

# Recent key milestones

- 1. **Demonstration Plant Commissioning:** Construction work ongoing, 80m decline portal underway, first ore expected in May.
- 2. **Major Project Status:** Helps streamline approval processes and pave a smoother path to capital markets.
- 3. Australia-US Critical Minerals Delegation: COB's participation cements our importance to Australia's CM Strategy and introduces the BHCP to the world.
- **4. A\$15m Critical Minerals Accelerator Initiative:** De-risks DFS by expanding the scope of Feasibility Studies and bringing forward infrastructure & services work.
- 5. Following easing of covid travel restrictions, we have recommenced meetings with key battery and electric vehicle makers in the US, Korea and EU.



# **Demonstration Plant Update**

#### Box cut decline progressing for May first ore





Source: Cobalt Blue Holdings Limited



# Demonstration Plant Update

#### Crushing circuit pad established



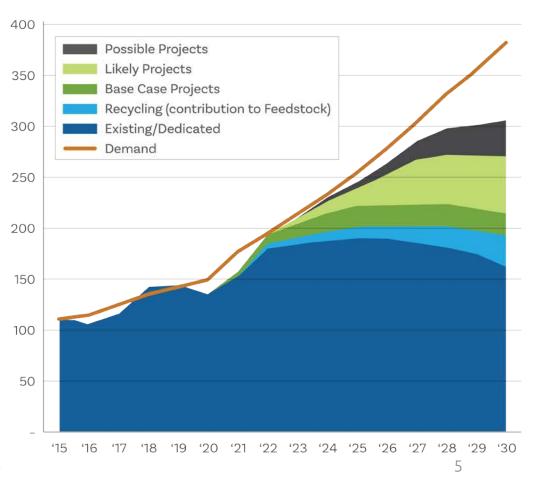


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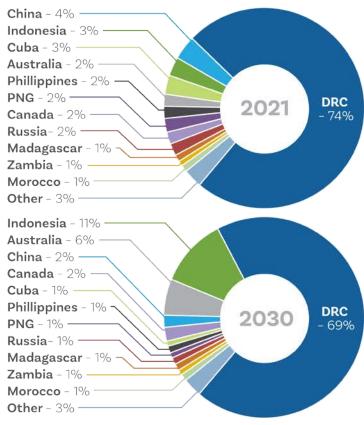


### Market Balance

#### Another ~80ktpa is required by 2025, reaching another 200ktpa by 2030



#### Cobalt production by country



Source: Wood Mackenzie, Cobalt Blue Holdings Limited



# BHCP – Timeline

#### **Development Schedule**

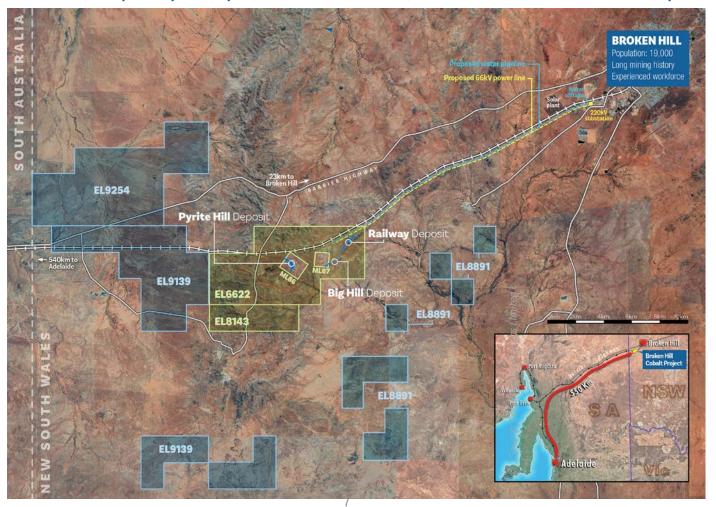
	PRE-2021	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Broken Hill Cobalt Project						
Business Achievements	100% Project Ownership CRC-P Grant	Global Cobalt Sample Program Major Project Status and CMAI grant	Offtake Cobalt Qualification Program – 2022 Major Project Status and CMAI grant	Final Investment Decision	Construction Period Mine Development EPC Renewable Power Contracts	Refinery Commissioning First Commercial Production
Technical Studies	Project Update 2020 PFS 2018	Feasibility Study	Feasibility Study	Definitive Feasibility Study and Approvals		
Process Testing	Pilot Scale Testwork	Pilot Plant – 30 Tier 1 Partners Offtake Contract Negotiations (begin)	Larger scale (24/7) Operations Commercial Qualification Samples Bulk Sample			First On Specification Production
Environmental Approvals		EIS Field Studies	EIS Field Studies	EIS Submission SSD Determination	ESG/CO <sub>2</sub> Reporting	ESG/CO <sub>2</sub> Reporting Operating Permits (approved)
	PRE-	2022	MILESTONES			

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# BHCP – Logistical Advantages

**Broken Hill:** people, power, water, road and rail benefits





# Mineral Resource Summary

Category	Mt	CoEq (ppm)	Co (ppm)	S (%)	Ni (ppm)	Contained Co (kt)	Contained S (Kt)	Contained Ni (kt)	
Pyrite Hill (at a 275 ppm CoEq cut-off)									
Measured	18	1,276	1,030	10.9	191	18.3	1,935	3.4	
Indicated	7	931	742	8.5	141	5.3	613	1.0	
Inferred	6	1,171	943	10.1	174	5.9	627	1.1	
Total	31	1,176	946	10.2	176	29.5	3,179	5.5	
Big Hill (at	Big Hill (at a 275 ppm CoEq cut-off)								
Indicated	11	742	604	5.8	129	6.7	644	1.4	
Inferred	7	655	529	5.4	105	4.0	404	0.8	
Total	19	707	574	5.6	119	10.7	1,041	2.2	
Railway (at	t a 275 p	opm CoEq cut-o	ff)						
Indicated	41	775	619	6.9	118	25.1	2,798	4.8	
Inferred	28	727	571	7.0	116	15.8	1,938	3.2	
Total	68	755	599	6.9	118	40.9	4,709	8.1	
Total (at a 275 ppm CoEq cut-off)									
Measured	18	1,276	1,030	10.9	191	18.3	1,935	3.4	
Indicated	59	788	631	6.9	123	37.1	4,062	7.2	
Inferred	41	781	619	7.2	123	25.6	2,979	5.1	
Total	118	859	687	7.6	133	81.1	8,968	15.7	

<sup>1 (</sup>CoEq = Co + S %  $\times$  18.0078 + Ni ppm  $\times$  0.2639). Note minor rounding errors may have occurred in compilation of this table.



ASX: COB

Source: Cobalt Blue Holdings Limited

# BHCP MHP & Cobalt Sulphate Production Flowsheet

#### CALCINE CONCENTRATE **LEACH** PRODUCT RECOVERY MINE ORE **(..... OPEN-PIT MINE CRUSHER** THERMAL LEACHING DECOMPOSITION MHP PRECIPITATION RESIDUE PROCESSING **SEPARATION** CALCINE ......

**TARGET** 6–6.3 MTPA Ore

**STRIP RATIO** 2.9t waste to 1t ore

**ROM AVERAGE GRADE** 0.07 % Co, 7.4% S, 8.5% Fe

LESS THAN 2km

**HAULAGE TO** 

**PROCESSING** 

**TARGET**1 MTPA Con (17% mass recovery)

CONCENTRATE

CONCENTRATE GRADE 0.45% Co, 40% Fe, 45% S

TAILINGS

CONCENTRATE RECOVERY 90–95% Co, 80% Fe, 90% S TARGET

0.8 MTPA Calcine (80% mass recovery)

**CALCINE GRADE** 0.5% Co, 50% Fe, 30% S

**SULPHUR** 

**SULPHUR RECOVERY** 45% S from concentrate

TARGET

LEACH

RESIDUE

(Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>)

>95% cobalt leaching <2% Fe and S leaching

**SULPHUR** 

LEACH RESIDUE Iron Oxide (Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>) + Elemental Sulphur (S) TARGET

Target ROM to Product 85–90% Co recovery 70–75% S recovery

**COBALT SULPHATE** 

(CoSO<sub>4</sub>.7H<sub>2</sub>O)

CoSO<sub>4</sub> >20.5% grade S >99% grade MHP – 38% Co, 7% Ni ource: Cobalt Blue Holdings Limite



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### BHCP - Pilot Plant Achievements

#### Proven COB Process at Pilot Plant scale

Study Level	Period	Concentrate Circuit		Pyrolysis Circuit		Leaching/Purification	
Scoping Study	2017	20-30 kg	Lab scale	1 kg	Lab scale	1 kg	Lab scale
Pre-Feasibility Study	2018	820 kg	Bulk trial in batch mode	100 kg	2–3 kg batches	30 kg	0.2–1 kg batches
Project Update	2020	45 tonne	Continuous pilot circuit 2–3 t/hr	150 kg	Continuous pilot circuit 4–8 kg/hr	20 kg	1–3 kg batches
Pilot Plant	2021	45–50 t	Continuous pilot circuit 2–3 t/hr	Up to 15 t	Commercial sized furnace 100–150 kg/hr	Up to 15 t	Pilot equipment 1t batches
Demonstration Plant	2022	3000 t	Mobile plant 10–15 t/hr	Up to 500 t	Commercial sized furnace 100–150 kg/hr	Up to 500 t	Demonstration plant 50–100 kg/hr











Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>



Hydroxide



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Cobalt Sulphate CoSO<sub>4</sub>.7H<sub>2</sub>O



Sulphur

### BHCP - MHP

#### BHCP - Co-Ni Mixed Hydroxide Product (MHP)

- High Grade: 37% cobalt.
- Byproduct Credit: 7% nickel.
- Low trace metal impurities Cu, Fe, Mn.
- Trading terms typical grade is 30% Co content.

#### Typical content from testwork:

Ca	Co	Cl	Cu	Fe	Mn	Ni	Zn
2.5 %	37 %	7 %	0.01 %	0.07 %	0.85 %	7 %	0.1 %







#### BHCP – Cobalt Sulphate Heptahydrate (CoSO<sub>4</sub>.7H<sub>2</sub>O)

- High Grade: 20.8% cobalt.
- Low trace metal impurities.



Metal	Units	СОВ	AVG 9 producers
Со	%	>20.8%	>20.5
Al	ppm	2	<10
As	ppm	<1	<5
Ca	ppm	<0.01	<10 (can be up to 100)
Cd	ppm	< 0.001	<10
Cr	ppm	<0.01	<5
Cu	ppm	1	<10
Fe	ppm	<1	<10
K	ppm	0.6	<5 (can be up to 100)
Mg	ppm	27	<20 (can be up to 100)
Mn	ppm	5	<10 (can be up to 100)
Na	ppm	128	<20 (can be up to 100)
Ni	ppm	<10	<10 (can be up to 100)
Pb	ppm	< 0.05	<10
Si	ppm	< 0.5	<20
Zn	ppm	<2	<10

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# BHCP – Elemental Sulphur

#### BHCP - Elemental Sulphur

- >99% purity (max 0.2% Fe, 0.5% SiO<sub>2</sub>)
- Physical Form: Prills (2–5 mm)
- Australia: 1mtpa deficit market:
  - fertiliser feedstock (55%)
  - metallurgical consumption (43%)

Al	600	ppm
Ca	160	ppm
Co	<20	ppm
Fe	0.10	%
Mg	60	ppm
Na	100	ppm
SiO <sub>2</sub>	0.45	%
S	99.3	% by difference



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# Strategic Arrangements / Partnerships

#### Existing commercial partnerships

- LG International: First Mover partnership provides capital and technical assistance on high purity battery grade cobalt sulphate
- Cooperative Research Centre & Future Batteries Industries project to fund and validate our refining process research and participate in development of Australian battery industry
- Sojitz Corporation (cobalt), Mitsubishi Corporation (sulphur)
- Cobalt in Waste Streams Project (CWSP) key QLD Govt agreement executed.

#### Other important external fundamentals

- Granted <u>Major Project Status</u> by the Australia Government (Federal)
- Participant in in bilateral discussions between Australia and South Korea MOU on Cooperation in Critical Mineral Supply Chains



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The information is extracted from the reports referenced below which are available to view at https://www.cobaltblueholdings.com/.

Slide 8: The Mineral Resource estimate is as released on 16 September 2021 in the market announcement titled 'BHCP Resource Update'. The Mineral Resource has been reported at a cut-off of 275 ppm cobalt equivalent based on an assessment of material that has reasonable prospects of eventual economic extraction. In addition to cobalt, the revised cut-off grade incorporates revenue streams from elemental sulphur and nickel; economic by-products of the processing pathway defined in the 2018 PFS and subsequent 2020 Project Update. The cobalt equivalent grade has been derived from the following calculation; CoEq ppm = Co ppm + (S ppm × (S price / Co price) × (S recovery / Co recovery)) + (Ni ppm × (Ni price / Co price) × (Ni recovery / Co recovery)). This equates to CoEq = Co + S % × 18.0078 + Ni ppm × 0.2639. The parameters used for this calculation are listed below:

Assumption	Input
Cobalt Price	US\$27.50/lb
Sulphur Price	US\$145/t
Nickel Price	US\$16,000/t
Cobalt Recovery	85%
Sulphur Recovery	64%
Nickel Recovery	85%
Exchange rate (A\$ to US\$)	0.70

The Company confirms all elements included in the metal equivalence calculation have reasonable potential to be recovered and sold.



## **Compliance Statements**

Slide 9: The BHCP process flowsheet and production target parameters are as released in the market announcement titled 'Broken Hill Cobalt Project (BHCP) Project Update 2020'.

Slide 11: The metallurgical results are as released on 28 April 2020 in the market announcement titled 'Mixed Hydroxide Product (MHP) testwork delivers premium product' and further described in the market announcement released on 16 July 2020 titled 'Broken Hill Cobalt Project (BHCP) Project Update 2020'.

Slides 12 - 13: The metallurgical results are as released on 14 July 2020 in the market announcement titled 'BHCP testwork – High purity cobalt and sulphur products' and further described in the market announcement released on 16 July 2020 titled 'Broken Hill Cobalt Project (BHCP) Project Update 2020'.

