

FYI Enters Rare Earths Sector

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Mineral Resources

The information in this report that relates to Mineral Resources is based on information compiled by Mr Grant Louw, under the direction and supervision of Dr Andrew Scogings, who are both full-time employees of CSA Global. Dr Scogings is a Member of the Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy and a Member of the Australian Institute of Geoscientists. He is a Registered Professional Geologist in Industrial Minerals. Dr Scogings has sufficient experience relevant to the style of mineralisation and type of deposit under consideration and to the activity which he is undertaking to qualify as Competent Person as defined in the 2012 Edition of the "Australasian Code for the Reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources, and Ore Reserves". The information is extracted from the PFS announcement dated 25 September 2018 and is available to view on the Company's website at www.fyiresources.com.au

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We acknowledge the Traditional Owners and Custodians of the lands from which the minerals we process are recovered and from the lands where the processing takes place.

We pay respects to their elders, past present and emerging.



HPA PROJECT REMAINS FYI'S FOCUS

The rare earths strategy is a great adjunct to the HPA project



FYI's focus is on our core HPA project



The HPA project metrics and market outlook remains compelling



The project team is being expanded and a re-engineered development plan and revised schedule has been established



Technical learnings and process optimisations will be incorporated into the new project development



Project development to the HPA investment decision is funded



Both HPA and rare earths projects demonstrate tremendous market opportunities via their development strategies



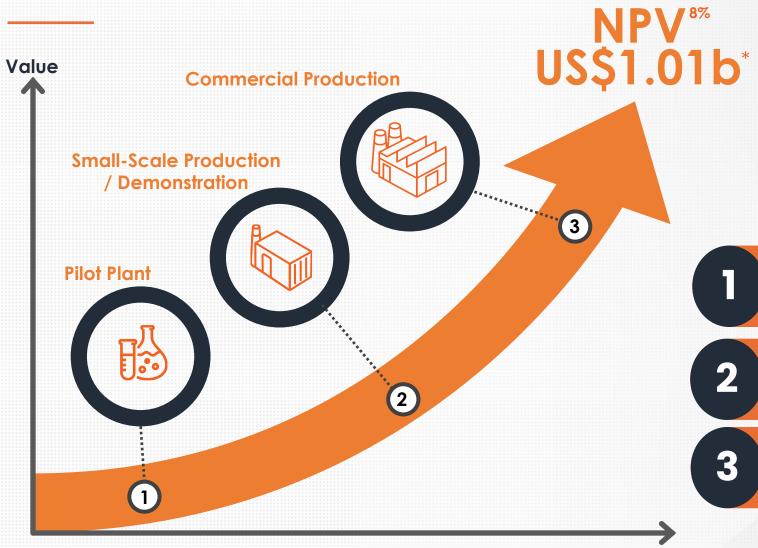








DELIVERY PATHWAY



- Demonstrated HPA quality and purity. Market validated
- Prove commercial production.
 Continue ongoing qualification
- 3 HPA production & cashflows. Deliver project value

Time (Certainty/ Project De-risking)



DFS - OUTSTANDING PROJECT ECONOMICS SUMMARY

NPV SUMMARY (POST TAX)

US\$6,661 55% **25 YEARS** US\$202m HPA CASH COST IRR **DCF PROJECT FORECAST** CAPEX ESTIMATE PER TONNE PRODUCTION US\$186m **3.2 YEAR** US\$131m US\$1,014m 25 YEAR AVG ANNUAL EBITDA AFTER-TAX NPV (@ 8%) PROJECT CAPITAL PAYBACK **NET CASH FLOW PER ANNUM**

10,000 tpa HPA production

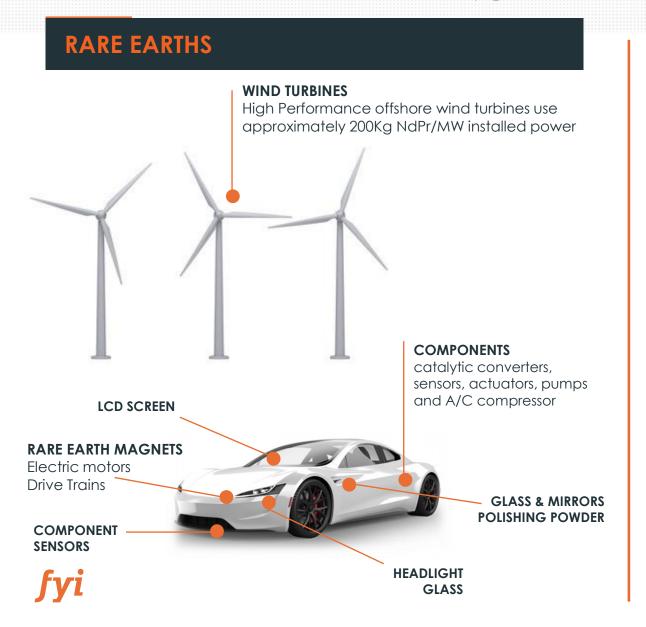
US\$26,400/t HPA sales price

15% of sales is 99.999% (5N)



OUR PRODUCTS ROLE IN DECARBONISATION

HPA and Rare Earths are enablers of many green technologies





MINHUB TRANSACTION MOTIVATION

HPA remains our core focus



An opportunity to participate in the development of a potentially world class operation. Straightforward project delivery, low development cost, well resourced team, industry and Government support



Minhub rare earth strategy is complementary to our core HPA project. Combined capacity, project experience and technologies



Ideally positioned with credible industry partners. Collaborating with strategic parties. Government and industry support.



Modelled economics with multiple feedstocks indicate a robust project with opportunities for organic growth



Perfect timing with Industry tail wind and sector growth.

Contribute to Australia's sovereign supply chain capabilities



Complementary to FYI's high quality production, critical minerals and ESG objectives











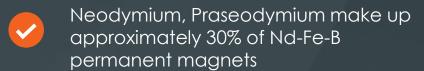


WHY ARE RARE EARTHS IMPORTANT?

The rare earth elements are a set of 17 metallic elements. These include the 15 lanthanides on the periodic table plus scandium and yttrium, currently the economics are driven by the demand for 'magnet feed' rare earths.

- Permanent rare earth magnets are used in direct drive electric motors and generators in electric vehicles (EV's), wind turbines, and numerous other applications essential for global decarbonisation.
- Unlike hard rock and ionic clay deposits, rare earths are recovered from mineral sands deposits as a by-product to zircon and titanium minerals and are consequently at the bottom of the cost curve.
- Monazite concentrate recovered from mineral sands is high-grade, typically(~60%) TREO) and is rich in Light Rare Earths including neodymium & praseodymium (NdPr).
- Xenotime recovered from mineral sands is also high grade (~50%TREO) and is rich in heavy rare earths including magnet feed rare earths dysprosium (Dy) & terbium (Tb)

Australia's Critical Minerals
Strategy aims to grow the rare
earths sector, expand
downstream processing and
meet future global demand



Dysprosium & Terbium are used in small quantities (up to 5%) in specific high temperature applications such as EV drive chains

1000% demand growth by 2035

2035

Adamas Intelligence forecasted NdPr consumption to increase 11-fold by 2035 and DyTb by >7-fold with growth restricted by supply

2022



WHAT IS THE MINHUB PROJECT?

- The Minhub Project is proposed as a mineral separation plant to be located in the Darwin Port Precinct, Northern Territory
- The Minhub Project will be co-owned by FYI & Arafura and managed by MOPL
- FYI and Arafura will co-fund the development of Minhub on a 50:50 basis to feasibility study – due early 2024
- Further funding to production will be on a 50:50 basis between FYI and Arafura or as agreed
- Minhub will sell traditional mineral sands products zircon, ilmenite, & rutile
- Monazite & xenotime will be either sold to targeted markets by Minhub or transported to Arafura's Nolans Project for further processing into rare earth oxides
- Good shared rail logistics with Nolans

WHY THE MINHUB PROJECT?

- Minhub Operations Pty Ltd (MOPL) is developing an independent collaborative mineral processing option for the mineral sands industry
- The Minhub project reduces the significant barriers to entry that emerging rare earth rich mineral sands projects face
- Rare earth minerals are co-products with zircon and titanium minerals which are highly concentrated markets
- The mineral sands industry has developed a structural reliance on the Chinese concentrate market to achieve value for contained rare earths which faces geopolitical headwinds
- For a decade junior companies have relied on the concentrate market enabling lower capex and lower permitting hurdles



COMMERCIAL FRAMEWORK

1. Collaboration

- Minhub collaborates with Mineral Sands Developers across Australia to deliver mineral sands concentrates to Minhub
- Particular focus on the heavy rare earth rich Gippsland & Murray Basin
- Minhub supplies technical, marketing & commercial assistance

2. Mineral Separation

- Minhub Project jointly funded by FYI and Arafura
- High value mineral products for export from Darwin include monazite & xenotime, zircon, rutile, ilmenite
- Commercial terms offered to feedstock suppliers include concentrate purchase, toll or profit share

3. Rare earths Downstream

- Arafura has first right to offtake monazite & xenotime
- Arafura sells NdPr
- Minhub Pty Ltd and Arafura will collaborate to investigate further processing of heavy rare earths



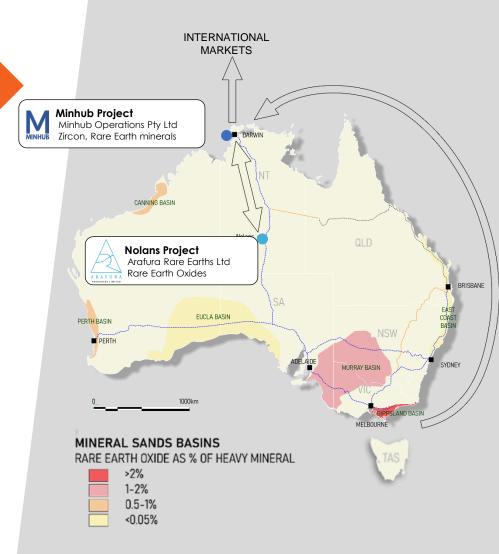
Minerals Sands



Monazite & Zircon



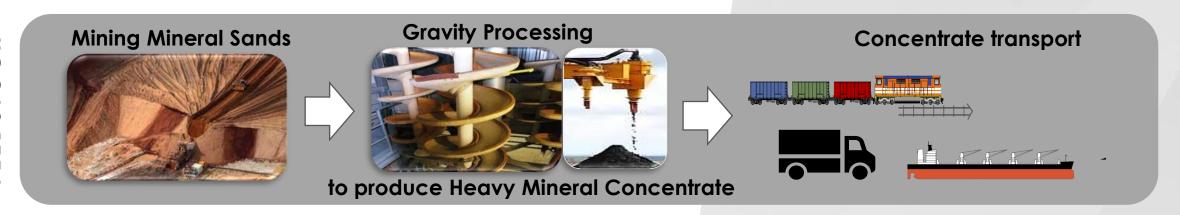
Nolans Project Neodymium (Nd) & Praseodymium (Pr)

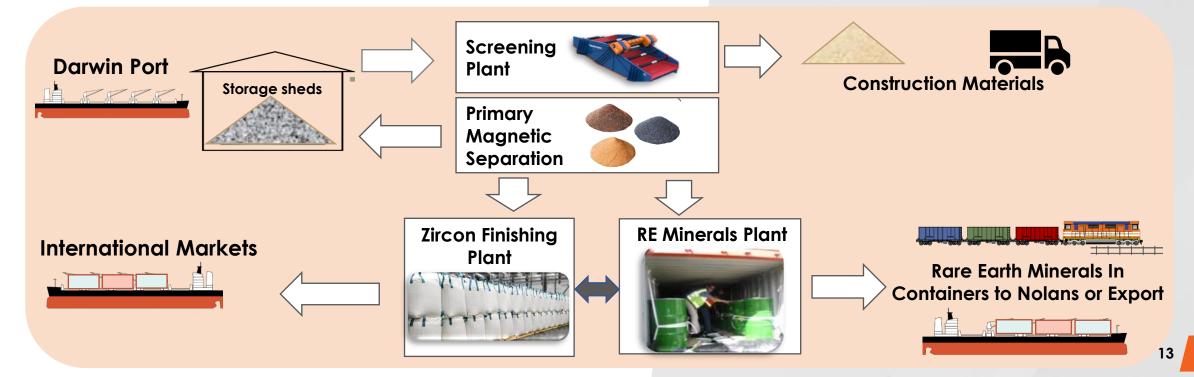


SIMPLIFIED FLOWSHEET FOR MINERAL SANDS PRODUCERS

3RD PARTY EEDSTOCK







RARE EARTH SUPPLY CHAIN THROUGH THE MINHUB PROJECT





ALIGNMENT WITH AUSTRALIAS CRITICAL MINERALS STRATEGY



Aligns partners from
Australian mineral
sands mining with
rare earth projects
and markets.
Providing transparent
and sustainable
sourcing of rare
earth products



Captures significant
value for NT and
Australia by
upgrading unfinished
mineral sands
concentrates and
value adding
exports streams



Aligns with NT and Federal Govt policy, in relation to security of strategic minerals and downstream value capture



Adds to Arafura's capacity to deliver into the increasing demand for NdPr, the key rare magnet metals for global electrification



Creates opportunity for value capture and downstream processing in Australia of globally strategic heavy rare earths (HRE)

Minhub aims to secure zircon and rare earth concentrates containing 30,000t of monazite & xenotime from the Gippsland & Murray Basin by 2030 which would enable downstream partners to produce;



NdPr production of >3,000tpa (over 10%¹ of global market)



Dy + Tb production of >350tpa (20%¹ of global production)

¹production forecasts are projected by Minhub based on 2020 global production



ALIGNMENT WITH GLOBAL ESG BEST PRACTICES

Developing an ethical alternative heavy rare earths supply

98% of heavy rare earths come China & Myanmar

- Chinese heavy rare earths entirely from ionic clay (40% now from Myanmar's ionic clay production
- Legacy of environmental destruction over large areas
- In situ leaching (direct application of chemicals, solar evaporation of chemicals)
- Ethical dilemma for EV manufacturers, customers and governments. Pressure on electric vehicle manufacturers to limit use of Dysprosium and Terbium essential for the transition to net zero.



An ionic clay deposit in Jiangxi, China (Reuters)

Victorian Mineral Sands offer an ethical alternative

- Xenotime rich deposits in the Gippsland and Murray Basins.
- Almost 100 years of mining history on Australia's east coast beaches, south Western Australia and Murray Basin
- Rehabilitation of productive farmland with high agricultural productivity
- Restoration of native landscapes from marginal grazing and old plantations



Rehabilitated mineral sands mine southwest Australia



FYI'S RARE EARTHS STRATEGY

Minhub is collaborating with mineral sands developers with significant rare earth resources The Minhub Project will value-add mineral sands concentrates and produce finished mineral sand products including monazite & xenotime

The Minhub Project aims to be a key part of a sovereign supply chain solution for rare earths



Minhub is securing feedstock supply and collaborating with Arafura in the development of the Minhub Project MOPL and Arafura will cooperate in the downstream development of heavy rare earth separation









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