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### About Australian Bauxite Limited ASX Code ABX Web: www.australianbauxite.com.au

Australian Bauxite Limited (**ABx**) has its first bauxite mine in Tasmania and holds the core of the Eastern Australian Bauxite Province. ABx's 22 bauxite tenements in Queensland, New South Wales & Tasmania exceed 1,975 km<sup>2</sup> and were 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 that can be processed into alumina at low temperature.

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.

At Bald Hill near Campbell Town, Tasmania, the Company's first bauxite mine commenced operations in December 2014 – the first new Australian bauxite mine for more than 35 years.

ABx aspires to identify large bauxite resources in the Eastern Australian Bauxite Province, which is 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
Ken Boundy	Director
lan Levy	CEO & MD
Henry Kinstlinger	Company Secretary
Leon Hawker	Chief Operating Officer
Jacob Rebek	Chief Geologist
Paul Glover	Logistics & Exploration Manager

### CEO Presentation at Mining 2017 Resources Convention

In accordance with the requirements of Listing Rule 3.1 we submit the attached material being presented at the Mining 2017 Resources Convention in Brisbane.

Mr Ian Levy, CEO is making the presentation.

The public are welcome to attend the presentation.

### Brisbane - Tuesday 29 August 2017

Hilton Hotel

The presentation will commence at 1:35 pm.

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# Succeeding in emerging bauxite markets

Mining 2017 Resources Convention Brisbane 29<sup>th</sup> August 2017

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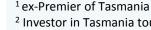
# **Corporate Overview**

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Jun-16 Aug-16 Oct-16 Dec-16 Feb-17 Apr-17 Jun-17 Aug-17

Major Shareholders	Shares	%
Soul Pattinson	6.8 m	4.8
State One Capital	5.8 m	4.0
WSF Pty Ltd	5.8 m	4.0
Top 20 shareholders	49.2 m	34.6
Remainder	93.0 m	65.4



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Ken Boundy<sup>2</sup>

Leon Hawker

Jacob Rebek <sup>3</sup>

Paul Glover

Henry Kinstlinger

<sup>2</sup> Investor in Tasmania tourism industry. Holds senior public positions <sup>3</sup> ex-CRA-Rio Tinto Chief Geologist. Led discovery team for Century Zinc (1993) and Eastern Australian Bauxite (2006-09)

Managing Director & CEO

**Non-Executive Director** 

Chief Operating Officer

Logistics & Exploration

**Company Secretary** 

**Chief Geologist** 

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# ABx Bauxite Production Started in Tasmania. Next project in QLD, then NSW

### Total Resources 124 million tonnes

Targeting \$10 to \$25 operating margins per tonne

### First mine started in Tasmania

Strong community & government support Good infrastructure. Ports open all year

Darling

Binjour High Grade Bauxite Project Under assessment. +28Mt resources drilled-out

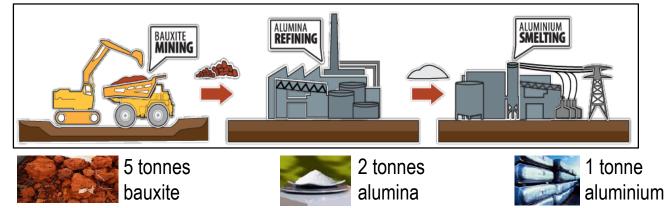
Penrose Quarry Refractory Grade Bauxite Discovery

Tasmanian Producing Mines. +12Mt resources drilled-out



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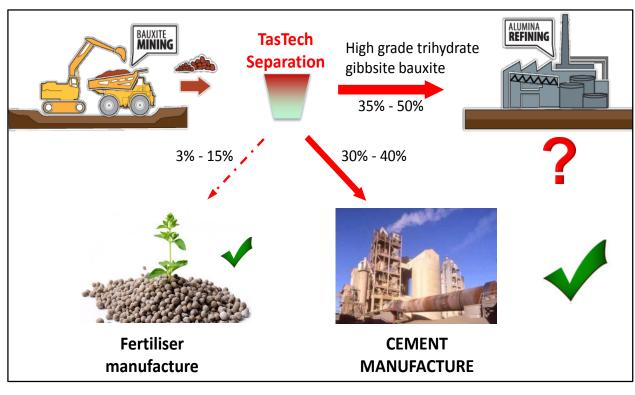
# Bauxite's main use is for aluminium: "Metallurgical"



Over-supplied 2015 to 2017. Prices fell 40% in 15 months.

Signs of recovery.

# **ABx targets technology & market diversity**



ABx sells Cement Grade Bauxite at good prices.

ABx will sell Metallurgical Bauxite when prices improve.

TasTech technology allows ABx to supply all 3 markets

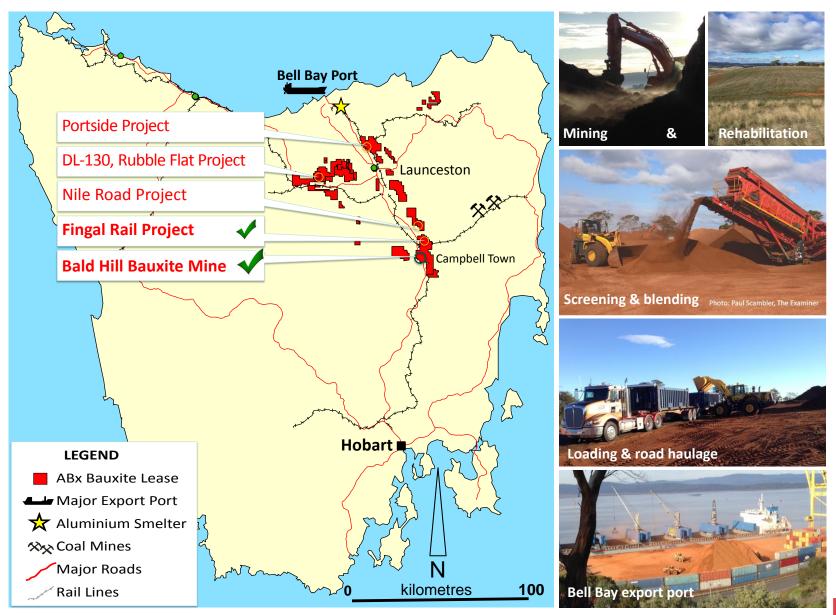


# **Bauxite Markets & Strategy**

- 1. Metallurgical bauxite for aluminium industry
  - + 100 million tonnes pa traded globally
  - Currently depressed & oversupplied (cyclical) but signs of recovery
- 2. Cement-grade bauxite demand is fastest growing market (profitable prices)
  - 25 million tonnes pa of cement-grade bauxite traded, growing fast
  - ABx's bauxite helps make corrosion-resistant, late-strength cement
  - Salt-free, quartz-free & helps cement kilns operate smoothly
  - "ABx bauxite is the best favour you can do for yourself & your cement plant" (customer)
- 3. Fertiliser-grade bauxite to make superphosphate from rock phosphate
  - ABx bauxite used to make granules for superphosphate
- 4. BAUXITE REFINING TO PRODUCE ALUMINIUM FLUORIDE
  - Increases the value of its bauxite tenfold, capitalising on the clean chemistry of ABx bauxite and the hydro-electricity and skills in Tasmania.



# Mines & transport in Tasmania ideally located





# Simple Quarry & Screen

# **Bald Hill Mine Tasmania**



**Blending to customer's specifications** 



### **RETURNS TO GRAZING IN 3 YEARS**



## Bauxite product ready for trucking today.



On schedule for shipping late September as contracted







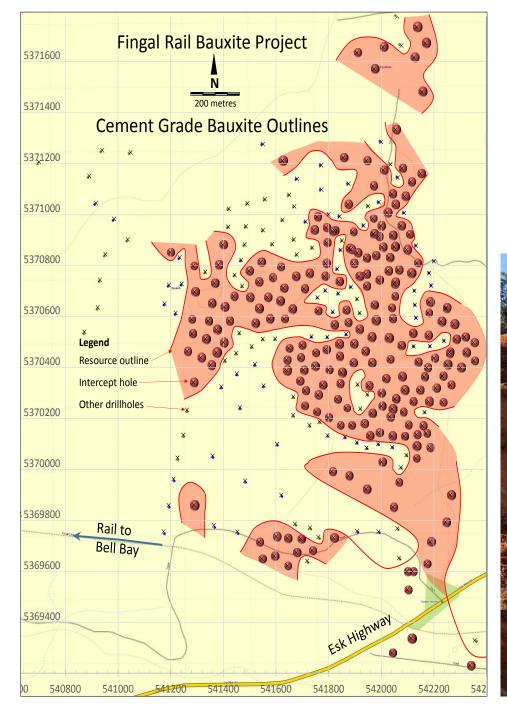
# **Delivery to Bell Bay Port Stockpile**





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# **TasTech Tests Completed Fingal Rail Project (our next mine)** More than 6 million tonnes

TasTech Technology splits ore into:

- 1. High-grade metallurgical bauxite
- 2. Cement-grade bauxite





# Fingal Rail Bulk Test

- TasTech Test & Bulk mining completed with excellent results
- Customer inspections of process and products in progress to design the optimum products for specific customers
- Long-term contracts are being discussed
- Fingal Rail project large tonnages assures longterm supply



# Tasmanian bauxite also suits bauxite refining

Ore worth US\$50/t FOB upgraded to US\$1,000/t products:

Product	Chemistry	Kgs from 1 tonne bauxite	Value US\$/tonne	Value US\$
Aluminium fluoride	AlF <sub>3</sub>	506	\$1,350	\$683
Pure gibbsite	$AI_2O_3.3H_2O$	96	\$100	\$10
Silica fume	SiO <sub>2</sub>	75	\$2,700	\$203
Iron Ore	$Fe_2O_3$	275	\$80	\$22
Titanium oxide	TiO <sub>2</sub>	38	\$2,500	\$95
Total		990		\$1,012

### **Ore Feed: 84,000 tonnes bauxite per year can produce:**

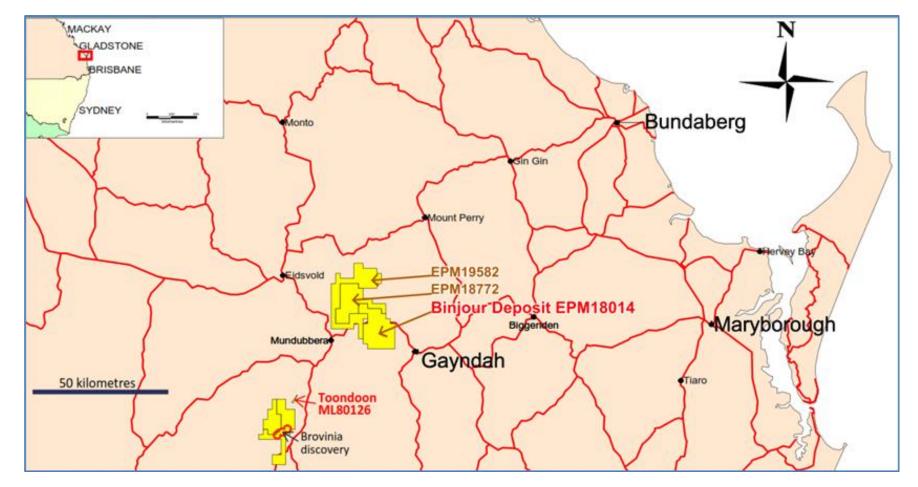
Tonnes	Product	Value (US\$)
50,000	tonnes aluminium fluoride AlF <sub>3</sub>	\$67,500,000
1,110	tonnes gibbsite Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> .3H <sub>2</sub> O	\$111,015
6,300	tonnes silica fume SiO <sub>2</sub>	\$17,010,000
23,100	tonnes iron ore Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	\$1,848,000
3,192	tonnes titanium oxide TiO <sub>2</sub>	\$7,980,000
83,702	tonnes products worth	\$94,449,015



# **Binjour Project, Queensland: Biggest/Best Deposit**

Largest, highest grade new trihydrate gibbsite bauxite project in Pacific Basin 28 million tonnes @ +44% Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> defined to date & new discoveries found

Government negotiations in progress for early start-up





# Penrose Quarry Discovery, NSW: Refractory Grade

PENROSE QUARRY BAUXITE LAYERS	Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> %	SiO <sub>2</sub> %	Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> %	TiO <sub>2</sub> %	LOI %	CaO %	Na₂O %	K <sub>2</sub> O %	MgO %	P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> %	SO₃ %	Metres m	Density t/m <sup>3</sup>
Top: Cement-Grade	40.40	4.69	29.45	6.46	18.65	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.04	0.04	0.10	1.80	2.05
Mid: Metallurgical-Grade	50.63	5.46	6.38	9.33	27.85	0.01	0.01	<0.01	0.03	0.04	0.10	1.00	1.85
Bottom: Refractory-Grade	54.61	6.60	3.31	7.56	27.68	0.01	0.01	<0.01	0.02	0.04	0.11	2.50	1.75

**Location of Samples** TQ101 (0-1m) Mixed cement & metallurgical bauxite GB119 TQ102 (1-2m)TQ103 High grade cement & metallurgical bauxite (2-3m GB117 0104 (3-4m) Hi-grade, low Fe refractory bauxite TQ105 -5m) TQ106 (5-5.5m) On 2008 quarry photo



### **Forward Looking Statement**

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### **Competent Person Statement**

Information herein relating to Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Exploration 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 JORC Code for Reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves. This report is issued with the prior written consent of the Competent Person as to the form and context in which it appears.

The information in this report relating to Mineral Resources 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.

# **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 conceptual 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.



# **ABx JORC-Compliant Mineral Resources**

Region	Resource	Million	Thickness	$AI_2O_3$	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	1.3	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 <sup>7</sup>	Indicated	1.4	3.2	42.5	3.2	14	26.4	3.0	24.5	36.2	2.8	14	55	1.8	0.1
	Total	2.7	3.1	42.5	3.3	13	25.9	3.3	24.5	36.5	2.9	13	52	2.0	0.1
Fingal Rail Cement-	Inferred	2.4	3.3	30.9	19.5		35.4	3.9	16.7					1.9	0.1
Grade Bauxite <sup>8</sup>	Indicated	3.9	3.8	31.1	19.0		35.2	4.0	16.9					1.7	0.1
	Total	6.3	3.6	31.0	19.2		35.3	4.0	16.8					1.8	0.1
DL-130 AREA TAS <sup>1</sup>	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	14.7	3.6	38.2	10.5	n.a.	28.7	3.5	21.4	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	54	1.7	0.1
BINJOUR QLD <sup>2</sup>	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
	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 <sup>3</sup>	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 <sup>4</sup>	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-DS0*	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 A	LL AREAS	124.6								* PDM is Al <sub>2</sub>	O <sub>3</sub> spinel. /	Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> Avl at	t 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 "AI2O3 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 (AI203 AVI)/(Rx SiO2) and "A/S" ratio is AI203/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 clarify these materials.

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
- <sup>8</sup> ASX ABX Resource Upgrade for Fingal Rail Project Tasmania announced on 25/08/2016



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# **Good Landholder Relations**

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







