

# Arafura Resources Limited (ASX:ARU)

Emerging as Australia's Next NdPr Producer

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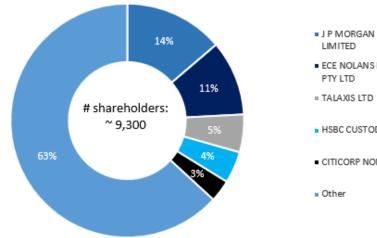


| Capital Structure               |         |
|---------------------------------|---------|
| ASX Code                        | ARU     |
| ASX Share Price (30 Sept)       | \$0.086 |
| Shares on Issue                 | 1,055m  |
| Market Capitalisation (30 Sept) | \$90.7m |
| 12 Month Liquidity              | \$58.5m |
| 6 Month Liquidity               | \$52.5m |
| Cash (30 Sept*)                 | \$26.4m |
| Debt                            | Nil     |
| Enterprise Value (30 Sept*)     | \$64.3m |



- NdPr is the key input for high performance NdFeB permanent magnets
- NdPr is a critical input for the manufacture of energy efficient electric motors
- NdPr central to many clean energy applications including EVs and wind turbines





- J P MORGAN NOMINEES AUSTRALIA PTY
- ECE NOLANS INVESTMENT COMPANY
- HSBC CUSTODY NOMINEE
- CITICORP NOMINEES PTY LIMITED

<sup>\*</sup> Data based on 30 September 2019 Quarterly report plus R&D rebate received 9 Oct 2019

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# NdPr Market Opportunity

## NdPr Market Opportunity

**NdFeB Magnet Demand by Application** 



250,000 200,000 150,000 Tonnes 100,000 50,000 2018 2009 2012 2013 2014 2015 2016 2017 2020 2022 2023 2024 2025 2026 2027 2028 2029 2030 Consumer Automotive Electronics (EV Drivetrain) **Automotive** 

- Underlying demand for NdFeB magnets across all applications is forecast to grow by 6% p.a. over the period to 2030
- NdFeB demand growth for EV applications is more dramatic and forecast to grow by 24% p.a.
- Supply-demand balance achieved through demand destruction in lower quality applications and technology innovations that achieve better use of NdPr in magnet manufacturing
- Demand in applications for consumer electronics and wind turbines will reduce during the forecast period. For some applications substitution will be traded off against reduced performance and cost.
- EV applications require high quality and efficient motors using NdFeB magnets
- New supply will not come on stream fast enough to meet demand from all applications – NdFeB magnets and NdPr oxide will move to the best value in use

Source: Roskill Consulting (November 2018) – Rare Earths Market Analysis

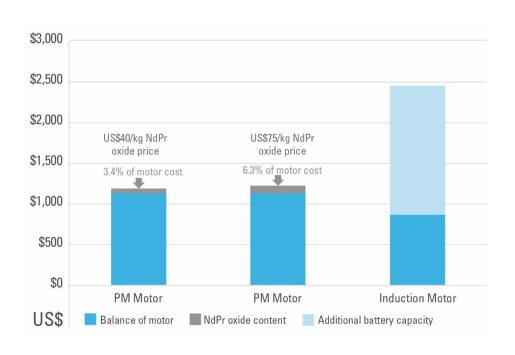
Conditioning

'Other' includes MRI, elevator motor, magnetic separator, robotics and industrial applications

## NdPr Magnet Power Efficiency & Deprival Value



## Modelled effect of increase in NdPr price, Permanent Magnet (PM) vs Induction Motor and incremental Li-ion Battery Pack



- Chevrolet Bolt: 150 kW permanent magnet (PM) motor with 60 kWh lithium-ion battery pack.<sup>1</sup>
- PM motor cost based on US\$8 per kW.<sup>2</sup>
- Estimate of 1 kilogram of NdPr metal per PM motor.<sup>2</sup>
- Induction motor cost calculated as 76% of PM motor.<sup>3</sup>
- Efficiency of induction motor 15% less than PM motor.<sup>4</sup> To compensate, an extra 6 kWh of battery capacity has been allowed for.
- Lithium-ion battery pack costs of US\$176 per kWh applied.<sup>5</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> www.chevrolet.com

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> UBS, "UBS Evidence Lab Electric Car Teardown – Disruption Ahead?", www.ubs.com/investmentresearch, May 2017.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Parker Hannifin, "Comparing AC Induction with Permanent Magnet motors in hybrid vehicles and the impact on the value proposition", 2013.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Adamas Intelligence, "Spotlight on Dysprosium", www.adamasintel.com/spotlight-on-dysprosium/, April 2018.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Bloomberg New Energy Finance, "A Behind the Scenes Take on Lithium-ion Battery Prices", March 2019.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Average NdPr oxide EXW China price for April 2019. www.asianmetal.com

## Rare Earths are now in the Mainstream Press

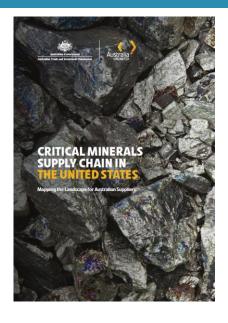


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Australia must 'help the US meet its need for critical minerals'





China And The U.S. Fight Over Australian Rare Earths



U.S., Australia to unveil plan Friday to improve rare earth mineral supply



US looks to Australia for rare earths

## FINANCIAL REVIEW

Australia points to holes in US rare earth supply chain

Why taxpayers should fund Aussie rare earth miners

### THE AUSTRALIAN\*

Australia to finalise joint strategy with US on rare earths mining



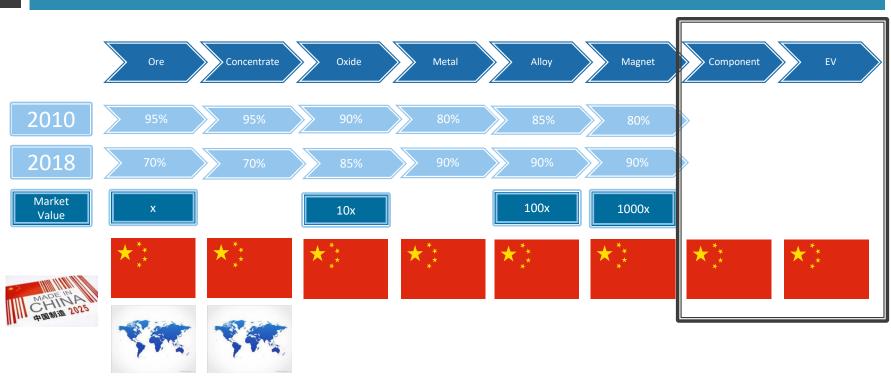
Morrison and Trump open new front in China trade war with rare earth 'action plan'



RARE EARTHS: IS THERE A CASE FOR GOVERNMENT INTERVENTION?

# China's Evolving Integrated NdPr Supply Chain – Enables 2025 EV Strategy





- China is the only country with a fully integrated *Mine to Motor* supply chain
- Capital deployed down the value chain focused on enabling China's Made In China 2025 EV strategy
- Access to capital and increased environmental constraints means ore, concentrate and oxide production from China will be
  less reactive to world demand
- More recently China has increased its reliance on concentrate and oxide from non- China sources

Source: Adamas Intelligence

## Rest of World Alternative Supply Chain



Ore Concentrate Oxide Metal Alloy Magnet EV

- European auto industry employs 13.8 million people which equates to 6.1% of the EU workforce and 11.4% of all manufacturing jobs ("Electric cars sparks jobs fears in Germany's auto heartland" Wall Street Journal, August 2019)
- Diversification of NdPr supply source may provide better traceability, supply certainty and more transparent pricing
- Government recognition of the strategic significance of NdPr can enable multilateral Mine to Motor supply chain solutions

# Nolans Project

## Definitive Feasibility Study (DFS) Completed



- DFS completed February 2019 confirming Nolans as a world class NdPr project
- CAPEX US\$726m, low OPEX producer at US\$25.94/kg NdPr
- Long-life asset 23-year mine life based on Ore Reserves only, with potential to extend production
- Well positioned to feed forecast NdPr supply shortfall
- Target project commissioning in 2022
- Globally strategic 100% Australiandomiciled operation in the NT
- Only Australian project with environmental approval for ore to oxide

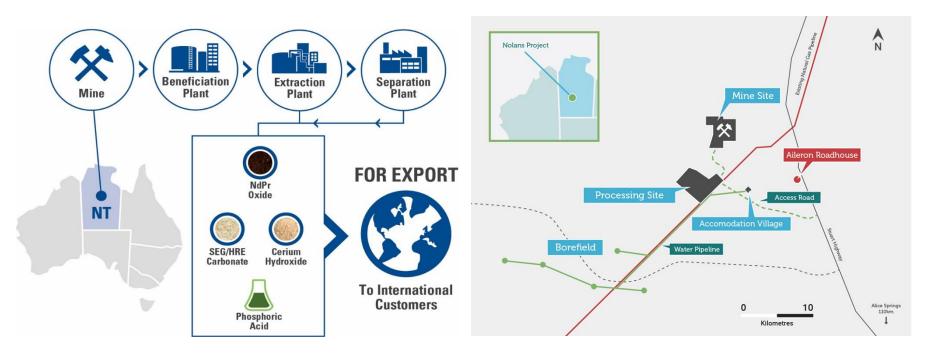
| Mining & Processing Mine Life (years)                       |           | 2      |  |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|--------|--|
|                                                             |           | 23     |  |
| Concentrate (tpa)                                           | 293,000   |        |  |
| Production                                                  |           |        |  |
| TREO equivalent (tpa)                                       | 13,       | 13,343 |  |
| NdPr Oxide (tpa)                                            | 4,3       | 357    |  |
| Cerium Hydroxide (tpa TREO basis)                           | 8,383     |        |  |
| SEG-HRE Carbonate (tpa TREO basis)                          | 603       |        |  |
| Phosphoric Acid (tpa 54% P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> MGA) | 135,808   |        |  |
| Financial                                                   | US\$      | A\$    |  |
| Capital Cost (\$m)                                          | 726       | 1,006  |  |
| Rare Earth Sales Revenue (\$m pa)                           | 379       | 539    |  |
| Phosphoric Acid Sales Revenue (\$m pa)                      | 35        | 50     |  |
| Mining Costs (\$m pa)                                       | (30)      | (43)   |  |
| Processing Costs (\$m pa)                                   | (103) (14 |        |  |
| General & Administration Costs (\$m pa)                     | (15)      | (21)   |  |
| EBITDA (\$m pa)                                             | 266 37    |        |  |
| KPI Analysis                                                | US\$      | A\$    |  |
| Operating Cost \$/kg NdPr                                   | 34.07     | 48.40  |  |
| Operating Cost \$/kg NdPr with MGA credit                   | 25.94     | 36.85  |  |
| NPV <sub>10</sub> after tax (\$m)                           | 497       | 729    |  |
| IRR after tax (%)                                           | 17.43%    |        |  |
| After tax payback                                           | Yes       | Year 5 |  |
| IRR 15% @ US\$/kg NdPr                                      | 76        |        |  |
| IRR 10% @ US\$/kg NdPr                                      | 59        |        |  |

<sup>\*</sup> Production and financial data is calculated as the annual average following a three year ramp-up and excluding the partial final year production

Refer ASX announcement 7 February 2019: Nolans Project Definitive Feasibility Study

#### 100% Australian Domiciled in the NT



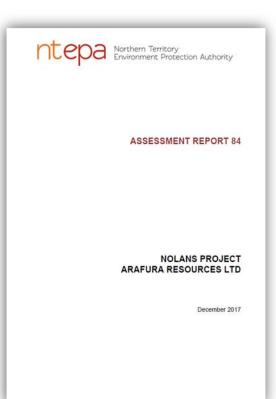


- Ore to oxides at a single site
- DFS includes fully-costed permanent disposal and rehabilitation of tailings and process residues at site
- Environmental approvals secured
- Product traceability and waste management certainty

## Licence to Operate – Sustainable Supply









- Nolans is the only permitted site in Australia for rare earths mining, extraction and separation, including radioactive and other waste management from all processes
- Arafura can provide customers assurance for reliable and sustainable supply sourced outside China

# Project Implementation

### **Product Offtake**



USA

CHINA

SOUTH KOREA

INDIA

| Customer / Target Region                                                    | Amount (tonnes p.a.)    | Offtake Status | Proportion of Revenue |  |  |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|----------------|-----------------------|--|--|
| NdPr Oxide – targeting contracts with NdFeB magnet companies &/or end users |                         |                |                       |  |  |
| JingCi Material Science                                                     | 900                     | MoU            |                       |  |  |
| Baotou Tianhe Magnetics                                                     | 900                     | MoU            |                       |  |  |
| Japan South Korea Europe USA                                                | 2,557                   | In progress    | 96%                   |  |  |
| SEG-HRE Carbonate – targeting contracts with rare earth processors          |                         |                |                       |  |  |
| China Japan                                                                 | 606 (TREO equivalent)   | In progress    | 1%                    |  |  |
| Cerium Hydroxide – targeting contracts with rare earth processors           |                         |                |                       |  |  |
| Baotou Xinyuan Rare Earth Hi-tech                                           | 8,383 (TREO equivalent) | MoU            | 3%                    |  |  |

Proportion of revenue for rare earth products only

- Customer engagement targeted at NdPr users not aligned with Made In China 2025 strategy
  - Japan NdFeB magnet manufacturers
  - Europe & Korea automotive component makers, OEMs and wind turbine makers
  - China Tier 1 NdFeB magnet manufacturers with significant export markets

Offtake Strategy

- U.S. emerging as an offtake opportunity
- India vertically integrated fertilizer producers

Cerium

## **Project Funding Strategy**



- Arafura looking to secure US\$726m to meet CAPEX requirements for the Nolans Project
- Potential sources of funding include equity, debt, JV and/or project selldown with a strategic investor
- DFS completion and environmental approval are critical enablers for engagement with funding partners
- Currently in due diligence by Australian Government's Northern Australia Infrastructure Facility (NAIF)
- July 2019 completed \$23.2m raising to accelerate Project timeline and get "shovel ready"
- Critical mineral supply and NdPr supply diversification strategies are topical with industry and ECAs

Offtake & Equipment Procurement

- Offtake long term strategic supply
- Procurement for high value specialist capital equipment

Export Credit Agencies

- Government-backed direct loans and guarantees
- Leveraged to strategic link with NdFeB magnet supply and capital equipment procurement
- NAIF mandate encourage investment and Indigenous engagement in Northern Australia

Commercial Banks

- Long-life project, high margin and low cost producer
- Offtake and Export Credit Agency(s) (ECA) reduce market exposure and credit risk
- Improved bankability for conventional lenders

Equity

- ECA and bank involvement "halo-effect" reduced funding risk and less equity dilution
- Market and technical validation
- JV / Project selldown opportunities

### Other Activities



- Drilling and metallurgical work in progress
  - Potential to increase current mine life of 23 years
  - Potential to reduce very low estimated OPEX of US\$25.94/kg NdPr (lowest amongst peers) even further
- Native Title negotiations with Central Land Council (CLC) ongoing leading to final regulatory approval (Mining Licence)
- Rare earth separation piloting underway to generate further sample for customer qualification
- Execution readiness activities
  - Strategy to accelerate engineering activities to be aligned with forecast NdPr price increase from 2020
- Board strengthened by recent non-executive director appointment of experienced resource analyst Cathy Moises
- Whilst product offtake and project funding discussions are progressing well, recent uncharacteristic softening of NdPr price by China Northern Rare Earth Group necessitates a more conservative approach to contract tendering, which impacts indicative production timeline

### Indicative Production Timeline



In Principle Native Title Project Commitment **Process Plant Process Plant** Construction & Commissioning Operations Activity **PERMITTING, FUNDING & OFFTAKE** Native Title Agreement Mineral Lease Approval MMP Approval & Authority to Mine Water Extraction Licence Approval Product Offtake Project Financing **EXECUTION READINESS** Project Commencement, Set-up & Scoping Contract Tendering Contract Adjudication **Project Commitment** Contract Award **Production Commitment EXECUTION & OPERATIONAL READINESS** Mobilise Owners Team ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENT Front End Engineering & Design Process Plant Detailed Design Non-Process Infrastructure Detailed Design PROCUREMENT & CONSTRUCTION Early Works Construction Process Plant Construction Non-Process Infrastructure Construction Mining COMMISSIONING Process Plant Commissioning First Ore to Plant

\*Early Works Construction & Procurement to the items that follow are subject to:

- Product Offtake being secured
- Sufficient Project Funding secured
- Permitting and other related activities being completed
- Each previous activity being completed successfully

Delays to commencing Early Works Construction will also impact the timing of Plant Construction and Commissioning.



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## Long Life Asset

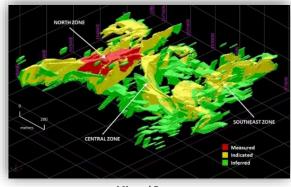


| RESOURCES | TONNES (m) | RARE EARTHS TREO % | PHOSPHATE P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> % | NdPr Enrichment % |
|-----------|------------|--------------------|-------------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Measured  | 4.9        | 3.2                | 13                                        | 26.1              |
| Indicated | 30         | 2.7                | 12                                        | 26.4              |
| Inferred  | 21         | 2.3                | 10                                        | 26.5              |
| TOTAL     | 56         | 2.6                | 11                                        | 26.4              |

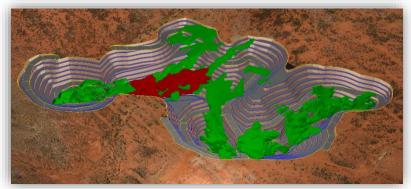
As announced on 7 June 2017. 1.0% TREO cut-off grade. Numbers may not compute exactly due to rounding. "NdPr enrichment" is the proportion of TREO comprising  $Nd_2O_3$  and  $Pr_6O_{11}$ .

| RESERVES | TONNES (m) | RARE EARTHS TREO % | PHOSPHATE P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> % | NdPr Enrichment % |
|----------|------------|--------------------|-------------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Proved   | 4.3        | 3.1                | 13                                        | 26.1              |
| Probable | 14.9       | 2.9                | 13                                        | 26.5              |
| TOTAL    | 19.2       | 3.0                | 13                                        | 26.4              |

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Mineral Resources

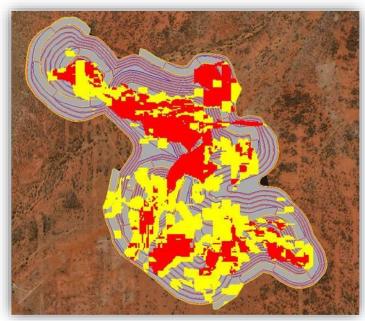


Ore Reserves

## Drilling & Metallurgical Program



- DFS completed in February 2019 included a mine life of 23 years based on Ore Reserves only but includes the costs of mining Inferred Resources within the LOM pit
- Targeted drilling and metallurgical program aims to substantially increase the current mine life beyond 23 years and further reduce operating costs
- Targeting improved conversion of Measured and Indicated Resources into Reserves
- Nolans ore body also remains open at depth



Nolans DFS Pit Design

Mineral Reserves

Inferred Mineral Resources not converted to Mineral Reserves

Refer ASX announcement 7 February 2019: Nolans Project Definitive Feasibility Study

## **Drilling & Metallurgical Program**





October 2019 – Drilling at Nolans Bore – hole NBDH1105



Drill core sample from Nolans Bore used in flotation variability program



Northern Territory Senator Sam McMahon inspects drill core at Nolans Bore

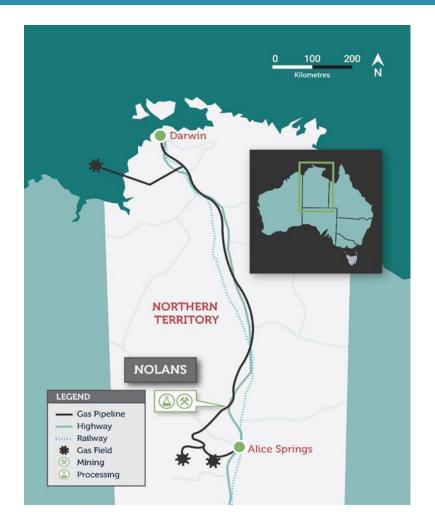


October 2019 – Flotation variability test work at Nagrom mineral processing facility

## DFS Completed February 2019



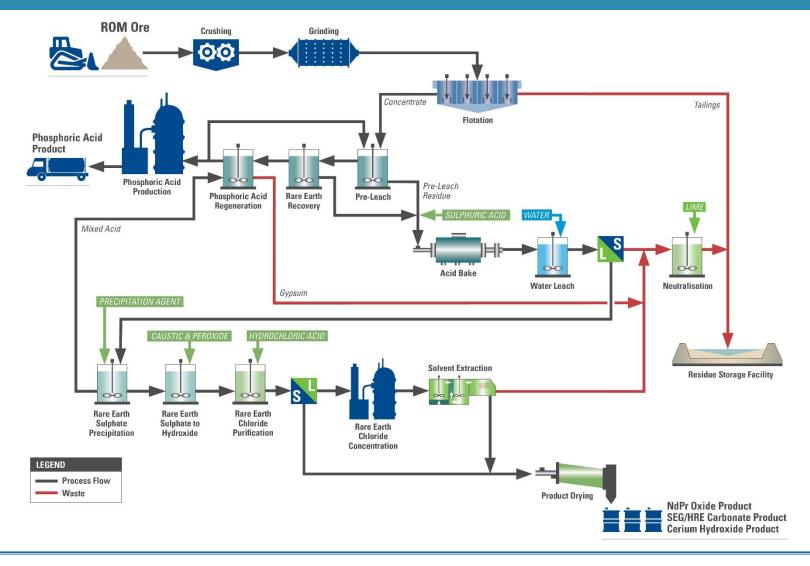




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## Process Flowsheet Supported by Successful Pilot





## Flowsheet Piloting Program

✓ Phase 7

Rare Earth

Separation

□ Q4 CY2019

✓ Phase 5 & 6

Rare Earth

**Processing** 

□ >99.5% Ce

☐ Marketable Ce

hydroxide

rejection from rare earth chloride







**Rare Earth Processing Pilot Plant** 



**Acid Bake Pilot Plant** 

#### ✓ Phase 1 Beneficiation

☐ 5,000 kg highphosphate concentrate ☐ >82% NdPr, >90%

P2O5 recovery

Flowsheet Piloting **Near Completion** 

> ✓ Phase 4 Acid Bake

☐ 4,100 kg rare earth sulphate material

✓ Phase 2 **Phosphate** Extraction

☐ Fertilizer grade phosphoric acid ☐ 3% TREO losses to gypsum waste

✓ Phase 3 **Bulk Pre-Leach** 

2,000 kg pre-leach residue

■ Met performance objectives



**Beneficiation Pilot Plant** 



**Phosphate Extraction Pilot Plant** 

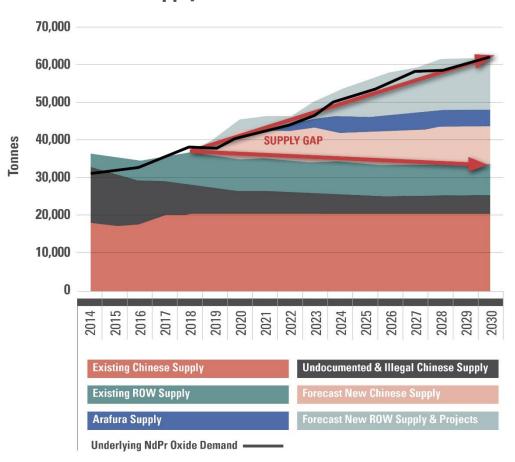


**Bulk Pre-Leach Pilot Plant** 

## Supply & Demand Balance



#### NdPr Oxide Supply & Demand



- China continues to dominate the global supply chain being the world's largest producer accounting for about 80% of NdPr for global NdFeB magnet production
- Supply reforms, industry consolidation and higher environmental standards will constrain China's ability to rapidly increase NdPr production
- Supply growth of 20,000 tonnes of NdPr oxide required in the next decade
- Lynas Corporation (ASX:LYC) is the only significant miner and processor of rare earth materials outside China enjoying a market capitalisation in excess of \$1bn
- China remains the dominant supplier, however analysts forecast China to become a net importer by the early 2020s

Source: Roskill Consulting (November 2018) – Rare Earths Market Analysis

## **Experienced Board**





MARK SOUTHEY
NON-EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Mark Southey has previously held senior executive positions with Honeywell and ABB both in Australia and internationally, and more recently was part of the global executive leadership team within WorleyParsons, where he held the position of Group Managing Director for the Minerals. Metals and Chemicals Sector.



CHRIS TONKIN
NON-EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Chris Tonkin has over 35 years' experience as a senior business executive with a broad industry background in business generation, management, and strategy development. He is a member of Arafura Resources' Remuneration and Nomination and Audit and Risk Committees and is also Chairman of Lakes Oil NL.



QUANSHENG ZHANG
NON-EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Quansheng Zhang holds a Doctoral degree in Engineering and a Masters degree in Geophysical Prospecting. He is based in Nanjing in the Peoples Republic of China and is the General Manager of Hong Kong East China Non-Ferrous Mineral Resources Co Ltd (HKECE). Quansheng has over 30 years of mineral prospecting and exploration experience, and expertise in mineral resource surveys and geophysics.



#### CATHY MOISES NON-EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Cathy Moises has extensive resource sector experience having worked as a senior resources analyst for several major stockbroking firms including McIntosh (now Merrill Lynch), County Securities (now Citigroup) and Evans and Partners. More recently, she was Head of Research at Patersons Securities. Cathy holds a Bachelor of Science with Honours in Geology from the University of Melbourne and a Diploma of Finance and Investment from the Securities Institute of Australia.



GAVIN LOCKYER
MANAGING DIRECTOR

Gavin Lockyer's diverse, global experience has provided management and leadership opportunities in a range of disciplines including; Accounting, Financial & Investment Banking, Major Resource Development & Operations, and Global Bank Treasuries. Over the past 20 years his career has exposed him to business practices in North America, Europe, and Australasia.

## **Experienced Management**





RICHARD BRESCIANINI
GENERAL MANAGER EXPLORATION &
BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

Richard has over 30 years' experience in the minerals industry. He worked with BHP Minerals on base and precious metals exploration programs throughout Australasia and North America, contributing to significant economic discoveries at Eloise (copper-gold) and Cannington (silver-lead-zinc). Thereafter he led the Northern Territory Government's Geological Survey as its Director from 2003 to 2007 before joining Arafura.



PETER SHERRINGTON
CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER & COMPANY
SECRETARY

Peter commenced employment with Arafura in 2008 as Commercial Manager and was appointed Chief Financial Officer in July 2013. He has more than 20 years' experience in professional and corporate roles in Perth. Prior to working with Arafura, he held senior finance and commercial positions with several ASX and public unlisted entities. He has also worked in public practice for 10 years in the areas of business services and corporate advisory.



LLOYD KAISER
GENERAL MANAGER SALES & MARKETING

Lloyd has more than 10 years' experience in the sales and marketing of industrial minerals into high value sector markets including the nuclear, automotive, and advanced ceramics sectors. Prior to joining Arafura, he held several senior positions in account management, business development and marketing across a diverse range of commodities and chemicals including alumina, coal, industrial minerals, refractories, and ceramics.



BRIAN FOWLER
GENERAL MANAGER NT & SUSTAINABILITY

Brian has worked for over 40 years in private sector mineral companies developing a range of commodities, including rare earths, base metals, and gold. Brian is a member of the Northern Territory Mining Board, Management Board of the Northern Territory Minerals Council of Australia, and a member of Work Health & Safety Advisory Council of the Northern Territory.



**STEWART WATKINS**GENERAL MANAGER PROJECTS

Stewart has 25 years' experience in many facets of the mining industry including operations, engineering consulting, project development and management. Stewart is a Fellow of the AusIMM.