

# Emerging High-Grade Manganese Producer

Future Steel and Battery Industry Supplier

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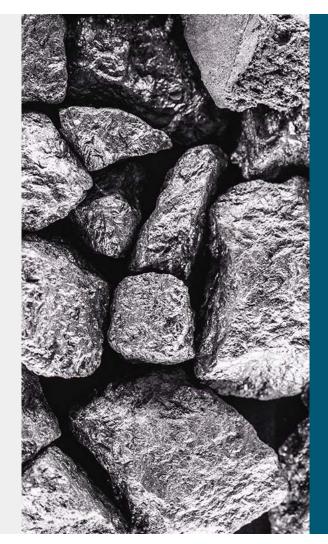
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Information in this release related to Exploration Results is based on information compiled by Dr. Joseph Drake-Brockman. He is a qualified geologist and a Fellow of the Australian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy (AusIMM). Dr. Drake-Brockman has sufficient experience, which 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 Resources, and Ore Reserves'. Dr Drake-Brockman consents to the inclusion in this release of the matters based on his information in the form and context in which it appears

### **Emerging Manganese Developer**



- We aim to become the next Australian manganese producer, supplying high-grade manganese to the steel and electric vehicle industries.
- Accelerate is developing manganese-lithium exploration projects in one of Australia's most resource rich regions:
  - Woodie Woodie Manganese Project
  - East Pilbara Lithium project
- Accelerate has a strategic focus on green energy metals.
- Accelerate has a driven management team with proven success.





Manganese is in high demand for the rapidly growing EV Battery and Renewables Technologies



Western Australia provides a reliable and ethical supply chain



High-Grade Manganese serves as the foundation for high-value products and a variety of future valueadding opportunities

### **Capital Structure**



AX8
ASX CODE

377M
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\$10.2M MARKET CAP 7M
ENTERPRISE VALUE

A\$3.2M

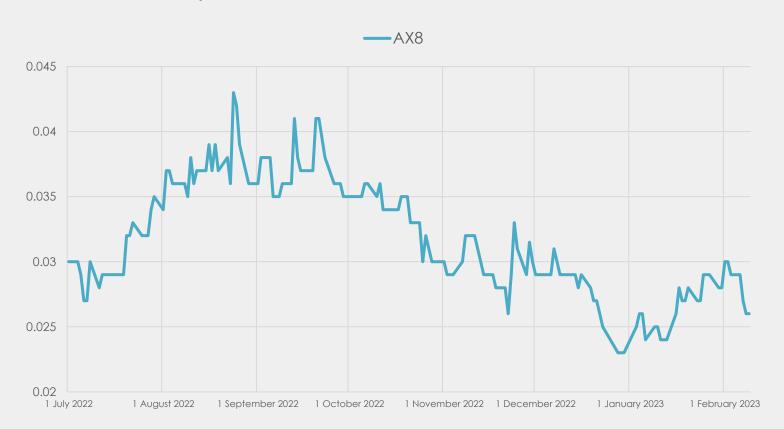
NIL DEBT

### **Investments**

8.3mil Shares @ Currie Rose (TSX-V:CUI) ~33% @ Vytas Resources (Pre IPO:VYT)

Note: The market capitalisation balancing date is as at 10/02/2023

### **Share Price A\$0.027**



### **Investment Highlights**













# Taking Part in the High Growth Opportunity

- Consolidation of Woodie Woodie North High-Grade corridor for the first time
- Close to infrastructure
- 4,400m of drilling completed at Woodie Woodie
- High Purity Manganese Sulphate Monohydrate test work program underway

# High-Grade Deposit with Competitive Advantages

- Near Surface highgrade mineralisation with battery grade potential
- Structurally controlled and over 33km Strike length
- Woodie Woodie style high-grade large scale deposits

### Multi Avenues to Drive Long Term Strong Growth

- Emerging highgrade manganese supplier for the steel industry
- A potential critical mineral supplier for the EV battery Industry

#### Experienced Leadership Team

- Strong business and technical leadership skills
- Balanced approach to Social, Environmental and Commercial objectives

### Other High-Quality Assets

- Comet Gold Project, Western Australia
- Pilbara Lithium Project, Western Australia
- TSX- V Investment 8.3million shares (~AUD \$358,000)
- ASX Investment ~33%
   Vytas Resources IPO –
   HPA/HPQ

## **Experienced Board and Management**





Richard Hill
Non-Executive Chairman

Commercial geologist with 25 years' experience in the resources industry. He has performed roles as in house lawyer, commercial manager and geologist for several mid cap Australian mining companies and as founding director for a series of successful ASX-listed companies.

Mr Hill is currently the Chairman of New World Resources Ltd and non-executive director for Sky Metals Ltd.



Grant Mooney
Non-Executive Director

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Background in corporate advisory with extensive experience in equity capital markets, corporate governance and M&A transactions along with a wealth of experience in resources and technology markets. He is a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants Australia & New Zealand

Mr Mooney serves as Director to several ASX listed companies including Carnegie Clean Energy Ltd and Talga Resources.



Yaxi Zhan Managing Director

Founding Director with nearly 15 years experience in the mining industry in Australia and China. Skilled in Management and Business Development, with previous roles with ASX-listed resource companies.

Well connected in China-Australia business groups and has worked with various private and state-owned Chinese resource companies operating in Australia.



Dr Steve Bodon
Non-Executive Director

Dr Steve Bodon has strong business and technical leadership skills and extensive experience in project development from exploration to development & production and has previously held senior leadership roles for a number of large international organisations.

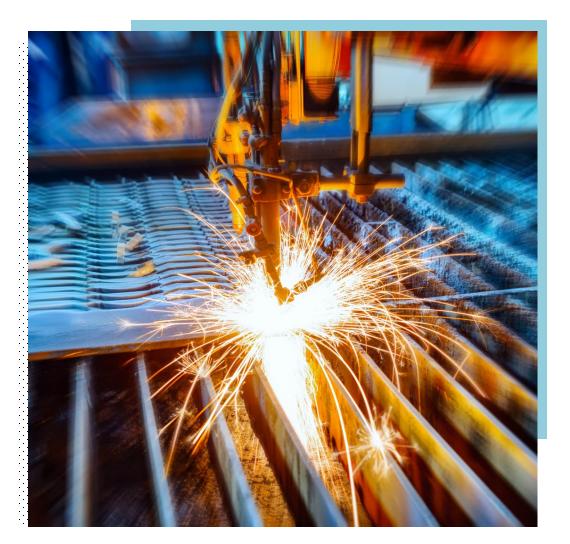
An experienced team with a proven track record

### Manganese – Why This Critical Metal Should Be on Your Radar



- **Steel industry** Steady demand growth for manganese. There is currently no substitute for manganese in steel.
- Demand increasing due to clean energy applications
  - Manganese offers benefits compared to other battery metals.
     EV Batteries are trending toward higher manganese content for safer, more cost-effective solutions.
  - Manganese is also used in Redox Flow Batteries, offering higher energy density, longer lifetimes and lower degradation.
- Favorable long-term manganese price
- Concentration of manganese ore supplies from Africa Vs manganese demands from Asia<sup>1</sup>

Supply/Export Side- Africa	Demand/Import side -Asia
South Africa (41%)	China (54%)
Gabon (12%)	India (6%)
Ghana (7%)	
TOTAL: 60%	TOTAL: 60%



Note 1:Insights into the global flow pattern of manganese by Xin Sun etc.

### Manganese – Critical Mineral for Steel and Battery Industry

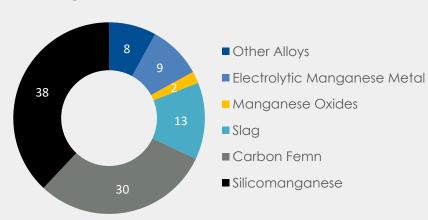


Manganese is one of the most traded metals worldwide, primarily because it is indispensable in the production of steel and other alloys.

### 20m tonnes

**2022 Annual Manganese Production** 

#### **Manganese Ore Use**



### 8kg

Average amount of manganese used in 1 tonne of steel for strength, hardness and abrasion resistance

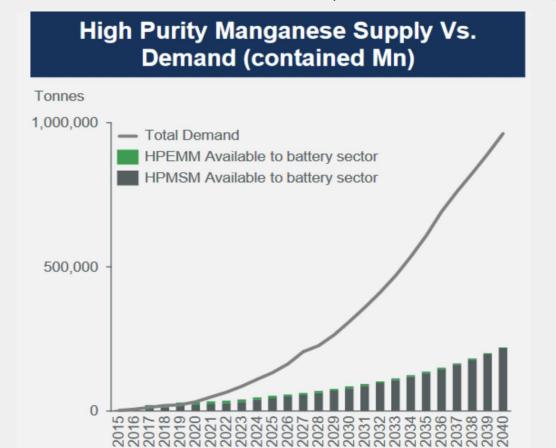
3%

Of all manganese produced is used to make Manganese Oxides, which have a far different end use – batteries<sup>2</sup>

9%

Of all manganese produced is used to make Electrolytic Manganese Metals<sup>3</sup>

Manganese consumption in Li-ion batteries to increase by **18 times** between 2021 and 2050 (from 88 kt to 1,566 kt Mn)



Source – Benchmark Mineral Intelligence, August 2020

<sup>1 –</sup> Source: Wood Mackenzie, Global bulk steel alloys short term outlook Jan 2023. 2 - Flook R (2019) Manganese: The Black Art. 3 - CSIRO 2021 Critical Energy Minerals Roadmap.

### **Premium Location - Close to Infrastructure**





**66km** to nearest Rail



240km to Port Hedland (Bulk Commodity Port)



**70km** to Woodie Woodie Manganese Mine



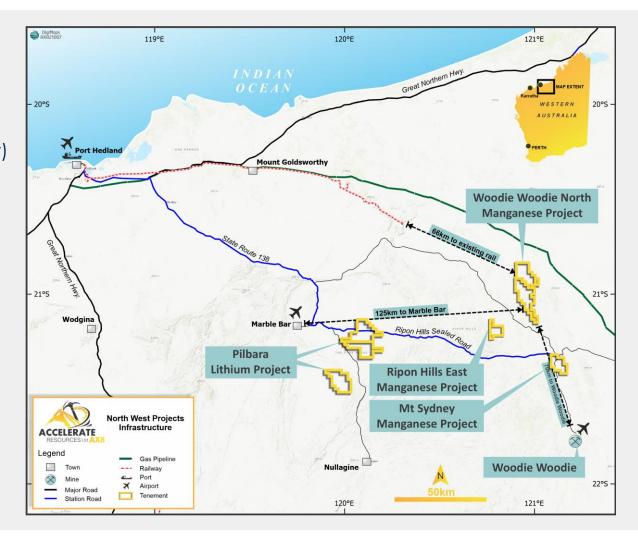
**30km** to sealed road



**10km** to Gas Pipeline



358km<sup>2</sup> of prospective geology



### **High-Grade Manganese Corridor**

#### High-grade and depth potential

- 27,500m RC drilling completed by previous explorer focusing on the northern part of the project, located four mineralised structures with significant Mn.
- 4,400m of RC drilling completed in 2022 results:
  - Numerous individual Mn intercepts up to 17m in thickness downhole.
  - Broad (20-44 m accumulated downhole), moderate to high-grade manganese zones with low iron at shallow depths.
  - Continuity of surface high-grade Mn both around and between outcrops.
  - Discovery of deeper zones of mineralisation.

#### Geology

- Structurally controlled.
- Woodie Woodie style mineralisation.

### Strike Length

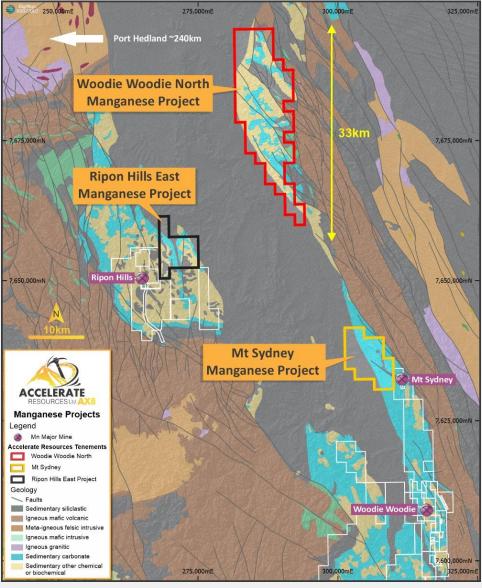
- A strike length of 33km.
- Multiple structures with manganese mineralisation. outcrops

#### Significant exploration upside along strike and at depth

- Under-explored and under drilled.
- Five large-scale Manganese Corridors.

#### 70km from Woodie Woodie Mine

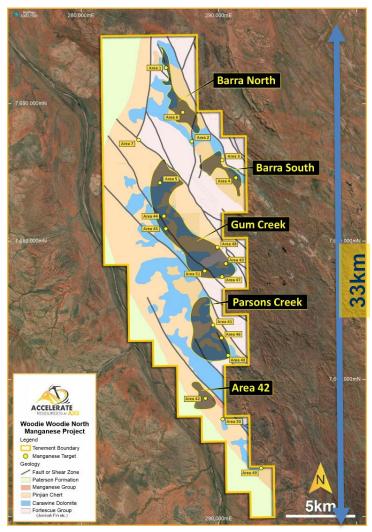




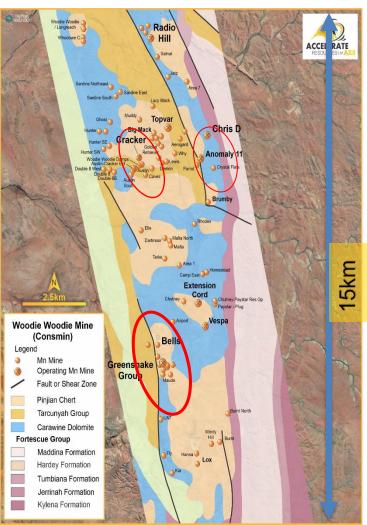
### How do we Compare?



#### Woodie Woodie North Mn Project Area (AX8)



#### Woodie Woodie Mine Corridor (ConsMin)



### Same Geology

Dolomite/ Pinjian Chert Breccia Alteration Re-silicification

### Same Structure

Association with structure
Reverse faults & linking faults
Anastomosing series of faults running
from Woodie Woodie past Mt Sydney
through to Woodie Woodie North

### Same Mineralisation

Surface outcropping of solid Mn Drilling intercepts

### Experienced Team

Lead by Dr. Drake-Brockman

Geologist with a wealth of experience in manganese.

Previous experience includes working with Consolidated Minerals, OMM, Shaw River Manganese, and Jupiter Mines.

### Our Goal: Replicate the Long Life of the Woodie Woodie Mine





Woodie Woodie Mine Pit

#### Deposit Size

- 50+ Ore Bodies
- Size from 0.2Mt to 5.5Mt with average 0.5Mt
- Surface Expression: 50-100m wide x 100-600m in length

### High-Grade, Large Scale

- 35 Mt of Manganese has been mined (Historic)
- JORC Resources 49 Mt @ **30.6%** (2019)<sup>2</sup>
- Operating since 1960's

#### Premium Produce

Average Grade 45%Mn and Fe 5%<sup>1</sup>

#### Largest Deposit - Greensnake

- At the Contact Zone
- 5.5Mt JORC Resource
- Ore zones extended to 210m, open at depth

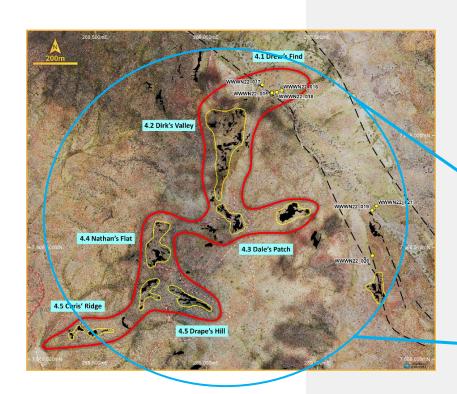
Ref 1 : Structural controls and timing of fault-hosted manganese at Woodie Woodie, East Pilbara, Western Australia by S Jones etc.

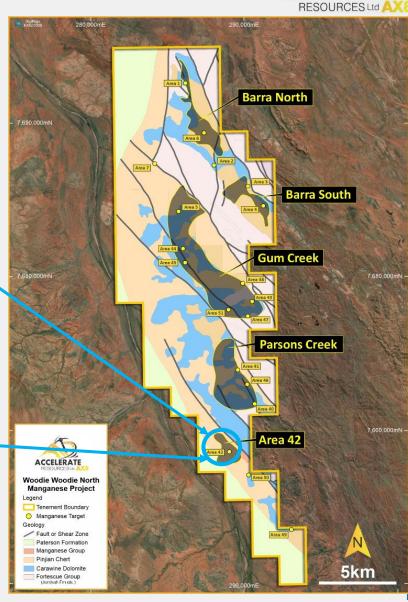
Ref 2: Geological Survey of Western Australia – Manganese Investment Opportunities 2020-2021 Financial Year

### **New Discovery at Area 42**

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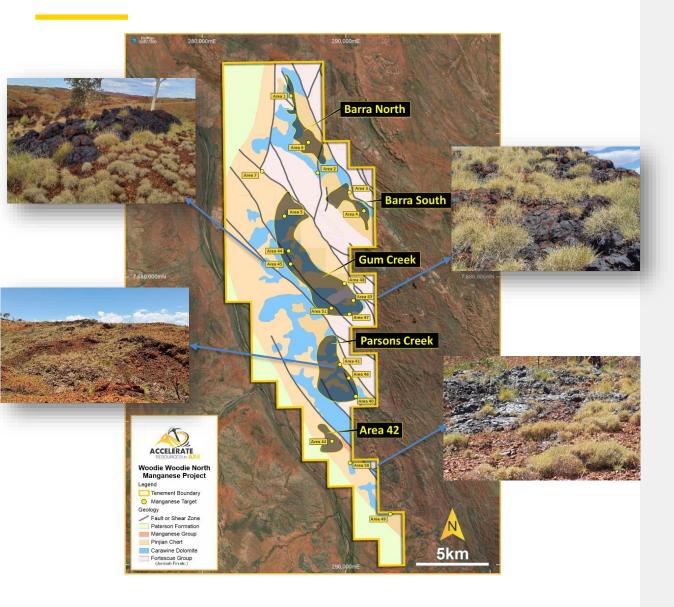
- Drilling proved both supergene enriched cap of Mn mineralisation and deeper mineralisation down to 71-87m depths
- Confirmed extensive zones of Mn outcrops representing moderate to high-grade Mn at depth
- Demonstrates continuity of mineralisation
- Presence of a large and welldeveloped hydrothermal zones
- Near surface Direct Shipping
   Ore (DSO) grade manganese
- Potential for deeper zones





### Extensive High Grade & Depth Potential But Underexplored





#### Area 42

- 53 holes drilled
- 13 holes drilled > 70 metres
- 5 holes hit deeper mineralisation (>50 m depth)
- Only 20% of Area 42 drill tested to date

### **Project-wide**

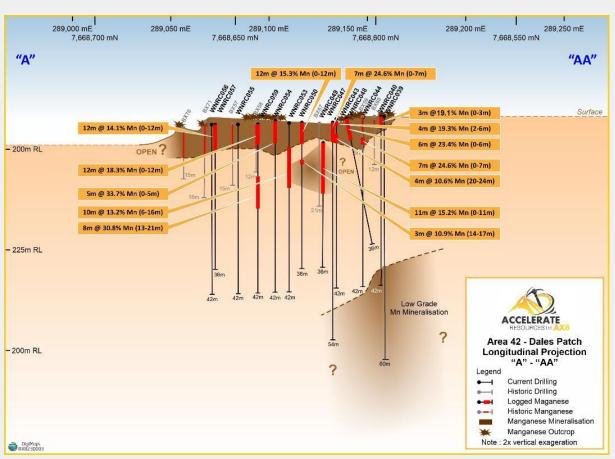
- Five significant manganese corridors striking over 33 kilometres
- Largely undrilled and are extensions of the world class Woodie Woodie Mine Corridor
- Potential for both supergene enriched (**DSO**)
   caps and structurally controlled large tonnage
   mineralisation

### High-grade Manganese with Exploration Potential at Depth

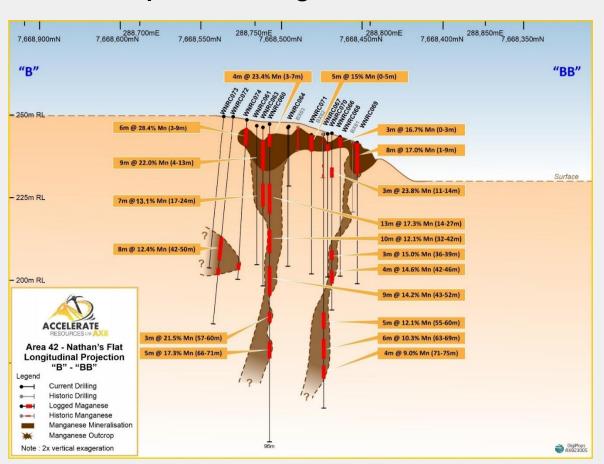


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### Near Surface High-grade



### **Deep-Seated Large-Scale Potential**



Schematic Cross Section of the Area 42 Hilltop Area

### **Exploration Strategy 2023**



## **Dual Exploration Strategy**

**Building Mn Resource Inventory** 

Working towards a maiden resource

**Resource Drilling** 

Area 3 Area 4

Area 1 - Extend mineralisation drilling

Targets near surface DSO

Area 42

New Areas: 45, 43, 50



The Big Prize – Large-Scale Deposits

**Greensnake Lookalike** 

Follow-up drilling Area 42

**Drew's Find** 

Dirk's Valley

**Discovery Hole 17** 

Nathan's Flat – Discovery Hole 60

Review historic geophysical data and structure interpretation



### Positive Metallurgical Test Work - Premium Product Potential



#### Dense Media Separation – Area 3 and Area 4 (2010)

2010 test results indicated that manganese can be upgraded to 48% Mn premium manganese concentrate through Dense Media Separation





### **Direct Shipping Ore Potential**

Encouraging results received from Accelerate's Baseline metallurgical test work on a bulk surface sample (~150kg) from Area 42

- High-grade nature of the manganese at surface
- Results indicated a DSO lump and fine product grade of 41.4% Mn and 13.6% Fe



#### Table 1 Crushed Product Size Assay

Crushed Product < 32mm	Distribution		Grade				
	Mass	Mn	Mn	Fe	SiO <sub>2</sub>	$Al_2O_3$	Р
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Lump	81.7	82.7	41.4	13.6	8.6	1.9	0.044
Fine	13.6	13.5	40.2	14.1	10.2	2.0	0.051
< 1mm	4.7	3.8	33.5	16.2	15.0	2.9	0.061

### Why Invest?

ACCELERATE RESOURCES Ltd AX8

- Manganese is a Critical Mineral
- Ethical supply in **Tier One** mining jurisdiction
- Superior location and Infrastructure
- Chasing the Big Prize Large size, long mine life potential
- DSO Material supply to steel markets "Bread & Butter"
- High purity manganese "Value Add"
- High purity, higher value products "Vertical Integration"
- Growth upside Underexplored



Team AX8 2022 Drilling Campaign

### Catalysts





### March – June 2023

Systematic sampling of new Mn Corridors

High Impact Mn Drilling program commences

High Purity Mn (HPMSM) test work results

Granting and approval of Lithium Project

Mn Product development



### June – September 2023

Mn Drilling program ongoing
Phase 2 HPMSM Test work
Mn product testing and development ongoing
Lithium Project exploration ongoing
Pipeline of drill results



### Sep – December 2023

#### **Maiden Resource Statement**

Diamond Drilling program

Metallurgical test work

Initiate Product off-take discussions



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