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ASX Announcement

**DRC–AFRICA BUSINESS FORUM 2021 – AVZ PRESENTATION**

**AVZ Minerals Limited** (ASX:AVZ, “the Company” or “AVZ”) is pleased to advise that Mr Serge Ngandu - Director of Corporate Affairs, will be presenting at today’s DRC-Africa Business Forum, fostering the development of battery, electric vehicles and renewable energy industry value chain and market in Africa.

Please find attached a copy of today’s presentation.

Yours sincerely,

Ben Cohen  
Joint Company Secretary



AVZ Minerals Limited

# DRC-Africa Business Forum

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Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves for the Manono Lithium and Tin Operation "MLTO" or Roche Dure reference the Company's previous ASX Announcements "JORC Ore Reserves increase by 41.6% at Roche Dure" released to ASX on 14 July 2021 and "Updated Mineral Resource Estimate Includes Pit Floor "Wedge" Drill Results" released to ASX on 24 May 2021.

Any reference to Carriere de l'Este mineral resource estimate (MRE) should be read in conjunction with the Company's previous ASX Announcement "Assays from Carriere de l'Este drilling confirms deposit a likely rival to Roche Dure" dated 16 August 2021.

Any reference to tin exploration targets should be read in conjunction with the Company's previous ASX Announcement "Initial Exploration Target for Alluvial Placer Hosted Tin Defined at the Manono Lithium and Tin Project" dated 18 May 2021

The Definitive Feasibility Study (DFS) refers to the April 2020 DFS, announced to the ASX on 21 April 2020.

These announcements are available to view on the Company's website [www.avzminerals.com.au](http://www.avzminerals.com.au).

The Company confirms it is not aware of any new information or data that materially affects the information included in the relevant market announcements and, in the case of estimates of Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves, that all material assumptions and technical parameters underpinning the estimates in the relevant market announcement continue to apply and have not materially changed.

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## Authorisation of release

Release of this market announcement is authorised by Nigel Ferguson, AVZ Minerals Limited's Managing Director.



# Corporate Snapshot

The team consists of an excellent mix of technical, corporate and legal professionals with over 150 years of combined African experience and with major mining operations both in Africa and globally

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| <p><b>John Clarke</b><br/>Non-Executive Chairman</p>  | <p><b>Nigel Ferguson</b><br/>Managing Director</p>              | <p><b>Graeme Johnston</b><br/>Technical Director</p>                        | <p><b>Rhett Brans</b><br/>Non-Executive Director</p>                         | <p><b>Peter Huljich</b><br/>Non-Executive Director</p>  |
| <p><b>Michael Hughes</b><br/>Project Director</p>     | <p><b>Jan de Jager</b><br/>CFO and Joint Company Secretary</p>  | <p><b>Ben Cohen</b><br/>Joint Company Secretary and Commercial Manager</p>  | <p><b>Serge Ngandu</b><br/>Director of Corporate Affairs Dathcom Mining</p>  |  |

| CAPITAL STRUCTURE                       |        |
|---|--------|
| ▪ ASX Code                              | AVZ    |
| ▪ Share Price (22 November 2021)        | \$0.70 |
| ▪ Shares outstanding                    | 3.2bn  |
| ▪ Market Cap (A\$)                      | \$2.2B |
| ▪ Cash (15 <sup>th</sup> November 2021) | \$7m   |
| ▪ Debt                                  | Nil    |
| ▪ Directors and Management Shareholding | 3%     |



## Project Background

### Ownership

- 75% owned by AVZ Minerals Limited
- 25% owned by DRC Government

### Status

- 5 Mtpa Scoping Study completed in May 2019
- 4.5 Mtpa DFS completed in April 2020
- Mine Expansion study progressing well
- ESIA approvals granted
- Favourable opinions received for both environmental and financial capability as assessed by DRC government
- Favourable technical opinion on DFS and issue of mining licence expected in Q4 2021
- Final Investment decision "FID" expected following updated expansion study and award of Mining Licence

### Mine Type

- Open pit, hard rock lithium, tin and tantalum
- Alluvial tin and tantalum

### Estimated Life of Mine

- Model constrained to 20 years
- Expanded LOM being investigated

### Process Flow Sheet

- 2 stage crush, HPGR, DMS and calcination plant for lithium sulphate
- Wilfley tables and magnetic separation for tin and tantalum recovery

### Products

- Initial production of 700 kt/a SC6 and 46 kt/a primary lithium sulphate, additional credits for tin, tantalum and niobium likely

### Resources and Reserve

- 401 Mt @ 1.65% Li<sub>2</sub>O (spodumene)
- 132 Mt @ 1.63% Li<sub>2</sub>O Proved and Probable Reserves

### Power

- MOU signed in Jan 2020 to refurbish the Mpiana Mwanga hydro-electric power station, approx. 87 km from the site

### Water

- Readily available from the local man-made Lake Lukushi

### Transport

- Roads and rail to Dar es Salaam port in Tanzania and Lobito port in Angola via Kabondo Dianda Intermodal Staging Station





# "AWAKENING THE MONSTER"...

Selected Global Hard Rock Lithium Peers  
Mineral Resources Estimate (Grade and Tonnage)

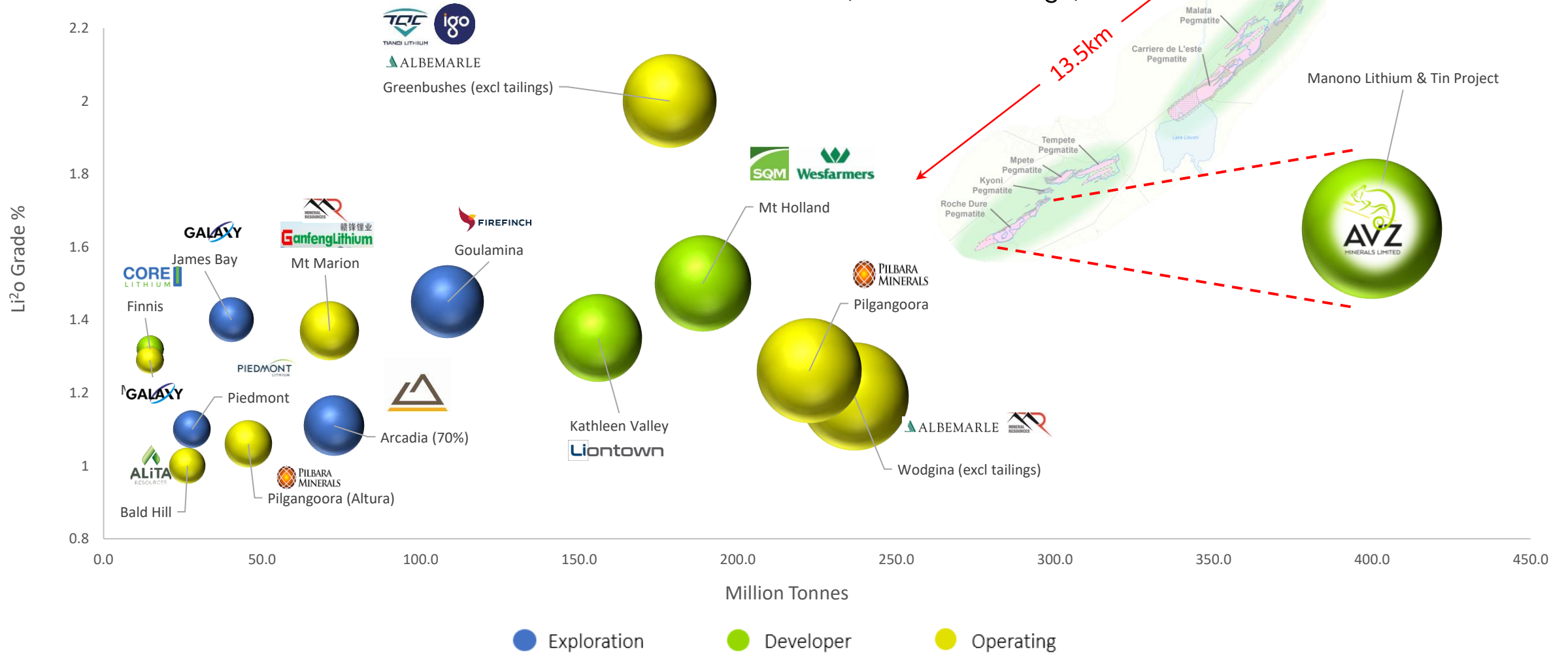


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# Our Sustainable Development Goals

AVZ is committed to achieving sustainable outcomes within the communities we operate. This is reflected in our Corporate Social Responsibility Policy and our Sustainable Development Plan.

## Social Contribution

### Community Wellbeing



- 1 NO POVERTY**
- 2 ZERO HUNGER**
- 3 GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING**
- 4 QUALITY EDUCATION**
- 5 GENDER EQUALITY**

### Community Development



- 6 CLEAN WATER AND SANITATION**
- 8 DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH**
- 10 REDUCED INEQUALITIES**
- 16 PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS**

### Sustainable Livelihoods



- 14 LIFE BELOW WATER**
- 15 LIFE ON LAND**

## Environmental Contribution

### Energy Use and Resilience



- 9 INDUSTRY, INNOVATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE**
- 12 RESPONSIBLE CONSUMPTION AND PRODUCTION**
- 13 CLIMATE ACTION**
- 17 PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE GOALS**

### Sustainable Operations



- 7 AFFORDABLE AND CLEAN ENERGY**
- 11 SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES**



# ESG Focus - Economic & Social Contribution

## Our Commitment

- Management is committed to develop the Project for the long-term benefit of the local communities, providing sustainable development and economic empowerment opportunities.
- Robust ESG credentials laying the foundations for sustained operations at MLTO which will strive to sustain carbon neutral operations
- Full corporate responsibility plan developed and an ESG gap analysis and sustainability plan being implemented

## Economic Contribution

- The multiplier effect to the local economy stemming from the economic activity from MLTO is substantial, through the creation of both direct (500) and indirect (2,000) employment opportunities and significant generation of direct and indirect tax revenues
- MSEZ to stimulate development of broader business initiatives in value adding transformation business linked to mining, battery minerals and agriculture

## Social Contribution

- Employment initiatives
  - Vocational training programs and apprenticeships
  - Agricultural development programs
    - Setting up training for farmers
    - Assist with provision of machinery, equipment & seed stock
    - Potential game park for tourism
- Education initiatives;
  - Upgrading school resources
  - Assist with promoting attendance through to secondary school
- Community initiatives
  - Assist to provide water and electricity to schools & hospitals
  - Assist with health services including vaccination programs
  - Improve sport and recreation facilities

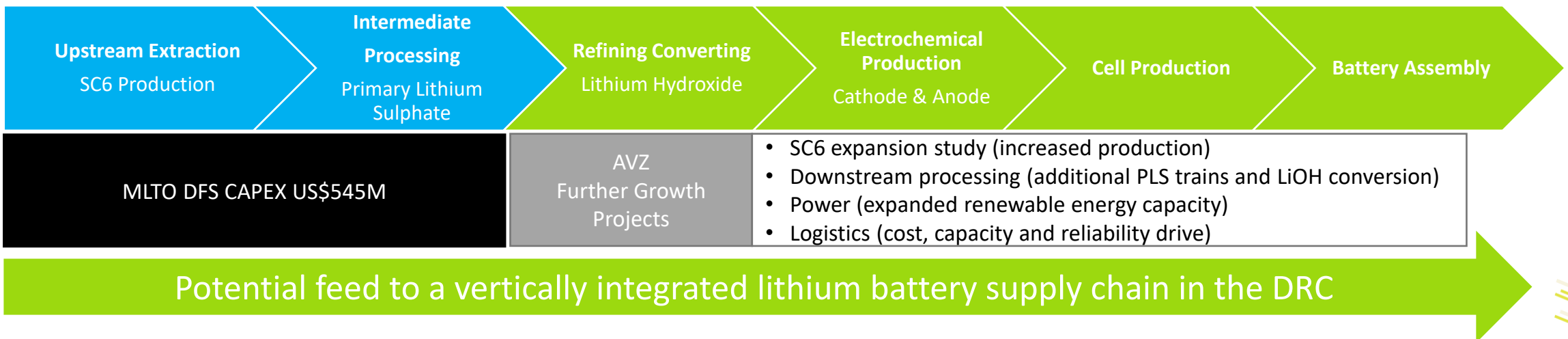




## MLTO DFS & Growth Projects

- AVZ Minerals Limited (AVZ) completed a Definitive Feasibility Study (DFS) in April 2020 with respect to the Manono Lithium and Tin Operations (“MLTO” or “the Project”).
- The Mining Licence submission has received favourable environmental, financial capacity and cadastral opinion with final step being award of a favourable technical opinion with regards to the DFS.
- DFS CAPEX ~US\$545 million producing 700 kt/a SC6 and 46 kt/a Primary Lithium Sulphate (PLS) over a 20 year life of mine (“LoM”)
- The DFS proved the Project’s economic credentials with a post tax NPV<sub>10</sub> of USD1.028 billion over the LoM, generating 2,500 jobs
- Growth studies to expand production, increase LoM and grow downstream production, investing in value accretive processing which is aligned with our Sustainable Development Vision and Goals.

### Lithium Battery Supply Chain

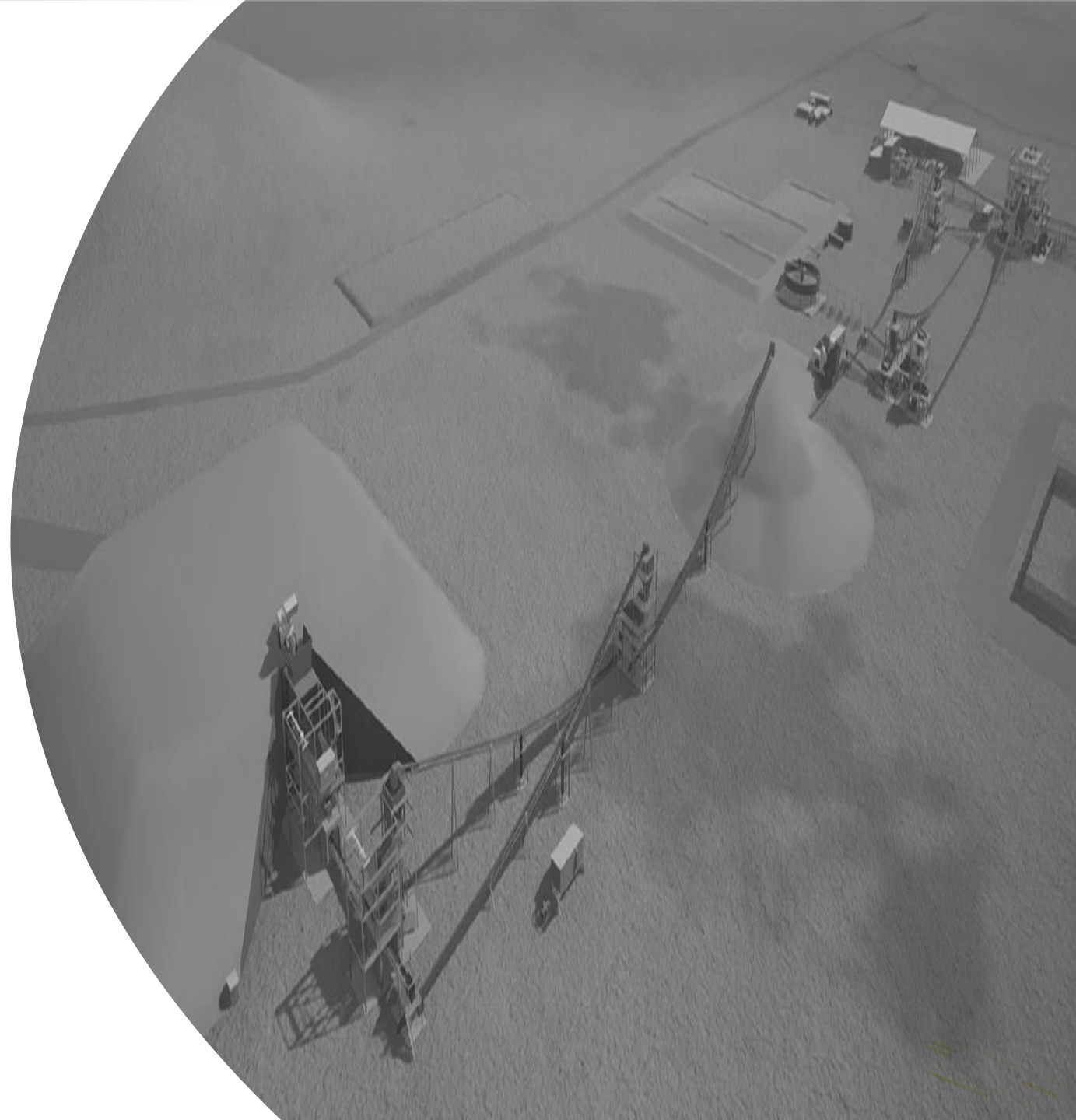


## Downstream expansion focus

- The MLTO is disadvantaged by the inherent high logistics costs to the port of export and current lack of infrastructure
- AVZ has developed Primary Lithium Sulphate (PLS) as one way to overcome these high logistics costs through downstream processing of SC6
- Lower unit logistics costs are just one advantage
- Additional environmental benefits with lower carbon emissions via the transportation of less waste to chemical converters, which is an increasing focus for global markets
- Access to sufficient hydro electricity power is a key consideration to any downstream processing expansions for MLTO

### Why PLS is a compelling case for chemical converters?

1. Reduced landfill and waste disposal costs
2. Capex savings eliminating the need to build the front end of a chemical conversion plant
3. Lower carbon footprint
4. Lower unit logistics and handling costs throughout the supply chain
5. Reduced reagent requirements and costs





### Primary Lithium Sulphate

High quality feed from mining operations with highest operational and ESG standards



### Minimized Carbon Emissions

Target: Lowest possible carbon footprint



### Very Low Waste Approach

Non toxic by-product and waste, suitable for use in construction and other industries



### High-purity Lithium hydroxide monohydrate

Product will meet the highest standards of cathode producers and their suppliers

## Operating at high standards: Low CO<sub>2</sub> Emissions and Low Waste



Primary Lithium Sulphate



## Current Project Status

- AVZ has advanced the project to a stage where all technical and engineering work is complete
  - The Project is essentially “Bankable” following issue of the Permis d’Exploitation.
- Advancement of the project further is not possible without the award of:
  - Permis d’Exploitation, which is under consideration by the Cadastre Minier in Kinshasa (CAMI);
    - Submission of all documentation to support the application occurred on 5 May 2021.
  - Mpiana Mwanga Hydro Power Agreement;
  - Collaboration Agreement for development of the Project; and
  - Award of the Manono Special Economic Zone.





# Appendix 1 - Peer Comparison Information – Mineral Resource Estimates

| Company                                 | Project                      | Stage           | Measured Mt | Indicated Mt | Inferred Mt | Global MRE Mt | MRE Li <sup>2</sup> O Grade % | Information Source  |
|---|------------------------------|-----------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|---------------|-------------------------------|---|
| AVZ Minerals Limited                    | Manono Lithium & Tin Project | Development     | 100         | 174          | 128         | 401           | 1.65                          | ASX Release 24 May 2021   |
| Albermarle (49%)/Tainqi (26%)/IGO (25%) | Greenbushes (excl tailings)  | Operating       | 0.2         | 169.4        | 8.9         | 178.5         | 2.00                          | IGO acquisition presentation and ASX Release 9 Dec 2020                                 |
| Albermarle (60%)/MinRes Ltd (40%)       | Wodgina (excl tailings)      | Operating (C&M) | 0.0         | 177.0        | 59.9        | 236.9         | 1.19                          | ASX Release 23 October 2018   |
| Alita Resources (Administration)        | Bald Hill                    | Operating (C&M) | 0.0         | 14.4         | 12.1        | 26.5          | 1.00                          | Presentation 20 March 2019 (Alliance Minerals Assets)                                   |
| Core Lithium                            | Finnis                       | Development     | 3.2         | 4.4          | 7.1         | 14.7          | 1.32                          | 2020 Annual Report, Presentation 23 June 2020   |
| Firefinch Limited                       | Goulamina                    | Exploration     | 8.4         | 56.2         | 43.9        | 108.5         | 1.45                          | ASX Release 9 Feb 2021, Presentation 10 Feb 2021  |
| Galaxy Resources                        | Mt Cattlin                   | Operating       | 1           | 9.2          | 4.4         | 14.6          | 1.29                          | Presentation 25 Nov 2020  |
|   | James Bay                    | Exploration     | 0           | 0            | 0           | 40.3          | 1.40                          | Presentation 25 Nov 2020  |
| Ganfeng (50%)/MinRes Ltd (50%)          | Mt Marion                    | Operating       | 0.0         | 22.7         | 48.7        | 71.3          | 1.37                          | ASX Release 31 October 2018 (MinRes)  |
| Liontown Resources                      | Kathleen Valley              | Development     | 20.0        | 105.0        | 32.0        | 156.0         | 1.35                          | Presentation 4 Feb 2021, Annual Report 2020   |
| Pilbara Minerals                        | Pilgangoora                  | Operating       | 18.3        | 113.8        | 90.4        | 222.5         | 1.26                          | 2020 Annual Report  |
|   | Pilgangoora (Altura)         | Operating       | 7.4         | 34.2         | 4.1         | 45.7          | 1.06                          | Presentation March 2020, 2019 Annual Report, ASX Release 9 October 2019 (Altura Mining) |
| Prospect Resources                      | Arcadia (70%)                | Exploration     | 15.9        | 45.4         | 11.4        | 72.7          | 1.11                          | Presentation 1 Feb 2021, Annual Report 2020   |
| Piedmont Lithium                        | Piedmont                     | Exploration     | 0           | 13.9         | 14          | 27.9          | 1.10                          | Presentation 24 Nov 2020  |
| SQM (50%)/Westfarmers (50%)             | Mt Holland                   | Development     | 66.0        | 106.0        | 17.0        | 189.0         | 1.50                          | WES Presentation 2 May 2019, Mt Kidman Scheme Booklet 1 August 2019                     |

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