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EUROPE'S NATURAL GRAPHITE TO ANODE PRECURSOR SUPPLIER

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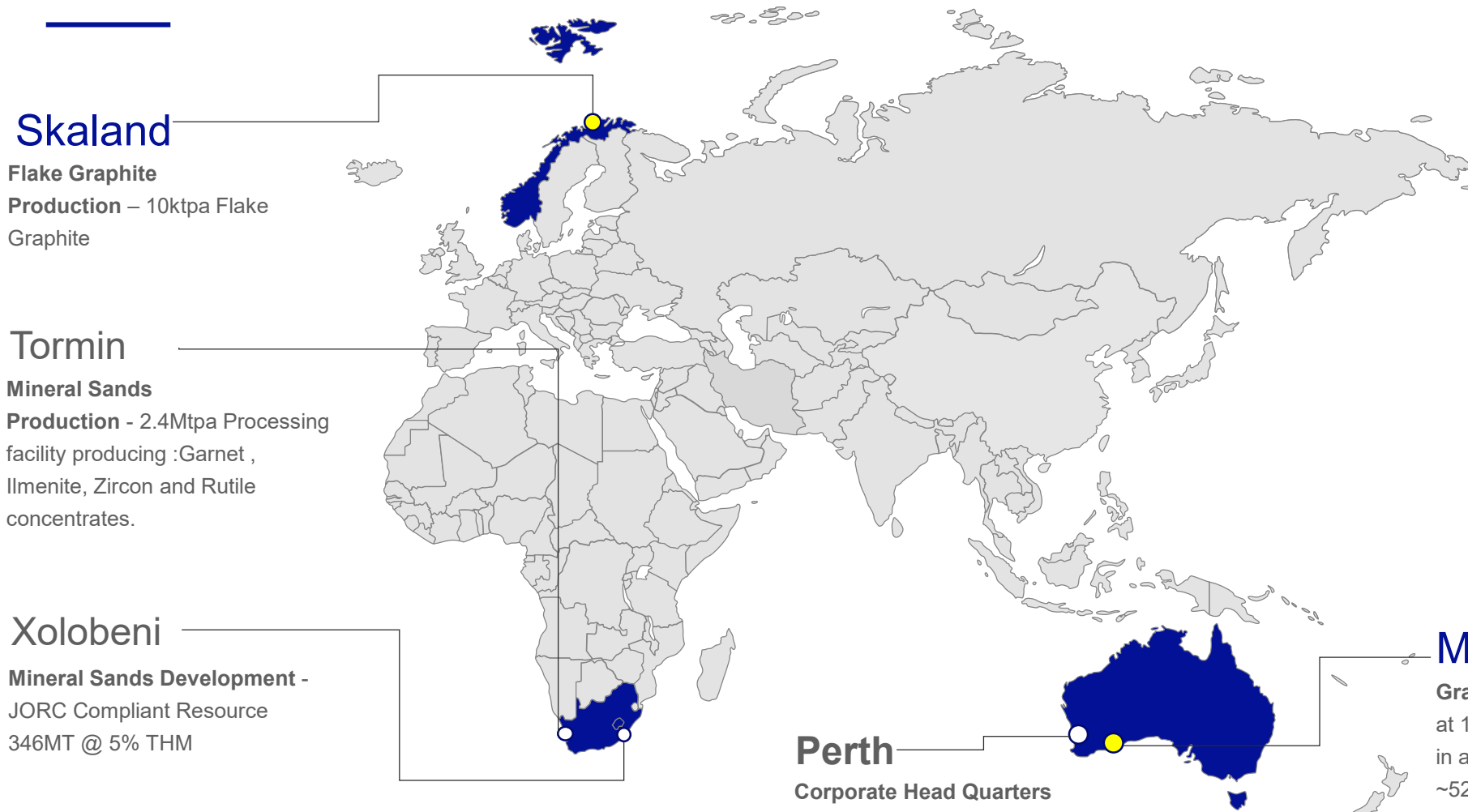
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## GLOBAL OVERVIEW



### Skaland

**Flake Graphite**  
**Production** – 10ktpa Flake Graphite

### Tormin

**Mineral Sands**  
**Production** - 2.4Mtpa Processing facility producing :Garnet , Ilmenite, Zircon and Rutile concentrates.

### Xolobeni

**Mineral Sands Development** - JORC Compliant Resource 346MT @ 5% THM

**Perth**  
Corporate Head Quarters

### Munglinup

**Graphite Development** – Ore Reserve of 3.4Mt at 15.9% TGC (10% cut-off) mineralisation open in all directions with anticipated production of ~52ktpa Flake Graphite.



*“ With the acquisition of Skaland MRC will operate two production facilities, at Tormin and Skaland, while advancing development at Munglinup and progressing ongoing downstream graphite studies from Perth ”*

# ANODE MATERIAL THE OTHER PART OF THE LIB

Anode (Graphite) Material per kg



Tesla Model S

71kg



Kia Niro EV

45kg



Nissan Leaf S Plus

44kg



BMW i3

30kg



Hyundai Kona Electric SEL

45kg



Chevrolet Bolt EV LT

43kg



Audi e-Tron

67kg



Volkswagen e-Golf

26kg

Credit – Richard Clark, Morgans Advanced Materials

Assumptions: operating voltage at 3.92V. "for optimum range" and 360 mAh/g average capacity. Actually: excess anode active material used (up to 20%); some use of 4 to 8% SiOx

# MUNGLINUP GRAPHITE PROJECT

<b>A\$139M</b> NPV	<b>48%</b> IRR	<b>A\$531/t</b> Average OPERATING CASH COST	<b>A\$52M</b> Total DEVELOP. CAPEX	<b>54.8kt</b> Average ANNUAL PRODUCTION	<b>9 yrs</b> MINE LIFE	<b>2 yrs</b> Capital PAYBACK PERIOD
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High grade mineral resource

- Definitive Feasibility Study (DFS) completing in November 2019 outlining a robust and economically justifiable project
- Ore Reserve of **3.4Mt at 15.9% TGC** (10% cut-off) with mineralisation open in all directions<sup>(1)</sup>
- **Coarse flake (+150µm)** distribution accounting for **43% to 48% of the concentrate**
- **Coarse flake concentrate grades of 95.7% - 97.7% TGC**
- **Fine flake (-150µm) concentrate grades of up to 98.3% TGC**
- **105km** west by sealed road from the **port of Esperance**
- Mining Lease granted to 2031 on designated Mining Reserve.



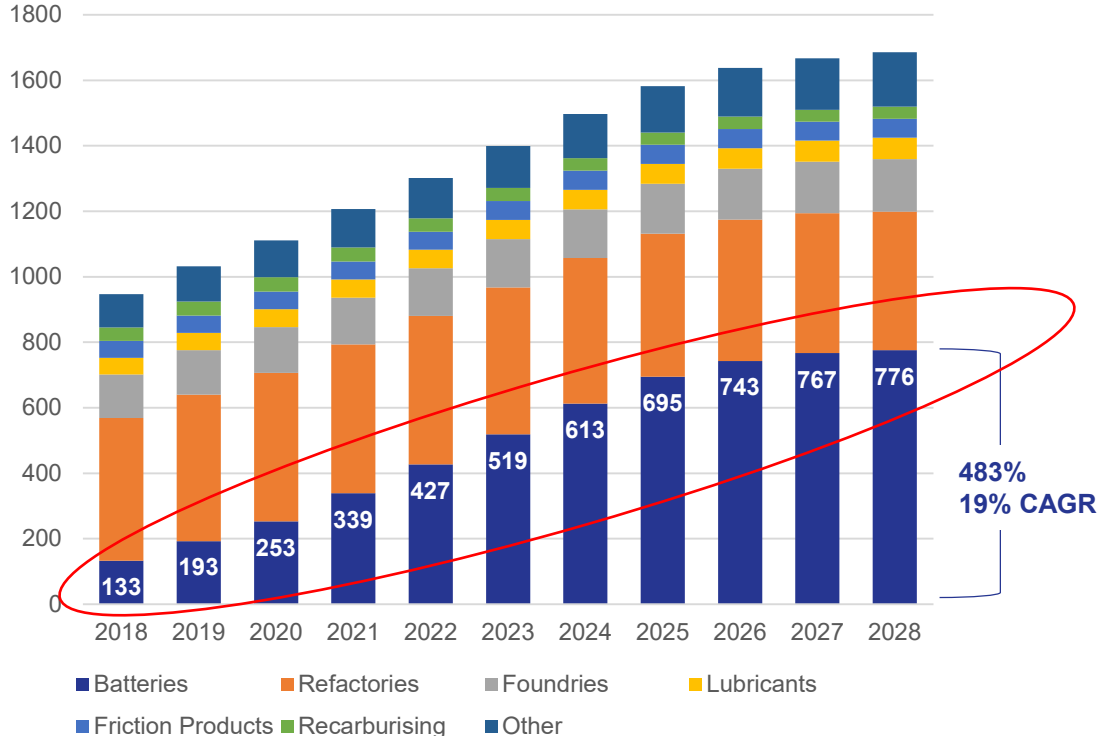
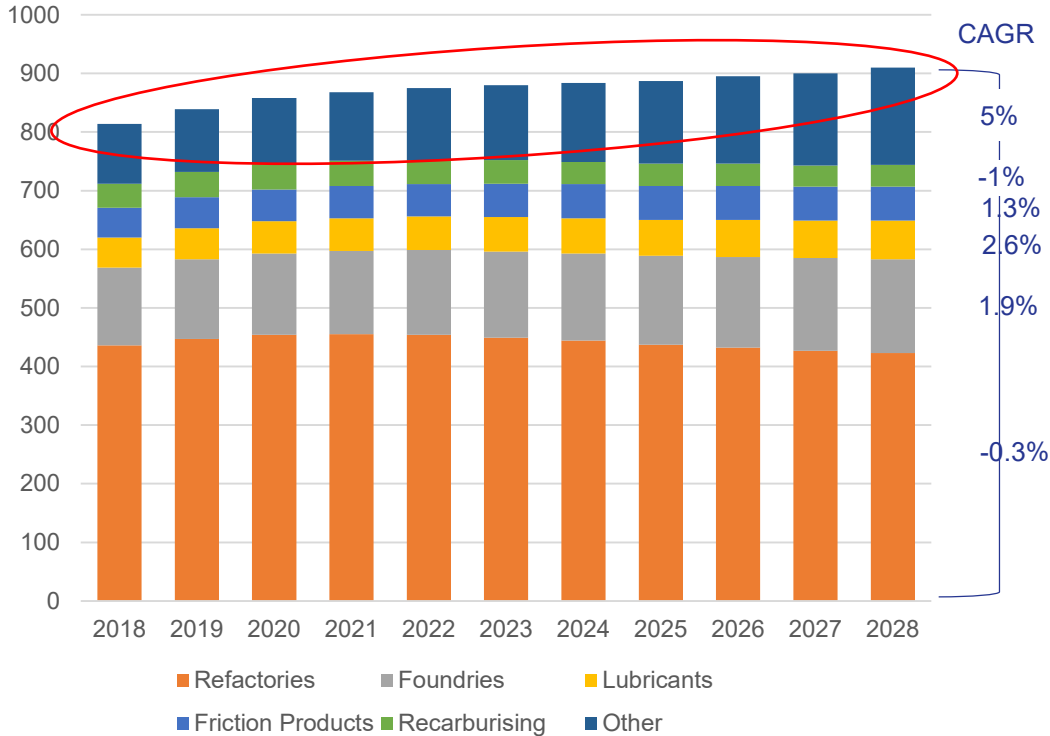
(1) ASX RELEASE -MRC to acquire 51% interest in Munglinup Graphite Project 11/09/2017  
 (2) ASX RELEASE – MRC Munglinup Graphite PFS Confirms Robust Project 30/05/2018

# TRADITIONAL v BATTERIES NATURAL FLAKE GRAPHITE MARKET

10 year forecast – Traditional natural flake graphite demand is forecasted to grow just 12%, Battery demand will grow by 483%

**TRADITIONAL APPLICATIONS**      **12% Total Growth**  
**1.12% CAGR**

**+BATTERY APPLICATIONS**      **483% Total Growth**  
**19% CAGR**

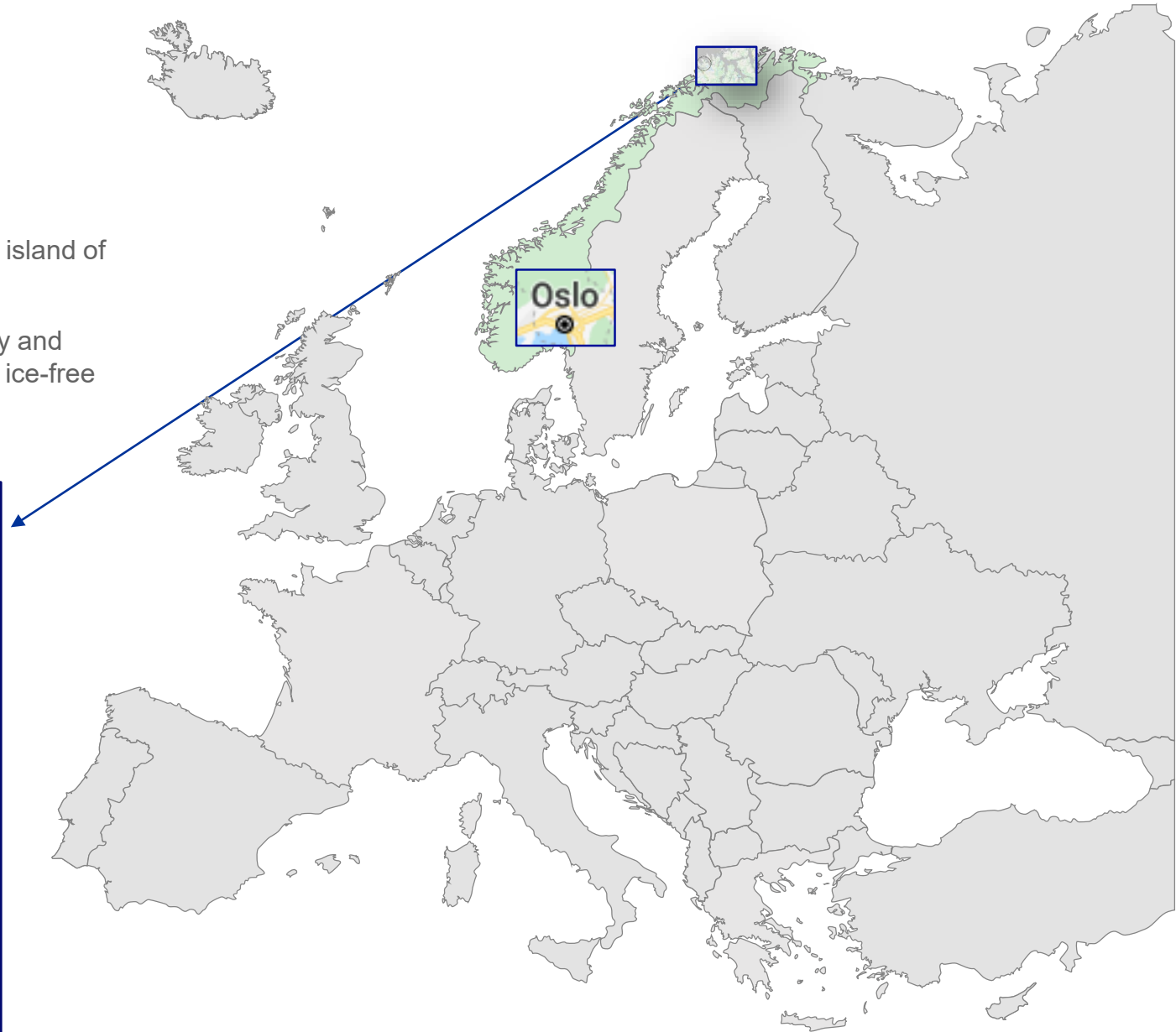


Source: Roskill, Base case, World Forecast demand for natural graphite by application, 2018-2028. Roskill Natural & Synthetic Graphite, Outlook to 2028, 12<sup>th</sup> Edition. July 2019



# SKALAND NORWAY

- Skaland Graphite AS' mine and processing facility located on the island of Senja in northern Norway
- Ideally positioned to supply European markets. Processing facility and shipping are quay-side at Skaland, shipping every 3 weeks from ice-free harbour





# SKALAND GRAPHITE

Largest flake graphite producer in Europe and the highest grade flake graphite mine in the world

Presently the world's highest grade operating flake graphite mine with mill feed grade averaging around 28%C

Skaland is the largest flake graphite producer in Europe and fourth largest producer globally outside of China

- Current production ~**10ktpa** of graphite concentrate accounts for ~2% of global annual natural flake graphite production
- Ore grades of 25%-33% C delivered to the plant
- Fully Permitted operations allows for expansion to **16ktpa** production
- Low-cost hydro power allows for expansion of operations and downstream processing
- Plant currently operated at 60% capacity, an increase to 85% utilisation rate increases production to 15-16ktpa
- Opportunity to improve current flowsheet to produce high grade, high value product. Initial testwork resulted in upgrading to 96%-99% TGC with additional attritioning and flotation





# PROCESSING OPPORTUNITY

Concentrate Grade and Flake Size Distribution – The opportunity to add value

Average Ore Grades delivered to Plant (C – Carbon)		Production Tonnes
2015	30.5%	9,051
2016	33.0%	9,757
2017	29.7%	10,309
2018	28.5%	9,627

## Flake size distribution

PSD	%	+/- 150µm	% C	
+315	6.6%	36%	98.1%	✓
+250	6.9%		97.8%	✓
+180	14%		96.9%	✓
+150	8.7%		94.7%	
+100	17.6% ✗	64%	91.5%	
+75	11.6% ✗		87.5%	
-75	34.7% ✗		86.1%	

## Testwork on Skaland Fines Concentrate Sample

-150 micron Skaland concentrate @ 87% Cg production sample used

✓ Additional milling and polishing in pilot scale testwork resulted in upgrading to

**97%-98% Cg**

✓ A very high grade feed for downstream value-adding

Pilot testwork finalisation and equipment sizing underway

## Testwork on Coarse Flake Recovery

? Pilot-scale testwork underway using a 1t ROM ore sample

? Target coarse flake recovery at the front of the circuit using new equipment. Results expected in approximately two weeks

**The current flowsheet has capacity for quick wins, combining on-site optimization and outcomes from off-site testwork to produce high grade, high value products**

# KEY OPTIMISATION PHASES

Current flowsheet has capacity for upgrading to produce high purity, high value product. This will be the near-term focus whilst research and development is conducted on further value-adding elements

Next  
6-8  
Months

## UPGRADE CONCENTRATE

Equipment installation to increase grade of fines, and percentage of coarse (+150 micron) concentrate

## INCREASE PRODUCTION

Once new equipment is commissioned and quality of products improved target increased production to ~16ktpa

## PURIFICATION

Purification of high grade fines using non-HF chemical approach being developed within CRC-P and alternatives to produce Battery Anode feed. Produce high value 'low ash' expandables feed and higher grade refractory coarse flakes.

## VALUE ADD TO EXISTING CONCENTRATE

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## EXPANDABLES

Evaluate expansion characteristics of Skaland coarse concentrates (both standard grade and purified samples). Development of expandables strategy from Graphite Intercalated Compounds (GIC) to expanded graphite sheets and foils

## BATTERY ANODE MATERIAL (BAM)

Electrochemical evaluation of batteries produced from micronized, spheronised and coated purified fines concentrate. Production samples for customer evaluation

## ONSITE SPHERONISATION

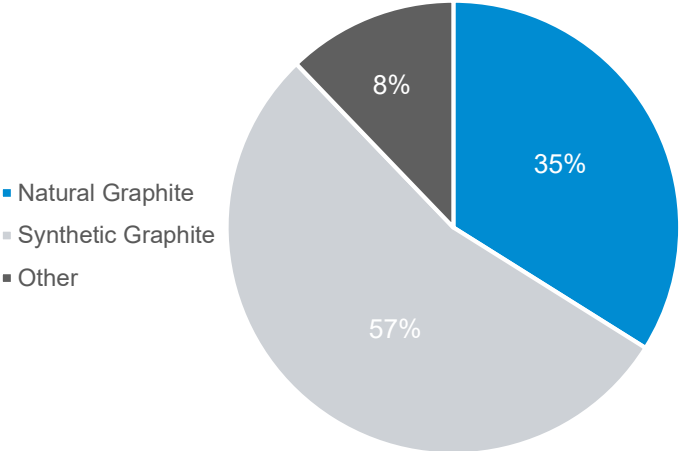
Evaluate potential for micronizing and spheronising the high grade (~98%-99%) fines concentrate into unpurified spherical graphite onsite – leveraging existing infrastructure, management and low-cost power. Potential fast-tracked approach to producing battery anode materials

Ongoing

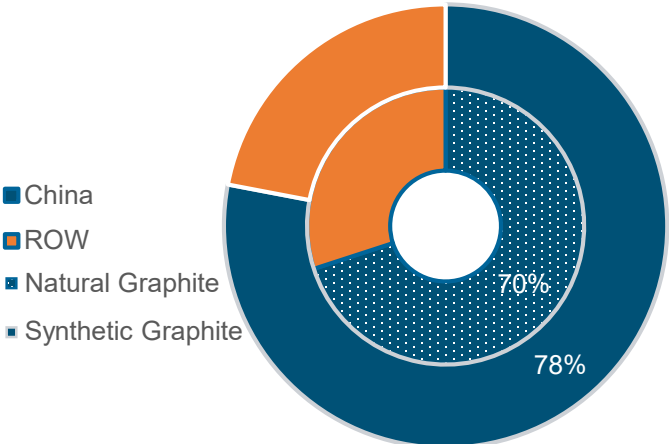
# ANODE MATERIAL

Anode production is dominated by the Chinese producers with over 70% market share but with significant CO<sub>2</sub> footprint.

Global LIB Anode Production 2018

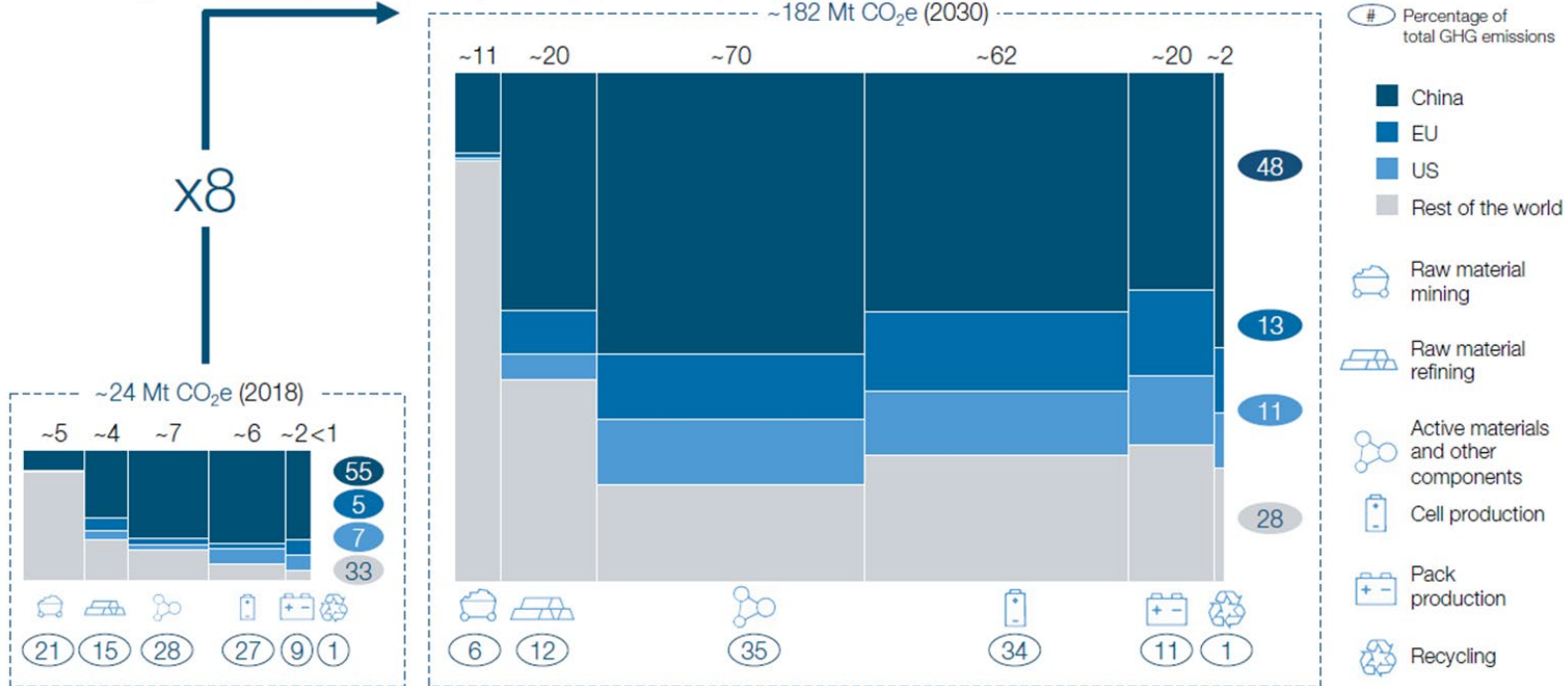


LIB Anode Production 2018 by Region



## Battery production with significant CO<sub>2</sub> footprint, mainly driven by active materials and other components as well as cell production in China

Greenhouse gas emissions by value chain step, Mt CO<sub>2</sub>e per annum (2030)



Source: World Economic Forum, Global Battery Alliance; McKinsey analysis

Data from C. Pillot, avicenne ENERGY; IIT; Morgan Advanced Materials internal analysis



# PURIFICATION

Cornerstone of downstream value-adding is purification



- Working on a range of purification technologies – being an operator allows for R&D into a range of options rather than pre-emptively selecting one
- Current methods for producing high purity graphite from naturally-occurring deposits can involve using environmentally-harmful fluoride-based substances to remove impurities. These come with high costs for processing and stringent safety and environmental compliance regulations
- August 2019 MRC successfully lead a \$2.6M Australian Research Application to develop a commercial-scale process to produce high purity natural graphite (99.95%) partnering with Australia's national science research agency CSIRO and Doral Fused Materials to develop a more environmentally-friendly and lower-cost production method
- CSIRO making excellent progress on non-HF chemical purification of Munglinup graphite. Munglinup showing itself to be very amenable to purification with four nines achieved through a range of methods
- Impurities characterisation and purification work on Skaland concentrates already underway

LOI	Al	Ca	Fe	Mg	Si	Cr	Cu	K	Mn	Ni	P
99.968	59	0.6	10	2.3	180	<0.1	<0.1	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.2
99.994	4.2	0.9	0.8	6.7	16	<0.5	<0.1	0.1	0.5	0.7	0.3
99.991	3.6	5.8	2.1	12	34	<0.5	<0.1	0.1	0.2	<0.05	0.2

# MICRONISATION SPHERONISATION

Ongoing downstream value-adding study work

## MUNGLINUP

- Finalise DFS (Nov 19)
- Secure permitting (Apr 20)\*
- Complete marketing (Sep 20)\* agreements, FID
- Construction and Commissioning (March 21) \*

## SKALAND

- Complete transaction (Oct 19)
- Increase grade of fines (Q2 20)
- Increase percentage of coarse (+150 micron) concentrate (Q2 20)
- Increase nameplate production (Q2/Q3 20)\*
- Unpurified spheronised graphite (Q3/Q4 20)\*

## SPHERONISATION

### MUNGLINGUP

- Awaiting initial micronisation and spheronisation testwork results as part of BAM testing

### SKALAND

- Micronisation and spheronisation conducted on coarse flake previously
- Awaiting micronisation and spheronisation testwork on upgraded fines

## BATTERY ANODE MATERIAL

### MUNGLINGUP

- Coin cell tests on micronised Munmlinup flake shows excellent results (within the constraints of testing on flake)
- Spherical graphite and coated spherical graphite coin cell tests underway

### SKALAND

- Prior work on spherical graphite from coarse flake exhibits high initial specific capacity and cyclability
- Additional tests to be conducted on spherical graphite from upgraded fines

# WHY NORWAY

Battery electric and plug-in hybrid vehicles together hold a 50 % market share in Norway.

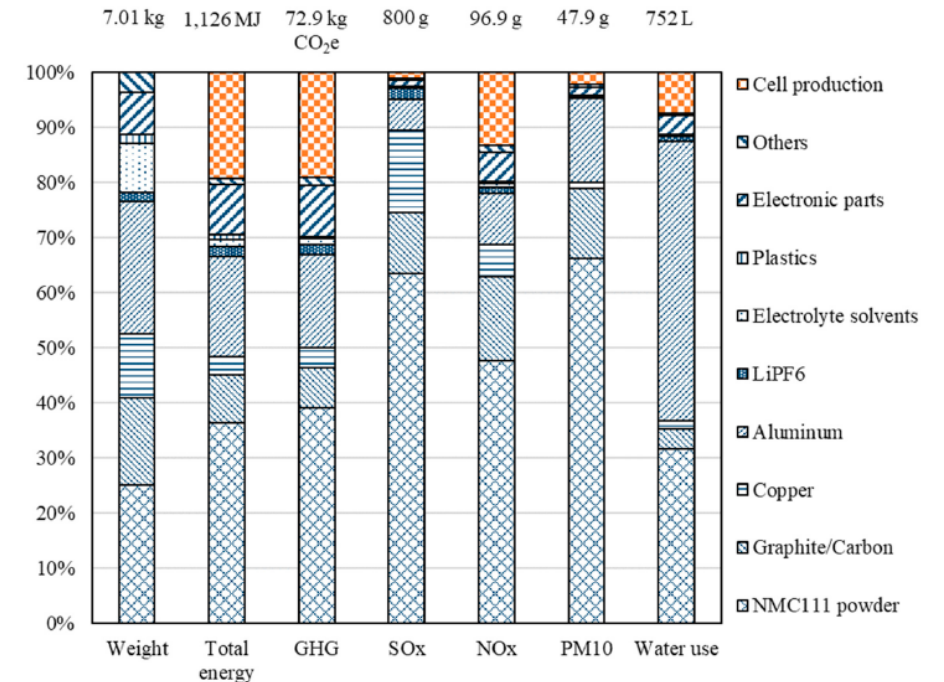
- Norway is leading the way for a transition to low emissions in transport.
- Norway is a world leader in sustainable energy, with 97% of electricity coming from renewable sources and a renewable sector that employs more than 50,000 people.
- Norway's low-cost renewable energy sources provide industry with a competitive advantage, enabling business to produce zero emissions goods and services, and perfectly aligns with many of the European Battery Alliance, key Priority Actions

*‘Support the growth of a cell manufacturing industry, with the smallest environmental footprint possible. This will provide a key competitive and commercial edge against competitors.’*




IN OCTOBER 2017, THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION LAUNCHED THE 'EUROPEAN BATTERY ALLIANCE' .

ONE OF THE MAIN AIMS UNDER THE STRATEGIC ACTION PLAN WAS TO SUPPORT THE SUSTAINABILITY OF EU BATTERY CELL MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY WITH **THE LOWEST ENVIRONMENTAL FOOTPRINT POSSIBLE, FOR EXAMPLE BY USING RENEWABLE ENERGY IN THE PRODUCTION PROCESS.**



The EV LIB pack investigated in this study has a gross pack energy of 23.5 kWh, weighs 165 kg, and contains 140 46-Ah prismatic cells [19]. The energy density of the battery is 197 Wh/kg at the cell level and 143 Wh/kg at the pack level. Each cell uses NMC111 as the active cathode material and graphite as the active anode material.



# QUESTIONS

