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# Company Presentation

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## Our Aim: Clean, responsible cobalt supply

The integrated Broken Hill Cobalt Project offers responsibly sourced cobalt

### Targeted project life +20 years:

Mineral Resource of 118Mt\* for 81,400t cobalt.

### Primary cobalt:

- 3,500 tpa of cobalt (as MHP or Cobalt Sulphate).
- 300,000 tpa of Elemental Sulphur.

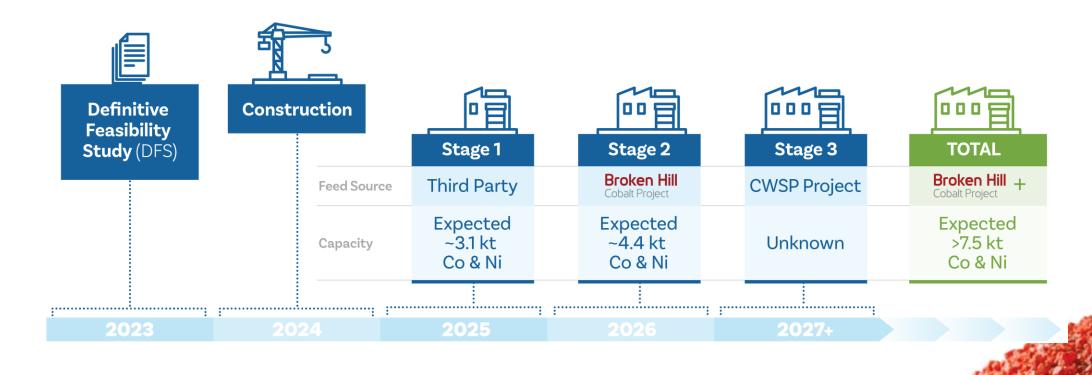
Patented minerals processing tech for treating pyrite feedstocks:

• 90–95% recovery of cobalt from ore to product.



## COB Cobalt Sulphate Refinery

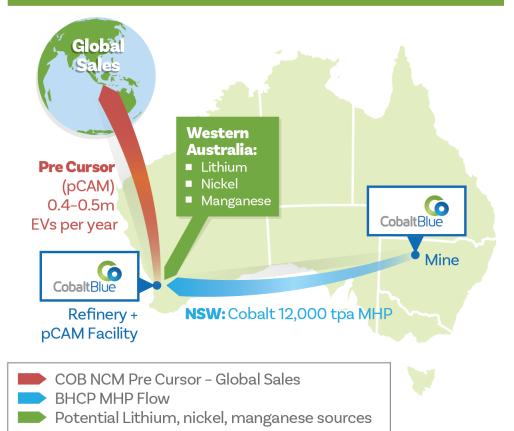
### EU/US compliant, responsibly sourced battery chemicals



Capacity refers to metal content basis

### **COB - Cobalt Strategy** Globa Potential Cobalt in Other cobalt sources (include Waste WA + overseas) **Streams** Cobalt **Projects Sulphate** Mine CobaltBlue CobaltBlue Refinery NSW: Cobalt 12,000 tpa MHP BHCP cobalt sulphate - Global Sales **BHCP MHP Flow** Potential other cobalt sources

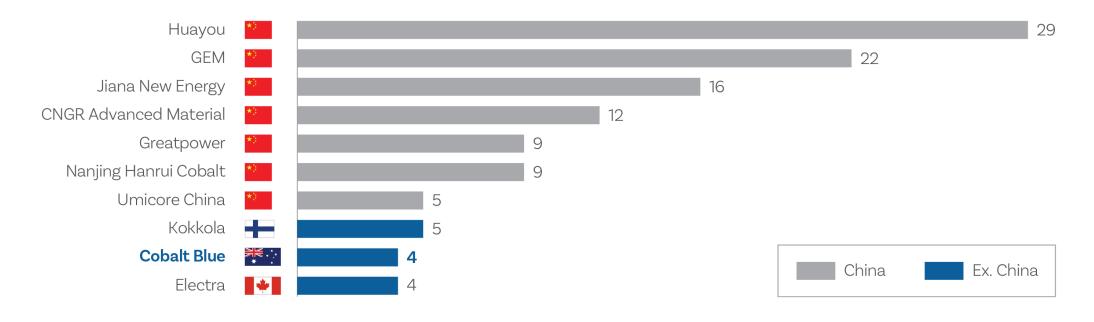
#### **COB - NCM Pre Cursor Strategy**



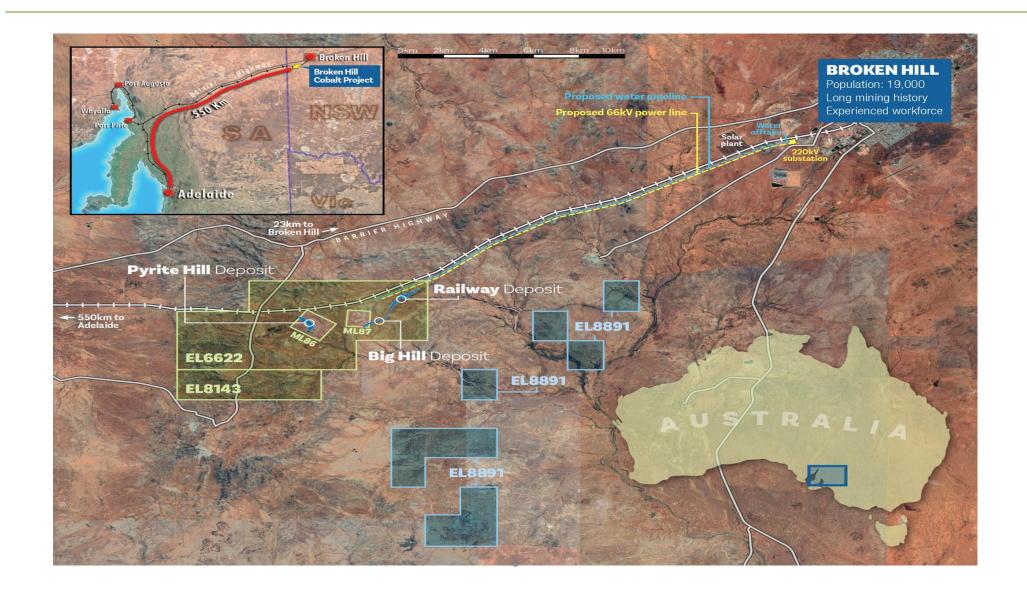


## COB: A major sulphate producer

### Global cobalt sulphate capacity, 2026 (Kt Co)



## Location





## Recent Key Milestones

- 1. Capital raise: Placement and shareholder entitlement raised A\$22m.
- 2. **Demonstration Plant update:** Underground mining and concentrate processing complete. First large scale MHP expected shortly.
- 3. **Feasibility Study progressing:** Contracted engineering firms engaged, EIS fieldwork continues.
- 4. Commercial discussions ongoing: Project Partner program underway with OEMs, manufacturers and traders across the battery supply chain.



### Cobalt Blue: Who We Are

"Extensive expertise – mineral development, investment management, corporate law and energy storage."

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#### Independent Chairman – Robert Biancardi

IBM, Citibank, Westpac and Evolution Healthcare (senior management and director). Numerous directorships of private companies.

#### Independent Director – Hugh Keller

Partner Blake Dawson (now Ashurst) and its predecessor firms for 35 years until retirement in 2010. Non-executive director of two other companies.

#### Independent Director – Rob McDonald

40 years of international mining sector experience, Investment banking/private equity investment management.

#### Chief Executive Officer – Joe Kaderavek

Equities research lead / investment management, resources and energy storage technology focus. Operational reviews and strategic assessments - mining, minerals processing (BHP, Rio Tinto) and infrastructure in Australia, North America and Europe.

#### Executive Manager - Dr Andrew Tong

Metallurgist with +15 years experience in project development, operating mining and processing activities, and patenting innovative minerals processing technology.



#### Chief Financial Officer – Danny Morgan

Chartered Accountant with +25 years' professional financial and commercial resource sector experience including IPO's, M&A, Project Financing, JV's and Project Developments.

#### Investor Relations – Joel Crane

Commodities economist with +15 years experience analyzing bulk, base and precious metals in global investment banks and major resource company (Rio Tinto).



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## BHCP: Timeline on track

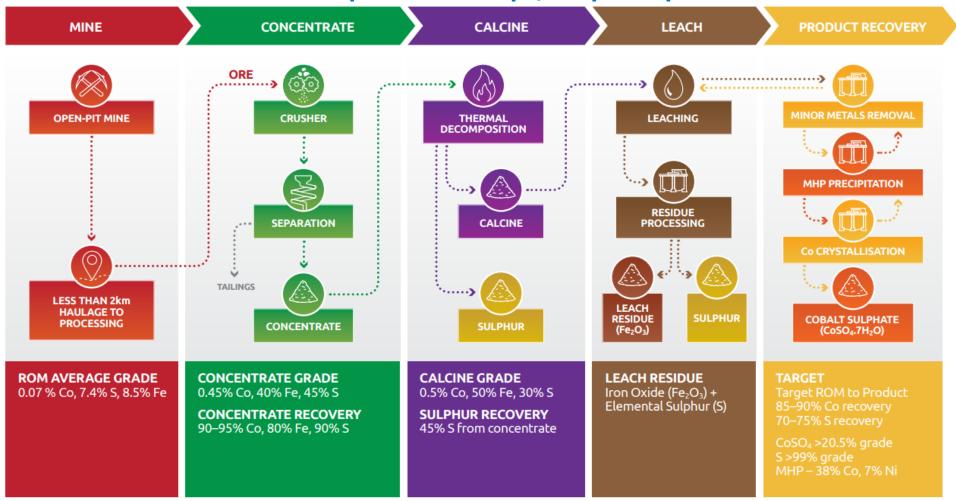
### **Expected Development Schedule**

	PRE-2021	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Business Achievements	100% Project Ownership CRC-P Grant	Global Cobalt Sample Program Major Project Status and CMAI grant	Cobalt Qualification Program – 2022 Major Project Status and CMAI Grant	Partner/Offtake discussions	Completion of Financing 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 Bulk Sample	Larger Scale (24/7) Operations continue Commercial Qualification Samples		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-2023			MILESTONES		



## BHCP: Cobalt Sulphate Production Flowsheet

### Conventional operational steps, unique sequence





### **BHCP:** Demonstration Plant

Study Level Period		Concentrate Circuit		Pyrolysis Circuit		
Pilot Plant	2021	45–50 t	Continuous pilot circuit 2–3 t/hr	15 t	Commercial sized furnace 100–150 kg/hr	1t batches
Demonstration Plant	2022/23	4,200 t	Mobile plant 10–15 t/hr	680t	Commercial sized furnace 150-300 kg/hr	50–100 t







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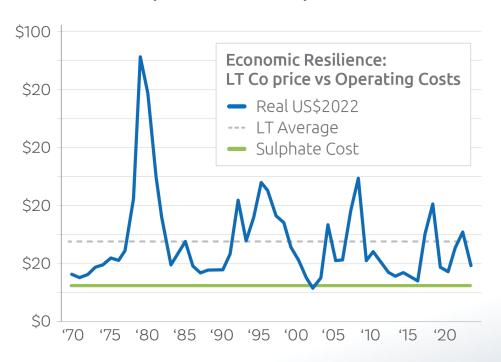




## BHCP: Capital and Operating Costs

### Forecast LOM Operating Costs\*

- Cobalt Hydroxide (MHP) ~US\$9/lb (C1)
- Cobalt Sulphate ~US\$12/lb (ASIC)



<sup>\*</sup> See Compliance Statement at end of presentation

## **Pre-Production Capital Cost Estimates** (A\$m)

Process Plant	\$343 (60%)
Infrastructure	\$137 (24%)
Mine Development	\$38 (7%)
Mine Fleet	\$22 (4%)
Other	\$20 (4%)
Total	\$560



## COB: Capital Structure

### **Capital Structure:**

Ordinary Shares at 13/4/2023: 370m

Promissory Note<sup>1</sup> (5yr to 2025): \$3.0m

Market Cap (undiluted): \$133m

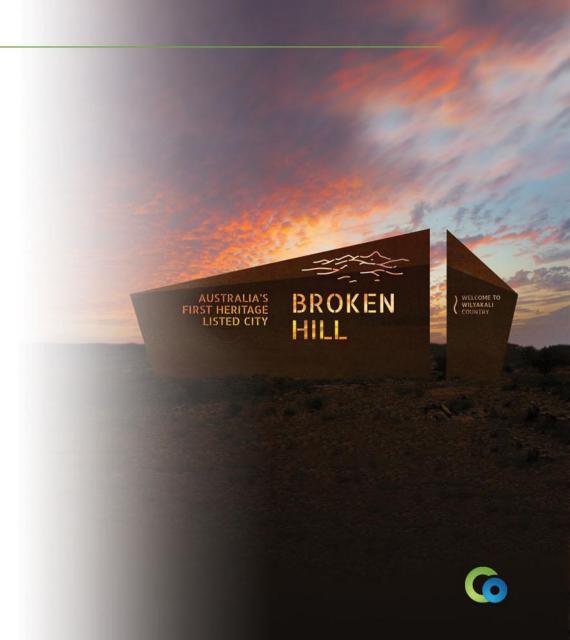
### **Share Price:**

Share Price at 13/4/2023 : \$0.36

### Cash & equivalents on hand

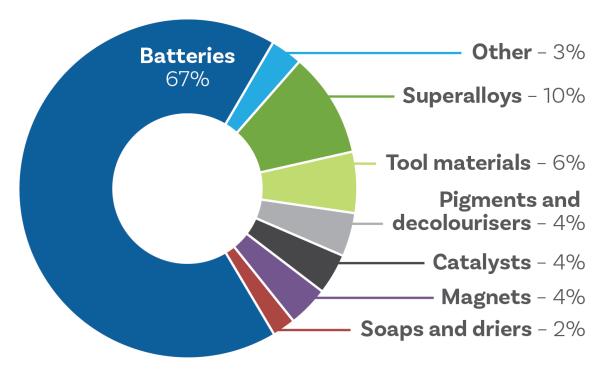
• As at 31/12/2022: **\$21.8m** 

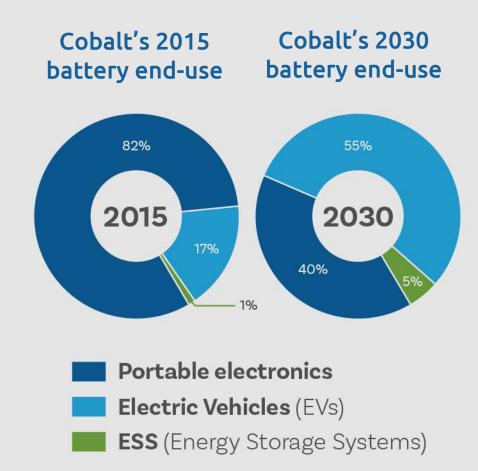
1. Three years interest free, then 6% pa interest, paid annually in arrears. Can be repaid anytime in whole or in part without penalty.



### Cobalt Market

#### Cobalt's current end-use

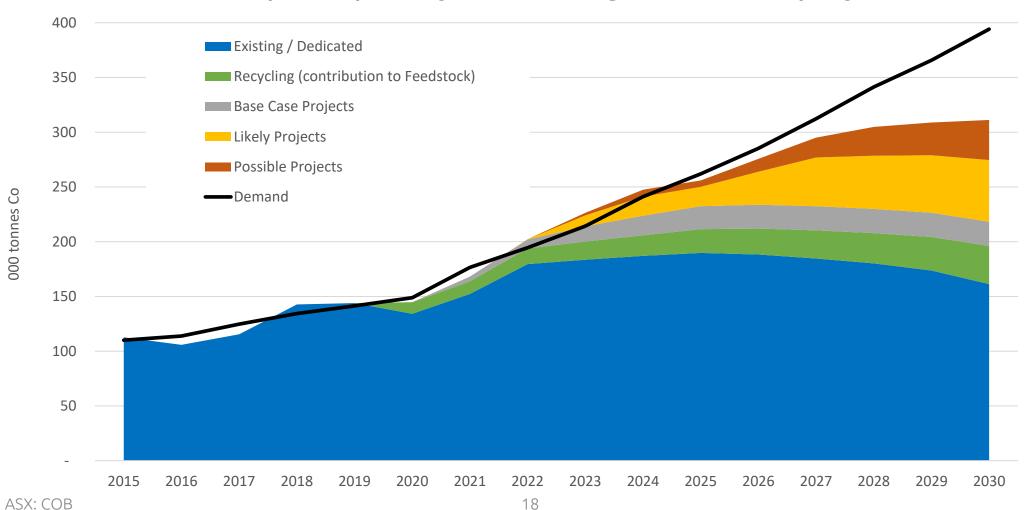






## Cobalt Future of Supply & Demand

### Another ~50ktpa is required by 2025, reaching another ~200ktpa by 2030



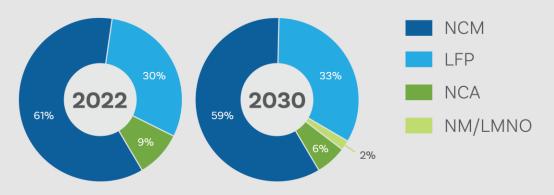


### EV batteries

Most EV batteries today use one of two types of cathodes:

- Nickel Cobalt Manganese (NCM) cathodes:
  - Capable of storing more energy
  - Superior life spans
  - Superior thermal stability, thus safer
  - Use costly materials (nickel, cobalt)
- Lithium Iron Phosphate (LFP) cathodes:
  - Less energy efficient due to weight
  - Slower cold-weather charging
  - Little capacity ex-China
  - Safer in higher temperatures or demanding conditions
  - Use less costly materials (iron, phosphate)

#### Li-ion EV battery cell chemistry market share



	LFP	NMC
Energy Density	•	•••
Power Density	•	• •
Stability	•••	•••
Lifespan	•••	• •
Cold Temperature Performance	•	•••
IRA Compliance	•	•••
	••• Excellent •• Good	• Poor

### US Inflation Reduction Act 2022 (IRA)

Invests US\$369bn in **energy security, climate change programs** and clean technologies over the next 10 years to help the US meet its climate goals. Currently holds bipartisan support for building out the domestic supply chain to promote the Energy Transition

#### Exhibit 12: Selected IRA incentives across the battery value chain

	Value chain segment	Selected IRA incentives		
Battery industries	Mining	Up to US\$500 million in federal support for US mining refining of critical minerals for batteries.		
	Refining	<ul> <li>Tax credits of up to 30% of the amount invested in establishing or upgrading a refining facility.</li> </ul>		
	Active materials	Tax credits of <b>up to 10%</b> of the costs incurred to produce electrode active materials.		
	Cell and pack manufacturing	Up to US\$45/kWh in tax credits for cell and module manufacturing. <sup>3</sup>		
	Recycling	Tax credits of <b>up to 30%</b> of the amount invested in establishing or upgrading a recycling facility.		
Adjacent industries	EV manufacturing	<ul> <li>Tax credits of up to U\$\$7,500 for the manufacture of clean vehicles, subject to supply chain requirements, with an estimated total value of U\$\$7.5 billion over 10 years.</li> </ul>		
	EV adoption	<ul> <li>Tax credits of up to 30% for businesses to adopt clean vehicles.</li> <li>US\$3 billion for the US Postal Service to purchase zero-emission delivery vehicles.</li> </ul>		

### US cobalt sulphate supply availability greatly reduced from 2024



#### Key Free Trade Agreement (FTA) countries:

- Australia
- Canada
- Chile
- South Korea
- Mexico
- Peru

