

Iondrive Strengthens US Expansion with Appointment of US-based Clean-Tech Executive

Appointment of experienced clean-tech operator, Kevin Hobbie, to support US commercialisation of proprietary IONSolv™ technology

Highlights

- **Iondrive strengthens U.S. presence with appointment of experienced clean-tech operator, Mr Kevin Hobbie, as VP North America:** Appointment supports Iondrive's US commercialisation strategy and strengthens its on-the-ground capability.
- **Proven track record in plant build-out and commercial scale-up:** Mr Hobbie has led the commissioning and ramp-up of a commercial-scale battery recycling facility in the US, including production of battery-grade precursor materials from recycled feedstock.
- **Supports deployment of IONSolv™ across multiple feedstocks:** The appointment supports commercial deployment of the IONSolv™ platform across battery materials, e-waste and rare earth magnet streams.
- **Enhances access to U.S. funding pathways:** The newly established role is expected to assist engagement with state-level incentives and federal grant opportunities aligned to critical minerals and supply-chain security.
- **Accelerates customer and partner engagement across the US:** Mr Hobbie's initial focus will include feedstock supply, offtake and strategic relationship development to support pilot and commercial opportunities as part of Iondrive's US expansion efforts.

Iondrive Limited (ASX: ION) ("Iondrive" or "the Company") is pleased to announce the appointment of **Mr Kevin Hobbie as VP North America**, supporting the Company's US commercialisation strategy for its proprietary IONSolv™ technology for the low-cost and low-impact recovery of critical minerals.

Mr Hobbie is an experienced clean-tech operations executive that brings significant operational and commercial expertise in the battery recycling and critical minerals sector. He has previously led the build-out, commissioning, and initial production run of a commercial-scale battery recycling facility in the United States producing battery-grade precursor materials (pCAM) from recycled feedstock.

Mr Hobbie's experience spans facility development, process scale-up and optimisation, and the establishment of commercial partnerships and offtake arrangements. This background positions him to support Iondrive's next phase of growth and market entry strategy in the US.

The appointment and Mr Hobbie's initial focus will support Iondrive's multi-feedstock deployment of IONSolv™, the progression of clean-tech incentive opportunities, advancement of state and federal funding pathways, and the ongoing expansion of customer and partner relationships across the region.

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Commenting on the appointment, Mr Lewis Utting, Iondrive's CEO stated:

"Kevin brings a practical, execution-focused skillset that aligns strongly with where we are as a business. His experience building and operating in the U.S. market, together with established industry relationships, will help accelerate our commercial pathway and strengthen our presence on the ground. We believe that this appointment will be a significant support for our key objective of building a multi-feedstock U.S. opportunity spanning battery materials, e-waste and rare earths, while progressing pilot, customer and funding pathways."

Next Steps

Mr Hobbie will work with the Iondrive team to progress U.S.-based pilot and commercial opportunities. In the near term, the Company expects the role to:

- Progress US-based pilot and commercial pathways for IONSolv™ across battery, e-waste and rare earth feedstocks
- Support state and federal funding initiatives, including stakeholder engagement relevant to critical minerals and supply-chain priorities
- Advance feedstock, customer and strategic partner pathways across multiple US verticals

This announcement has been approved for release by the Board of Directors

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About IONDRIVE

IONDRIVE is advancing IONSolv™, an innovative metal extraction platform designed to support selective recovery of critical minerals across multiple feedstocks. The platform is being developed for scalable deployment across battery materials, rare earths and e-waste, with a focus on commercialisation pathways aligned to emerging critical-minerals supply chains.

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