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# EQ RESOURCES LIMITED

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Mt Carbine Tungsten Mine and Quarrying Operations, QLD, Australia, July 2023

### Why Tungsten?

74 183.85 W Tungsten [Xe] 4f<sup>14</sup>5d<sup>4</sup>6s<sup>2</sup> Transition Metals

at 3420<sup>o</sup>C highest melting point of all metals



as carbide compound hardest element after diamond

Tungsten is ranked by the British Geological Surveys, various US Departments, the European Commission, Japan, South Korea and Australia as a **'critical mineral'**:

- Due to its economic importance
- Supply risk with >80% dominance of China in the market
- Inability to be substituted in many applications



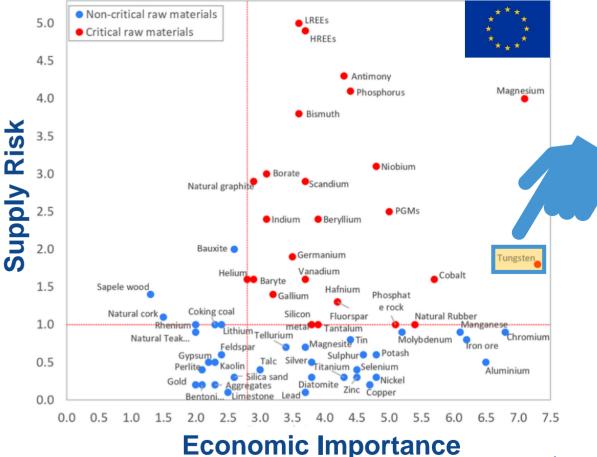
Recently published draft EU Critical Minerals Act furthermore classifies Tungsten as a **'strategic mineral'** (link)



Dodd Frank Act (Art.1502) – tungsten, tin, tantalum & gold defined as **'conflict mineral'** (wide ranging traceability obligations)



Australia-US 'Climate, Critical Minerals & Clean Energy Transformation Compact', defines **Australian resources** as "**US domestic**" source

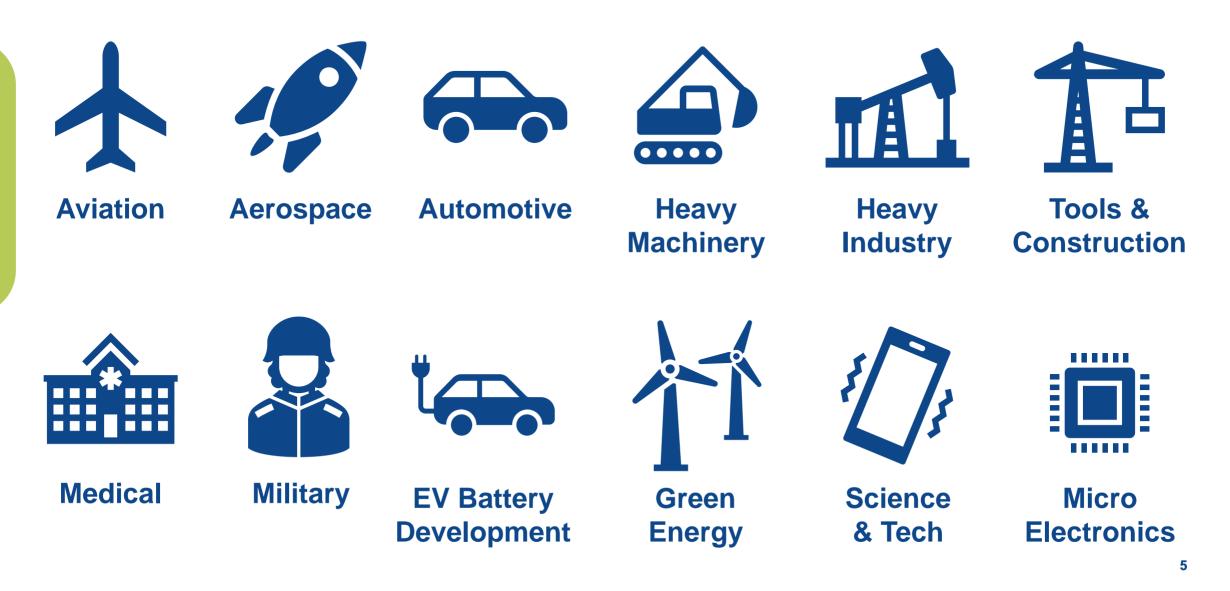




### **Tungsten Uses**

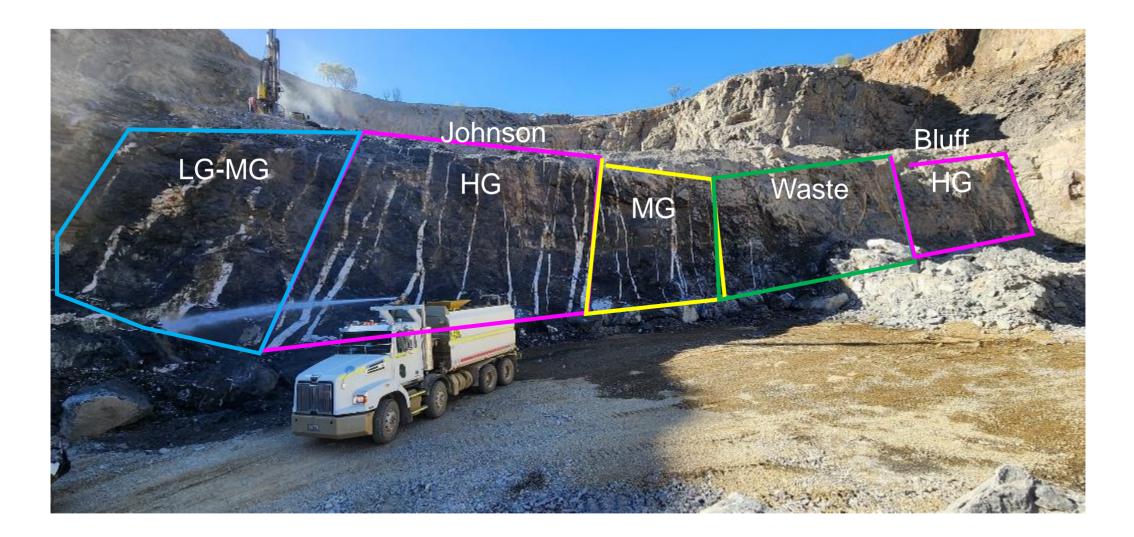
**Critical Alloy Element, Un-substitutable in many applications** 





### Face 315 – area blast (after first 3.3m flitch taken)





#### **Mt Carbine Process Flowsheet**

Technologically driven | Economically proven | Actively Producing | Consistently Selling | Environmentally Responsible

6- 40mm

6mm

Fines feed

Sorter feed







- Currently 12Mt low-grade historical stockpile and 2Mt historical tailings resource is feeding production
- Free-dig mining of stockpile material is directly fed to crushing and screening facilities for sizing prior to downstream beneficiation

Ore : Open Cut Mine



- Existing infrastructure, pit and 430m decline allows cost- and time-efficient start of OC and UG works that will feed high-grade ore into existing production line
- OC Strip Ratio = 3.11 over LOM

#### Primary Crush & Screen



- Processing facilities are designed for steady-state production throughput of 1Mtpa
- From crushing, materials are fed into dry and wet screening facilities currently in operation
- 6-40mm ore material is fed into the 2x Tomra XRT Ore Sorters for upgrading

-6mm fines are directly pumped in a wet slurry to Gravity Plant for beneficiation

#### Oversize stockpiled for Quarry Sale



Oversize, uneconomical rock is stockpiled for beneficial reuse through quarry sales.

Used in the building of regional breakwaters, boat ramps and infrastructure development



 Sorter Feed undergoes 10x upgrade utilising X-Ray Technology and is transported to Gravity Beneficiation plant for tertiary crushing prior to gravity processing

-6mm tungsten sorter concentrate



- High-capacity Gravity Separation Tables separate heavy valuable tungsten material from the lighter-weight, barren tailings
- Production process has calculated overall **Tungsten recovery of 79.5%**, for the crushing/screening/sorting and gravity plant

#### Stockpiled for Quarry Sales



6-40mm barren bi-product for sale in quarry as aggregate product

6- 40 mm

bi-product

-6 mm

WO<sub>3</sub>

Concentrate

Tailings

Sorter

- Production of 18 environmentally friendly profitgenerating quarry products – beneficial reuse promoting circular economy
- -6mm inert manufactured sand for sale in quarry

#### Final Concentrate Exported



- Accelerated Production Continues
- Mt Carbine Produces a premium Ammonium Paratungstate product that contains 50% WO<sub>3</sub>
- Tungsten concentrate currently produced at site is loaded into bulk bags, sealed and sold ex-gate at Mt Carbine for export

### **ESG Credentials – Aligned with Values & Principles**





### What We Care About



EQR CORE VALUES		ESG FOUNDATIONAL COMMITMENTS	ESG REPORTING METRICS
Act Safe. Feel Safe.	Act safe at work. Care and respect each other. Feel safe to be yourself.	<ul> <li>Our approach to Health and Safety includes wellbeing and highlights the importance of mental health.</li> <li>H&amp;S programmes focussing on maturing our safety management system, undertaking physical and psychological safety training and continuing to look for opportunities to improve site safety.</li> </ul>	Health & Safety Statistics H&S incidents and injury H&S improvements H&S innovations
Embrace Difference	Diversity of thinking, skills and background creates value and drives innovation.	<ul> <li>We pride ourselves on our existing diversity: Women and Indigenous workforce participation, as well as diversity of backgrounds and skills mix</li> <li>Looking for opportunities to increase diversity through targeted programs. (E.g., Youth training)</li> </ul>	Diversity & participation statistics • % Women • % Indigenous • Training participation
Tread Lightly	Embed resource efficiency to minimise environmental footprint & deliver positive societal impact	<ul> <li>Acknowledgement of climate change and commitment to low carbon future, adoption of technology and GHG Tracking.</li> <li>Investigating opportunities for future renewables uptake</li> <li>Endeavouring to reduce our environmental footprint through adoption of emerging technologies and being more resourceful.</li> </ul>	Environmental Statistics • Energy use / mix • Scope 1, 2 and 3 GHG reporting • Water use / recycle stats • Waste reduction / reuse / recycle
Dig Deep	Go one better. Strive to continuously learn and improve. Challenge the status quo.	<ul> <li>Implementing cost effective measures for recovery, reuse or recycle of energy, natural resources and materials throughout project design, operation and de-commissioning.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Tomra sorting technology</li> <li>Plotlogic mapping technology</li> <li>Other innovation initiatives</li> <li>Decarbonisation collaborations, initiatives</li> </ul>
Buddy Up	Collaboration is key to realising shared value.	<ul> <li>Prioritising social and cultural collaborations, partnerships and provision of materials with councils, community, industry, university and research institutions and environmental NFP organisations</li> </ul>	Local procurement partnering and engagement statistics • \$\$ spent and on local procurement • % overall procurement purchased locally • # of community feedback sessions held / attendance or feedback received
Lead with Integrity	Have courage to do the right thing. Be accountable.	Endeavouring to operate openly, ethically and transparently.     Senior leadership involvement in ESG Council meetings and internal engagement through employee Sub- committee participation.     Participating in authentic stakeholder engagement taking on feedback	<ul> <li>Alignment with UN SDCs</li> <li>(Potential future) Sustainability reporting</li> </ul>

2019:	EQR adopts a new name that reflects its core values.	
2021:	A dedicated ESG focus becomes integral to its operations.	
2021:	Engagement with TTJT to establish the ESG Strategy baseline.	
2021 Q2:	Engagement with ARTEH on Scope 1 & 2 Emissions Tracking tool development.	
2021 Q4:	Stakeholder sentiment survey conducted.	
2022 Q1:	Adoption of United Nations ('UN') Sustainable Development Goals ('SDGs').	
2022 Q1:	Aligning ESG priorities with stakeholder sentiments and the Company values.	
2022 Q2:	Adoption of TTJT ESG Categorisation Framework.	
2022 Q3:	Frist quarterly ESG Committee Meeting held.	
2022 Q4:	Developed/reviewed policies.	

2022 Q4:	Initiatives workbook developed for tracking and planning.	
2023 Q1:	Development of an ESG reporting framework, including a symbol communicating EQR's values.	
2023 Q1/2:	Establishment of a Mt Carbine based ESG Sub-Committee to drive community-based initiatives.	
2023 Q2:	Development of EQR's ESG Roadmap outlining quarterly objectives for the year.	
2023 Q2:	Net Zero Readiness Assessment conducted.	
	Investigation of potential disclosure framework alignment commenced:	
2023 Q2:	International Council on Mining and Metals ('ICMM'), Global Reporting Initiative ('GRI'), Task Force on	
	Climate-Related Financial Disclosures ('TCFD').	
2023 Q2/3:	Development of Sustainability landing page for EQR website.	
2023 Q3:	Revision of United Nations SDGs.	
2023 Q3/Q4:	Sustainability landing page for EQR website launched.	
2023 Planned - Q4:	Gap analysis on metric disclosure/reporting framework alignment (ICMM,GRI, TCFD,)	
2023/4 Planned - Q4/Q1:	Planned - Q4/Q1: Commencement of a decarbonisation strategy/roadmap for Mt Carbine.	
2023/4 Planned - Q4/Q1:	4 Planned - Q4/Q1: Second Stakeholder Sentiment Survey to be undertaken.	
2024 Diamadu	Inclusion of additional metric disclosures in the 2024 Annual Report, progressing towards GRI/TCFD	
2024 Planned:	and possibly ICMM compliance.	

### What We Care About

**Responsible and Sustainable Critical Mineral Production** 





### **ESG Commitment & Development Strategy**





Working with Local Indigenous Elders Promoting Employment



Supporting Women in Mining



**Creating Diverse Teams** 



Mt Carbine Rodeo Sponsorship



Supporting Regional Frogbit Sentinel Program



Local Cancer Fundraiser Support

## **Engagement with AWC**

Ecological well-being initiatives support social aspects through job provision in the conservancy area:

- ~20-year commercial agreement with AWC (Australian Wildlife Conservancy)
- EQR formalised its relationship with AWC and agreed to co-operate in several areas relating to Brooklyn Wildlife Sanctuary which surrounds the Mining Licence.
- Ecological Research
- Ecological Health Monitoring
- Wildlife Translocations
- Feral Animal Control
- Fire Management
- Invasive Weed Control
- Road development around Brooklyn





### **Employment & Revenue Through A Circular Economy**



- ✓ Clean Waste Rock
- ✓ Green / Recycled Quarry Products
- ✓ Additional Revenue Stream
- 2021 financial year: gross revenue of \$4.1 Million
- Successfully completed one of the largest contracts in +30-year quarry history
- Continued development of 'green aggregates' business which turns inert waste rock into vital construction materials for Far North Queensland;
   Opening opportunities in the local and regional market as demand for recycled products increases



### **Mt Carbine Phased Development Plan**

Focus: Open pit restart and processing facility modernisation



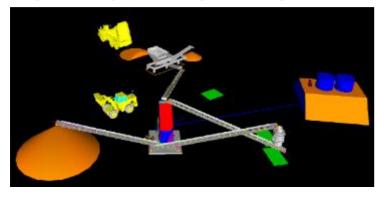
#### Stage 1

**Focus:** Minimal capital expenditure, incremental improvements to increase the mine's productivity and profitability focusing solely on the mining and processing of the Low-Grade Stockpile.

#### Stage 2

**Focus:** Commencement of open pit mining. Crushing and screening plant and processing plant will be upgraded to further reduce operating costs and improve the tungsten recovery from the open pit high grade ore.

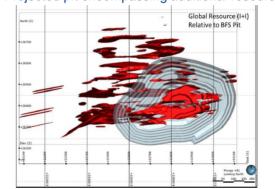
Stage 1 Crushing and Screening Circuit Design



Stage 1 Crushing and Screening Circuit in production

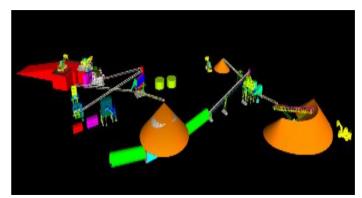


#### Stage 2 Projected pit encompassing additional resource



**BFS Scope / Implementation Ongoing** 

Stage 2 Crushing and Screening & Sorting Circuit Design



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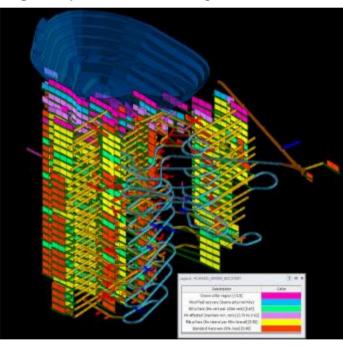
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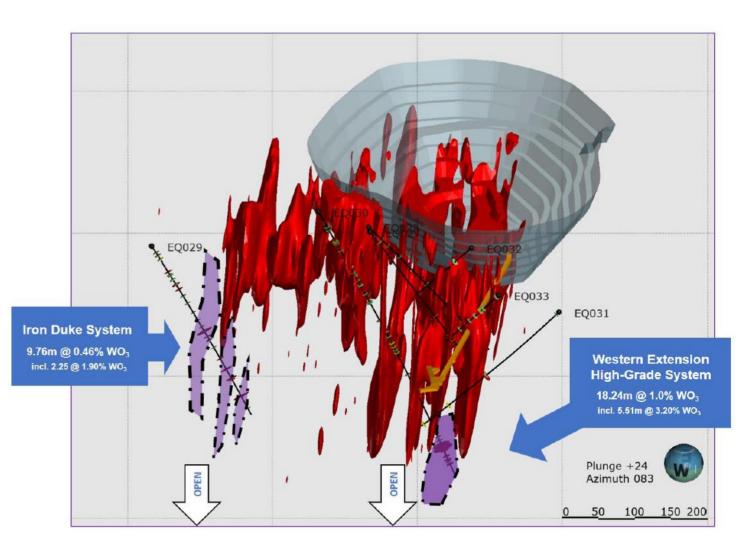


#### Stage 3

**Focus:** Underground Mining; >80% of current Mineral Resources are not in the Open Cut BFS but rather sit below the planned pit & in the Iron Duke Formation. A full scoping showed a longlife Underground Mine has potential and EQR should complete a PFS on this option.

Stage 3 Projected additional underground resource





### **Strategically Aligned With Key Stakeholders**





#### **Endorsement Through Funding & Grants**

Strong support for critical minerals projects in Australia



Queensland METS Collaborative Projects Fund (METS Ignited) ASX Announcement 24 July 2020: <u>Government Support for Mt Carbine Mine Waste Transformation Initiative</u> Advanced Manufacturing Growth Center (AMGC) ASX Announcement 25 January 2022: <u>Federal Government Co-Invests in High-Tech Ore Sorting</u> Critical Minerals Accelerator Initiative (CMAI) ASX Announcement 19 September 2022: <u>Federal Government Funding for Mt Carbine Reconfirmed</u>

### **EQ RESOURCES:**

Australia's leading primary tungsten producer

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Currently In Hard Rock Production



**De-Risked** 

Increasing LOM

### **EQ RESOURCES:**

Australia's leading primary tungsten producer



Positive Market Conditions



Genuine ESG Commitment Experienced Team & Staffing in Place



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