



# **Corporate Presentation**

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### **Corporate Overview**



Australian Vanadium Limited (ASX: AVL) is an emerging vanadium producer

Focused on developing
The Australian Vanadium
Project at Gabanintha in
Western Australia

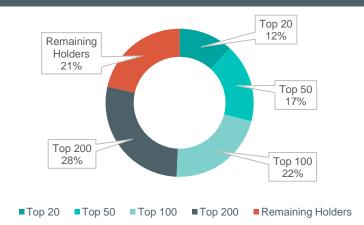
- Strong technical and commercial team
- High quality deposit
- Building ability to deliver through all vanadium price cycles
- Moving directly from completed PFS to BFS
- Federal Major Project Status
- Western Australian Lead Agency Status
- Vanadium is recognised as a critical steel and alloy and battery mineral by the Australian Government
- Subsidiary VSUN Energy promotes vanadium redox flow batteries for renewable energy storage, a vanadium growth market

### **Corporate Overview**



KEY STATISTICS (27/10/20)							
Ordinary Shares on Issue	2.85b						
Share Price	A\$0.012						
Average Daily Traded Volume	3,325,019						
Market Cap (Undiluted)	A\$35.2m						
Cash	~A\$8.9						
Shareholders	7,099						

### **SHAREHOLDER SPLIT**

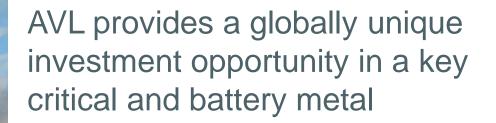




#### **MAJOR SHAREHOLDERS**

JP Morgan Nominees Australia Pty Ltd
 Southland Snipe SF
 HSBC Custody Nominees (Australia) Ltd
 Citicorp Nominees Pty Ltd
 1215 Capital Pty Ltd





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AVL is developing one of the highest-grade vanadium projects currently underway in the world. Our aim is to become a low-cost producer, able to withstand long-term commodity price cycles.

Managing Director Vincent Algar

#### **Overview**



#### High quality vanadium deposit

Vanadium titanium magnetite (VTM) with massive high-grade zone 87.9Mt at 1.06% V<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>

#### **Feasibility study status**

- Feasibility studies proceeding direct to bankable level to ensure financing success
- Detailed pilot on 30t sample nearing completion. Crucial to de-risk for success

#### **Focus on innovation**

- ▶ \$1.1m CRC-P grant for vanadium research centred on high purity products and process
- Innovations developed in PFS include option studies to reduce Opex and Capex (eg processing plant location, sale of Fe co-product)

#### **Unique points of difference**

Experienced vanadium team; unique mineral resource and metallurgical characteristics;
 proven processing path

#### **Government support**

 Federal Major Project Status and State Lead Agency, strong global focus on battery and critical mineral projects

#### **Energy storage market**

- ► Proven capability to produce high-purity V<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> suitable for vanadium redox flow batteries (VRFB) and production of electrolyte
- Dedicated subsidiary focused on growing the Australian energy storage market





## **Experienced Team**



**Vincent Algar Managing Director** 

Geologist with over 25 years' experience in the mining industry spanning underground and open cut mining operations, greenfields exploration, project development and mining services. Significant experience in the management of publicly listed companies.



**Todd Richardson Chief Operating Officer** 

Over 20 years of experience in the vanadium sector and an expert in vanadium process design, commissioning and operations. Extensive background in operations, management and technical services, both in the USA and Australia, in all phases of plant operation.



Cliff Lawrenson
Non-Executive Director

Over 10 years experience chairing public and private companies post extensive executive career in resources, energy, infrastructure and investment banking.

Currently Non-Executive Chair of Paladin Energy (ASX: PDN), Caspin Resources (ASX:CPN) and privately owned Pacific Energy and Onsite Rental Group.



**Daniel Harris Technical Director** 

Over 40 years of global vanadium experience including processing and operation. Recent roles include interim CEO and Managing Director at Atlas Iron; Chief Executive & Operating Officer at Atlantic; Vice President & Head of Vanadium Assets at Evraz Group; and Managing Director at Vametco Alloys. Currently Director of US Vanadium LLC.

### **Leslie Ingraham**

#### **Executive Director**

Has been in private business for over 26 years and has worked successfully as a consultant for private companies and public companies listed on the ASX. Core competencies are in corporate advisory, investor relations, capital raising, prospecting and exploration, building long lasting relationships with high end investors in Australia and overseas.

#### **Brenton Lewis**

#### Chairman

A senior academic having spent the past 20 years in the tertiary education sector. Has held management positions including Head of Department and Head of Post Graduate Studies and chaired Boards of management in both academia and community organisations.







### **PRIMARY**

## **Steel**

Accounts for 90% of current global vanadium consumption.



#### **EMERGING**

## **Energy Storage**

Accounts for 2% of current global vanadium consumption, with significant potential for growth.



#### **ADDITIONAL**

## **Ti and Chemical**

4% of vanadium consumption each, with significant potential for growth (super alloys, 3D printing, etc).



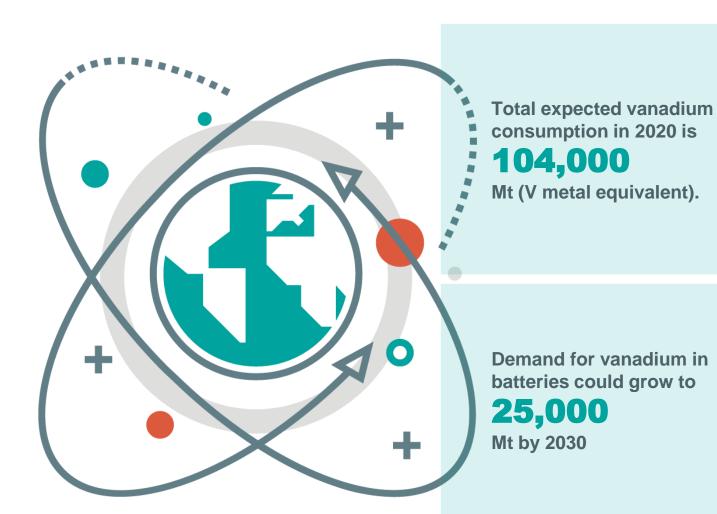
Vanadium electrolyte in vanadium redox flow batteries (VRFBs)



Vanadium can be used in the cathode of **Li-ion batteries**.

## **Growth in Global Consumption**





Annual global consumption predicted to grow to

>135,000

Mt by 2025.

**AVL's current projected production is** 

5,600

Mt per annum.

## Vanadium Markets Vanadium Price



## Metal Bulletin V2O5 Monthly Midpoint Average Price Inflated May 2020US\$



Source: Metals Bulletin publication

#### **Long-Term Price**

Long-term average price for commodity grade V2O5 is \$8.86/lb (inflated to 2017 USD).

► High purity V<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> is typically sold at a premium to the commodity price.

#### Vanadium Market Analysis

- According to respected market commentator Terry Perles, consumption of vanadium has started to rise above production globally
- Historically China has only once been a net importer of vanadium, in Q1 2004
- Growing consumption in China is having a huge impact on its export capability

#### **Prices Negotiated Privately**

Vanadium doesn't trade on the open market - sellers and buyers negotiate prices privately for contracts and spot purchases.

- London Metal Bulletin Fastmarkets (Europe)
- Ryan's Notes (US) weekly spot prices



## The Australian Vanadium Project PFS Project Metrics\*





#### **TOTAL RESOURCE**

208 Mt @ 0.74% V<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>

#### **HIGH-GRADE ZONE**

87.9 Mt @ 1.06% V<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>

## **QUALITY RESOURCE**



#### **OPEX**

US\$4.15/lb V<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>

#### **CAPEX**

US\$354M

## LOW OPEX AND CAPEX



## INITIAL MINE LIFE RESOURCE

17 years

#### **V<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> PRODUCTION**

22.5 Mlbs per annum

### **LONG MINE LIFE**



## LOM AVERAGE RECOVERY

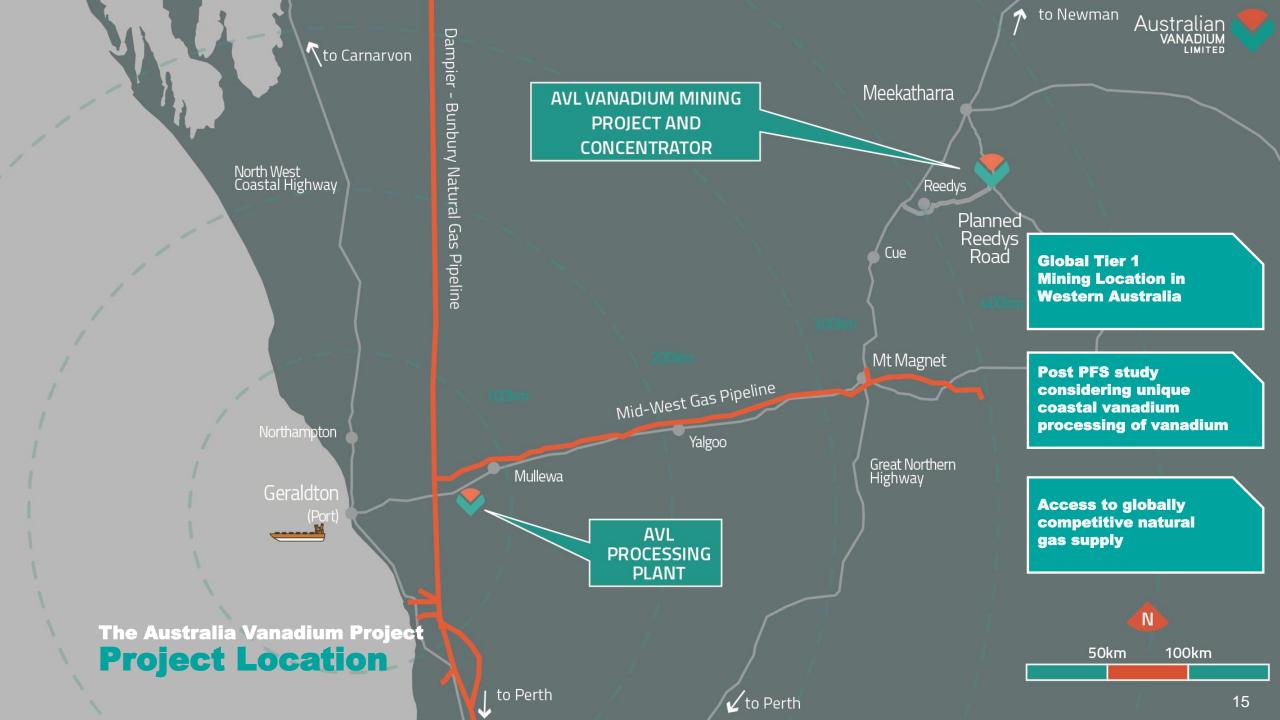
64.1% vanadium

## LOM GRADE CONCENTRATE

 $1.37\% V_2O_5$ 

**EFFICIENT PROCESS** 

<sup>\*</sup> See ASX announcement dated 19th December 2018 'Gabanintha Pre-Feasibility Study and Maiden Ore Reserve'



## The Australian Vanadium Project Resource Summary



### **The Australian Vanadium Project**

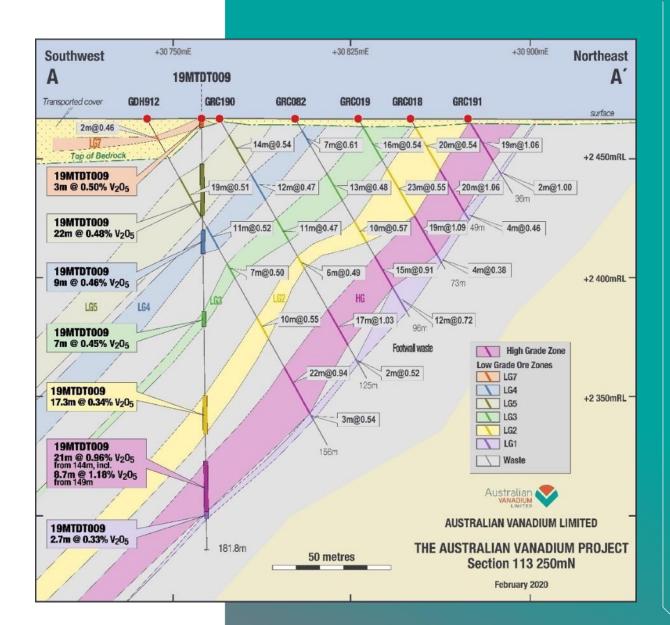
- Located in Western Australia, approximately 43kms south of mining town Meekatharra.
- Consists of 11 tenements covering 260km² held 100% by AVL.
- Mining Lease granted.
- High-grade, Bushveld-type VTM deposit drilled over 11km of AVL controlled strike with consistent geology.
- ▶ PFS initial mine life of 17 years, with significant ground for extension.

#### **Mineral Resource**

Total Resource 208Mt 0.74% V<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>

- Combined Measured and Indicated Resource 35.2Mt at 1.11% V<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>.
- Massive high-grade zone 87.9Mt at 1.06% V₂O₅ comprising 10.1Mt at 1.14% V₂O₅ Measured, 25.1Mt at 1.10% V₂O₅ Indicated and 52.7Mt at 1.04% V₂O₅ Inferred Resource.
- ► Total low-grade zones Resource 120.4Mt at 0.51% V<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>. (see *Mineral Resource table*).

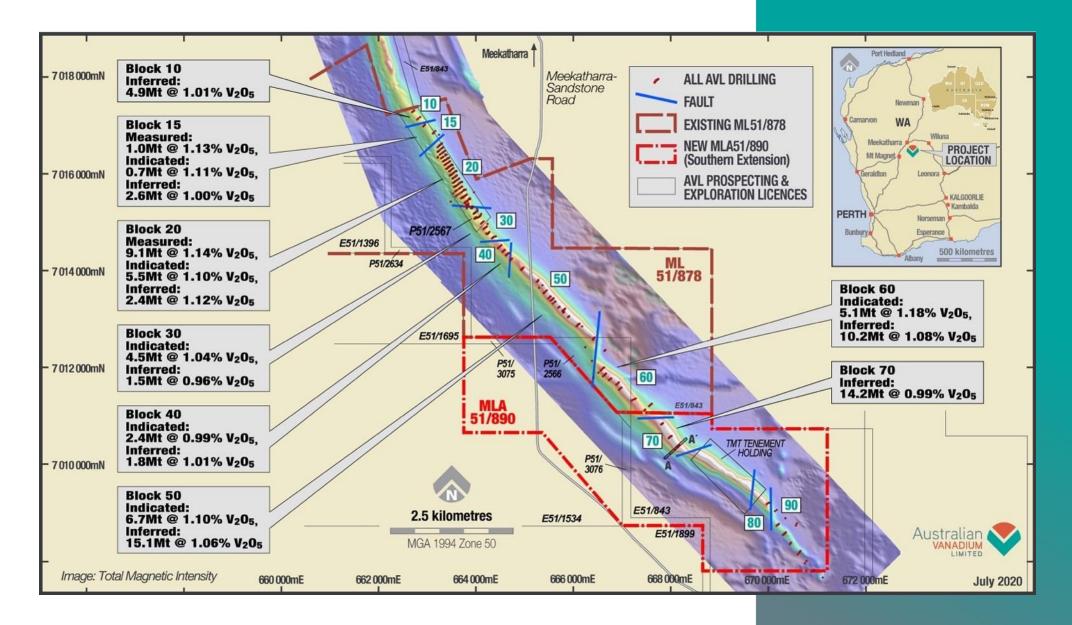
The massive high-grade zone is the current focus of economic evaluation.



### **The Australian Vanadium Project**

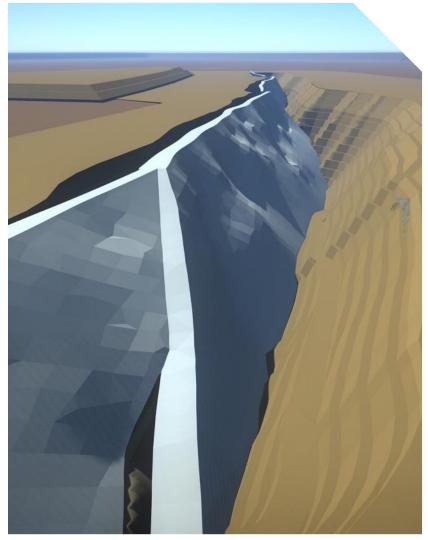
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## **Resource Total Magnetic Intensity**



## The Australian Vanadium Project Pit, Beneficiation and Processing Plant











## Australian VANADIUM

## **AVL's Innovative Approach**



- Extensive pilot study work completed on 20t of representative drill core
- Unique high vanadium yield achieved from massive magnetite zone:
  - Life of Mine 76% vanadium recovery, at a grade of 1.37% V<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> and 1.68% SiO<sub>2</sub>
  - First five-year ore blend 69% vanadium recovery at 1.39% V2O5 and 1.83% SiO<sub>2</sub>
- High vanadium recovery and low silica content represent unique value opportunities for AVL in ongoing economic studies
- Achieved high vanadium recovery and low silica which are key to efficient downstream vanadium processing



- Extraction rate significantly improved through roast-leach process innovation:
  - Pelletisation and Grate Kiln
  - 93.3% average extraction, an 8% relative improvement on the PFS basis
  - Provides greater value per unit of ore processed than anticipated in PFS
- High-purity 99.4% vanadium pentoxide (V<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>) produced from pre-pilot testwork
- CRC-P funding to develop 99.9% high-purity vanadium process and titanium recovery
  - Proposed Coastal processing offers unique iron coproduct sale opportunities

### **The AVL Innovation**

## **Innovative Proposed Project Layout**



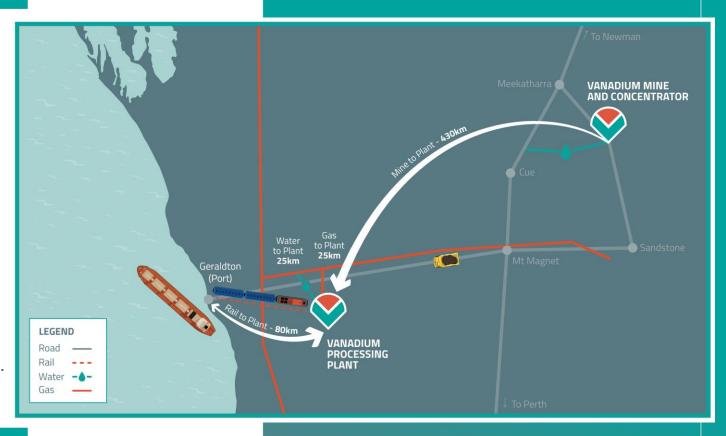
### **Coastal Processing**

BFS focused on processing plant near coast offering significant opportunities.

- Proximity to gas pipeline infrastructure and associated low domestic gas prices.
- Ability to sell iron-titanium coproduct (up to 1Mtpa) through Geraldton Port.
- Opportunity for lowest quartile Opex over life.
- Existing road, rail, water and gas infrastructure.
- Available local workforce.
- Reduced Capex and water use at Project minesite.
- Strong government support.

### **Startup Capex Reduction Opportunity**

Coastal processing location allows option of two stage project delivery, improving attractiveness for Project investors.



### **The Australian Vanadium Project**

## **Federal and State Government Support**





#### **Australian Government**

### **Major Project Status**

The Project has been awarded Major Project Status by the Federal Government in recognition of its national significance.

#### **CRC-P Grant for Vanadium Research**

Federal grant awarded for improving vanadium processing efficiency:

- Development of an ultra-high-purity production path.
- Extraction of valuable by-products including critical minerals (eg titanium).
- Increasing recoveries from mine to mill.
- Reduction of mining and processing waste products.



### **Lead Agency Status**

- The Project was awarded Lead Agency Status by the Western Australian State Government.
- The Lead Agency for the Project is the Department of Mines, Industry, Regulation and Safety with the support of the Department of Jobs, Tourism, Science and Innovation.
- Principal Advisor appointed to assist with advice on key approvals and co-ordination across government agencies.



Vanadium is both a critical mineral and a battery mineral – sought after by Australia, US, UK, EU and other major industrial countries

### **The Australian Vanadium Project**

## **Broader State Economic Impact Analysis**



## **Employment Opportunities**

- During construction 500 jobs will be provided, 250 jobs at each of the two sites.
- Once construction is complete there will be approximately 240 jobs in total, 120 jobs at each site with a further headcount in the corporate office based in Perth.
- ▶ Using a mining industry standard **job multiplier of 4**, the estimated jobs for the entire project is about 3,000. A job multiplier measures the amount of direct and indirect jobs created in the region as a result of the primary operation.





## Mid-West region of Western Australia

#### Meekatharra

- AVL aims to ensure that the community of Meekatharra is offered job opportunities on site where appropriate.
- The company provides support for the town through volunteer work and expenditure into the businesses in town.
- During the exploration stage, AVL has been providing economic benefit to Meekatharra, with the company spending over \$350,000 on services from local businesses in the 2018/19 financial year.

#### Geraldton

With the processing plant located near to Geraldton, there will be significant economic impact on this area and the ability for the workforce to be located in a growing and vibrant town.

## What makes AVL unique?



The superior geology of the Australian Vanadium Project deposit

AVL's thorough understanding of the geometallurgical characteristics of its project resources, due to extensive and complete study work

Deposit size and strike length allowing for flexibility in mining and scheduling

**Crushing, Milling and Beneficiation circuit design that minimises silica in concentrate** 

Innovative pyrometallurgical process which improves gas usage and vanadium extraction

AVL team's extensive vanadium industry and processing, corporate experience



Developing efficient process for producing highpurity battery, chemical and master alloy grade material

Determination to deliver thorough studies to attract partners and financiers and to minimise the risk of operational underperformance

VRFB market development through subsidiary VSUN Energy

LOI signed with world's third largest vanadium producer

Project located in Western Australia, which is a Tier 1 mining jurisdiction

Location of processing plant closer to cheaper gas and local workforce near Port and infrastructure

Saleable iron co-products



## **Key Objectives to July 2021**

## Offtake Agreements

Steel markets account for 90% of current global vanadium consumption.

Complete secured offtake for 100% of Vanadium Products

## **Finance**

Maintain strong financial position

Qualification with financiers for Project equity and debt and/or Joint Venture partnerships

## **Environmental Approval**

Submission of environmental approval for Mine and CMB site.

Processing Site approval application

## Feasibility Studies

Completion of engineering and BFS level costing

## Social Licence to Operate

Finalise Native Title agreement and all Mining Licence approvals

Increase regional community engagement

## Government Support

Maintain strong Federal and State Government recognition and support

## The Australian Vanadium Project Project Summary





## **Completed**

- Exploration success large high quality VTM resource
- Resource and Reserves for initial 17 year mine in PFS, significant potential for extension
- Completed PFS showing strong fundamentals through all price cycles
- ✓ CMB Pilot study (30t)
- MOU with first significant party regarding finance, offtake of vanadium oxides
- MOU with Westgold for life-ofmine water requirements
- ✓ Increased Project Resource
- ✓ Mining lease approval



## **Ongoing Priorities**

- Completion of large-scale downstream processing pilot program and definitive process flow diagrams
- Environmental impact studies, water and submission to EPA
- Financing and resource bank engagement (partnerships, MOUs)
- Offtake agreements
- Mining schedule and financial model based on new Resource profile
- Updated PFS to form basis for BFS



### **Planned**

- BFS completion
- Key funding partner selection and financial close
- Detailed design engineering completion
- Order long lead time equipment
- EPC/EPCM contract execution
- Construction, startup, commissioning and ramp up

## The Australian Vanadium Project Updated Resource Table



Material	JORC Resource Class	Million Tonnes	V <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> %	Fe %	TiO <sub>2</sub> %	SiO <sub>2</sub> %	Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> %	LOI %
High Grade	Measured	10.1	1.14	43.9	13.0	9.2	7.5	3.9
	Indicated	25.1	1.10	45.4	12.5	8.5	6.5	2.9
	Inferred	52.7	1.04	44.6	11.9	9.4	6.9	3.3
	Subtotal – High Grade	87.9	1.06	44.7	12.2	9.2	6.8	3.2
Low Grade	Indicated	44.5	0.51	25.0	6.8	27.4	17.0	7.9
	Inferred	60.3	0.48	25.2	6.5	28.5	15.3	6.7
	Subtotal – Low Grade	104.8	0.49	25.1	6.6	28.0	16.1	7.2
Transported	Inferred	15.6	0.65	28.4	7.7	24.9	15.4	7.9
	Subtotal – Transported	15.6	0.65	28.4	7.7	24.9	15.4	7.9
Total	Measured	10.1	1.14	43.9	13.0	9.2	7.5	3.7
	Indicated	69.6	0.72	32.4	8.9	20.6	13.2	6.1
	Inferred	128.5	0.73	33.5	8.8	20.2	11.9	5.4
	Total	208.2	0.74	33.6	9.0	19.8	12.1	5.6

**Note**: Mineral Resource estimate by domain and resource classification using a nominal 0.4% V<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> wireframed cut-off for low grade and nominal 0.7% V<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> wireframed cut-off for high grade (total numbers may not add up due to rounding).









### **VSUN Energy**

## **A Renewable Energy Company**





## **About VSUN Energy**

- VSUN Energy is a renewable energy company focused on sale of vanadium redox flow batteries (VRFBs) for energy storage.
- VSUN Energy is AVL's fully owned subsidiary, launched in 2016 to grow the VRFB market in Australia and increase the domestic vanadium market.
- Significant shift in global energy markets towards long duration +4 hours baseload – niche only able to be filled by large-scale grid-connected VRFBs.



## VSUN Energy Recent Sales





## **Recent Sales – Victoria Agribusiness**

- 90kW/320kWh VRFB for a dairy in Meredith, Victoria
- 20kW/80kWh VRFB plus solar energy storage system for an orchard in Pakenham, Victoria.
- Each system will provide a minimum of four hours of stored renewable energy, allowing the clients to increase onsite renewable generation and consumption.



### **VSUN Energy**

## **Downstream revenue opportunities for AVL**





### **Vanadium Electrolyte**

Vanadium electrolyte (produced from high purity vanadium) is in short supply

- Low levels of investment in refining V<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> and electrolyte production
- Investment needed in VRFB market development and electrolyte production increases
- ► 100MWh of energy storage uses 989t V<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>, with AVL's annual production estimated at 10,000t V<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> per annum
- Vanadium leasing is a revenue generating opportunity

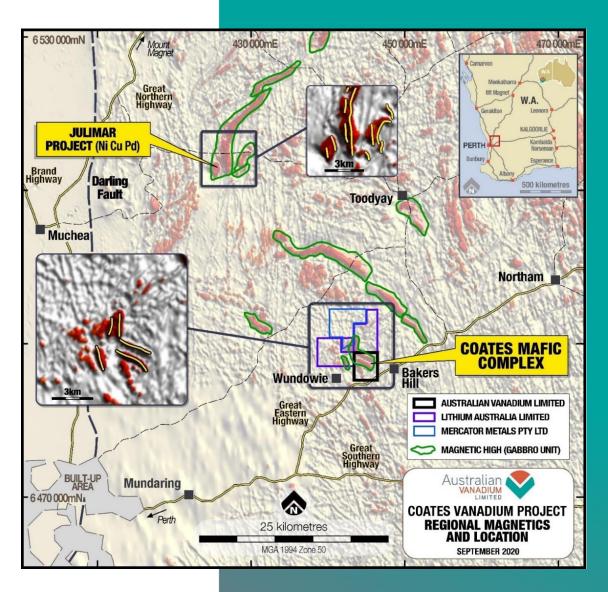




## Coates Project Coates Mafic Complex

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- Coates Mafic Complex is located approx. 29 km SE of the recent Ni-Cu-PGE Julimar Project discovery by Chalice Gold Mines (ASX: CHN) in a comparable rock sequence.
- Within AVL tenure, the mafic complex was explored in the 1960s and 70s for vanadium-titanium (V-Ti) hosted in an enriched laterite horizon at surface and the underlying magnetite-gabbro portion of a layered gabbro intrusion.
- Within Mercator and Lithium Australia (LIT) tenure, end of hole sampling of modern vacuum drillholes for bauxite in the NW portion of the tenement group returned anomalous platinum/palladium (PGEs)



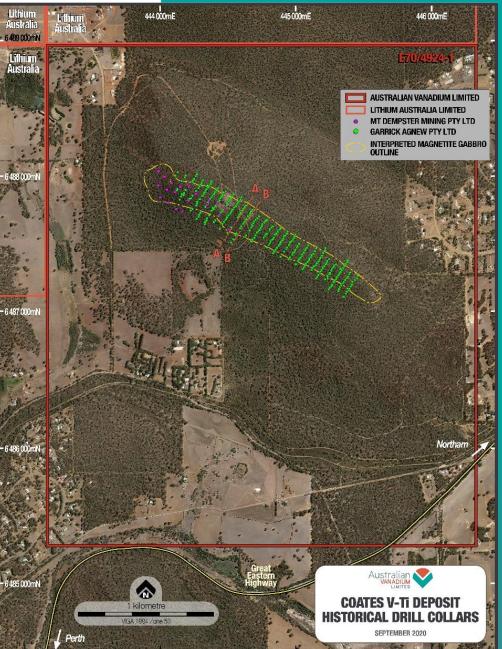
## Coates Project PGE Geochemistry





## Coates Project Historical Drill Dataset

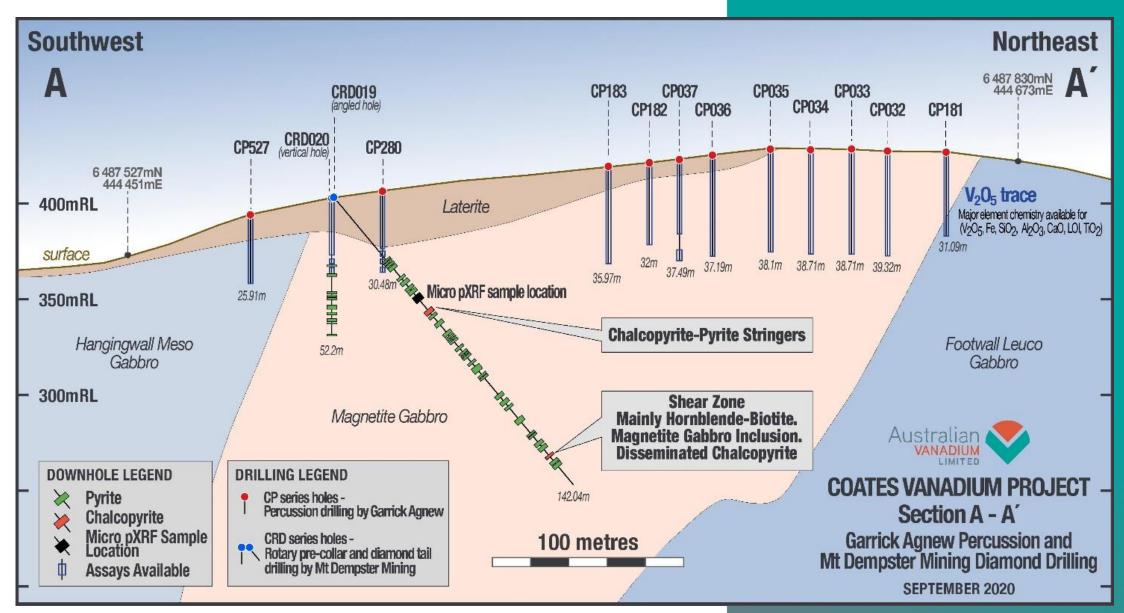
- Garrick Agnew Pty Ltd and Mt Dempster Mining Pty Ltd completed 385 percussion and diamond holes for nearly 18,000 metres of drilling during 1970 – 1975.
- Holes were assayed for select major elements.
   Sulphides were noted by the core logging geologists.
- AVL has digitally captured this dataset from publicly available reports. A geological model and dataset for all recorded sulphide occurrences has been constructed.
- Portions of drill core holes by Mt Dempster Mining Pty Ltd have been acquired by AVL. First base metal and PGE assays of quarter core are pending.





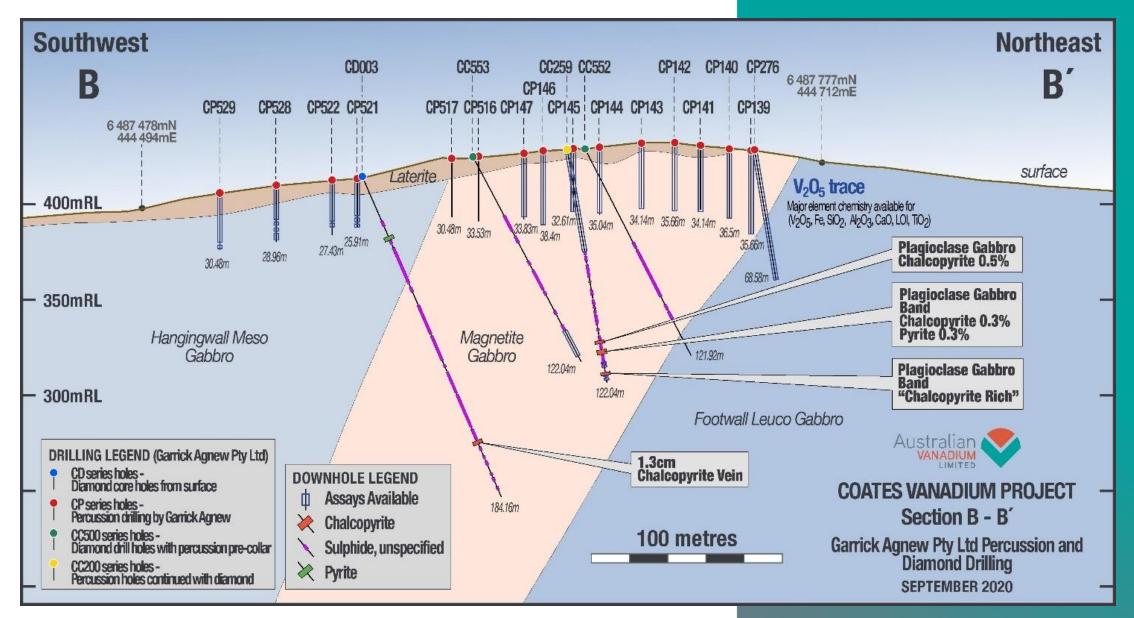
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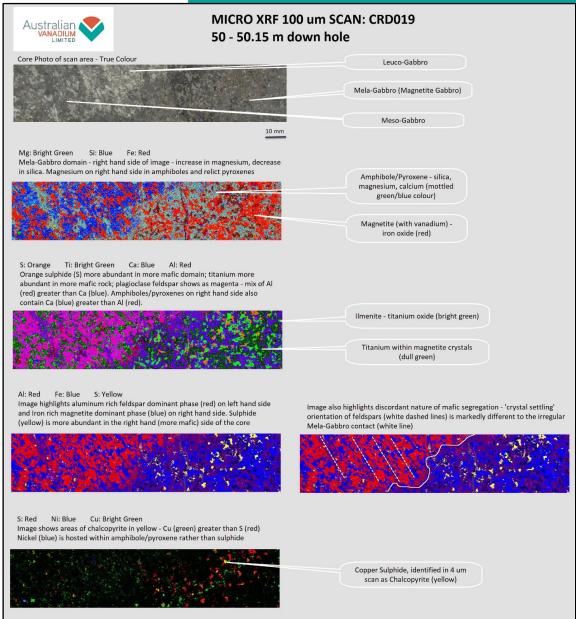


## Coates Project

## **Micro XRF Scans - CRD019**

- Micro XRF scanning at Portable Spectral Services in West Perth was completed on three pieces of core from CRD019.
- The 100 micron (μm) scans (human hair = 80 μm) identified a more mafic phase of the gabbro (melagabbro) that contains magnetite > pyroxene / amphibole > ilmenite > sulphide adjacent to mesogabbro that has plagioclase > pyroxene / amphibole > magnetite > ilmenite > sulphide.
- While there are small amounts of disseminated sulphide throughout the magnetite gabbro unit, the sulphide abundance increases in the mela-gabbro unit.



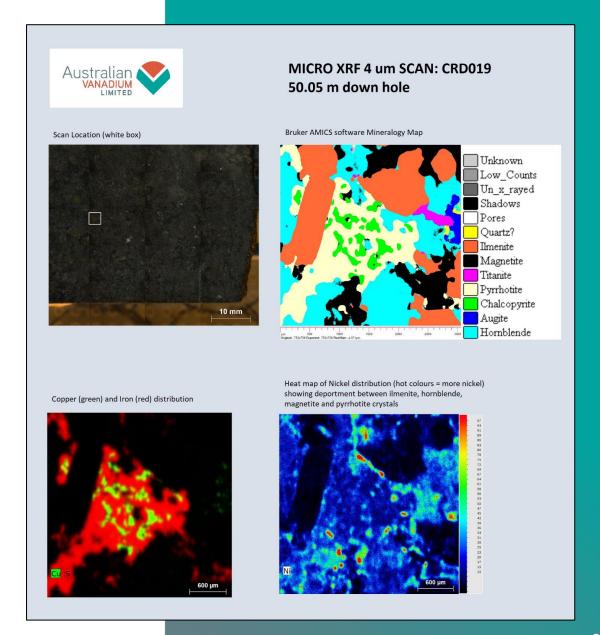


### **Coates Project**

## **Micro XRF Scans - CRD019**

- 4 μm scans on two copper bearing sulphides was completed, confirming the presence of chalcopyrite within pyrrhotite crystals.
- Elemental mapping and interpretation shows the surrounding minerals are amphibole with relict pyroxene centres, ilmenite, magnetite and titanite.





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