



Alpha **HPA**  
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# INVESTOR PRESENTATION

HIGH PURITY ALUMINIUM PRODUCTS  
DRIVING **DE-CARBONISATION**

**FEBRUARY 2021**



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# Alpha HPA: a brief introduction



Alpha HPA



- We are a technology/industrial chemical company.



- We offer exposure to the rapidly growing Li-ion battery and LED lighting markets.



- We do this through a suite of ultra-high purity aluminium-based products:  
*critical raw materials for de-carbonisation*



- We can offer these products at disruptive pricing to existing market participants.



- Our proprietary process delivers us this competitive edge (low CapEx/low OpEx, high margins)



- Our “closed loop” process yields a significantly lower carbon footprint than our peer group.

# Recent Project Milestones



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- The HPA First Project has been rapidly advanced over the last 18 months



**July '19 – Mar '20: HPA First Pilot Plant - 600+hrs operation, > 40kg HPA Production**



**Feb '20: Chemical Counterparty Agreement with Orica – Gladstone Project Location**

**DFS**

**Mar '20 Definitive Feasibility Study – completed March 2020**



**Aug '20: Offtake, marketing & financing MOU with Traxys**



**Sept '20: 2 x High-purity Li-B Pre-Cursor manufacture confirmed**



**Oct '20: Maiden Sale of (5N) Li-B Pre-Cursor – Rhineland MOU**



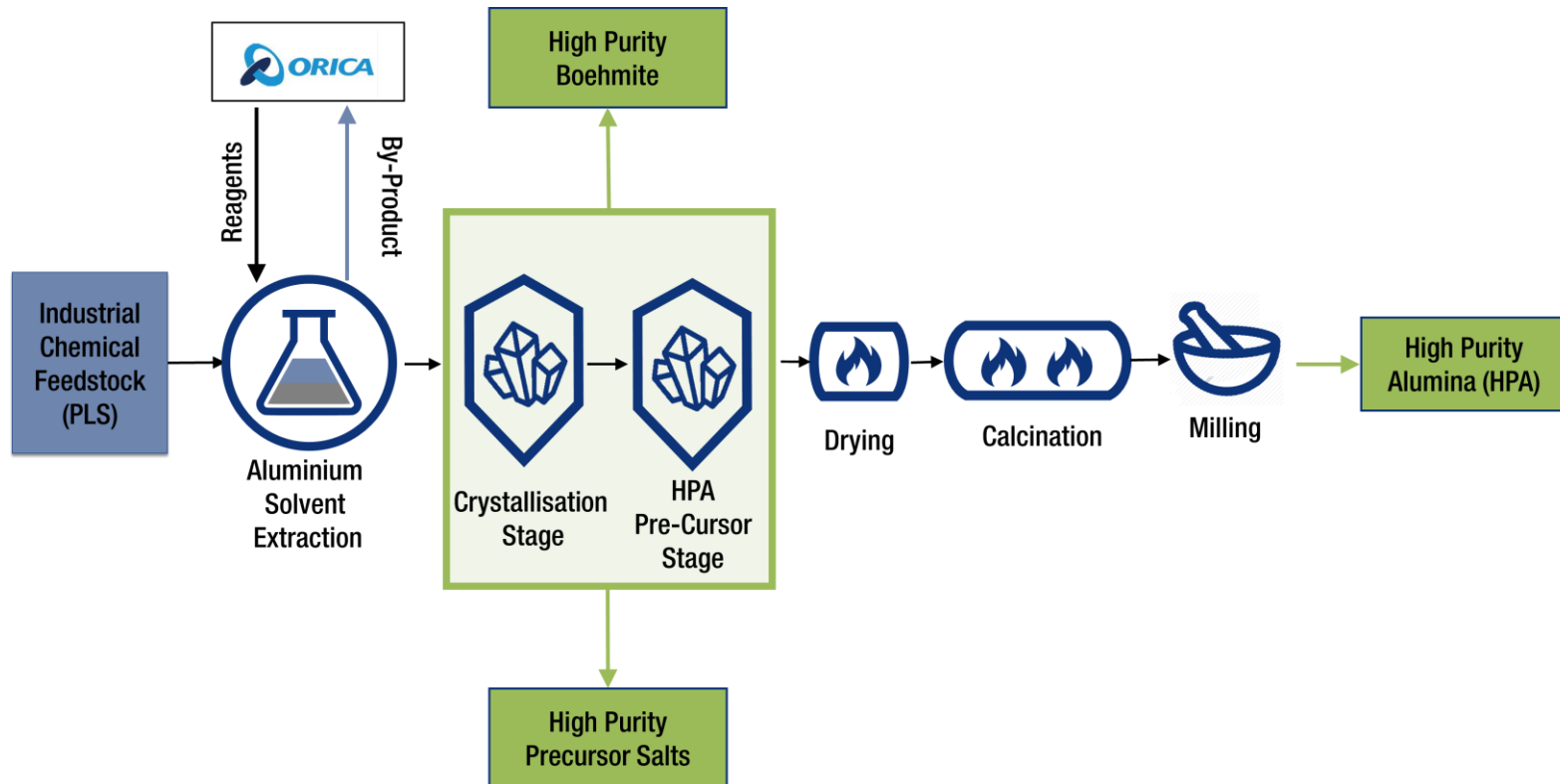
**Jan '21: Major Project Permitting Approval (MCU)**



**Current: Active Global Market Outreach >30 end-user test product shipped, multiple products under development**

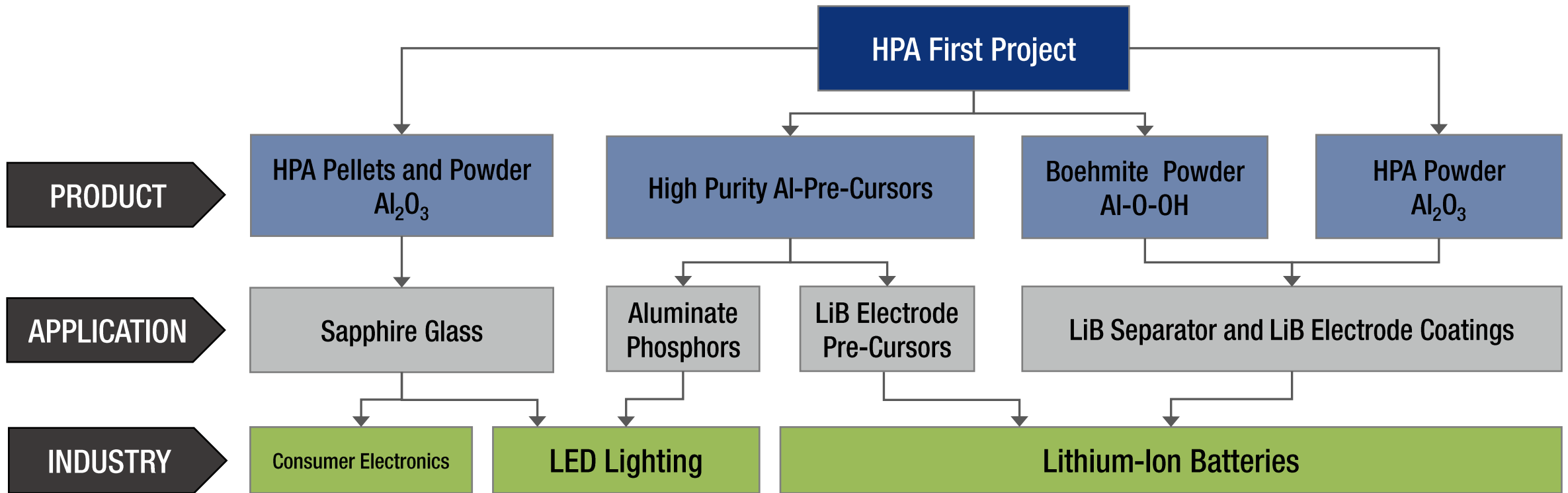
# Process Flow Sheet: **Low Cost & Flexible**

- **Low operational risks:** Front-end atmospheric temperatures and pressures
- **Simplicity:** Ability to recycle reagents as by-products for sale
- **Low production costs:** DFS OpEx estimates <US\$6,000/tonne HPA
- **Purity:** Pilot Plant purity reaching 99.998% HPA purity
- **Flexible:** High Purity aluminium stream can be diverted into a number of products

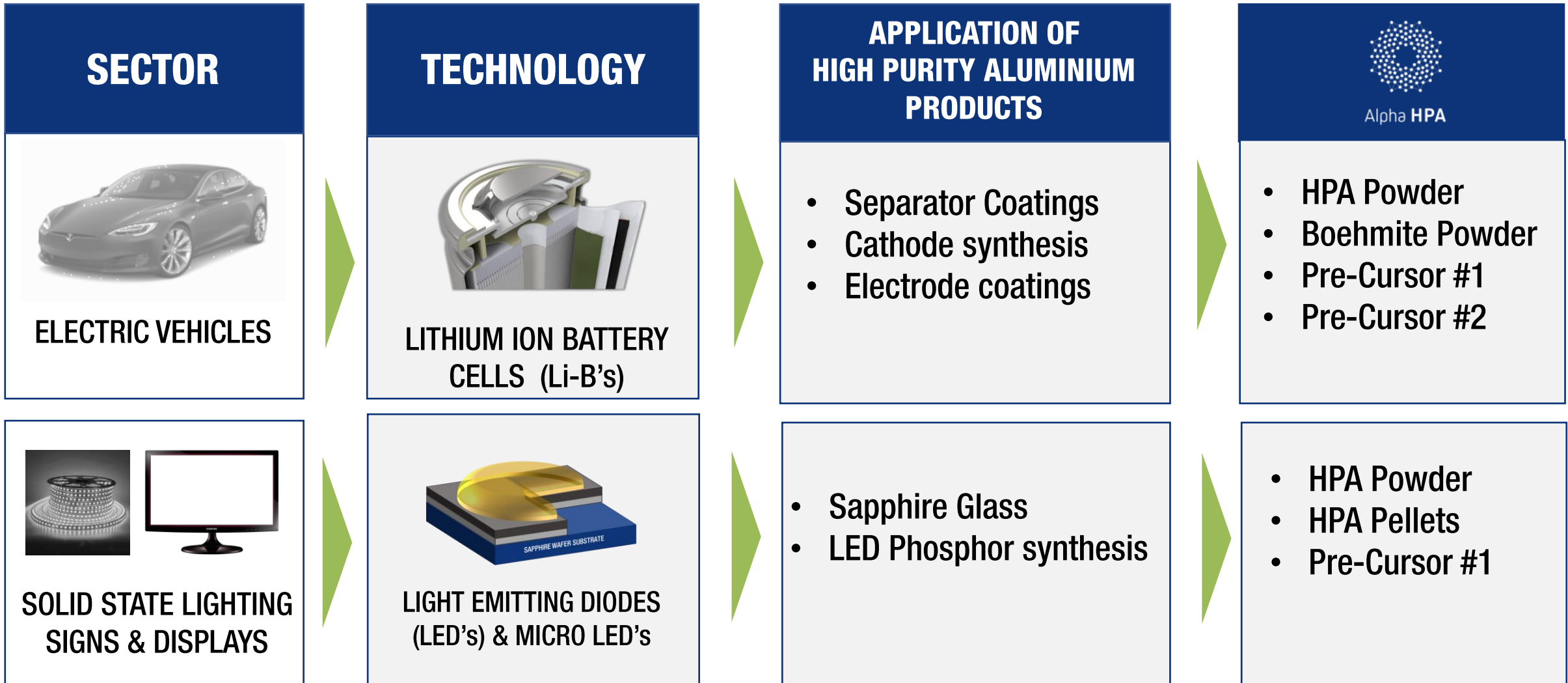


# HPA First Project: High Purity Aluminium Products Summary

- The key target markets of the HPA First Project remain the LED lighting and Lithium-Ion Battery (LiB) markets
- The HPA First Process flexibility allows the business to penetrate these markets via numerous high-purity products as set out below



# De-carbonisation needs our high purity aluminium products



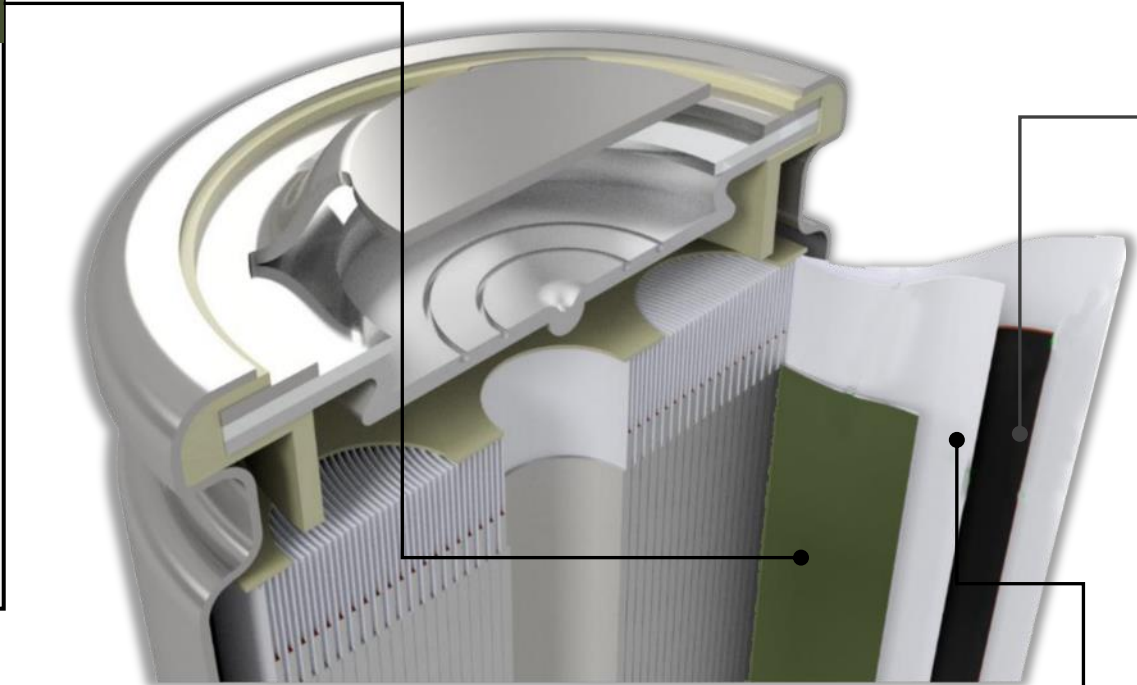
# HPA First Project: Product applications inside the lithium-ion cell



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### CATHODE

APPLICATION	HPA FIRST PRODUCTS
Alumina particle coating of cathode active materials	High-purity Al-Precursor #1
Co-precipitation of NCA and NCMA cathode active materials	High-purity Al-Precursor #2



### ANODE

APPLICATION	HPA FIRST PRODUCT
Alumina particle coating of graphite anode spheroids	High-purity Al-Precursor #1

Graphite  
Amorphous Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>  
5μm

### SEPARATOR

HPA Coated Separator	Boehmite Coated Separator	APPLICATION	HPA FIRST PRODUCT
		Alumina or boehmite coating of ceramic coated separators (CCS)	High-Purity Alumina Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> High-Purity Boehmite Al-O-OH

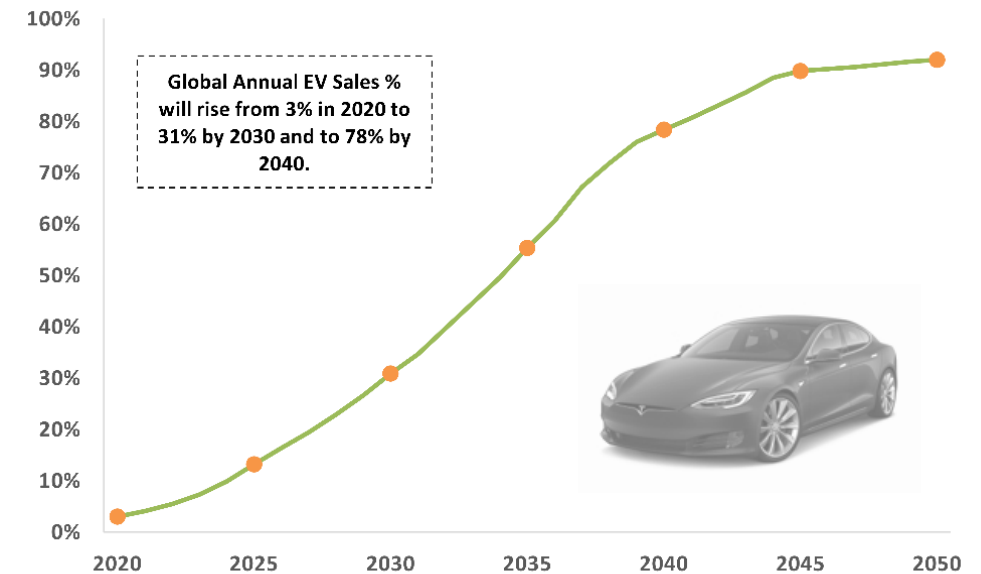
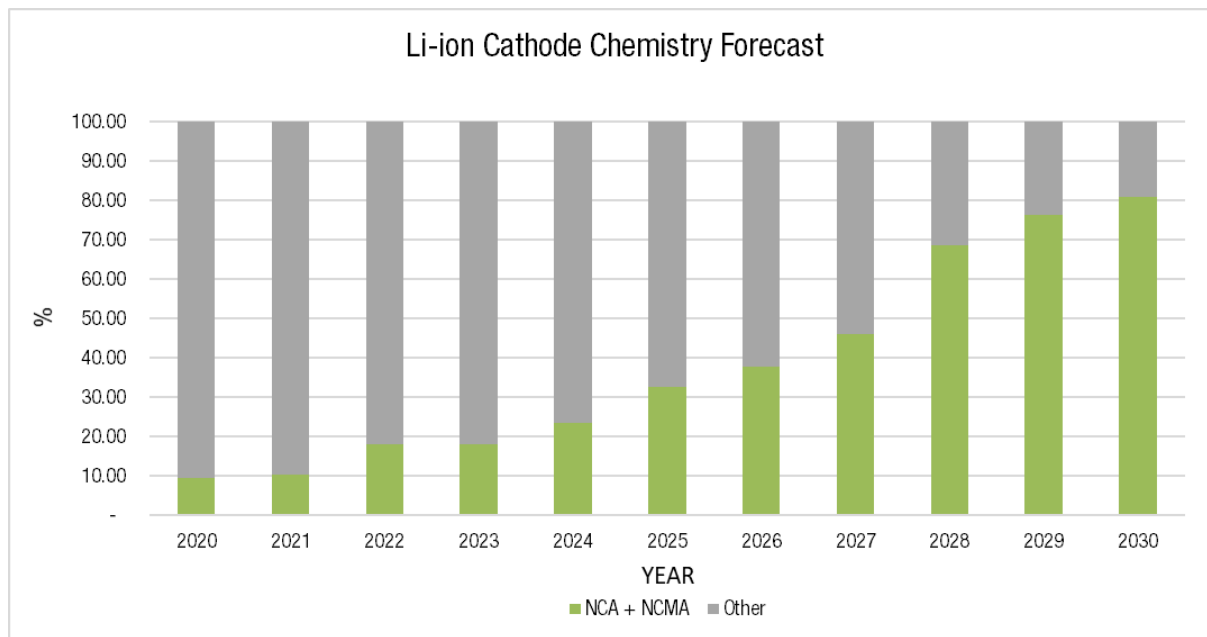


# E-mobility: EV penetration accelerating



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- EV penetration rate forecasts increasingly bullish – driven by ‘green tinged’ China and EU stimulus
- Aluminium bearing cathode chemistries (NCA + NCMA) set to dominate at >80% by 2030 (UBS)
- Alpha HPA now producing 4N+ purity pre-cursors for “A” cathode synthesis



Source: Morgan Stanley Research

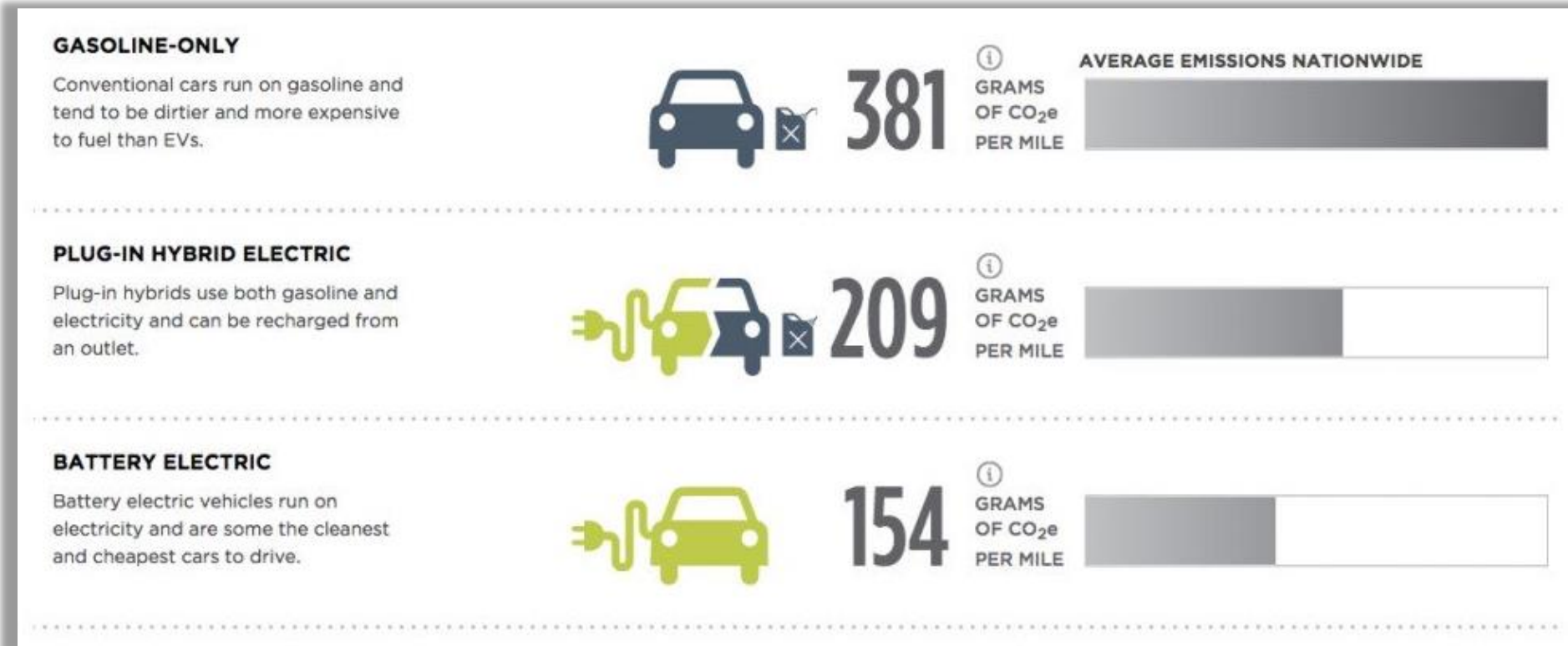
Source: UBS

# E-Mobility– a major player in de-carbonisation

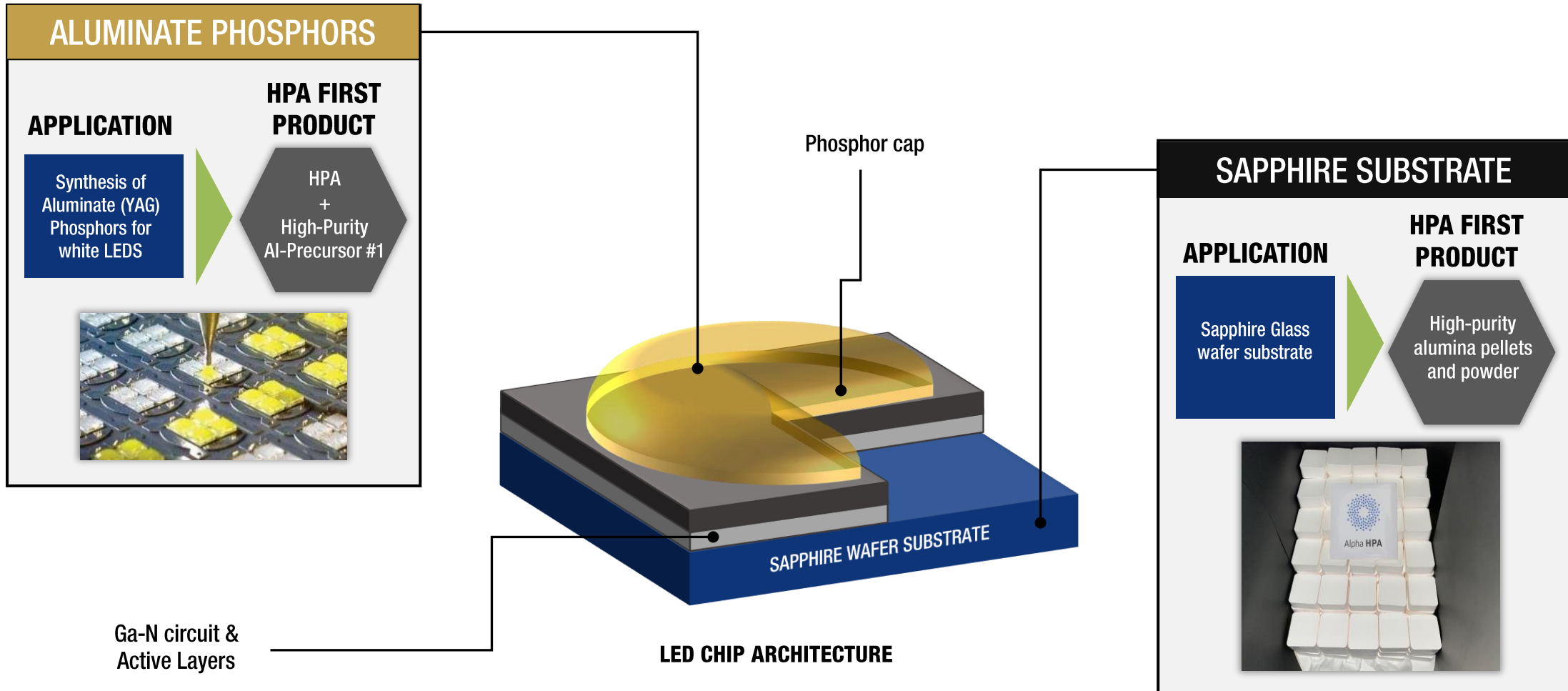


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- Alpha HPA is targeting the Lithium-ion battery separator market feeding the e-mobility revolution
- Pure battery EV's (BEV's) are estimated to reduce CO<sub>2</sub> emissions by >50% per mile travelled



# HPA First Project: Product applications inside LED lights

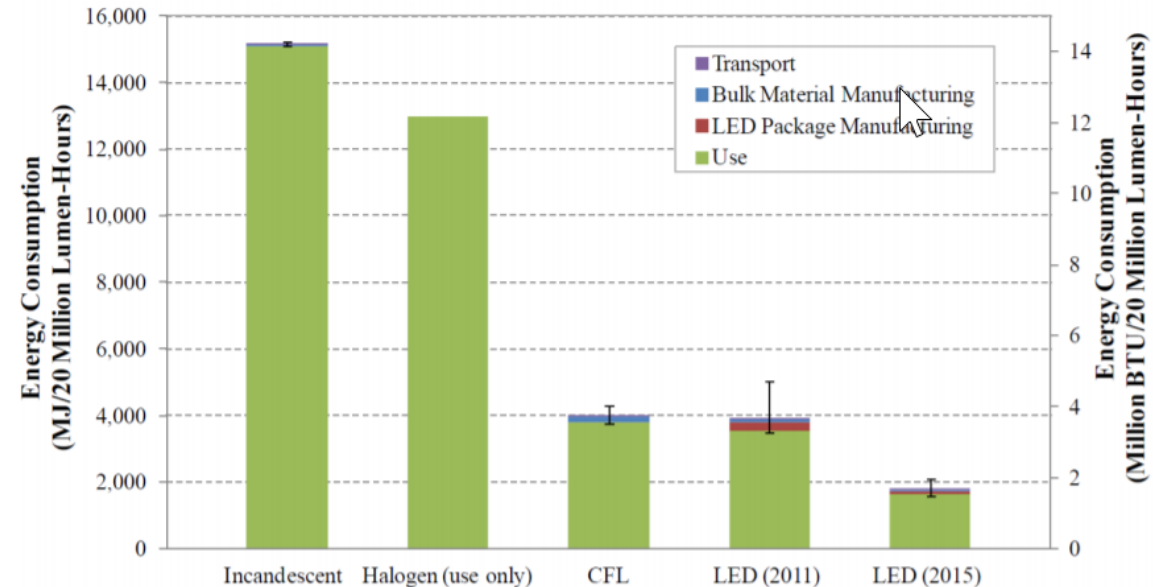


# The LED Lighting Market – a major player in de-carbonisation



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- Alpha HPA is targeting the sapphire glass >> LED lighting market
- LED lights are 50-70% more efficient than incandescent globes
- Lighting is responsible for 6% of global CO<sub>2</sub> emissions\*. A complete switch to LED lighting world wide, would prevent 1,400 millions tons of CO<sub>2</sub> being emitted and reduce the number of new power stations by 1,250
- The use of LEDs to illuminate buildings and outdoor spaces reduced the total carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) emissions of lighting by an estimated 570 million tons in 2017.



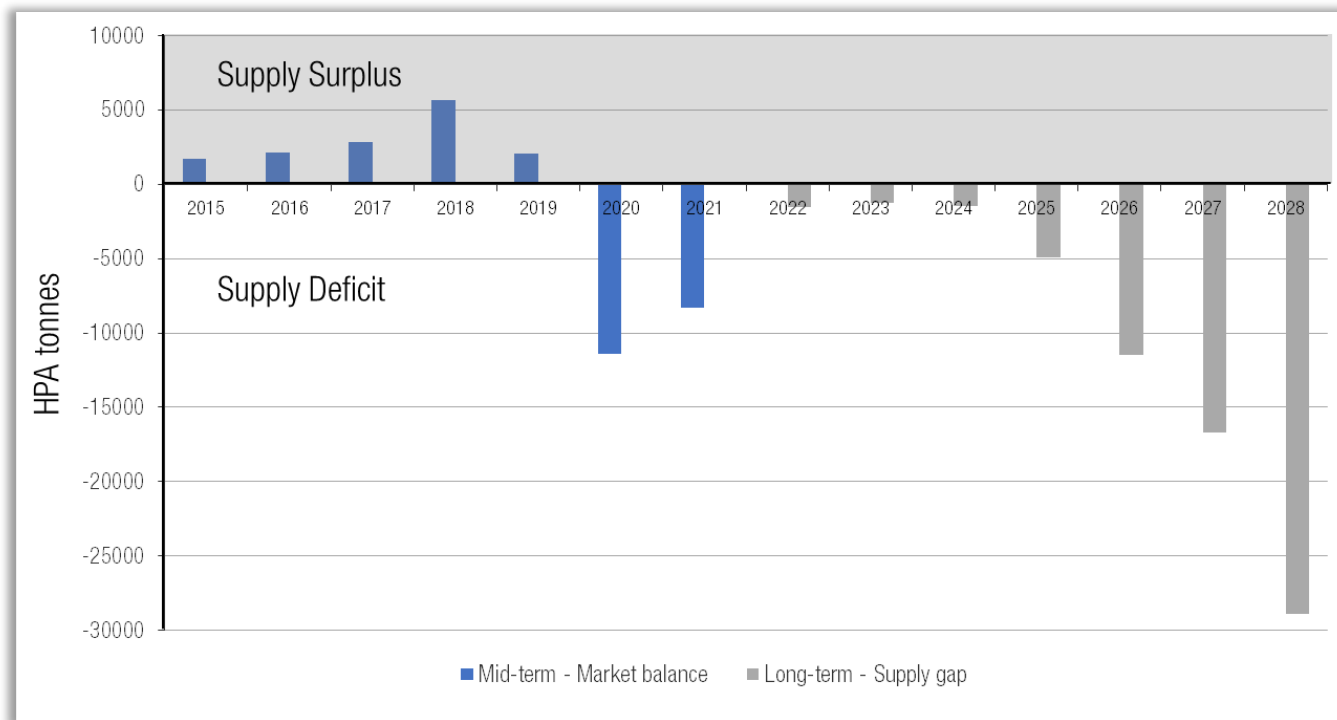
Source: US Dept of Energy

\*The Climate Group

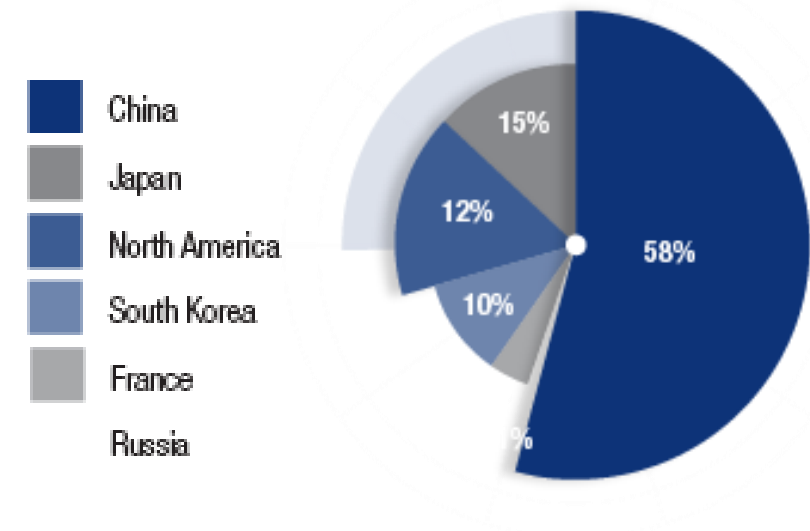
\*\* HIS Markit (NASDAQ: INFO)

# Projected HPA Deficit

- The HPA First Project is scheduled to deliver > 4N HPA into a growing market deficit
- As part of a detailed HPA market review (Dec 2019), CRU present a > 4N HPA market in relative balance until 2020, after which deficits build through to a large supply deficit of nearly 30,000tpa by 2028.



> 4N HPA Market Dynamic



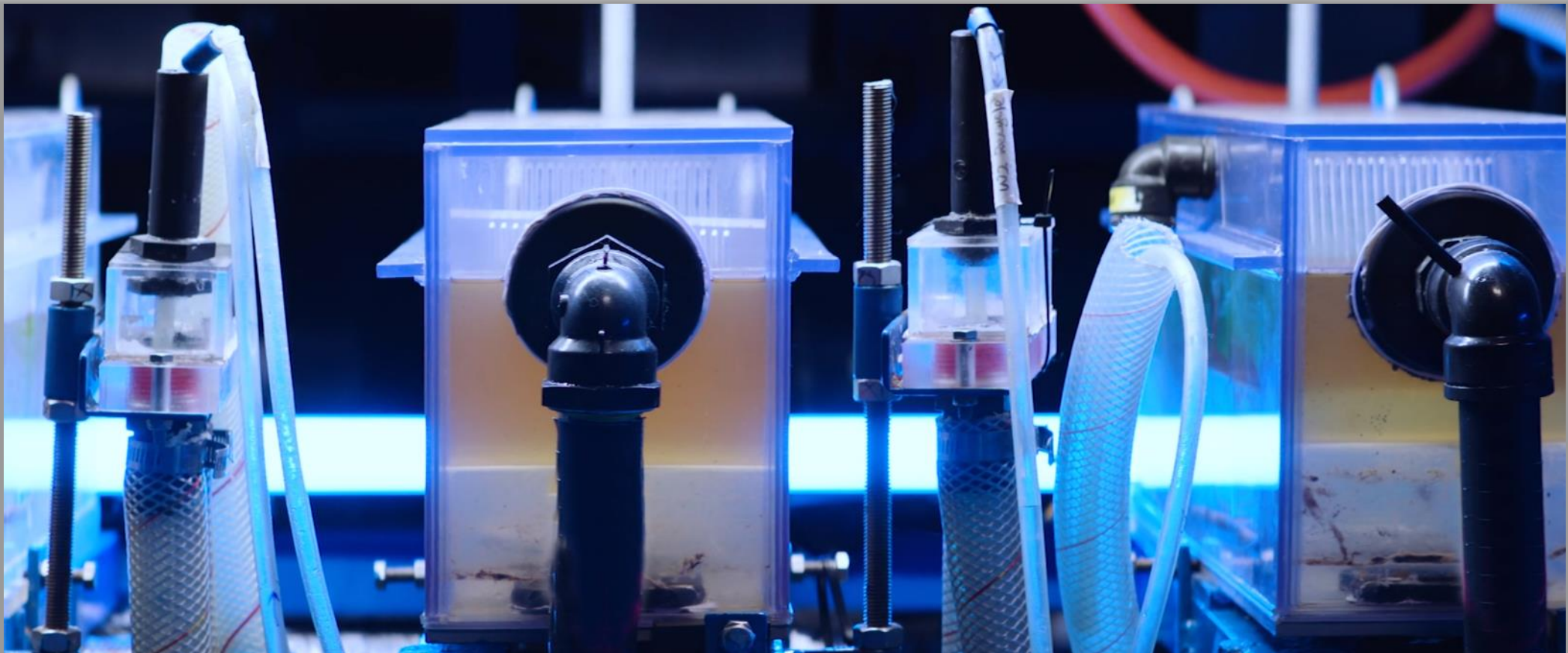
China dominant HPA Supply

# HPA First Project: Brisbane Demonstration Plant



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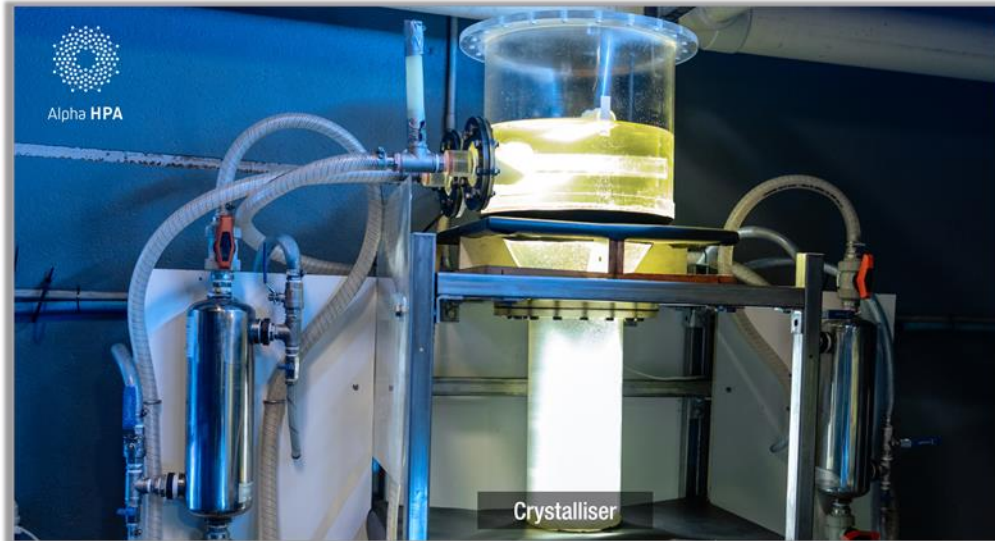
- The Brisbane Plant has now recorded over 1,700 hrs operation producing >200kg HPA plus precursors
- Production process has been validated, purity HPA reaching to 99.998% purity
- Plant upgraded to 'demonstration' scale in July-Sept to meet end-user test demand
- Plant now manufacturing HPA powders, HPA pellets, and high-purity Li-B/LED precursors



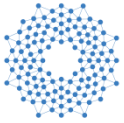
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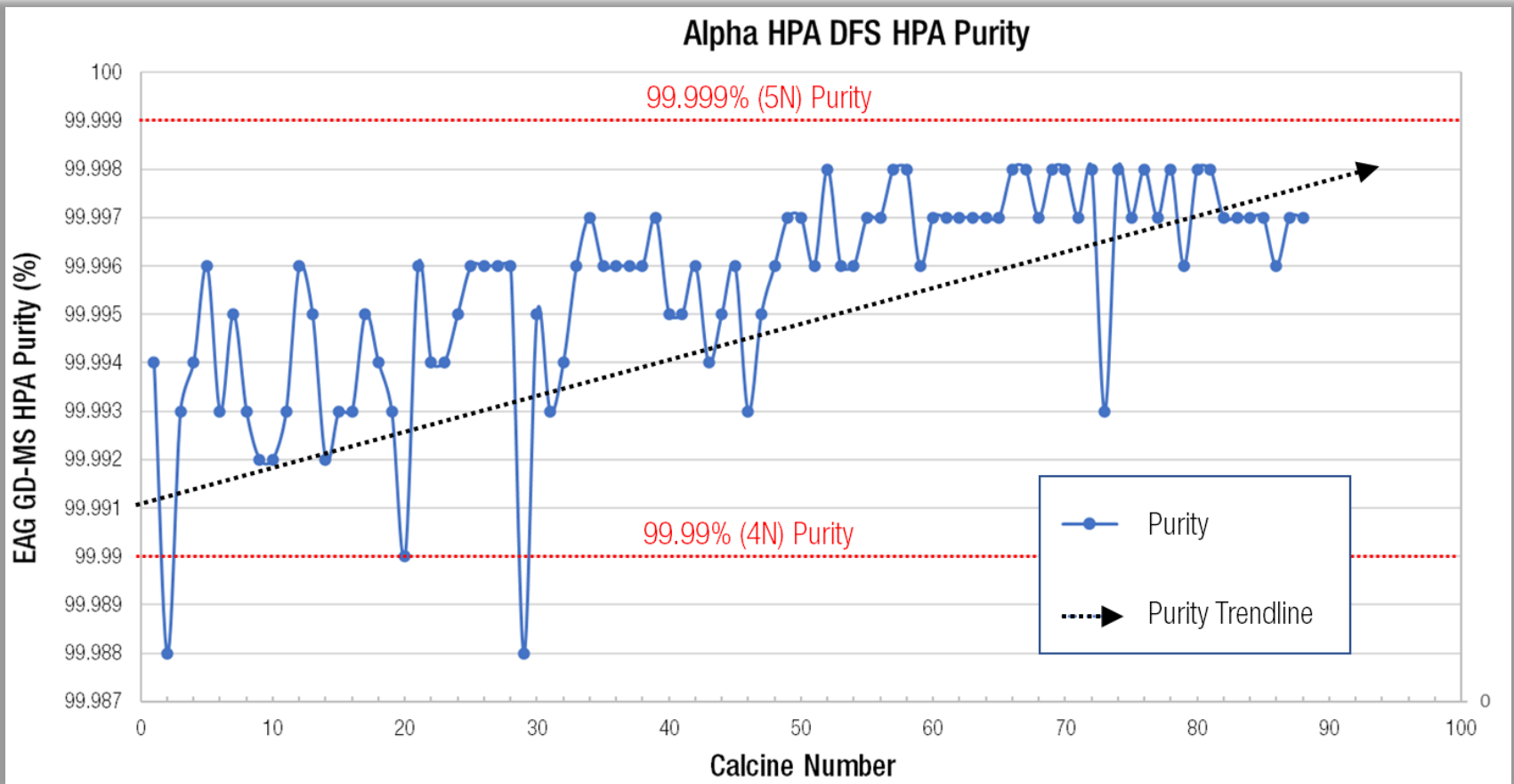


# HPA Purity



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- The Brisbane Plant has achieved continuous HPA purity improvement – now reaching **99.998%** purity
- Purity trend expected to improve on larger volumes and commercial plant



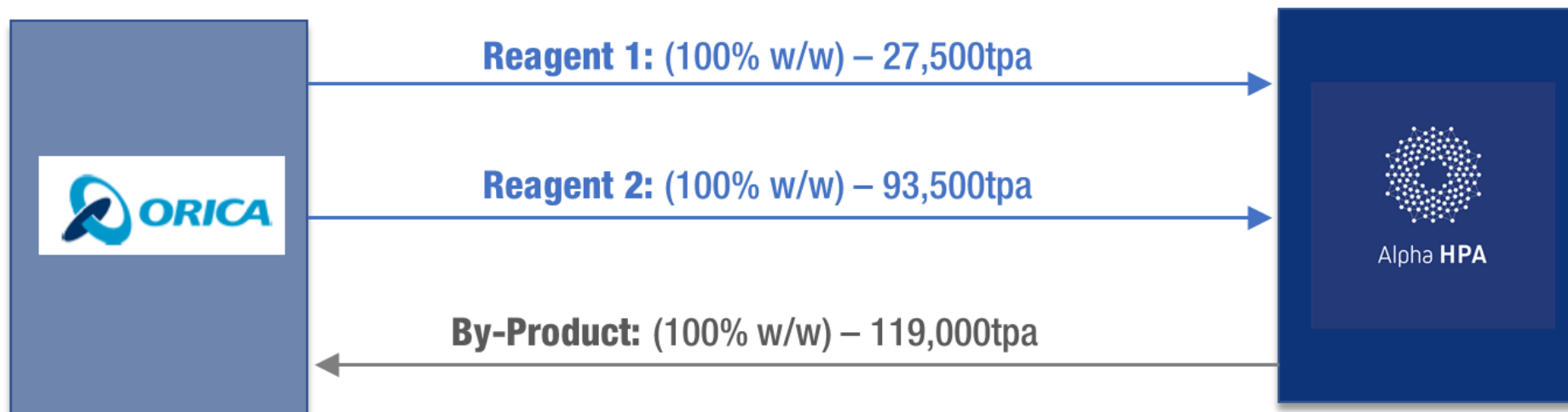


# Orica MOU



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- The HPA First Project requires the supply of two key chemical reagents, which are recycled inside the HPA production process as a by-product for sale back to the reagent supplier.
- Alpha HPA concluded a **Chemical Counterparty Agreement** (MOU) with Orica in March 2020 for reagent supply and by-product offtake by pipeline.
- MOU sets out a pricing mechanism for both key reagents as well as the by-product over an indicative 20-year term.
- Orica and Alpha HPA now finalising definitive agreements



# Project Location

- The Orica MOU has been negotiated on the basis of reagents supply and by-product offtake delivered from/to Orica's facility in Yarwun, QLD, within the Gladstone State Development Area ('GSDA').
- On this basis, Alpha HPA has executed a land contract with Economic Development Queensland ('EDQ') on a suitable 10ha land parcel within the GSDA, being Lot 12/SP239343.
- **MCU Approval received February 2020**

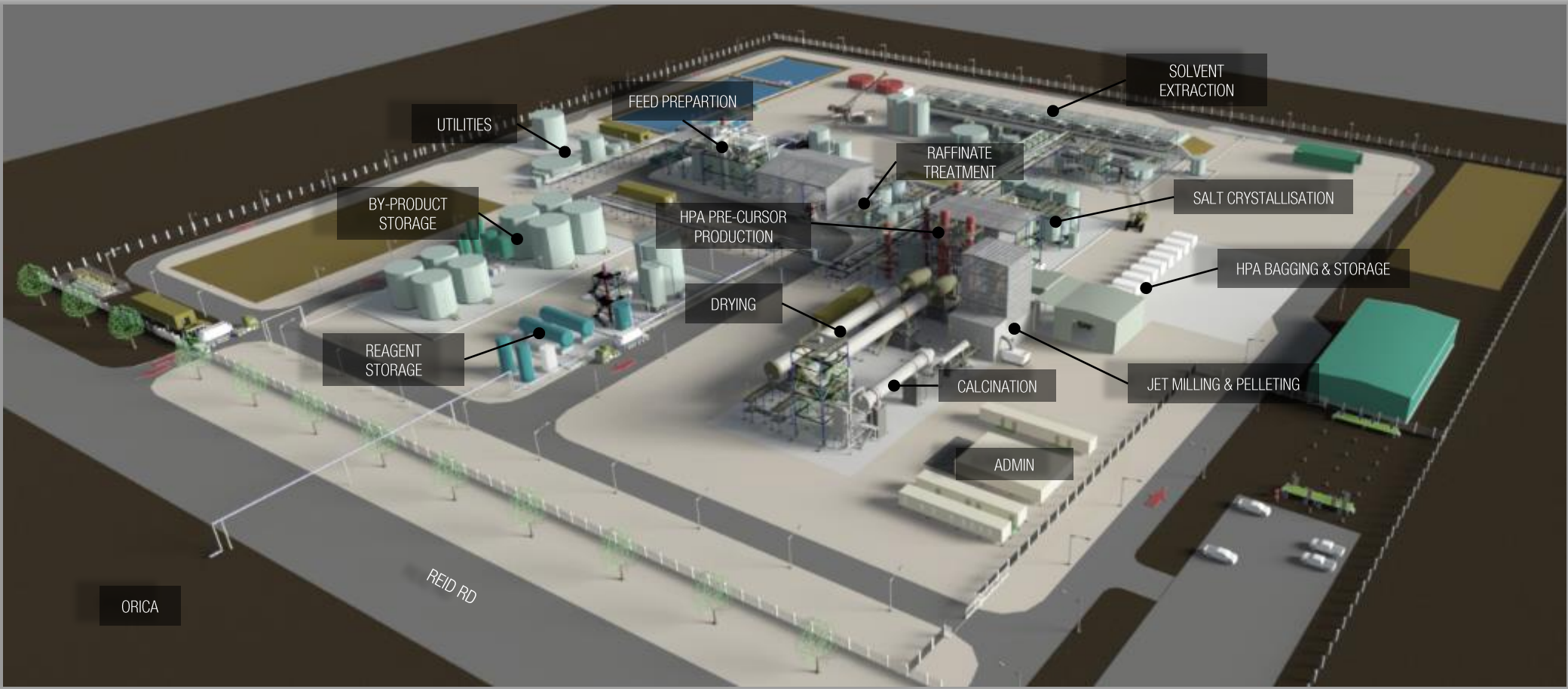


HPA First Project Site – Gladstone State Development Area, North Queensland

# Project Layout



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3D Model - HPA First Commercial Plant

# Traxys MOU



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- Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) signed in August with Traxys with respect to the HPA First Project
- The Traxys MOU sets the framework for Project-wide cooperation on:
  1. **Product Marketing and Offtake**  
Joint engagement with respect to prospective customers, with a view to engaging in a long-term offtake and/or marketing agreement.
  2. **Finance and Logistics Support**  
To jointly develop credit and logistics solutions to assist in closing commercial agreements with Alpha HPA's customers.
  3. **Working Capital Facilities**  
The provision of working capital and/or pre-payment facilities in consultation with, and in support of, potential senior lenders to the Project, including Australian Government and commercial lenders.
  4. **Direct Investment**  
The potential direct investment in Alpha HPA by Traxys and/or its affiliates, including debt, equity or quasi-equity.

Traxys North America is part of the Traxys Group, an international client-focused commodities merchant that provides market access and solves complex supply chain, distribution and financing challenges for a wide range of clients. Traxys operates from a network of over 20 locations worldwide, employs approximately 450 personnel and has an annual turnover in excess of USD 6 billion. The Traxys Group is deeply imbedded in the global lithium-ion battery supply chain from mine to market. In addition to its merchant activities, Traxys has formed a joint venture focused on the development of responsibly sourced battery materials projects with UK-based natural resources investor, the Pallinghurst Group.





## Global Market Outreach: Status

- Global outreach campaign underway to identify key end-users:
  - 30 individual test orders (all products) delivered
  - 4 further test orders being serviced at the Brisbane Plant
  - 2 test programmes underway at the Brisbane Plant at end-user request
  - Initial sales of 5N precursors
- Traxys co-ordinated outreach now engaging most of the major cathode & Li-ion battery manufacturers
- Key Outreach themes: Increasing purity trend & supply chain diversification



# Definitive Feasibility Study – March 2020



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- Comprehensive technical and financial validation of the Company's HPA First Project
  - **Production rate of 10,000tpa HPA**
  - **Annual free cashflow increased to A\$280M\*\***
  - **Strong Project cashflows under all modelled price scenarios (US\$15/20/25kg HPA)**
  - **Unit cash costs of A\$8,730 (US\$5,940)/t HPA after by-product credits**
  - **Project CapEx of A\$308M (US\$209M)**
  - **Capital intensity of A\$30,800 (US\$20,900)/tpa HPA**
  - **Financially robust project with high profitability at HPA prices as low as US\$10,000/t**

Key Project Parameters	HPA Pricing Scenarios					
	USD \$25/kg		USD \$20/kg		USD \$15/kg	
	AUD	USD	AUD	USD	AUD	USD
Annual Revenue @ 10,000tpa	\$368 million	\$250 million	\$294 million	\$200 million	\$221 million	\$150 million
Annual Pre-Tax Cashflow	\$280 million	\$191 million	\$207 million	\$141 million	\$133 million	\$91 million
Payback	< 2 years		<3 years		<4 years	

\*HPA price of US\$25/kg and USD/AUD = 0.68

\*\*Relative to March 2019 PFS = A\$265M

# Project Schedule



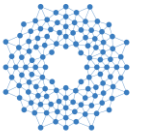
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- Alpha HPA is progressing offtakes, permitting and financing workstreams with a target of having Project construction commencing March Qtr 2021
- Targeting first production by late CY2022

Task	Months	2020				2021				2022				2023	
		MarQ	JunQ	SepQ	DecQ	MarQ	JunQ	SepQ	DecQ	MarQ	JunQ	SepQ	DecQ	MarQ	JunQ
<b>OFFSITE</b>															
Regulatory Approvals		[Blue bar]				[Blue bar]									
HPA Offtakes		[Grey bar]				[Grey bar]									
Financing		[Blue bar]				[Blue bar]									
Financial Approval						[Red diamond]									
<b>PROCESS PLANT</b>															
Front End Engineering	6					[Grey bar]									
Detailed Design	7					[Blue bar]									
Long Lead Item Delivery	15					[Grey bar]									
Site Establishment						[Red diamond]									
Buildings & Civil Works	12					[Blue bar]									
Plant Assembly	10					[Grey bar]									
Commissioning	6									[Blue bar]		[Blue bar]			
Production Ramp-Up	24													[Red diamond]	

Adjusted DFS Project Schedule

# Board & Management



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**Norman Seckold**  
Chairman

40+ years in the full time management of natural resource companies. Past Chairman and Director of listed companies including Bolnisi Gold NL, Timberline Minerals Inc., Perseverance Corporation Limited, Valdora Minerals NL, Palmarejo Silver and Gold Corp. Currently Chairman of Santana Minerals Limited and Sky Metals Limited and Deputy Chairman of Nickel Mines Limited.



**Rimas Kairaitis**  
Managing Director

20+ years experience in minerals exploration and project development in gold, base metals and industrial minerals. Led the geological field teams to the discovery of the Tomingley and McPhillamy's gold deposits in NSW and steered the Hera gold-lead-zinc Project from discovery through commercial production. Previously founding Managing Director and CEO of ASX-listed Aurelia Metals. Currently a Director of Sky Metals Ltd.



**Peter Nightingale**  
Director and CFO

30+ years as a Director or Company Secretary for a range of resource companies including Pangea Resources Limited, Timberline Minerals Inc., Perseverance Corporation Limited, Valdora Minerals NL, Mogul Mining NL and Bolnisi Gold NL. Currently a Director of Nickel Mines Limited and unlisted Prospech Limited.



**Justin Werner**  
Non-Exec. Director

20+ years' mining and management experience. Previously consulted to a number of blue chip mining companies including BHP, Rio Tinto and Freeport McMoran. Successful track record of mine discovery and development. Currently Managing Director of Nickel Mines Limited.



**Tony Sgro**  
Non-Exec. Director

Chemical Engineer with 45+ years' senior management experience in the supply of specialised equipment to the process industries with an emphasis on mining and oil & gas. Co-founder, Director and General Manager of Kelair Pumps for 36 years.



**Cameron Peacock**  
Non-Exec. Director

Mr Peacock is an finance and equity market professional. Over the last 20+ years he has worked in numerous finance focused roles across banking, private equity and equity capital markets. Cameron also covers the Investor Relations and Business Development functions with Alpha HPA and Nickel Mines Ltd.



**Rob Williamson**  
C.O.O.

Rob is a mechanical engineer and joins the Company having recently rebuilt and started up a new 155ktpa SX zinc refinery in the USA in the capacity of Vice President and GM of the facility and ideally placed to bring 20 years of experience in large facility operations to Alpha HPA. Rob is based in Brisbane and responsible for building a Project delivery team for our HPA project in Gladstone.



# Corporate Snapshot



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## TRADING INFORMATION

ASX CODE	A4N
Share Price (05-02-2021)	40.0c
52-week trading range	8.6c – 42c
Issued Shares	692.4M

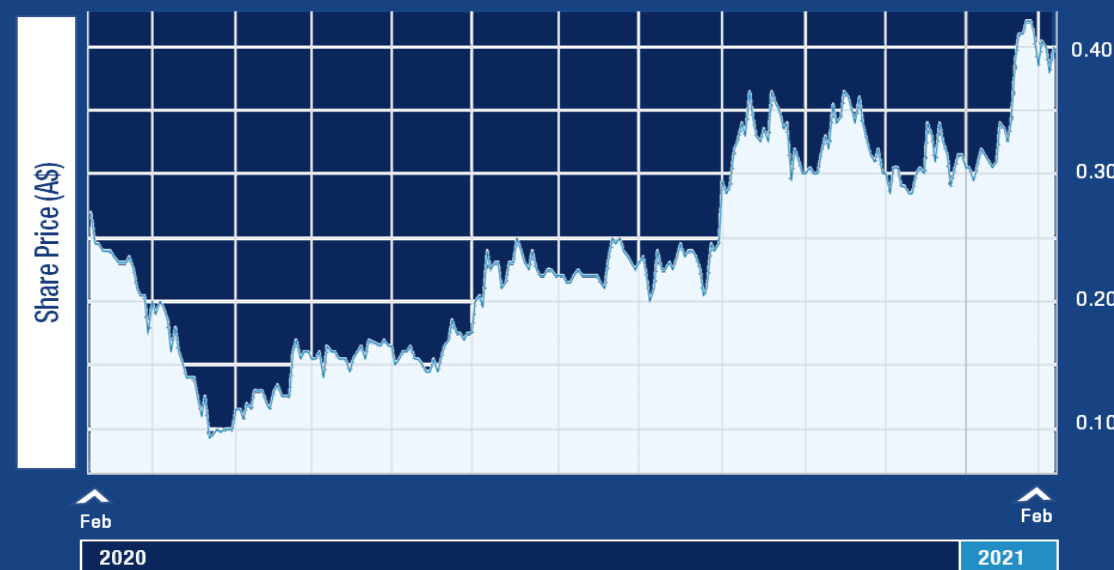
## CAPITAL STRUCTURE

Issued Shares	692.4M
Unlisted options (@20c)	5.0M (expire 30 June 2021)
Unlisted options (@20c)*	10.0M (expire 31 July 2022)
Unlisted options (@30c)	39.0M (expire 31 July 2022)
Unlisted options (@35c)*	5.0M (expire 31 July 2023)
Unlisted options (@35c)	26.0M (expire 31 July 2023)

Market Cap	\$290.8M
Est Cash (31-12-2020)	~\$5M
Enterprise Value	\$285.8M

\* Licensor Options

## SHARE PRICE PERFORMANCE – 12 MONTHS



## SHAREHOLDERS

### TOP 20 SHAREHOLDERS

	59.7%
Warrell Holdings	5.4%
Budworth Capital	5.9%
Permgold Pty Ltd (N. Seckold)	9.9%
Regal Funds Management	13.8%

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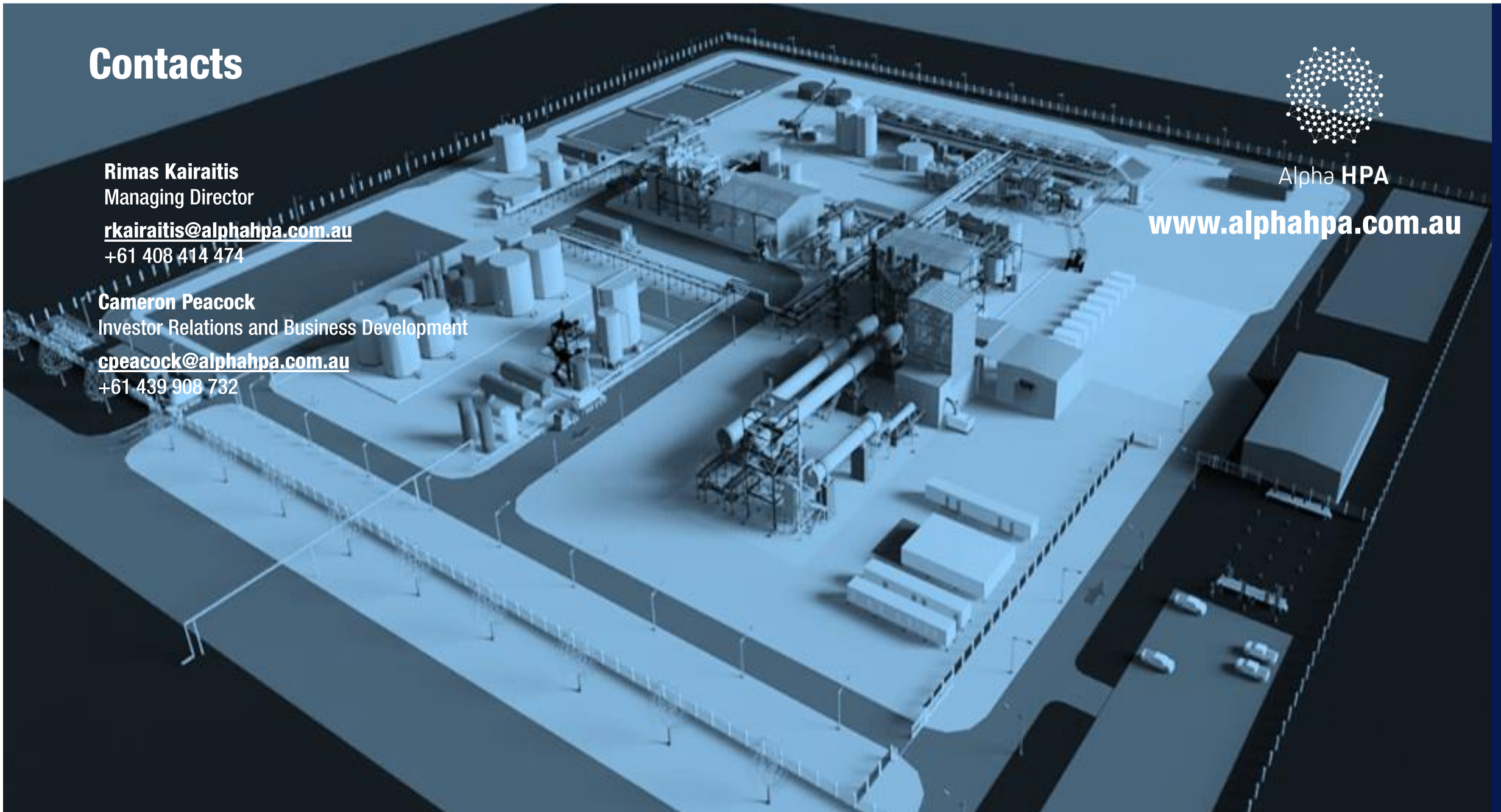
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