Altech Chemicals Limited (ASX:ATC)

#### Low Emission & Technology Mineral Conference

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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
- Nearly as hard as diamond (Moh 9)

Sapphire Gemstone



- Purified alumina (Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>)
- Greater than 99.99% (4N) purity
- 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

## What is HPA?







**High Purity** Alumina HPA 99.9% (3N) \$6,000 per t

**High Purity** 

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Alumina



HPR SUBSTRIE FOR LEDS

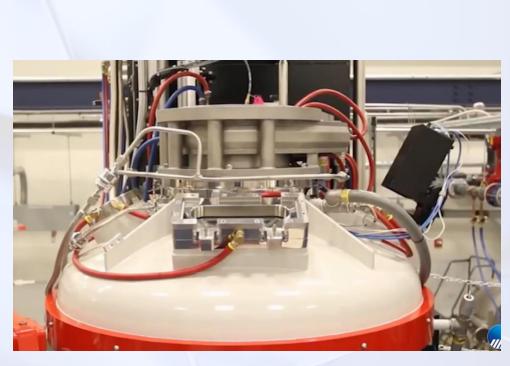
**High Purity** Alumina HPA 99.99% (4N) HPA 99.999% (5N) \$23,000 per t \$50,000 per t

**High Price** for Purity

#### **Our Target Business**



#### **Sapphire Production**



HPA Furnance



Sapphire crystal boule



#### **Sapphire Wafer Production**

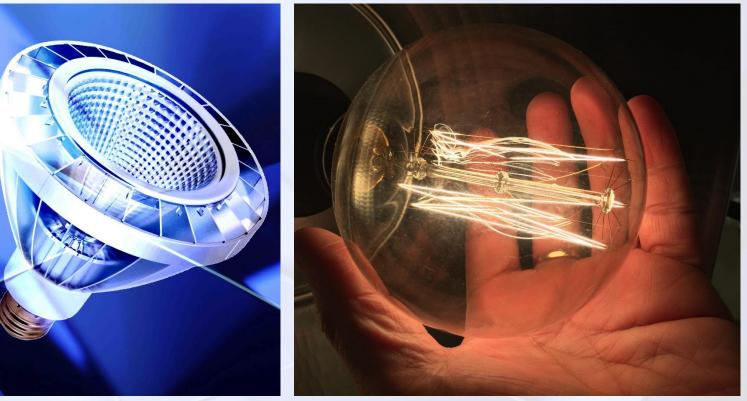


Sapphire wafer

Sapphire glass screen

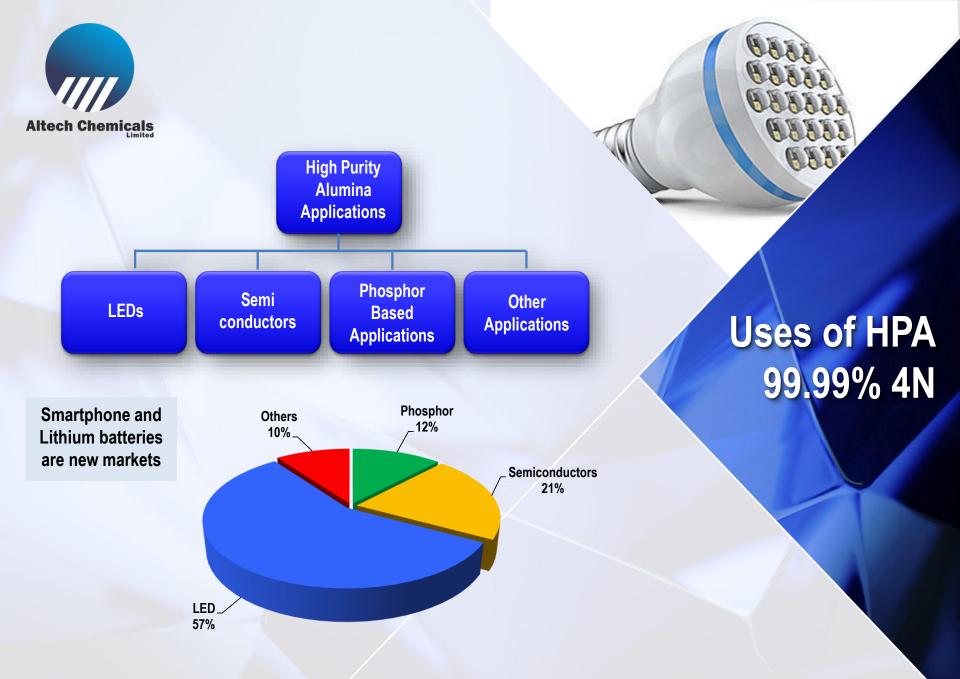


#### LEDs lights of the future



Conventional LEDs

New LED products





- Global HPA demand 25,315tpa in 2016<sup>1</sup>
- Expected to increase to 86,831tpa by 2024<sup>1</sup>
- Growing at a CAGR of 17%
- Driven by LED growth & Lithium batteries
- Entering a fast growing market

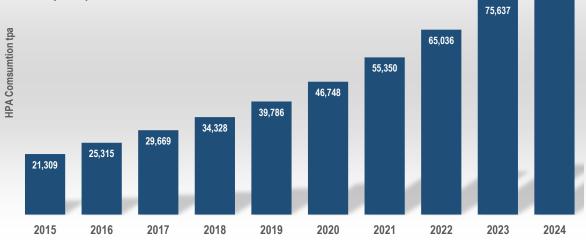
Demand for HPA

Source: Persistence Research "High Purity Alumina Market – Global Industry Analysis and Forecast 2016-2014



#### Global High Purity Alumina Forecast 2015 - 2014

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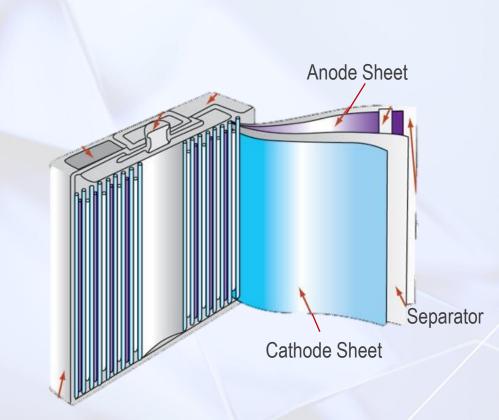
### Demand for HPA

86.831

Global LED lamps forecast - 864 million in 2015 to 4.1 billion by 2024 Source: 'LED Lighting: Global Outlook'



#### **Lithium Battery Separator**

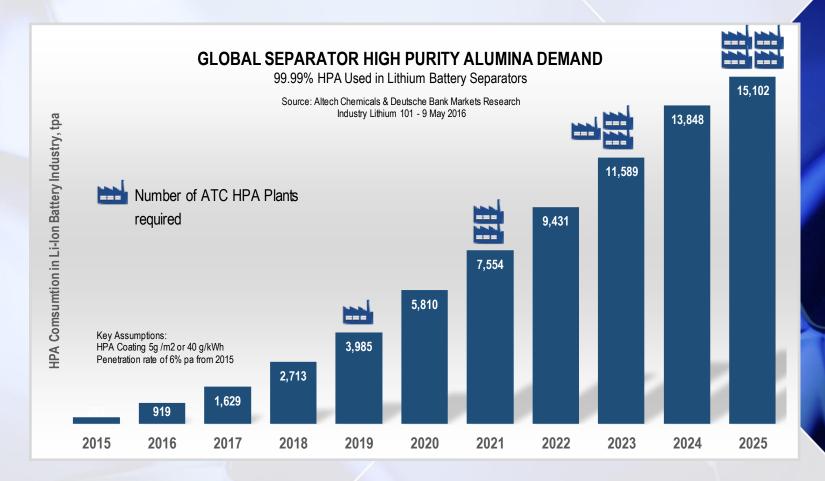




#### HPA used in lithium batteries



#### **HPA Separator Forecast**





High end Vertu TI with sapphire crystal screen

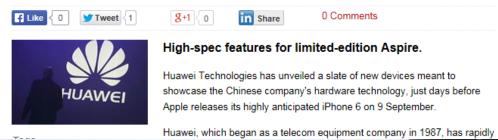
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Rumour iPhone 8 will be sapphire

## Huawei beats Apple to sapphire glass smartphone





#### Smartphones Sapphire Crystal Screen

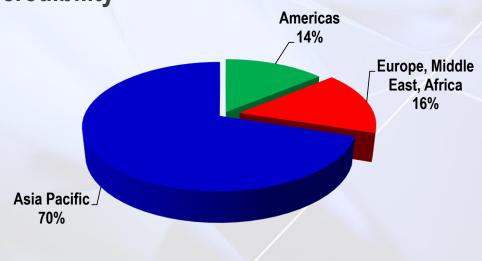
#### **Sapphire Glass Scratch Test**





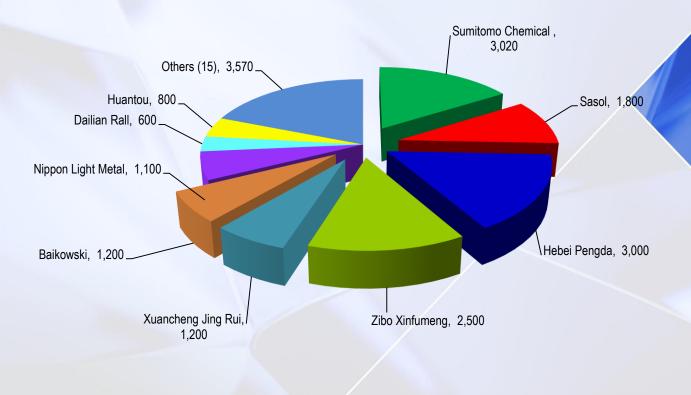
- 70% of HPA demand Asia Pacific region (APEC)
- Region for the world's manufacturing
- Altech's HPA plant (Malaysia) well-positioned
  to service APEC region
- Transport, customer service, technical credibility

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

Atechauminous day deposit

	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
- Low environmental impact
- 12 Mt JORC Resource
- > 250 year mine life
- 130kms from Fremantle Port
- Mining lease granted

## Meckering Kaolin Deposit

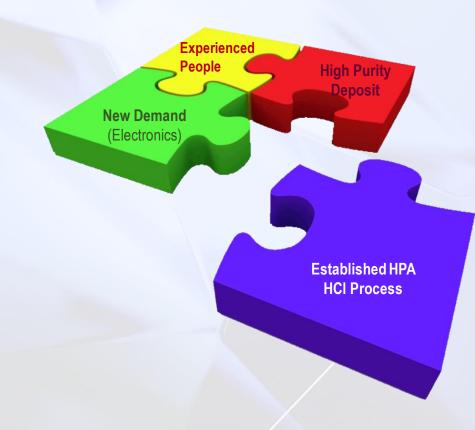


- Use a standard HCI leach process
- Developed in 1980's by alumina industry
- Couldn't compete with Bayer SGA costs
- But great at producing HPA (no sodium ions)
- However little demand of HPA in 1980s
- Demand of HPA is here today

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 work in early 2011
- Many studies and testwork programs
- No issues about producing 99.99% HPA
- Supporting lab pilot plant test work
- Off the shelf plant and equipment
- Bankable Feasibility Study completed

#### Development Program To Date

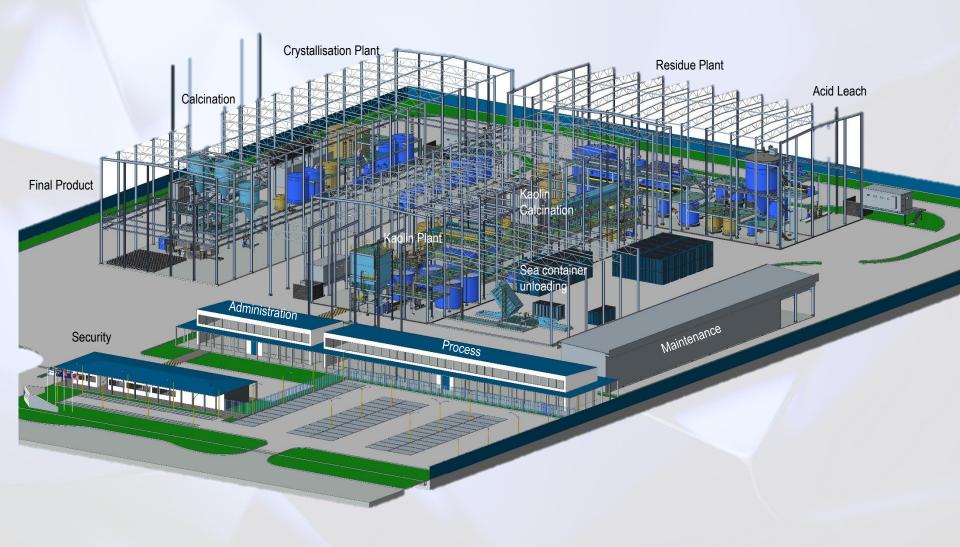


- Lower quartile costs
- Kaolin feedstock shipped from WA
- Chemical industrial park
- Sea container ports
- Site secured
- Malaysian government incentives

HPA Site Location Johor

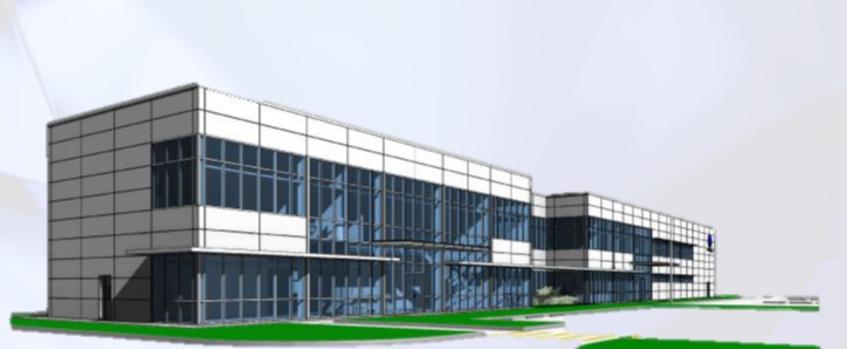


#### **Altech's HPA Plant - Malaysia**





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**Proposed HPA plant office** 



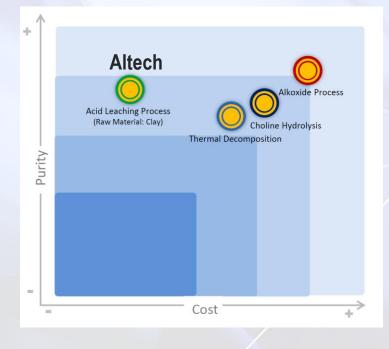
- Capital cost estimate US\$78.7m
- Payback period 3.7 years
- Pre-tax NPV<sub>9</sub> of US\$357.5m
- Highly attractive IRR of 33.3%
- Operating cost of US\$9,070/t
- Sale price of US\$23,000/t
- Margin of US\$13,930/t
- EBITDA US\$55.7m pa

Last updated March 2016

#### Highly Attractive BFS



- Breakaway competitors US\$14-17,000 /t
  - 1. We own our feedstock
  - 2. Main reactant HCI re-used
- 3. Plant in low cost country (Malaysia)



Bottom Quartile for Op Costs

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- Off take sales with Mitsubishi
- First ten years of HPA operations
- Secures sales for 100% of 4,000tpa HPA production
- Exclusive global distributor
- Experienced with HPA
- Strategic priority Lithium batteries

Contract Year	Forecast Production	Contracted Sales	Contract Year	Forecast Production	Contracted Sales
Year 1	2,700t	2,700t	Year 6	4,000t	4,000t
Year 2	3,000t	3,000t	Year 7	4,000t	4,000t
Year 3	3,400t	3,400t	Year 8	4,000t	4,000t
Year 4	3,800t	3,800t	Year 9	4,000t	4,000t
Year 5	4,000t	4,000t	Year 10	4,000t	4,000t

Mitsubishi signs full off take

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- HPA used in lithium battery separators
- Strong growth in large format batteries
- Altech targeting 50% sales in Japan
- Japan price of 4N HPA US\$30,000 /t
- ATC BFS long term price used US\$23,000/t
- NPV would be US\$ 597 million, IRR 47%
- Prefer to use conservative price
- Rumour iphone 8 is sapphire glass

HPA Market Update



- Debt funding with KfW IPEX Bank
- 60% of plant German suppliers
- Target of US\$70m
- Export Credit cover of \$60m
- Target sole lender KFW IPEX Bank
- M+W Group as general contractor

We are at the funding stage



- Independent DD consultants appointed
- Technical, legal and market consultants
- Thorough DD including site visits
- Review of lab pilot plant operation
- Preliminary DD report No fatal flaws
- KFW DD meeting with Mitsubishi (Tokyo)
- Preparation of DD documentation

## Due Diligence Update



- Debt funding term sheet Q1 2017
- Project equity Q2 2017
- Site works commencing Q2 2017
- 18 months construction
- First product due early 2019

### Timeframe to market



#### **Forward-looking Statements**

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#### **Competent Persons Statements – Meckering Kaolin Deposit**

The information in this announcement that relates to Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves is extracted from the report entitled "Maiden Ore Reserve at Altech's Meckering Kaolin Deposit" released on 11 October 2016; the report is available to view of the Company's website www.altechchemicals.com. The Company confirms that it is not aware of any new information or data that materially affects the information included in the original market announcement and, in the case of estimates of Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves, that all material assumptions and technical parameters underpinning the estimates in the relevant market announcement continue to apply and have not materially changed. The Company confirms that the form and context in which the Competent Person's findings are presented have not been materially modified from the original market announcement.