Altech Chemicals Limited (ASX:ATC)

### **Company Presentation Gold Coast Investment Showcase**

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# To be a world leading producer of high purity alumina (HPA)



## **Our Vision**



- Sapphire & Ruby natural form of high purity alumina (HPA)
- Formed by mother nature like diamonds
- Colour from impurities
- Extremely hard no. 9 on Mohs scale
- Third hardest mineral behind diamond
- Scratch-resistant artificial sapphire glass made from HPA

Sapphire Gemstone



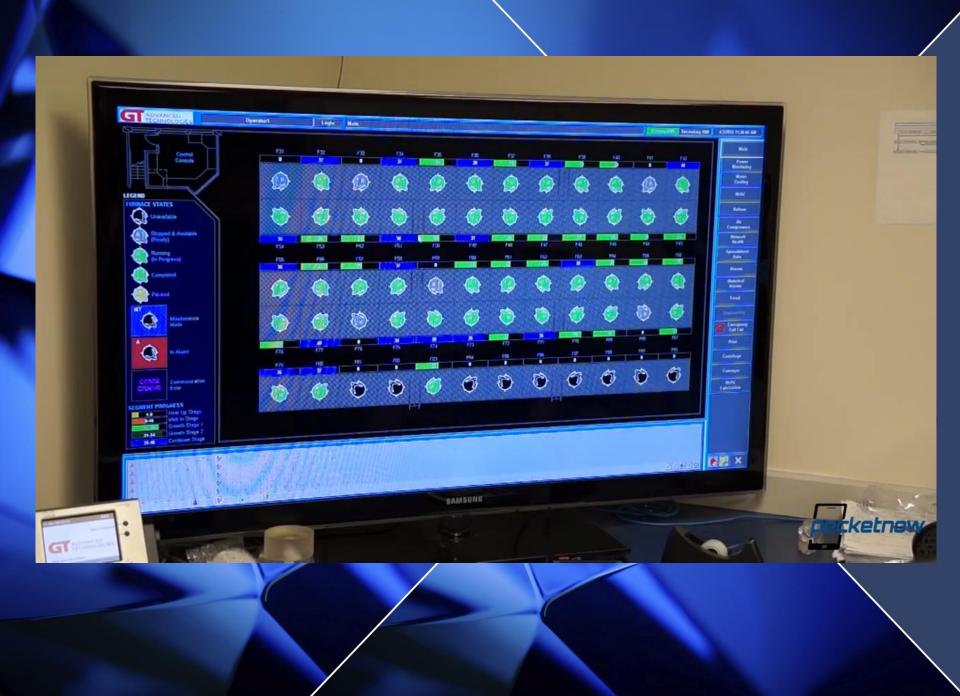
- Purified alumina (Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>)
- Greater than 99.99% (4N) purity
- Maximum allowable impurities of 100ppm
- Smelter Grade Alumina (SGA) ~ 99.5% (5,000 ppm impurities mainly sodium)
- Bayer Process uses sodium hydroxide (NaOH)
- Sodium impurity is problem for electronics industry
- Alumina has been used for decades
- Corrosion, abrasion, heat, electrical resistance

## What is HPA?



- HPA is placed in an autoclave
- Heated to >2,000°C melting point under intense pressure
- Forms single crystal sapphire (boule)
- Allowed to cool slowly 22 day cycle
- Diamond cutting equipment to cut sapphire shapes
- Heat & scratch resistant

Artificial Sapphire Process









Smelter Grade Alumina SGA 99.5% \$0.4 per Kg

High Purity Alumina HPA 99.9% (3N) \$1 -10 per Kg High Purity Alumina HPA 99.99% (4N) \$10-50 per Kg

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High Purity Alumina HPA 99.999% (5N) \$50-150 per Kg

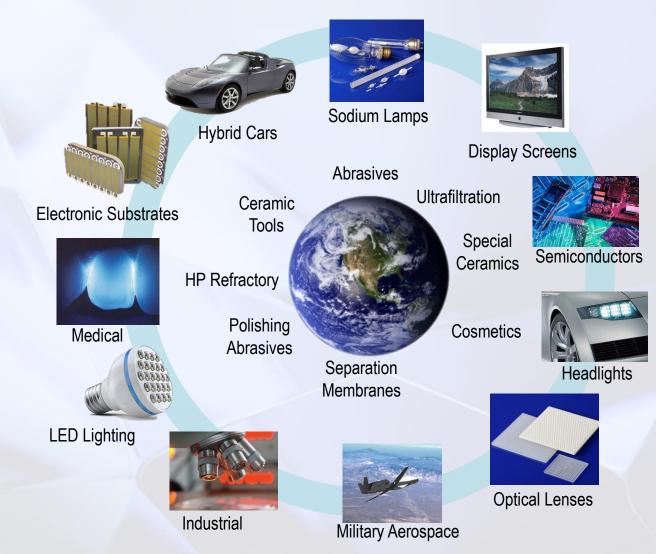
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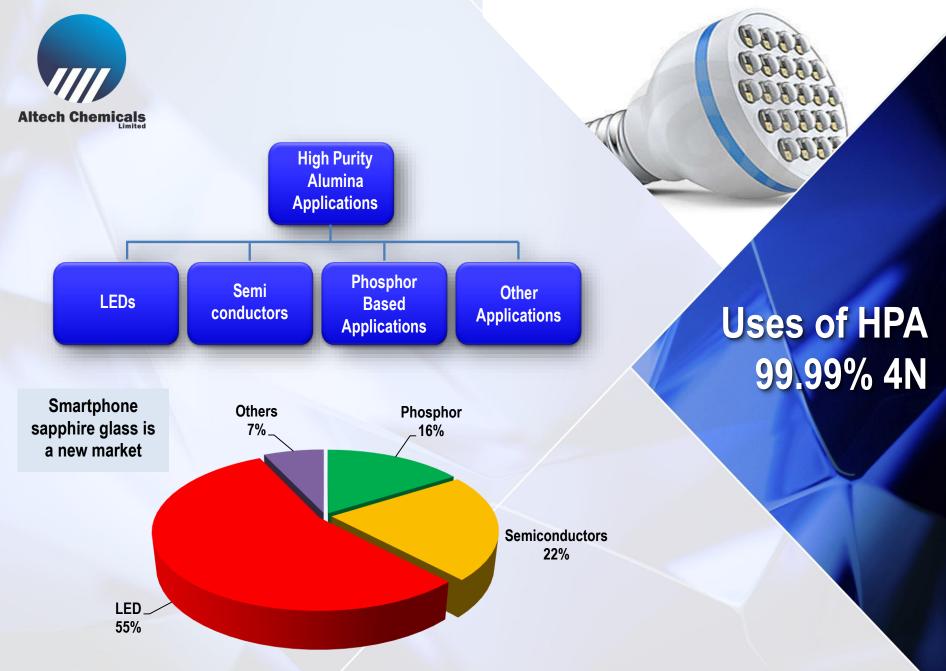
High Price for Purity

**Our Target Business** 



### Welcome to the World of HPA





Source: Technavio Research "2014-2018 Global High-purity Alumina Market"





#### **Technavio Research**

- Global HPA demand 19,040tpa in 2014
- Expected to increase to 48,230tpa by 2018
- Growing at a CAGR of 28%

#### **QY Research**

- Global HPA demand 24,550tpa in 2014
- Expected to grow to 36,000tpa in 2017
- Growing at a CAGR of 16%

## Demand for HPA



#### 60.0 48.2 50.0 39.9 40.0 32.4 30.0 25.3 19.0 20.0 14.1 10.0 0.0 2017 2013 2014 2015 2016 2018 Volume ktpa

#### **HPA Demand & Growth Forecast**

Source: Technavio Research "2014-2018 Global High-purity Alumina Market"

Global shipments of LED lamps forecast to increase from 864 m in 2015 to 4.1 billion by 2024 - Navigant Research

Source: 'LED Lighting: Global Outlook'

## Demand for HPA



- Apple moving to chic wearable vs geeky tech
- Glass is all Sapphire
- Wearable tech items 45.7m, up 133%
- By 2019, 126m units (ave growth 45%)
- Apple Watch will raise the profile of wearables
- Profile of sapphire glass will be raised globally
- Long term benefit and exposure for Altech

Apple Watch





Estimate 30g<sup>1</sup> of HPA in an iPhone sapphire glass screen

Non scratch saponite glass

- 500 million smartphones sold per year
- If sapphire glass technology was implemented
  - It would require about 15,000tpa of HPA
  - That's four of our proposed 4,000tpa plant

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- There will be a HPA supply deficit
- Altech is in the right space!

HPA Demand from Smartphones

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High end Vertu TI with sapphire crystal screen

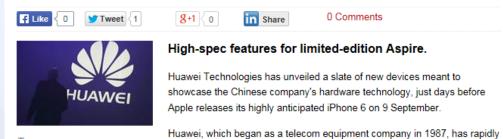
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Rest will follow

## Huawei beats Apple to sapphire glass smartphone

By Reuters Staff on Sep 7, 2014 10:11 PM Filed under Mobility



Smartphones Sapphire Crystal Screen



#### New Foxconn plant reported to make sapphire displays for iPhones

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#### Taipei, Nov. 25 (CNA) Taiwan's Foxconn Technology Group, a major supplier of Apple Inc.'s iPhones and iPads, has decided to build a new factory in China to produce sapphire displays for next-generation iPhones, according to a Chinese media report.

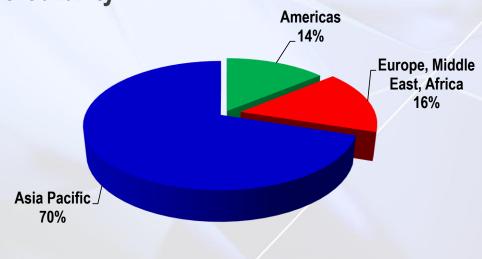
## More Sapphire Display Factories

"company (Apple) continues to cautiously evaluate the adoption of the scratch-resistant screens to ensure that there are sufficient supplies" Focus Taiwan News Channel



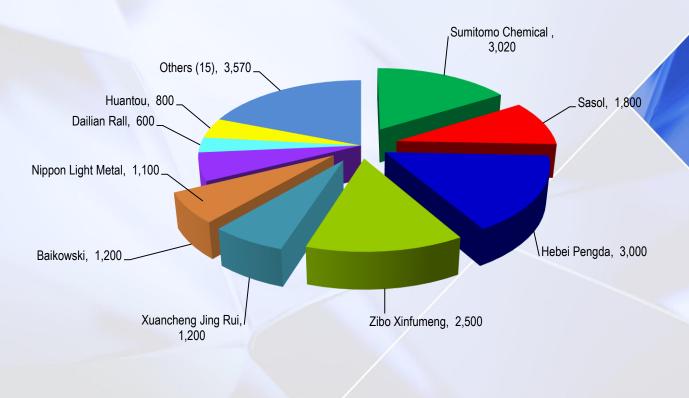
- 70% of HPA demand Asia Pacific region (APEC)
- Region for the world's manufacturing
- Altech's HPA plant (Malaysia) well-positioned
  to service APEC region
- Transport, customer service, technical credibility

HPA Geographic Demand





- Six largest HPA producers
- 3 Chinese, 1 Japanese, 1 Sth African, 1 French



## Current HPA Producers

Technavio Research



### **Altech's Differentiation**







- Processed by mother nature
- Very low Iron (Fe) due to weathering
- Silica is non reactive easily removed

Typical bauxile deposit

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	Bauxite Darling Range *	Canadian HPA Project	Altech HPA Project	
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> (%)	34.5	22.77	30.5	
SiO <sub>2</sub> (%)	21.5	53.29	56.3	
Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> (%)	21.2	8.36	0.7	
TiO <sub>2</sub> (%)	2.00	0.98	0.7	
K <sub>2</sub> O (%)	0.24	3.41	0.1	
NaO (%)	0.005	1.42	0.1	

## Low-impurity Aluminous Clay Feedstock

Typical Mean Analysis



- Altech owns 100% of deposit in W Aust
- Landowner agreement in place
- No native title
- Low environmental impact
- Previously mined for kaolin trial pit
- Low stripping ratio
- 65Mt JORC Resource
- 130kms from Fremantle Port

Meckering Aluminous Clay Deposit



- Majors like Sumitomo, Sasol:
  - **o** Aluminum alkoxide from Al metal
- Chinese producers:
  - Choline Dissolving AI foil in choline
- All use relatively expensive feedstock
- Altech aluminous clay 5 times cheaper than Al metal feedstock

Feedstock	USD per 100% Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>		
Aluminium Metal	\$1,052 /t		
Aluminous Clay	\$220 /t		

## Current HPA Feedstock Costs



- Use a standard HCI leach process
- Standard metal extraction
- Developed in 1980's by alumina industry
- Couldn't compete with Bayer SGA costs
- But great at producing HPA (no sodium ions)
- However little demand of HPA in 1980s
- Demand of HPA is here today

Altech's HPA Process



#### New HPA Demand + Established Process + Great Deposit + Experienced People → Shareholder Value



Altech Business Strategy

*"the last piece of the puzzle is in place"* 

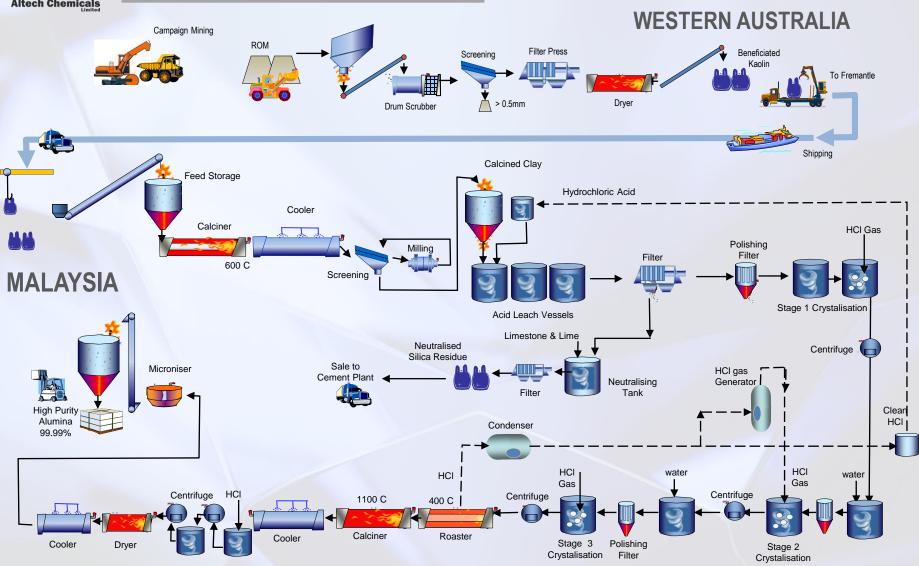


- Started development work in early 2011
- Many studies and testwork programs
- No issues about producing 99.99% HPA
- Supporting lab pilot plant test work
- Hydromet process not complex
- Conventional proven plant and equipment
- Integrated Plant Study (IPS) completed
- IPS Opex estimate of A\$8.6 /kg

Development Program To Date



#### **Altech HPA Process**





- To be a top HPA producer in the world
- Launched BFS for 4,000tpa HPA
- BFS completion: end Q3 2015
- In parallel, progress permitting, approvals, funding, off- take agreements etc.
- Subject to funding:
  - In position to order long lead capital items
  - Then detailed design, site works, construction
- Continuous laboratory pilot plant work

Bankable Feasibility Study (BFS)

**HPA** 

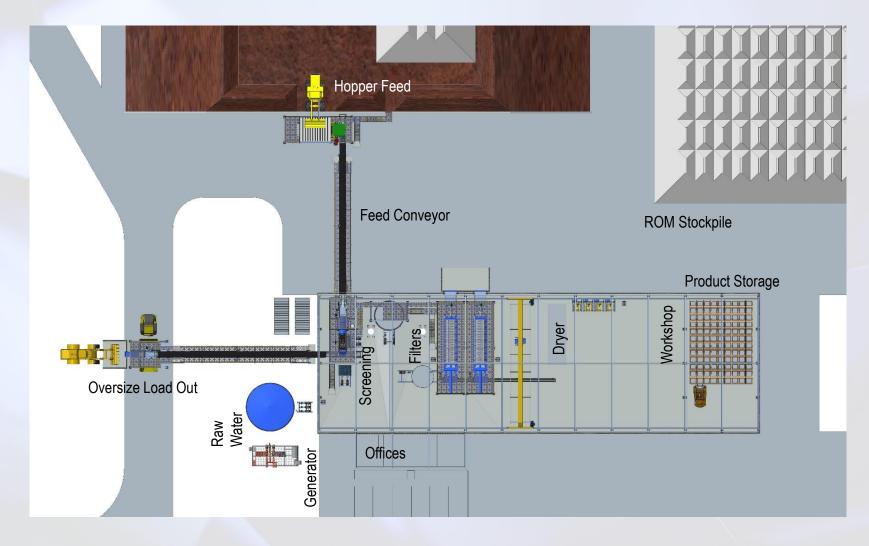
**High Purity** 

Alumina HPA Grade 99.99% (4Ν) Τγρε α ΑΙ,0,

20kg

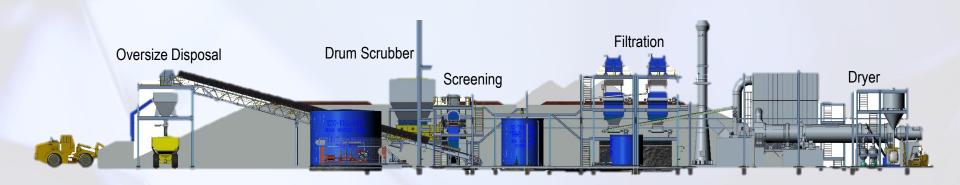


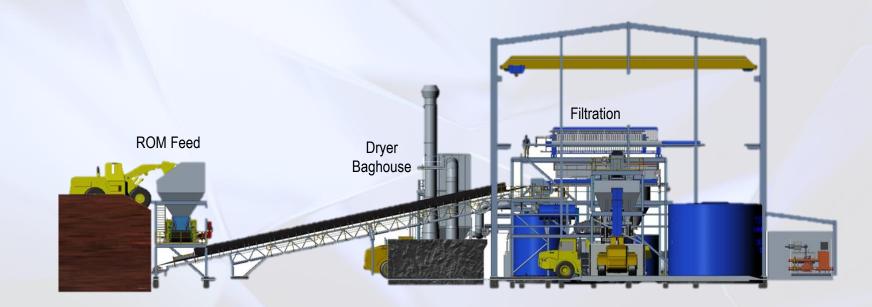
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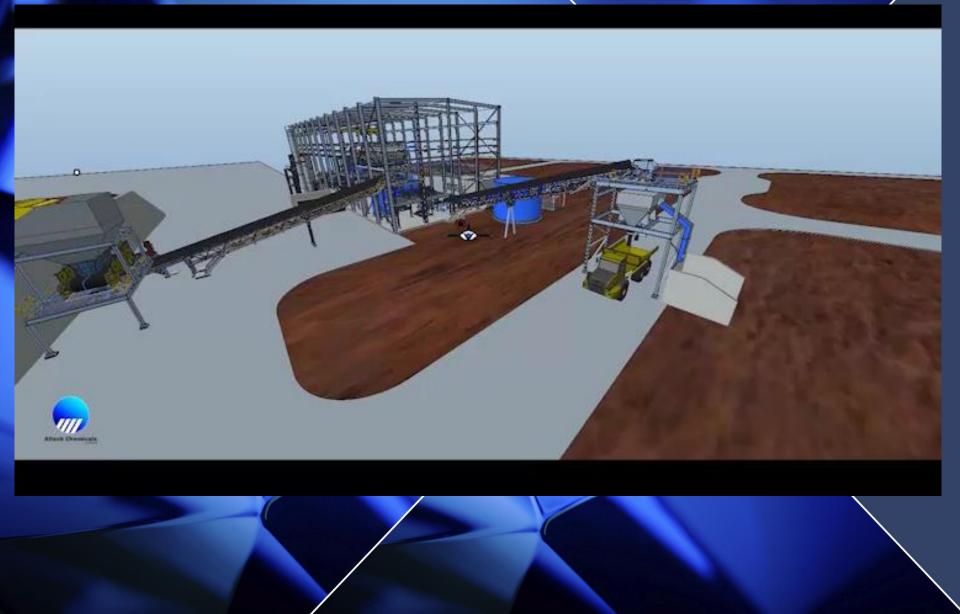


#### **Meckering Plant**





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### **Beneficiated Kaolin Shipping**





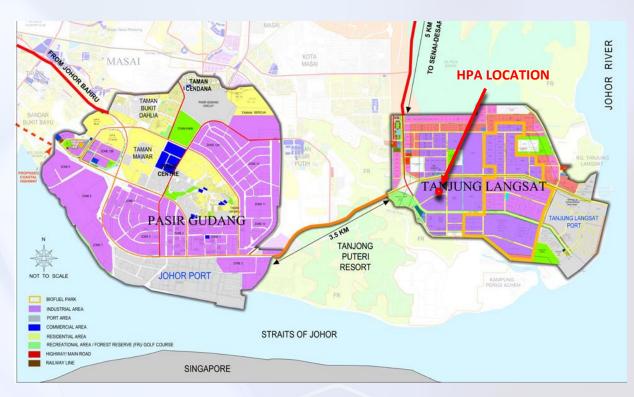
- Tanjung Langsat Industrial Park, Johor Bahru (Malaysia)
- Al clay feedstock shipped from WA
- Operating costs ~40% lower than Australia
- Capital costs expected to be 50-60% lower
- Anticipates opex in the bottom quartile of global HPA producers
- Letter of Intent (LOI) submitted for land

## HPA Preferred Location



### **Malaysian HPA Operation**

**Altech Chemicals** 



- Hydrochloric acid, sulphuric acid, power & natural gas
- Cement plants to purchase silica residue
- International container sea-port & Singapore
- **Investment incentives**



## Malaysia HPA Plant





- IPS pilot plant opex around A\$8.6 /kg
- Breakaway estimates competitors \$14-\$17 /kg
- HPA sells for around A\$23 /kg
- Bottom quartile for operating costs Why?
- 1. We own our feedstock
- 2. Large scale economy 4,000 tpa one train
- 3. Main reactant HCI re-used
- 4. Minimal impurity removal costs
- 5. Plant in low cost country (Malaysia)

Bottom Quartile for Op Costs



#### **EV/EBITDA Multiple Valuation**

- 7.5 x EV / EBITDA multiple, Price \$20/kg, Opex \$8/kg
  = \$360m evaluation
- **DCF Valuation**
- Disc @10%, Price \$20kg, Opex \$8/kg
  = \$260m Evaluation

Indicative EV/EBITDA Valuation – 4,000tpa 4N HPA Operation									
		Total Operating Cost (A\$/tonne)							
		\$7,000	\$8,000	\$9,000	\$10,000	\$11,000			
4N HPA Price	\$17,500	\$315m	\$285m	\$255m	\$225m	\$195m			
	\$20,000	\$390m	\$360m	\$330m	\$300m	\$270m			
	\$22,500	\$465m	\$435m	\$405m	\$375m	\$345m			
	\$25,000	\$540m	\$510m	\$480m	\$450m	\$420m			
	\$27,500	\$615m	\$585m	\$555m	\$525m	\$495m			

Breakaway Research Evaluation

Source: Breakaway analysis



Right Place Right Time Right Feedstock Right Technology High Purity Alumina Ha Grade 99.99% (4N) Market Server Migh Purity Alumina HPA Grade 99.99% (4N) Type Or Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> Market Chemical Market Chem

25kg Product of Australia

Thank you



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Technical information in this report is based on information compiled by Mr Michael O'Mara, B.Sc. Geology, Altech Chief Geologist and a member of the Australasian Institute of Geoscientists. Mr O'Mara has sufficient exploration experience which is relevant to the styles of mineralisation and types of deposit under consideration and to the activity which he is undertaking to qualify as a Competent Person as defined in the 2012 Edition of the 'Australasian Code for Reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves' ("JORC 2004"). Mr O'Mara consents to the inclusion in this release of the matters based on his information in the form and context in which it appears.