

# The Gabanintha Vanadium Deposit

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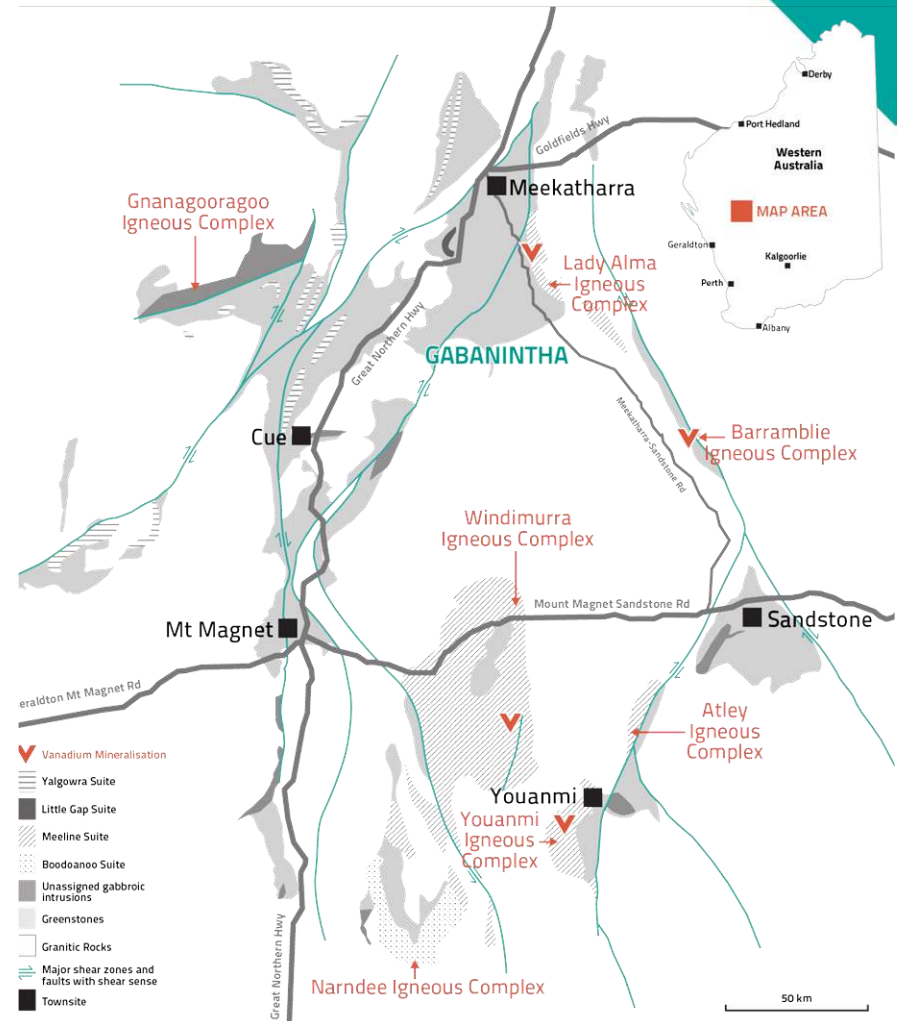
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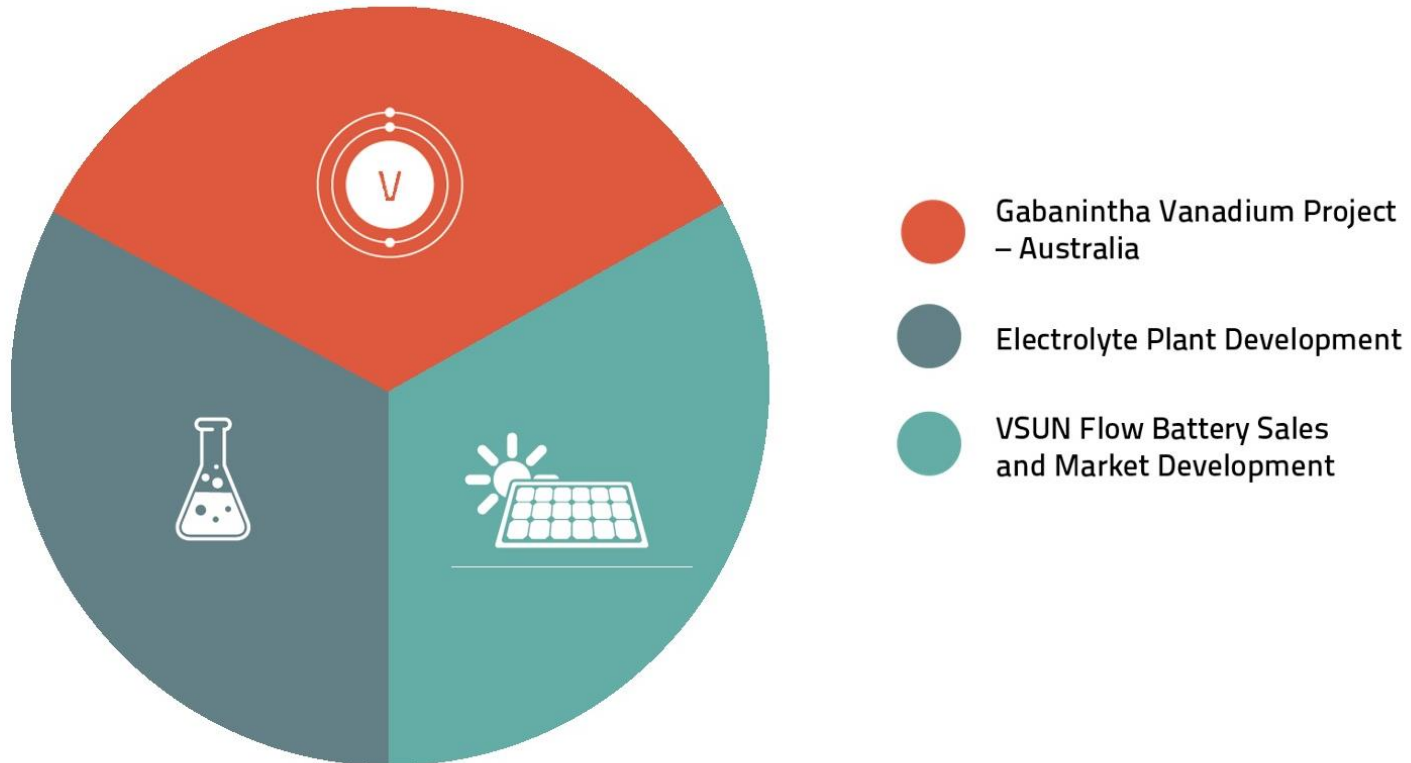
# AVL is a vanadium focused company

- Vanadium focused ASX listed company
- Actively evaluating the magmatic titaniferous vanadium iron project at Gabanintha in Western Australia
- Significant project with high-grade Measured, Indicated and Inferred vanadium resources hosted in magnetite bearing rocks
- Traditional steel markets are seeking new sources of long term vanadium supply
- Vanadium use in emerging energy storage market will require increased global vanadium supply
- Energy subsidiary VSUN Energy actively developing Australian energy storage market
- AVL offers investors exposure to entire vanadium value chain
- Focus offers leverage to rising vanadium prices and new applications in energy storage



# Integrated Strategy

Diversified Action to Maximise Opportunity



# Corporate Snapshot (ASX:AVL)

Continuous Listing on ASX since February 2007

## Key Statistics (as at 10-11-17)

Ordinary shares on issue	1,383m
Options on issue (ex at 1.47c expire Dec 2017)	141.9m
Listed Options (ex at 2.c exp Dec 2018) AVLO	310.8m*
Share price	AUD \$0.019
Market capitalisation (undiluted)	A\$26.3 m (Cash ~A\$3.1m)
Shareholders	3,804

## Substantial Shareholders

## % holding

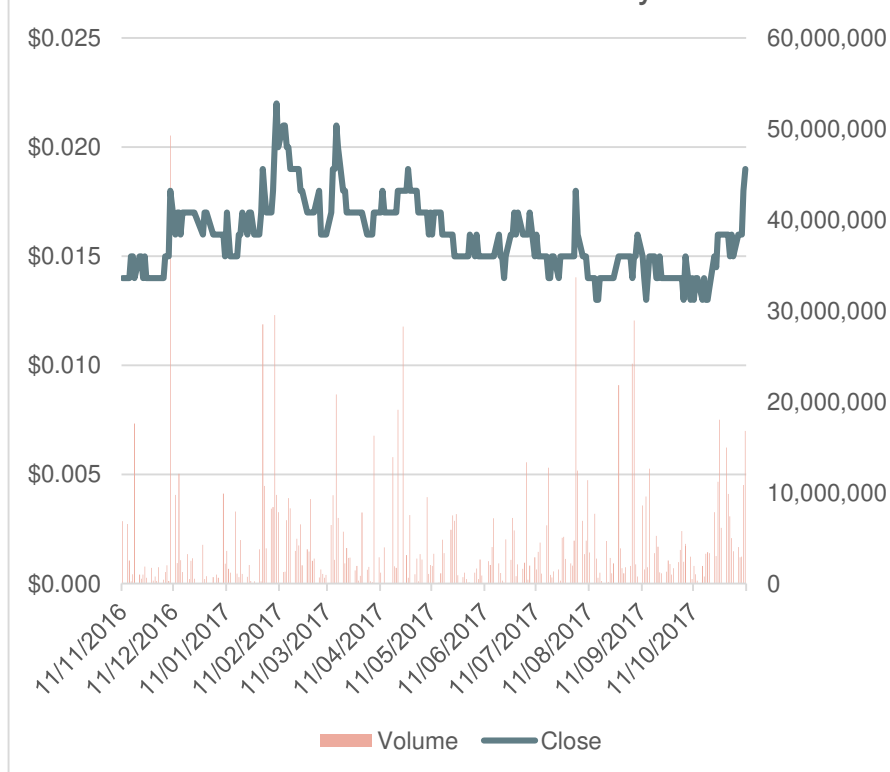
Neale Parsons	2.3 %
Management	7 %

## Board of Directors

## Title

<b>Vincent Algar</b> Bsc(Hons) Geol, MAusImm	Managing Director
<b>Leslie Ingraham</b>	Executive Director
<b>Brenton Lewis</b> MBSc., BBSc.(Hons)	Non Executive Chairman
<b>Daniel Harris</b> BSc Chem Eng	Non Executive Director

## AVL Share Price History



Substantial Investments

13.4% holding in Bryah Resources  
(ASX:BYH)



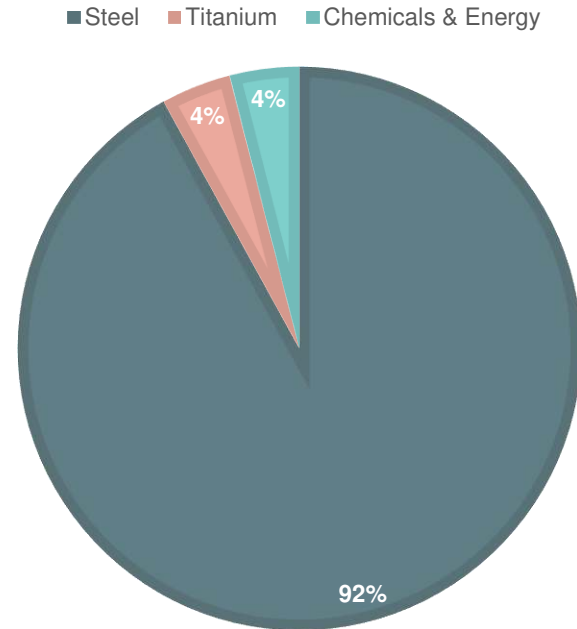
# Vanadium Markets: Steel

# Vanadium Applications

## Uses, Production and Price

- **Steel Strengthening Alloys -  $V_{\text{cont}}$  0.25%-1.5%**
  - Lighter weight & stronger cast
  - Re-bar: concrete tensile strength
  - Hand tools: Fe-Cr-V
- **Titanium Alloys -  $V_{\text{cont}}$  4%**
  - Strength, corrosion resistance, weldable and light
  - Aerospace propeller & frame: Ti-6Al-4V
- **Chemicals Industry -  $V_{\text{cont}}$  5% - 9%**
  - Catalyst for sulfuric acid - contact process
  - Vanadium flow battery - energy storage
- **Producers**
  - Slag steel
  - Mines
  - Chemical by product (coals, crude oil, uranium)
- **Global Production & Price**
  - **101,000 tonnes/yr** (TTP Squared 2017)
  - **USD 29/kg** –  $V_2O_5$  eqv. (LME Sept.2017)
  - \$/kg has doubled in last 6 months

## VANADIUM USE BY SECTOR

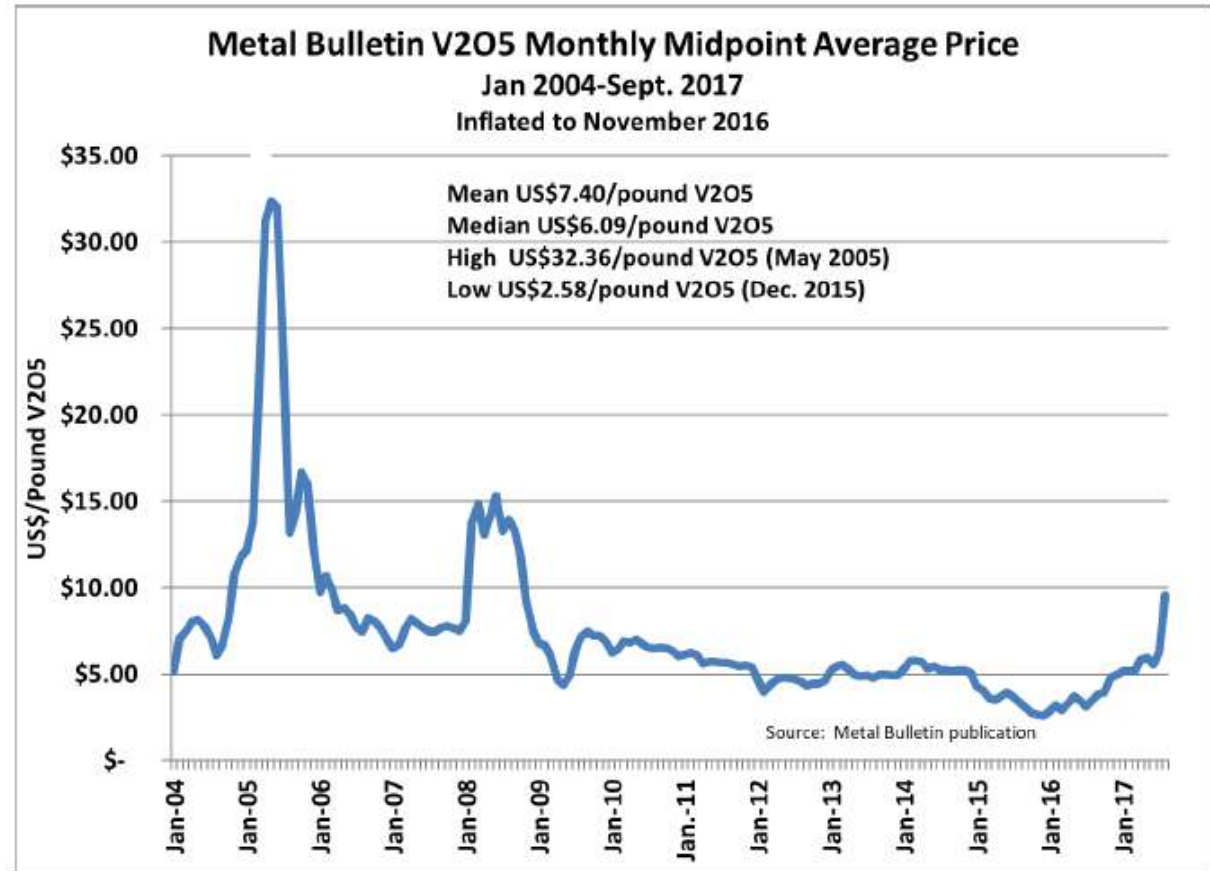


Courtesy: Largo Resources 2014

# Vanadium Markets - Overview

Global inventory levels are decreasing as evidenced by rising prices over the past three years.

- » Ferrovandium prices in China have risen to about \$60 per kilogram and to about \$43 per kilogram in Europe
- » Vanadium pentoxide prices have risen to \$9.50<sup>1</sup>
- » Vanadium prices are up 89% overall this year after doubling in 2016<sup>2</sup>
- » Supply remains under pressure globally
- » Vanadium electrolyte demand increasing
- » Rising prices give immediate improvement to Gabanintha project economics due to its higher resource grades



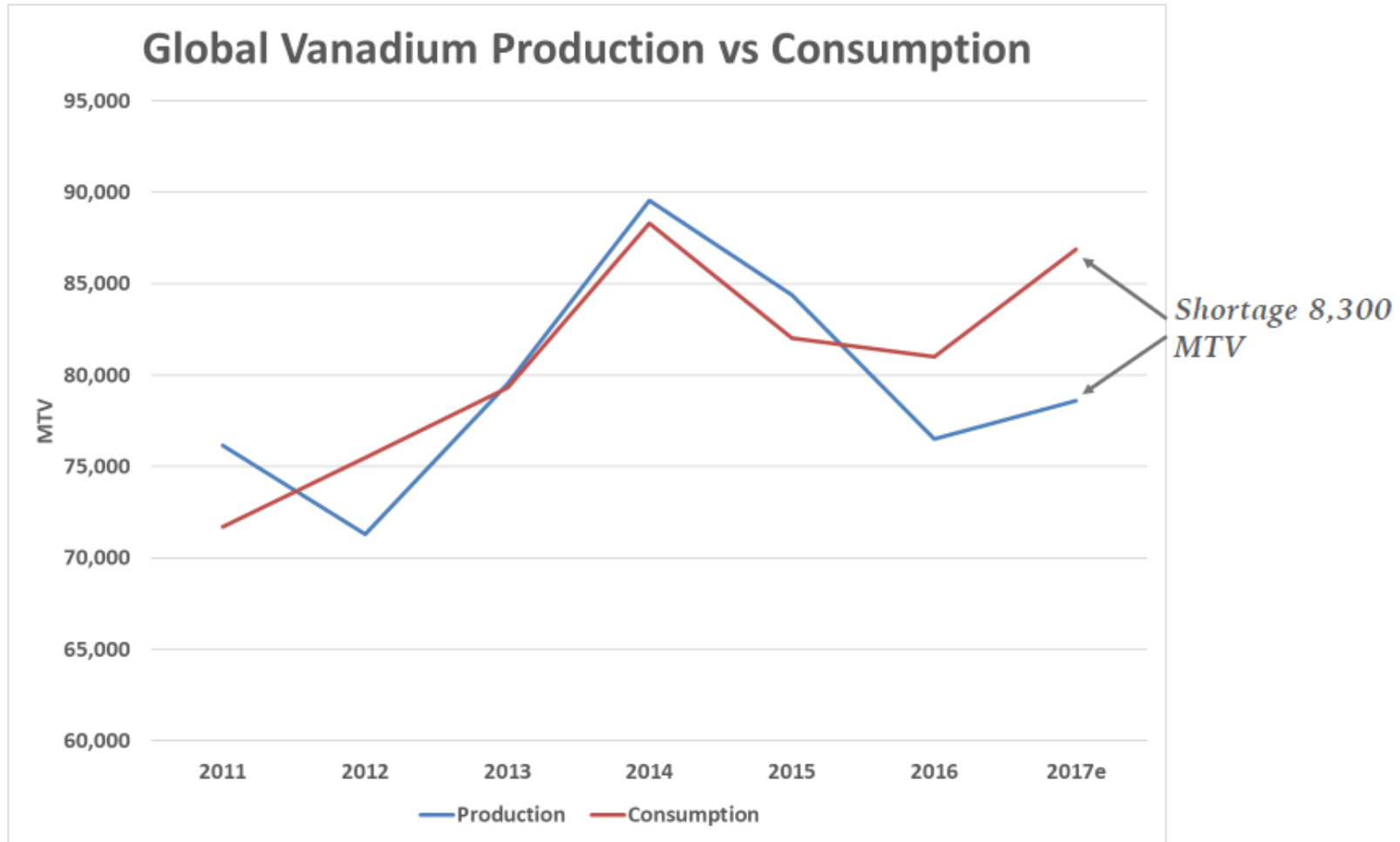
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<sup>2</sup>Metal Bulletin



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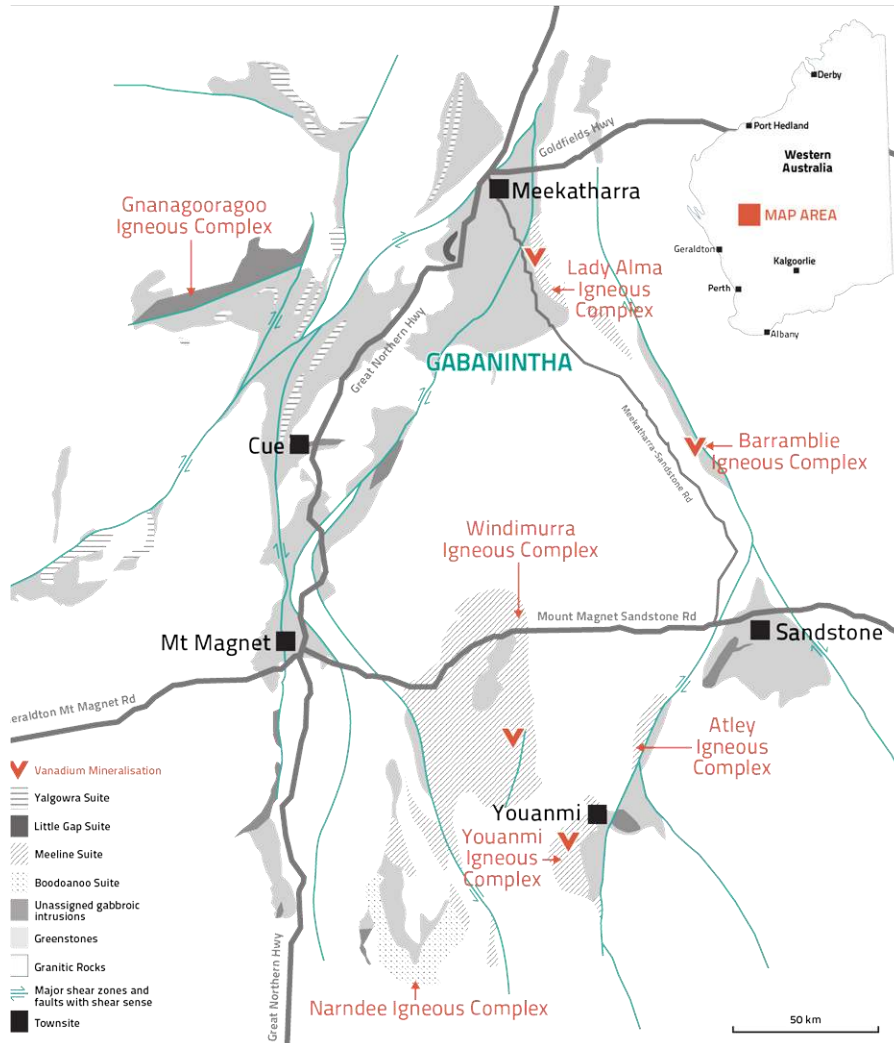
In 2017 (based on first half actual results annualized) vanadium consumption will exceed production by more than 8,000 MTV, or 10% of the market.



# Globally Significant Project

Gabanintha Vanadium Project in Western Australia

# Gabanintha Vanadium Project



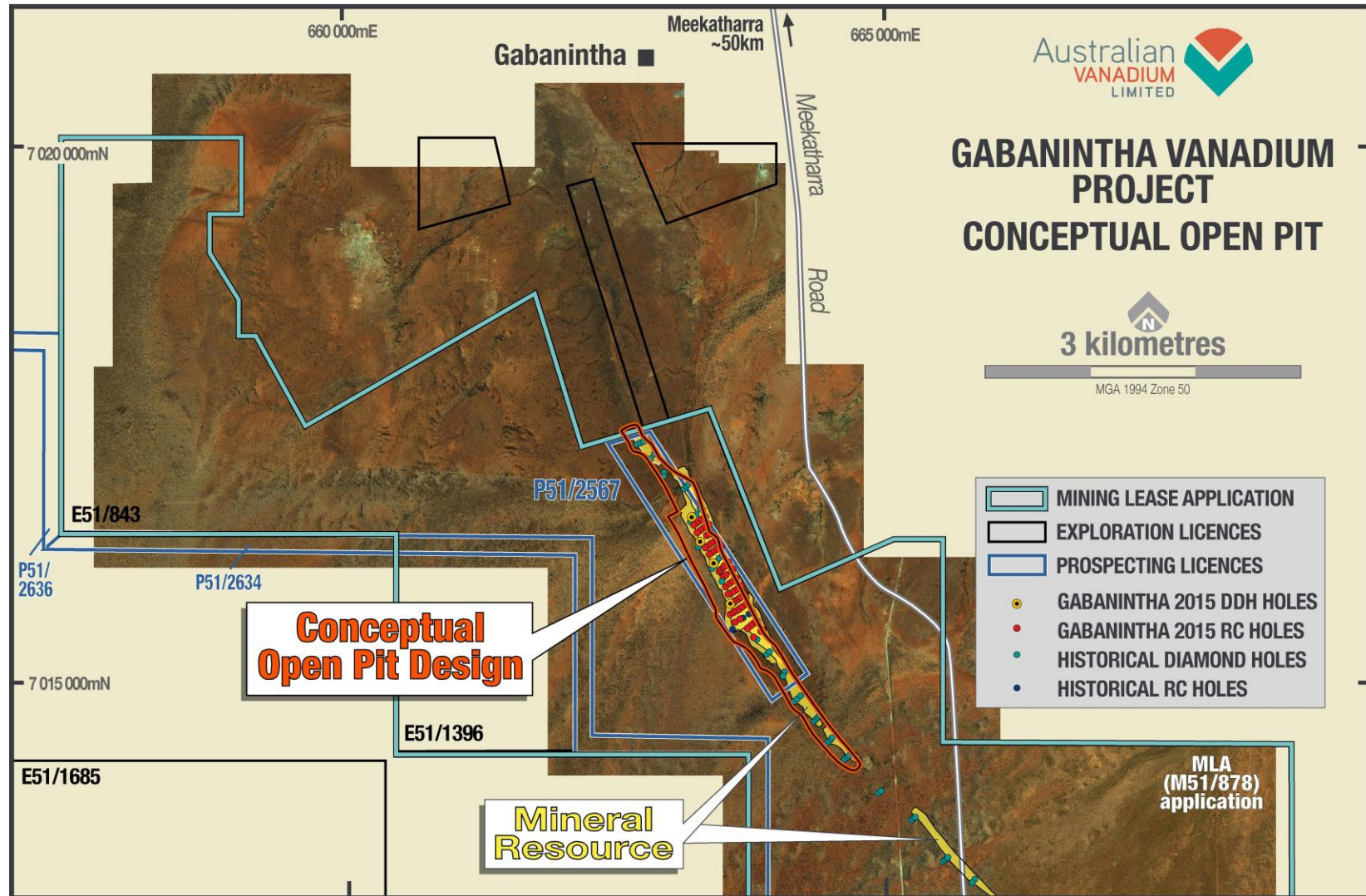
One of the mafic intrusions in the Vanadium triangle of Western Australia

A Bushveld Complex sized area hosting over 500 Million tons of vanadium resources



# Gabanintha Vanadium Project

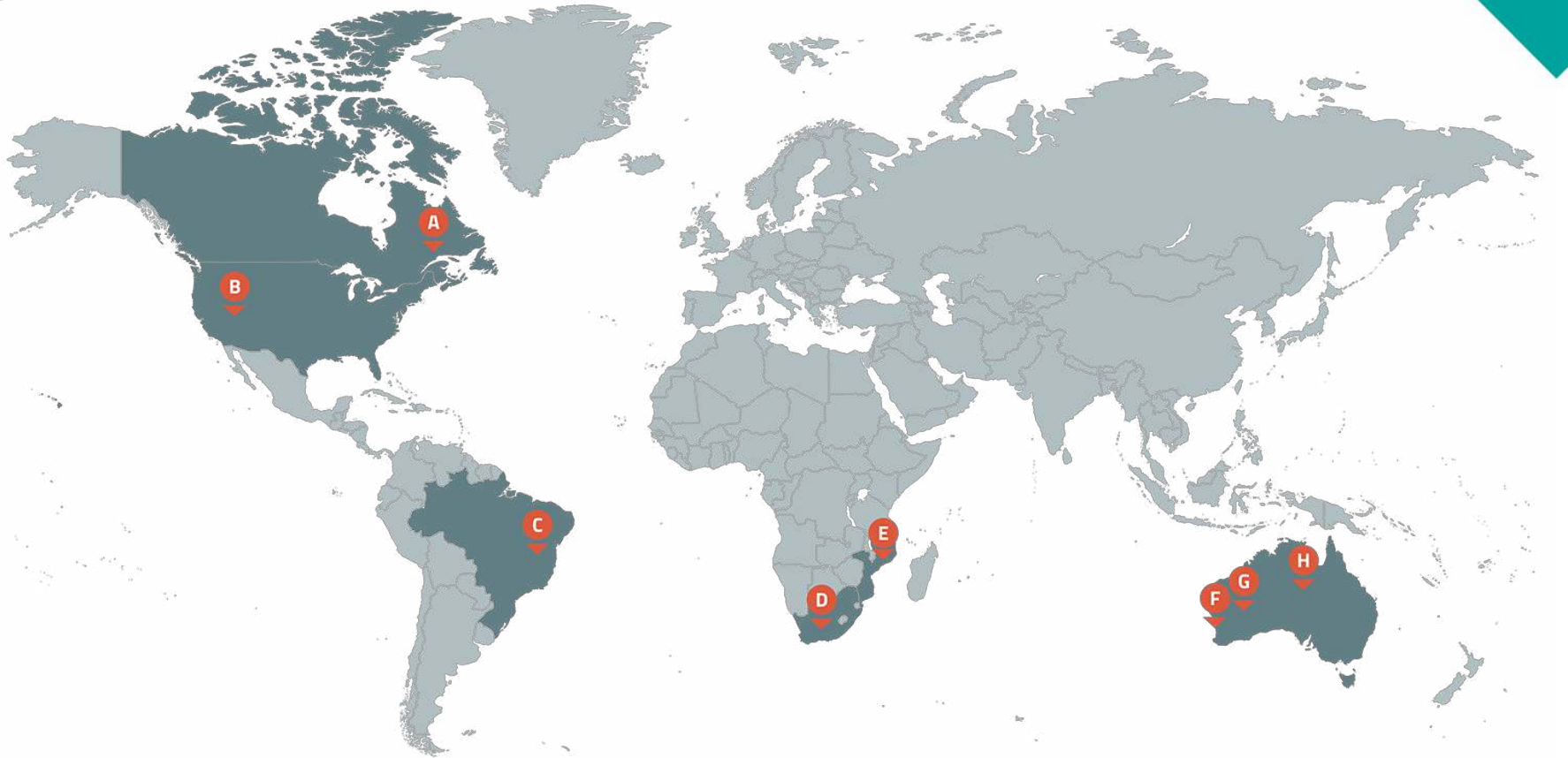
Deposit identified over 11km drilled strike length. Good access to infrastructure.





# Global Player

Gabanintha Project is significant development project on a global scale in grade and size



**A** Vanadium Corp

**B** American Vanadium

**C** Largo Resources

**D** Bushveld Minerals

**E** Syrah Resources

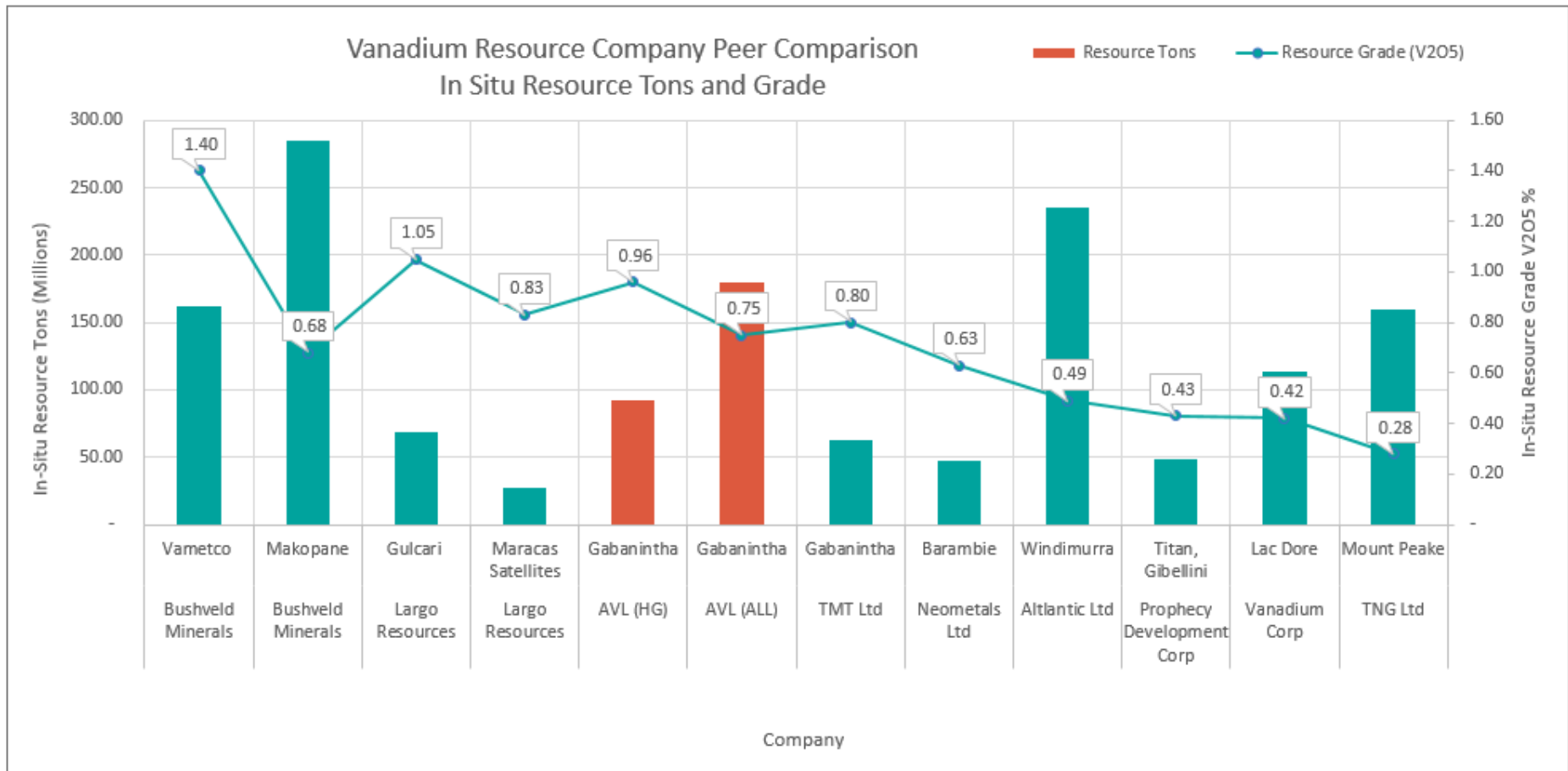
**F** Australian Vanadium

**G** Neometals

**H** TNG Limited

# Vanadium Peer Comparison

Gabanintha a globally significant deposit on grade and tonnage basis



# Gabanintha Vanadium Project

Unique resource in favourable mining jurisdiction - Murchison, Western Australia

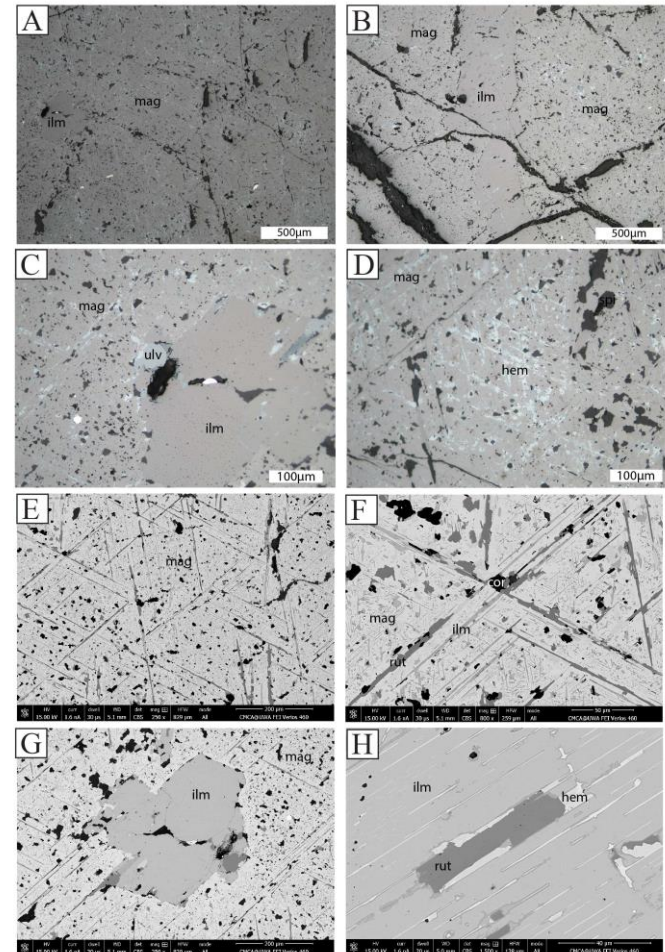
- » Lady Alma Complex (2821 Ma) is one of the structurally dismembered layered mafic intrusions in the Yilgarn Province
- » Discordant features and geochemical fractionation trends indicate multiple pulses of magma in the intrusions
- » Deposit type is layered mafic intrusion of gabbroic host rocks, forming layered sequence of varying lithologies up to 20m thickness.
- » Strong similarities to rocks of the main zone of the Bushveld Igneous Complex
- » Primary rocktypes (and their weathered equivalents) include;
  - › Massive Magnetite (vanadiferous titanomagnetite)
  - › Magnetite gabbro
  - › Gabbro
  - › Leucograbbro
  - › Anorthosite
- » Weathering surface highly variable (40-80m). Oxidising magnetite to martite, some hematite and goethite
- » Silicate minerals oxidized to range of clays and chloride minerals
- » Deposit is at surface, suitable for open pit operation and open at depth



# Vanadium Mineralisation

## Strong similarities to Bushveld V- Magnetites

- » Mineralisation in alternating layers of magnetite-rich gabbros with leuconorite or anorthosite . The sequence is everywhere underlain by a massive magnetite layer, containing over 1%  $V_2O_5$ , and containing corresponding high iron and titanium.
- » Crystallisation conditions ideal for formation of layering of Ti-V-magnetite oxides (episodic high  $fO_2$  by introduction of new magma or other material)
- » Slow cooling has created exceptional crystal sizes (+1cm), particularly in massive horizon
- » High grade horizon is “sealed” reducing weathering of grain interiors (to martite) and preserving magnetism (in titanomagnetite)
- » Gabanintha has significant enrichment of V in titanomagnetite compared to V that has bound to rutile and ilmenite.
- » Levels of  $V_2O_5$  in titanomagnetite over 2% very encouraging for achieving high-grade vanadium concentrate grade.
- » Basal high grade horizon strong similarities to Bushveld economic magnetites.

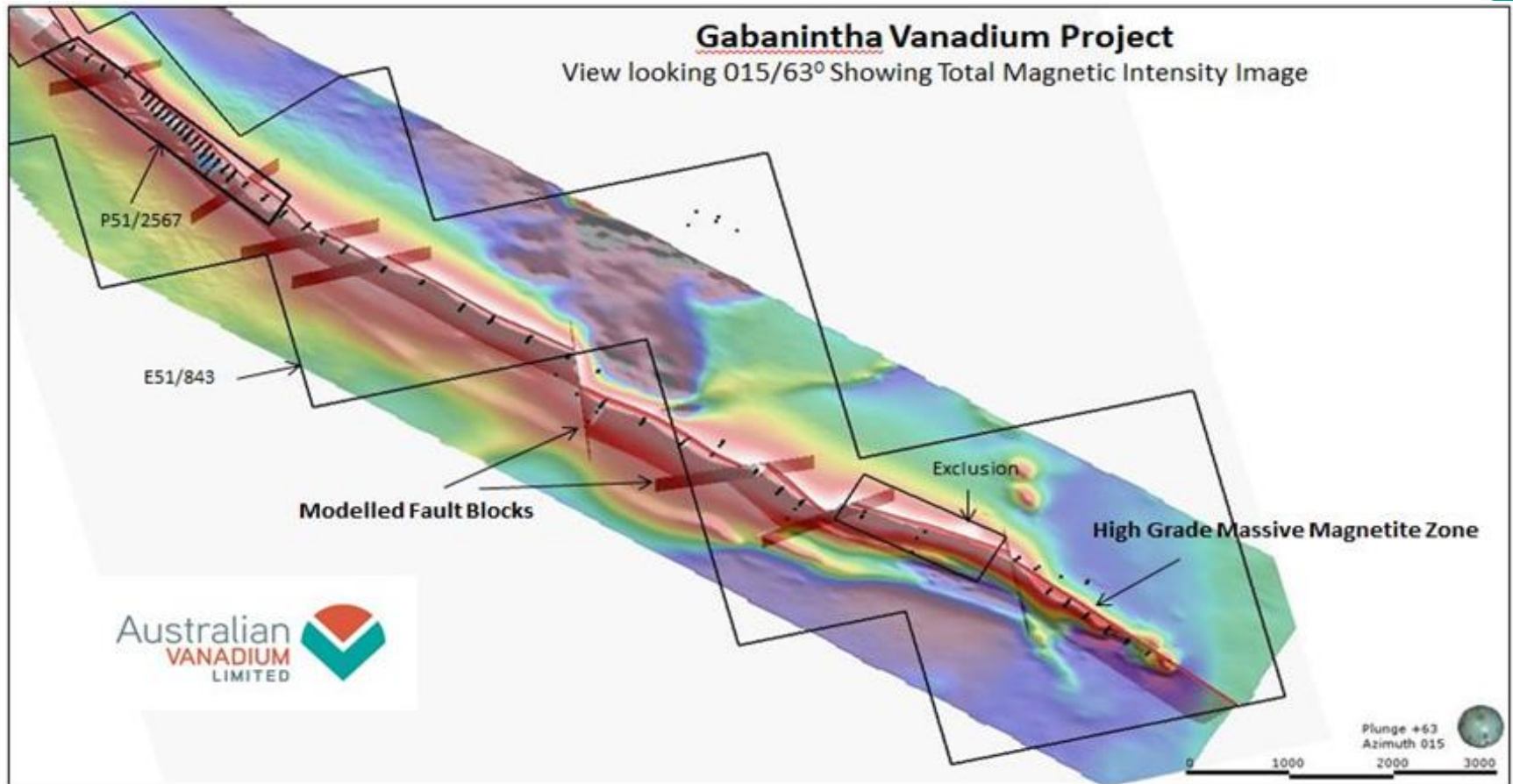


**Sample 916-154.9:** A, B and C: Titanomagnetite and ilmenite grains. D: trellis intergrowths in partially martitised titanomagnetite. E: SEM imaging of trellis work textures in titanomagnetite. F: SEM imaging of exsolutions in titanomagnetite. G: SEM imaging of ilmenite grain. H: SEM imaging of intergrowths in ilmenite grain.



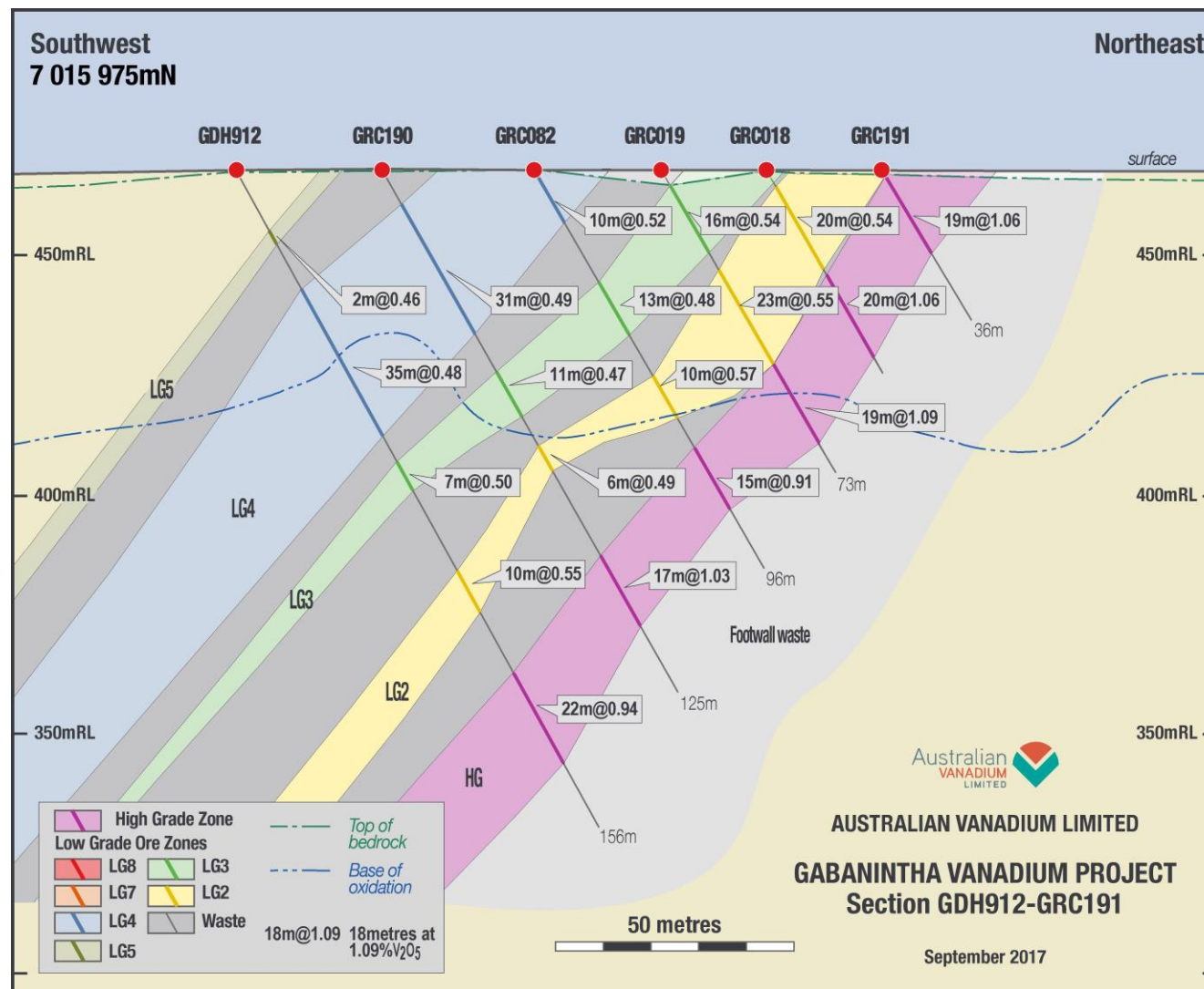
# Gabanintha

Strong and consistent magnetic signature supported by drilling confirming strike orientation, continuity and fault structures. Enables high quality modelling



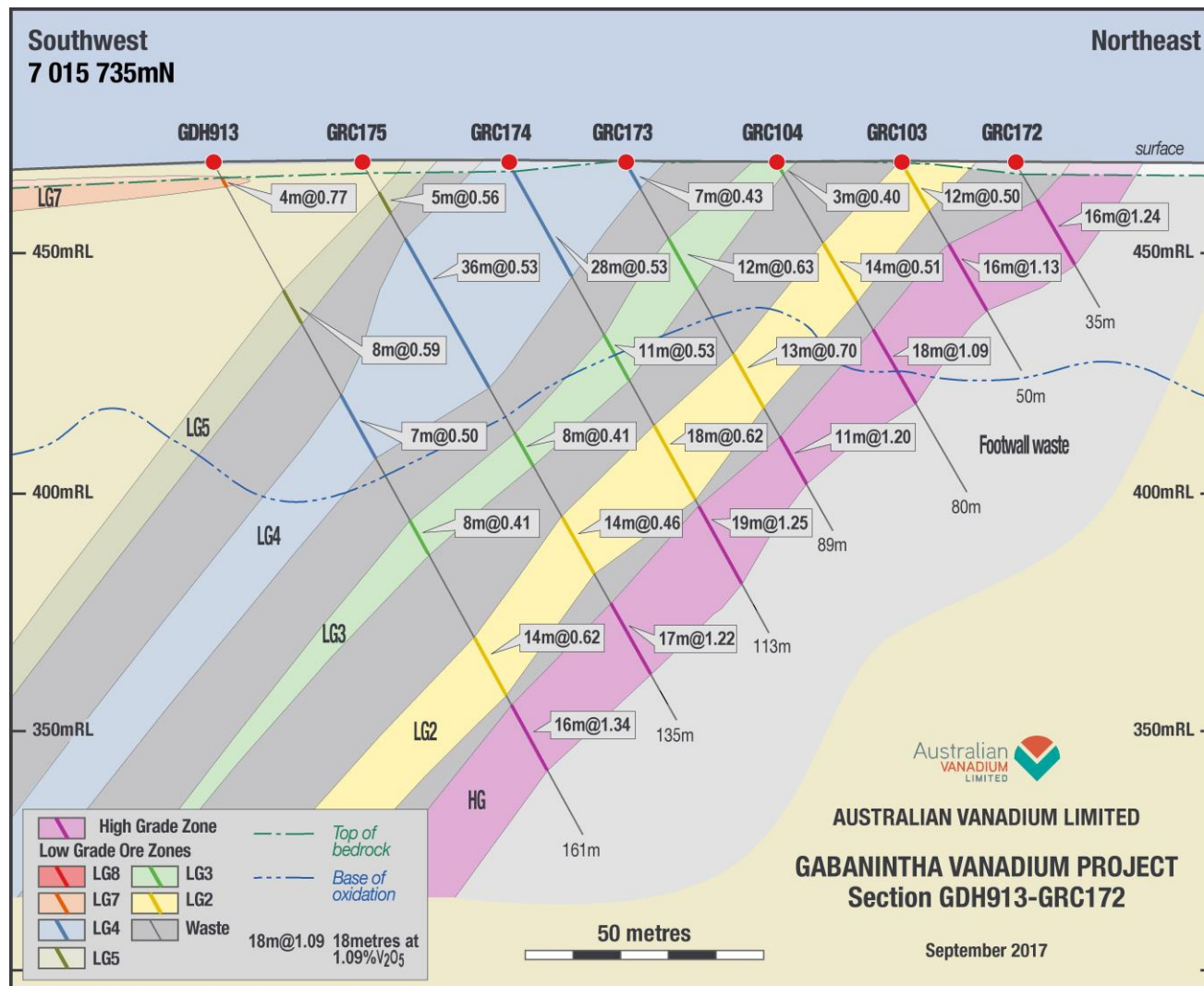
# Gabanintha Vanadium Project

Discrete high-grade zone, simple geometry, suitable for open pit mining



# Gabanintha Vanadium Project

Well developed mineralised and unmineralised zones corresponding with lithology

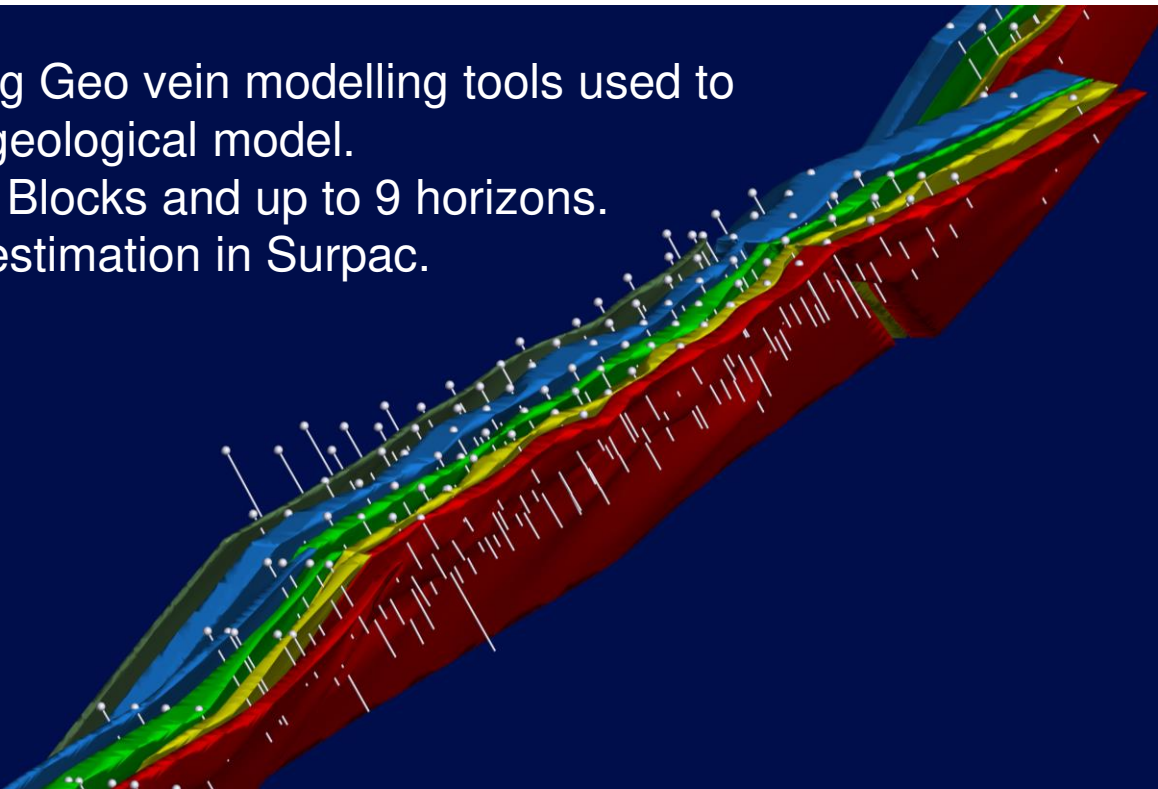




# Gabanintha outcropping massive magnetite horizon



Leapfrog Geo vein modelling tools used to  
create geological model.  
24 fault Blocks and up to 9 horizons.  
Grade estimation in Surpac.





# Vanadium Resource

## Large high-grade resource

Material	JORC Resource Class	Million Tonnes	V <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> %	Fe%	TiO <sub>2</sub> %	SiO <sub>2</sub> %	Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> %	LOI%
High grade	Measured	10.2	1.06	41.6	12.0	11.6	8.6	4.2
	Indicated	4.8	1.04	41.9	11.5	12.0	8.0	3.6
	Inferred	77.8	0.94	41.2	10.7	12.7	7.9	3.3
<b>Subtotal High Grade</b>		<b>92.8</b>	<b>0.96</b>	<b>41.3</b>	<b>10.9</b>	<b>12.6</b>	<b>8.0</b>	<b>3.4</b>
Low grade	Indicated	20.5	0.52	24.3	7.1	27.9	17.6	8.4
	Inferred	61.8	0.52	26.2	7.0	26.9	16.1	7.2
<b>Subtotal Low grade</b>		<b>82.4</b>	<b>0.51</b>	<b>25.7</b>	<b>7.0</b>	<b>27.2</b>	<b>16.5</b>	<b>7.5</b>
Subtotal Measured	Measured	10.2	1.06	41.6	12.0	11.6	8.6	4.2
Subtotal Indicated	Indicated	25.4	0.62	27.7	7.9	24.9	15.8	7.5
Subtotal inferred	Inferred	144.1	0.75	34.4	9.0	19.2	11.7	5.2
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>179.6</b>	<b>0.75</b>	<b>33.8</b>	<b>9.0</b>	<b>19.6</b>	<b>12.1</b>	<b>5.4</b>

Note: – Mineral Resource estimate by domain and resource classification using a nominal 0.4% V<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> wireframed cutoff for low grade and nominal 0.7% V<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> wireframed cut-off for high grade (total numbers may not add up due to rounding)

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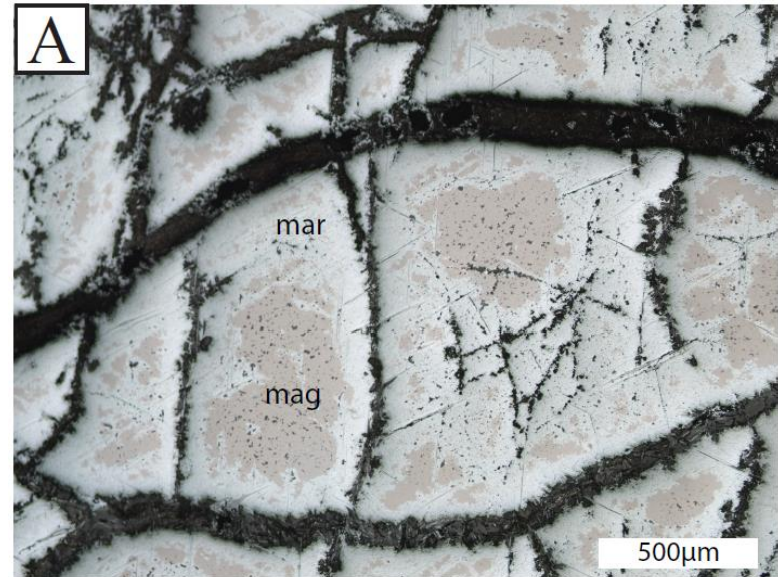
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# Metallurgical Test Work

## Prior studies support further work

- High recovery rates from all ore types, including oxidised materials
- Strong recoveries achieved from coarse grind sizes, scope to maintain low operating costs
- Concentrate grades up to 1.5%  $V_2O_5$  achieved from high grade ores
- High vanadium content (+2%  $V_2O_5$ ) in magnetite identified in high and low grade ore types
- Opportunities to reduce silica content in concentrate, benefiting both capex and recovery.
- Titanium readily recovered to concentrates demonstrates potential for additional revenue options
- Detailed Mineralogy and Petrology analysis completed at CET , UWA. Findings complement Met studies



Weathered high-grade ore showing un-oxidised magnetite grain cores

# Metallurgical work to focus on key drivers

Definitive work underway to advance towards development decision

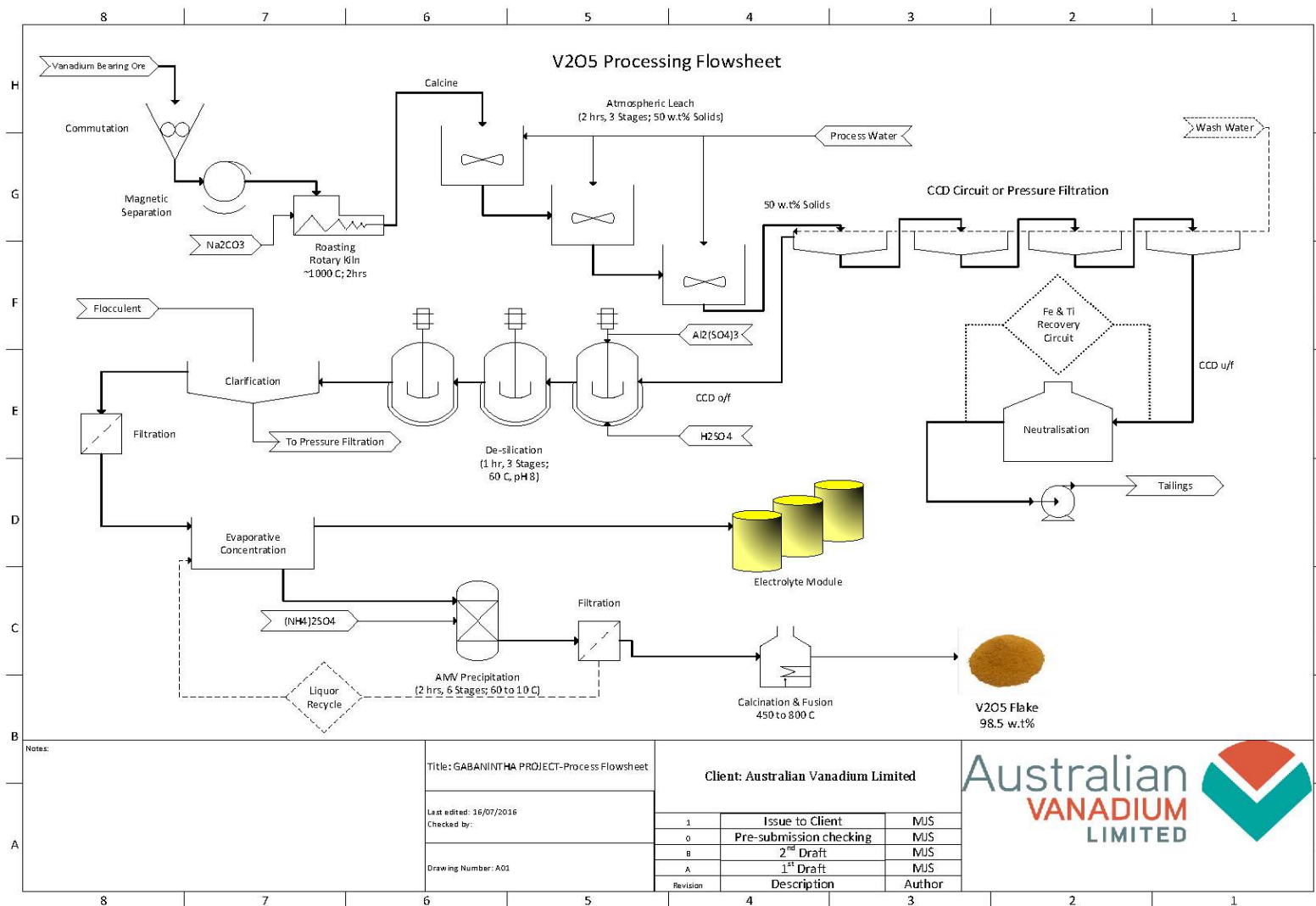
- Key drivers have been identified to ensure project success
  - Mining cost
  - Stripping ratio
  - Vanadium ore feed grade to CMB plant
  - Water availability, consumption and recovery
  - Mass yield of ore to concentrate
  - Concentrate vanadium grade (V in mag con)
  - Power cost
  - Cost and distance of transportation
  - Reagent costs



Geos and Mets should always be best friends

# Gabanintha Concept Study

## Proposed Process Flowsheet

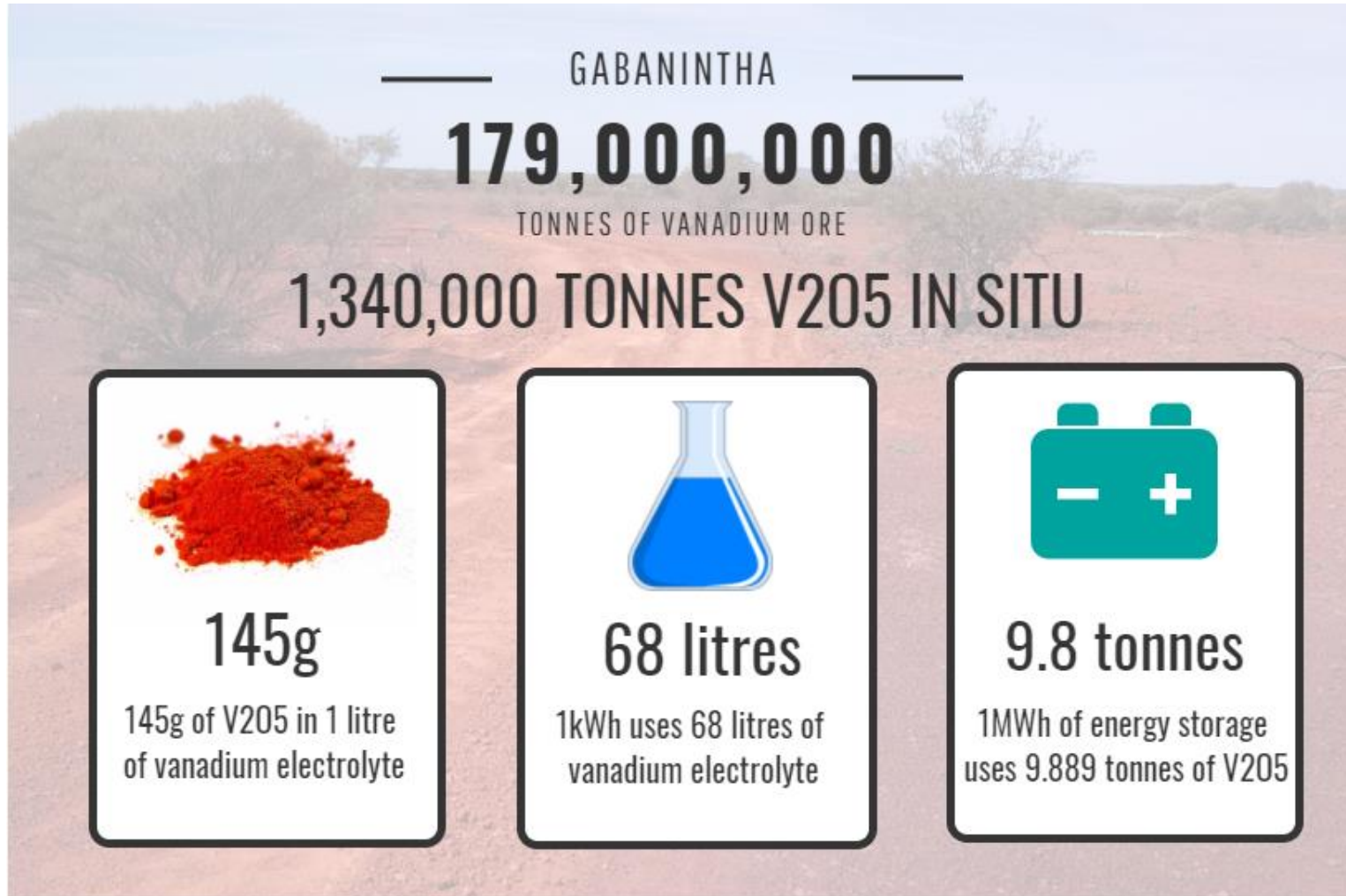




# Vanadium Markets: Energy Storage

# Vanadium Consumption in VRFB

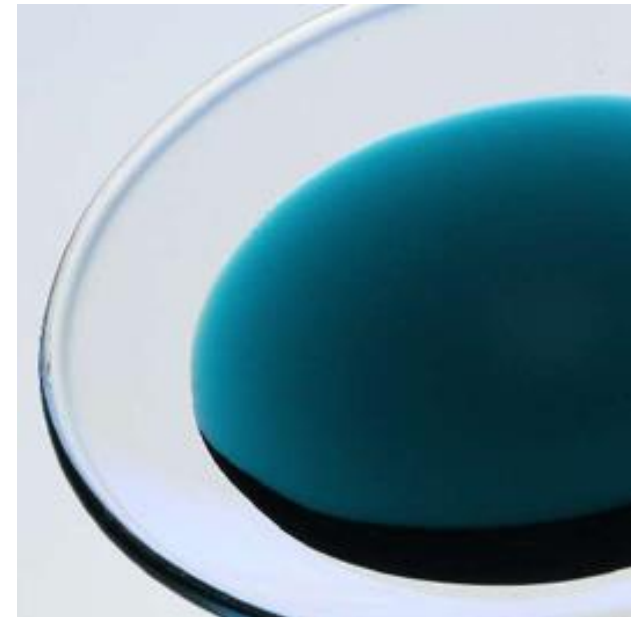
Vanadium consumption in Energy Storage creates potential market shift



# V-electrolyte & VRFBs

VRFBs designed around the electrolyte

- » 1970s first flow battery Fe-Cr
- » 1980s vanadium redox flow battery (VRFB): One-element only many benefits
  - › **V able to maintain 4 oxidation states in solution**
  - › **No impurities – ore/process dependent**
- » Vanadium electrolyte = energy store = battery “fuel”
- » Acidic solution of **equimolar** V(III) & V(IV) sulphates
  - ›  $[V] = 1.6 \text{ M}$   $[H_2SO_4] = 4.4 \text{ M}$
  - › 145g  $V_2O_5/L$
- » Advantages and Limitations
  - ☑ **1 metal element – no cross-contamination (Zn-Br)**
  - ☑ **All liquid - no electroplating (lead sulphate)**
  - ☑ **Indefinite chemical lifetime – a reversible reaction**
  - ☑ **Thermally stable**
  - ☑ **No heavy metals**
  - ☑ **Separate power (kW) from energy (kWh)**
  - ☒ **Low energy density – lots of liquid required**
  - ☒ **Low cell voltage 1.26V**
  - ☒ **H<sub>2</sub> evolution – H<sub>2</sub>O Electrolysis 1.23V**



# Redox

## Equations Governing VRFB

### Two Liquid phase reversible reactions:



$$E^{\circ} = 0.26 \text{ V}$$



$$E^{\circ} = 1 \text{ V}$$

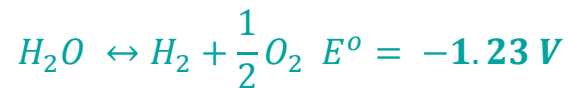
Adding anolyte & catholyte voltages gives OCV

- Open Cell Voltage (OCV) for VRB is  $0.26\text{V} + 1\text{V} = \underline{1.26\text{V}}$

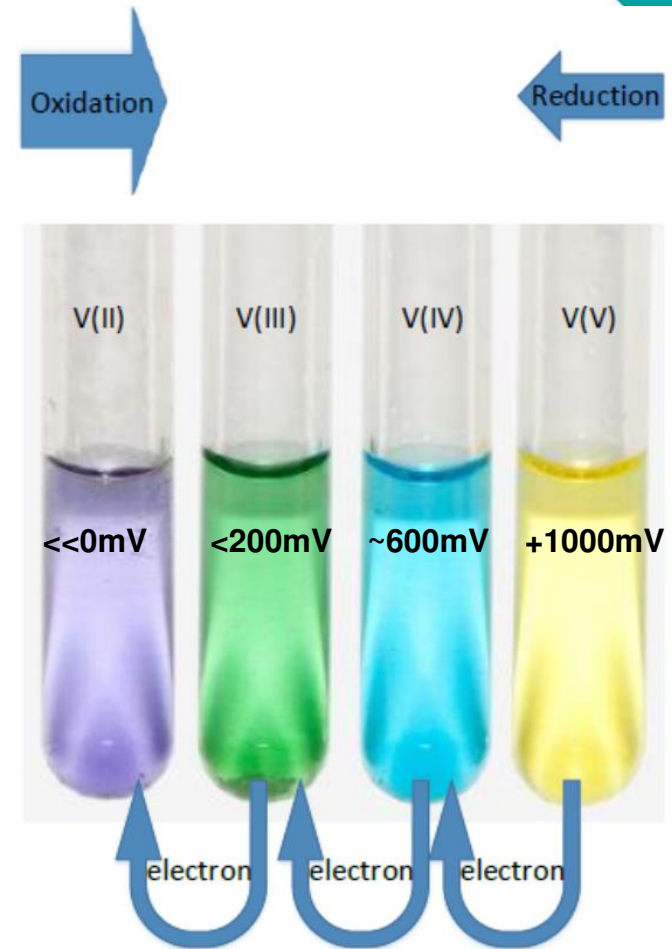
Lithium Ion:



Hydrolysis of Water:



(can occur in overpotential situation and high SOC)







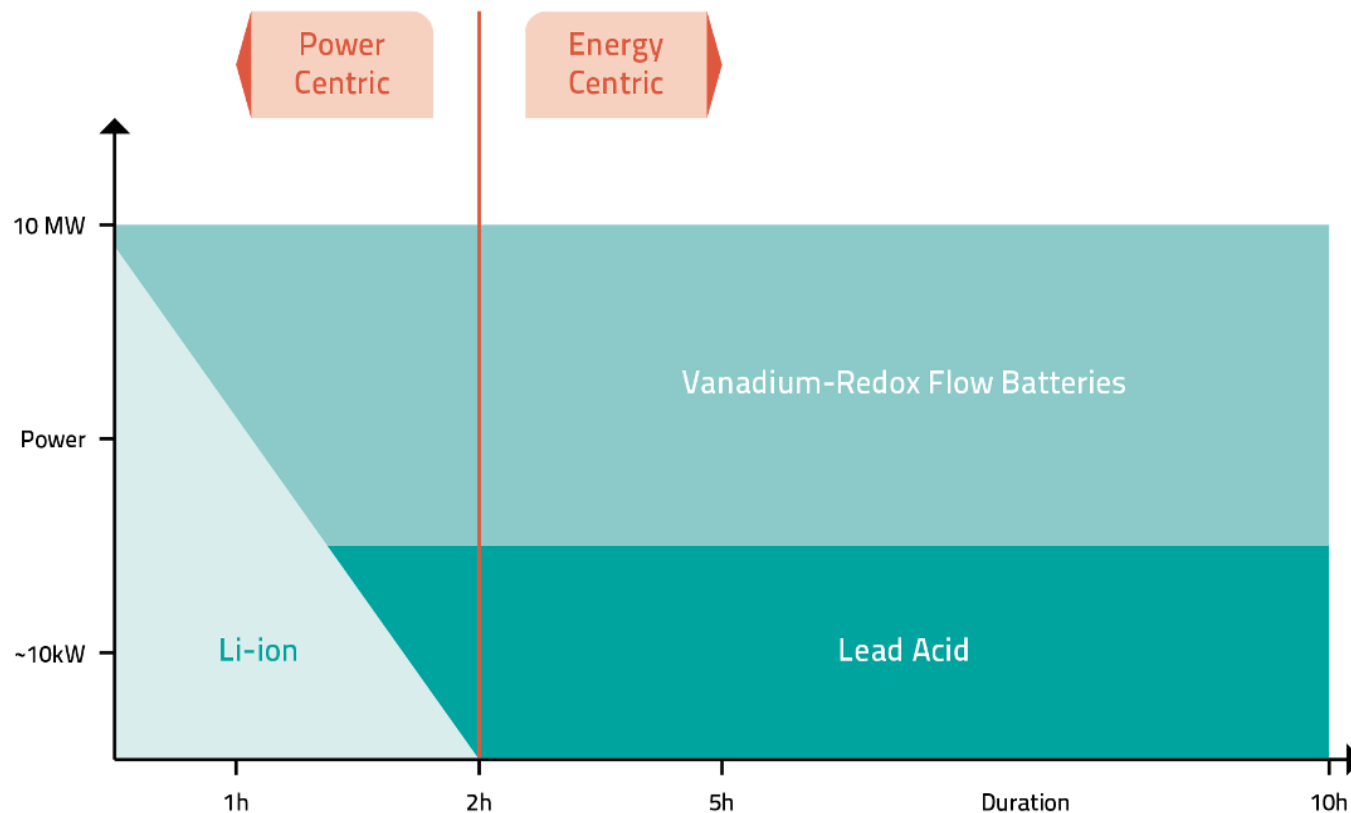
## Flow Battery Installation Completed

Rural site benefitting from Solar PV plus CellCube to shift to 90% renewable energy self consumption. First opening into large Australian market.

# Vanadium in Energy Storage

Defining the space for flow battery technology

- » Vanadium Redox Flow Batteries provide a unique ability to significantly time-shift very large amounts of previously generated energy (ideal for renewable energy capture and despatch).

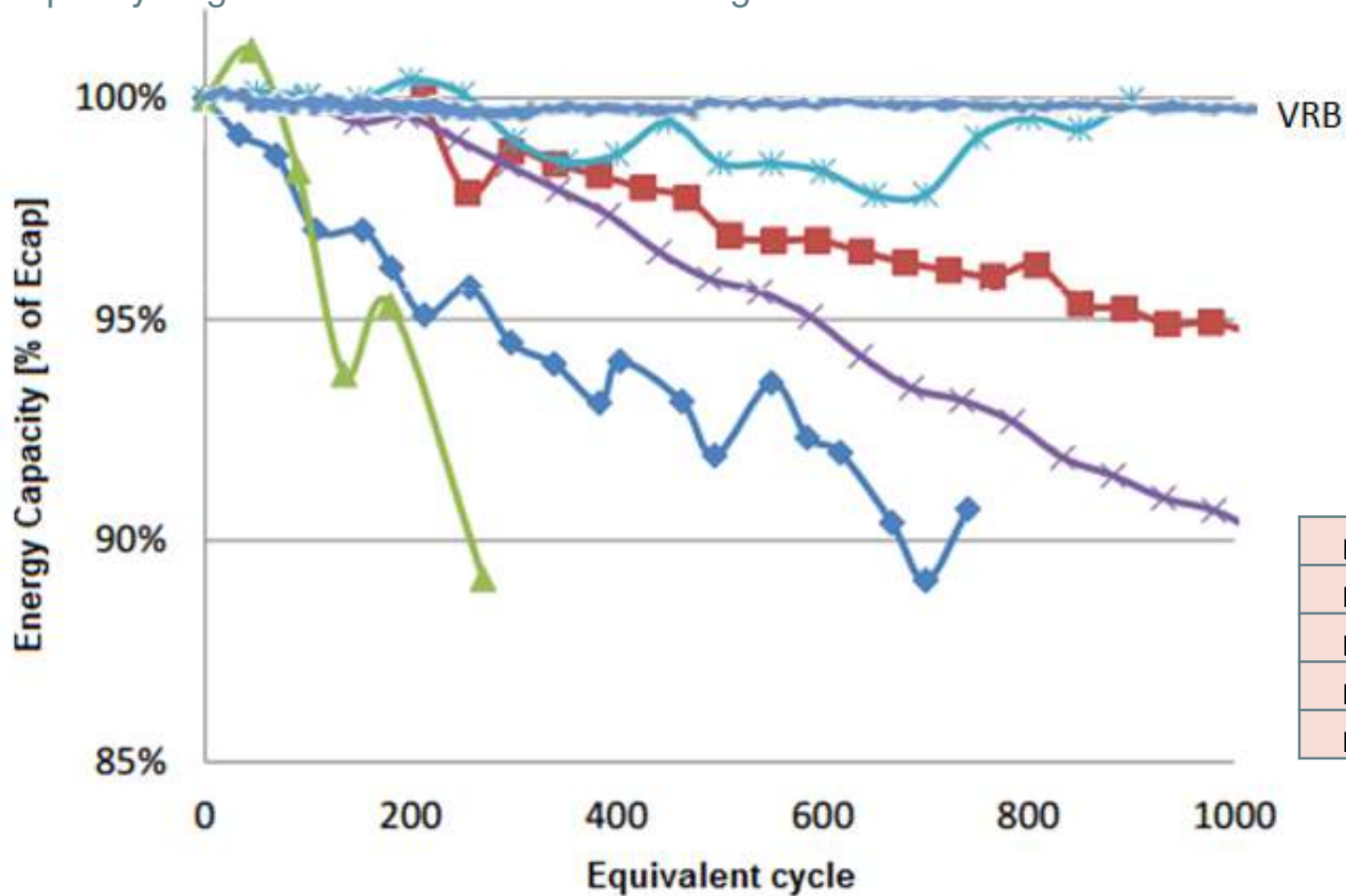


Source: GILDEMEISTER Energy Storage



# Comparison: Li-ion & VRFB

Capacity degradation as a function of usage



Li 1	NCA	NiCoAl
Li 2	NCM	NiCoMn
Li 3	LFP	LiFeP
Li 4	LMO	LiMnOx
Li 5	LTO	LiTiOx



▲ Lithium 1  
 ✕ Lithium 2  
 ◆ Lithium 3  
 ■ Lithium 4  
 ✱ Lithium 5

# Vanadium vs Lithium: Key Comparisons

## THE SUPPLY SOLUTION FOR GRID STORAGE

### VANADIUM VS LITHIUM

Redox Batteries (VRB) Batteries

		
Number of Cycles (Lifespan)	Indefinite	~6,000 Max (3-5 yrs)
Suitable for Grid Scale Storage & Load Leveling	✓	✗
Efficient Storage for Solar & Wind Power	✓	✓
No Risk of Fire or Explosion Due to Overheating	✓	✗
Scalable to Meet Unlimited Range of Storage Capacity	✓	✗
Charges & Discharges Simultaneously	✓	✗
Battery Solution Can be Used & Re-Used Indefinitely	✓	✗
Thermal Runaway	✗	✓
Can Release Energy Instantaneously	✓	✓
Storage Ability Does Not Degrade Over Time	✓	✗
Reduced Cell Management/Monitoring With Increasing Scale	✓	✗
Low Environmental Footprint	✓	✗
High Energy Density & Short Life	✗	✓
Ability to Meet the Energy Storage Requirements Anticipated in the Future	✓	✗



# Redox Battery Market Beckons in Australia

Can the VRFB be the ultimate grid energy storage solution for Australia?

- » Rising power costs: VRFBs can reduce power bills by peak/off-peak shifting and demand management
- » Australia has world's most extended networks: many fringe-of-grid and off-grid opportunities exist
- » Battery storage strongly on political agenda: efforts to reduce power price rises and carbon dependency
- » VRFB rollout can assist with Australian networks primary goal – capital cost deferment
- » Australian storage market expected to grow to 3000MWh by 2030 (CEC Report 2012).
- » VSUN Energy actively identifying multiple residential and commercial storage opportunities, ranging from 5kW of power with 15kWh of energy storage to 40MW of power with 160MWh of energy storage.

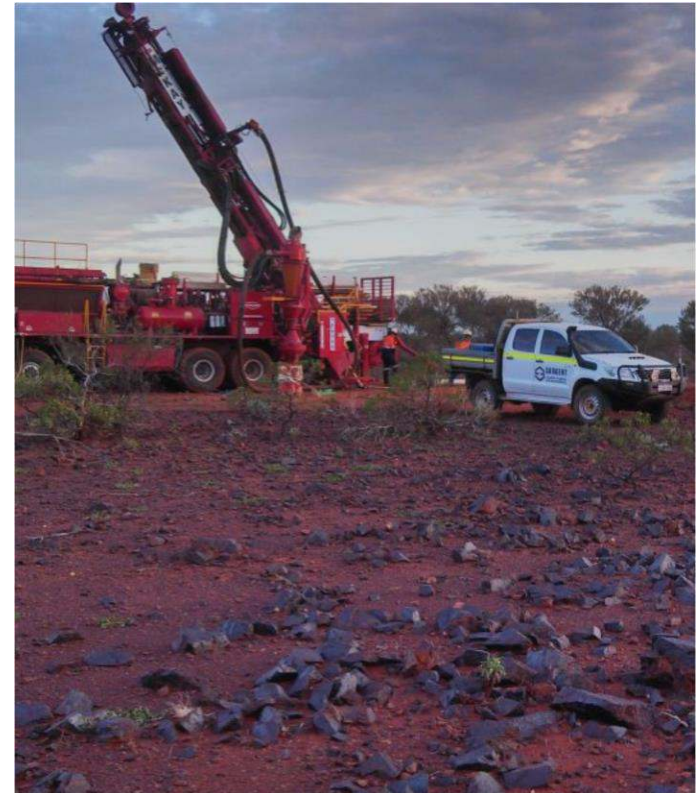


# Australian Vanadium:

An active company advancing a unique integration strategy focused on vanadium

## Highlights

- » High quality, high tonnage Gabanintha resource moving towards project development.
- » Previous concept engineering studies support project advancement. Key processing studies underway.
- » Targeting vanadium steel producers and battery manufacturers for offtake and project involvement.
- » Technical, Environmental and Heritage activity underway to advance project toward feasibility study in 2018
- » Significant interest and demand identified for commercial scale solar and vanadium battery storage solutions in Australian urban and rural environments.



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