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# West Virginia Project

# Background on Appalachian Iron



- Appalachian Iron is a party to a license agreement with Molong Petroleum Machinery Company (an entity incorporated in China) (Molong). It has the right to elect to enter into a future formal process agreement to utilise all intellectual property, information and data relating to the HIs melt iron ore process (HIs melt Process), as well as Molong providing technical services and key equipment to Appalachian Iron in order to produce green pig iron in the United States.
- Appalachian Iron has been pursuing the development of a proposed pig iron project using the HIs melt Process to produce green pig iron at a plant in West Virginia (West Virginia Project). The West Virginia Project is still in a conceptual stage, with Appalachian Iron having secured non-binding agreements for land access, pig iron offtake, raw materials supplies, HIs melt technology, and engineering for the West Virginia Project.
- The West Virginia Project is a long-term project, where Magnum can potentially use the know-how, expertise and HIs melt Process available to Appalachian Iron to assist in the development of this project, together with Magnum's Buena Vista Magnetite Project, to increase value for shareholders.

# Magnum Acquisition of Appalachian Iron



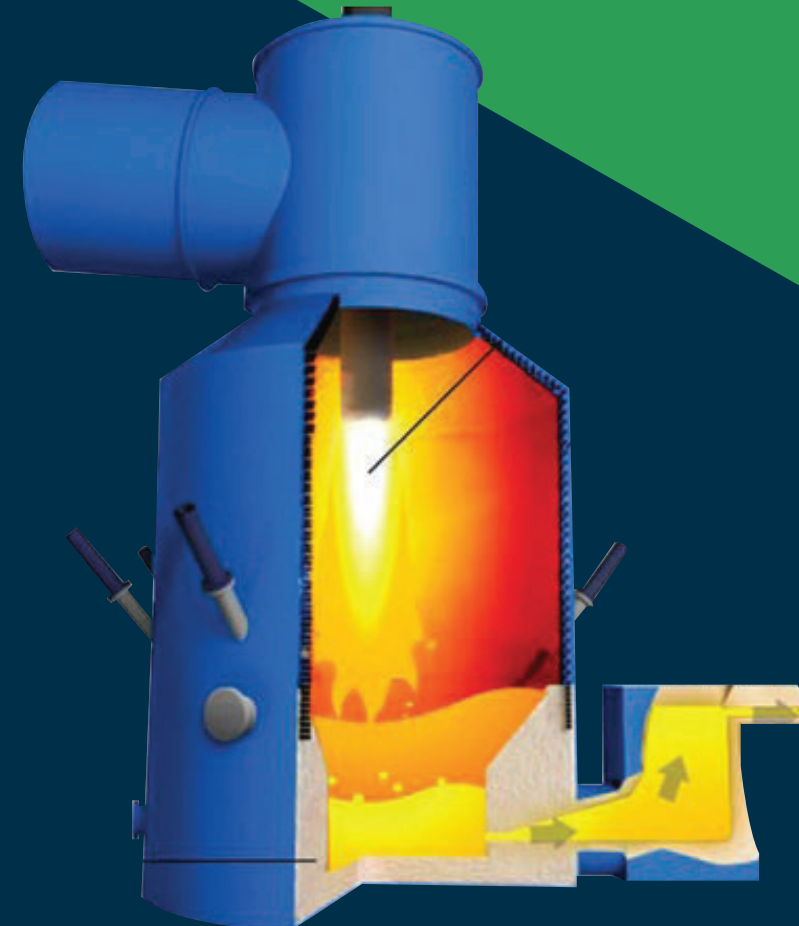
- Acquisition of Appalachian Iron Inc provides Magnum with right to enter into a formal license agreement for use of HIs melt technology and to advance Appalachian Iron's other interests
- HIs melt technology to be used to develop a green pig iron plant at the Buena Vista Magnetite Project
- Appalachian Iron has entered into a number of non-binding agreements for existing land access in the US, pig iron offtake and raw material supplies to further the development of an iron ore project in West Virginia
- Acquisition of Appalachian Iron has the potential to add further value to Magnum due to the transaction being based on performance shares that only vest when milestones are met

# HIs melt technology

## Core principles

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- The HIs melt process represents a practical alternative to the blast furnace to produce pig iron
- HIs melt is a direct smelting reduction iron-making process that directly smelts preheated ferrous materials (e.g. iron ore fines, C-fines, slags, etc) and reductants (e.g. non-coking coal, biochar, etc) as the system's source of reducing agents and heat
- The ferrous fines, reductants and fluxes are injected into the molten iron bath
- Fountain of molten metal erupts into the top space by rapid expulsion of CO, H<sub>2</sub>, N<sub>2</sub> from molten bath
- Reaction gases CO and H<sub>2</sub> are combusted with oxygen from hot blast, generating heat
- Heat from the gas combustion top space and heated metal and slag which fall back into the bath, provide energy for sustaining reduction reactions and direct smelting of iron ore
- Slag coats and protects water cooled panels, minimizing energy loss



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AT THE HEART OF TECHNOLOGY



# HIs melt technology Commercialisation achieved

## 40-year development path

1980S	Small Scale Pilot Plant (SSSP) in Germany - 10kt/yr design
1990S	HIs melt Research & Development Facility (HRDF) in Kwinana, Australia, - 100kt/yr design
2000S	HIs melt Kwinana Joint Venture (HKJV) in Kwinana, Australia owned by a consortium of Rio Tinto, Nucor, Mitsubishi and Shougang - 800kt/yr design
2012	Molong Petroleum Machinery purchased the Kwinana equipment from HKJV shareholders
2013	Start of construction of Molong HIs melt plant in Yangkou, Shandong Province, China
2017	Molong purchased the technology IP from Rio Tinto
2022	2 HIs melt plants operating in China with 3m tonnes produced to date, orders placed for 8 plants in Asia

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# Hismelt technology Commercialisation achieved

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## Operations at Molong, Australia

- Started up in 2016 for a capital cost of \$250m with a design rate of 600kt/yr using hematite
- Currently producing at design rate of 50,000t per month @ 99% availability using Australian hematite
- Can be increased to 100,000t per month via higher purity feed e.g. C-Fines, and higher oxygen injection
- 524,000t produced in 2021, includes 1 month offline due to COVID
- Production cost lower than local blast furnaces
- Low levels of Si and P in pig iron - sold as high-purity pig iron (HPPI) to foundries with a \$100/tonne premium vs BF pig iron



MOLONG HISMELT PLANT

# HIsmelt technology

## Key benefits

### Green, flexible, high purity and low cost

#### Environmental benefits

- Reduced CO<sub>2</sub> emissions as well as pm<sub>10</sub>, SO<sub>x</sub>, NO<sub>x</sub>, durans/furans and benzene compared to traditional blast furnace operations using sinter plans and coke ovens. Clear and defined path to zero carbon emissions. HIsmelt is the preferred smelter technology for the EU's ULCOS (Ultra Low CO<sub>2</sub> Steelmaking) program that aims to reduce CO<sub>2</sub> emissions of the steel industry by 90%

#### Greater raw material flexibility

- Ability to use lower grade raw materials which are not suitable for blast furnace or DRI shaft furnace operation, including high phosphorous, high alumina, and high titanium iron ores, C-fines (ultra-fine slag fines), mill-scale, steel works slags, dusts, sludges, non-coking coals and biomass. In addition, the raw materials are injected as powders and do not require agglomerating into pellets or briquettes.

#### Lower operating costs

- Due to the elimination of front-end processes required for a BF operation (i.e. no coke ovens and sinter plants) and DRI shaft furnaces (no pellet plant) as well as ability to use a wide variety of cheap raw materials (see above).

# HIs melt technology

## Key benefits

### Green, flexible, high purity and low cost

#### Significantly lower capital costs

- Due to the elimination of coke ovens, sinter and/or pellet plants. The construction of a HIs melt plant is relatively simple as the HIs melt technology uses many of the traditional ironmaking core plant ancillary facilities, such as hot blast stoves, injection systems and power plants. The capital costs of constructing a HIs melt plant could be up to 60% less than constructing a similar sized BF or DRI plant (including coke ovens, pellet plants etc.).

#### Premium quality final product (pig iron)

- When compared to the traditional BF process, including significantly lower silicon, manganese and phosphorous content. The lower levels of impurities provide yield and fluxing benefits in the downstream steelmaking process for BOF and EAF producers. HIs melt pig iron will demand higher value-in-use premium than DRI and BF pig iron.



- Fully Permitted Iron Ore Mine
- Easy Access to Union Pacific Railway & Highway
- Near High Voltage power lines and Natural Gas pipelines
- Close to all major West Coast ports for export
- Nevada is friendly to mining and industrial developments

**Colado Rail Load Out**

**Huxley Rail Load Out**

**Reno**

**The Ponderosa**

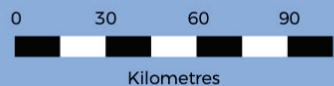
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**Stockton Port**

**Port of Richmond**

**Port of San Francisco**

# Buena Vista Project



# Buena Vista Resource Highlights



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## Zero Carbon pig iron plant in the USA

- Magnum is working towards becoming the first green pig iron plant in the USA, with “Net Zero” carbon emissions

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## Low cost iron ore concentrate

- JORC compliant, indicated and inferred resource of 232M t @ 18.6% Fe1

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## Significant “green credentials”

- Anticipate the Plant will produce 2M tpa less CO<sub>2</sub> than a comparable BF plant due to the replacement of replacement of coal by locally sourced biochar
  - The unique flexibility of the HIs melt process allows the plant to use hydrogen in future
  - Remediation and clean up of legacy steel wastes, which cannot be recycled/ removed profitably by any other operation
  - Generates excess renewable power from the biochar plants and HIs melt plant
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The Company confirms that it is not aware of any new information or data that materially affects the information included in the Maiden JORC 2012 Resource for the Buena Vista Magnetite Project announced on 23 March 2021 and that all material assumptions and technical parameters underpinning the estimates in the announcement of the ‘Maiden JORC 2012 Resource for the Buena Vista Magnetite Project’ dated 23 March 2021 continue to apply and have not materially changed.

# Nevada Iron + Appalachian Iron



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## Access to HIs melt Technology

- HIs melt technology to be used to develop a green pig iron plant at the Buena Vista Magnetite Project.

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## High Demand Product

- HIs melt technology to be used to develop a green pig iron plant at the Buena Vista Magnetite Project and also potentially at the West Virginia Project. Benefit to west and east coast of United States.

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## Increase in size and scale

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