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GRAPHITE ANODE
SUPPLY

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# Sustainable Competitive Advantage





Giant and exceptionally high-grade Indicated and Inferred Mineral Resource of **229 Mt @ 28.9%** TGC<sup>1</sup> with low mining costs.



Ultra-High Purity Fines (UHPF) at up to **99.9992%** C "five nines" achieved for advanced industrial uses<sup>3</sup>.



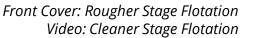
Uncoated Spherical Purified Graphite (USPG) lithium-ion battery performance superior to synthetic graphite<sup>4</sup>.



Kazakhstan is an established mining jurisdiction ideally located between the largest battery manufacturers in Europe and China.



Pre-Feasibility Study (PFS) scheduled for completion by Q3 2024.

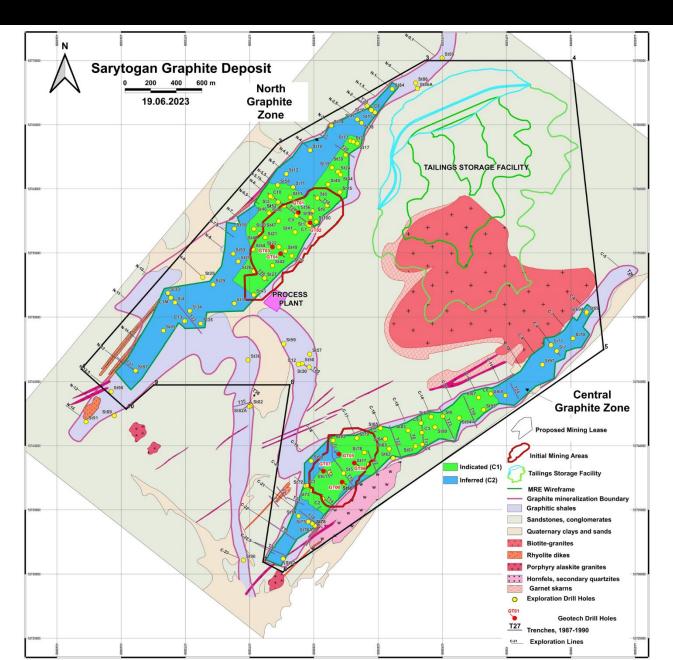




Refer: <sup>1</sup>ASX 27/3/23, <sup>2</sup>ASX 7/12/23, <sup>3</sup>ASX 5/3/23, <sup>4</sup>ASX 8/2/23

# The Project - Mineral Resource and Preliminary Mine Layout



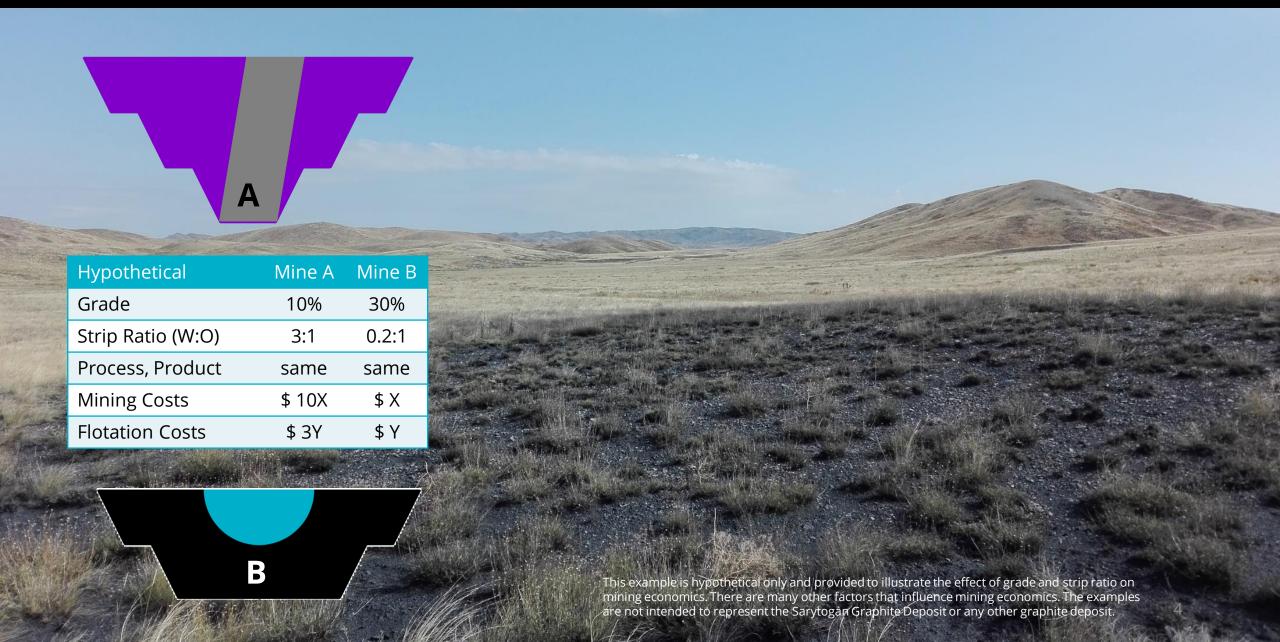


Zone (>15% TGC)	JORC <sup>1</sup> Classification	In-Situ Tonnage (Mt)	Total Graphitic Carbon (TGC %)	Contained Graphite (Mt)	
North	Indicated	87	29.1	25	
	Inferred	81	29.6	24	
	Total	168	29.3	49	
Central	Indicated	39	28.1	11	
	Inferred	21	26.9	6	
	Total	60	27.7	17	
Total	Indicated	126	28.8	36	
	Inferred	103	29.1	30	
	Total	229	28.9	66	

- Graphitic shales enriched by contact metamorphism from intrusion of granitic dome
- Micro-crystalline graphite sets Sarytogan apart from traditional vein, flake and amorphous.
- Mineral Resource is vast; project size will be determined by the market, not the resource

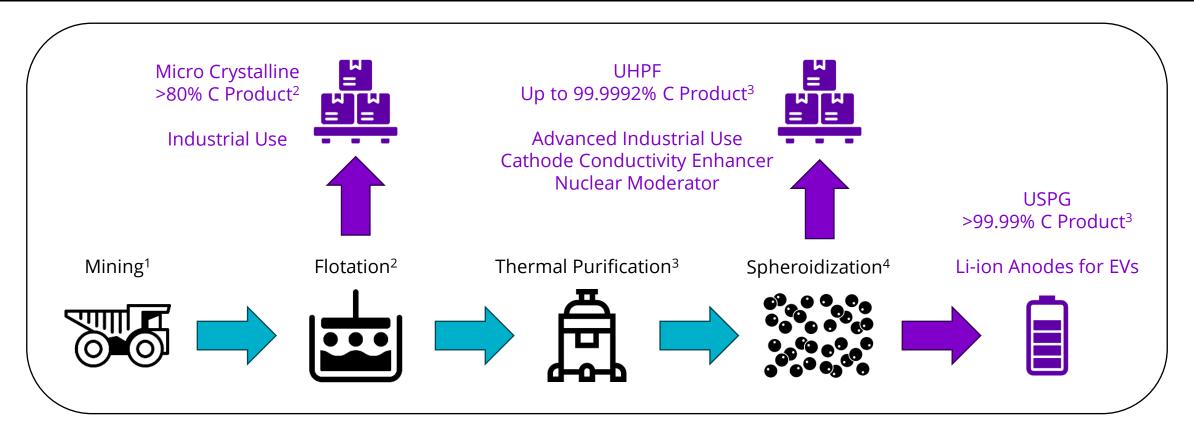
## The Project - Grade is King





#### The Project - PFS Scale and Product Strategy

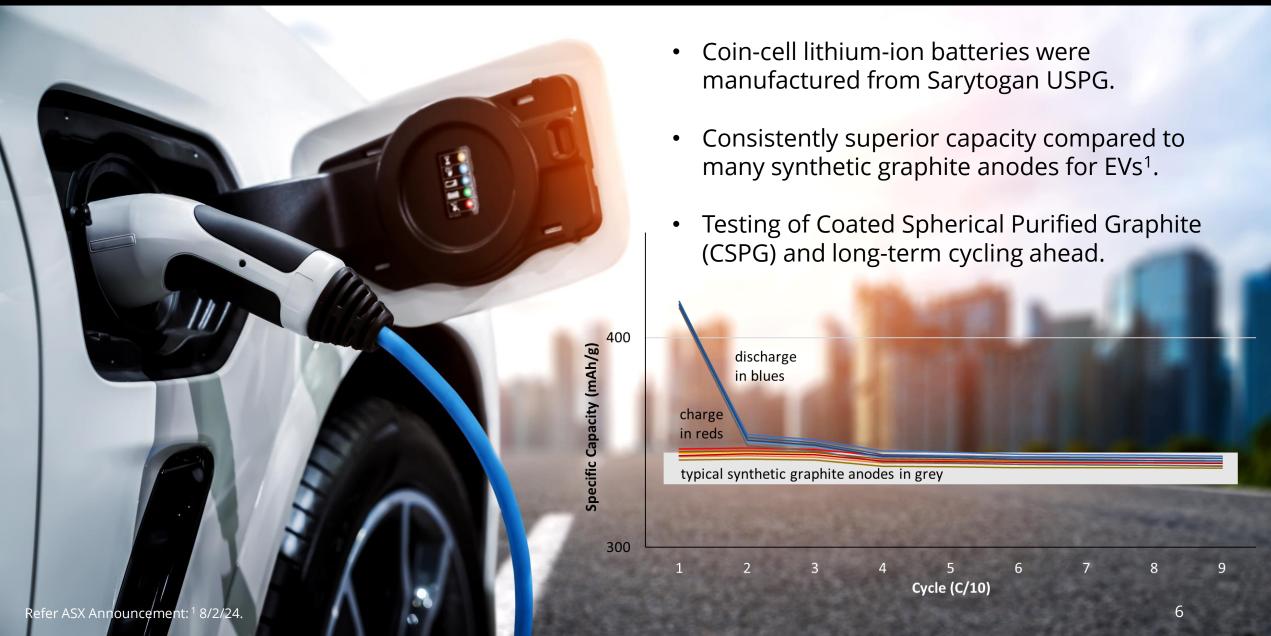




- 'Inverted flowsheet', purification ahead of spheroidization, produces Ultra-High Purity Fines (UHPF)
- The PFS will study equal proportions of 3 proposed graphite products totalling about 50,000 tpa
- Strategy is small and modular, giant Mineral Resource allows future replication
- All flowsheet elements have now been demonstrated by test work

### The Project – Battery Performance Demonstrated

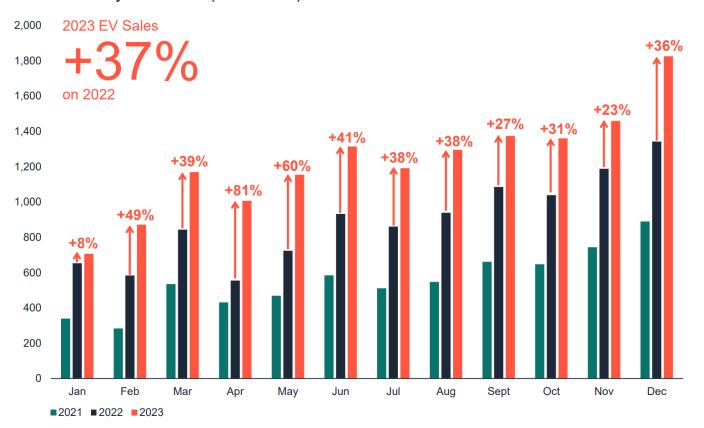




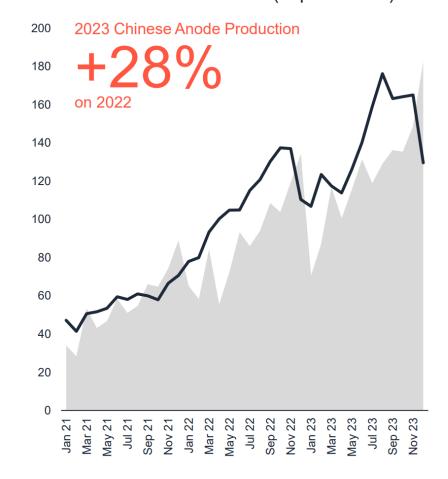
#### The Market – Lithium Bubble Popped, But EV Demand Keeps Growing



#### Global Monthly EV Sales ('000 Units)1

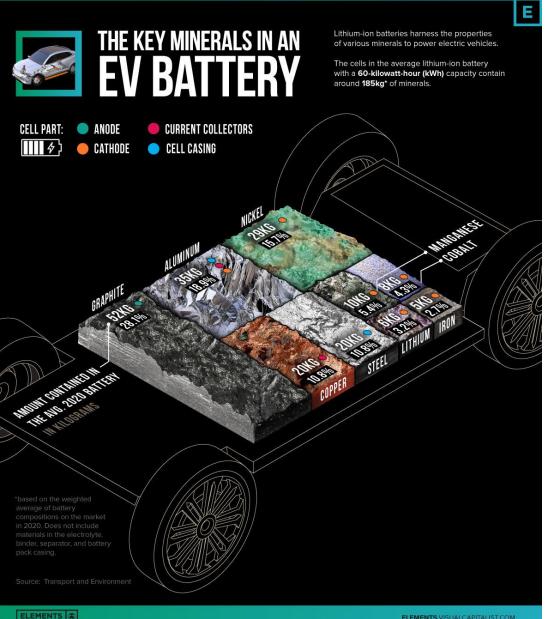


#### Chinese Anode Production (kt per Month)<sup>2</sup>

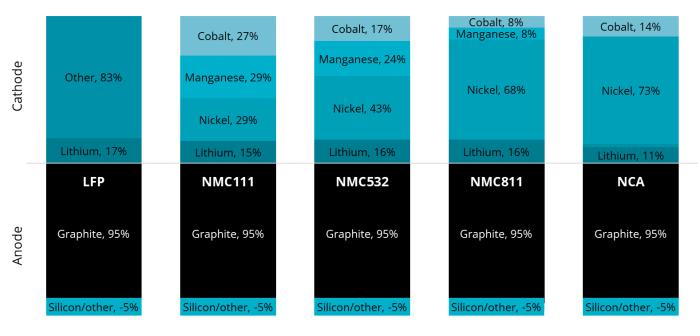


#### The Market - Graphite is the major raw material in all EV battery types



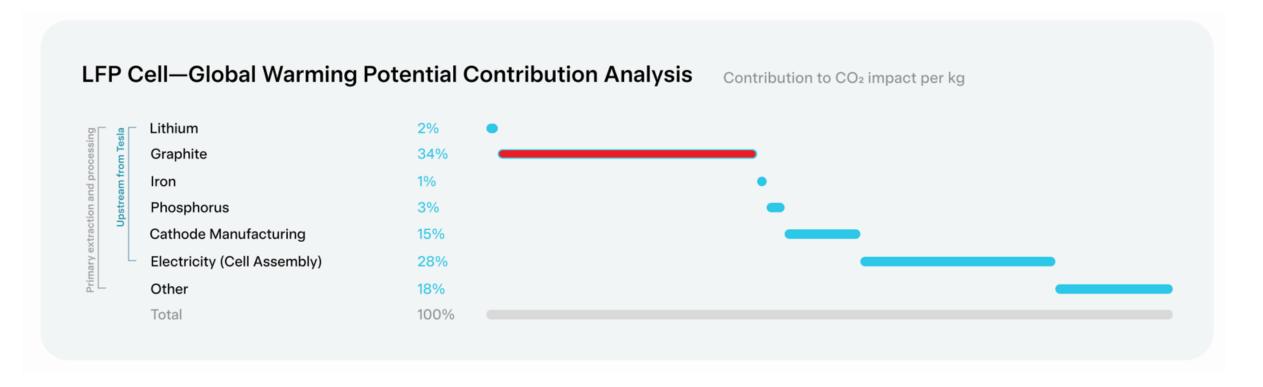


- Graphite is the major raw material in EV batteries.
- The EV battery anode is always graphite, regardless of battery chemistry.
- Silicon is limited to 5% as any anode performance gains are not matched on the cathode



#### The Market - Environmental Driver

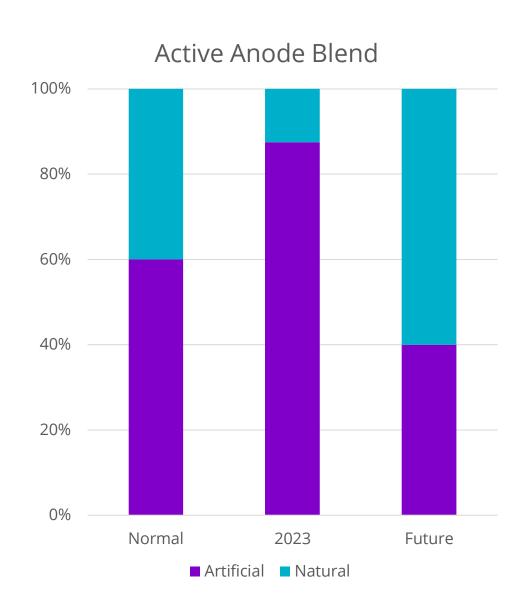




- Environmental regulation will continue to tighten. E.g. EU Battery Passport
- Graphite is a focal point to reduce the CO<sup>2</sup> footprint of the EV battery

### The Market - Natural Graphite vs Artificial Graphite





- Natural graphite has been created by geological forces over millennia.
- Artificial graphite requires expensive and CO<sub>2</sub> intensive treatment of fossil fuel by-products.
- China rapidly expanded synthetic graphite production in 2023 to meet EV demand.
- Policies will mature and insist on greener, lower-cost and high-quality natural graphite.
- Natural graphite demand will be supercharged as a growing proportion of a growing market.



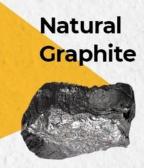
# HOW MANY MINES DO WE NEED?

As the lithium ion battery revolution gains momentum, **Benchmark** forecasts just how many mines need to be built to keep up with the exceptional volumes of demand for key raw materials expected by 2035.



■ 2022 VS 2035 ■ Demand

Average Mine/Plant Size No. of Mines/ Plants Needed



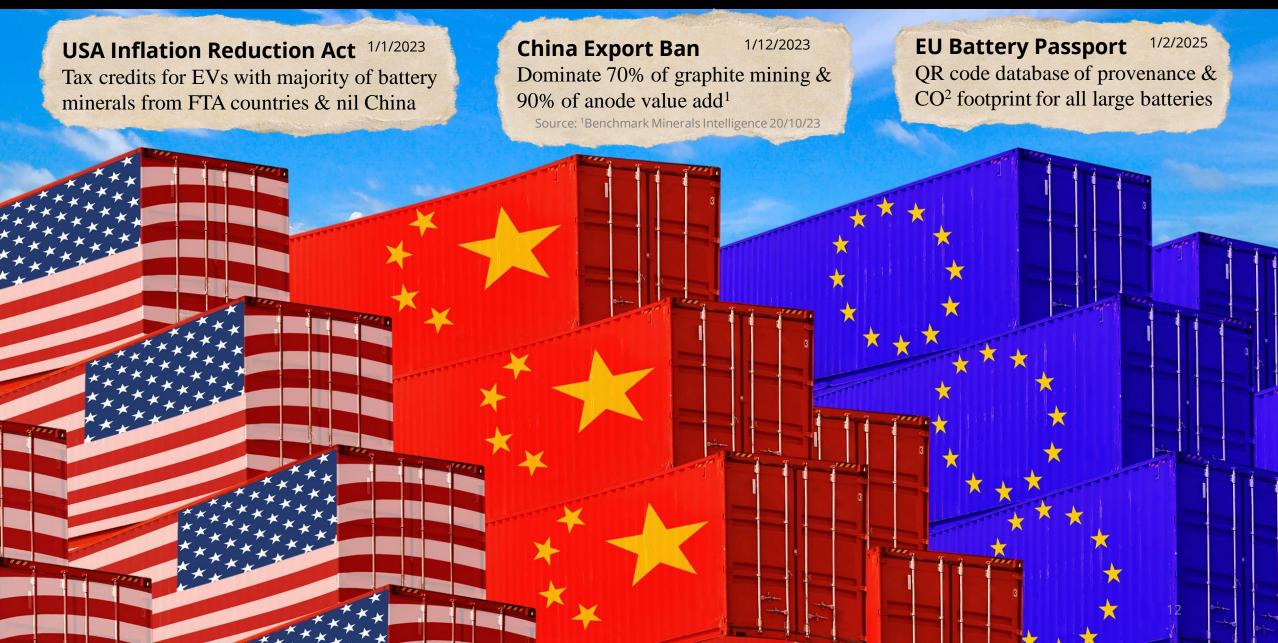






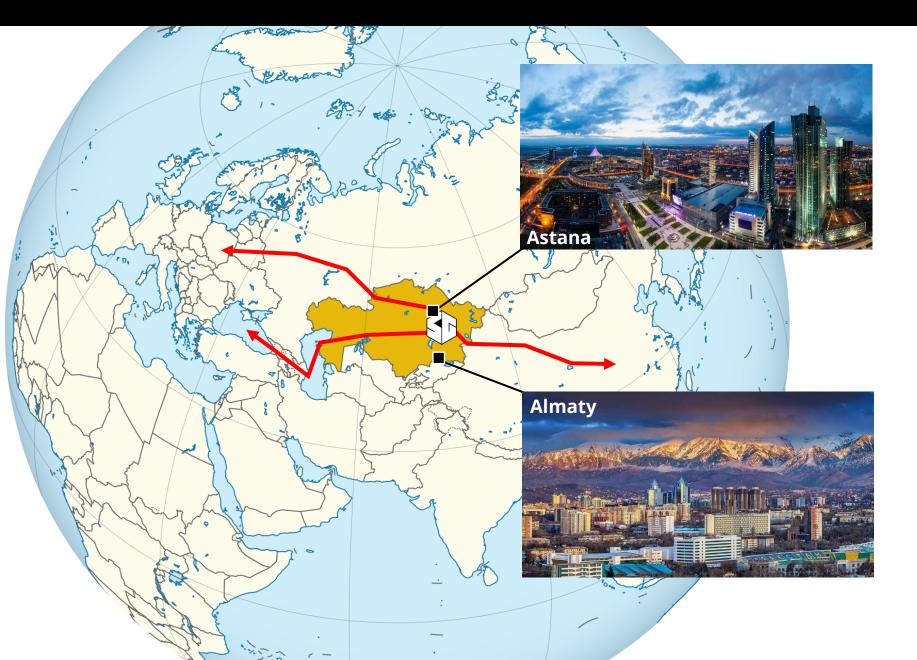
### The Market - Geopolitics





## Kazakhstan - Mining on the One Belt, One Road





#### **Key Economic Facts**

- Top 50 GDP US\$290Bn
- Population 20M
- US\$370Bn in Foreign
   Investment post USSR

#### Favorable Taxation:

- Corporate income tax: 20%
- VAT 12%
- Mineral royalty: 3.5%
- Other taxes: 1.5%

Affordable containerized rail to Europe and China.

### Kazakhstan – Established Mining Jurisdiction





## Kazakhstan - Regional Infrastructure Advantages





170km by highway to the large city of Karaganda



6km from bitumen road to project



68km from nearest railway station

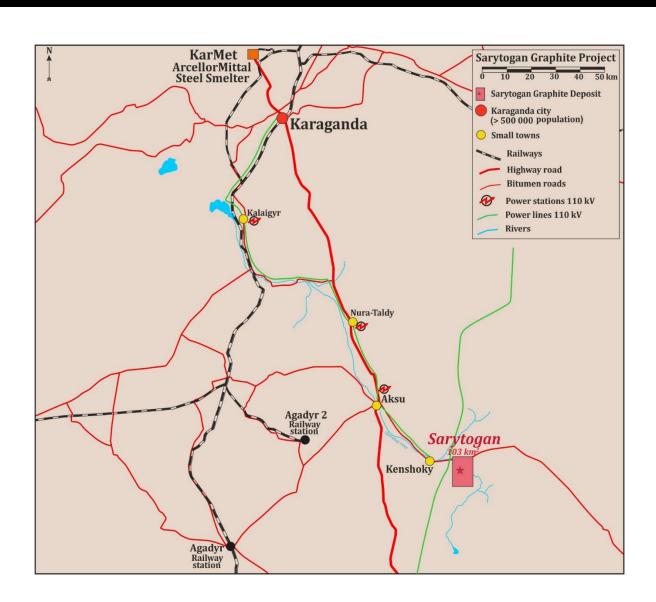


Sufficient water supply available



Skilled local workforce

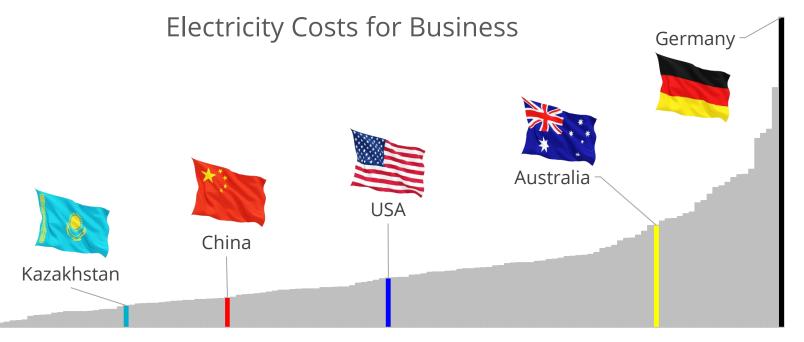




### Kazakhstan - Lowest Quartile Power Costs Including Renewables



- Kazakhstan's power cost is in the lowest quartile globally
- 110 kV powerline 2 km from the project (pictured)
- 35 kV powerline 15 km from the project
- 50 MW Solar farm is 100 km from the project (pictured)





# Development Work Program



	2023	2024				2025
Milestone		Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	
Mineral Resource upgrade	<b>V</b> .					
Land access agreement	<b>V</b>					
Geotech and hydro drilling	<b>V</b>					
Bulk concentrate production						
Spheroidization tests	<b>1</b>					
Battery performance tests		<b>√</b>				
Pre-feasibility study						
Maiden Ore Reserve						
Mining lease application						
Definitive Feasibility Study						
Marketing discussions						

#### Corporate Overview and Value Proposition





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Lan Hobson
Company Secretary
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Sarkis Akopov
Chief Financial Officer
CPA GAICD



Local Leadership
Kazakhstan Team



**Next Appointment** *Marketing Manager* 

Capital Structure	
Shares on Issue (Undiluted)	148.7M
Director Interests	36%
Options (25c, 49.5c, 60c, expiry '24, '26, '28)	45.2M
Performance Shares and Perf. Rights	22.1M
Market Capitalisation – Undiluted at 20c	\$29.7M
Cash – 31 December 2023	\$4.9M
Enterprise Value	\$24.9M



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