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FINNISS LITHIUM PROJECT**

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The PFS results are based upon the updated Grants Mineral Resource of 8 May 2018 (ASX announcement 8 May 2018). The Mineral Resource contains Indicated and Inferred material (see Table 5 in section 3.1 below – 37% Inferred material and 63% Indicated material) and does not contain any material in the Measured classification. Whilst there is sufficient Indicated Mineral Resources to complete the production schedule during the 12-month payback period, there is a reliance on Inferred Mineral Resources for the full PFS schedule. There is a low level of geological confidence associated with the inferred mineral resources and there is no certainty that further exploration work will result in the determination of indicated Mineral Resources or that the production target itself will be realised. The inferred Mineral Resource is not the determining factor in determining the viability of the Finnis Lithium Project as the inferred Mineral Resource represents 14% of the production during the 12 month pay-back period. The PFS has targeted a well-defined mineralised pegmatite envelope where it is considered that there are reasonable grounds for the conversion of Inferred to Indicated or Measured Resource status. Which will then reasonably allow the production target to be achieved in both the grade and size which has been outlined in this PFS. This PFS development option considers the Grants Mineral Resource alone. The PFS does not rely upon additional Mineral Resources from the company's other prospects. Further drilling in 2018 is expected to improve the classification of all of the company's Mineral Resources.

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Unless otherwise stated, all cashflows are in Australian dollars, are undiscounted and are not subject to inflation/escalation factors, and all years are calendar years.

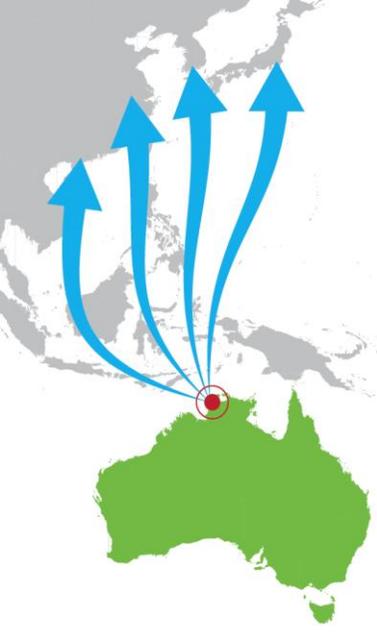
Accuracy:

The PFS has been prepared to an overall level of accuracy of approximately -15% to +25%.

Grants Pre-Feasibility Study Highlights

- CXO on pathway to low-capex lithium concentrate production near Darwin - targeting late 2019
- Development of the high grade (1.5%) Grants deposit only modelled in the PFS
- **Preliminary Feasibility Study (PFS) delivers strong financial outcomes:**
 - **Capital Cost only \$53.5 million**
 - **A\$168 million in free cashflow generated**
 - **Low Operating Cost US\$279/t concentrate delivers 57% operating profit margin**
 - **NPV₁₀ of A\$140 million (pre-tax)**
 - **IRR of 142%**
 - **Payback in less than 12 months**
- **Definitive Feasibility Study (DFS) expected later this year aiming to include:**
 - **Increased resources**
 - **Increased concentrate grade and optimised recovery**
 - **Increased offtake commitment**
 - **Increased prepayment (customer) finance**
- Binding US\$20 million prepayment facility and offtake agreement with Yahua and recent non-binding agreement for US\$35 million pre-payment and concentrate with Ruifu (announced post-PFS)
- Potential to grow Resource base across a number of high grade prospects
- Arguably the best logistics chain to Asia and supporting infrastructure of any Australian lithium project, providing significant strategic advantages
- **Enterprise Value of \$24 million offers substantial leverage to Development and Exploration**





Darwin Airport

Darwin Waterfront

East Arm Port

Middle Arm Industrial Park

Grants

Far West

BP33

Cox Peninsula Rd

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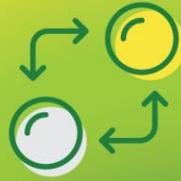
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Grants Deposit Pre-Feasibility Study Key Metrics



NPV₁₀

A\$140 Million



IRR

142%



**ANNUAL
PRODUCTION**

225,000tpa concentrate



**CAPITAL
COST**

A\$53.5 Million



PAYBACK

<12 months



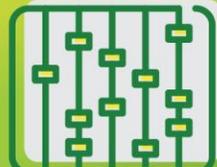
**MINERAL
RESOURCE**

2.03Mt @ 1.5% Li₂O



**TOTAL
CASHFLOW**

A\$168 Million



**OPERATING
COSTS**

US\$279/t conc. price



**FIRST
PRODUCTION**

2019

Company Information



Directors

Stephen Biggins
Managing Director ex SAU, IVR

Greg English
Chairman AXE, LCK

Heath Hellewell
Non-Executive Director CMM, DKM, ex DRM

Shares

Price A\$	~\$0.05
Shares on issue	~633.5M
Market cap	~\$32M
Cash (30/6/2018)	~\$8M
Enterprise Value	~\$24M

Management

Blair Duncan
General Manager Development

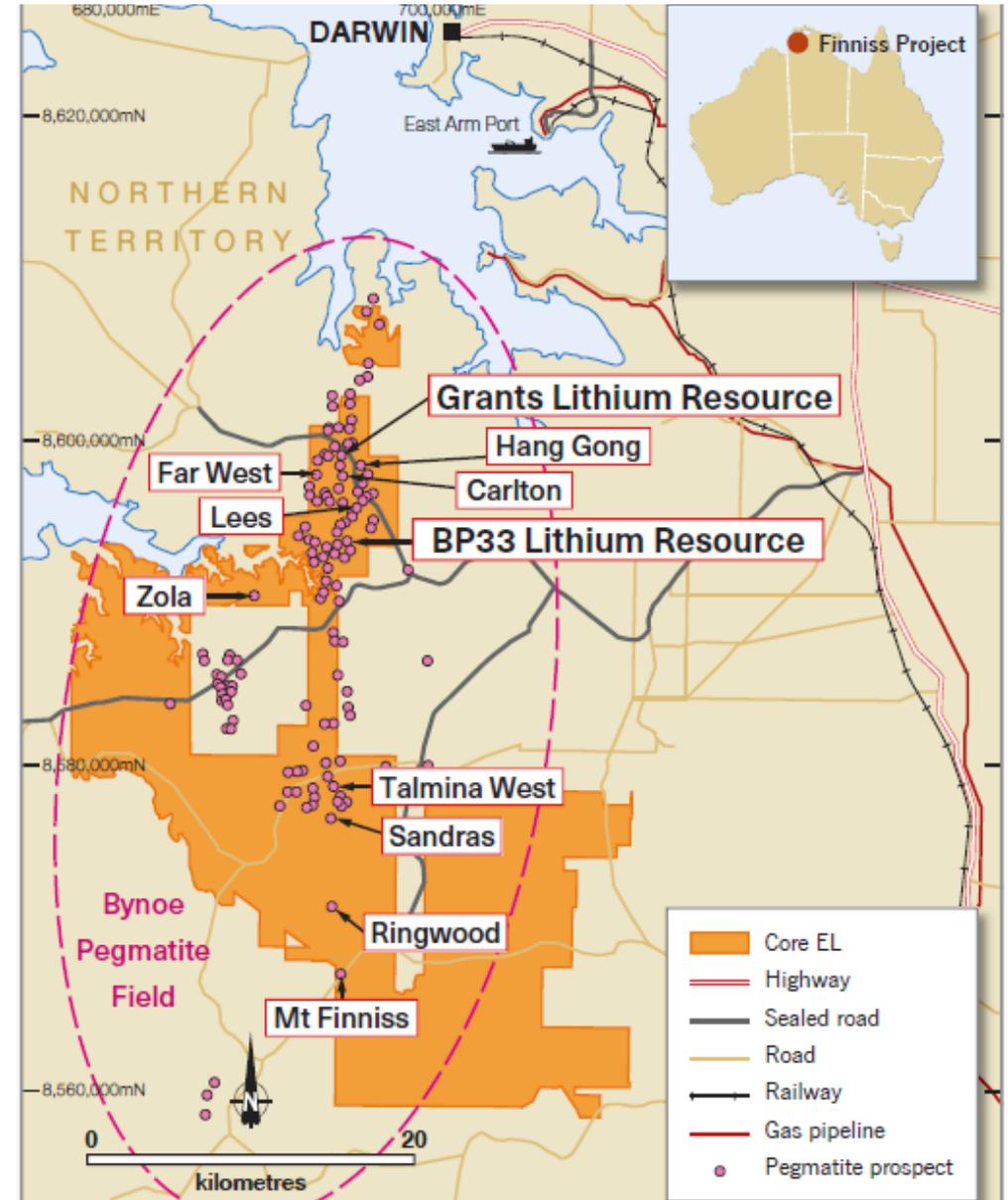
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Exploration Manager

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Co Sec / CFO

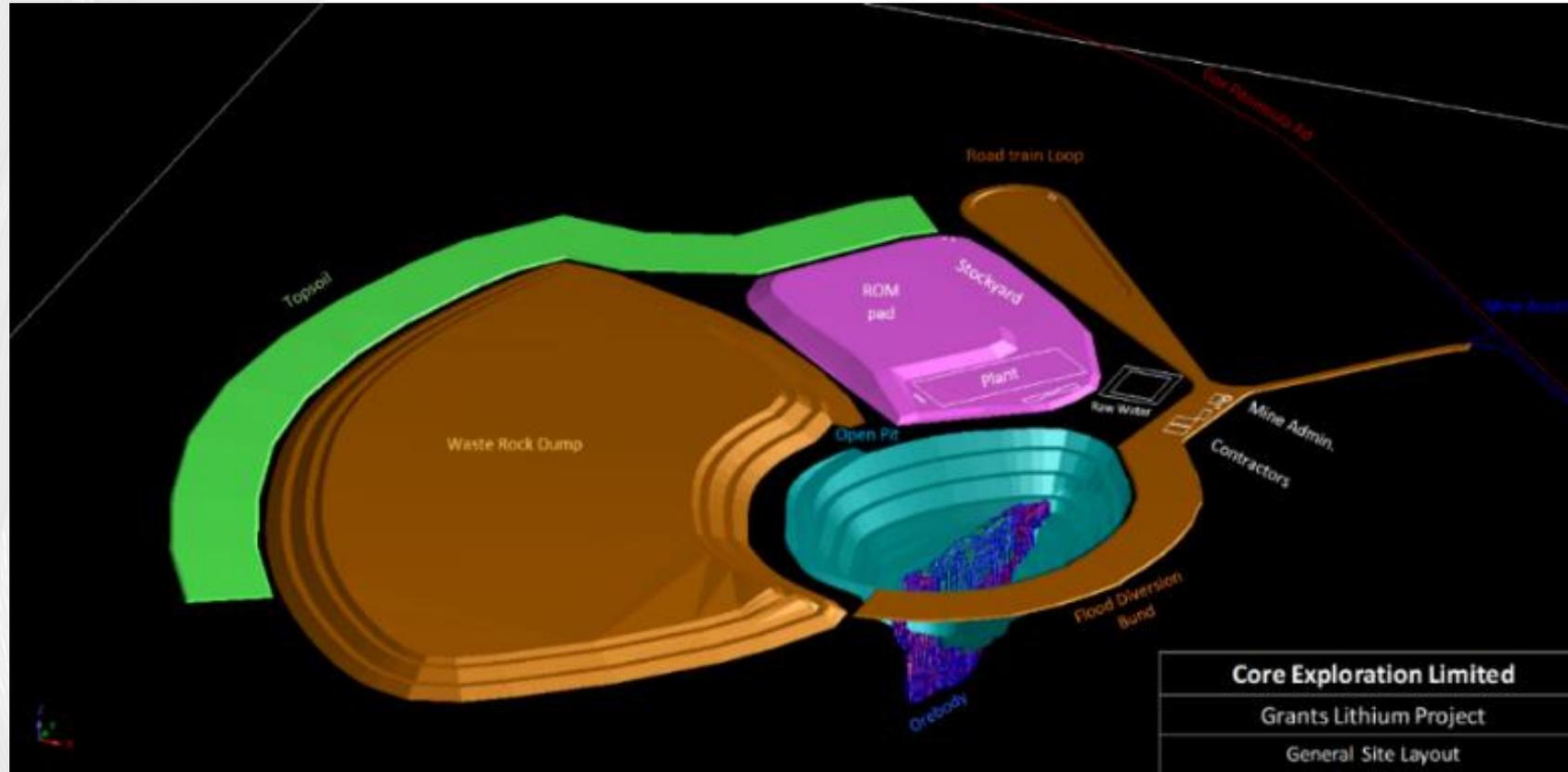
Finniss Lithium Project

Core's dominant position in this emerging lithium province

- First mover advantage
- One of Australia's highest grade lithium resources
- Over 100 historic pegmatite occurrences
- Large area ~500km² of tenements
- Granted Mining Lease over historic pegmatite mine
- Widespread high grade spodumene drill intersections at multiple prospects
- Existing and new large pegmatite targets to be tested
- Easy trucking distance by sealed road to Darwin Port



Proposed Site Layout



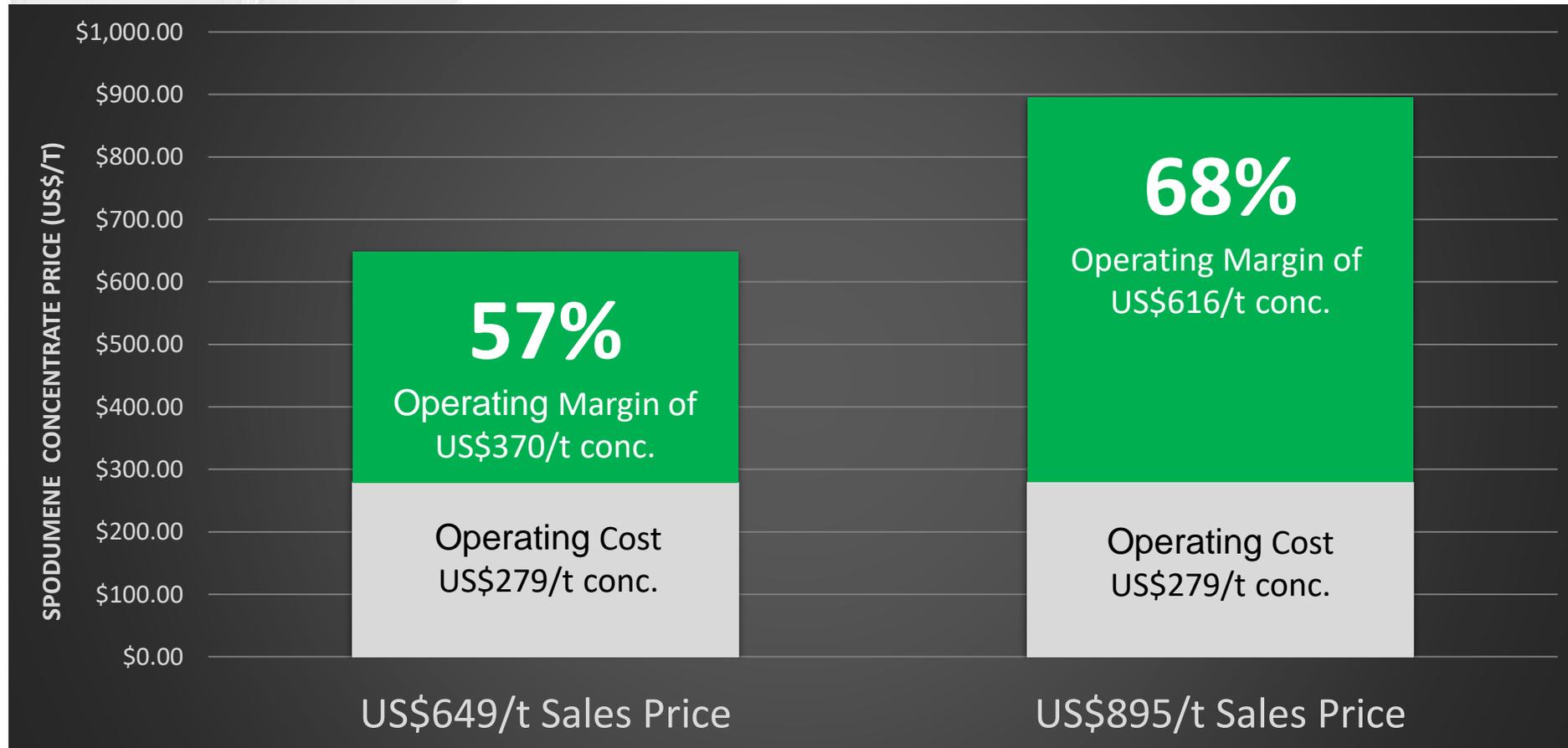
Capital Costs

Capital	Estimate – A\$'000
Mobilisation	\$ 1,943
Site Establishment	\$ 562
Groundwater Management	\$ 55
Mine Development (Clear & grub)	\$ 997
Demobilisation	\$ 948
Rehabilitation	\$ 584
DMS Plant	\$ 20,046
TSF	\$ 1,725
Sustaining Capital	\$ 2,300
Pre-production Capital	\$ 24,390
Total (including contingencies of \$3.8 million)	\$ 53,550

Operating Costs

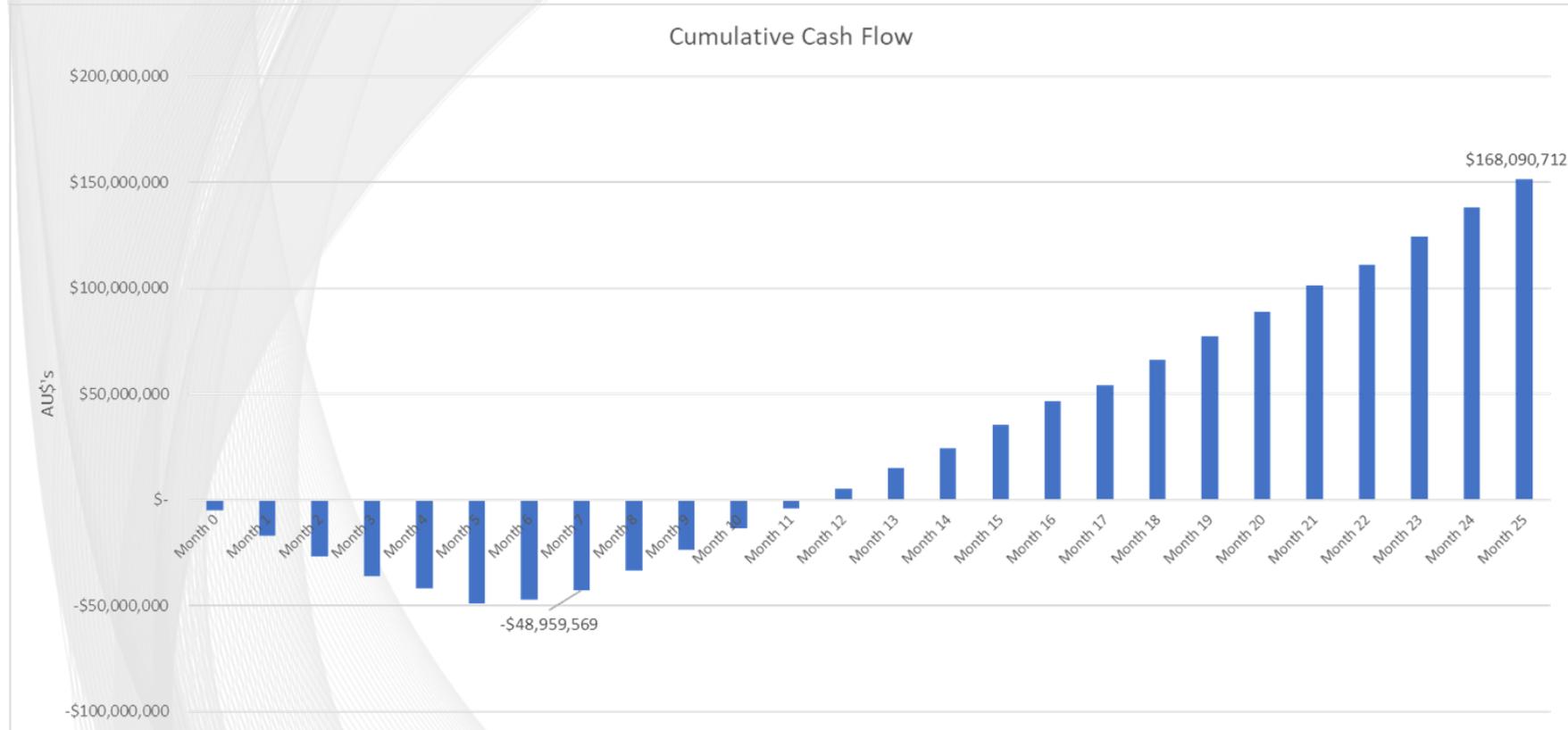
Operating	Unit Costs
Mining Costs	
Mining Costs – Contractor	\$ 186.17
Mining Costs – Owner	\$ 22.53
Sub-total	\$ 208.70
Processing	\$ 71.19
Hauling	\$ 11.47
General & Administration	\$ 8.00
Port Costs	\$ 7.50
Total Unit Operating Cost	A\$ 306.86 / t conc. US\$ 230.15 / t conc.
Royalties	A\$ 64.86
Total Unit Operating Costs (inc Royalties)	A\$ 371.72 / t conc. US\$ 278.79 / t conc.

Exceptional Economics



- Globally competitive, low operating costs provide the framework for strong operating profits

Strong Cash Generation

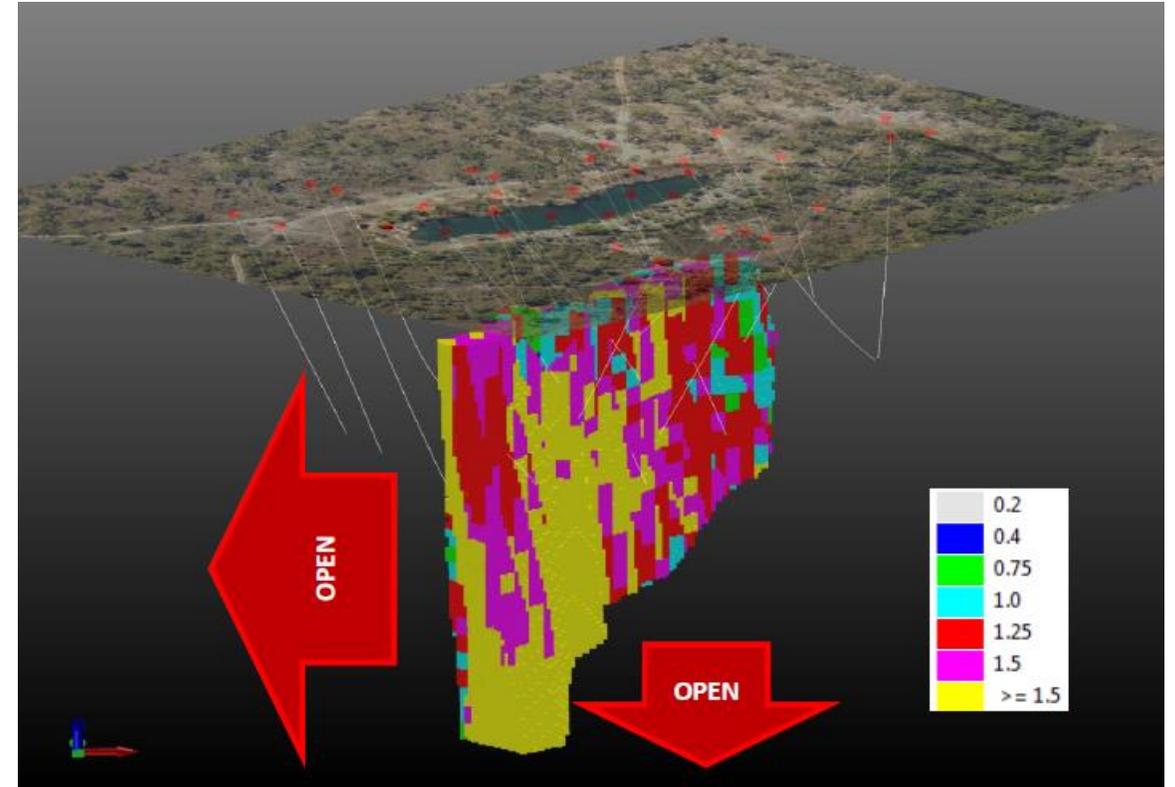


- **\$53.5 million capex will deliver close to \$170 million in free cash over 26 months**
- **Rapid payback <12 months**
- **Does not factor in any upside from processing additional ore sources that may be delineated within the Finnis Project**

Significant Upside Potential

- PFS focussed on Grants only
- Significant upside potential through addition of other ore sources within the Finniss Project
- The incremental value of additional ore sources is very high given no need for additional process plant infrastructure
- BP33 Mineral Resource of 1.4Mt at 1.40% Li₂O represents obvious opportunity for additional mine life
 - Current resource adds 70% to Grants resource
 - BP33 open to south and south-west
 - Similar geology to Grants
 - Most southern intercept in resource 75m at 1.68% Li₂O*
- BP33 will be considered as part of the Feasibility Study later in 2018
- Other widespread lithium-bearing pegmatites yet to be drilled

*ASX:CXO 11/04/18



Schematic view of BP33, showing resource open along strike

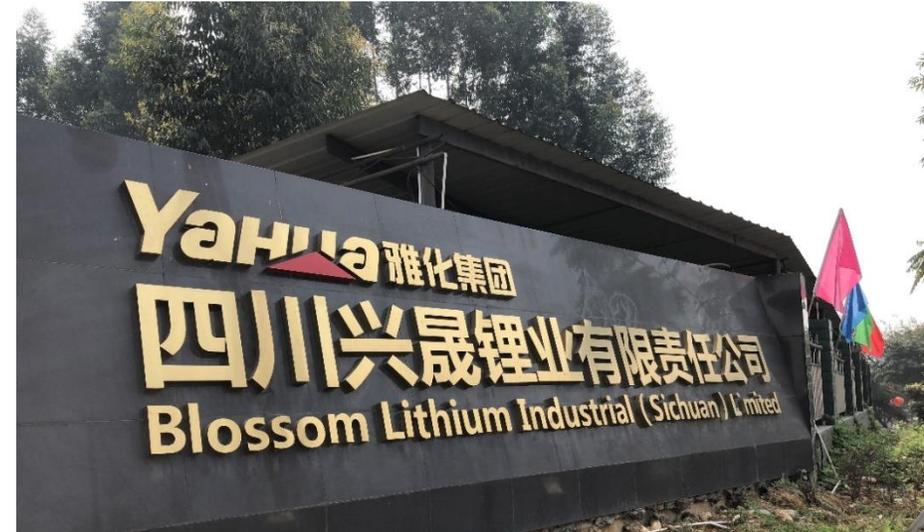
Countdown to First Lithium Production



BINDING LITHIUM OFFTAKE AND US\$20M PRE-PAYMENT

Core has signed a binding offtake and US\$20 million pre-payment agreement with Yahua

- Binding offtake and pre-payment agreements signed with Yahua (\$2B market cap)
- Yahua is one of China's largest lithium producers
- Offtake agreement provides for the supply of 220,000t of lithium concentrate (equivalent of 1 million tonnes of DSO) from Finniss Lithium Project over 5 years
- US\$20 million conditional prepayment facility, to be repaid through the supply of future DSO or Li_2O concentrate
- Targeting first deliveries from 2019



US\$35 MILLION PRE-PAYMENT AND CONCENTRATE OFFTAKE

Core has signed a non-binding Term Sheet with Shandong Ruifu Lithium Co Ltd

- Up to 150,000 tonnes lithium concentrate offtake per year from Core's Finniss Lithium Project
- Ruifu is one of China's largest lithium hydroxide and carbonate producers
- US\$35 million conditional pre-payment facility to be provided by Ruifu
- Placement to Ruifu for approximately \$3 million at 5 cents per share, resulting in Ruifu holding a 10% interest in Core
- Binding agreements to come in weeks ahead



IMPROVED RECOVERY OF HIGH-GRADE LITHIUM IN METALLURGICAL RESULTS

- Recent metallurgical testwork shows a strong improvement in the assumptions (2017) utilised in the PFS, with up to 79% lithium recovery at a grade of 5.5% Li₂O
- Overall mass yield of up to 27% of head feed
- Gravity only plant to be designed to deliver optimal yield
- Further test work demonstrates a DMS circuit can easily produce a 6.1% Li₂O concentrate at good recoveries of 69%
- Testwork continuing to optimise recoveries and design in Feasibility Study

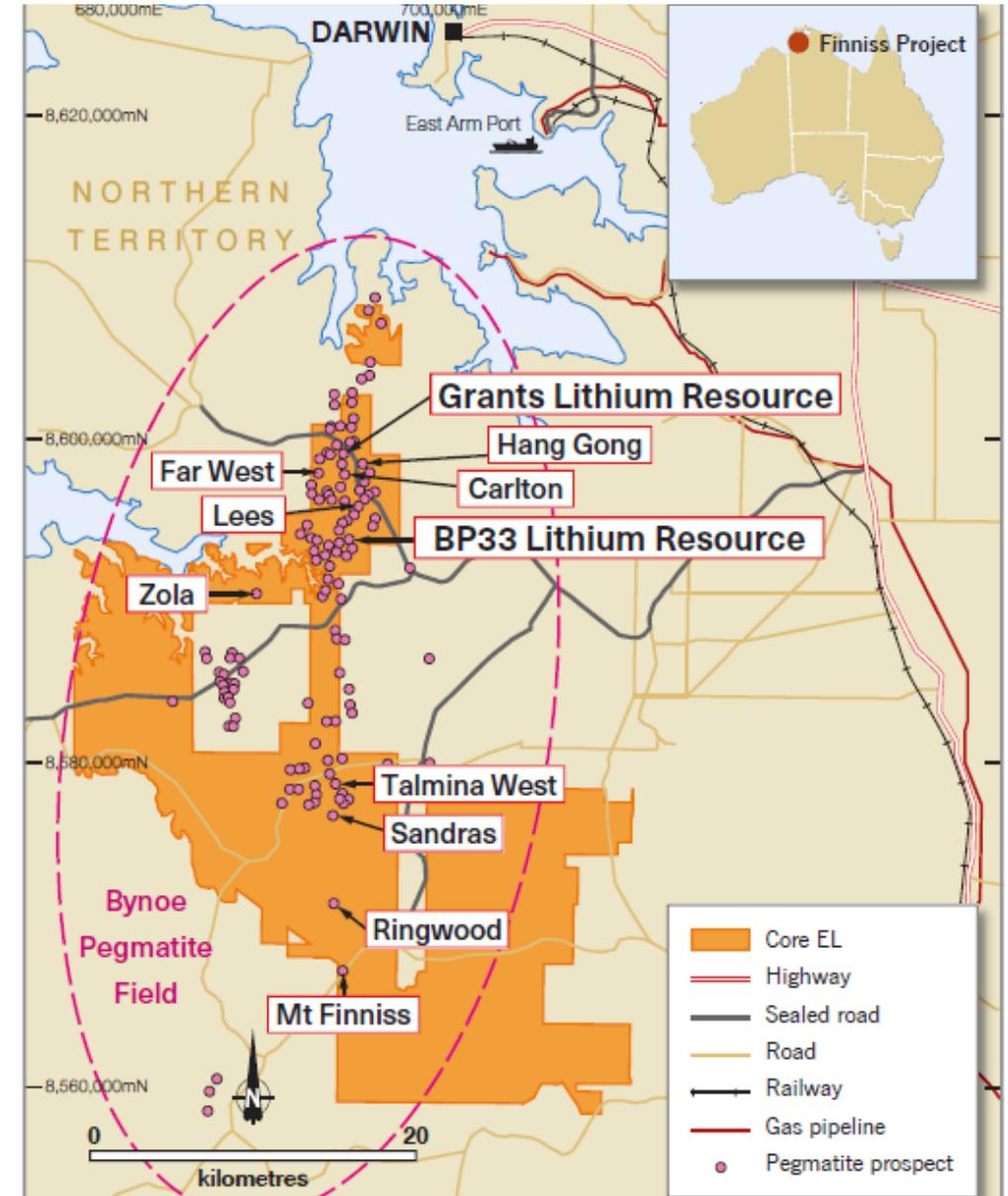
	PFS	New Results	
Concentrate Grade (Li₂O)	5.0%	5.5%	6.1%
Recovery	76%	79%	69%



*ASX: CXO 02/08/18

2018 DRILLING TARGETING SUBSTANTIAL RESOURCE GROWTH

- Upcoming exploration and aggressive drill programs in 2018 to target growth in the resource base to support a long-life lithium production hub at Finnis Project
- Core's exploration has discovered some of the highest grade lithium in Australia, capable of producing a quality spodumene concentrate
- Numerous high grade lithium pegmatite targets already identified
- High potential for additional resources from 500km² covering 100s of pegmatites
- 3 rigs currently drilling at Finnis with 40,000m of drilling to be conducted over next 12-months
- Drilling results over coming weeks and months leading to Resource increases and upgrades

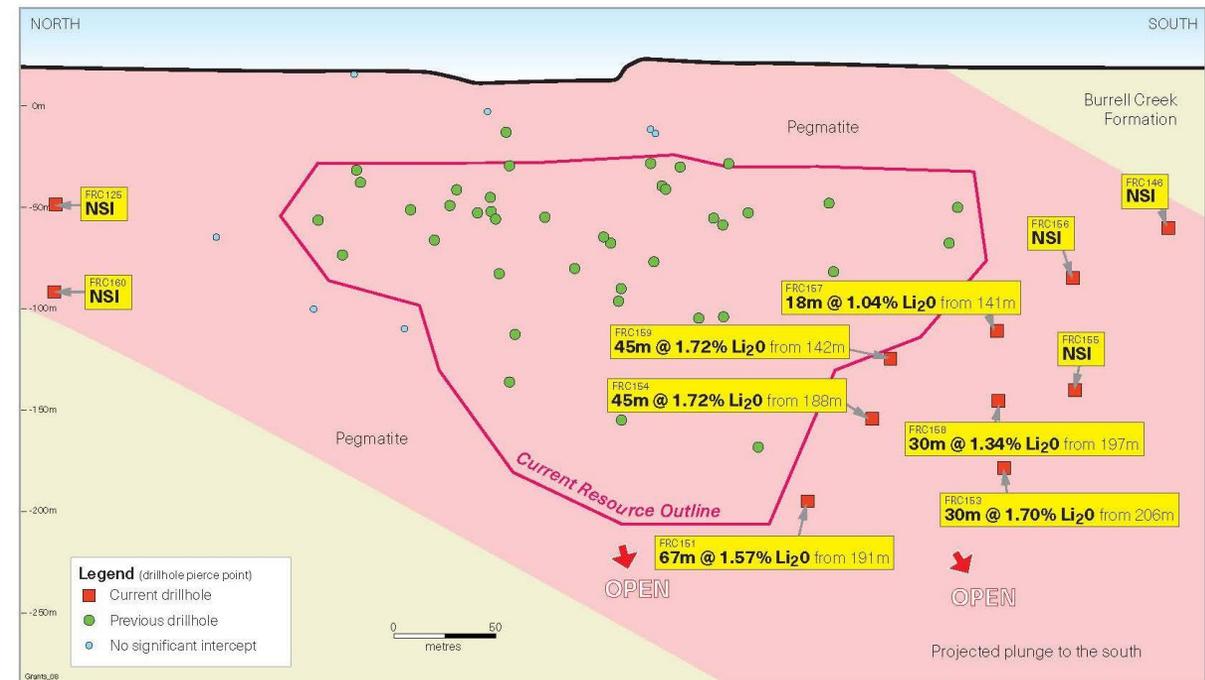


GRANTS EXPANDING

67M @ 1.6% INTERSECTION OUTSIDE RESOURCE

- Multiple new high-grade lithium intersections outside the Mineral Resource at Grants include:
 - 67m @ 1.57% Li₂O from 191m in FRC151
 - Including 16m @ 2.17% Li₂O
 - And 12m @ 2.08% Li₂O
 - 45m @ 1.72% Li₂O from 188m in FRC154
 - Including 22m @ 2.09% Li₂O
 - 45m @ 1.72% Li₂O from 142m in FRC159
 - Including 16m @ 2.03% Li₂O
- New assays confirm significant extensions directly south along strike and at depth at Grants - outside of the existing defined Mineral Resource.
- These extensions demonstrate the potential to further increase the size of the Mineral Resource and mine life at Grants.
- Expected to have material positive impact on the financial returns from development of the proposed 1Mtpa Finnis Lithium Project.
- Drill Rig at Grants this week

*ASX:CXO 24/7/2018

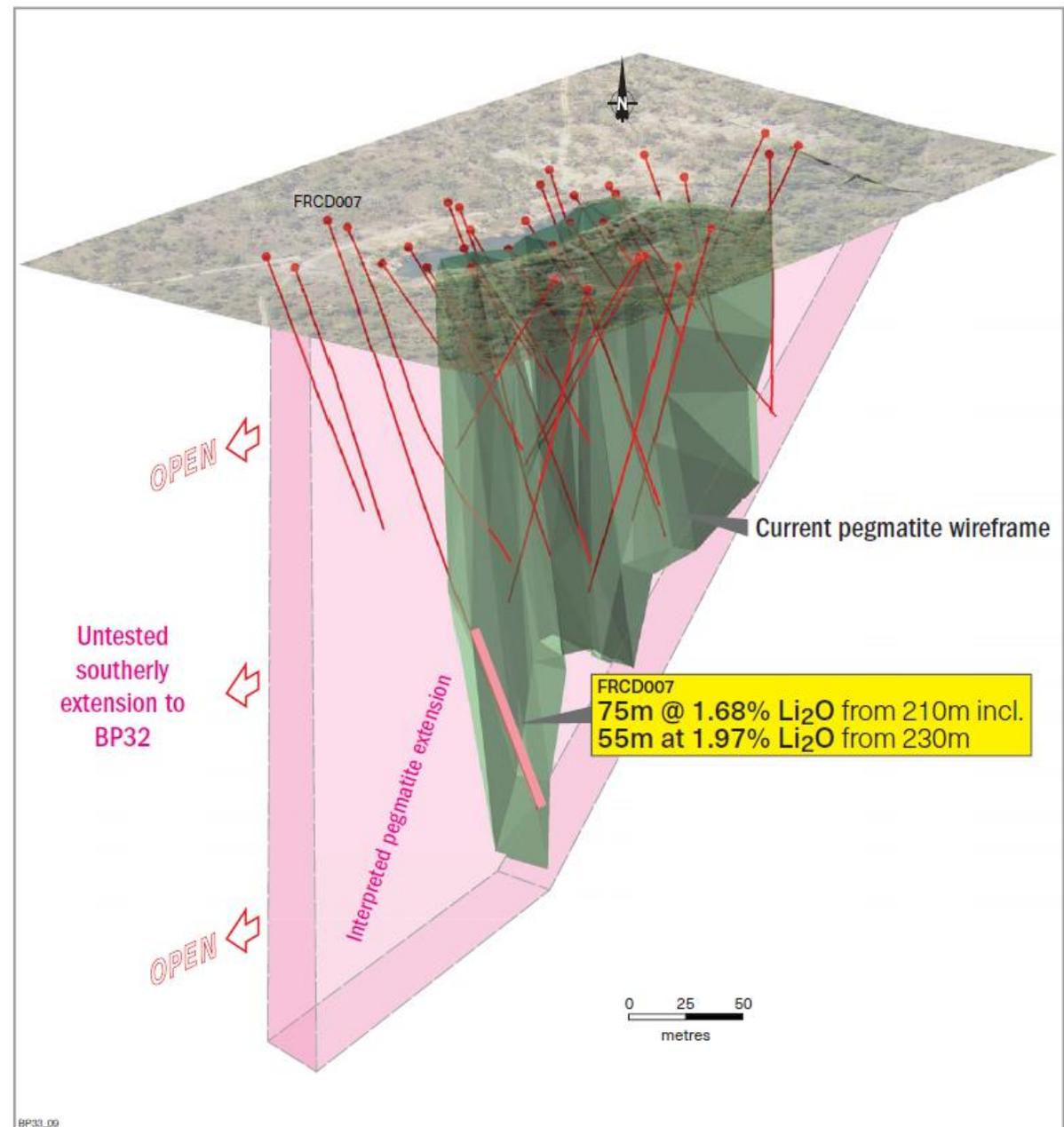


BP33 EXPANDING

55M @ 2.0% SPODUMENE PEGMATITE DRILL INTERSECTION

- Wide and high-grade lithium assays returned from drilling at BP33 prospect delivers spodumene intersection amongst the best in Australia:
 - 75m @ 1.68% Li₂O from 210m*; including:
 - 55m @ 1.97% Li₂O from 230;
 - 23m @ 2.07% Li₂O from 262m.
- Drill hole still in high-grade spodumene pegmatite at end of hole, with last metre grading 2.41% Li₂O
- High-grade spodumene pegmatite body at BP33 open along strike to the south from this drillhole toward BP32 Prospect
- Drill Rig currently at BP33

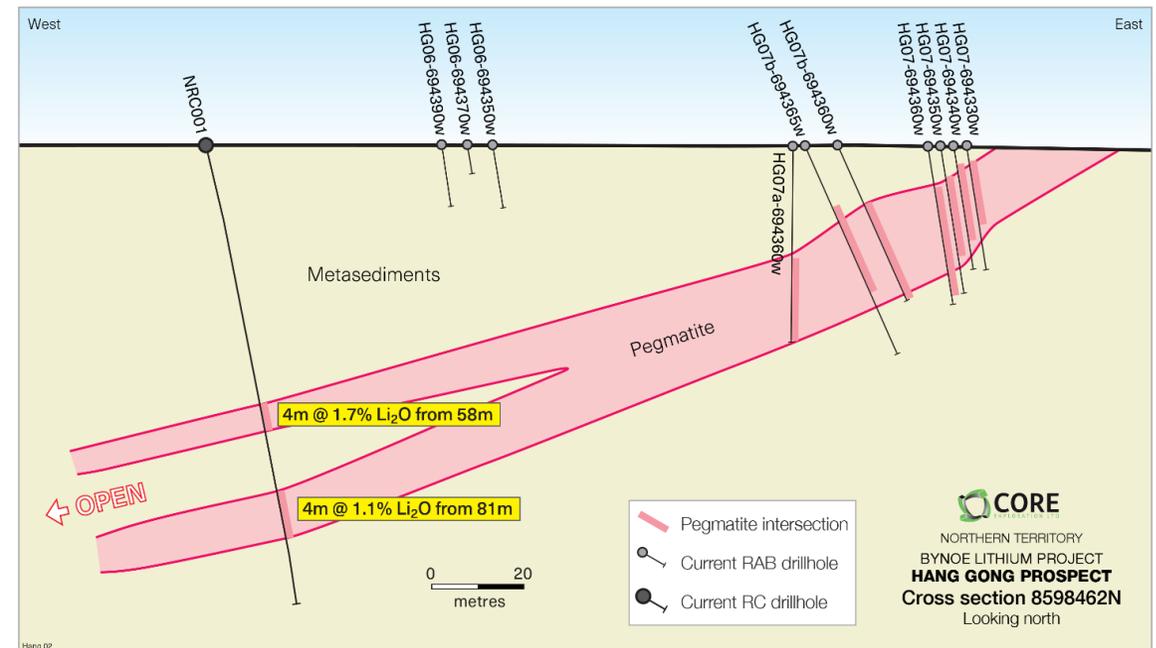
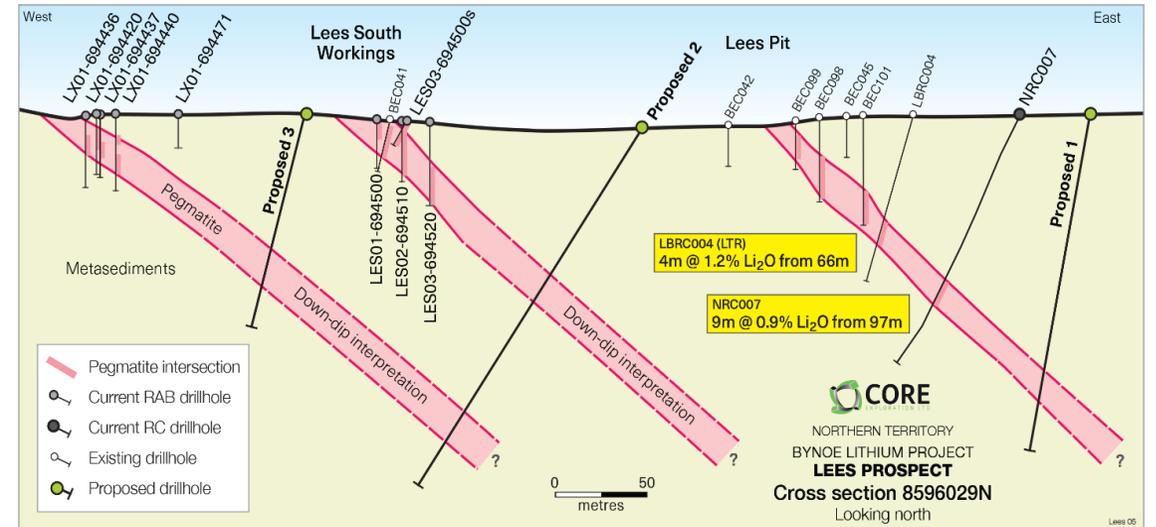
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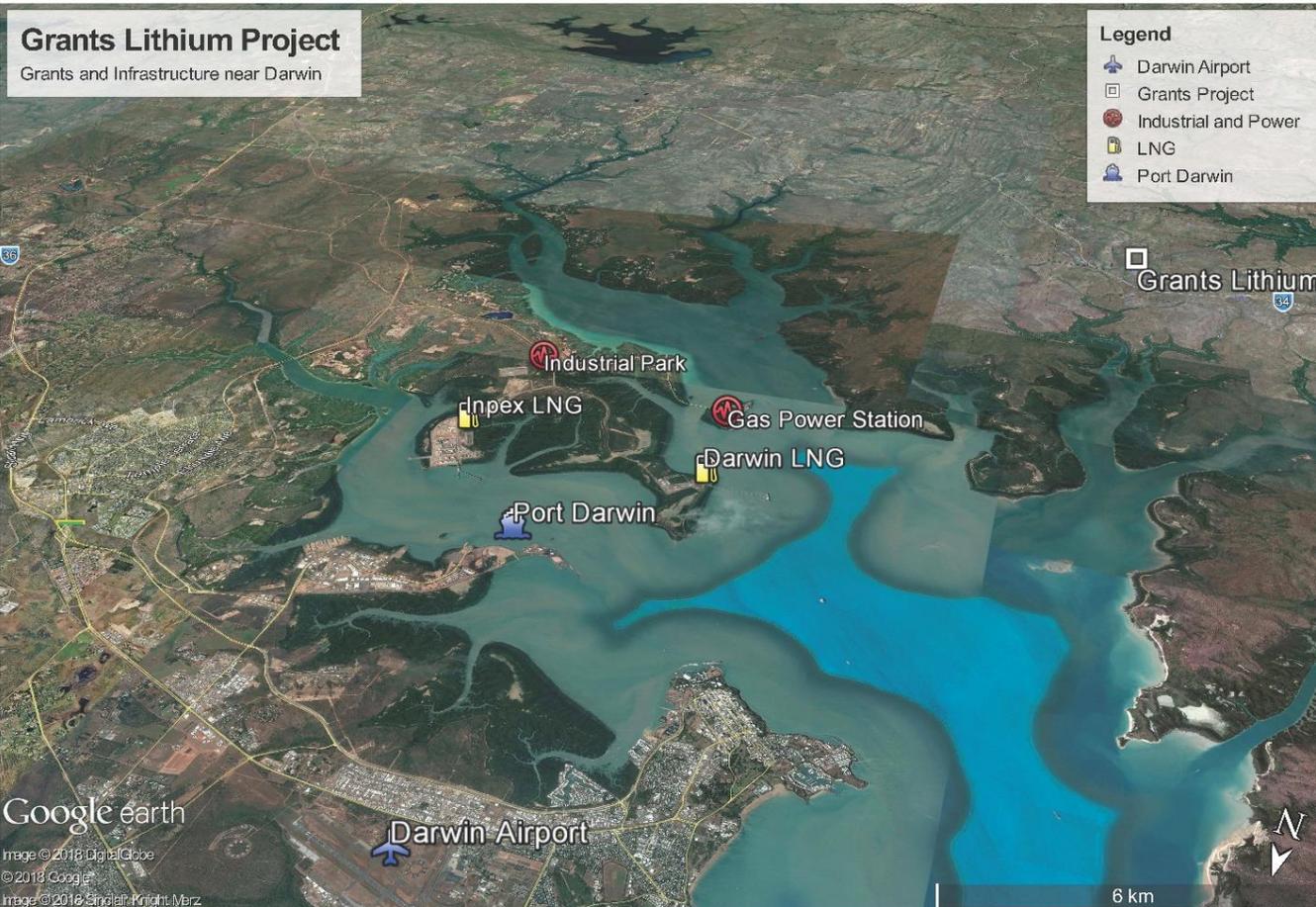
NEW SHALLOW DIPPING, HIGH GRADE MULTIPLE STACKED PEGMATITE TARGETS

- Alternate mining scenarios
- Drilling of these new spodumene pegmatite targets at start of 2018 dry season
- Also many more pegmatites to revisit and test on large 500km² project area in 2018, including recently acquired tenure from LTR
- Regional exploration drilling continues within the larger Finnis Lithium Project with results expected from Carlton, Hang Gong, Highland and Far West Central expected this month
- Drill rig at Carlton this week

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PROJECT INFRASTRUCTURE ADVANTAGE



**Potentially best logistics chain to China
of any Australian lithium project**

Darwin Port located close to Grants

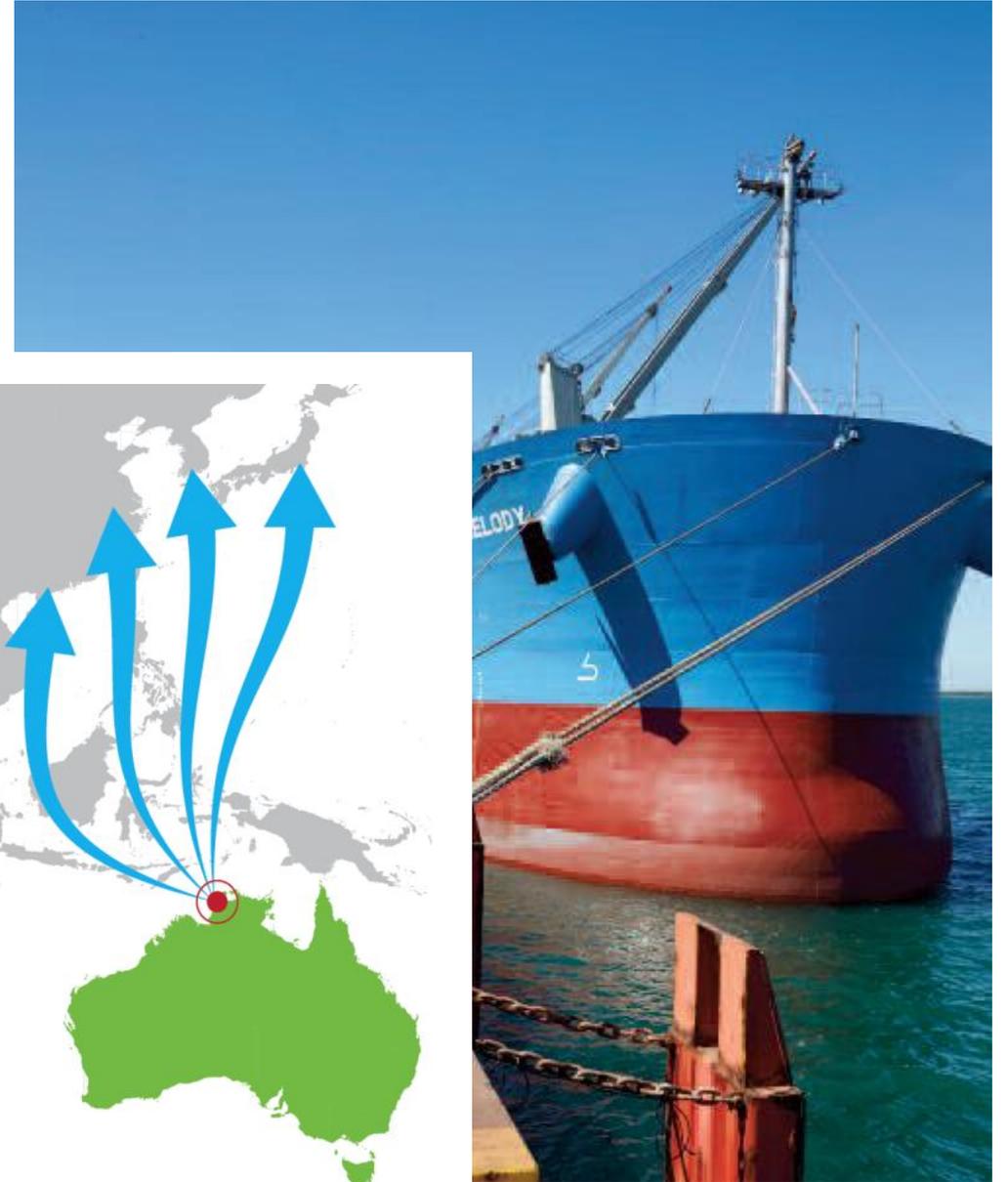
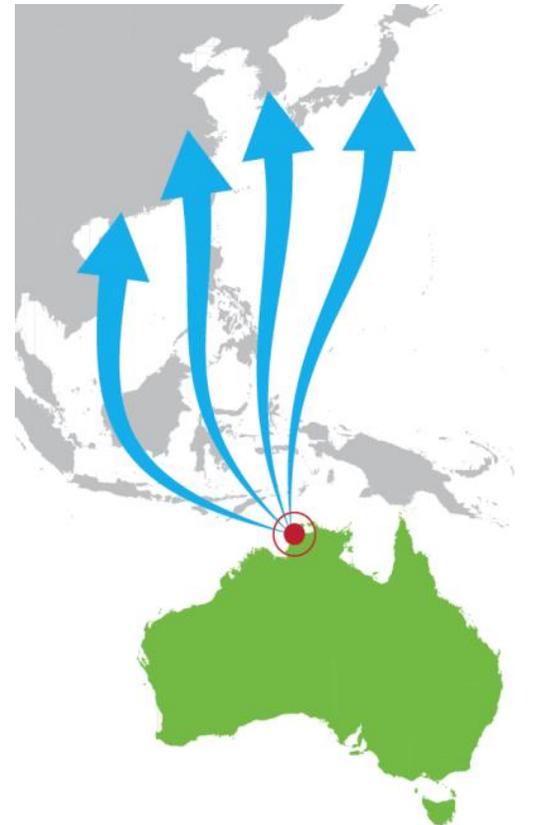
**88km route is on all Northern Territory
Government roads licenced for road trains**

Bitumen (black top) all the way

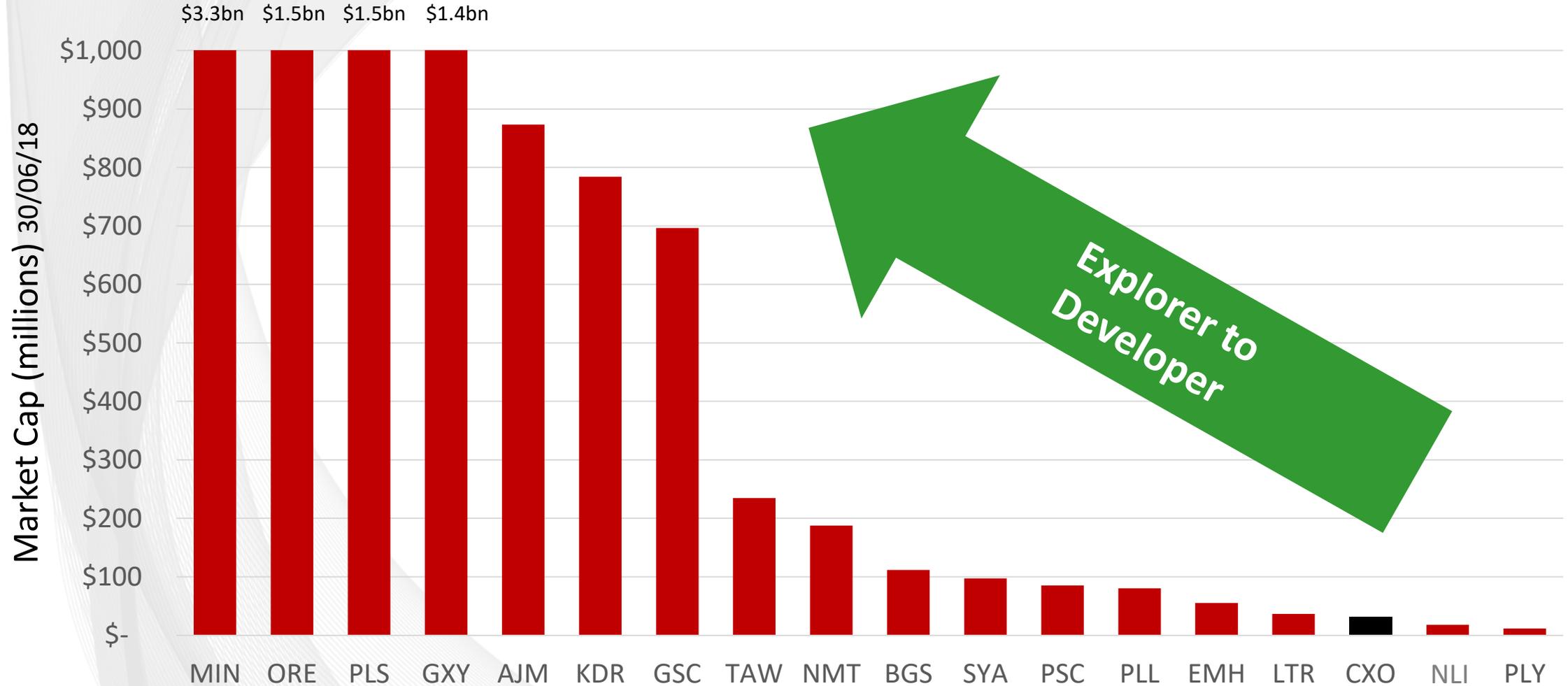
**Grants is close to grid power, gas and rail
infrastructure**

DARWIN PORT AGREEMENT CORE HAS AGREEMENT WITH DARWIN PORT TO SHIP 1MTPA OF SPODUMENE

- Heads of Agreement signed with Darwin Port in respect of potential export of lithium products from Grants
- Agreement provides Core with capacity to export up to 1Mtpa of spodumene direct shipping ore (DSO) or up to 250,000 tpa of spodumene concentrate
- East Arm Wharf facilities at Darwin Port are well suited to handle potential future production from Core's lithium projects
- Darwin Port is Australia's nearest port to China



ASX LITHIUM SECTOR COMPARATIVE MARKET CAP



Finniss Lithium Project on Pathway to Production

- Core's development of the Finniss Project is unlocking a new lithium rich province in the Bynoe Pegmatite Field, near Darwin, NT
- Preliminary Feasibility Study (PFS) now completed, and Definitive Feasibility Study (DFS) scheduled for delivery by the end of 2018
- Grants favourable characteristics drive a very high margin project, with rapid payback
- Capex only \$53.5 million, of which over US\$20 million already committed by major lithium offtake partner, Yahua Group, while combined with US\$35 million pre-payment facility with RiuFu would fully fund the project
- Enterprise Value of approximately A\$24 million provides very significant upside exposure relative to NPV of A\$140 million
- And DFS expected later this year aiming to include:
 - Increased resources
 - Increased concentrate grade and optimised recovery
 - Increased offtake commitment
 - Increased prepayment (customer) finance

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