

Midmetal Pursues MOU With Magnum

HIGHLIGHTS

- Middle East for Metallic Industrial (“Midmetal”) enters into nonbinding MOU with Magnum
- The MOU forms the basis for the negotiation of a future agreement
- Midmetal wishes to form strategic partnerships in the Buena Vista Iron and Appalachian Iron Projects with Magnum
- MOU seeks to pursue the development of a green pig iron project through Magnum’s access to the Hismelt technology and use of biochar in the reduction process
- The Company’s focussed strategy for project development is outlined in the presentation attached

Magnum Mining & Exploration Limited (ASX: MGU, “Magnum” or “the Company”) is delighted to announce that it has entered into a nonbinding Memorandum of Understanding (the “MOU”) with Middle East for Metallic Industrial (“Midmetal”). The MOU is expected to lead to the negotiation of a definitive agreement to form a strategic alliance for the development of Magnum’s proposed magnetite mine and processing plant at its wholly-owned Buena Iron Project in Nevada, and to pursue the development of Hismelt facilities in the USA.

The MOU is nonbinding and either party may terminate it on a no cause basis without liability.

The MOU envisages that Midmetal will become a magnetite concentrate off-take customer as a partner in developing the Buena Vista mine and beneficiation plant. The ultimate aim of the agreement is to pursue the development of green pig iron production projects in North America, Saudi Arabia and other regions through the deployment of Hismelt technology. Parallel to these activities will see the development of biochar production in those areas to make Hismelt pig iron production truly green through the use of sustainable, neutral emission biomass.

As previously announced¹, Magnum holds a conditional Hismelt patent application license from Shandong Molong Petroleum Machinery Co Ltd and Shandong Province Metallurgical Engineering Co. Ltd that allows Magnum to construct and operate Hismelt plants. The licence will be ratified once a Feasibility Study is completed on either of Magnum’s projects at Buena Vista² or West Virginia³.

Mr Neil Goodman, CEO of Magnum observed, *“This tie-up with Midmetal is an exciting development in the Buena Vista and West Virginia story. Saudi Arabia’s diversification out of petroleum presents a compelling opportunity in established markets. Magnum looks forward to working with Midmetal to developing a mutually beneficial relationship.”*

¹ASX:MGU “Magnum secures pathway to Hismelt licence”, 18 May, 2023.

²ASX:MGU “Positive Scoping Study validates Buena Vista Iron Project”, 14 August, 2023.

³ASX:MGU “Appalachian presentation – West Virginia Project”, 14 October, 2022.

Update presentation

Magnum has recently finalised a Scoping Study⁴ and a technical feasibility refresh⁵. A presentation of the Company's progress towards delivering the Buena Vista Iron Project and the Appalachian Iron Project is attached.

About Midmetal

Midmetal is a Saudi company who is exploring the utilisation of the latest technologies to produce pig iron in Saudi Arabia as part of the "Nusaned Initiative". The "Nusaned Initiative" prioritises technologies to achieve the "Saudi Vision 2030" of increased localisation of downstream industries and reduce carbon emission. Funding for this pioneer initiative will be made by Saudi investors.

About Hismelt

Hismelt is a technology disruptor that can deliver high purity pig iron now, without awaiting the development of technically challenging and economically burdensome hydrogen reduction techniques. It is a direct iron reduction method that can use biochar, sourced from renewable biomass, as the iron reductant. The use of renewable biomass makes the technology emissions neutral.

CAUTIONARY STATEMENTS

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The Buena Vista Iron Deposit

Buena Vista Iron Deposit is located approximately 160km east-north-east of Reno in the mining friendly state of Nevada, United States. It was discovered in the late 1890's and in the late 1950's to early 1960's around 900,000 tonnes of direct shipping magnetite ore with an estimated grade of 58% Fe was mined.

In the 1960's, US Steel Corporation acquired the Buena Vista Project and carried out an extensive exploration program including 230 diamond drill holes and considerable metallurgical test work. Richmond Mining Limited, an ASX listed company, acquired Buena Vista in 2009 and commenced a detailed exploration program culminating in a definitive feasibility study in 2013. A key component of these studies was extensive investigation of the optimal logistics plan for the deposit's development. This included the negotiation of in-principle agreements with existing rail and port operators and the securing of all major mining permits. Detailed costings were completed on the trucking or slurry pipeline options to deliver the concentrate to the rail head located some 50 kilometres from mine site. A significant decline in iron ore prices to less than US\$50/ tonne caused the then proposed development of Buena Vista to be deferred.

GEOLOGY

The Buena Vista Project magnetite deposits are the product of late-stage alteration of a localised intrusive local gabbro that resulted in intensely scapolitised lithologies and the deposition of magnetite. The most well-known example of this type of magnetite mineralisation is the Kiruna magnetite deposit in Sweden, which has been in production since the early 1900's.

The distribution and nature of the magnetite mineralisation at Buena Vista is a function of ground preparation by faulting and fracturing, forming a series of open fractures and breccia zones. These ground conditions produce variations in mineralisation types from massive pods grading +60% magnetite to lighter disseminations grading 10-20% magnetite.

Metasomatic magnetite deposits such as those at Buena Vista have important positive beneficiation characteristics over the other main type of magnetite deposit which is a banded iron hosted magnetite, also known as a taconite.

The Buena Vista ore is of magmatic origin and as a consequence is coarser grained and softer than banded iron hosted ores. Industry standard crushing, grinding and magnetic separation produces a concentrate grade of +67.5% Fe with very low levels of impurities.

RESOURCE

The Mineral Resource Estimate (JORC(2012)) at Buena Vista (ASX:MGU 23 March 2021) is:

Category	Million Tonnes	Fe %	DTR %
Indicated Resource	151	19	23.2
Inferred Resource	81	18	22
Total Resource	232	18.6	22.6

The company confirms that all material assumptions and technical parameters underpinning the estimates continue to apply and have not materially changed

In addition, an Exploration Target Estimate has been completed (ASX:MGU 13 January, 2023):

Category	Million Tonnes	Fe %
Exploration Target	407 to 540	15 to 22

The potential quantity and grade of the Exploration Target is conceptual in nature, there has been insufficient exploration to estimate a Mineral Resource and it is uncertain if further exploration will result in the estimation of a Mineral Resource

DEVELOPMENT

Mining permits are in place to develop the Buena Vista Iron Mine. The Company has re-aligned the project from a simple mining, concentration and exporting model to a green pig iron producer. Using cutting edge technology in tandem with biochar sources, the Company is capitalising on a first-mover advantage to supply green pig iron to the USA steel industry.

DRI GRADE IRON ORE AND GREEN PIG IRON

Two leading projects to feed a low emissions steel industry

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Company Presentation 1 September 2023

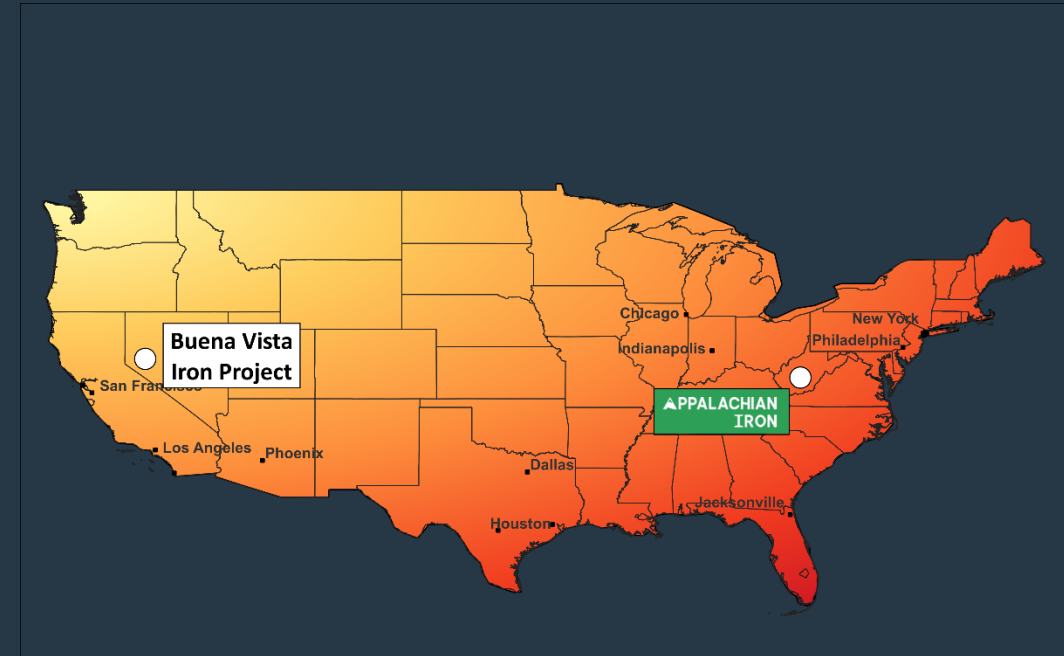
Complementary projects for a vertically integrated business

Buena Vista Iron Project, Nevada

- > A fully permitted mine
- > Over 230Mt of magnetite resources¹
- > Technical feasibility refresh completed
- > Fast low-cost path to production

Appalachian Iron, West Virginia

- > Green Pig Iron opportunity
- > Underpinned by the HIs melt technology - a carbon neutral process that doesn't need to wait for hydrogen technology
- > Strong backing from US Senator³



Buena Vista Iron Mine: in a Mining Friendly Jurisdiction

Location

- > Mining friendly state of Nevada, USA
- > Average 450km from three export ports

Infrastructure rich area

- > Rail, power, highway in close proximity
- > Three potential dormitory towns within 30min drive
- > 90min drive from Reno

Control of large area of land

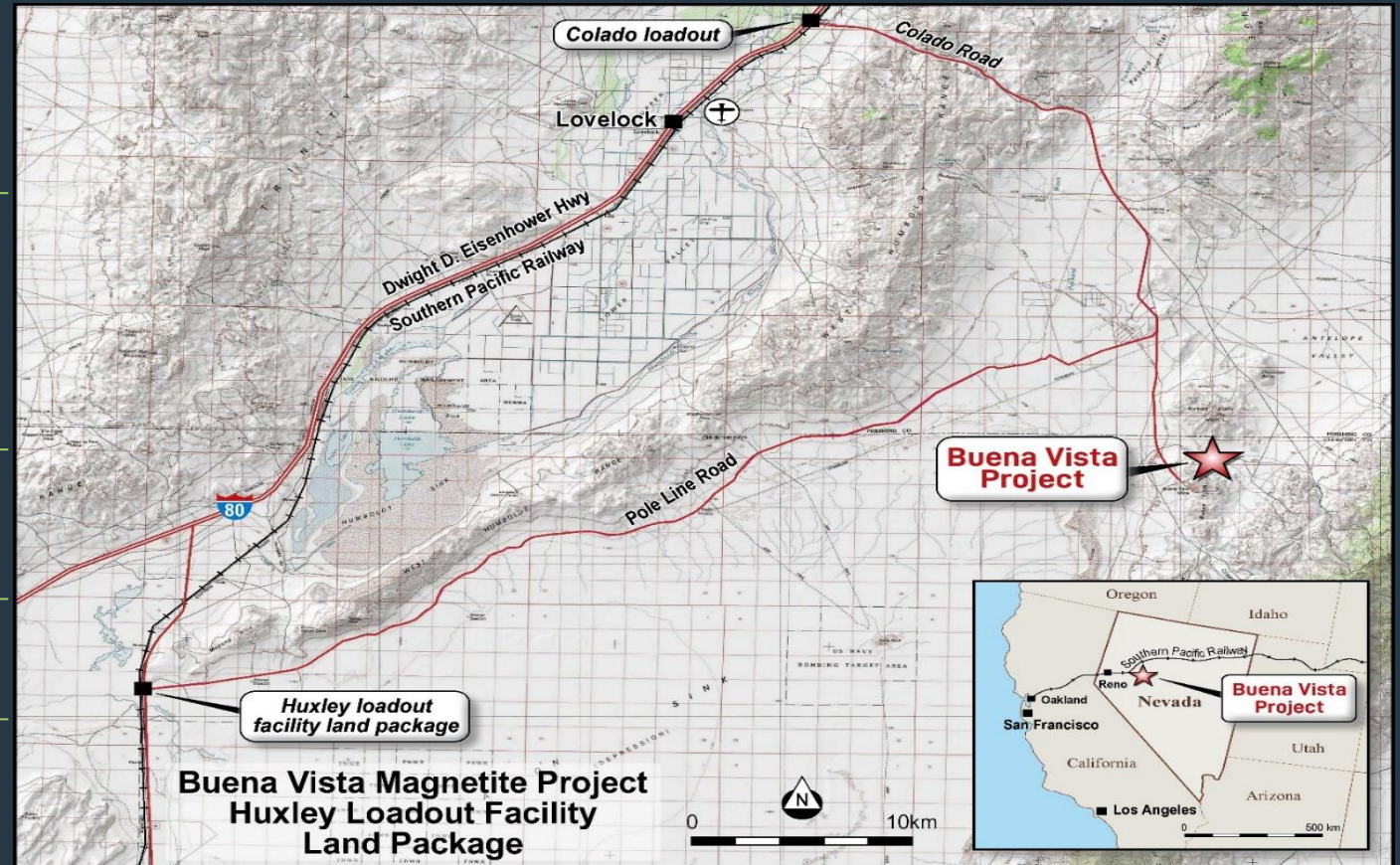
- > Under Patented Claims - Magnum owns the land

Permitted mine

- > All permits held to start mining immediately

Local government support

- > County has issued Special Use Permit in a vote of support



Large & Strategic Land Holding



Large area of land facilitates mining

- > Over 60 km² or 15,000 acres held

Mine area

- > Held under patented mining claim
- > Patented claims exist in perpetuity
- > Gives ownership of land and all mineral rights

Exploration areas

- > Held under unpatented claims, fee lands, BLM lands, and state sections
- > The mineral rights are owned, not the land

Room to develop

- > More than enough land is controlled to host mine, beneficiation plant, hot metal production facility, stockpiles, tailings storage, and waste dumps

Direct access

- > State highway
- > Transcontinental rail
- > High voltage power

Geology: High Iron Grades in a sea of magnetite

Regional geology

The iron deposit occurs within a sequence of young (<34My) volcanics and gabbro intrusives

Iron mineralisation

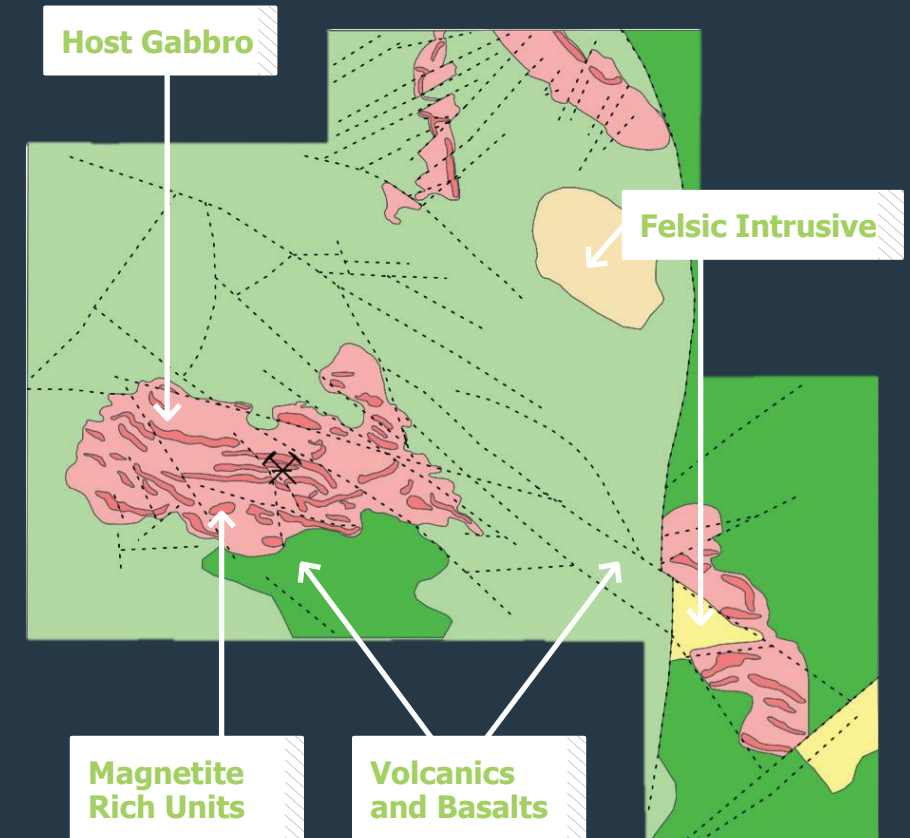
Magnetite is hosted by a gabbro lopolith that has undergone strong scapolite alteration. Ore occurs as large area of disseminated magnetite with zones of massive magnetite

Structural control

Remobilisation of magnetite into faults and joints forms pods of high grade, massive magnetite assaying up to 69% Fe

Implications for beneficiation

The scapolite alteration causes the gabbro to often have a “sugary” texture that has lower hardness than most bif or taconite hosted magnetite deposits



Large JORC Compliant Resource^{1,2}

Extensive drill hole database

420 drill holes totalling 41km of drilling

Comprehensive assaying and iron recovery tests

21,000 assays, 6,400 Davis Tube Recovery tests to characterise metallurgical recoveries

Low strip ratio

Outcropping high grade magnetite means the Life of Line strip ratio is very low

Multiphase mining

Optimised pit schedule to provided blended ore to the plant

Easy access

Historic mine area with no environmental, archaeological, fauna and flora, or native lands issues

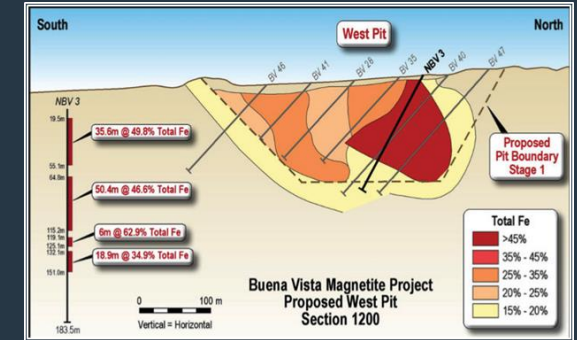
Deposit	Resource Category	Tonnes Million	Fe %	DTR%
Section 5	Indicated	34	17.4	21
	Inferred	8	16	18
	Subtotal	42	17	20
West	Indicated	117	19.5	23.9
	Inferred	40	17	21
	Subtotal	157	19	23
East	Indicated	-	-	-
	Inferred	33	19	23
	Subtotal	33	19	23
Combined	Indicated	151	19	23.2
	Inferred	81	18	22
Total		232	19	23

Figures may be rounded for clarity

¹ASX:MGU – ‘Maiden JORC 2012 Resource for Buena Vista Magnetite Project’, 23 March, 2021

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Initial Mine Area: accelerated production



East Deposit
33Mt @ 23% DTR

West Deposit
157Mt @ 23% DTR

Section 5
42Mt @ 20% DTR

Thick magnetite units

Allows for bulk mining with no dilution

Ore daylight in Initial Mining Area

No prestrip required

Initial Mining Area consists of high grade ore

Grades of +60% Fe should allow fast CAPEX paydown

Life of Mine stripping ratio is very low

Early SR is 0.17, LOM SR is 0.39

Multiple Pits: optimal plant feed

ROM blending to enhance plant performance

Large Exploration Target estimated¹

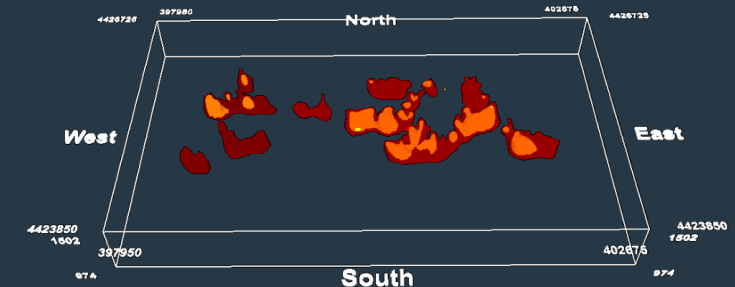
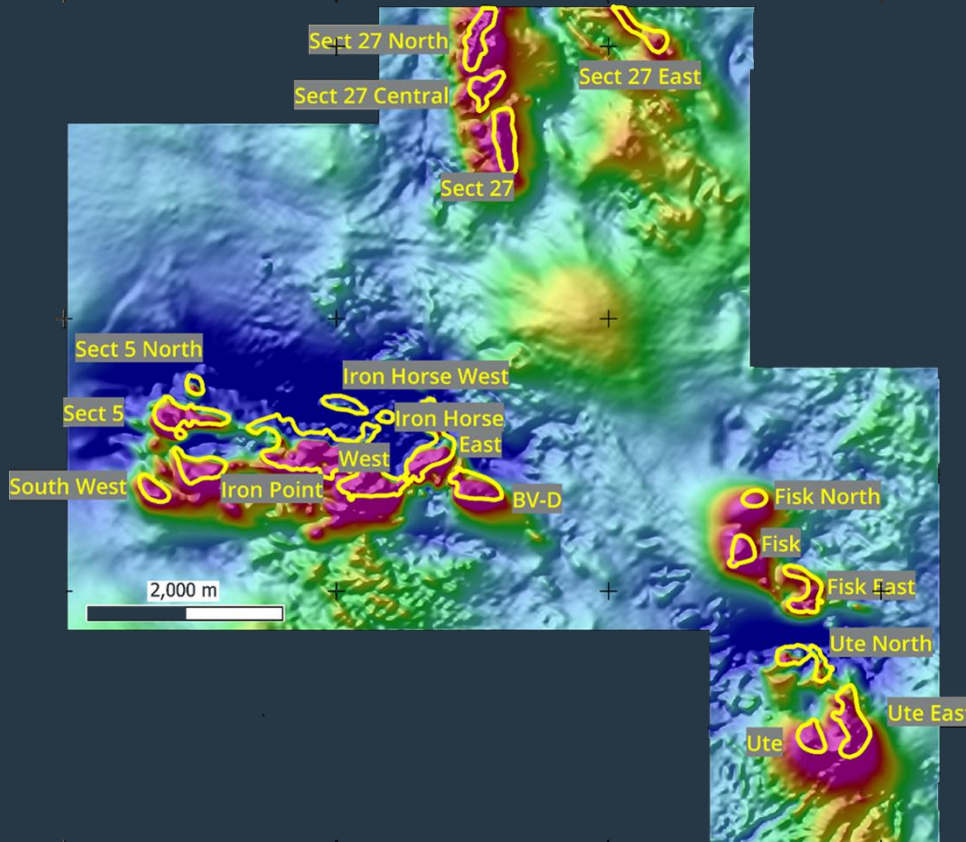
Aeromagnetic data

- > Highlights areas of magnetite - red coloured areas with all known resources having that red signature

Magnetic modelling defines exploration targets

- > 3D modelling via inversion defines volumes that are converted to tonnages when calibrated to the known resources
- > 407m to 540Mt¹ @ 15% to 22% Fe Exploration Target has been estimated on the mineral claims¹

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Beneficiation to DRI grade: a premium product¹

Industry standard flowsheet derisks the project

- > Simple flow sheet
- > Using AG/SAG/Ball Mill and Vertimill grind to -40µm with wet magnetic separation
- > 48% ore weight recovery, 93% iron recoveries achieved
- > Update confirms 2011 beneficiation report²

Product

- > Direct Reduction Iron (DRI) grades produced: 68.9% Fe, 1.7% Si + Al
- > DRI is in high demand due to its lower emissions per unit of steel produced
- > Product will attract substantial premium over blast furnace grades

Composite	%Fe	%SiO ₂	%Al ₂ O ₃	%TiO ₂	%V	%P	%CaO	%MgO	%S	%As	%Cu	%Pb	%Sn	LOI 1000
Average	68.9	2.16	0.68	0.21	0.27	0.003	0.75	0.63	0.003	0.001	0.003	0.001	0.001	-3.1

Table: beneficiation report from 2011



¹ 'Physical and Magnetic Characterisation conducted on A Number of Iron Ore Core Samples', AMMTEC Rpt A12873, February, 2011

² ASX:MGU 'Test Work Confirms +68% Fe High Grade Iron Ore', 10 March, 2023

Critical Path

18 Months to Production

- > Modeling, testing and engineering to finalise a 800ktpa plant
- > Contract completed with Samuel Engineering for Preliminary Design and Capex Estimate
- > Drill and blast fresh high grade ore for met testing and process flow sheet verification
- > Procure & Build Mills, Mag Sep, Diesel Generators
- > Design and Construct Railroad Siding
- > Design & Build Port Loadout Infrastructure
- > MOU signed with Mitsubishi for off-take, to be ratified¹
- > New York based EAS Advisors appointed to advance financing strategy²



Infrastructure Rich Location



Rail

- > Colado Rail Siding Site is 42km from the mine
- > Huxley Rail Siding is 69km from the mine
- > Large area available for loadout stockpiles at both sites



Port

Mine is connected by rail to Sacramento, Richmond, San Francisco and Vancouver Ports



Power

- > Nevada is a renewable energy powerhouse
- 53GW of solar and other renewable energy projects have been approved
- > 11GW due for completion by 2025. High voltage power lines are within 40km of the mine site



Water

Permits are in place and water sources secured



FAST TRACK^{1,2}
to 800,000 tpy of +68% Fe
concentrate in 18 months

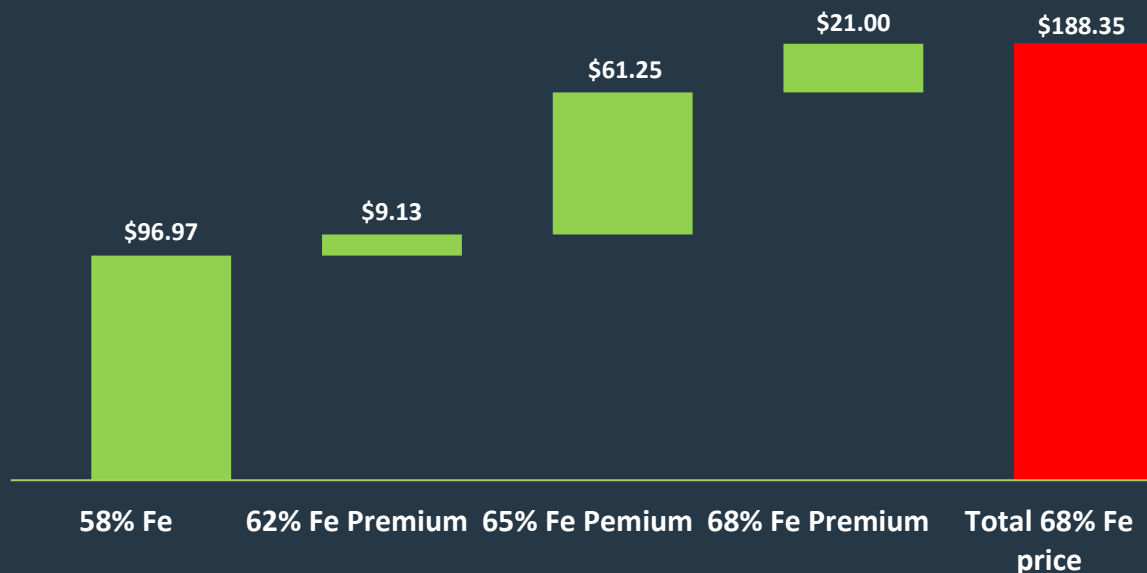
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In demand DRI grades:

Increasing demand drives pricing premium^{1,2}

Realised Prices, 18 August, 2023
(USD/t, CFR China)



Demand for DRI grade (+68% Fe) feeds is increasing

- > Driven by demand for lower emissions Pig Iron¹
- > Global Energy Transition to lower emissions is likely to see this demand trend continue²
- > DRI grade feeds seen as close follower of graphite, lithium and cobalt in demand metals

¹<https://news.metal.com>, accessed 21 August, 2023

² <https://www.agora-energiawende.de/en/>, accessed 21 August 2023

Fast track production option:

0.8Mtpa DRI Grade Concentrate^{1,2}

Estimated CAPEX	US\$160M
Estimated OPEX for DRI concentrate, ex works	US\$67/t
Estimated rail, port costs	US\$33/t
Estimated OPEX, FOB port	US\$100/t
Estimated Pretax Payback Period	3 years
Product quality (Fe%)	+68%

Accessing the highest grade of the resource

- > Deliver more product per tonne of ore mined
- > Comes with a low strip ratio of <0.2
- > Does not sterilise the resource
- > Drives fast payback and reduces risks
- > Fully permitted

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Expansion Option: 1.6Mtpa¹

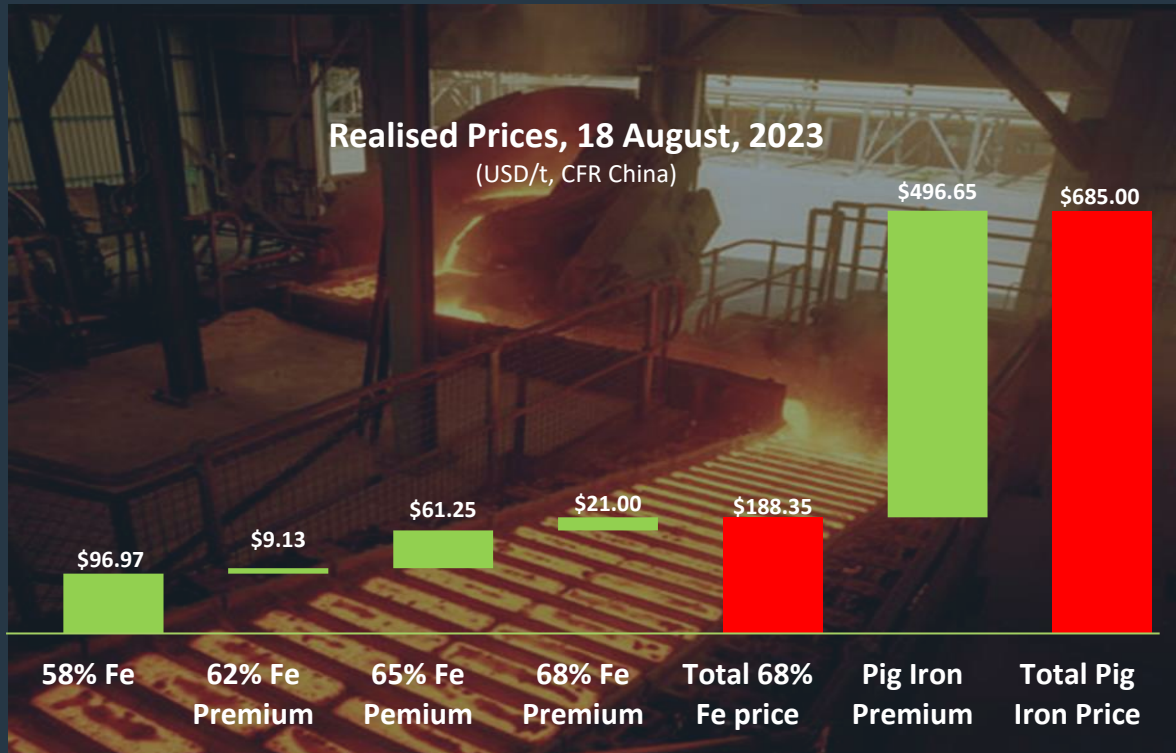
Estimated CAPEX	US\$280M
Estimated OPEX for DRI concentrate, ex works	US\$67/t
Estimated rail, port costs	US\$33/t
Estimated OPEX, fob port	US\$100/t
Estimated Pretax NPV _{10%}	US\$554M
Estimated Pretax IRR	40%
Estimated Pretax Payback Period	4 years
Product quality (Fe%)	+68%
Sales price - base 62% Fe	US\$100/t
Sales price with premium, 68% Fe DRI	US\$159/t

Supported by current resource

- > 25 year mine life on current resource, 50 years on projected resource
- > Economies of scale kick in
- > No reduction in product quality
- > Land, power, water supports this production level
- > Fully permitted

Green Pig iron: 0.9Mtpa

Realised Prices, 18 August, 2023
(USD/t, CFR China)



Hismelt: Towards Green Steel

- > Industry disrupting Hismelt technology
- > Using sustainable biomass as the reductant - no waiting for hydrogen reduction to catch up
- > Produces exceptionally clean pig iron
- > All contaminants report to slag
- > Source of co-generated green power

Order of Magnitude shows its an attractive business

- > MinRizon commissioned to undertake CAPEX and OPEX estimates
- > Biochar facility to provide renewable carbon reductant
- > Positive economic indicators boosted by Green Pig Iron premium¹

Proposed Buena Vista Production is ideal

Vertical integration of the Buena Vista business brings huge savings in logistics costs

Move to Green Pig iron production: 0.9Mtpa

Estimated CAPEX: Hismelt	US\$550M
Estimated OPEX to PI	US\$410/t
Estimated Pretax NPV _{10%}	US\$926M
Estimated Pretax IRR	27%
Estimated Pretax Payback Period	3 years
Product quality (Fe%, C%)	96%, 4%
Sales price - base	US\$500/t
Sales price with premium for Green Pig Iron	US630/t

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Strategy: Low cost start to underpin long term business

Low cost initial production

- > 0.8Mtpa production of DRI grade concentrate
- > 5 year schedule being prepared
- > Use of existing redundant equipment in the industry to limit costs

Transition to 1.6Mtpa production

- > Expand operations to capture economies of scale

Pursue downstream processing

- > Install Hismelt facility to produce pig iron
- > Use biochar to make production zero emission and a net green power producer



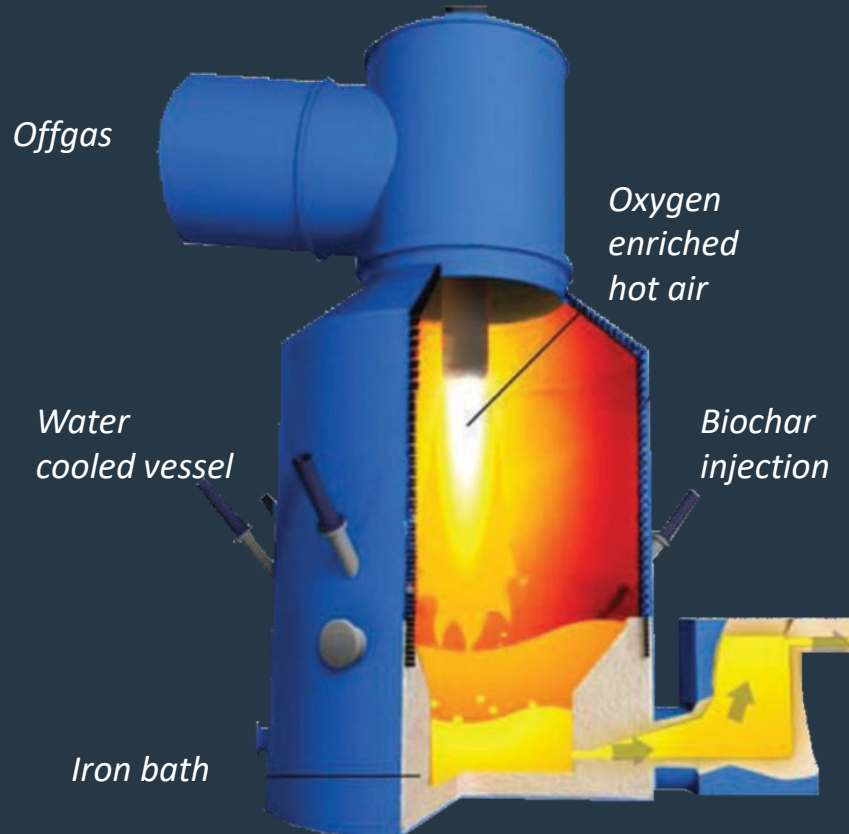
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APPALACHIAN IRON

A green iron solution for a warming planet

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Appalachian Iron: Proven Carbon Neutral Pig Iron



Hismelt: Green Steel Now

- > Hismelt is a technical disruptor of blast furnaces to produce pig iron
- > Hismelt directly smelts iron ores and is contaminant element tolerant
- > Using renewable biochar as the reductant makes Hismelt a source of green pig iron - the only proven and operating green process available now

Technology Disruptor bypasses the need for pellets and coke

- > Iron fines, reductants and fluxes are injected into a molten iron bath
- > Reaction gases CO and H₂ are combusted with oxygen from hot blast, generating heat
- > Heat provides energy for sustaining reduction reactions and direct smelting of iron feeds

Technology is Energy Efficient

- > Cogenerated green power is an output of the process

Appalachian Iron: World leading technology in West Virginia



MOLONG HISMELT PLANT

Agreements in place

- > Agreement with Molong Petroleum Machinery Co for the building and operating of a Hismelt plant¹
- > Site in West Virginia identified
- > Secured non-binding agreements for land access, pig iron offtake, raw materials supplies, Hismelt technology, and engineering
- > Using steel mill dust & scrap

Strong political support

- > US Senator Manchin, senator for West Virginia, has sponsored a Congressionally Directed Spending Request to the Senate Appropriations Committee in support of the project²

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