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The Company is a leading producer of zircon, rutile, garnet and ilmenite concentrates through its Tormin Mineral Sands Operation, located on the Western Cape of South Africa. In October 2019, the Company completed the acquisition of Skaland Graphite AS, the owner of the world's highest-grade operating flake graphite mine and is the only producer in Europe. The planned development of the Munglinup Graphite Project, located in Western Australia, builds on the Skaland acquisition and is a further step toward an integrated, downstream value-adding strategy which aims to capitalise on the fast-growing demand for sustainably manufactured Lithium-Ion Batteries.



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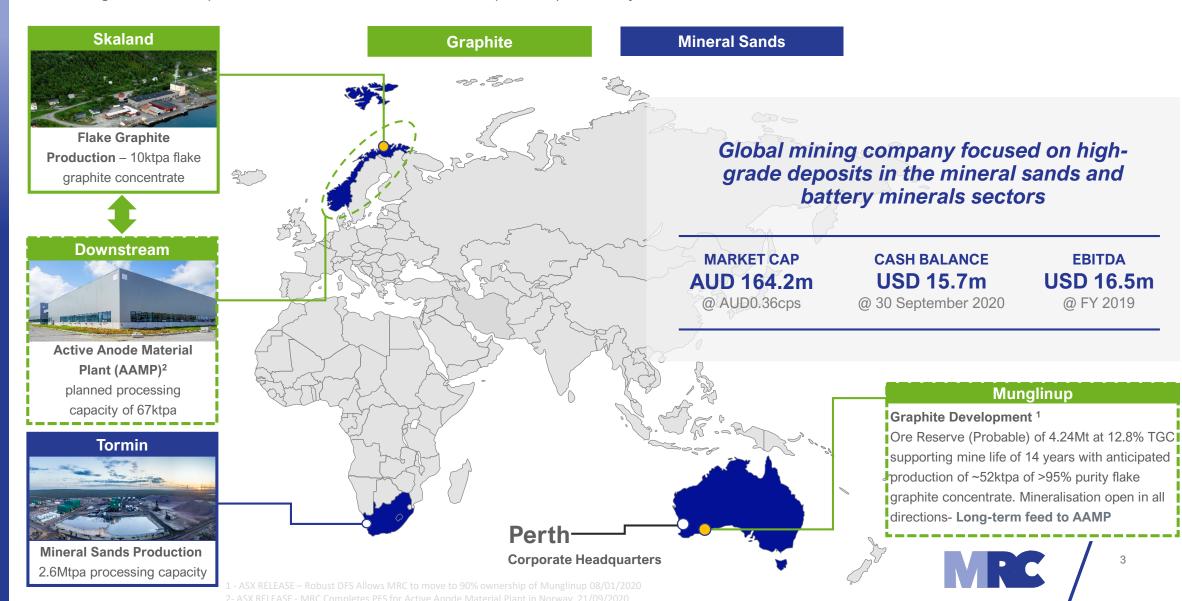
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## MINERAL COMMODITIES

Building a Natural Graphite based Active Anode Material Plant ("AAMP") in Norway







History of project delivery, mining since 2013



Total EBITDA US\$87.3M<sup>1</sup> NPAT US\$ 49.3M<sup>1</sup>



Distributed AUD \$ 21,839,358



Predictable cash flow from a proven asset to drive graphite-based Anode Materials business







Acquired Skaland Graphite in 2019 – the highest-grade flake graphite producer globally, largest in Europe



Developing Active Anode Material Plant (AAMP) in Norway to build environmentally friendly, vertically integrated supply of crucial clean energy raw materials from within EU trade area, using renewable energy

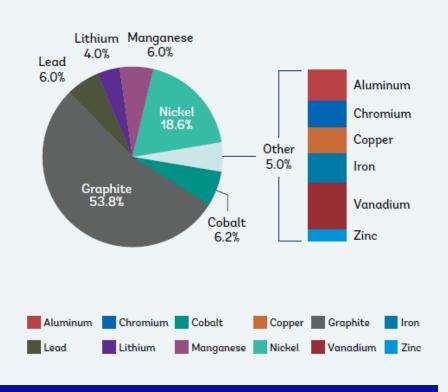


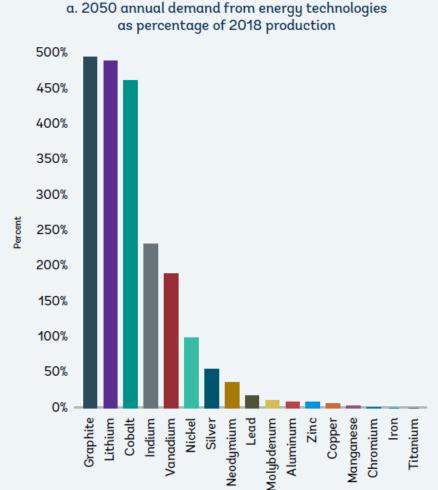
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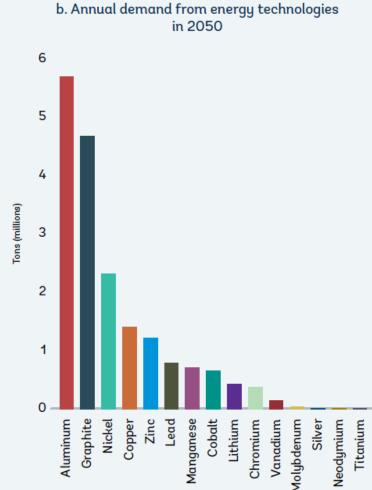


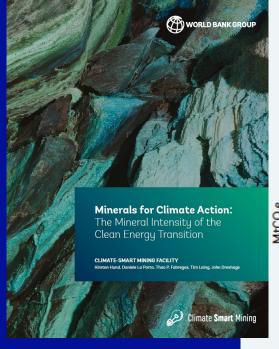
The high growth European battery industry is diversifying supply lines and encouraging development of local critical raw material supply to reduce dependence on China

# SHARE OF MINERAL DEMAND FROM ENERGY STORAGE UNDER IEA 2DS THROUGH 2050

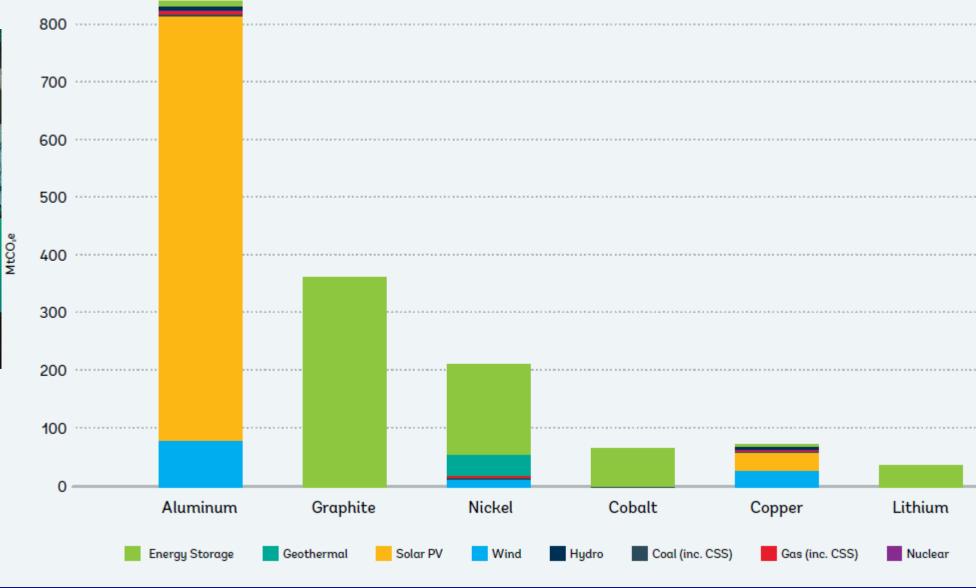








Cumulative Global
Warming Potential from
Extraction and
Processing of Minerals,
Not Including Operations,
Using Cradle-to-Gate
Through 2050 Under 2DS



A low-carbon future will be very mineral intensive because clean energy technologies need more materials than fossil-fuel-based electricity generation technologies.

# WHY EUROPE — European Green Deal



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European Commission

**Enshrined in Law** 

Climate Neutrality by 2050

Reduce emissions by 55% by 2030

Sector Integration Plan – Decarbonise Transport, Heating and Industry

Support EU Industry through transition - EU border tax to prevent imported carbon

Drive the Energy
Transition – Sustainable
Europe Investment Plan

**=** €1 Trillion



Commission proposal for budget: €100 billion\* (2021-2027)



\* This envelope includes EUR 3.5 billion allocated under the InvestEU Fund.

Based on the Commission Proposal for Horizon Europe, the common understanding between co-legislators and the Partial General Approach, both approved in April 2019









#### Country | Official Target

# **DECARBONISE TRANSPORTATION**

Policy driven adoption

EU 13 million Zero Emission Vehicles 2025

Britain No new ICE vehicles sold after 2040

Denmark 100% Zero Emission Vehicles 2035

France No new ICE vehicles sold after 2040

Germany 100% Zero Emission Vehicles 2050

Ireland No new ICE vehicles sold after 2030

Iceland No new ICE vehicles sold after 2030

Italy 6 Million electrically powered vehicles 2030

Netherlands 100% Zero Emission Vehicles 2030

Norway 100% Zero Emission Vehicles 2025

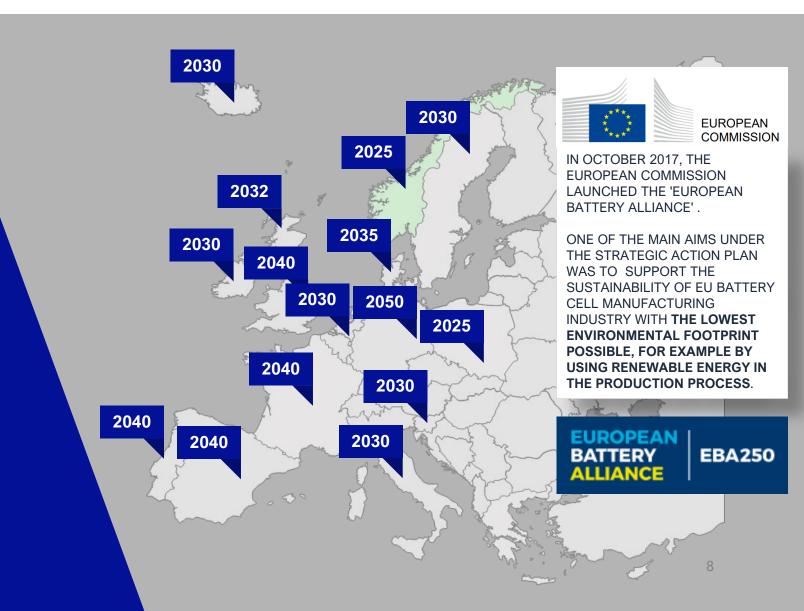
Poland 1 Million EVs 2025

Portugal No new ICE vehicles sold after 2040

Scotland No new ICE vehicles sold after 2032

Spain 100% Zero Emission Vehicles 2040

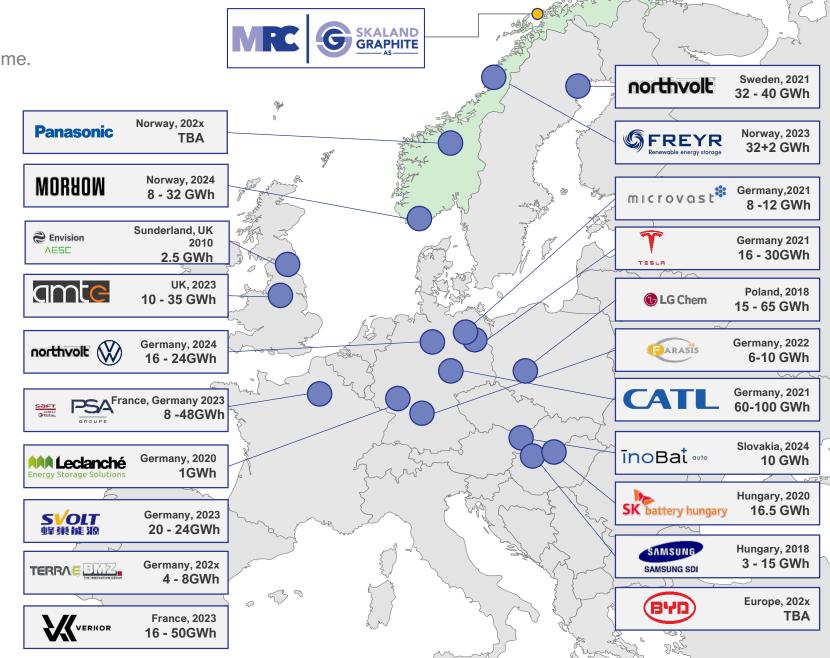
Sweden No new ICE vehicles sold after 2030



# **EUROPE**

Right strategy - Right place - Right time.

- Over 557GWh of battery manufacturing capacity in the pipeline requiring over 450ktpa of anode material
- Battery manufacturers will operate under a policy framework that makes them accountable for the carbon footprint of their supply chains
- Sustainability factors including the amount and type of energy used, the distance material is transported, and the chemical processes, will all become increasingly more important when choosing suppliers





# SKALAND GRAPHITE

Largest flake graphite producer in Europe and the highest grade flake graphite mine in the world

Presently the world's highest grade operating flake graphite mine with mill feed grade averaging around 28%C

Skaland is the largest flake graphite producer in Europe and the fourth largest producer globally outside China

- Current production ~10ktpa of graphite concentrate accounts for ~2% of global annual natural flake graphite production
- Ore grades of 25%-33%C delivered to the plant
- Fully permitted operations allows for expansion to 16kpta production
- Low-cost hydro power allows for expansion of operations and downstream processing
- Plant currently operated at 60% capacity. An increase to 85% utilisation rate increases production to 15-16kpta
- Opportunity to improve current flowsheet to produce high grade, high value product. Initial testwork resulted in upgrading to 96%-99% TGC with additional attritioning and flotation





# SKALAND OPTIMISATION

MRC will establish an anode manufacturing business and brand in Norway using graphite concentrate from Skaland

**LOM PLAN** - Skaland LOM plan is an internal long-term mine plan for the Traelen mine, based on the recently completed mineral resource estimate<sup>1</sup> of two main ore shoots with resource upside potential. Ore supply until 2038.

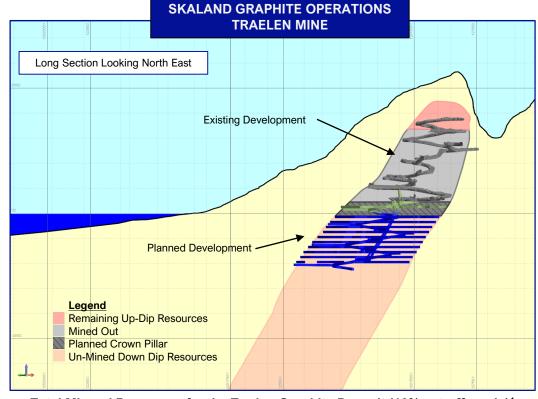
**PLANT UPGRADE** - Skaland plant is optimised to maximise the grade of the -150μm fines fraction in the concentrate from the current ~87%C to 96%-98% by the installation of the fourth stage cleaning circuit. The circuit is expected to be operational in late Q1/early Q2 in 2021.

**INCREASE PRODUCTION** - Ramp-up from ~10ktpa in 2020-2022 towards the 16ktpa limit in 2023 to supply Module 1 of the AAMP.

**FUTURE UPSIDE** - Investigating options to increase production and lower the environmental footprint including:

- Ore sorting at the Traelen mine to increase the ROM grade
- Tailings optimisation at the processing plant to produce tails for backfilling into the mining void, either at Traelen or the old Skaland mine adjacent to the processing plant.
- Plant debottlenecking and increased operating hours Skaland currently operates on a 5 days/week roster

**VALUE ADDED PRODUCTS** – Investigating micronisation and spheranisation circuit to produce higher value products and larger sample sizes for future test work.



Total Mineral Resources for the Trælen Graphite Deposit (10% cut-off grade)<sup>1</sup>

Classification	Tonnes Kt	Total Graphitic Carbon (TGC)	Tonnes Contained Graphite Kt
Indicated	409	26%	106
Inferred	1,376	21%	291
Total <sup>1</sup>	1,785	22%	397

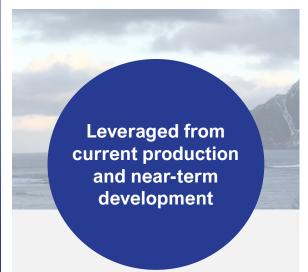
75% of the total contained tonnes reporting at 25% TGC at a 20% cut-off

Evaluating opportunities for resource expansion on Senja. MRC entered into a landowners' agreement for exploration of the Bukken deposit identified by the Geological Survey of Norway as the largest known graphite anomaly in Norway. Located approximately 20km to the east of Skaland. Initial drill program expected to commence in 2020.



# **ACTIVE ANODE MATERIAL PLANT**

Creating a Natural Graphite based Active Anode Materials business in Norway



- Existing concentrate sales
   with steady cash flow from
   traditional graphite markets
   provide de-risked transition to
   downstream production.
- Vertically integrated production is important to control variability of specific impurities and ensure high quality, consistent product delivery.



- Two environmentally friendly, non hydrofluoric ("HF") graphite purification technologies carried through study.
- AAMP to be built in Norway
  with access to low cost
  renewable energy, central to
  low emission anode
  production strategy, in fastest
  growing battery
  manufacturing region globally.



- Staged modular approach using Skaland concentrate to scale up production, with technology de-risking decision points, before expansion.
- Accelerated production growth and capacity expansion incorporating graphite concentrate from MRC's Munglinup Project in Australia.



- AAMP delivers a plan for sustainable, vertically integrated supply of crucial, clean energy anode materials from within the EU trade area.
- High growth European battery industry is diversifying supply lines and encouraging development of local critical raw material supply.

## **AAMP MODULES**

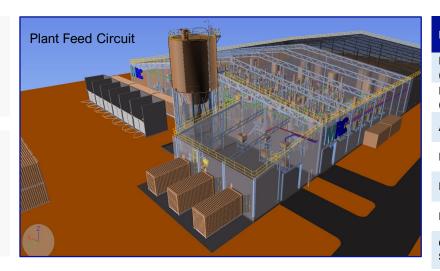
Access to low cost and low carbon footprint renewable power, proximity to emerging European gigafactories

#### Three Modules in AAMP:

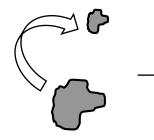
- Each processing 20ktpa
- Each micronisation sub-plant consists of 6 trains of a micronising mill and eight spheronising mills

#### Key areas of each AAMP module include:

- Concentrate storage and handling
- Micronisation and spheronisation
- Purification and coating
- Product bagging and handling

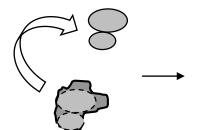


Parameter	Unit	Skaland	Munglinup	Downstream
Process throughput (initial)	Ktpa	37	400	8
Process throughput (capacity)	Ktpa	67	500	57
Average feed grade	% TGC	24	13	95
Recovery - graphite	%	92	88	93
Nominal grade	% TGC	94.93	95.00	99.95
Nominal production	Ktpa	15	52	51
Coated Purified Spherical Graphite	Ktpa	-	-	25.4



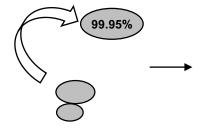
# Micronisation Reduces the average diameter of the concentrate.

USD/t 1,800-2,100



#### Spheronisation The graphite is

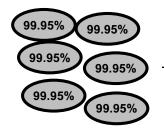
The graphite is shaped into spherical granules



#### **Purification**

Removal of impurities to make a high-grade product.

USD/t 2,330-3,350



#### **Carbon Coating**

The graphite is carbon coated to enhance anode performance

USD/t 6,500-14,500

#### **Anode Material**



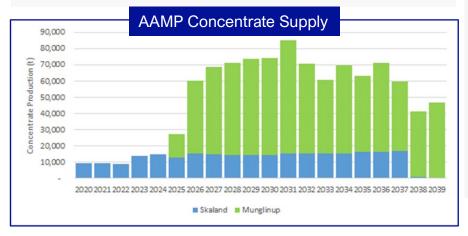
Tesla Model S 71 kg

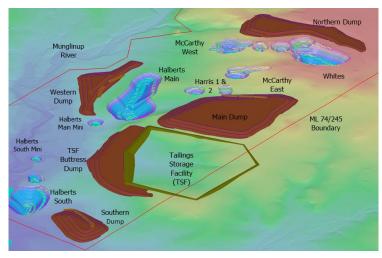


# **MUNGLINUP**

Skaland concentrate in the first stage, before expansion through two additional modules to process Munglinup concentrate

- The AAMP will be expanded through two additional modules to process Munglinup concentrate.
- Anticipated Munglinup production in 2025, with targeted annual concentrate production of 14.2ktpa in 2025 to 45ktpa in 2026, before gradually increasing towards 60ktpa, prior to a 70ktpa peak in 2032. Thereafter, concentrate production declines to an average of 48ktpa from 2033 to 2039.<sup>1</sup>
- Concentrate transported by container to the main port in Western Australia (Fremantle) and shipped to Norway via Rotterdam.
- Three modules in the AAMP have planned throughput processing capacity of 67ktpa. With Skaland production of 16ktpa, surplus capacity for processing Munglinup concentrate is 51ktpa.







- Definitive Feasibility Study (DFS) completed in January 2020, outlining a robust and economically justifiable project.
- Ore Reserve of 7.9Mt at 12.2% TGC (10% cut-off) with mineralisation open in all directions 1
- Coarse flake (+150μm) distribution accounting for 43% to 48% of the concentrate
- Coarse flake concentrate grades of 95.7% 97.7% TGC
- Fine flake (-150µm) concentrate grades of up to 98.3% TGC
- 105km west by sealed road from the port of Esperance
- Mining Lease granted to 2031 on designated Mining Reserve
- Final Permitting expected Q1 2021

Munglinup is open along strike and at depth, with geophysics also indicating that graphite resources extend into the surrounding MRC exploration leases.

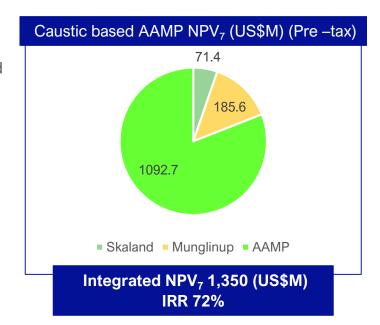


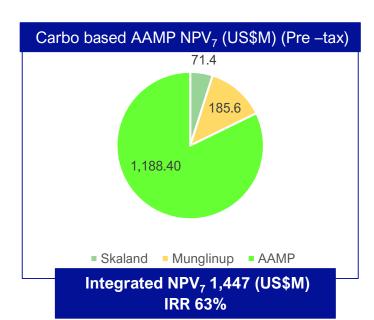
# **ECONOMICS**

Two environmentally friendly, non hydrofluoric, purification outcomes modelled

Outcome	Unit	Skaland	Munglinup	Downstream (Caustic)	Downstream (Carbo)
Av. Graphite Production	(ktpa)	15	52	0	0
Mine Life	(years)	15	14	17	17
Operating Cost	(US\$/t sold)	396	538	1,610	1,206
Development Capex	(US\$M)	21	61	237	306
Accuracy Level <sup>1</sup>	(%)	+/- 20%	+15%/ -5%	+/- 25%	+/-25%
LOM Revenue	(US\$M)	262	867	4,679	4,679
LOM Net Cashflow*	(US\$M)	90	264	1,666	1,835
LOM EBITDA	(US\$M)	158	466	2,483	2,803
Annual Av. EBITDA	(US\$M)	8	33	172	194
Pre-tax Project NPV <sub>7</sub> *	(US\$M)	71	186	1,093	1,188
Pre-tax Project IRR*	%	-	42%	72%	63%
Post-tax Project NPV <sub>7</sub> *	(US\$M)	52	124	821	891
Post-tax Project IRR*	%	66%	33%	67%	58%
Payback Period <sup>2</sup>	(years)	NA	2.7	1.58	1.84
Average Annual EBIT *	(US\$M)	6	27	150	166











# SENSITIVITY ANALYSIS

Integrated Project NPV is driven by downstream product pricing and spheronisation yield

Assumption	Sensitivity		
Downstream Pricing (base)	80%	120%	
Yield to Spheronisation Plant	-20%	+20%	
Discount rate	10%	+5%	
Product Recoveries	-10%	+10%	
Opex	-20%	+20%	
USD/NOK* Exchange Rate	8.00*	12.00*	
Capex Spend	-20%	+20%	
USD/AUD* Exchange Rate	0.80*	0.60*	

- Integrated Project NPV is driven by downstream product pricing and spheronisation yield.
- Reflects the production of high-value coated spherical graphite.
- Key to maximising NPV is securing coated spherical graphite offtake and maximising yield.
- Project is relatively insensitive to capital and operating costs and not dependent on purification technology used.

# Downstream Pricing (base) Yield to Spheronisation Plant Discount Rate Product Recoveries Opex USD/NOK\* Exchange Rate Capex Spend USD/AUD\* Exchange Rate

#### Tornado Diagram - Carbochlorination

200

■ Positive NPV Impact

300

400

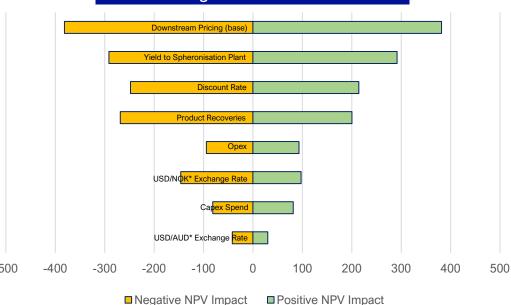
500

-500

-400

-300

■ Negative NPV Impact





# DFS / SCALE UP

Risks-management based approach with DFS prior to AAMP Module 1

#### **DEFINITIVE FEASIBILITY STUDY - Delivery 2021**

#### **Micronisation & Spheronisation**

- PFS conducted lab to pilot scale micronisation & spheronisation tests
- DFS will build on these results to optimise process and finalise equipment selection
- Option of single line installation at Skaland in 2021 under investigation to fast track sample generation, value added sales and operational experience, whilst leveraging existing infrastructure

#### **Purification & Coating**

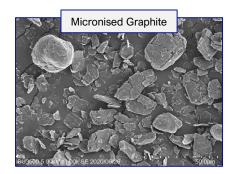
- Scale-up work continuing post completion of AAMP PFS on the two purification processes at mini-pilot scale
- Coating options and electrochemical performance evaluation underway
- Single purification technology decision to be based on anodes performance and economics
- Technology selection to drive pilot-scale system design and development

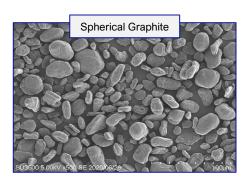
#### PILOT/DEMONSTRATION SCALE-UP

Micronisation & Spheronisation to consist of multiple trains. Initial equipment install at Skaland under investigation. First train for Module 1 to expand production and generate spherical graphite for demonstration scale purification.

**Purification** – pilot-scale system to provide scale-up performance data for full-scale system for Module 1 and generate samples for customer qualification. Option for a single line system for demonstration in Module 1 to be evaluated.

#### Single Train (2GWh) - 2022





Skaland 897 flake summarised below.

Vendor	D50	D90/D10	BET (m2/g)	Tap Density (g/cm3)	Yield (%)
Α	15.6	3.5	8.2	1.04	52.7
В	16.25	2.78	7.58	1.01	44
С	17.33	2.8	6.22	0.98	47





# **EXECUTION SCHEDULE**

Risk management based development of the AAMP

Milestone	Completion Date
Integrated AAMP PFS	Q3 2020
Caustic Purification or Carbochlorination Continuation Decision	Q4 2020
<b>AAMP Definitive Feasibility Study</b>	Q4 2021
<b>AAMP 2GWh Train Operational</b>	Q3 2022
AAMP Module 1 Operational	Q2 2023
MGP Commissioned	Q3 2024
AAMP Modules 2 & 3 Operational	Q4 2024



2020

**Skaland** Down-dip development start

**AAMP** Purification decision, micro/spheronisation optimisation

**FUNDING** Internally funded

2021

**Skaland** Down-dip development in production

AAMP Definitive Feasibility Study complete, including pilot work

Munglinup First bulk sample trial through Skaland Processing Plant

**FUNDING** R&D Grant/Equity/Internal - secure funding for pilot plant

2022

**Skaland** De-bottlenecking complete

AAMP Demonstration - Single train (2GWh), Module 1 in development

Munglinup Second bulk sample run through Skaland and AAMP pilot line

FUNDING Equity/Clean Energy Debt Funding – EU or Partner Module 1

2023

**Skaland** Ramp-up to supply

**AAMP** Module 1 full scale production

Munglinup Third pilot run to support qualification, FID

FUNDING Clean Energy Project Debt – Munglinup/Modules 2 & 3

2024

**AAMP** Modules 2 & 3 construction

Munglinup Construction, final bulk run through Skaland and AAMP for

qualification

2025

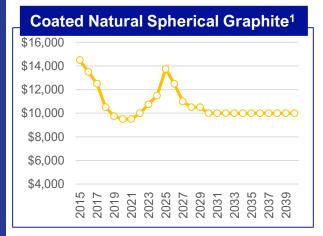
**AAMP** Three operational modules, supplied by Skaland and Munglinup

SUMMARY – OUR ADVANTAGE

Stable cashflow from Tormin supports significant upside from graphite-based **Anode Materials business** 

Key factors to a successful natural flake battery anode material business in Europe

- **Existing Production & Sales**
- Localisation
- **Low-Cost Renewable Energy**
- **Environmentally Friendly Purification**
- **Strong ESG Fundamentals**



2025 is when an expected deficit will peak, due to high battery demand and constraints of processors to add and qualify new product.



# QUESTIONS

