

# ASX Announcement / Media Release

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## Syrah selected for US Department of Energy grant of up to US\$220m for Vidalia expansion

### Highlights

- Syrah selected for a US Department of Energy (“DOE”) grant of up to US\$220 million
- DOE grant will support the financing of the potential expansion of the Vidalia AAM facility in Louisiana, USA to a 45ktpa AAM production capacity
- Syrah and DOE to finalise a binding funding agreement for the grant.

Syrah Resources Limited (ASX:SYR) (“Syrah” or “Company”) announces its wholly owned subsidiary, Syrah Technologies, LLC (“Syrah Technologies”), has been selected for a Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Battery Materials Processing and Battery Manufacturing grant (“DOE Grant”) of up to US\$220 million from the US Department of Energy (“DOE”). A DOE Grant will support the financing of the potential expansion of the Vidalia active anode material (“AAM”) facility in Louisiana, USA (“Vidalia”) to a 45ktpa AAM production capacity. If successfully concluded, the DOE Grant will be highly attractive to the Company and would fund a significant proportion of estimated capital costs for Vidalia’s expansion to a 45ktpa AAM production capacity.

DOE Grants will be made by the DOE’s Office of Manufacturing and Energy Supply Chains (“MESC”) in collaboration with the Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (“EERE”). The DOE Grants are part of the first set of projects funded by the Biden Administration’s Bipartisan Infrastructure Law to expand domestic manufacturing of batteries for electric vehicles and the electrical grid and for materials and components currently imported from other countries

Syrah, MESC and EERE intend to negotiate and finalise a binding funding agreement for a DOE Grant. Syrah will need to satisfy certain conditions precedent before receiving the DOE Grant and funds will be advanced in stages upon achievement of certain project milestones in Vidalia’s expansion to a 45ktpa AAM production capacity. Syrah Technologies will be required to match funds advanced from a DOE Grant.

DOE Grants are a separate funding opportunity to the DOE’s Advanced Technology Vehicles Manufacturing (“ATVM”) loan program, and Syrah does not expect its binding ATVM loan<sup>1</sup> to be affected by a binding funding agreement for a DOE Grant.

Syrah is completing a Definitive Feasibility Study (“DFS”) on the expansion of Vidalia’s production capacity to 45ktpa AAM, inclusive of initial capacity of 11.25ktpa AAM. Detailed engineering, procurement, and construction phases will follow the DFS sequentially, subject to Syrah Board approval and customer and financing commitments.

DOE’s media release on the selection of Syrah Technologies for a DOE Grant is on DOE’s website (<https://www.energy.gov/articles/biden-harris-administration-awards-28-billion-supercharge-us-manufacturing-batteries>).

<sup>1</sup> See ASX release 28 July 2022.

## **This release was authorised on behalf of the Syrah Board by**

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