

# Providing an alternative, reliable, global supply of Critical Metals

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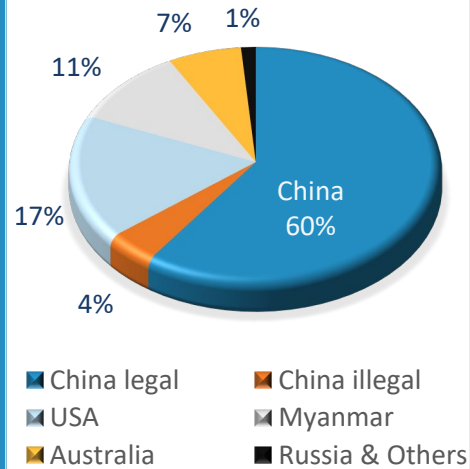
# ASM: De-risking the Global Supply Chain



## Global supply chain:

Concentrated  
Lacks transparency  
Significant risk across all stages

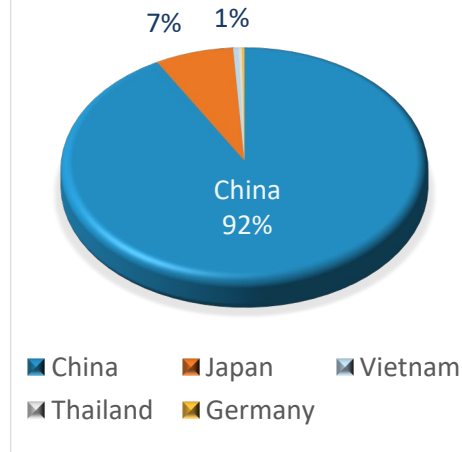
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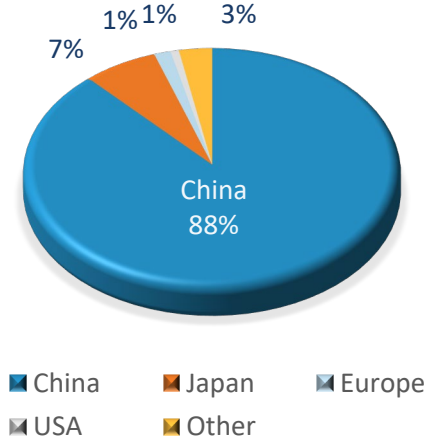
### Midstream Separation & Refining



### Downstream Metallisation & Alloying



### End Use Magnetisation & Forming



## Global Bottleneck

Rare Earth Products→

2021 Annual Production→

2035 Forecast Production→

Concentrates/Carbonates

226,000 t<sup>1</sup>

Oxides

55,952 t<sup>2</sup>

103,342 t<sup>3</sup>

Metals and Alloys

205,000 t<sup>2</sup>

NdFeB Magnets

175,000-180,000 t<sup>2</sup>

341,950 t<sup>3</sup>

ASM – Mine to Metal



# Our Vision

An alternative, secure and environmentally responsible supply of critical metals to the world

## Dubbo Source

- Zirconium
- Rare earths
- Niobium
- Hafnium

## External Source

- Titanium
- Rare earths

Dubbo oxides

3<sup>rd</sup> Party oxides

A global, vertically integrated mine to metals business

## High Purity Metal Product

- Titanium metal, powder, alloy
- Permanent magnet alloy
- Dysprosium
- Ferro-niobium
- Niobium
- Hafnium
- Terbium
- Zirconium



Commissioning



Under consideration



Direct to Customers

# Delivering a Vertically Integrated Solution

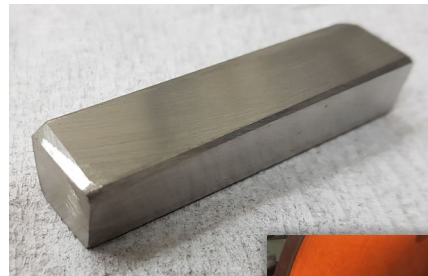
## Dubbo Project

- Polymetallic resource - light and heavy rare earths, zirconium, niobium and hafnium
- Project approvals issued
- 20 year mine life producing metal oxides



## Metallisation Business

- High purity metals and alloys
- Patented “green” metallisation process
- Low capital intensity and easily expanded



## High Tech Manufacturing

- Diversified critical metals
- Permanent magnet alloys
- Product development to customer's specifications



# Korean Metals Plant

## Metals Plant

- Low capital, small footprint and readily scalable
- Located in Ochang Foreign Investment Zone, 115km south of Seoul
- Will produce metal, alloy and powder to customer specification

## Rapid Development

- Acquisition of facility July 2021 expanded and registered in April 2022
- Phase 1 installation and commissioning continuing – installed capacity 2,200tpa
- Stabilise and improve efficiency of Phase 1, commence Phase 2 to capacity 5,200tpa

## Technology

- Proven, innovative low energy metallisation process with lower environmental impacts
- ASM owned patented technology
- ASM R&D team developed the unique technology

## Pilot Plant High Purity Metals Produced

Praseodymium	5.3kg	99.3%
Dysprosium	7.5kg	99.53%
NdPr	9kg	99.65%
Zirconium powder	8.6kg	>98% (Hf ~1%)
Titanium powder	9.2kg	99.83%
CuTi Alloy	60kg	(70%,30%)
NdFeB	6kg	(32%, 67%, 1%)



# Korean Metals Plant

## Production and Financials

- Korean Metals Plant updated production and financials<sup>1</sup>:
  - Phase 1 2,200tpa installation and commissioning through Q2 2022 with optimisation and ramp-up over second half 2022
  - Phase 2 5,200tpa installation anticipated mid 2023, with ramp up by end 2023, aligned to securing customer sales contracts
  - Capital in line with original estimate of USD 35-45 million
- Sales discussions progressing with potential customers in Korea and the USA for Korean Metal Plant products
- Korean Metal Plant provides the proof of concept for potential expansion based on market demand in Korea and globally

Korean Metal Plant – 5,200tpa Summary	
<b><u>Production</u></b>	
NdFeB Alloy	3,600 tpa
CuTi Alloy	1,600 tpa
Total Production Capacity	5,200 tpa
<b><u>Financial</u></b>	
Annual Revenue	USD 270 million
Annual EBITDA	USD 40 million

### Footnotes<sup>1</sup>:

- Final Production mix, revenue and EBITDA will be subject to customer demand and could include Nd, NdPr, Dy, CuTi and NiTi metals, NdFeB alloy or Ti powder
- Operating costs other than feed material costs are in line with original estimates ASX announcement: [March 2<sup>nd</sup> 2021 Scoping Study Demonstrates Feasibility of ASM Korean Metals Plant](#)
- Reliable published benchmark data for KMP end products is not available. Raw materials and sales price assumptions are based on key raw material inputs from Argus (5<sup>th</sup> May 2022) and Adamas (April 2022) and ASM's assessment of achievable sales pricing. This remains uncertain until customer sales contracts are secured.

# Korean Financing Update

## Original Korean Consortium Agreement

- USD 250 million equity investment for 20% of the Dubbo Project
- 2,800 tpa NdFeB 10 Year Offtake
- Exclusive Agreement

## Revised Korean Consortium Framework Agreement

- Potential investments include post completion of the Engineering, Procurement and Construction Design<sup>1</sup> of the Dubbo Project:
- Facilitate a strategic investor to acquire 10% of Australian Strategic Materials (Holdings) Ltd (ASMH) shares for USD 125 million, and
  - An investment of USD 50 million via a convertible bond for a 30% stake in KSM Metals Co Ltd (ASM's subsidiary that owns the Korean Metals Plant).
  - A further USD 105 million equity investment in ASM,
  - 2,800 tpa NdFeB 10 Year Offtake – check consistency
  - Non-exclusive Agreement

## Korean Consortium Financing Milestones and Next Steps

- Dubbo due diligence – completed
- Dubbo Engineering, Procurement and Construction Design<sup>1</sup> – mid 2023
- Completion of Agreement – Q3 2023

Note 1: Engineering, Procurement and Construction Design:

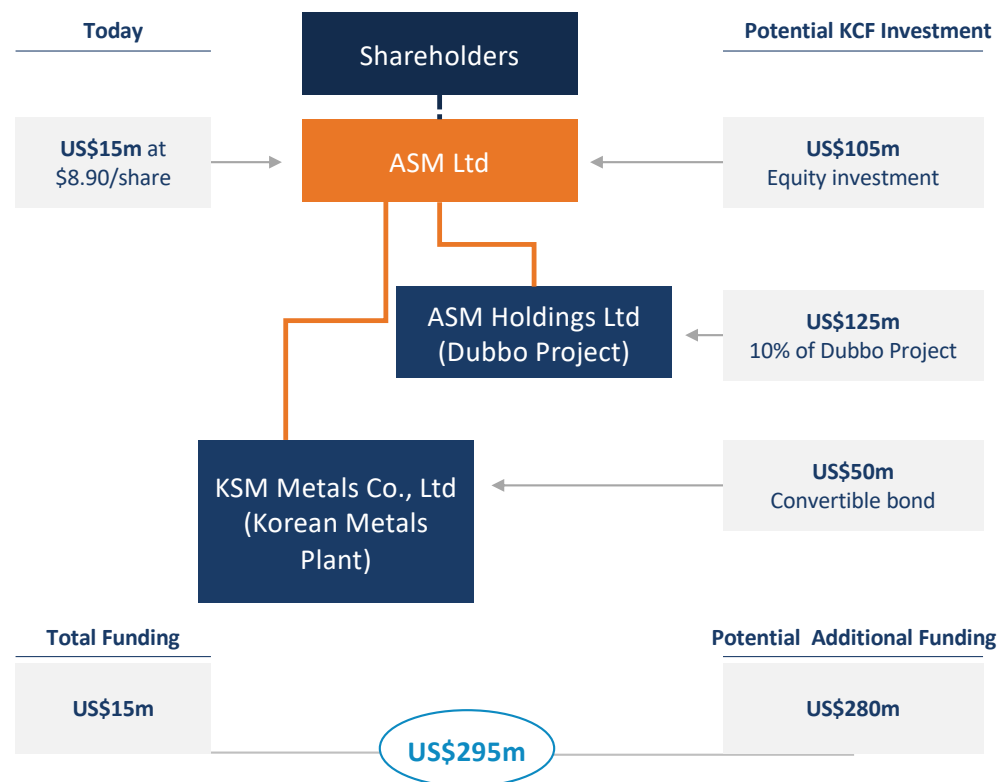
- Front-end Engineering and Design (FEED)
- Early Design of Key Work Packages
- Open Book Project Cost Estimate



# Overview of Revised Framework Agreement



## Investment Structure



## Comments

KCF has invested US\$15m in ASM Limited at A\$8.90 per share  
Potential for a further US\$105m future investment as milestones are achieved

Potential for a 10% investment in the Dubbo Project, for US\$125m by a strategic partner

Potential investment of US\$50m into KSMM as a convertible note for 30% of KSMM

### Milestones and Potential Next Steps

Dubbo Due Diligence	Successfully completed
Proposed Hyundai and Construction Contract	Mid - 2023
Front-End Engineering Design	
Early Design of Key Work Packages	
Open Book Capital Cost Estimate	
Completion of Potential KCF Investments	Q3 2023



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# Dubbo: Long Life Project - Strong Financials

## Project

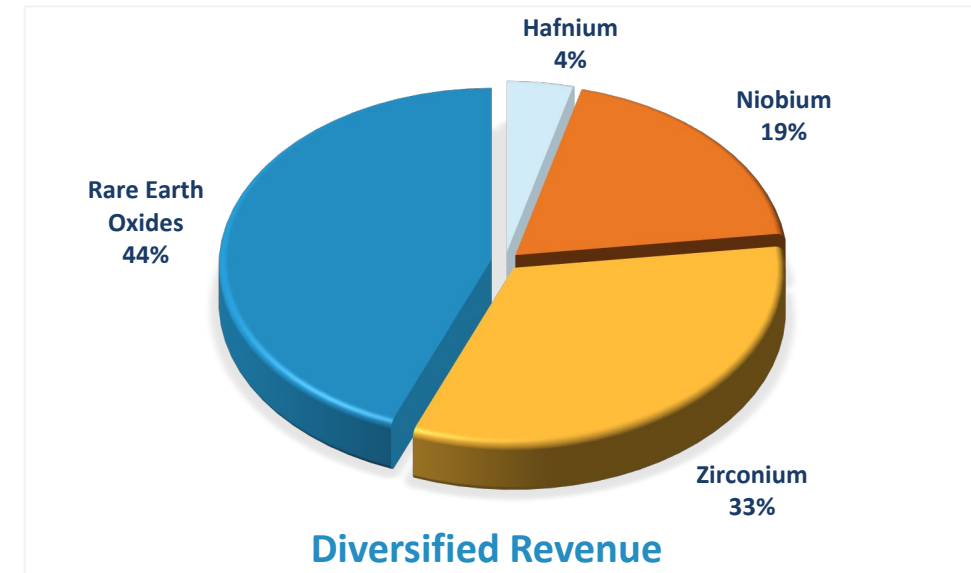
- 400km northwest of Sydney and 25km from Dubbo
- Proven flowsheet with Australian Nuclear Science & Technology Organisation
- Construction ready - major permits received, water license and land owned

## Strong Financials

- Strong Free Cash Flow
- Meets all typical debt financial ratios
- **Pre-tax IRR 23.5%, Post-tax IRR 20.1%**

## Robust Diversified Output

- Polymetallic project de-risking exposure to commodity price variation
- All products can be integrated into ASM's metal business
- Opportunity to increase hafnium production



Key Outputs	USD million
Gross Revenue	\$11,851
Total undiscounted pre-tax Free Cash Flow	\$5,581
Annual Free Cash Flow (full ramp up)	\$319
Pre-tax Project IRR %	23.5%
Post-tax Project IRR %	20.1%
Pre-Tax NPV	\$1,770
Post-tax NPV	\$1,186

\* Exchange Rate (A\$:US\$) - 0.75; Discount Rate (real, post-tax %p.a.) 8.0%; Corporate Tax Rate (%) - 30%

# ESG: Responsible Stewardship

## Targeting operational net-zero

- Reduce emissions -
  - Refurbish railway
  - Chlor-alkali plant
  - Use renewable energy where possible
- Metallisation process lower footprint than conventional methods
- Protecting biodiversity -
  - Improved process to reduce water use
  - Biodiversity offset areas protected in perpetuity
  - Project within a working farm



## Supporting community

- Solid history of successful engagement with local, regional, state and federal stakeholders
- Integrating development and operating plans for mutual benefit with the community
- Engagement with First Nations community



## Strong, credentialed leadership

- Led by a diverse and experienced Board and leadership team
- Comprehensive systems of control and accountability, implemented with openness and integrity
- Engage all ASM people, suppliers and customers to ensure adherence to our guiding values and principles



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# Dubbo Project Resources & Reserves

## Dubbo Project – Mineral Resources

Resource Category	Tonnes (Mt)	ZrO <sub>2</sub> (%)	HfO <sub>2</sub> (%)	Nb <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> (%)	Ta <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> (%)	Y <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> (%)	TREO* (%)
Measured	42.81	1.89	0.04	0.45	0.03	0.14	0.74
Inferred	32.37	1.90	0.04	0.44	0.03	0.14	0.74
<b>Total</b>	<b>75.18</b>	<b>1.89</b>	<b>0.04</b>	<b>0.44</b>	<b>0.03</b>	<b>0.14</b>	<b>0.74</b>

\*TREO% is the sum of all rare earth oxides excluding ZrO<sub>2</sub>, HfO<sub>2</sub>, Nb<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>, Ta<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>, Y<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>

## Dubbo Project – Ore Reserves

Reserve Category	Tonnes (Mt)	ZrO <sub>2</sub> (%)	HfO <sub>2</sub> (%)	Nb <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> (%)	Ta <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> (%)	Y <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> (%)	TREO* (%)
Proved	18.90	1.85	0.04	0.440	0.029	0.136	0.735
<b>Total</b>	<b>18.90</b>	<b>1.85</b>	<b>0.04</b>	<b>0.440</b>	<b>0.029</b>	<b>0.136</b>	<b>0.735</b>

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# Corporate Profile

## Capital Structure

Ordinary Shares (m)	139.5
Share Price (14 April 22)	A\$7.34
Market Capitalisation	A\$1.02B
52 week low/high	A\$4.08/A\$14.15
Cash (31 Dec 21)	A\$56.9M
Enterprise Value	A\$1.08B
Average Daily Turnover (3 Months)	A\$3.5M

## Board

- **Ian Jeffrey Gandel** (Non-Executive Chair) LLB, BEc, FCPA, FAICD
- **David Woodall** (Managing Director) BSc Mining, MSc (Mineral Economics) and Graduate Diploma (Business)
- **Nic Earner** (Non-Executive Director) BEng (Hons)
- **Kerry Gleeson** (Non-Executive Director) LLB (Hons), FAICD
- **Gavin Smith** (Non-Executive Director) B.Com, MBA, MAICD



## Share Price and Volume (6 Months)



## Shareholders (at 31 March 2022)

