

## **SYERSTON PROJECT**

### NICKEL AND COBALT SULPHATE

FOR THE LITHIUM-ION BATTERY INDUSTRY

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# **COMPANY OVERVIEW**

### **CLEAN TEQ MISSION**

We use hydrometallurgical innovation to produce metals that are highly geared to disruptive changes in technologies and markets particularly in global energy and transport

Develop the Syerston Project to exclusively supply the rapidly expanding lithium-ion global battery industry

### SYERSTON PROJECT OVERVIEW

Syerston is a laterite (iron-hosted) mineral resource, rich in nickel, cobalt and scandium, located 350km west of Sydney and 100% owned by Clean TeQ

Uniquely positioned as one of the largest and highest grade sources of cobalt outside Africa

Syerston is development ready and will be the first mine developed producing high-purity nickel and cobalt sulphate



### **CAPITAL STRUCTURE**

9	ASX code	CLQ
	Share Price (28 April 2017)	A\$0.755
	Shares	572.1 M
	Options	47.2 M
	Performance Rights	4.9 M
	Market Capitalisation (undiluted)	A\$432.0 M
	Cash @ 31 Mar 2017	A\$92.7 M
	Liabilities (Mar-18 notes)	A\$3.0 M

### **MAJOR SHAREHOLDERS**

Robert Friedland	16.2%
Pengxin Mining	16.2%
Australian Super	5.0%
Board & Management <sup>1</sup>	5.7%



1. Excludes options and performance rights



## **INVESTMENT THESIS**

#### **LITHIUM-ION BATTERIES**

High-purity nickel and cobalt sulphate are key raw material inputs for the rapidly growing lithium-ion battery industry

### SYERSTON PROJECT

#### **COBALT PLAY**

A rare, large and high grade cobalt project outside Africa

#### STRATEGIC JURISDICTION

Customers require supply options outside Africa

### **CATHODE MARKET**

#### **RAW MATERIAL CHALLENGES**

Evolving supply constraints for high-purity nickel and cobalt sulphate, particularly with an auditable supply chain

#### A STRATEGIC SOURCE OF RAW MATERIALS FOR THE LITHIUM-ION BATTERY INDUSTRY

#### **ATTRACTIVE ECONOMICS**

First quartile cost position with 39 year mine life

#### **DEVELOPMENT READY**

All key permits and infrastructure in place



# **RECENT DEVELOPMENTS**

## STRONG MOMENTUM TOWARDS DEVELOPMENT OF SYERSTON



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# **NEAR-TERM OBJECTIVES**

## FAST TRACKING SYERSTON IS OUR IMMEDIATE PRIORITY









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Build out project development and operational management team

Sign binding offtake agreements with strategic counterparties during 2017



# CATHODE MARKET



# **BATTERY PACK COSTS ARE FALLING**

## ECONOMIES OF SCALE AND THE EXPERIENCE CURVE



The last five years have seen a **20% pa cost** reduction in EV battery pack systems

At the current rate of improvement, EV drivetrains are forecast to surpass the cost competitiveness of combustion engines within five to ten years

### **Battery Costs Are Falling (US\$/kWh)**



Source: Deutsche Bank, Lithium 101, May 2016

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# NEW BATTERY CAPACITY IS COMING

### ALREADY ~US\$20B OF COMMITTED INVESTMENT

Tesla is important, but the real growth story is in China

China is now pushing for an aggressive California-style Zero Emission Vehicle (ZEV) program: 8% EV by 2018, 12% by 2020

Given a 1% EV adoption rate in China today, that target translates to a **12x increase** in the number of electric cars to be sold in China

Chinese **technical capability** is fast approaching Japanese and Korean manufacturers



Source: Deutsche Bank, Lithium 101, May 2016

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# **CATHODE IS THE KEY TO COST**

### NICKEL AND COBALT PRICES DRIVE CELL COST



Source: Roland Berger (2012) and internal analysis. Assumes a 96Wh PHEV cell (26Ah, 3.7W) using NCM622 cathode chemistry. Cathode raw material cost includes non-metallic materials (carbon black, binder, foil). Internal assumptions concerning split of costs assumes spot prices of Ni US\$4.20/lb; Co US\$28.00/lb; Mn US\$1.00/lb; Li US\$9,000/t (as LCE)



# **CHEMISTRY BY MARKET**

## DOMINANT CHEMISTRIES FOR EV REQUIRE NICKEL AND COBALT



Source: Avicenne Energy Analysis 2014



# CATHODE DEMAND FORECAST

### EV IMPLICATIONS FOR CATHODE RAW MATERIAL DEMAND

### Use of nickel and cobalt dominant chemistries is accelerating in China

Of the 10 top selling Chinese EV's using LFP chemistry, six are already converting to NCM

"We believe this potential [Chinese] subsidy plan would further promote the development of NMC over LFP in the next few years. The **NMC** penetration rate should climb significantly faster than we previously expected."

('000 tonnes)

■ LCO



Source: 2015 data based on Avicenne Energy Analysis. 2025 case based on internal company estimates, utilising an EV adoption rate based on the average from five banks and industry consultant forecasts: HEV 5.7m, PHEV 2.3m, BEV 5.1m. EV applications forecast at 289 GWh. Non-EV applications forecast at 135GWh. Assumes an average battery size of 50kWh/BEV. Chemistry adoption rates in 2025 for EVs are NCM<sub>622</sub> 60%, NCA 25% and LFP 15%. No allowance for yield losses or process inefficiencies at pack or cell level, nor metal recycling rates

Deutsche Bank, 2 Dec 2016

### **Cathode Raw Material Demand By Battery Type**

### **Implied Contained Metal Demand**



# **INPUTS REQUIRED AS SULPHATES**

### EV BATTERIES NEED NICKEL AND COBALT IN SULPHATE FORM

The EV battery industry requires **metal to** be supplied as salts, usually as sulphates, to manufacture cathode precursors

The cost of converting metal units to sulphate form is often represented in the market price by a 'sulphate premium' paid over and above the contained metal value

> TISLA "The main determinants on the cost of the cell are the price of the nickel in the form that we need it ... and the cost of the synthetic graphite with silicon oxide coating." - Elon Musk, Tesla CEO

### **Nickel Sulphate Premia**



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Source: Macquarie Research



# **A PROBLEMATIC SUPPLY CHAIN**

## MAJORITY OF CURRENT COBALT SUPPLY SOURCED FROM AFRICA

"The majority of the cobalt is heading straight to China. Their global hold is huge."

- CRU, May 2016

"While the occasional [analyst] questions the availability of enough lithium or flake graphite to satisfy soaring demand from the battery industry, everybody has overlooked or ignored the most critical mineral constraint – Cobalt. It's a truly gargantuan challenge. A Gigarisk!" - investorintel.com, March 2016



CHILDREN MINING COLTAN, KIVU REGION, DRC



Percentage of cobalt produced globally as by-product from copper and nickel mining



Percentage of global cobalt production originating in the Democratic Republic of Congo





# **COBALT PRICE**

### COBALT WAS ONE OF THE BEST PERFORMING METALS OF 2016

Cobalt has been one of the best performing metals with prices increasing by ~160% since the beginning of 2016

Significant upside in the event of supply disruption

Major end customers have declared cobalt a **'conflict' mineral** – supply must come from auditable sources and supply chains

At Syerston cobalt is **co-product**, **not by**product: cobalt is ~55% of Syerston's revenues at today's spot metal prices<sup>1</sup>

1. Spot nickel and cobalt prices as at 28 April 2017, scandium revenue has been excluded



Source: Bloomberg

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### FULLY PERMITED DEVELOPMENT PROJECT LOCATED IN NSW

The Syerston Project is **100% owned by Clean TeQ** and located 350km west of Sydney

Laterite (iron-hosted) mineral resource, rich in nickel, cobalt and scandium

Uniquely positioned as one of the largest and highest grade sources of **cobalt outside** Africa

**Fully permitted** project targeting release of Bankable Feasibility Study in 4Q 2017

Seeking to directly supply the **lithium-ion battery industry** with high-purity nickel and cobalt sulphate, the key raw materials in the production of cathodes



Syerston is located in an **established mining** region; other major projects include Cadia Valley, Northparkes and Cowal



## **WORLD-CLASS COBALT RESOURCE**

## SYERSTON IS A PREMIER COBALT RESOURCE OUTSIDE AFRICA



1. Based on publicly released resource statements

### **Cobalt Grade vs Resource Size<sup>1</sup>**



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# KNOWN GEOLOGY

### LARGE UNDEVELOPED NICKEL-COBALT RESOURCE

Over **1,300 drill holes** provide for strong geological understanding of the resource

700kt of contained nickel and 114kt of contained cobalt, making Syerston one of Australia's largest undeveloped nickel-cobalt resources

The resource is **shallow (5m to 40m)** and extends over a 2km horizon

**Existing Ore Reserves** sufficient for a 39 year mine life

Notes: Any apparent arithmetic discrepancies are due to rounding; NiEQ = nickel equivalent

- 1. Ore reserve is reported as autoclave feed tonnes
- was calculated on Ni and Co only, with no consideration for scandium or platinum

#### **Ore Reserves Estimate**<sup>1</sup>

Classification	Mt	Ni %	Co %
Proved	55	0.71	0.10
Probable	41	0.58	0.10
Total	96	0.65	0.10

#### Mineral Resource Estimate<sup>2</sup>

Classification	Mt	Ni %	Co %	Ni kt	Co kt
Measured	52	0.73	0.11	380	57
Indicated	49	0.58	0.10	280	49
Meas. & Ind.	101	0.65	0.10	660	106
Inferred	8	0.54	0.10	50	8
Total	109	0.65	0.10	700	114

2. Based on 0.60% NiEQ cutoff. Calculated as NiEQ% = Ni% + (Co% x 2.95), based on assumed metal prices of US\$4.00/lb Ni, US\$12.00/lb Co, at AUDUSD exchange rate of 0.70. NiEQ



# SIMPLE MINING OPERATION

## SIMPLE AND LOW COST OPEN-PIT MINING AT SHALLOW DEPTHS

Shallow deposit allows for **simple strip-mining method**, with minimal grinding and beneficiation

The ore is friable and **is amenable to free digging by excavators** with no blasting required

The **average strip ratio is 0.8x:1.0** (waste:ore) (i.e. there is more ore than waste)

Average C1 operating cash cost in years 3-20 of US\$2.96/lb nickel or US\$0.89/lb nickel after cobalt co-product credits





# **2016 PFS HIGHLIGHTS**

### LARGE, LOW-COST AND WITH ATTRACTIVE ECONOMICS

PFS completed in September 2016 and demonstrated highly favourable economics

Processing of 2.5Mtpa ore over an initial 20year period with existing Reserves available f up to 19-years of additional mine life extensio

Project designed to produce high purity nick sulphate and cobalt sulphate products targe solely for the lithium-ion battery market

Spot cobalt price of US\$27.90/lb is well abov PFS assumption of US\$12.00/lb

Potential for significantly reduced C1 cash costs after co-credits if spot cobalt prices are assumed

PFS assumptions: nickel price US\$7.50/lb, cobalt price US\$12.00/lb, AUDUSD 0.75 1. Years 3-20 average. 2. Designed processing throughput rate following a 24-month commissioning and ramp-up period. 3. C1 cash cost excludes potential by-product revenue from scandium oxide sales and royalties. 4. Includes US\$62m contingency. 5. Post tax, 8% discount rate, 100% equity, real terms

	V	Nickel sulphate production <sup>1</sup>	85.1ktpa
5	$\checkmark$	Contained nickel production <sup>1</sup>	18.7ktpa
-	$\checkmark$	Cobalt sulphate production <sup>1</sup>	15.3ktpa
n	V	Contained cobalt production <sup>1</sup>	3.2ktpa
<b>cel</b> eted	V	Autoclave throughput <sup>2</sup>	2.5mtpa
	V	Life of Mine	39 Years
/e	V	C1 cash costs (after Co-credits) <sup>3</sup>	US\$0.89/Ib Ni
	$\checkmark$	Total capital cost <sup>4</sup>	US\$680m
	$\checkmark$	NPV <sup>8</sup> (post tax) <sup>5</sup>	US\$891m
	$\checkmark$	IRR (post tax)	25%



# 2016 PFS HIGHLIGHTS (CONT.)

## Q1 COST POSTION WITH MEANINGFUL EXPOSURE TO CO AND NI



- 1. Per September 2016 PFS
- 2. Spot nickel and cobalt prices as at 28 April 2017, scandium revenue has been excluded
- 3. Macquarie Research, as at Q1 2017. Nickel price as at 28 April 2017

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# **CLEAN-IX® PROCESSING**

## SULPHATE FROM PRIMARY ORE PROCESSING

### Large scale pilot plant located in

Perth to simulate the entire leaching and RIP extraction process at scale

A pilot campaign in late 2016 processed ~20 tonnes of Syerston ore to produce nickel and cobalt sulphate customer samples

Good progress is being made on purification of nickel and cobalt eluate to battery-grade specification

Customers to be supplied with samples for product testing and qualification



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# **CUSTOMER STRATEGY**

### FEEDBACK FROM POTENTIAL CUSTOMERS TO DATE IS VERY POSITIVE

Clean TeQ's objective is to agree **binding long** term nickel and cobalt sulphate sales **contracts** with a small number of strategic counterparties during **2017** while the BFS is being completed

Received strong expressions of interest for offtake from a number of parties, including signing MOUs and participating in site visits

Customers are receiving samples of nickel sulphate and cobalt sulphate with **product** certification process progressing well

Customers are very aware of **impending raw** material supply shortage and seeking certainty of supply



**NICKEL & COBALT SULPHATE** 





# **PROJECT IS DEVELOPMENT READY**



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# APPENDIX



# **2016 PREFEASIBILITY STUDY**

## LARGE, LOW-COST AND WITH HIGH COBALT CREDITS

Parameter		Assumption
Autoclave Throughput		2.5Mtp
Life of Mine		39 yea
Initial operating period		20 yea
Autoclave Feed Grade <sup>2</sup> (Year 3-20 average)	Nickel	0.809
	Cobalt	0.149
Production (Years 3-20 average)	Nickel sulphate	85,135
	Cobalt sulphate	15,343
Production (Years 3-20 average)	Contained nickel	18,730
	Contained cobalt	3,222t
Recovery (Years 3-20 average)	Nickel	94.29
	Cobalt	93.09
Nickel price assumption <sup>3</sup>		US\$7.5
Cobalt price assumption <sup>3</sup>		US\$12.0
Exchange Rate		AUD/USI
Total Capital Cost <sup>4</sup>		US\$680M (A
C1 Cash Cost (Year 3-20 average) 5	before Co credits	US\$2.96/
	after Co credits	US\$0.89/
Net Present Value (NPV <sub>8</sub> ) – post tax <sup>6</sup>		US\$89
Internal Rate of Return (IRR) – post tax		25%

1 Designed processing throughput rate following a 24-month commissioning and ramp up period.

2 Includes pit selection, dilution and mining factors

3 Based on bank/broker long-term consensus market pricing for metal content only. Does not include premiums that are typically paid in the market for battery-grade nickel and cobalt sulphate

4 Includes a US\$62M (A\$83M) contingency on capital costs

5 C1 cash cost excludes potential by-product revenue from scandium oxide sales and royalties

6 Post tax, 8% discount, 100% equity, real terms

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Definitive Feasibility Study due for completion in Q4 2017

Significant scandium credits modelled separately

# Assumes NCA chemistry with Ni and Co content by wt% within cathode active material of 48% and 9% respectively, and energy density at 1.39kg/kWh

\* Assumes average energy density per battery pack of 50kWh



# **SCANDIUM OPPORTUNITY**

## EV DEMAND TO DRIVE GROWTH FOR LIGHT WEIGHT ALUMINIUMS

Scandium is used to provide next generation lightweight aluminium alloys for key transportation markets

Clean TeQ continues to promote the use of scandium alloys with ultimate aim of securing offtake agreements for scandium oxide

In Dec-16, Clean TeQ entered into a collaboration agreement with **Airbus** 

The Syerston Project has one of the **world's** largest and highest grade scandium deposits

In Aug-16, Clean TeQ completed a Feasibility Study to produce scandium-oxide by-product alongside nickel and cobalt sulphate products

**Capital Cost of US\$75m** and would significantly enhance Syerston project economics<sup>1</sup>

1. Syerston Scandium Project Feasibility Study, released to ASX on 30 August 2016.

### **Airbus Group's Light-rider**



The world's first 3D printed electric bike aluminiumscandium frame makes it lighter and stronger

The bike weighs 35kg, contains a 6kWh battery, has a top speed of 80km/h and a range of 60km



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The information in this document that relates to nickel-cobalt Mineral Resources is based on information compiled by Diederik Speijers and John McDonald, who are Fellows of The Australasian Institute of Mining & Metallurgy and employees of McDonald Speijers. There was no clear division of responsibility within the McDonald Speijers team in terms of the information that was prepared – Diederik Speijers and John McDonald are jointly responsible for the preparation of the Mineral Resource Estimate. Diederik Speijers and John McDonald have sufficient experience that is relevant to the style of mineralisation and type of deposit under consideration and to the activity which they are undertaking to qualify as Competent Persons as defined in the 2012 Edition of the 'Australasian Code for Reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves'. Diederik Speijers and John McDonald, who are consultants to the Company, consent to the inclusion in the report of the matters based on their information in the form and context in which it appears.

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