



Unlocking Steelpoortdrift as one of the world's largest and highest-grade Vanadium projects for a new era

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- Refer to Asx Announcements dated 23 September 2020 "Scoping Study Confirms Viability of V2O5 Production", 20 July 2021 "VR8 declares maiden ore reserve for SPD Project", 11 October 2021 "VR8 secures strategic placement at significant premium", 07 March 2022 "DFS update Trial mining and bulk sampling progress" and 24 March 2022 "Completed bulk sampling and pilot test work commencement".
- 1. Refer to Asx Announcement dated 22 June 2021 "PFS Delivers Superior Results".
- <sup>2</sup> Refer to Asx Announcement dated 19 January 2022 "VR8 interest in Tier 1 Vanadium Project increases to 73.95%"

# An emerging Vanadium producer





Fully funded to FID



One of the world's largest and highest-grade vanadium deposits



PFS indicates strong financial outcomes with post-tax NPV8% of US\$1.2B, 45% IRR post-tax



Ore body easy to mine & upgrade to concentrate



Using conventional Salt Roast Leach ("SRL") process to produce 12,000t to 18,500t V<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> flake per annum



Mining license granted



Infrastructure – close to existing operating processing plants, power and water nearby, with proven road & rail options to port



Expert and experienced management team



## **Corporate Overview**



Corporate structure	(ASX: VR8	)
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as at 4 April 2022

A\$0.11 ~473m Shares on issue Share price (undiluted) ~A\$52m A\$0.046 - A\$0.12 Market cap 52-week range (~4% of att. NPV) ~A\$5M ~9.6M Cash Perf. Rights (as at 31 Dec 21) (Class A) ~4M 5M Perf. Rights **Broker Options** 

### 61.6% Top 20 Shareholders

(Class B)

Top Shareholders

9.5% - Kumane Investments | 9.5% - Danterne Pty Ltd | 9.4% - Raubex Ltd | Other

(ex. @ 10c s.p reaching 15c @ 15day vwap before 2 Nov. 2022)

Jurie Wessels | Exec. Chairman

Eugene Nel | CEO

Board

Michael Davy | Non-Executive Director

John Ciganek | Non-Executive Director

Nico Van Der Hoven | Non-Executive Director



## **Board & Management**



### JURIE WESSELS

### **Executive Chairman**

Jurie Wessels has 26 years' experience in the exploration industry and cofounded a number of exploration and mining companies, including Bauba Resources Ltd (BAU.J), which owns two operating chrome mines and recently refunded by JSE-listed Raubex Group Ltd. GoldStone Resources Ltd (GRL.L). which company is mining the Homase-Akrokerri Gold Mine in Ghana acquired and developed by GoldStone when Jurie was CEO, Arcadia Minerals Ltd (AM7.Asx), which company owns an advanced Tantalum project and tier 1 exploration assets, and Vanadium Resources Ltd.

Jurie has significant experience in the sourcing and assessment of exploration and exploitation projects and in the governance, funding and management of resource companies. He explored for various minerals in Africa, South America, the Indian sub-continent and Europe, and explored and developed several mining projects to successful conclusion.

### EUGENE NEL

#### Chief Executive Officer

Eugene Nel has 25 years' experience as a metallurgical and process engineer in the operations, management, design and optimisation of mineral beneficiation in Africa. South America. Europe and the Middle East. He has been involved in a number of successful mining and processing operations and has assisted client teams throughout project life cycles and disciplines. As a registered Pr. Tech. Eng. with the Engineering Council of South Africa, as well as member of the Southern African Institute of Mining and Metallurgy and Mine Metallurgical Managers Association of South Africa, he qualifies as a competent person under IORC.

### MICHAEL DAVY

### Non-Executive Director

Michael Davy is an Australian executive and Accountant with over 18 years' experience across a range of industries. Michael previously held a senior management role in Australia for Songa Offshore (listed Norwegian Oil and Gas drilling company), where he assisted with the start-up of the Australian operations and managed the finance team for a two rig operation with multi-hundred million dollar revenues. Prior to that Michael had worked in Australia and London for other large organisations overseeing various finance functions.

Michael is currently a director and owner of a number of successful private businesses all under his personal management. During the past five years Michael has held directorships in several ASX listed companies and is currently the Non-Executive Chairman of Raiden Resources Limited (ASX: RDN) and a non-executive director of Arcadia Minerals Ltd (AM7.Asx).

### JOHN CIGANEK

### Non-Executive Director

John Ciganek has worked in the mining sector for more than 30 years. His experience spans working in mining operations, project finance, M&A and the equity capital markets. Johnis a Mining Engineer and holds an MBA. He has experience in a range of roles covering mining engineering, operations, business development, research and corporate finance.

John is currently an executive director and founder of Euclase, which is a corporate finance advisory and investment firm included providing financing and structuring advice, as well as arranging debt and equity financings for capital intensive projects.

John is a Non-Executive Director of Calidus Resources Limited (CAI.Asx) and Ookami Limited (OOK.Asx).

### NICO VAN DER HOVEN

### Non-Executive Director

Nico van der Hoven is a businessman and entrepreneur holding degrees in Commerce & Law and has over 30 years' experience in exploration and mining, having co-founded and operated 5 chrome mines over this period. Nico is also a co-founder of Hernic Chrome, Bauba Resources Ltd (BAU.J), Vanadium Resources (Pty) Ltd and GoldStone Resources Ltd (GRL.L).

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### **Global Demand Forecast**

Current



VRFB's: 3-5%

Aerospace: 3%

demand Steel: 90%

Forecasters expect over

### 1,200GW

of battery capacity to be added between today and 2050, with approximately 600GW before 2025.1

Could add up to

### 10,000mtV

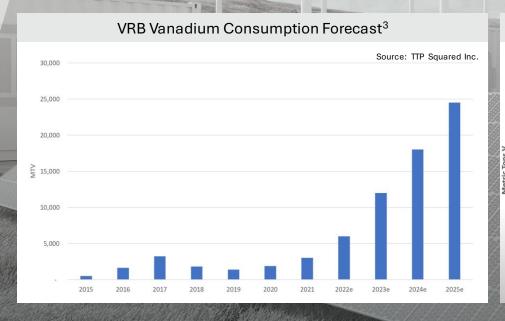
of demandinto an already undersupplied market.<sup>2</sup>

### **Future demand**

VRFBs forecast to represent between

15-25 %

of battery capacity by 2025.





Global Vanadium Production from Existing Sources<sup>3</sup>



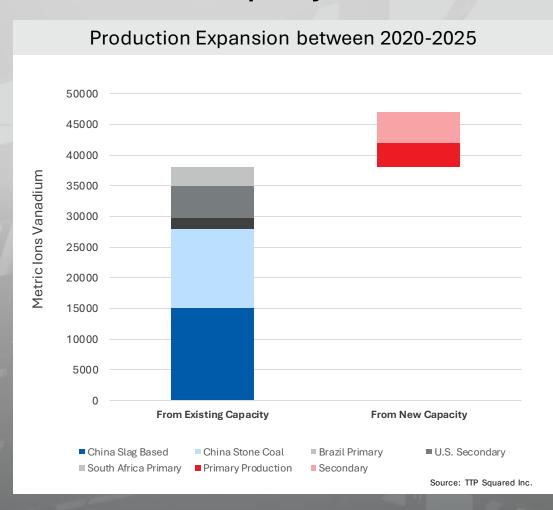
<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> BloombergNEF, New Energy Outlook 2018; International Energy Agency, World Energy Outlook 2018

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Noack et. al, 2016. Techno-economic modelling of RFB Systems (Energies 2016, 9, 627) Vanadium Flow Batteries: An In Depth Analysis. EPRI, Palo Alto, CA: 2007.1014836 3 Source: TTP Squared, Inc.

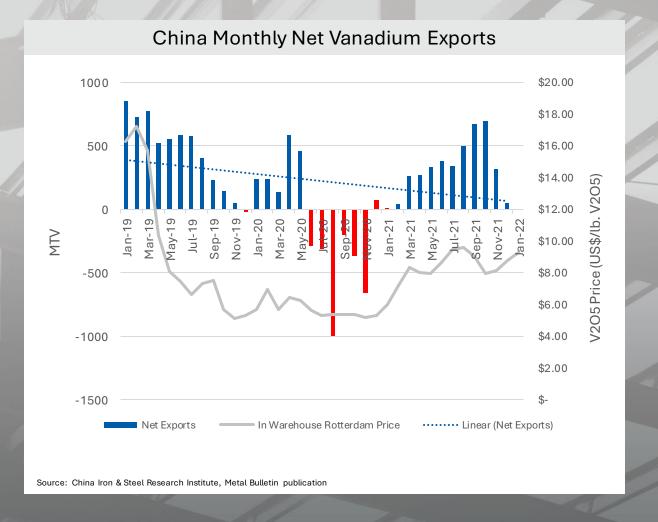
## Global Supply and Demand Dynamics



### **New Capacity Potential**

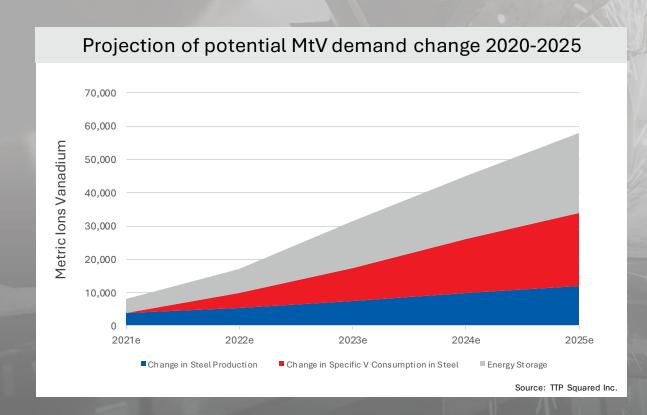


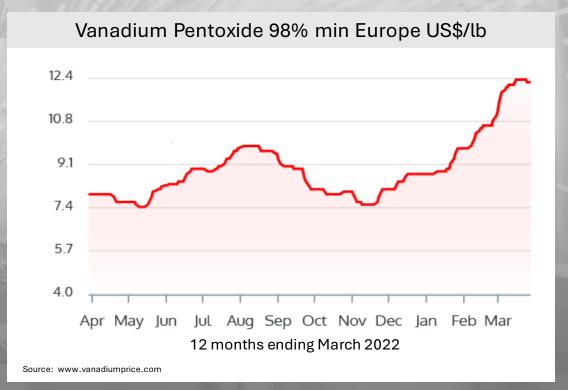
### China as a net importer of Vanadium?



# V<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> Price Dynamics







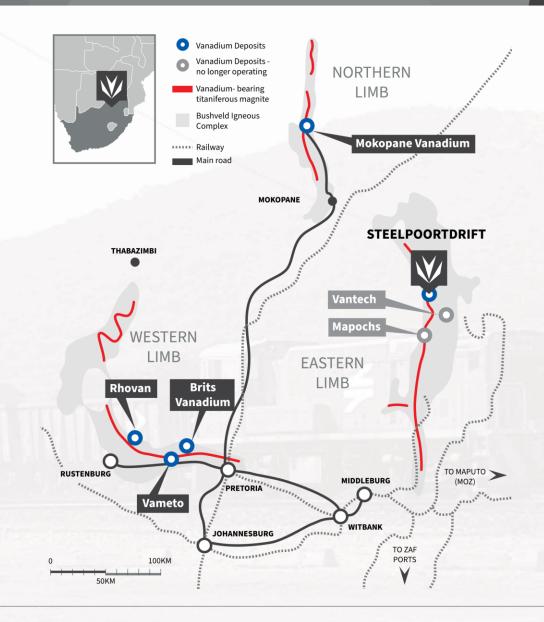
## Located in the Bushveld Complex



This world-renowned mining location is host to several mining operations, multiple major mining companies are active in the area, and is located in close proximity to existing infrastructure.

Other Mines in the Bushveld Complex					
Bushveld Minerals	Vametco Vanadium Mine, Mokopane Vanadium Project				
Glencore	Rhovan Vanadium Mine				
Anglo American	Twickenham PGE Mine				
African Rainbow	Modikwa PGE Mine				
Sibanye Stillwater	Marikana PGE Mine				
Impala Platinum	Rustenburg PGE Mine				

Regional Infrastructure in the Bushveld Complex					
ESKOM Sub station 12km from project					
Xstrata	Ferrochrome smelter in Steelpoort				
RailSiding	30km from the project				
De Hoop Dam 15km from the project					



# Steelpoortdrift Resource: Intrinsic Qualities





Sufficient
Resource to
supply
product
economically



"Mineable" resource to reduce Opex and Capex



High grade to reduce Opex



Mineralogy to reduce Opex and Capex

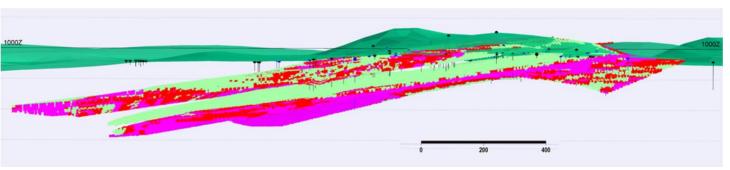
# JORC Resource, Mineralisation



- Global Mineral Resource of 662Mt at 0.77%  $V_2O_5$  (0.45%  $V_2O_5$  cut-off)
- High grade Mineral Resource of 188Mt at 1.23%  $V_2O_5$  (0.9%  $V_2O_5$  cut-off)
- Mineralisation outcrops at surface, meaning amenable to open pit mining
- Mineralisation dips shallowly (~10°) less waste to mine, low strip ratios and cheaper mining cost

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Mineral Resource by Grade <sup>1</sup>									
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Total (0.45 to 0.90)	0.45 to 0.90	474.1	0.59	20.51					
Total (>0.90)	>0.90	187.9	1.23	34.99					
Total		662.0	0.77	24.62					



Ore Reserves as at 30 June 2021 <sup>2</sup>										
		Proven			Probable			Total		
Material Type	Quantity (Mt)	Grade (%)	Vanadium Content (Mt)	Quantity Grade V (Mt) (%)		Vanadium Content (Mt)	Quantity (Mt)	Grade (%)	Vanadium Content (Mt)	
HG RoM Material	15.57	1.01%	0.16	24.68	0.93%	0.23	40.25	0.96%	0.39	
MG RoM Material	15.60	0.51%	0.08	18.00	0.50%	0.09	33.60	0.50%	0.17	
Total Mineral Reserve	31.17	0.76%	0.24	42.68	0.75%	0.32	73.85	0.73%	0.56	

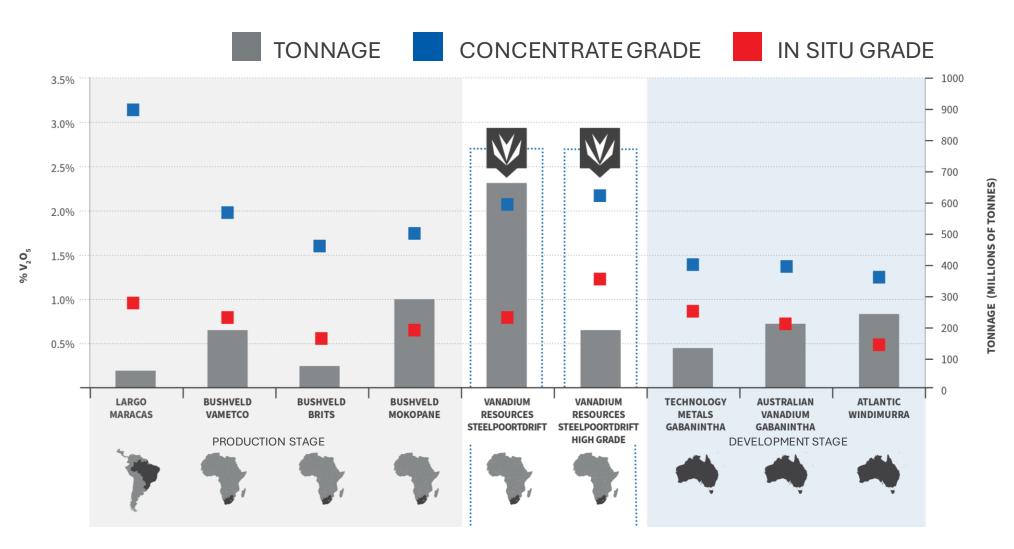
<sup>1.</sup> Source: ASX Announcement titled "Steelpoortdrift PFS Delivers Superior Results", 22 June 2021

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<sup>2.</sup> Source: ASX Announcement titled "VR8 declares maiden ore reserve for SPD project", 20 & 22nd July 2021

# Global Primary Resources





The above chart compares Resources reported under different codes and companies at different stages of development as detailed in ASX Announcement titled "Scoping Study Confirms Viability of V2O5 Production", 23 September 2020 (pages 13-14). Only Resources with a quoted in situ grade > 0.45% V2O5 are shown in the figure. Please refer to the annexure "Peer Comparison Table" attached to this presentation.

# Aspirant Producers / Peer Comparison



	Steelpoortdrift (VR8) Pre-Feas. Stage	Bushveld- Mokopane <sup>1</sup> Pre- Feas. Stage	TMT Gabanintha <sup>2</sup> Definitive-Feas. Stage	AVL Project <sup>3</sup> Pre-Feas. Stage
V <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> Price	US\$9.03/lb	US\$7.50/lb	US\$10.88/lb	US\$8.67/lb
Market Capitalisation (undiluted)	Au\$52M	n.a.	Au\$123M	Au\$351M
NPV (Post Tax)	NPV <sub>8</sub> Au\$1.597B	NPV <sub>9</sub> Au\$344M	NPV <sub>8</sub> Au\$870M	NPV <sub>8</sub> Au\$542M
IRR (Post Tax)	45%	20.36%	27.3%	17.5%
Plant Feed	1.6mtpa + 1.6mtpa	1.5-1.8mtpa	1.7-2.3mtpa	1.5-1.9mtpa
Production (V <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> )	18,500tpa (12,5ktpa + 6ktpa)	9,525tpa	12,655tpa	11,022tpa
Capex	<b>US\$200M (12,5ktpa)</b> US\$147M (from cash flow)	US\$298M	US\$389M	US\$399M
C3 Opex US\$/lb	\$3.08	Unclear	\$5.75	\$5.04

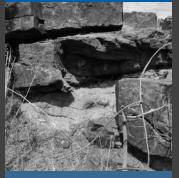
 $<sup>^1\,</sup>Bushveld\,Minerals\,PFS\,study\,results:\,http://www.bushveldminerals.com/wp-content/uploads/2017/08/201602040458050.pdf$ 

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> TMT DFS Announcement: https://www.tmtlimited.com.au/sites/default/files/asx-announcements/6941650.pdf

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Australian Vanadium PFS Update announcement: https://www.australianvanadium.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/AVL-PFS-Update-final-22122020.pdf

## **PFS Metrics**

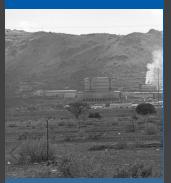








**\$200M**Capex



18
Months
to build



12,5
Ktpa
of  $V_2O_5$  for first
6 years



\$147M Expansion Capex in year 6



18,5 **Ktpa**of  $V_2O_5$  for next 19 years



Mlbs/a of V<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> for 25 years (over only 12% of resource)

## Financial Returns of PFS



US\$5.8 BILLION

EBITDA LOM

US\$231 MILLION

EBITDA p.a.

NPV 8%

(post tax) US\$1.2B (attributable US\$884M) US\$139 MILLION

AV. Free cash flow p.a. (27 years) 25 months

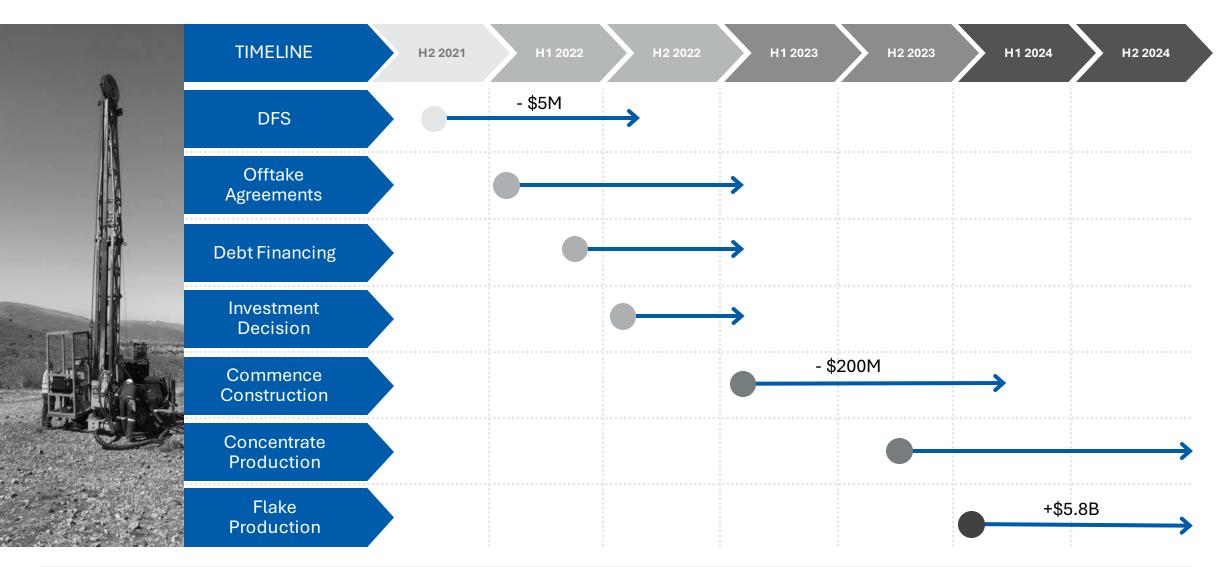
Payback of initial capex

45%

IRR (post tax)

## Timeline to Production





# DFS Progress & Expected Newsflow



Trial mining and bulk sampling

ESG Initiatives Progress Pilot plant campaigns

Preparation to raise construction finance

Technical Progress

DFS Completion Q3 2022

# Steelpoortdrift Offtake and Project Financing



### Commenced process toward securing binding offtake and project financing

### **Offtake Agreement**

- A process is underway with a range of international traders and downstream users of vanadium
- The rationale for the process is to optimize value to VR8 and secure terms that will support project financing of Steelpoortdrift

### **Project Financing**

- Indicative debt sizing analysis received from several potential debt financiers / advisors
- Steelpoortdrift has the potential to easily support ~60% debt gearing of the total funding requirement – based on a 2x debt service cover ratio (DSCR) over a 5-year debt loan term
- Discussions with potential debt financiers have commenced with a view to securing indicative terms sheets in the lead up to the completion of the Steelpoortdrift BFS
- Target completion of due diligence and credit approvals in the lead up to a final investment decision by early 2023

### **ESG** Initiatives





Dry deposition of tailings

Dewatering of tailings
material means reduced
risk exposure from
conventional tailings
deposition
methodologies



Renewable electricity supply

Inclusion of photo
voltaic solar plant
reduces carbon
footprint and reliance on
grid-based electricity.
Electrification of mining
fleet further reduces
carbon footprint



Co-products

Studies underway to unlock value from other metals contained in the ore body most notably Titanium and Iron which would also reduce tailings footprint



Community

Initiatives to maximize community involvement and benefits including implementation of Social Labour Plans, upgrading of area infrastructure and community-based procurement systems

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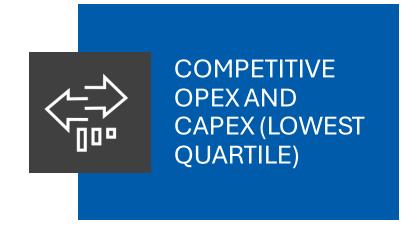
## Why is VR8's Project World Class?















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# Annexure: Peer comparison Table



Company	Code	Project	Stage	Resource Category	Resource Tonnes	Resource Grade	Concentrate Grade	Information Source
Largo	LGO.TSX	Maracas	Production	Measured, Indicated & Inferred (43-101)	49.25	0.99	3.10	43-101 Technical Report dated 26/10/2017  largoresources.com/operations/maracas-menchen-mine
		Vametco	Production	Indicated & Inferred	187	0.78	1.98	Competent Persons' Report on the Vametco Vanadium Mine Jan 2020 https://www.bushveldminerals.com/technical-reports/
Bushveld	BMN.LSE	Mokopane	Development	Indicated & Inferred	298	0.68	1.75	Mokopane PFS Study Report Jan 2016 bushveldminerals.com/technical-reports/
		Britts	Exploration	Indicated & Inferred	67	0.56	1.58	Competent Persons' Report on the Brits Vanadium Project Jan 2020 https://www.bushveldminerals.com/technical-reports/
Vanadium Resources	VR8.ASX	Steelpoortdrift	Development	Measured, Indicated & Inferred	662	0.77	2.18	ASX Announcement 16 April 2019
TNG	TNG.ASX	Mt Peake	Development	Measured, Indicated & Inferred	160	0.28	1.20	ASX Announcement 26/03/2013
King River	KRR.ASX	Speewah	Development	Measured, Indicated & Inferred	4,712	0.30	2.11	ASX Announcement 02/11/2018 21/03/2018
Pursuit			Development	Inferred	116.4	0.28	2.25	ASX Announcement 06/02/2019
Fulsuit	PUR.ASX	Airijoki	Development	Inferred	44.3	0.40	1.70	ASX Announcement 08/03/2019
Aust Vanadium	AVL.ASX	Gabanintha	Development	Measured, Indicated & Inferred	208.2	0.74	1.39	ASX Announcement 04/03/2020, 17/03/2020
Technology Metals	TMT.ASX	Gabanintha	Development	Indicated & Inferred	131	0.90	1.36	ASX Announcement 29/03/2019
Atlantic	Private	Windimurra	Development	Measured, Indicated & Inferred	235	0.49	1.26	https://atlanticptyltd.com.au/projects/windimurra/geolog y-reserves-resources

Source: ASX Announcement titled "Scoping Study Confirms Viability of V2O5 Production", 23 September 2020 (page 213-14).