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### Lithium Carbonate Equivalent

The formula used for the Lithium Carbonate Equivalent (LCE) values quoted in this presentation is: LCE = (lithium carbonate tonnes produced + lithium hydroxide tonnes produced \* 0.880

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# Rhyolite Ridge Project Snapshot

A unique lithium-boron deposit of strategic importance to the U.S.



# Material Improvement in Project Economics

Driven by leach optimisation, new mine plan and increased production

	Year	rs 1-25 Estimate		LOM Estimate			
	Current <sup>1</sup>	June 2025 <sup>2</sup>	Change	Current <sup>1</sup>	June 2025 <sup>2</sup>	Change	
Unlevered NPV <sub>8</sub>				\$1,888 m	\$1,367 m	+38%	
Levered NPV <sub>8</sub>				\$1,998 m	\$1,499 m	+33%	
Avg. Annual Revenue	\$725 m	\$619 m	<b>+17</b> %	\$575 m	\$497 m	+16%	
Avg. Annual Lithium Production (LCE)	22,400 tpa	19,200 tpa	<b>+17</b> %	19,300 tpa	17,200 tpa	+12%	
Avg. Annual Lithium Hydroxide (LiOH)	25,500 tpa	21,300 tpa	+20%	21,900 tpa	18,800 tpa	+16%	
Avg. Annual Boric Acid Production	126,700 tpa	116,400 tpa	+9%	68,000 tpa	60,400 tpa	+13%	
Ore Reserves				260 Mt	247 Mt	+5%	
Life of Mine				82 years	95 years	-13 years	
Average Annual EBITDA	\$497 m	\$406 m	+22%	\$384 m	\$319 m	+20%	
Initial Capital Costs (AACE Class 2 estimate)				\$1,668 m	\$1,668 m	-	
Unlevered IRR				16.8%	14.5%	+16%	
Levered IRR				20.9%	18.3%	+14%	
Payback Period (from operations)				7 years	8 years	-1 year	

1 See Company announcement titled "Leach Optimisation and New Mine Plan Yields Material Improvement in Project Economics" dated 3 September 2025. <sup>2</sup> See Company announcement titled "Ore Reserve Quadruples; Reaffirms Robust Project Economics" dated 2 June 2025





# Ore Reserve August 2025

Reserves	Reserves			Contained Equivalent Grade (%)		Contained Equivalent Tons (kst)		
		Tonnage (kst)	Li Grade (ppm)	B Grade (ppm)	Li <sub>2</sub> Co <sub>3</sub>	H <sub>3</sub> BO <sub>3</sub>	Li <sub>2</sub> Co <sub>3</sub>	H <sub>3</sub> BO <sub>3</sub>
ні-в	Stream 1	91,241	1,715	12,329	0.91	7.05	833	6,432
Lo-B	Stream 2	145,301	1,177	1,368	0.63	0.78	911	1,136
	Stream 3	23,799	2,110	1,277	1.12	0.73	267	174
Total Proved & Probable Ore Reserve		260,341	1,451	5,201	0.77	2.97	2,010	7,742

- Note the difference in the lithium and boron grades between the three streams
- Blending of ore streams provides optionality all three are mined simultaneously, some material goes to stockpile
- Grade not always king Acid Yield is a key economic driver (lithium produced per tonne acid consumed)
- Stream 2 whilst lower in grade has very favourable leach kinetics and high Acid Yield

<sup>1</sup> See Company announcement titled "Material improvement in project economics" dated 3 September 2025

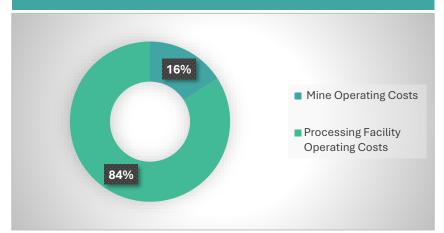


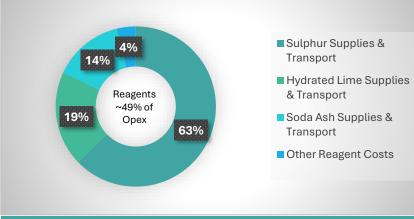


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# Rhyolite Ridge Operating Costs – In the Bottom Quartile

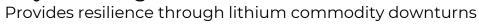
### LOM Production OPEX

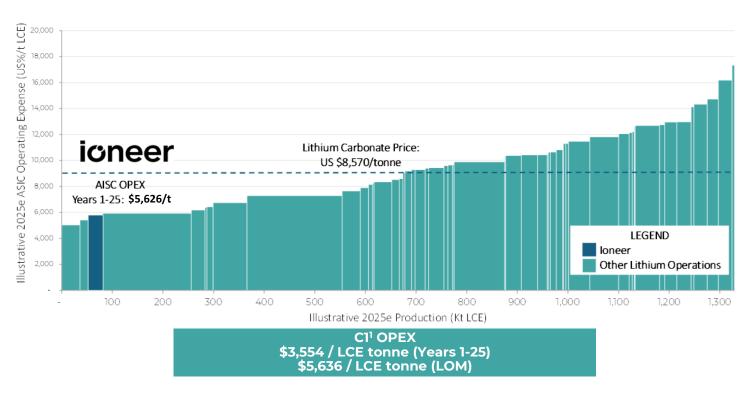




Co-production of boric acid and lithium using one mining and processing flowsheet, provides a boric acid revenue credit to LCE/t C1 and ASIC OPEX

# Rhyolite Ridge AISC OPEX<sup>2</sup> Provides resilience through lithium commodity downturns





<sup>1</sup> C1 OPEX cost is defined as the net direct cash cost, or simply the cost of production including the costs of mining, processing, transportation, marketing, and onsite administration. <sup>2</sup> ASIC OPEX includes C1 OPEX, sustaining capital expense and interest expense. Source: Ioneer internal analysis and Benchmark Mineral Intelligence with lithium carbonate price from Benchmark Mineral Intelligence Lithium Price Assessment 30 April 2025 CIF Asia Spot price.







# 4 Substantially De-Risked Project

### **Permitted**

### **Final Federal permit** received in October 2024<sup>1</sup>

• The BLM issued a positive Record of Decision (ROD) concluding the NEPA process





### **Shovel** Ready

### 70% Engineering design complete

- Industry leading partners
- Proven technology & equipment
- Technically led approach -+ \$200 m invested



### **Offtakes** In Place

### Lithium & Boron offtake Placed

- Signed lithium offtakes with Ford, EcoPro, PPES and Dragonfly
- Signed boron offtake and sales agreements



### Low-Cost Debt

### U.S DOE loan for \$996 million<sup>2</sup>

- Low interest
- Long tenor
- Government loan





<sup>1</sup> See announcement dated 24 October 2024 entitled "Rhyolite Ridge Receives Final Permit Approval".

<sup>2</sup> See announcement dated 20 January 2025 entitled "Rhyolite Ridge Lithium-Boron Project closes upsized US\$996 million loan from U.S. Department of Energy to accelerate domestic critical mineral production".



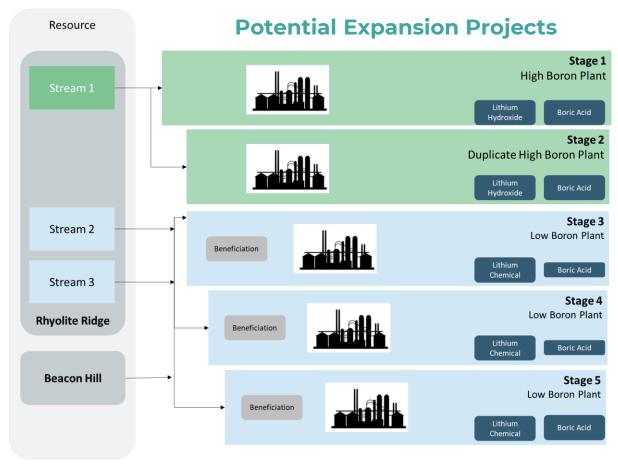


# Large and Expandable Resource

Rhyolite Ridge has a large, long-life Resource with substantial expansion potential

Summary of August 2025 Mineral Resource Estimate							Contained	
	Starrage Starrage	Classification	Tonnage	Li	В	Li2CO3	Н3ВО3	
Type Stream	Classification	(ktonnes)	(ppm)	(ppm)	(ktonnes)	(ktonnes)		
High B	1	Total	178,634	1,624	11,754	1,544	12,006	
Low B 3	Total	300,378	1,167	1,350	1,866	2,319		
	3	Total	60,446	2,041	1,181	657	408	
	ALL	Grand Total	539,458	1,417	4,776	4,067	14,733	

Large and expandable Resource is driving **Expansion Potential** 



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> See Company announcement titled "Leach Optimisation and New Mine Plan Yields Material Improvement in Project Economics" dated 3 September 2025.

# 6 Status of Partnering Process

Planning for a Strategic Partnering Process has begun

- Goldman Sachs is assisting with the formal Strategic Partnering process
- Strategic partnering process in search of a partner who can help accelerate the development of Rhyolite Ridge
- Process commenced early in Q3 2025

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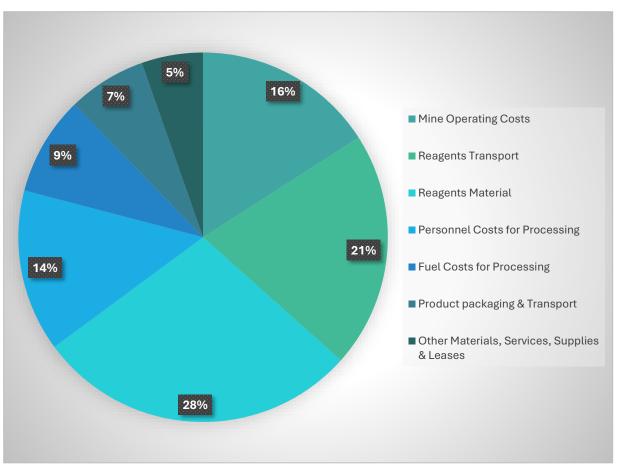
• The process will be thorough and is **expected to take** a minimum of 4 months.



# Overall Cost of Reagents Driving Optimisation

- 49% of Operating Costs in reagent materials and transport
- Area where Ioneer has focussed on optimisation
- Reduced leach time improves acid yield, allowing for higher throughput
- Results in 20% higher lithium hydroxide and 9% higher boric acid output<sup>1</sup>
- Further optimisation potential

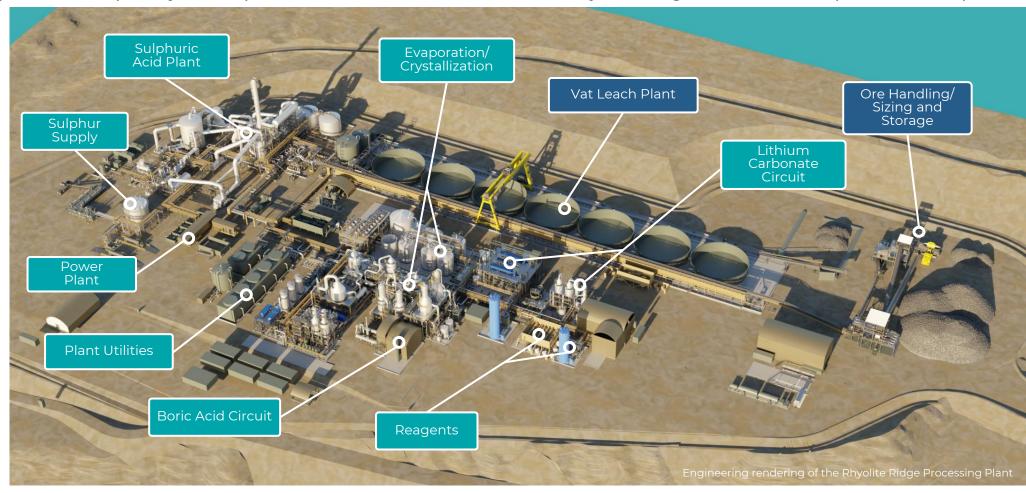
**LOM Operating Costs by Area** 



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> During Production Years 1-25

# Proposed Rhyolite Ridge Process Plant – Stage 1

Reduction in leach retention time allows for reduction reduce in vat cycle time from 24hrs to 17hrs. The spare vat capacity and spare acid is used to increase daily tonnages from 7000tpd to 8800tpd.

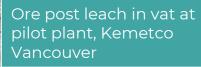


# Comprehensive Testwork – Over 400 Leach Tests



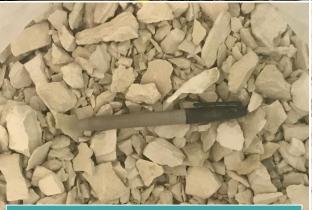
Collection of bulk samples from site





Crystallisers and evaporators, Kemetco pilot plant Vancouver











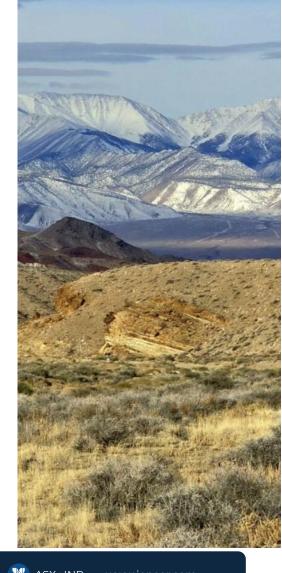


# Rhyolite Ridge Next Steps





- Construction Phase. Expected to take approximately 36 months (including long lead items)
- First Production 36 months from FID<sup>1</sup>
- Pathway to future growth



<sup>1</sup> All future dates subject to change without notice





# Key Takeaways

A rare, long-life, permitted, shovel ready project in the U.S. with strong government support

A stable, secure, long-term supply of 2 products necessary for batteries, magnets, and military applications



### **Unique Deposit**

Sedimentary lithium & boron

High & low boron

Integrated mine and chemical plant

High recoveries, low energy input, small footprint



### **Dual Revenue**

75% from Li and 25% from B

Uncorrelated commodity pricing

> Low cost after boron credit

Synergy benefits for expansion



### **Shovel Ready**

Permitted

Engineered

Offtakes in place

**US** government debt

Water



### Robust **Economics**

August 2025 Update

REVENUE US\$575M/YR

**EBITDA** US\$384M/YR

NPV US\$1,888M

IRR 16.8%



### **Expandable**

540 Mt Resource

260 Mt Ore Reserve

Stage 1 = 3.2 Mtpa

Multiple future stages possible

High and low boron streams

Questions

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Future U.S. Lithium & Boron Producer

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# Corporate Snapshot

### **Capital Structure**

(As at 3 Sept 2025)

Shares Outstanding	2.6b
Performance Rights And Options Outstanding	64.9m
Cash Balance– 30 June 2025 <sup>1</sup>	US\$25.1m
Share Price ASX – 3 September 2025	A\$0.12
ADR Price NASDAQ (1 ADR = 40 ASX Shares)	US\$3.19
Market Capitalisation – 3 September 2025	A\$293m

### **Research Coverage**







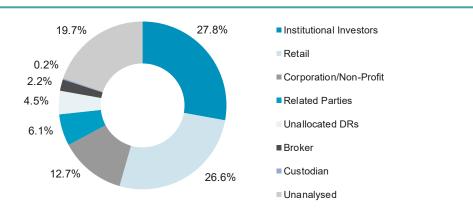






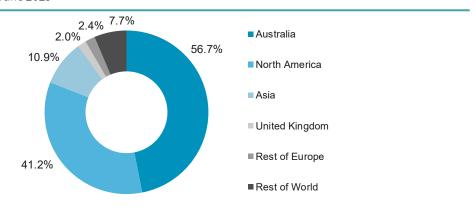
### **Total Shareholder Composition**

As at 30 June 2025

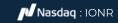


### **Total Shares by Geography**

As at 30 June 2025



¹Cash balance is based off the latest quarterly information and is unaudited and unreviewed. See Company announcement titled "June 2025 - Quarterly Activities Report" dated 27 July 2025.





# Proven & Experienced Team

### **Experienced Board of Directors**



**JAMES D. CALAWAY Executive Chair** Former Non-executive chair of Orocobre Ltd



**BERNARD ROWE** Managing Director CEO & Founder



**ALAN DAVIES** Non-executive Director Former Chief Executive. Energy & Minerals of Rio Tinto



**ROSE McKINNEY-JAMES** Non-executive Director Former President and CEO of Corporation for Solar Tech & Renewable Resources



MARGARET WALKER Non-executive Director Former VP Engineering and Technology Centers, Dow Chemical



**TIM WOODALL** Non-executive Director 30 years' experience in M&A and finance, with expertise in the energy sector

### **Best-in-class Management Team with Industry Experience**



IAN BUCKNELL CFO & Company Secretary



**MATT WEAVER** Snr VP Engineering & Operations



CHAD YEFTICH **VP Corporate Development** & External Affairs



**KEN COON VP Human Resources** 



**YOSHIO NAGAI VP Commercial Sales** & Marketing

# South Basin Resource Estimate August 2025

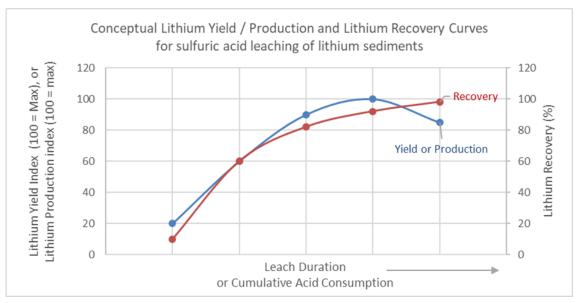
							Contained		
Stream	Classification	<b>Tonnage</b> Ktonnes	<b>Li</b> ppm	<b>B</b> ppm	<b>Li2CO3</b> Wt. %	<b>H3BO3</b> Wt. %	<b>Li2CO3</b> (kt)	<b>H3BO3</b> (kt)	
1	Measured	64,385	1,752	12,669	0.93	7.24	600	4,664	
Searlesite: High-boron	Indicated	87,372	1,551	11,280	0.83	6.45	721	5,636	
lithium mineralisation	Inferred	26,877	1,554	11,101	0.83	6.35	222	1,706	
(low clay content)	Total S1	178,634	1,624	11,754	0.86	6.72	1,544	12,006	
2	Measured	73,350	1,214	1,486	0.65	0.85	474	623	
Low-boron lithium	Indicated	160,367	1,138	1,477	0.61	0.84	972	1,354	
mineralisation (low	Inferred	66,662	1,186	897	0.63	0.51	421	342	
clay content)	Total S2	300,378	1,167	1,350	0.62	0.77	1,866	2,319	
3	Measured	19,223	2,201	1,550	1.17	0.89	225	170	
Low-boron lithium mineralisation (high clay content)	Indicated	29,615	2,089	1,168	1.11	0.67	329	198	
	Inferred	11,608	1,654	601	0.88	0.34	102	40	
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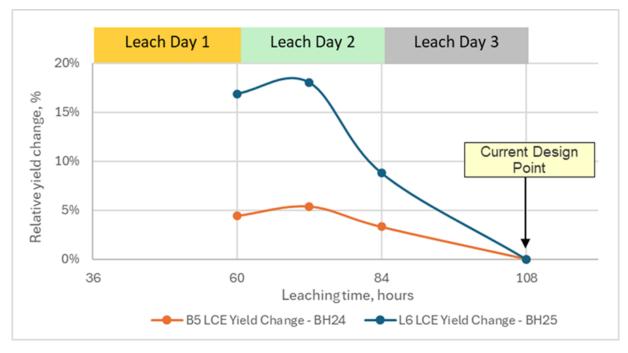


## Acid Leach Kinetics



- Recovery continues to increase even after Acid Yield has peaked
- The increase in recovery slows with time
- An increasing amount of acid is consumed by the gangue (non-ore) minerals

- Acid Yield is a measure of the amount of lithium produced per tonne of acid consumed
- Acid Yield peaks during day 2 of the leach
- Stream 2 (L6) exhibits a much greater change in Acid Yield compared to Stream 1 (B5)



# Comparison of 3-day to 2-day Leach Recoveries

Comparison 3-day (12c) to 2-day (14a) Li (LHS) and B (RHS) Recovered

