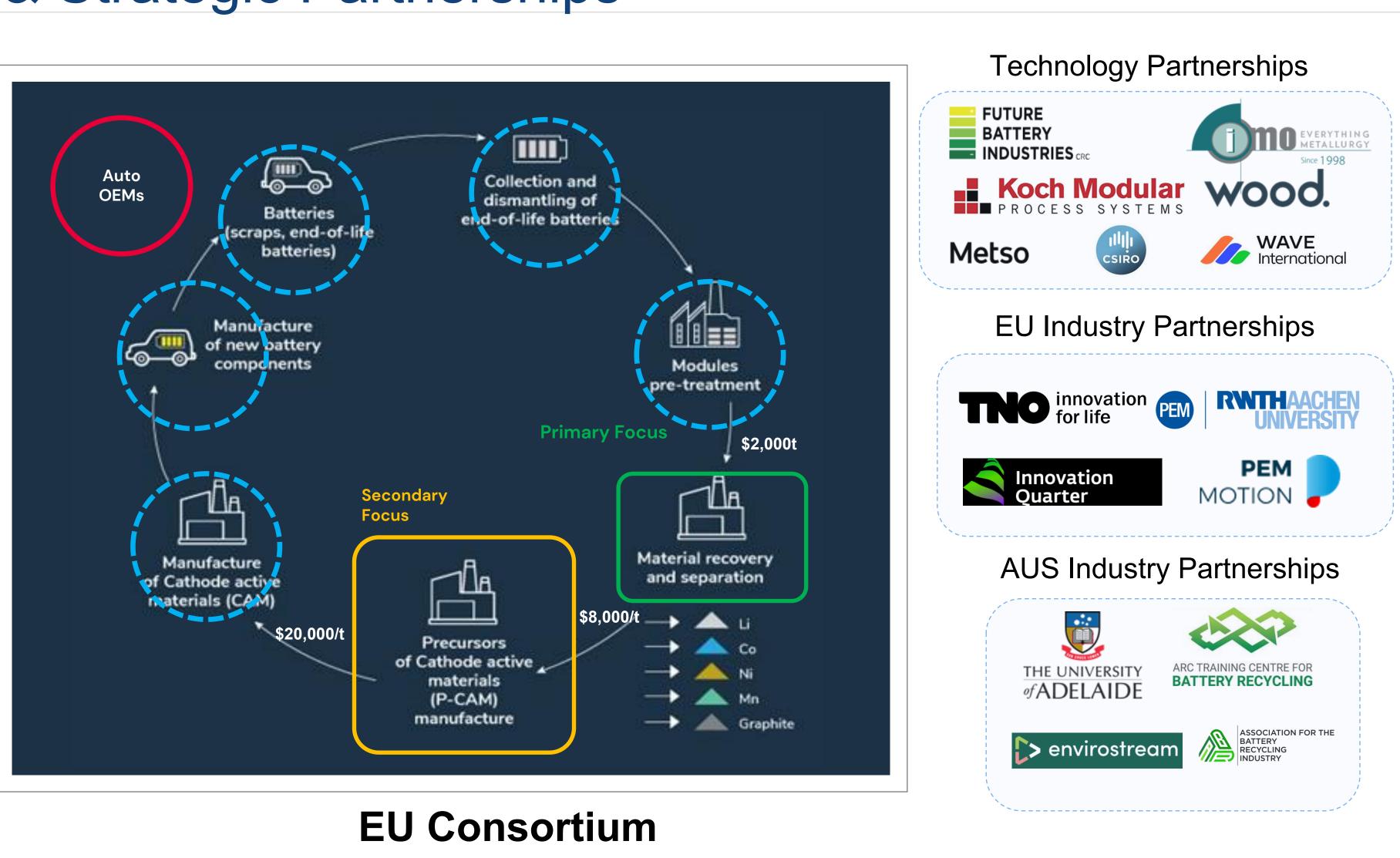




Iondrive's primary market focus is to take black mass (~\$2,000/t) and recover valuable materials (~\$8,000/t) from black mass using our DES process

Iondrive's secondary focus is to take those materials and upgrade them into precursers of cathode active material >(~\$20,000/t)

We are establishing strategic partnerships in key areas of the value chain to scale up, streamline our processes, and achieve commercial production



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# Investment Opportunity

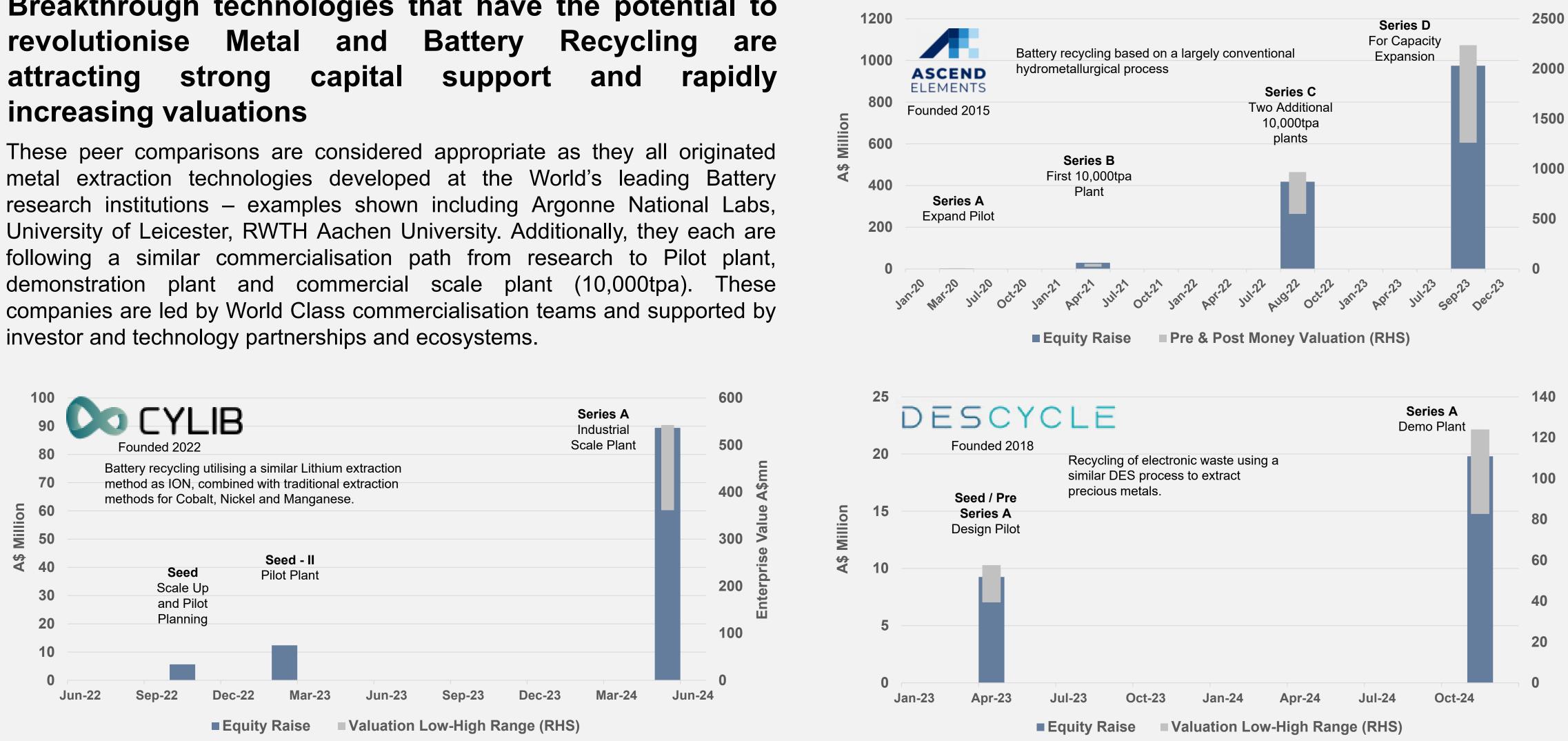




# Capital and Valuation Support for Breakthrough Technologies

### Breakthrough technologies that have the potential to revolutionise Metal and **Battery Recycling** attracting strong capital support and increasing valuations

investor and technology partnerships and ecosystems.



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# **Capital Structure**

### **CORPORATE STRUCTURE:**

Ordinary Shares	708.5m
Share Price (VWAP 26 Nov, 15 days traded)	AUD\$0.013
Market capitalisation	AUD\$9.2m
Cash (30 Sept 2024) + Debtors/ RDTI claim (Received Oct 24)	AUD\$3.1m
Enterprise Value (EV)	~AUD\$6.1m

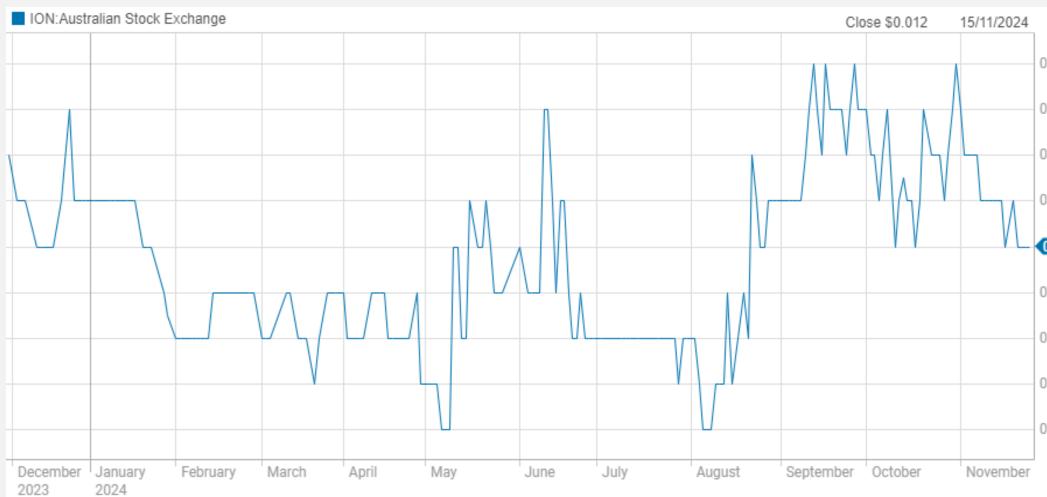
**OPTIONS/PERFORMANCE RIGHTS:** 

ESOP incl. Directors various dates & prices	76,405,000
Options ex \$0.027 30 Dec 2024	63,000,000
Performance Rights (LTI)	30,625,000

### SUPPORTIVE STRATEGIC SHAREHOLDERS - MAJOR SHAREHOLDERS (>5%)

Strata Investment Holdings Plc	~18.8%
Ilwella Pty Ltd	~15.0%

### **ION SHARE PRICE GRAPH 12 MONTHS**







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# Upcoming Catalysts



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**Economic Modelling** Independent 3'd party modelling (NPVs IRRs)



**Pilot Plant:** Project 1kg/hr continuous integrated process



Strategic Collaborations: Continuing expansion of Technology Partners and Industry Partners EU and USA



**EU Consortium:** Formalising consortium partners and establish ION-EU **USA**: Pursuing a similar strategy



### **Non-Dilutive Funding:** Applications for Funding Grants in AUS and EU

- IGP
- ARC Training Centre
- **EU** Grants



of recycling technologies

- Black Mass pretreatment + Solvent ratios optimisation
- Solvent recovery pilot plant
- LFP recycling and Direct Recycling

**Ongoing Testwork:** Progressing scale-up testing in preparation of Pilot Plant + expanding pipeline

