

# NT LITHUM PROJECTS



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### Shares

 Price A\$
 ~\$0.025

 Shares on issue
 175M

 Options (CXOOA 5c Aug17)
 55M

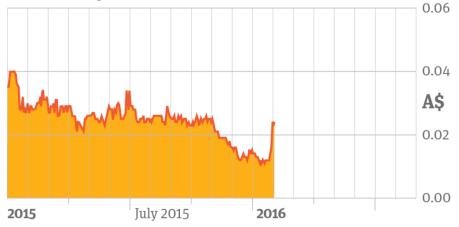
 Market cap (undil)
 ~\$4M

 Cash (31/12/15)
 ~\$0.21M

 Top 20 (consolidated)
 ~40%

 Number of shareholders
 ~800

## Share price



## Management

Stephen Biggins – Managing Director

Greg English – Chairman

Heath Hellewell – Non-executive Director MGY, DKY, ex DRM

# LITHIUM DEMAND

The price of lithium has surged on the back of growing global demand for high-tech devices, storage batteries and electric cars.

Both those commodities (lithium carbonate and lithium hydroxide) have had a very significant price rise late in 2015. In early December 2015 lithium was trading at ~\$10,000/t and by year end it was ~\$14,000/t.

#### Charging up

Lithium carbonate spot price per tonne \$'000





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# FACTORS DRIVING LITHIUM DEMAND

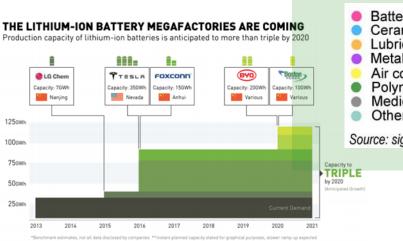
An increasing switch to renewable energy sources.

Fast-growing global middle class obtaining smart phones, laptops etc.

Major companies planning for electrification of vehicles.

Several new lithium-ic battery megafactoric LITHIUM pptential I February 2016 | Core Exploration Ltd are being developed.

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#### LITHIUM DEMAND **BY APPLICATION** 2014 2025 200,000t of LCE 500,000t of LCE 38% Batteries Ceramics and glass 15% Lubricating greases 63% Metallurgy ustrali Air conditioning Polymers Medicine Others Source: signumBox estimates



# LITHIUM OUTLOOK

#### Lithium-ion batteries driving demand

Energy dense consumer batteries 20% annual growth since 2000 Currently 30% of global market

#### **Electric vehicles and E-bikes**

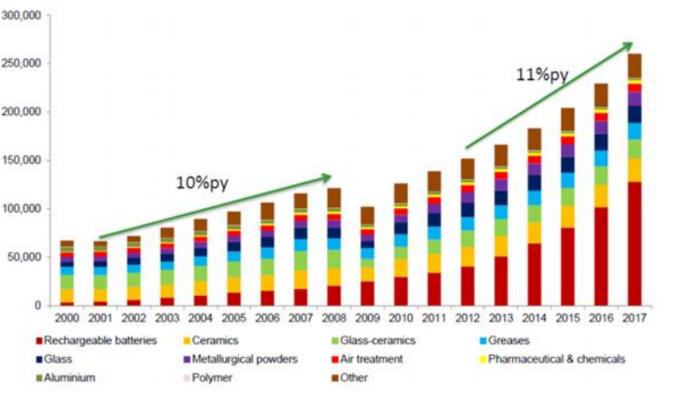
Currently 3% of global lithium market Growth acceleration expected from 2015

## Large format batteries for electricity grid stabilisation

Potentially significant future demand

#### **Conventional applications**

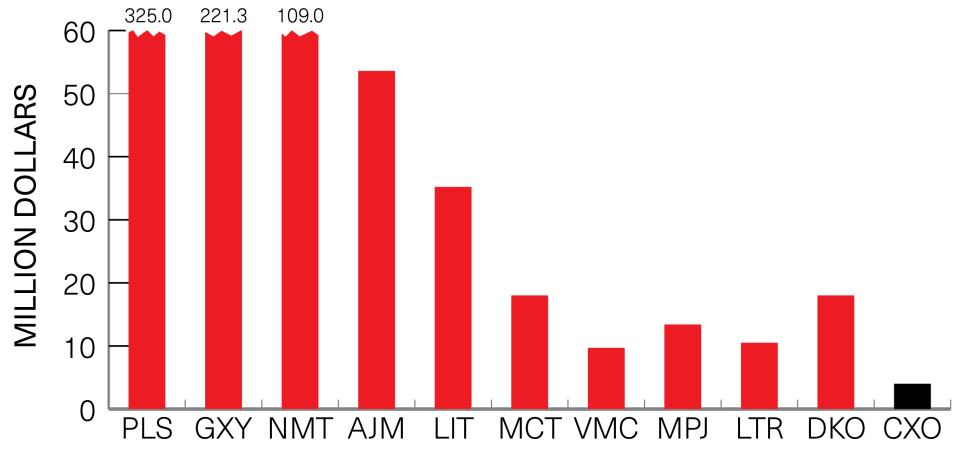
Currently 70% of global market Glass and ceramics typically use technical-grade concentrate



Source: Australian Business Review, Nov 2015



# ASX LITHIUM SECTOR COMPARATIVE MARKET CAP





## FINNISS LITHIUM PROJECT AND MINE : FAST TRACK LITHIUM EXPLORER TO DEVELOPER

All of Australia's economic resources of lithium are hard-rock pegmatite deposits

The world largest lithium deposit is the Greenbushes tin-tantalum-lithium pegmatite mine in WA

Core has recently added the largest tintantalum pegmatite mine in the NT to the Company's portfolio of lithium projects

CXO's new Mt Finniss Mine and Lithium Project in the NT is 100% owned





## MT FINNISS PEGMATITE MINE, NT v GREENBUSHES PEGMATITE MINE, WA

### Mt Finniss Mine, NT – the largest tin tantalum mine in the NT (100% CXO)

- -Tin production at Mt Finniss started in the 1880's
- -Early production from alluvials and then from primary pegmatites
- -Tantalum production started in the mid 1900's
- -No modern systematic exploration for lithium

### Greenbushes Mine, WA - now the world's largest lithium deposit (Talison)

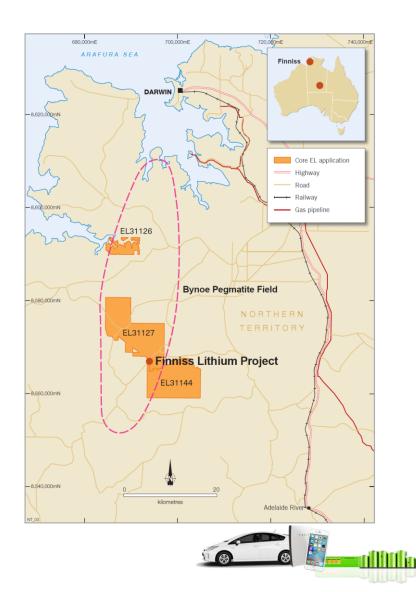
- -Tin production at Greenbushes started in the 1880's
- -Early production from alluvials and then from primary pegmatites
- -Tantalum production started in the mid 1900's
- -~100 years later exploration discovers economic lithium and lithium production starts



# FINNISS LITHIUM PROJECT, NT

## Finniss Lithium Project in the NT

- Core has extended lithium focus in the NT into the highly prospective Bynoe pegmatite field
- Large project tenure covers 200km2 in the lithium rich Bynoe pegmatite field
- Spodumene and amblygdonite identified in the Bynoe pegmatites, however historic mining and exploration focussed on tin tantalum
- Strong endowment of tin and tantalum in pegmatites suggest high potential for lithium grades
- Other ASX lithium companies positioning into this highly prospective pegmatite field



# FINNISS LITHIUM PROJECT – CXO EXPANDS LITHIUM FOCUS

# Finniss Lithium Project in the NT (100% CXO)

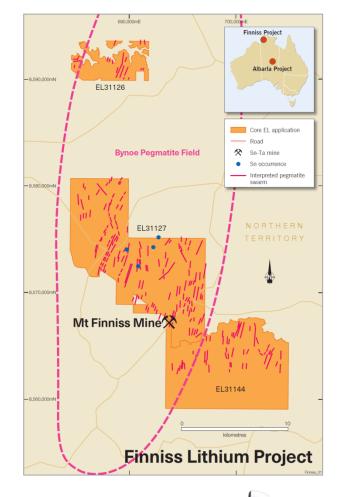
# Bynoe one of the most prospective lithium pegmatite fields in the NT

Exploration for lithium in the Bynoe Field is still in its infancy

Spodumene and amblygonite have been reported on LTRs' adjacent tenure

Little modern systematic exploration for lithium has been conducted on Core's new Bynoe tenure

Highly fractionated and zoned lithium-endowed (LCT) pegmatites comprise quartz, albite, K-spar, tourmaline, beryl, etc



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# **CXO STRONG LITHIUM POSITION IN NT**

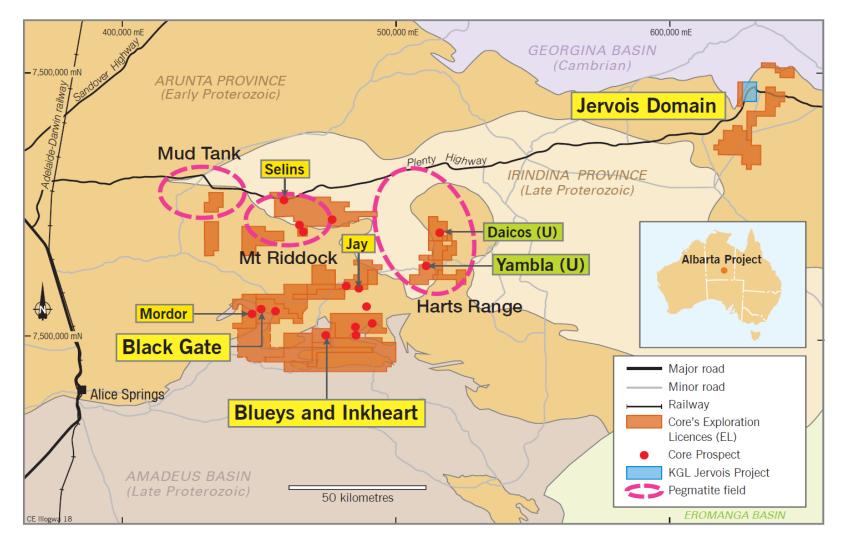
# Harts Range Lithium Project in the NT (100% CXO)

- Building on Core's expertise and experience in the NT and Core has identified highly prospective lithium rich pegmatite fields
- Core's extensive research has recognised spodumene and lithium minerals in pegmatite fields in the Arunta
- Core already has large tenement holding in the Arunta geology in and around the Harts Range and Mt Riddock pegmatite fields in the Arunta
- Recent Chinese Joint Venture on Core's Blueys Project in the NT enables Core to refocus resources on NT lithium prospectivity





## HARTS RANGE AND MT RIDDOCK PEGMATITES



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## WHY INVEST IN CXO

## Largest tin tantalum pegmatite mine in the NT and strong tenement portfolio of lithium-rich pegmatites

Lithium : surging demand and tight supply

CXO's EV of ~\$4-5M is currently multiples below peer ASX lithium explorer valuations

CXO's Finniss Lithium Project includes the largest tin tantalum mine in the NT that has similar history to Greenbushes and high potential for lithium grades

CXO already has large tenement holding in the NT and includes the Harts Range and Mt Riddock pegmatite fields

Recent Chinese Joint Venture on Core's Blueys Project in the NT enables Core to refocus resources on NT lithium

Pipeline of potential lithium projects and lithium news flow







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