

Rare Earths.
Critical Minerals.
High-tech Metals.

# Diggers & Dealers Mining Forum

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Australian Strategic Materials (ASM) is building a global rare earths and critical minerals business to provide the high-tech metals needed to solve the challenges of today and the future.



## From mine to metals



#### **Dubbo Project**







Separating and Refining





**Products** 

Metal oxides and mixed chlorides

### **Korean Metals Plant**





3rd Party Oxides



Metallising



**Products** 

High-tech metals and alloys

#### **Global Customers**





New Growth Industries



Sustainable Energy Industries



Electric Vehicles

Advanced



Wind Turbines



Semiconductors



Medical Devices



**Batteries** 

# Corporate profile



#### **Board of Directors**



**Ian Gandel**Non-Executive Chair



**Rowena Smith**Managing Director



**Gavin Smith**Non-Executive Director



**Nic Earner**Non-Executive Director



**Kerry Gleeson**Non-Executive Director

| Ordinary Shares               | 181.1M            |
|-------------------------------|-------------------|
| Share Price                   | A\$0.63           |
| Market Capitalisation         | A\$114.1M         |
| 52 week low/high              | A\$0.56 - A\$2.25 |
| <b>Cash</b> (at 30 June 2024) | A\$47.6M          |

Except where stated, all data is as 31 July 2024

### **Executive Management**



**Rowena Smith**Chief Executive
Officer



Stephen Motteram Chief Financial Officer



Annaliese Eames General Counsel & Joint Company Secretary



Peter Finnimore VP Sales & Marketing



Agata Carrabs
VP Risk &
Corporate Services



Chris Jordaan
Chief Operating
Officer



### Latest news



>A\$1BN¹ in conditional debt funding support for Dubbo Project execution phase from multiple global ECAs²

Contract awarded to US-owned Bechtel for Front-End Engineering Design (FEED) services<sup>3</sup>

US\$32M (A\$49M1) Letter of Interest received from US EXIM in support of EMP funding application for FEED

Successful results demonstrating potential for optimisation and lower capital pathways for Dubbo Project

Commenced commercial sample sales of NdFeB from Korean Metals Plant in support of technical validation

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Exchange rate (A\$ : US\$) - 0.65

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Refer ASX Announcement: 21 March 2024, ASM receives US\$600M (\$A923M) Letter of Interest from US EXIM, 26 April 2024, Growing North American support builds momentum for Dubbo Project funding process

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Refer ASX Announcement: 25 March 2024, Bechtel contract to support engineering at the Dubbo Project

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Refer ASX Announcement:



# In production & ramping up









NdPr metal sales to Korea NdFeB alloy sales to USA Technical validation advancing for new customers







#### **Securing raw materials**

Advanced discussions with potential suppliers in the EU and US



#### **Production ramp-up**

Initially towards 600tpa<sup>1</sup> Phase 2 expansion to 3,600tpa<sup>1</sup>



ISO 45001, 9001 & 14001

Accreditations



#### Metallisation technology

Developing innovative processes for Ti, Tb & Dy

#### **Located in Ochang Foreign Investment Zone**

Approx. 115kms south of Seoul



#### **Targeting Scope 1 & Scope 2 carbon net zero**

From commencement of operation



# A secure, sustainable source





#### Long life of mine

- 20-year life of mine based on reserves<sup>1</sup>
- Further 50 years of resource<sup>1</sup>
- Low strip ratio (<1x)</li>



Tier 1 jurisdiction

- 25kms from Dubbo, NSW close to established infrastructure
- Strong government support A\$17M in grants received recently
- Within the Central-West Orana Renewable Energy Zone



Strong financials<sup>1</sup>

- 23.5% pre-tax IRR
- A\$425 million annual free cash flow
- A\$1,678 million capital cost estimate including contingency



**Construction ready** 

- All major approvals in place
- Land and water licences owned
- Final engineering by Bechtel



Advanced process flowsheet

- Developed in partnership with ANSTO over 17 years
- High-purity rare earth and critical mineral oxides
- ANSTO Heavy Rare Earth pilot plant success



**Environment, Social & Governance credentials** 

- Targeting carbon net zero
- Reduced water requirements by >50%
- Top 10% best performing diversified metals-mining businesses



# Dubbo Project recent developments



#### Engineering progressed

- Bechtel completed NPI study work
- Bechtel contract awarded to support ASM with final engineering
- US EXIM Letter of Interest issued for US\$32M (A\$49M¹)

### Successful flowsheet developments

- Simplified alternative flowsheets for high-purity Hf and Nb oxides
- Economic evaluation demonstrates potential capex and opex reduction

#### REE Options Assessment

 Commenced testwork to assess potential options for lower capital and shorter implementation pathways to REE production

| Targeted project timeline  |  |   |  |
|--|--|---|--|
| H2 2024  | H1 2026  | 2028  |  |
| Finalise EMP funding and commence Bechtel FEED contract REE Options Assessment | Complete FEED contract and take Final Investment Decision on Dubbo Project | Complete construction and commence production ramp-up |  |

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# Global government support



- US\$600M Export-Import Bank of the United States (US EXIM) Letter of Interest for Dubbo Project execution phase<sup>1</sup>
- US government support a catalyst for offtake and funding opportunities
- A\$400M Export Development Canada (EDC)
   Letter of Interest for Dubbo Project execution phase<sup>2</sup>
- A\$200M Letter of Support previously received from Export Finance Australia (EFA)<sup>3</sup>

| Current conditional debt funding support for construction of the Dubbo Project |                                 |  |
|--|---------------------------------|--|
| Export Credit<br>Agency  | Amount                          |  |
| US EXIM  | US\$600M (A\$923M) <sup>4</sup> |  |
| EDC  | A\$400M                         |  |
| EFA * * * * *  | A\$200M                         |  |

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Refer ASX Announcement: 28 June 2021, Export finance Australia issues letter of support for the Dubbo Project

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# Support for an alternative supply chain



### **Australia**

- Critical Minerals Facility
- National Reconstruction Fund
- International Partnerships in Critical Minerals Program

### **Export Credit Agencies**

Australia, US, Korea, Canada, EU

### Global

- US Defense Production Act Title III
- EU Critical Minerals Funds (InfraVia & KfW)
- Korea Supply Chain Stabilisation Fund



### ASM – mine to metals





Building an alternative global supply chain



Producing high-tech metals & alloys



Strong government strategic support



**Dubbo Project construction ready** 



~A\$1.5 billion conditional debt funding secured



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