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**121 Conference Presentation**

AVZ Minerals Limited (ASX:AVZ, OTCQX:AZZVF, "the Company" or "AVZ") is pleased to advise that Nigel Ferguson, Managing Director of AVZ Minerals will be presenting today at the 121 Conference in Cape Town.

Please find attached a copy of the presentation.

Yours sincerely,

Jan de Jager  
CFO and Joint Company Secretary



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This document may include references to information that relates to Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves prepared and first disclosed under the JORC Code 2012. The information references the Company's previous ASX announcements noting the following:

- Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves for the Manono Lithium and Tin Operation "MLTO" or Roche Dure reference the Company's previous ASX Announcements "JORC Ore Reserves increase by 41.6% at Roche Dure" released to ASX on 14 July 2021 and "Updated Mineral Resource Estimate Includes Pit Floor "Wedge" Drill Results" released to ASX on 24 May 2021.
- Any reference to Carriere de l'Este mineral resource estimate (MRE) should be read in conjunction with the Company's previous ASX Announcement "Assays from Carriere de l'Este drilling confirms deposit a likely rival to Roche Dure" dated 16 August 2021.
- Any reference to tin exploration targets should be read in conjunction with the Company's previous ASX Announcement "Initial Exploration Target for Alluvial Placer Hosted Tin Defined at the Manono Lithium and Tin Project" dated 18 May 2021.
- The Definitive Feasibility Study (DFS) refers to the April 2020 DFS, announced to the ASX on 21 April 2020.

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## Competent Person Statement

The information that relates to Ore Reserves is based on information compiled by Mr Daniel Grosso and reviewed by Mr Karl van Olden, both employees of CSA Global Pty Ltd. Mr van Olden takes overall responsibility for the Report as Competent Person. Mr van Olden is a Fellow of The Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy and has sufficient experience, which is relevant to the style of mineralisation and type of deposit under consideration, and to the activity he is undertaking, to qualify as Competent Person in terms of the JORC (2012 Edition). The Competent Person, Karl van Olden has reviewed the Ore Reserve statement and given permission for the publication of this information in the form and context within which it appears. The estimated ore reserves underpinning the production target have been prepared by Competent Person, Karl van Olden from CSA Global, in accordance with the requirements in Appendix 5A of the (JORC Code) 2012. Mr van Olden consents to the inclusion in the report of the matters based on his information in the form and context in which it appears.

The Mineral Resource estimate has been completed by Mrs. Ipelo Gasela (BSc Hons, MSc (Eng)) who is a geologist with 14 years' experience in mining geology, Mineral Resource evaluation and reporting. She is a Senior Mineral Resource Consultant for The MSA Group (an independent consulting company), is registered with the South African Council for Natural Scientific Professions (SACNASP) and is a Member of the Geological Society of South Africa (GSSA). Mrs. Gasela has the appropriate relevant qualifications and experience to be considered a Competent Person for the activity being undertaken as defined in the 2012 edition of the JORC Code. Mrs. Gasela consents to the inclusion in the report of the matters based on her information in the form and context in which it appears.

The information in this report that relates to metallurgical test work and Exploration Targets results is based on, and fairly represents information compiled and reviewed by Mr Nigel Ferguson, a Competent Person who is a Fellow of The Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy and Member of the Australian Institute of Geoscientists. Mr Ferguson is a Director of AVZ Minerals Limited. Mr Ferguson has sufficient experience that is relevant to the style of mineralisation and type of deposit under consideration and to the activity being undertaken to qualify as a Competent Person as defined in the 2012 Edition of the "Australasian Code for Reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resource and Ore Reserves". Mr Ferguson consents to the inclusion in this report of the matters based on this information in the form and context in which it appears.

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Release of this market announcement is authorised by Nigel Ferguson, AVZ Minerals Limited's Managing Director.

## Who We Are

A transformative resources company focused on underpinning the global green energy transition, uplifting the lives of host communities and concurrently delivering long term benefits for stakeholders and the environment.



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# Corporate Snapshot

The AVZ and Manono team consists of an excellent mix of technical, corporate and legal professionals with over 150 years of combined African experience and with major mining operations both in Africa and globally



## Capital Structure

ASX Code	AVZ
OTCQX Code	AZZVF
Share Price (12 month low / high)	A\$0.14/ A\$1.36
Shares outstanding	3.5bn
Market Cap (12 month low / high)	A\$0.5bn / A\$4.7bn
Available Cash (31 Mar 2022)	A\$70.6m
Conditional Cash (Closure TIA with CATH <sup>2</sup> )	US\$240M
Conditional Cash (ATM Facility <sup>3</sup> )	A\$50m
Debt	Nil
Directors and Management Shareholding	2%
Unquoted Performance Rights (with various hurdles over 2-3 years vesting periods)	70.2M

## DFS (April 2020)<sup>1</sup> Key Financial Metrics Base Case Scenario - LoM 20 years and SC6 CIF Price US\$699/t

Metric	Pre-tax (100% basis)	Post-tax (100% basis)
Project NPV <sub>10</sub>	USD 2,348 M	USD 1,028 M
IRR	53.15%	33.15%
EBITDA	USD 8,359 M	USD 8,359 M
TAX	N/A	USD 4,034 M
Profit After Tax (NPAT)	N/A	USD 3,779 M

<sup>1</sup> Refer to ASX Announcement dated 21 April 2020 "AVZ delivers highly positive Definitive Feasibility Study for Manono Lithium and Tin Project"

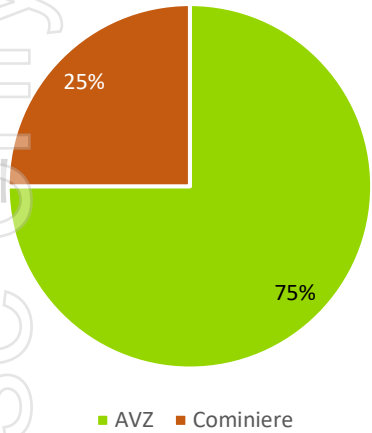
<sup>2</sup> Refer to ASX Announcement 27 September 2021 "Cornerstone investor secured for development of Manono Lithium and Tin Project"

<sup>3</sup> Refer to ASX Announcement 3 December 2021 "At-the-Market Subscription Agreement (ATM), OTCQX Secondary Market Application and Notice under Section 708A(5)(e) of the Corporations Act 2001"

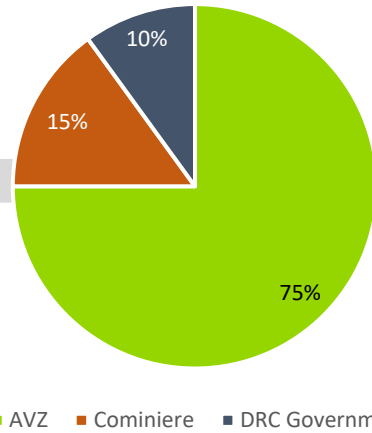


# Manono Lithium and Tin Project - Ownership

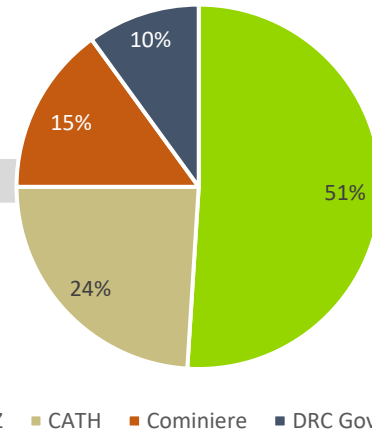
**Dathcom - Current Ownership**



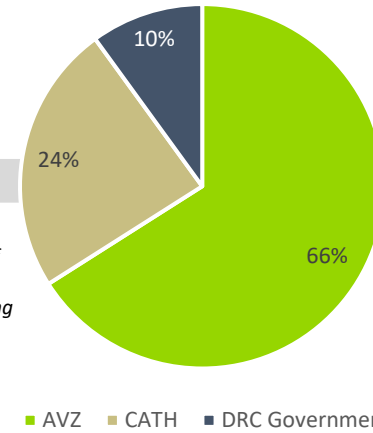
**1. Dathcom - Post Award of Mining Licence\***



**2. Dathcom - Post Completion of CATH Transaction\***



**3. Dathcom - Post AVZ Negotiation with DRC Government for Cominiere 15%\***



*Cominiere to Cede 10% to DRC Government<sup>1</sup>*

*AVZ sells 24% to CATH on completion of TIA<sup>2</sup>*

*Subject to AVZ successfully negotiating the purchase of 15% from Cominiere in accordance with AVZ's existing rights under the Dathcom Shareholders Agreement<sup>3</sup>*

*\* Describes incomplete transactions*

## AVZ currently holds a 75% equity interest in the Manono Project

- AVZ holds good legal title to the entirety of its interest
- AVZ has performed under the sale and purchase agreement(s) in acquiring its current interest
- AVZ retains rights under the terms of the existing shareholders agreement between the Dathcom shareholders to acquire a further 15% from Cominiere

### References

Dathcom Mining SA (**Dathcom**)

Dathcom Shareholders:

AVZ International Pty Ltd a wholly owned subsidiary of AVZ Minerals Limited (**AVZ**)

La Congolaise D'Exploitation Miniere SA (**Cominiere**)

Suzhou CATH Energy Technologies (**CATH**)

DRC Government

<sup>1,3</sup> Refer to ASX Announcement 4 May 2022 "Ministerial Decree to Award the Mining Licence Manono Lithium and Tin Project"

<sup>2</sup> Refer to ASX Announcement 27 September 2021 "Cornerstone investor secured for development of Manono Lithium and Tin Project" and subsequent Company updates





# Project Summary

## Ownership

- 75% owned by AVZ Minerals Limited
- 25% owned by DRC Government interests (10% to be ceded to Government with AVZ maintaining rights to secure an additional 15%) refer slide 6
- Cornerstone investor secured to acquire 24% of the project for US\$240M<sup>1</sup>

## Roche Dure Deposit

- Resource 401 Mt @ 1.65% Li<sub>2</sub>O (spodumene)
- Reserves 132 Mt @ 1.63% Li<sub>2</sub>O (Reserve LoM 29.5 years<sup>2</sup>)
- Homogenous in grade

## Status

- 4.5 Mt/a DFS completed in April 2020
- Ministerial Decree received for award of Permis d'Exploitation or Mining Licence<sup>3</sup>

## Mine Type

- Open pit, hard rock lithium, tin and tantalum (Strip ratio < 0.5:1)
- Alluvial tin and tantalum

## ESG Credentials

- Independent assessment shows Manono to have one of the lowest carbon footprints of any global hard rock lithium miner<sup>4</sup>
- AVZ is committed to the sustainable development of the Manono Project & empowerment of local communities which we operate with

## Process Flow Sheet

- 2 stage crush, HPGR, DMS and Calcination plant for lithium Sulphate
- Wilfley tables and magnetic separation for tin and tantalum recovery

## Products

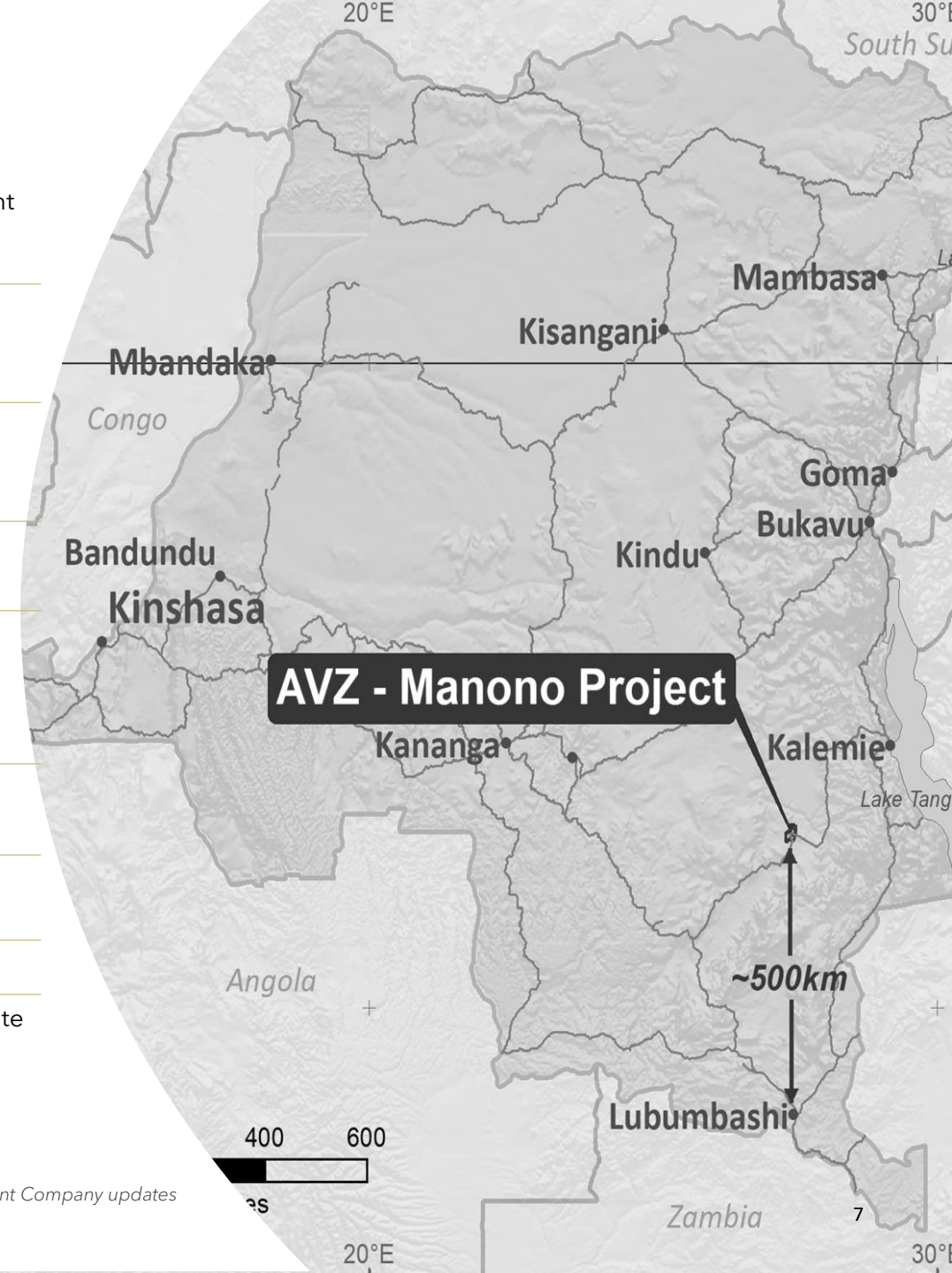
- Initial production of 700 kt/a SC6 and 46 kt/a Primary Lithium Sulphate, additional credits for Tin, Tantalum and Niobium

## Capital Requirement (DFS)

- US\$545M (including contingency of US\$49M)

## Infrastructure

- Refurbish the Mpiana Mwanga hydro-electric power station, ~87 km from site
- Water readily available from the local man-made Lake Lukushi
- Roads and rail to Dar es Salaam port in Tanzania and Lobito port in Angola via Kabondo Dianda Intermodal Staging Station



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<sup>4</sup> Refer to the Company's previous ASX Announcement "Manono Project to have one of the lowest carbon footprints" dated 21 January 2021





# Our Sustainable Development Goals

AVZ is committed to achieving sustainable outcomes in the communities we operate in. This is reflected in our Corporate Social Responsibility Policy and our Sustainable Development Plan.

## Social Contribution

### Community Wellbeing



### Community Development



### Sustainable Livelihoods



## Environmental Contribution

### Energy Use and Resilience



### Sustainable Operations



# Green Energy Credentials

The refurbishment of Mpiana Mwanga comprises the installation of 6 generators for total potential production of ~ 44 MW<sup>1</sup>

AVZ has executed an MoU with the DRC Government to secure the rights to Mpiana Mwanga for rehabilitation and generation of power for our operations at Manono.

Additional renewable power options being investigated include:

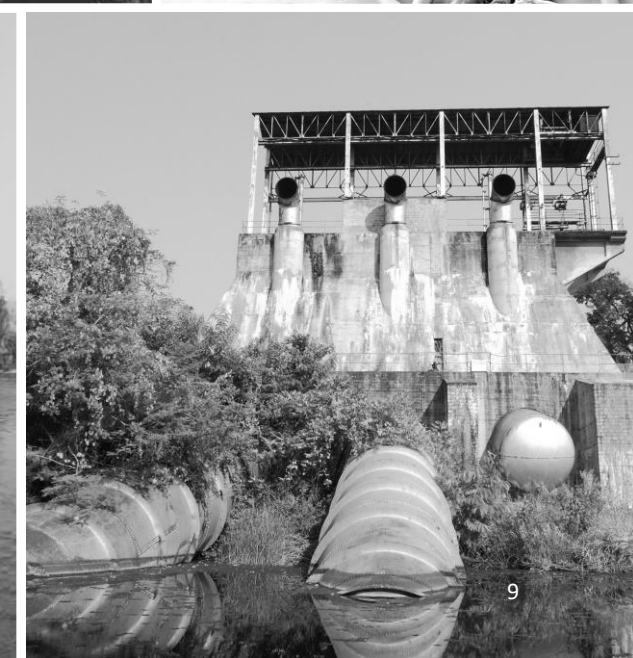
- Solar Power arrays and battery storage
- Steam turbine generation from sulphuric acid plant
- Biofuel generation

AVZ is striving to be as close to a 'zero emissions' operation as possible

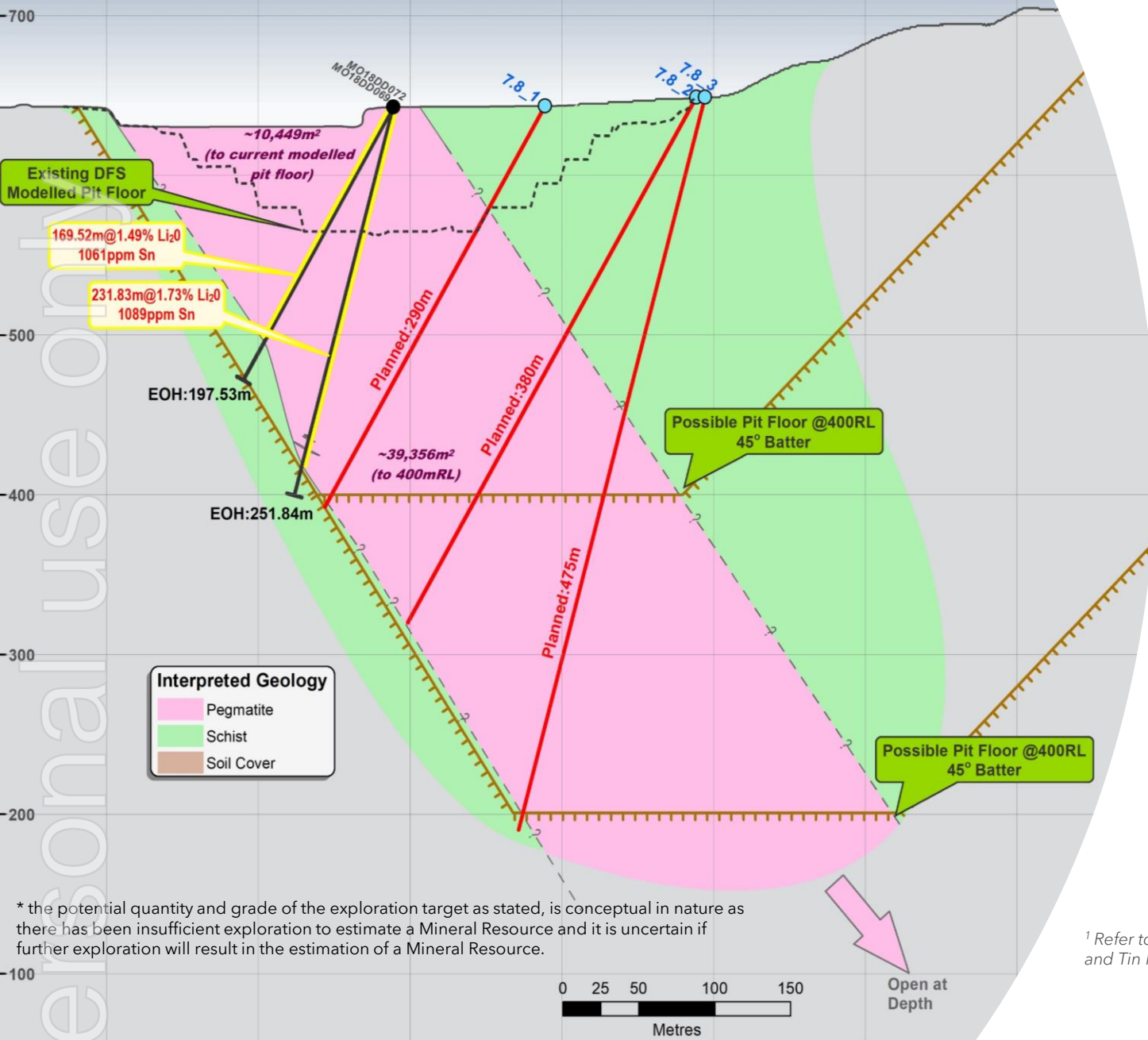
Independent assessment<sup>2</sup> shows Manono Project could have one of the lowest carbon footprints of any global hard rock lithium producer

<sup>1</sup> 44 MW is the installed power which equates to approximately 40.3 MW of guaranteed output before transmission line losses of 3-5%

<sup>2</sup> Refer to the Company's previous ASX Announcement "Manono Project to have one of the lowest carbon footprints" dated 21 January 2021



# Growth Opportunities



Realistic growth and optimisation opportunities

## Exploration

- Roche Dure resource extension and advancing Carriere de l'Este exploration target
- Exploration targets identified for both laterite hosted and river channel placer tin deposits
- Other brown and greenfield exploration opportunities

## Mining & Processing

- DMS expansion scenario under investigation (part of CATH agreement<sup>1</sup>)
- Middlings stream from grinding & flotation circuit
- Further downstream expansions (additional PLS trains / LiOH)
- Improved by-product recoveries

## Other

- Renewable energy
- Logistics

\* the potential quantity and grade of the exploration target as stated, is conceptual in nature as there has been insufficient exploration to estimate a Mineral Resource and it is uncertain if further exploration will result in the estimation of a Mineral Resource.

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## Take Away Facts

### ■ **World Class Project**

- Believed to be the largest undeveloped hard rock lithium project globally, with a resource base to underpin significant growth
- Robust project economics

### ■ **Project Support**

- Engaged, co-operative and collaborative relationship with DRC Government
- Significant cornerstone investor backing the development of project
- Advanced debt funding discussions
- 100% of lithium products under long term binding offtake agreements

### ■ **Growth Potential**

- Scalability of the project underpinned by known resource with expansion potential
- Cornerstone investor support, both technical and financial, to expand upstream and downstream conversion potential
- Robust project cashflows & proven management capability to develop brownfield and new greenfield exploration opportunities
- AVZ offers significant leverage to the lithium and tin price



Thank you

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