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#### About Australian Bauxite Limited: ASX Code ABZ

Australian Bauxite Limited (**AB**x) holds the core of the newly discovered Eastern Australian Bauxite Province. Its 42 bauxite tenements in Queensland, NSW and Tasmania covering 6,883 km<sup>2</sup> were rigorously selected on 3 principles:

- 1. good quality bauxite;
- 2. proximity to infrastructure connected to export ports; and,
- 3. free of socio-environmental or native title land constraints.

All tenements are 100% owned and free of obligations for processing and third-party royalties. ABx has already discovered many bauxite deposits and new discoveries are still being made as knowledge and expertise grows. ABx conducts vigorous reviews of the commercial viability of its projects and tenements, resulting in new acquisitions, but also reductions in area as exploration is conducted.

ABx's bauxite is high quality, gibbsite-rich bauxite and can be processed into alumina at low temperature - the type that is in short-supply globally. Global resources declared to date total 115.6 million tonnes. At Inverell in northern NSW, a resource of 38.0 million tonnes<sup>1</sup> has been reported from drilling 35% to 40% of the area prospective for bauxite; at the Taralga project in southern NSW, a resource of 37.9 million tonnes<sup>2</sup> of bauxite has been reported; at Guyra<sup>3,</sup> a 6.0 million tonnes maiden resource was declared; at the Binjour Plateau in central QLD, a 24.5 million tonnes<sup>4</sup> resource has been declared; in Tasmania, a 5.7 million tonnes maiden resource has been declared and at Mundubbera in central Qld, a 3.5 million tonnes maiden resource has been declared, confirming that ABx has discovered a significant bauxite deposit including some bauxite of outstandingly high quality.

ABx aspires to identify large bauxite resources in the Eastern Australian Bauxite Province, which is emerging as one of the world's best bauxite provinces.

ABx has the potential to create significant bauxite developments in three states - Queensland, New South Wales and Tasmania. Its bauxite deposits are favourably located for direct shipping of bauxite to both local and export customers.

ABx endorses best practices on agricultural land, strives to leave land and environment better than we find it. We only operate where welcomed.

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### **Company Presentation**

Australian Bauxite Limited (**ABx**, ASX: ABZ) advises that CEO, Ian Levy is presenting at the Mining 2013 Conference being held in Brisbane QLD today.

Attached is a copy of the presentation.

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#### **Qualifying statement**

The information in this announcement that relates to Exploration Information are based on information compiled by Jacob Rebek who is a member of The Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy and the Australian Institute of Geoscientists. Mr Rebek is a qualified geologists and is a director of Australian Bauxite Limited.

Mr Rebek has sufficient experience, which is relevant to the style of mineralisation and type of deposit under consideration and to the activity, which they are undertaking to qualify as a Competent Person as defined in the 2004 Edition of the Australasian Code for Reporting of exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Resources. Mr Rebek has consented to the inclusion in this announcement of the Exploration Information in the form and context in which it appears.

#### JORC Compliant Resource Statements

The following are Joint Ore Reserve Code ("JORC") compliant Public Reports released to the ASX declaring the JORC resources referred to in this announcement.

These can be viewed on the ASX website and the Company will provide these reports, free of charge on request.

- $^1\,08/05/2012$  ASX Inverell JORC Resource Update, 38.0 Million Tonnes
- $^2$  30/05/2012 ASX Taralga Bauxite Resource Increased 50% to 37.9 Million Tonnes
- <sup>3</sup> 15/08/2011 ASX Maiden Guyra Resource, 6.0 Million Tonnes
- <sup>4</sup> 29/07/2012 ASX Binjour Maiden Resource, 24.5 Million Tonnes

<sup>5</sup> 08/11/2012 ASX Maiden Tasmania JORC Resource, 5.7 Million Tonnes

<sup>6</sup> 03/12/2012 ASX Maiden QLD Mining Lease JORC Resource, 3.5 Million Tonnes

# AUSTRALIAN BAUXITE LIMITED ABZ Developing first two bauxite mines Strong bauxite market Bauxite is the ore for aluminium



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### **Forward Looking Statement**

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### **JORC and Competent Person Statement**

Information herein relating to Exploration Results, Resources and Resource Targets is based on information compiled by Ian Levy BSC MSC who is a Fellow of The Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy and a Fellow of the Australian Institute of Geoscientists. Mr Levy is employed by ABx as Chief Executive Officer. Mr Levy has more than five years experience relevant to the style of mineralisation and type of deposit being reported and to the activity which he is undertaking to qualify as a Competent Person as defined in the 2004 Edition of the Australasian Code for Reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves' (the JORC Code). This report is issued with the prior written consent of the Competent Person as to the form and context in which it appears

### **Exploration Target Statement**

ABx has an exploration target of 200 to 300 million tonnes of bauxite, based on Mineral Resources announced in mid 2010 of 35 million tonnes of bauxite at Inverell<sup>4,5</sup> from 15% to 20% of the known bauxite deposits on Exploration Lea se EL 6997 in northern NSW and 25 million tonnes of bauxite at Taralga<sup>1,2,3</sup> from approximately 50% of the bauxite targets on Exploration Lease EL 7357 in southern NSW. In accordance with the JORC Code, readers are advised th<sup>4</sup>t the potential quality and grade is conceptual in nature, that therehas been insufficient exploration to define full Mineral Resources and that it is uncertain if further exploration will result in the determination of a Mineral Resource.<sup>2</sup> As first pass drilling has proceeded across most of its tenements, ABx has seen no reason to vary its exploration target.

## **JORC Code Compliant Public Reports**

The Company advises that this presentation contains summaries of Exploration Results and Mineral Resources as defined in the 2004 Edition of the 'Australasian Code for Reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves ("JORC Code").

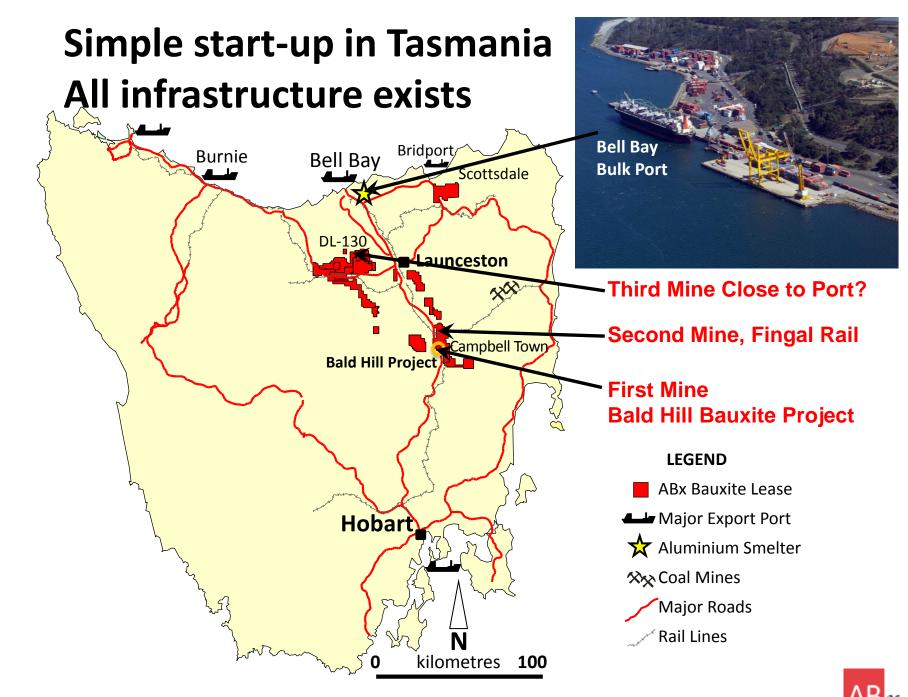
The following table references the location of the Code -compliant Public Reports or Public Reporting on which the summaries are based. These references can be viewed on the ASX website and the Company will provide these reports, free of charge, to any person who requests it.

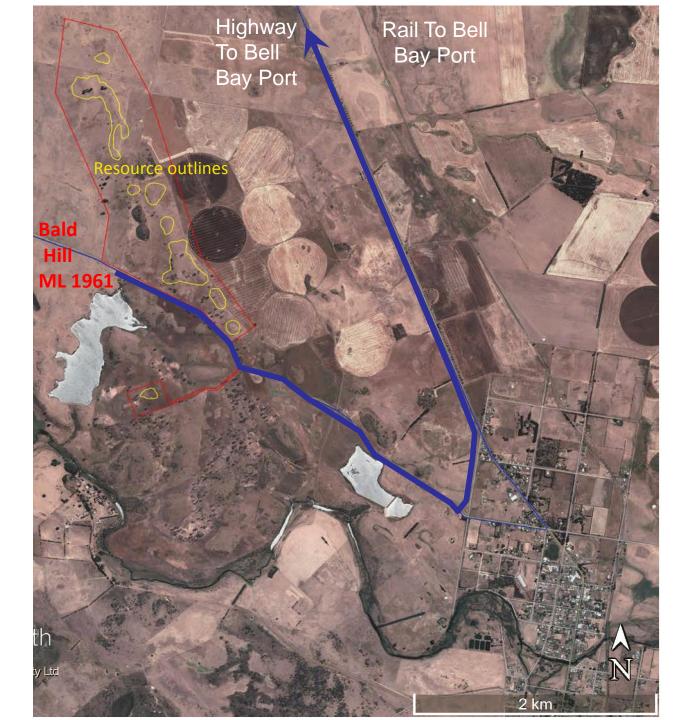
Reference	Issue Date	Title of Notice as lodged with ASX
1	28/07/2012	Binjour JORC Resource Upgrade to 24.5 Million Tonnes
2	15/08/2011	Guyra Maiden JORC Resource 6.0 Million Tonnes
3	30/05/2012	Taralga Bauxite Resource Increased 50% to 37.8 Million Tonnes
4	08/05/2012	Inverell JORC Resource Update 38.0 Million Tonnes
5	08/11/2012	Tasmania Maiden JORC Resource 5.7 Million Tonnes
6	15/11/2011	Maiden QLD Mining Lease JORC Resource 3.5 Million Tonnes

## **Direct Shipping Ore**

In this presentation all references to direct shipping ore (**DSO**) refers to the company's exploration objective of defining DSO grade mineralisation. The potential quantity and grade of exploration targets is conce ptual in nature, there has been insufficient exploration to define a Mineral Resource and it is uncertain if further exploration will result in the determination of a Mineral Resource.







# Bald Hill ML 1961



# AUSTRALIAN BAUXITE LIMITED

- 1<sup>st</sup> Mine Lease well advanced & 2<sup>nd</sup> underway
- 3 Tasmanian mines each producing ~0.8 mill tonnes pa
- Mobile equipment (incl port) reduces capital cost
- Mining & transportation by contractors
- Operating cost less than \$29 per tonne FOB
- 114 million shares @ 17c = \$19 million market cap
- \$2.3 million cash @ 30 June about \$1 mill today
- Now to close offtake deal in strong bauxite market

## Funded if all goes to plan. Heavy spending is over.

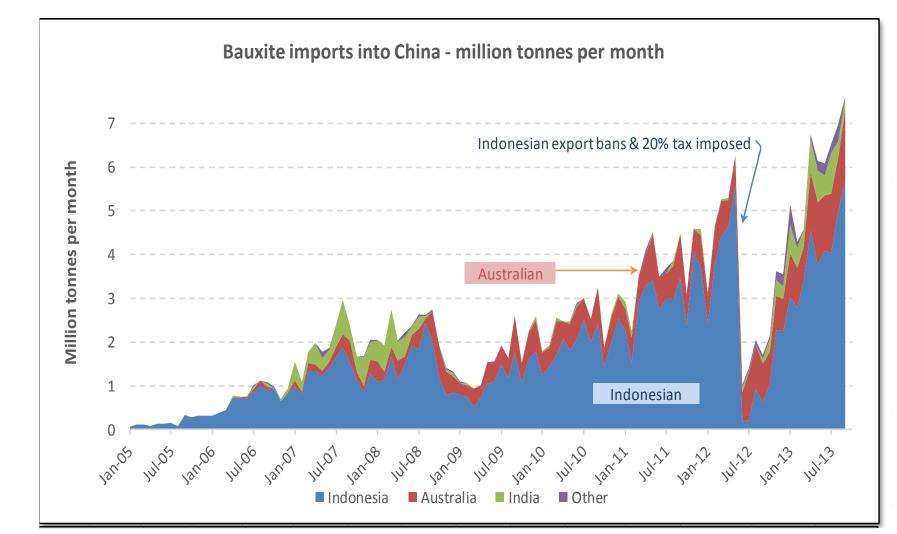


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- Several funding options potential joint venture with Xinfa Group preferred – due diligence completed.
- Discussions taking time, as forewarned
- Other interested parties and other options
- Offtake partner to fund project capital costs to earn 50%

## We continue to move ahead to production

# **Record Chinese Bauxite Imports in Sept'13**



Indonesian supply will reduce early 2014 as export taxes increase from 20% to 50% AUSTRALIA'S & ABZ'S OPPORTUNITY IS <u>NOW</u>



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## **Strong Chinese Bauxite Prices**

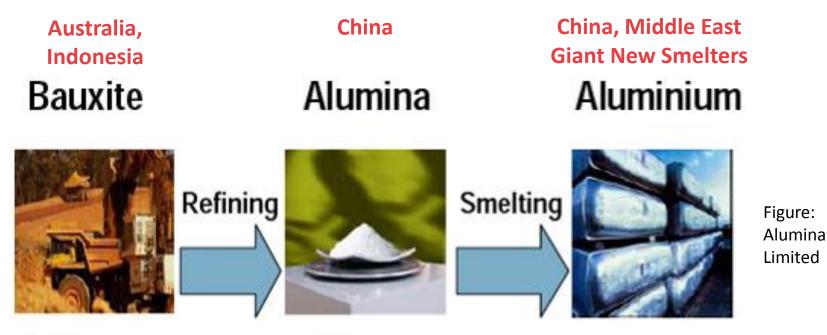


Indonesian export tax on bauxite increases from 20% to 50% in 2014 = + US\$60/t AUSTRALIA'S & ABZ'S OPPORTUNITY IS <u>NOW</u>

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# **Market Fundamentals: New Industry Structure**



4-5 tonnes

2 tonnes

1 tonne

- New Smelters use 30% less electricity per tonne aluminium
- New Chinese smelters taking more market share
- China must import 40% of bauxite used
- Indonesian bans/taxes tightening: in 2012 & more in 2014
- => Strong demand for Oz bauxite in China





Australia will supply China's 38 large refineries Indonesian reductions, especially from 2014



US supply &

South

Americ

transport

limits

ABZ bauxite deposits
Other bauxite deposits
Alumina Refineries

# **Costs & Timetable For ABZ's First Projects**

	Project	Date Tonnes pa	
	<b>1</b> Tasmania	2014 @0.7-1.5Mtpa	Gladstone Gladstone Bundaberg Queensland
	Capex	A\$12 million	Project <sup>N</sup>
	Opex	A\$29 / t FOB	Brisbane 200km
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IXITE	Capex	A\$20 million	
	Opex	A\$30 / t FOB	Goulburn 🚑 🦉 Sydney
Δ			Canberra Port Kembla
	3 Goulburn Nth	2017 @ 2-3Mtpa	Victoria (ACT) Goulburn South & Goulburn North
	Capex	A\$90 million	
RZ	Opex	A\$37 / t FOB	ABx Project ABx Project
			Aluminium Smelter
	<b>3</b> Binjour QLD	2018 @ 1-5Mtpa	Tasmania Alumina Refinery

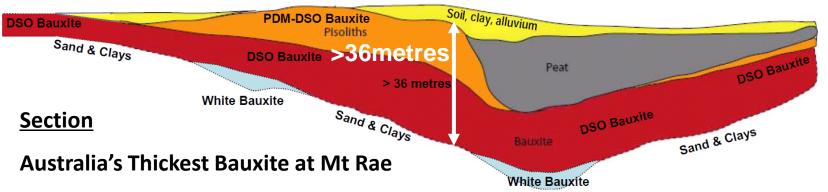




## **OUR BAUXITE: Low temperature type**

- 116 Mill tonnes JORC Resource +200Mt target
- Surface, easy mined, thickest bauxite in Australia
- Low-temperature, gibbsite bauxite, low silica, 42% Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> 3% SiO<sub>2</sub> 23% LOI







## Bald Hill Bauxite Project, Tasmania









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# **Capital Equipment: New Technology**



Surface miners (hired)



Stackable conveyors

TeleStacker® Telescopic radial stackers



Shiploaders are similar technology

**Tunnel reclaimers** 



# **Corporate Details**

ASX Code: ABZ	Listed 24 Dec'09 at \$0.20
Shares	113.8 million
Options	3.7 million
Market Cap (\$0.17)	\$19 million
Cash (30 Jun'13)	\$2.3 million = 1.25 yrs budget
Share range	\$0.16 to \$0.84
Avg Daily Volume	64,000

Major Shareholders	Shares	%
Hudson Resources	25.6 million	22.5%
<b>Gleneagles Securities</b>	8.0 million	7.0%
State One Capital	8.0 million	7.0%
Soul Pattinson	6.3 million	5.5%
Top 20 Holders	74.9 million	65.8%
Shareholders	1,155	
State One Capital Soul Pattinson Top 20 Holders	8.0 million 6.3 million 74.9 million	7.0% 5.5%

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nry Kinstlinger	Company Secretary
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1. Past Australian Treasurer & Minister for Finance

- 2. Chief Geologist Rebek is ex CRA (Rio) Chief Geol. Led the discovery teams at Century Zinc '93 & Eastern Australian Bauxite '06-09
- 3. Investor in Tasmanian tourism. Holds senior public positions



## **Good Landholder Relations**

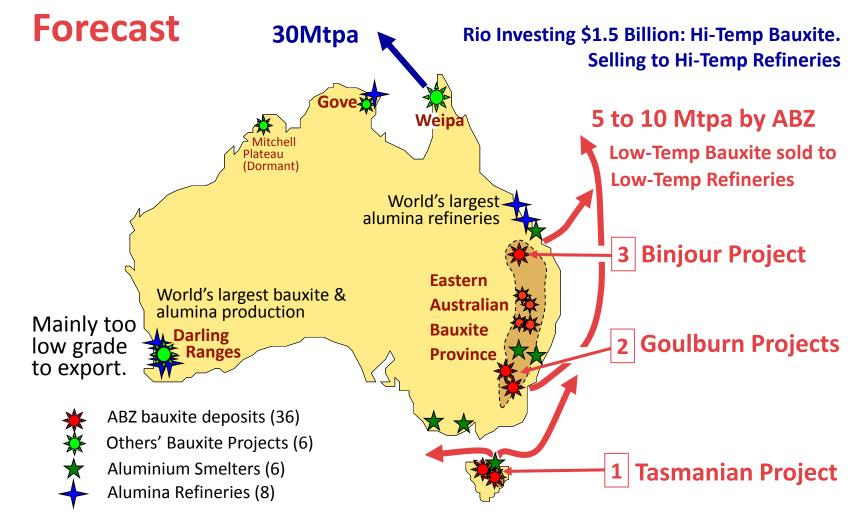


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# **Australia Will Increase Bauxite Exports**



Rio exports high temperature bauxite to China's high temp. refineries ABZ will supply low temperature bauxite to low temperature refineries

