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Australia's Only Graphite Producer

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#### **Corporate Overview**

#### Capital Structure (ASX: VXL)

**Ordinary shares** 186.7m **Options** 68.4m Market Cap (@45c) \$84m Cash (@ 31/12/14) ~\$8.3m Debt Nil 12 month share price range 87c - 23c

#### **Major Shareholders**

Strategic Energy Resources Ltd**	11.67%
HSBC Custody Nominees (Aust) Ltd	5.08%
Avatar Energy Pty Ltd	4.11%
EERC Australasia Pty Ltd**	3.55%
Top 20 shareholders own	43.9%

#### **Board & Management**

Graham Spurling, AM **Christopher Darby** Glenister Lamont Ian Schache Ian Pattison Jarek Kopias **Company Secretary Chris Whiteley** Chris Hall **Greg Sando** 

Chairman

Managing Director & CEO

Non-executive Director

Non-executive Director

Non-executive Director

**Chief Marketing Officer** 

**Chief Operating Officer** 

**GM Info & Tech Services** 

<sup>\*\*</sup>escrowed to 6 January 2016



#### **COMPANY HIGHLIGHTS**

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#### **Established Graphite Producer**

Listed on ASX Jan. 2014 & best performing ASX IPO of 2014

Established Mine & Processing Infrastructure (roads, electricity, water, workshops, laboratories, plant & equipment)

Processing Facility Commissioning Commenced Late December 2014

Production Capacity of 14000 tpa targeted from Q2 2015

Mining Licences & Environmental Operating Approvals in Place

Only ASX Company with Graphite Mining & Processing Operations

Only ASX Graphite Ore Reserve & Very High Grades @ 12.9% gC

Completed Feasibility Study for Expansion & Unique High Purity Operations



#### **ESTABLISHED FACILITIES**











#### Uley Graphite™ Site

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#### Uley Graphite<sup>™</sup> Site - Eyre Peninsula, South Australia

Close to Major Regional Centre with Light Industry, Trades, Road, Port & Rail

Licences cover area of 75 km<sup>2</sup>

Mining Licences, Uley Pit 2 & Extension on freehold land owned by company

Full Mining Licences & Environmental Approvals in place for Operations

Graphite resources Very High Grade @ 12.9% graphitic carbon (gC)

Graphite grades in ore body include Arterial Flake™ @ 60%+ gC

Unique Maiden High Grade Graphite Ore Reserve of 2035000t @ 12.9% gC containing 261000t of graphite (Uley Pit 2)

- ➤ Ore Reserve Supports 5+ Year Mine Life
- ➤ Uley Pit 2 Extension Drilling Underway targeting extended mine life

Major JORC 2012 Exploration Target 9Mt to 12 Mt @ 9%gC to 12% gC

Feasibility Study for Expansion of Established Plant Complete (see below)



#### CURRENT PRODUCTION PROGRAMA

Only ASX Graphite Company

# Flake Graphite Production from Uley Graphite<sup>TM</sup> Facilities, Eyre Peninsula South Australia

Phase I Production Full Commissioning commenced Late December 2014
Reprocessing of 1000t Fines Stockpiles Underway with 100t processed

- ➤ Significant Quantity Large Flake +35 (Super Jumbo) +50 (Jumbo) & +80
- Consistent Grades to Match Customers from 90%gC to 95%gC

Sizing & Classifying of 174000 t ROM Stockpiles Underway

Processing of ROM Stockpiles scheduled for 10+ months from Q1 2015

Rated Capacity of 14000 tpa from Q2 2015 to match customer orders

Phase II & Phase III Eyre Peninsula & Port Adelaide (Feas. Study see below)

Phase II Increase to base capacity from 14000tpa to 39000tpa by Q4 2016

Phase II Increase to base capacity from 39000tpa to 64000tpa 2018-2019

Phase III Advanced Product Handling & Graphite Refining from Q4 2016



#### CURRENT PRODUCTION PROGRAMA





#### **ULEY FACILITIES**

Established 14000tpa Plant

Plant Commissioning Jan-Mar 2015

**Ramping Up Current Production** 

Exports Commence in Q1 2015







#### **GRAPHITE SALES**

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#### **Established Customer Base**

Graphite Sales Commenced in mid-2014

Customer Negotiations Underway in Europe, Asia Pacific & Nth America

Graphite Samples Shipped to more than 15 customers for Qualification

New Purchase Orders Signed with 6 Customers in 2015 targeting over 8000t in Year 1

Signed MOUs 29000tpa for 3 years across multiple end use applications

Qualification Samples Shipped to more than 15 customers worldwide for industries from refractories through to electronics

Further Sales Contracts in Negotiation Exceeding Current Capacity

First Customer Export Shipments Scheduled for Q1 2015

Average Base Price as per Feasibility Study @ AUD\$1669 per tonne



#### VALUE ADD GROWTH MODEL

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Phase I
Established Production
2015
14000tpa
Traditional Flake Graphite



Phase II Increased Production 2016 39000tpa 2016 64000tpa 2018-2019 Traditional Flake Graphite



Phase III
Advanced Product
Handling 2016
&
High Purity & Mirconised
Graphite 2016

Phase I Traditional Flake Graphite Sales @ AUD\$1669t



Phase II Traditional Flake Graphite Sales @ AUD\$1669t



Phase III Advanced & Refined Sales @ AUD\$4447t

Strategy: Advanced Manufacturing to Produce a High Value Range of Products for Increased & Sustainable Margins

The focus shifts from bulk tonnages to value added tonnes



#### **FEASIBILITY STUDY**

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#### Multi-Stage Expanded Traditional Production

Phase I & Phase II

14000tpa Current Capacity 2015

Increase to 39000tpa Capacity 2016

Increase to 64000tpa Capacity 2018-2019

New Mining Uley Pit 2 2016-2022

Ore Reserve **Uley Pit 2 Extension** 2016

New Advanced Product Handling & High Purity & Micronised Production

Phase II & Phase III

Specialist Flake Graphite Blending

Advanced & Specialist Packaging

High Purity Graphite 99% to 99.95%

Micronised Graphite for High Tech App.

Potential Increased Capacity 2017 Onwards

Capital Cost over 3 Years AUD\$37M

Globally Competitive Mine Gate Opex **AUD\$400-\$500** per tonne

Strong **demand** forecast & shortfall in **supply** over coming years

Advanced **Debt** Discussions Underway

Opex Cost **AUD\$750-\$950** per tonne (FOB Adelaide)

Av. Price AUD\$1669-\$4774 per tonne



# Feasibility Study - Results First & Only Company Compa

Description	Outcome
NPV 10 (after tax)	\$65m
IRR	46%
Total Ore Mined	2,035kt
Average Head Grade	12.9%
Life of Mine	5 Years
Total Graphite Concentrate Sold	235kt
NOTE: This analysis is based on current formal Ore Reserve only as the key determinant of NPV. Every 1Mt of Ore Reserve adds A\$32M to NPV.	

Element	Assumption / Input
Model Start Date	Dec 2014
Modelling period	Monthly
Key Financial Output	Free Cash Flow to Equity
Real/Nominal Basis	Real
Exchange Rate USD/ AUD	0.80
Discount rate	10% (after tax)
Tax Modelling	After tax
Graphite Resource Mined	2,035kt (Uley pit 2)
NOTE: After Tax Free Cash to Equity representative of cash flows likely over CURRENT life of the expanded operations as determined by current Ore Reserve only	

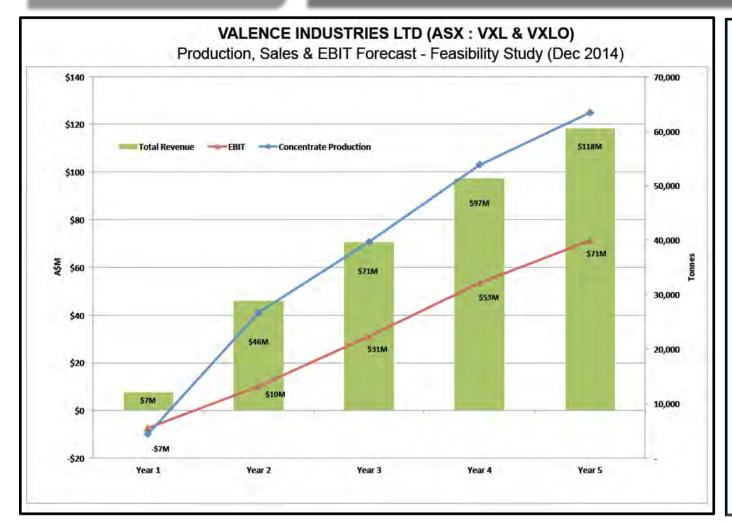


Revenue & Dividend Forecast

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Year 4 Revenue ~\$97M

Year 4 EBIT ~\$53M

Year 4
Dividend
25% of EBIT
distribution

Note: Conservative estimate at <5% of volume contributed by advanced processing. Margin & revenue increases for each tonne of advanced processing.



#### **Capital Allocation & Funding**

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- Capital allocation spread across 4 years to match planned sales growth
- Phased capital approach offers flexibility as capacity increases
- Modest capital draw relative to revenue and EBIT target over period
- Term sheets and negotiations with a range of potential debt funders in progress
- Intended funding sources include capital reserves, revenues, debt and equity

Plant	Capi	tal**
Expanded Traditional Plant & New Uley Pit 2	2015-2016	\$36.7M
Expanded Traditional Plant	2017-2018	330.7IVI
Advanced Product Handling	2015-2016	¢12 2N/
Advanced Manufacturing Plant	2015-2016	\$13.2M

<sup>\*\*</sup> Data sourced from Feasibility Study, 31
December 2014 & Working Capital Not Included



#### **SUMMARY**

- Producing Unique High Quality
   Flake Graphite from Uley
   Graphite™ Facilities on Eyre
   Peninsula
- Graphite production commenced in late 2014
- Customer Sales Commenced mid 2014
- New Sales Orders Signed in 2015
- Multiple MoUs @ 29000tpa for 3 years
- Strong Demand & Strong Prices from AUD\$1669-AUD\$4447

- Significant High Grade Ore Reserve @ 12.9% gC
- Major Immediate Exploration Targets 9mt-12Mt @ 9%-12%
- Positive Feasibility Study for Traditional & Advance Graphite Products
- First & Only High Purity Facility in Western Economy
- Phase II & Phase III Production Scheduled for Late 2016
- Globally Competitive Opex Costs from Mine Gate to Shipped Products
- Advanced Debt Finance Discussions Underway



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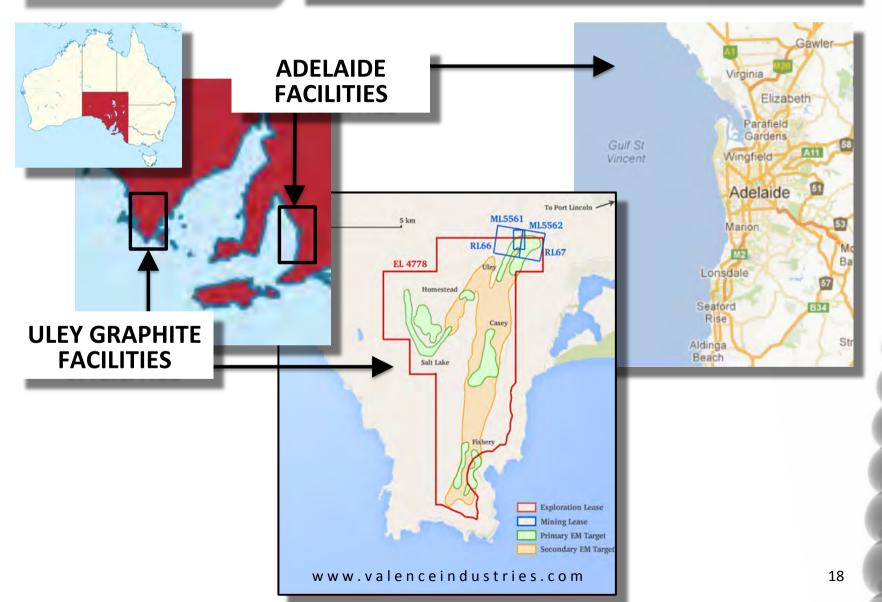


Additional Materials & Background Information

### **APPENDIX**

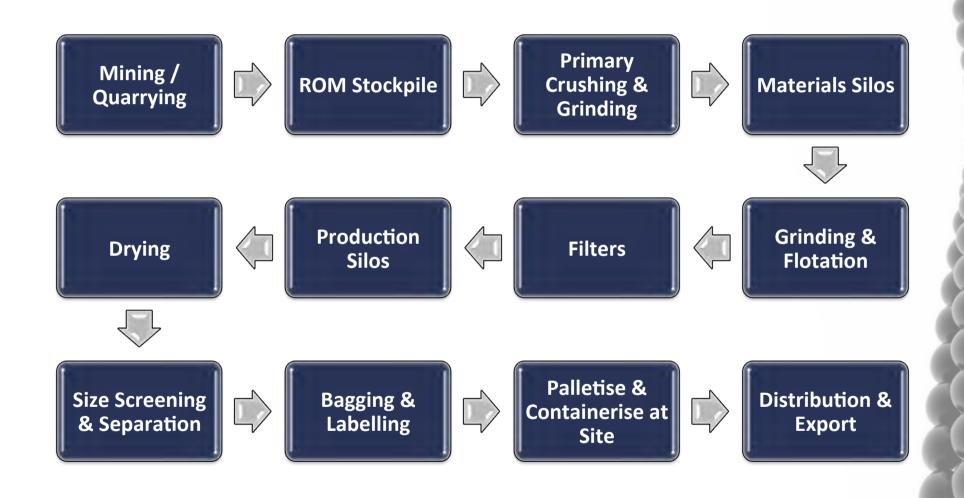


#### **OPERATING LOCATIONS**





#### FLAKE GRAPHITE PROCESSING





## Reserves and Resources

ORE RESERVE – ULEY PIT 2 (JORC 2012)		
Classification	Tonnage	Average Grade %C
Proved	319,000	17.9
Probable	1,716,000	11.9
Total	2,035,000	12.9



MINERAL RESOURCE & EXPLORATION TARGETS (JORC 2012)		
Classification	Tonnage	Average Grade %C
Measured	340,000	17.92
Indicated	1,850,000	11.84
Indicated (Stockpiles)	174,000	6.23
Inferred (Uley Pit 2)	850,000	8.89
Total	3,214,000	11.54
Exploration Target	9,000,000 to 12,000,000	9 to 12



#### Reserve & Resource Growth Potential

- Uley Pit 2 Extension drilling underway 9900m @ 25M grid.
- Designed to deliver Reserve and Resource upgrade to support Phase II expansion.
- Results due Q2, 2015.
- Further longer term expansion potential from 75km<sup>2</sup> exploration tenure within project area – south and west of Uley Pit 2.

10 200mE 10 400mE MI 5561 MI 5562 10 200mh MR1 39.0m to 40.5m @ 7.10%gC 40.5m to 42.0m @ 6.45%gC 40.5m to 42.0m @ 6.25%gC 51.0m to 52.0m @ 8.20%gC Existing Mineral Resource Area Uley Pit 2 Ext. 9 200mN 18.5m to 19.5m @ 12.6%gC **Exploration Target** 19.5m to 20.5m @ 14.6%gC 20.5m to 21.5m @ 20.3%gC 21.5m to 22.5m @ 14.2%gC 22.5m to 23.5m @ 16.6%gC 2014 Drill Campaign RL66 RL67 TEM anomaly (I O Channel) 300m

\*\*AREAS IN PINK = JORC 2012 EXPLORATION TARGET AREAS



# Mining Tenements

VALENCE INDUSTRIES MINING TENEMENTS		
Number	Status	Area
ML5561	Current	44 ha
ML5562	Current	22 ha
RL 66	Current	225 ha
RL 67	Current	187.5 ha
EL 4778	Current	75km²

<sup>(\*\*</sup>Renewal and extension of tenements is anticipated to be granted in the normal course)