

## ASX ANNOUNCEMENT

### 24 september 2015

### AUSTRALIAN BAUXITE LIMITED

ASX: ABX

### About Australian Bauxite Limited ASX Code ABX

Australian Bauxite Limited (ABx) has started its first bauxite mine in Tasmania and holds the core of the Eastern Australian Bauxite Province. ABx's 37 bauxite tenements in Queensland, New South Wales & Tasmania exceed 5,000 km² and were rigorously selected for (1) good quality bauxite; (2) near infrastructure connected to export ports; & (3) free of socio-environmental constraints. All tenements are 100% owned, unencumbered & free of third-party royalties.

ABx's discovery rate is increasing as knowledge, technology & expertise grows.

The Company's bauxite is high quality gibbsite trihydrate (THA) bauxite & can be processed into alumina at low temperature – the type in short-supply globally.

ABx has declared large Mineral Resources at Inverell & Guyra in northern NSW, Taralga in southern NSW, Binjour in central QLD & in Tasmania confirming that ABx has discovered significant bauxite deposits including some of outstandingly high quality.

In Tasmania, at Bald Hill, the Company's first bauxite mine commenced operations on schedule on 9 December 2014 – the first new Australian bauxite mine for more than 35 years, with first shipments targeted for 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter, 2015.

ABx aspires to identify large bauxite resources in the Eastern Australian Bauxite Province, which is emerging as a globally significant bauxite province. ABx has created significant bauxite developments in 3 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.

### Directors / Officers

Paul Lennon Chairman
lan Levy CEO & MD
Ken Boundy Director

Leon Hawker
Rob Williams
Jacob Rebek
Henry Kinstlinger
Julian Rockett

Chief Operating Officer
General Manager
Chief Geologist
Secretary
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# **CEO Presentation at Resources Rising Stars Conference**

In accordance with the requirements of Listing Rule 3.1 we submit the attached material being presented at the Resources Rising Stars Conference being held at the Royal Pines Resource, Gold Coast on 24-25 September 2015.

Mr Ian Levy, CEO is making the presentation at 11:20 am today, Thursday 24 September 2015.

Shareholders and the public are welcome to attend our exhibition and presentation.

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# Production & Stockpiles Rising Steadily Accelerating into Summer Peak Season

# Project fully-funded Sales Started Customer ready for maiden shipment

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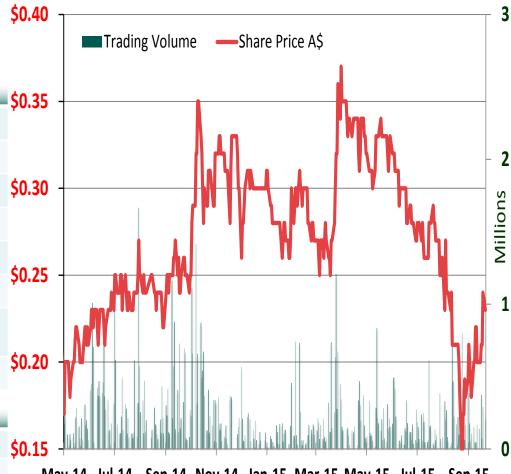
# **Corporate Overview**

ASX co	de ABX						
Listed		24 Dec 2009 @ \$0.20					
Issued	shares	140.5 million					
Options	S	3.7 million					
52 wee	k range	\$0.15 - \$0.375					
Average	e daily volume	207,000					
Market	cap (@ \$0.23)	\$33 million					
Cash	\$2.7million @ 30 Jun'15	\$1.8 million @ 18 Sep'15					
Shareh	olders	2,760					

### **Board of Directors & Management**

Paul Lennon <sup>1</sup>	Chairman					
lan Levy	Managing Director & CEO					
Ken Boundy <sup>2</sup>	Non-Executive Director					
Henry Kinstlinger	Company Secretary					
Leon Hawker	Chief Operating Officer					
Rob Williams	General Manager					
Jacob Rebek <sup>3</sup>	Chief Geologist					
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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> ex-Premier of Tasmania and investor in China



May-14 Jul-14 Sep-14 Nov-14 Jan-15 Mar-15 May-15 Jul-15 Sep-15

Major Shareholders	Shares	%	
Gleneagles Securities	12.0 m	8.9	
RNB Resources	11.5 m	8.2	
State One Capital	7.8 m	5.6	
Soul Pattinson	6.8 m	4.8	
Top 20 shareholders	61.8 m	44.0	

 $<sup>^{\</sup>rm 2}$  Investor in Tasmania tourism industry. Holds senior public positions

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> ex-CRA-Rio Tinto Chief Geologist. Led discovery team for Century (1993) and Eastern Australian Bauxite (2006-09)

### **Forward Looking Statement**

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### **Competent Person Statement**

### General

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

### Mainland

The information relating to Mineral Resources on the Mainland was prepared and first disclosed under the JORC Code 2004. It has not been updated since to comply with the JORC Code 2012 on the basis that the information has not materially changed since it was last reported.

Mr Rebek and Mr Levy have 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 Reserves. Mr Rebek and Mr Levy have consented in writing to the inclusion in this report of the Exploration Information in the form and context in which it appears.

### Tasmania

The information relating to Mineral Resources in Tasmania has been prepared or updated under the JORC Code 2012.

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# **ABx Investment Highlights**

- ✓ 1<sup>st</sup> Mine at Bald Hill, Tasmania: Cash flow within 3 months
- ✓ Customer selected and engaged: Very supportive
- ✓ Sales have started and will grow steadily
- ✓ Good bauxite, close to transport, no socio-enviro issues
- ✓ TASSIE TECHNOLOGY we can now make high grade bauxite
  by a new process, mainly in Summer months
- ✓ All is gibbsite trihydrate low silica bauxite: Most in demand
- ✓ Exploration success rate. Exploration technology
- ✓ Exploration and development potential in:
  - > Tasmania (first mines): 9 million tonnes and increasing
  - Queensland (largest project): 30 million tonnes and increasing
  - New South Wales 5th (thickest bauxite): 40 million tonnes



# **Production process: factors & trends**

MINE REFINE SMELT

4 to 6 tonnes bauxite

2 tonnes alumina

1 tonne aluminium







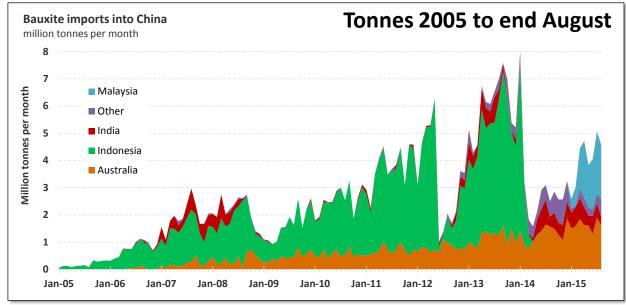


### **Customers:**

China India Middle East Australia

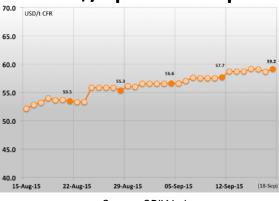


# Bauxite Prices Rising Strongly in A\$ US\$ prices rising & Fx rate weak - with more upside to come



# ABX's OPPORTUNITY IS NOW

### **US\$/t prices in Sept**



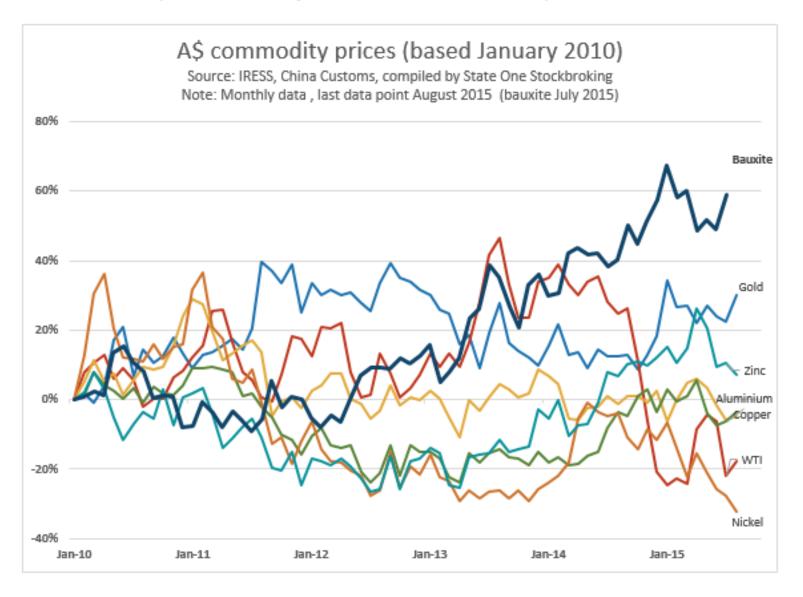
Source: CBIX Index

### **A\$/t prices to end August** Average CIF Price of Chinese Bauxite Imports in \$A/tonne \$90 \$80 CIF China \$A per tonne \$30 Jan-05 Jan-06 Jan-07 Jan-09 Jan-10 Jan-11 Jan-12 Jan-14 Jan-15

Source: C&M, China Customs, Bloomberg & RBA fx rates



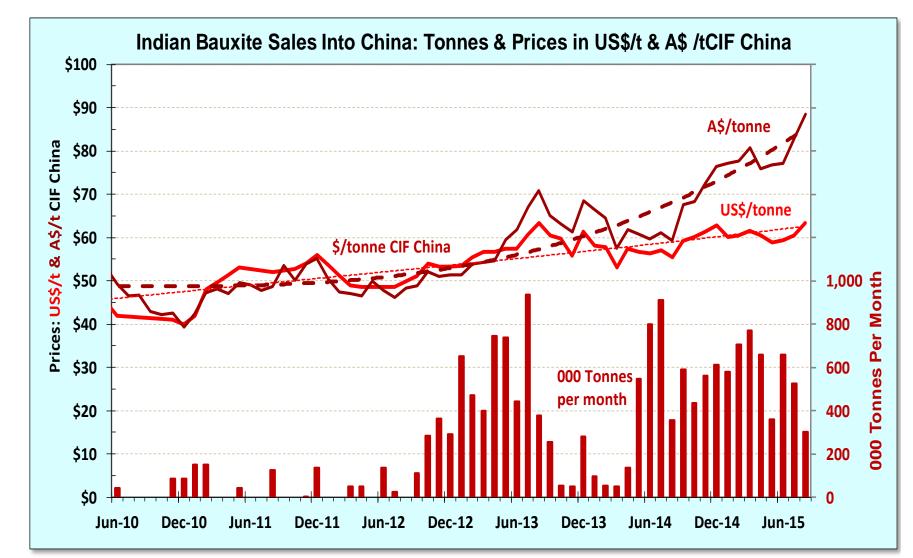
# Bauxite prices are rising most strongly Bauxite is outperforming all other mineral prices





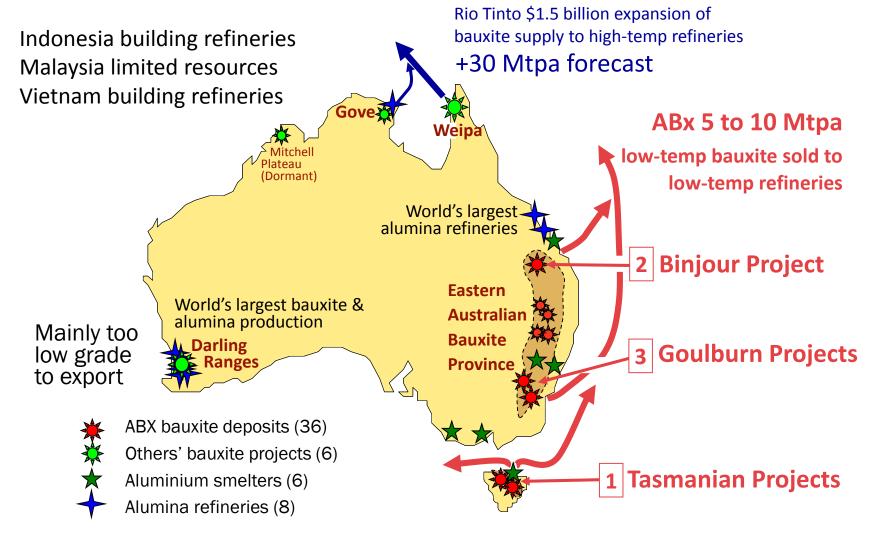
# **Indian Bauxite In Strongest Demand**

### ABx type bauxite is compatible with Indian bauxite





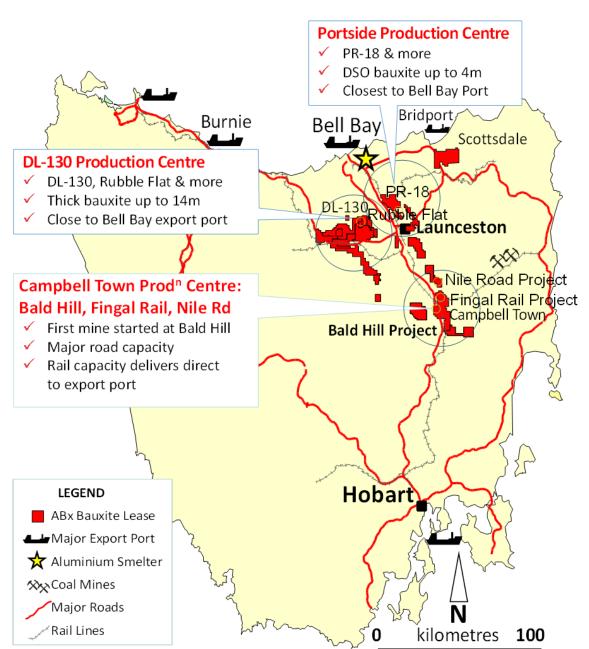
# **ABx's Increasing Bauxite Export Strategy**



Rio mainly exports high temperature bauxite to China's high temp refineries

ABx's sales of low temperature bauxite to low temperature refineries will complement Rio's sales. Australia can be the main supplier to China.

## 3 Production Centres & Infrastructure in Tasmania











## Bald Hill Mine: Will return to grazing in ~3 years

Campbell Town, Northern Tasmania



"Big Red" & "Li'l Red Twin Screens





### Loading bauxite into B-Double Trucks

### Loading onto rail wagons











Unload tipper for discharge from rail into radial stacker at Bell Bay Port





Radial stacker building bulk bauxite shipping stockpile at Bell Bay Port



# **Capital & Operating Costs**



Capital Item	Amount
Site mobilisation	\$1.5 m
Net site establishment	\$2.0 m
Road upgrade	\$1.0 m
Contingency (25%)	\$0.5 m
Initial capital (95% complete)	\$5.0 m
Working capital	\$1.0 m
Later Expansion Shiploader has been hired	[ <del>\$7.5 m</del> ]





Opex Excl. Contingency	A\$/t FOB
Mining & screening	\$8.00/t
Administration & landholder dealings	\$1.60/t \$0.80/t
State royalty	\$0.50/t
Road-Rail haul	\$12.80/t
Port costs	\$7.00-\$8.00/t
Total FOB	A\$31-A\$33/t
Shipping	US\$12-US\$16/t

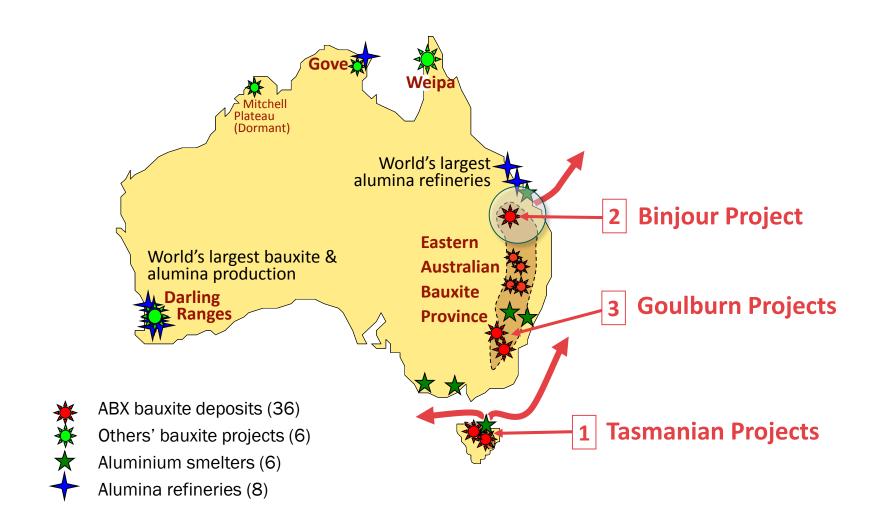


Indian Bx = US\$58/t
CIF China





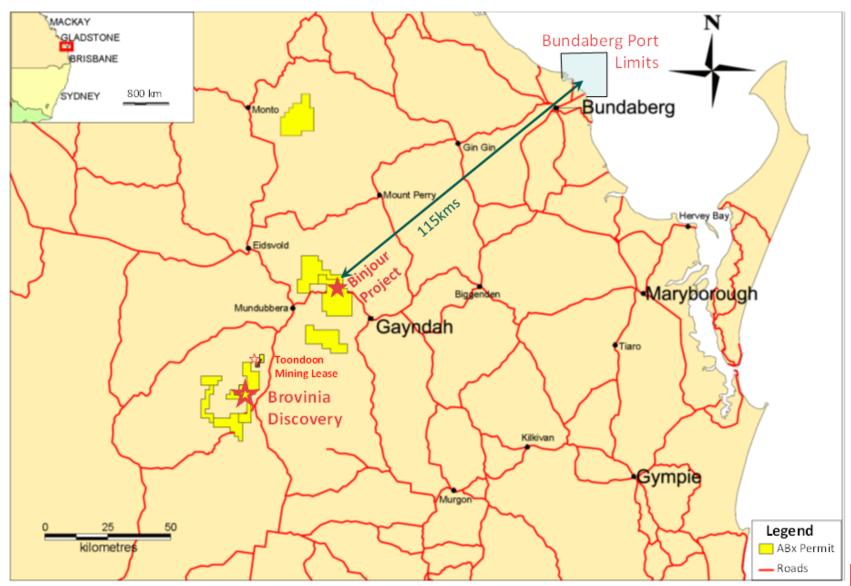
# ABx's Largest Bauxite Project: Binjour, Central QLD





# Binjour Project, Queensland: Drill 2<sup>nd</sup> Half 2015

Thick, large, highest grade new trihydrate gibbsite bauxite project in Pacific Basin





# New Bauxite Discovered at Brovinia is High Grade

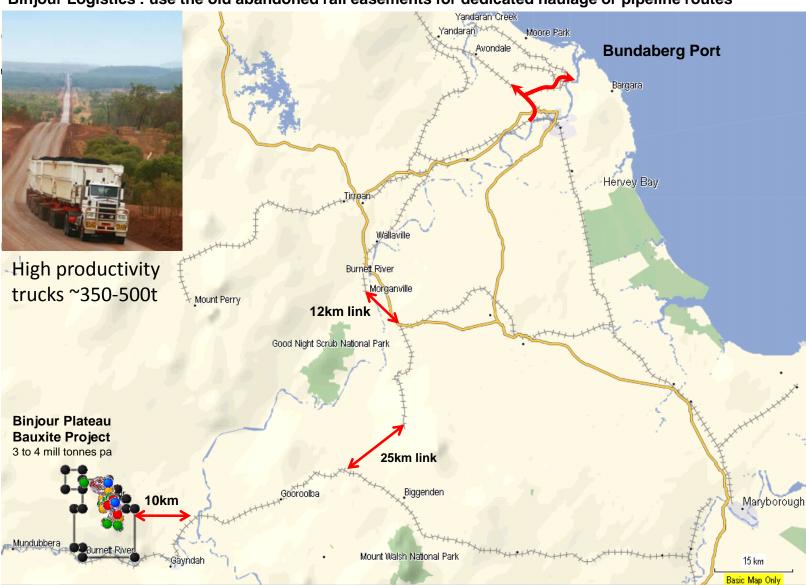
		Raw Unsieved Samples								
Sample	Type	$Al_2O_3$	SiO <sub>2</sub>	A/S	Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	TiO <sub>2</sub>	LOI	Avl Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	Rx SiO <sub>2</sub>	Avl/Rx
		%	%	ratio	%	%	%	%	%	ratio
BJ606	Surface	48.90	7.02	7.0	14.80	2.37	26.40	41.90	6.80	6.2
BJ607	Surface	47.40	4.03	11.8	37.50	3.17	7.14	24.70	3.30	7.5
BJ608	Surface	47.20	5.28	8.9	21.00	2.20	24.03	39.30	4.80	8.2
BJ609	Surface	43.30	1.99	21.8	29.60	1.89	22.79	40.70	1.70	23.9
BJ610	Surface	49.70	3.55	14.0	16.45	2.85	27.11	46.40	3.20	14.5
BJ611	Surface	50.90	3.73	13.6	15.00	2.66	27.31	46.90	3.30	14.2
BJ612	Surface	51.50	1.16	44.4	15.60	2.76	28.66	50.10	1.00	50.1
BJ613	Surface	51.00	0.89	57.3	16.55	2.90	28.28	49.90	0.80	62.4
BJ614	Surface	45.40	12.50	3.6	15.40	2.38	23.81	33.80	12.20	2.8
BJ615	Surface	47.20	11.35	4.2	15.30	2.46	23.20	34.70	11.00	3.2
BJ616	Surface	50.50	8.91	5.7	12.30	1.68	26.36	42.20	8.70	4.9
BJ617	Surface	50.10	9.77	5.1	12.45	1.72	25.72	40.50	9.60	4.2
Averages		48.6	5.8	8.3	18.5	2.4	24.2	40.9	5.5	7.4

**Explanations:** Surface samples from areas of bauxite potential and are considered representative of the bauxite encountered at surface in the Brovinia bauxite discovery area which is difficult to access. All assaying done at NATA-registered ALS Laboratories, Brisbane. **Chemical definitions:** Leach conditions to measure available alumina "Al2O3 AvI" & reactive silica "Rx SiO2" is 1g leached in 10ml of 90gpl NaOH at 143°C for 30 minutes. LOI = loss on ignition at 1000°C. "AvI/Rx" ratio is (Al2O3 AvI)/(Rx SiO2) and "A/S" ratio is Al2O3/SiO2. Values above 6 are good, above 10 are excellent. These samples are all raw, unsieved bauxite.



# Binjour Bauxite Project, Queensland

Binjour Logistics: use the old abandoned rail easements for dedicated haulage or pipeline routes





## **ABx JORC Mineral Resources**

Region	Resource	Million	Thickness	$Al_2O_3$	SiO <sub>2</sub>	A/S	Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	TiO <sub>2</sub>	LOI	Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> AvI	Rx SiO <sub>2</sub>	Avl/Rx	% Lab	O'Burden	Int. Waste
	Category	Tonnes	(m)	%	%	ratio	%	%	%	@ 143°C %	%	ratio	Yield	(m)	(m)
CAMPBELL TOWN	Inferred	1.8	3.0	42.6	3.5	12	25.4	3.5	24.6	36.7	3.0	12	50	2.1	0.1
AREA TASMANIA 7	Indicated	1.7	3.2	42.5	3.2	14	26.4	3.0	24.5	36.2	2.8	14	55	1.8	0.1
	Total	3.5	3.1	42.5	3.3	13	25.9	3.3	24.5	36.5	2.9	13	52	2.0	0.1
DL-130 AREA TAS 1	Inferred	5.7	3.8	44.1	4.3	10	22.8	3.1	25.0	37.6	3.2	12	55	1.5	0.1
	Total Tas	9.2	3.5	43.5	3.9	11	24.0	3.2	24.8	37.2	3.1	12	54	1.7	0.1
BINJOUR QLD 2	Inferred	9.0	3.9	43.7	4.5	10	22.4	3.6	24.2	38.0	3.8	10	59	8.2	0.3
DSO	Indicated	15.5	5.3	44.2	3.1	15	23.4	3.7	24.9	39.5	2.6	15	62	9.4	0.3
	Total	24.5	4.8	44.1	3.6	12	23.1	3.7	24.6	39.0	3.0	13	61	8.9	0.3
TOONDOON QLD 3	Inferred	3.5	4.9	40.2	7.2	6	25.3	4.9	21.7	32.8	5.2	6	67	1.5	0.0
TARALGA S. NSW 4	Inferred	9.9	3.1	40.4	5.7	7	24.6	4.1	22.2	35.2	1.9	18	54	0.1	0.2
	Indicated	10.2	3.7	41.3	5.3	8	25.9	4.0	22.9	36.1	1.9	19	55	0.7	0.4
	Total	20.1	5.6	40.8	5.5	7	25.3	4.0	22.6	35.7	1.9	19	55	0.5	0.3
PDM-DSO*	Inferred	7.6	2.5	37.0	6.0	6	38.4	3.5	13.3	22.1*	1.3	17	72	0.2	0.1
	Indicated	10.3	3.1	37.6	3.9	10	40.4	3.7	13.5	22.4*	1.1	20	71	0.7	0.4
	Total	17.8	5.8	37.3	4.8	8	39.6	3.6	13.5	22.3*	1.2	18	72	0.5	0.3
	Total Taralga	37.9	5.7	39.2	5.2	8	32.0	3.8	18.3	35.4	1.6	23	63	0.5	0.3
INVERELL N. NSW 5	Inferred	17.5	4.7	39.8	4.8	8	27.7	4.3	22.2	31.0	4.2	7	61	2.3	
	Indicated	20.5	4.8	40.6	4.7	9	26.9	4.1	22.5	32.0	4.0	8	60	2.4	
	Total	38.0	4.8	40.2	4.7	9	27.3	4.2	22.4	31.6	4.1	8	61	2.4	
GUYRA N. NSW <sup>6</sup>	Inferred	2.3	4.2	41.4	3.6	12	26.2	3.3	24.6	35.0	2.8	13	56	3.4	
	Indicated	3.8	5.9	43.1	2.6	16	27.3	3.9	24.5	37.4	2.0	18	61	4.4	
	Total	6.0	5.3	42.5	3.0	14	26.9	3.7	24.5	36.5	2.3	16	59	4.0	

**GRAND TOTAL ALL AREAS** 119.1

\* PDM is Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> spinel. Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> AvI at 225°C is >35%

Explanations: All resources 100% owned & unencumbered. Resource tonnage estimates are quoted as in-situ, pre mined tonnages. All assaying done at NATA-registered ALS Laboratories, Brisbane. Chemical definitions: Leach conditions to measure available alumina "Al2O3 AvI" & reactive silica "Rx SiO2" is 1g leached in 10ml of 90gpl NaOH at 143°C for 30 minutes. LOI = loss on ignition at 1000°C. "AvI/Rx" ratio is (Al2O3 AvI)/(Rx SiO2) and "A/S" ratio is Al2O3/SiO2. Values above 6 are good, above 10 are excellent. Tonnage is for bauxite in-situ. Lab Yield is for drill dust samples screened by ALS lab at 0.26mm. Production yields are not directly related and are typically between 60% and 75%. Tonnages requiring no upgrade will have 100% yield. Resource estimates exclude large tonnages of potential extensions, overburden & interburden detrital bauxite and underlying transitional bauxite mineralisation. Production will

The information above relates to Mineral Resources previously reported according to the JORC Code (see Competent Person Statement) as follows:

- <sup>1</sup> Maiden Tasmania Mineral Resource, 5.7 million tonnes announced on 08/11/2012
- <sup>2</sup> Binjour Mineral Resource, 24.5 million tonnes announced on 29/06/2012
- <sup>3</sup> QLD Mining Lease 80126 Maiden Resource, 3.5 million tonnes announced on 03/12/2012
- <sup>4</sup> Goulburn Taralga Bauxite Resource Increased by 50% to 37.9 million tonnes announced on 31/05/2012
- <sup>5</sup> Inverell Mineral Resource update, 38.0 million tonnes announced on 08/05/2012
- <sup>6</sup> Guyra Maiden Mineral Resource, 6.0 million tonnes announced on 15/08/2011
- <sup>7</sup> ASX ABX Initial resources for first Tasmanian mine announced on 24/03/2015

