# Element 25 Limited Investor Update - Commissioning for Growth

Building a world-class Zero Carbon Manganese™ business

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## Introduction

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#### **Overview**

Developing the world class **Butcherbird Manganese Project** in Western

Australia to produce high quality manganese concentrate and High Purity

Manganese (**HPM**) products for traditional and new energy markets.

Financial Information	
ASX Ticker	E25
Shares on Issue	149M
Share Price	\$2.10 (7 July 2021)
Debt	Nil

- Australia's largest onshore manganese deposit.
- >260 Mt of manganese ore in JORC resources<sup>1</sup>.
- Reserve containing 5.22 Mt of manganese<sup>2</sup>.
- 100% owned by Element 25 Limited.
- Located in WA, ranked #1 for mining investment<sup>3</sup>.
- Ethical, proven, sustainably regulated jurisdiction.
- Excellent infrastructure: highway and gas pipeline

- Simple low-cost mining and processing.
- No blasting or dewatering required.
- Long mine life 42 years using only 20% of the global resource, potential to improve.
- Outstanding economics<sup>2</sup>
- First sale contract signed<sup>3</sup>
- Transport of first shipment to port<sup>4</sup>.



## Not all manganese is created equal

## Serving the Old...

- Manganese (Mn) is the fourth most used metal on earth in terms of tonnage.
- Used in steel, specialty alloys and aluminium products.
- Traditionally the market has been dominated by the steel and alkaline battery industries.
- There is no substitute for manganese in steel.
- E25 manganese concentrate and EMM feed this market.

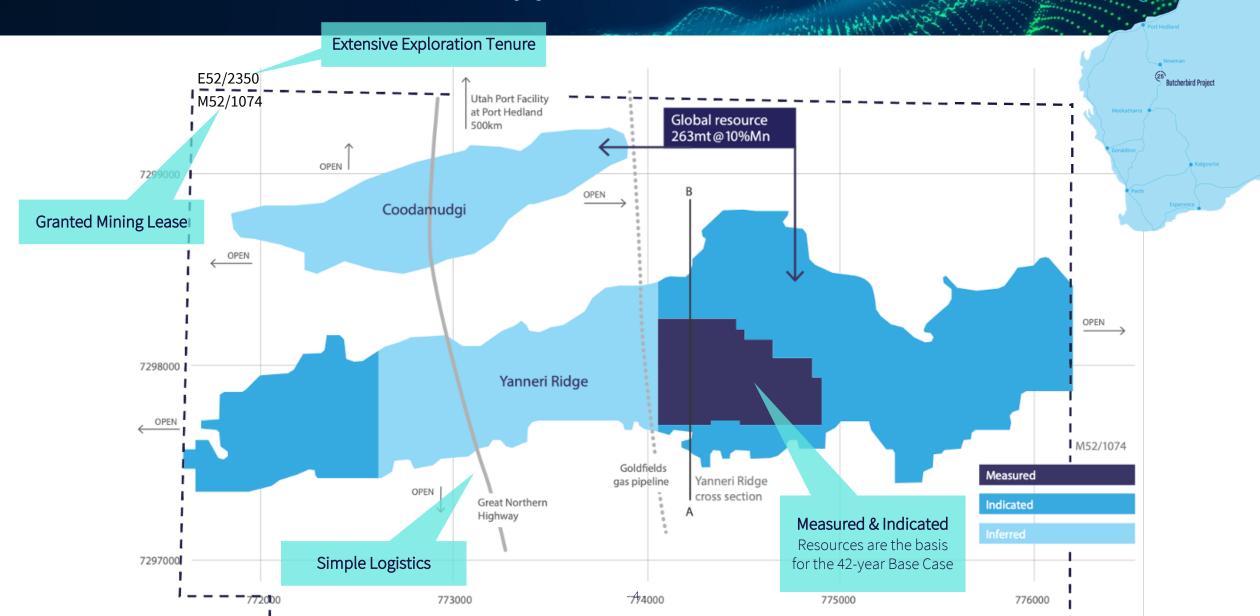


#### And the New...

- The electrification of the global vehicle fleet requires vast amounts of cathode materials.
- Nickel and cobalt supplies cannot meet projected demand for new energy vehicle (NEV) growth.
- Batteries are trending toward higher manganese content for safer, more cost-effective solutions.
- E25 high purity manganese will feed these markets.

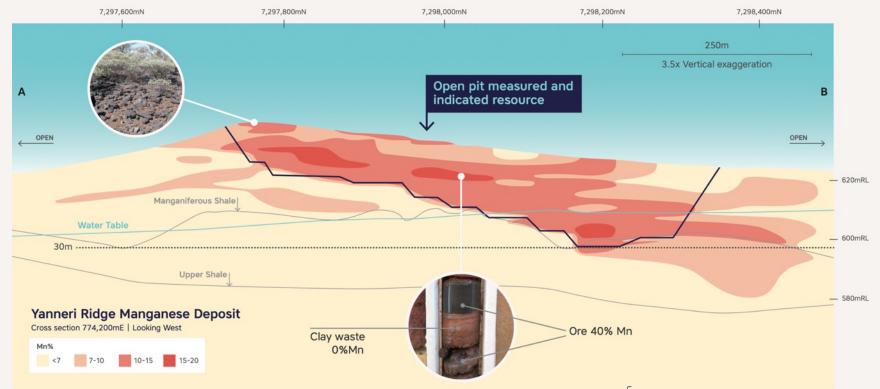


## Great infrastructure endowment, fully permitted



## Very simple geology equals low-cost, low environmental impact manganese units

Classification	Tonnes (Mt)	Mn (%)	Contained Mn (Mt)	
Resource	263	10.0	20.8	
Reserve	50.6	10.3	5.22	



#### **RESOURCE GROWTH POTENTIAL**

- Enough resource base for multidecade long expansion pathway.
- Can produce concentrate, battery grade HPMSM and EMM without resource limitation.

#### **ENVIRONMENTALLY BENIGN OPERATION**

- Ore from surface
- No explosives required
- No waste water
- One reagent water
  - Extremely low levels of contaminants

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## Stage 1: Operational, Ramp Up Underway

- 20-year Mining Lease granted
- All Stakeholder Agreements finalised
- Processing water confirmed and permitted
- Fully funded with no debt
- Operation is fully permitted
- Stage 1 is operational
- Stage 2 fully funded to provide material for MnSO<sub>4</sub> conversion





**Low impurity Mn concentrate** 

Operating and ramping up First shipment June 2021



# Stage 2

**Expanded Mn concentrate for MnSO<sub>4</sub>** 

PFS study near complete, fully funded Startup 2024/25







# Stage 1: Project Delivery Complete - Ramp Up Underway



## Low capex Stage 1 provides a springboard for rapid growth

- Low capex.
- Rapid startup.
- Establish cashflow.
- Fund High Purity Manganese (HPM)
   from strengthened balance sheet.

Mn<sup>25</sup>
341,000 t/a
annual Production over
40 year mine life





Only 10 months from
Stage 1 PFS
to commissioning





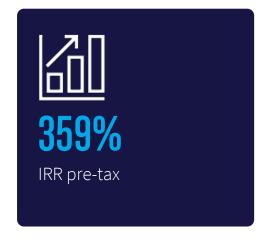


## Stage 2 expansion turbocharging cashflows to fund HPM

- Incremental capital required.
- Financing discussions advanced.
- Flowsheet process proven.
- Rapid deployment.
- Fund High Purity Manganese from strengthened balance sheet.

Mn<sup>25</sup>
1,023,000 t/a
Annual Production over 40-year mine life





Establishing a globally significant, low carbon manganese business in record time, with minimal dilution



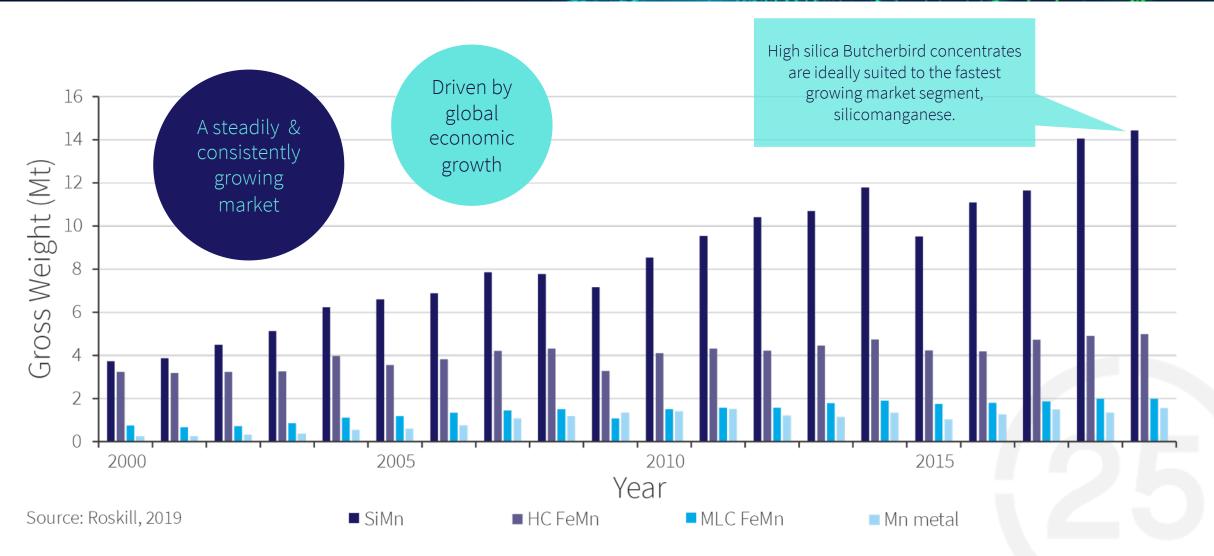




# Stage 1: Project Delivery Complete - First Shipment in Port Hedland



## "Old world" manganese demand continues to grow



## New Energy Vehicle (NEV) Demand Growing MUCH Faster

58% by 2040

percentage of new vehicles that will be EV or hybrid

54 million

EV passenger sales by 2040

from 2033

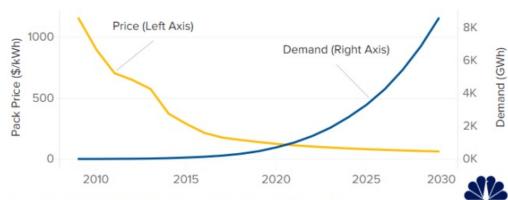
decline emissions from road transport

17.6M by 2040

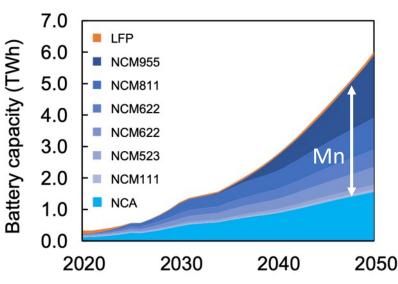
barrels of oil displaced by EVs each day

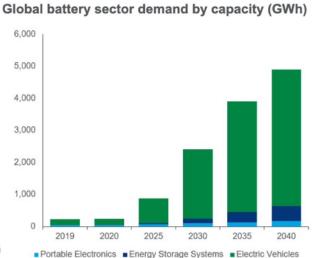
"It is reasonably straight forward to do a cathode that is two-thirds nickel and one-third manganese..."

#### Li-ion battery market development for electric vehicles



SOURCE: Rocky Mountain Institute/BloombergNEF. Data is projected starting with 2020.





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## If not manganese, then what?

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percentage of new vehicles that will be EV or hybrid

## from 2033

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# 17.6M by 2040

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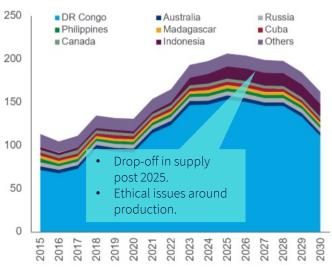
"In order to save battery costs, VW wants to use nickel and manganese for the cells in the volume segment and, if possible, do without the – more expensive – cobalt...."

The Driven, March 2021

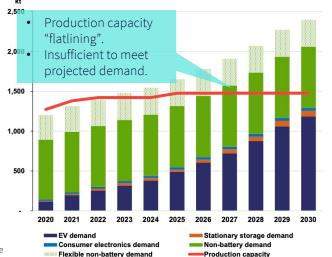
## Manganese (Mn) is the fourth most utilised metal globally.

- It is the cheapest, most abundant of the NMC cathode materials (Ni,Mn,C).
- Nickel and cobalt have supply constraints, manganese does not.
- For cobalt, there are serious ethical concerns around production methods<sup>1</sup>.
- Manganese is perfectly placed to provide the material needed to satisfy the worlds hunger to electrify.
- Battery makers have manganese rich cathode designs in their roadmaps post 2025.

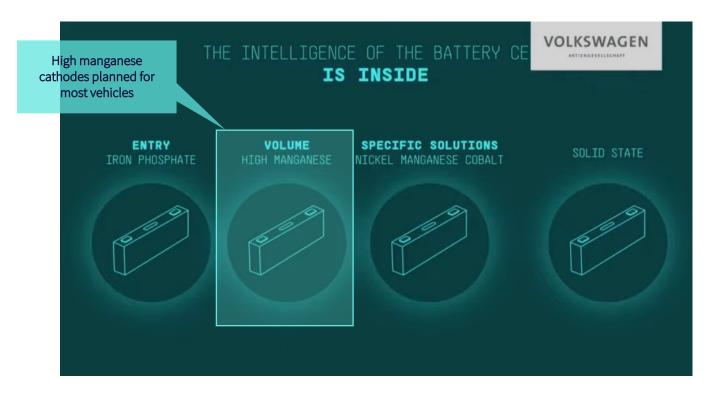
#### Global mined cobalt output (Kt)



#### Class 1 Nickel Supply and Demand Outlook



## If not manganese, then what?



"Our transformation will be fast, it will be unprecedented..."

W Group CEO Herbert Diess

- VW moving to a high manganese cathode for most of its vehicles.
- High manganese means better energy density and lower cost.
- Requires large volumes of high purity manganese sulphate.
- Element 25 is targeting this market for its long term growth strategy.
- Discussions underway in relation to potential offtake partners in this segment.

## Our Journey- Element 25 has a well advanced flowsheet and business strategy...

2012
Resource Defined
263 Mt @ 10% Mn

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2017

**First Leach Tests** 

Showed rapid selective extraction



2019

**EMM Produced** 

>99.9% pure metal



2020

**PFS Delivery** 

Early cashflow opportunity

2021

**Operational** 

Less than 12 months from Stage 1 PFS



2021

MnSO<sub>4</sub> Focus

Finalise test work Stage 2 PFS delivery



2022

MnSO<sub>4</sub> DFS

Complete engineering design



2024/25

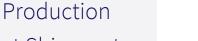
MnSO<sub>4</sub> Production

Supplying the EV markets for the future of transport



## Our Goal- Zero Carbon High Purity Manganese for New Energy Vehicles...







## Stage 1

First production of manganese concentrate to sell to steel allow manufacturers



## Stage 2

Expansion of the concentrate production to produce manganese feedstock to convert to HPMSM

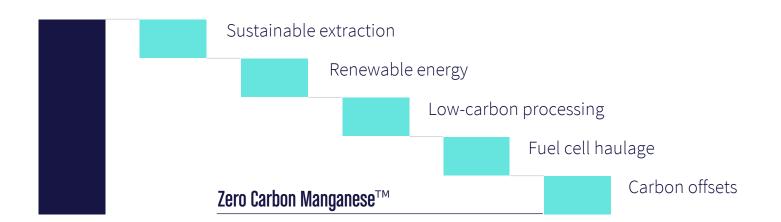


## Stage 3

Serving the New Energy Vehicle Markets by converting the concentrate to HPMSM using



## Zero Carbon Manganese™ - ESG Considerations Integral to Our Thinking



### Other potential pathways that Element 25 is investigating:

- Extensive wind and solar resource data set collected at site (>1 year)
- Energy modelling confirmed cost advantage with renewable solutions
- Green hydrogen powered mine fleet and bulk haulage
- Battery powered bulk haulage trucks to be made available in Australia shortly
- Green hydrogen reduction reagent potential (similar to "Green Steel")
- Supply chain transparency and ESG accounting
- Collaboration with other ESG focused companies to pursue new solutions



## Our Journey...

# Stage 1 \$583 million NPV

Commissioning and rampup underway



# Stage 2 \$1.14 billion NPV

PFS study complete, startup 2022



# Stage 3 High Purity Mn

PFS study anticipated for completion 2021



# Stage 4

Decarbonise

Global benchmark for Zero Carbon Manganese™

9 month plan

1.5 year plan

5 year plan

### Cashflow

Low capital cost, rapid start up to establish E25 as a producer while minimising dilution.

### **Expansion**

Improved resource utilisation, reduction in unit operating costs, increased operating cash.

### The Prize

Position E25 as a globally dominant producer of high purity, sustainable manganese products.

## Zero Carbon Manganese™

Best in class, zero carbon, ethically produced, scalable high purity manganese for global markets.

# Thank you

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## **Reserves and Resources**

#### Maiden Ore Reserve<sup>1</sup>

Category	Tonnes (Mt) Mn (%)		Contained Mn (Mt)	
Proved	14.4	11.5	1.65	
Probable	36.2	9.8	3.56	
Total	50.6	10.3	5.22	

#### Global Mineral Resource<sup>2</sup>

Category	Tonnes (Mt)	Mn (%)	Si (%)	Fe (%)	Al (%)
Measured	16	11.6	20.6	11.7	5.7
Indicated	41	10.0	20.9	11.0	5.8
Inferred	206	9.8	20.8	11.4	5.9
Total	263	10.0	20.8	11.4	5.9

- 89% conversion of measured and indicated resources to reserve.
- Maiden Reserve only exploits approximately 20% of global mineral resource.
- Excellent potential for future expansion.
- More drilling has potential to add to global resource.

 $<sup>^{1}\</sup>mbox{Reference}$  : Element 25 Limited ASX release dated 19 May 2020.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>Reference: Element 25 Limited ASX releases dated 17 April 2019.

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