

# **Arafura Resources Limited**

#### **Investor Presentation**

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### Arafura Resources Limited

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### Flow of Presentation

- Who are we?
- What are our achievements?
- The Nolans project
- The pilot plant results
- What are rare earths?
- The rare earth market
- What are the projects returns?
- How are we going to do it?



#### The Arafura Board

Hon Ian Laurance AM Chairman Age 68

Ian is Chairman of the publicly listed property development company, Axiom Properties Itd and has previously represented Gascoyne in the Western Australian Parliament for 14 years.

#### Mick Muir Director Age 72

Mick is a Western Australian businessman with 30 years experience in the mining industry. Is an economics graduate and has worked in the securities industry and for the WA Chamber of Mines.

#### lan Kowalick Director Age 63

lan is a director and consultant on business strategy and worked in technical and project consulting, economic and business analysis for resource companies, banking and investment. lan was previously the CEO of the South Australia Premiers Department. Ian is Chair of the Audit & Risk sub-committee for Arafura.

#### Terry Jackson AM Director Age 69

Terry is a Western Australian Industrialist and entrepreneur with a private group of companies that has interests in innovative manufacturing, intellectual property development and vineyards.

#### Dr. Steve Ward Director Age 53

PhD in Chemical Engineering. Steve has over 30 years experience in chemical, mining and minerals processing with Iluka. Steve is Chairman and CEO of Cristal, a Saudi Arabian based titanium pigment. Steve is Chair of the nomination & Remuneration subcommittee for Arafura.



#### Arafura Management

Alistair Stephens Managing Director / CEO Age 45

Alistair has over 20 years experience in the resources industry, including mine geology, mining, mineral processing and marketing, with Newmont, Normandy, KCGM, WMC and Orica. Gavin Lockyer Company Secretary / CFO Age 41

Gavin has over 15 years experience in the banking and mining industries Previously with Newmont, Newcrest, Tethyan Copper Co, Bankwest and ANZ and Bankers Trust and Deutsche Bank London. Steven Mackowski GM - Project Development Age 56

Steve has 30 years technical and operational experience in uranium, industrial minerals, nickel, kaolin and iron ore. He also has experience in utility industries including gas and electric power generation most recently with Sydney Gas. Richard Brescianini GM - Strategic Development Age 45

Richard has over 20 years experience in the minerals industry, He has worked with BHP Minerals on base and precious metals exploration programs throughout Australasia and North America. Recently he held the position of Director with the Northern Territory Geological Survey Brian Fowler Manager Sustainability Age 55

Brian has over 30 years environmental and mining experience working in the gold and base metals sectors in mining, mineral processing and exploration. Most recently, Brian worked for Newmont Australia and prior to that for Normandy, Bendigo Gold, Metana Minerals, Billiton and Peko Wallsend.



### Arafura Resources Limited



Capital markets are very difficult and volatile, so...

- We continually review our costs
- Exploration, other than Nolan's, has been restricted
- And forward programs are being managed in line with cashflow



## The Achievements for 2008

- 1. Solid progress in community, environment & approvals
- 2. MOU with Inner Mongolia Bao Tou Steel Rare Earth Hi-Tech Co. Ltd.
- 3. MOU with Incitec Pivot Ltd.
- 4. Resource up 63% from 2005 to 30.3 million tonnes of total resources
- 5. Highly successful pilot demonstration plant trials



# **Project Status**

Resource to support long life operation of +20 years

- Demonstration plant successfully operating
- ✓ Bankable Feasibility Study in progress
- ✓ Site selection for processing plant in progress
- ✓ HOA with Incitec Pivot for chemical supply
- ✓ MOU with Bao Tou Steel Rare Earth Hi-Tech



Arafura's conservatism ensures we deliver success We build strength through partnerships



### Nolans project location



Nolans project

135 km north of Alice Springs
5km to gas line
10km to Stuart Highway
15km to Aileron Roadhouse
60 km to rail line
1200 km north to Darwin
1300 km south to Port Pirie



#### **Nolans Project Flowsheet**





#### as at November 2008

Metal content		848kt	3.9Mt	13.3M lbs
TOTAL	30.3	2.8	12.9	0.44
Total inferred	12.8	2.6	12.2	0.40
Total indicated	12.3	2.8	13.4	0.43
Measured	5.1	3.2	13.5	0.57
	MT	REO %	P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> %	U <sub>3</sub> O <sub>8</sub> lb/t

REO: Rare Earths oxide  $P_2O_5$ : phosphate pentoxide  $U_3O_8$ : uranium

Exposed at surface, open at depth, only drilled to 130m below surface, enough resources for 30 years.

Resource statement published on ASX 11 November 2008. Rounding up accounts for apparent tonnage discrepancy



### Nolans Rare Earths Mix has Improved in Value

Rare Earth Element REE	REO Price 2008 to date <sup>1</sup> (US\$/kg)	Current content	Current value (US\$/kg)
Lanthanum	\$7.82	20.0%	\$1.56
Cerium	\$4.36	48.2%	\$2.10
Praseodymium	\$28.00	5.9%	\$1.65
Neodymium	\$28.00	21.5%	\$6.02
Samarium	Unvalued	2.4%	Unvalued
Europium	\$468.00	0.41%	\$1.92
Gadolinium	Unvalued	1.0%	Unvalued
Terbium	\$677.00	0.08%	\$0.54
Dysprosium	\$113.00	0.34%	\$0.38
Other	unvalued	0.17%	Unvalued
Weighted Average Nolans		100.00%	\$14.17

Source: 1 2008 year to date average from Metal Pages

The resource also contains Yttrium at 320 grams per tonne of resource that has not been valued



### Nolans Rare Earths mix is highly competitive

SEGY Nd, Pr, Dy Ce+La



Nolans has additional co-product of phosphoric acid and by-products of uranium and calcium chloride Baotou has a co-product of iron

SEGY = Samarium, europium, gadolinium, yttrium and terbium

Prices based on the YTD 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter 2008 price for all rare earths published on metal pages.





#### Nolans Site Design Underway





# The Demonstration Plant Success

#### We have validated recoveries from laboratory test work

$\checkmark$	Rare earths recovery	80%	
$\checkmark$	Phosphate recovery	80%	technical grade (fertiliser grade higher)
$\checkmark$	Uranium recovery	80%	indicative

residue

#### The pilot plant has realised lower chemical consumption

- Hydrochloric acid 25% reduction
- Sulphuric acid 50% reduction

Calcium chloride

 $\checkmark$ 

Results in a real annual reduction of \$50m in operating costs

We have identified and are currently assessing additional chemical efficiencies

Current chemical prices would further lower operating costs against the PFS

Identified lower capital costs



#### **The Demonstration Plant**

HMC Tails and Concentrate



#### **Chemical Processing**

Phosphoric Acid Recovery







### Rare earth applications



La - Lanthanum, Nd - Neodymium, Dy - Dysprosium, Tb - Terbium, Ce - Cerium Sm - Samarium, Pr - Praseodymium, Eu - Europium, Y - Yttrium, Gd - Gadolinium



## Rare earths prices are linked to substitutability

Product	Price US\$/tonne	Use	Substitute
Cerium	\$4,280	Automotive exhaust catalysis Polishing agent	PGM's (limited) None
Lanthanum	\$7,700	NiMH batteries Fluid cracking catalyst	Lithium Ion None
Neodymium Praseodymium	\$30,000 \$29,950	Powerful permanent magnets	None
Dysprosium	\$113,000	Improves magnet performance at temperature	None
Europium Terbium	\$460,000 \$710,000	Phosphors for colour panels	None



# **Environmental & Social Benefits**

REO	Production	Component	End Product	Environmental Savings
CeO <sub>2</sub>	3,500t	Auto catalysts	25 million cars	Reduces $NO_X$ which aggravates respiratory problems, causes acid rain and damages aquatic environments.
CeO <sub>2</sub>	1,600t	Ultra violet filtering agent	Architectural glass	Reduces UV light.
CeO2	2,500t	Batteries		Fuel savings* = 660 litres @ \$1.40/l x 500,000
La <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	4,000t	Dationoc	500,000 hybrid cars	= A\$462 million p.a.
Nd/Pr	5,200t	Magnets		$CO_2$ savings <sup>^</sup> = 1 million tonnes p.a.
Eu <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	74t	Phosphor	200 million energy efficient	Energy cost savings~ = $A$ \$2.2 billion p.a.
2 0		•	lights	$CO_2$ savings° = 16.6 million tonnes p.a.

\*Fuel savings based on difference between Toyota Prius city driving of 5.6L/100km and other medium sized cars at 10L/100km on 15,000km annually. ^CO<sub>2</sub> savings based on difference between Toyota Prius emission of 106g/km and other medium sized cars (10L/100km) emission at 3.6 tonnes annually. ~Bill savings based on annual running cost savings of \$11 by replacing a 75W incandescent globe with an 18W energy saving lamp. *From: <u>www.sedo.energy.wa.qov.au/pages/lightrun.asp</u></sub> ° CO<sub>2</sub> savings based on reduction of 83kg of CO<sub>2</sub> by replacing a 75W incandescent globe with an 18W energy saving lamp. <i>From: <u>www.sedo.energy.wa.gov.au/pages/lightrun.asp</u></sub>* 



#### Rare earths market

#### RARE EARTHS MARKET ANALYSIS

#### DEMAND



#### SUPPLY

 China – Currently produces approximately 95% of total demand
 Non-Chinese – Limited resources with modest expansion capability. Currently dominated by low value light rare earths (Cerium and Lanthanum)



#### CONSUMERS

China – Consumes 55% of total demand

Non-Chinese – High demand for Neodymium, Praseodymium, Dysprosium, Terbium and Europium



Source: Roskill, IMCOA



### Rare earths by use in 2008

By Region

#### **By application**



Total forecast production is about 140,000 tonnes for 2008



### Rare earth industry structure

#### CURRENT HEV NdFeB PERMANENT MAGNET SUPPLY CHAIN





### Demand is strong

Rare earths

Chemical catalysts

Growing at 5% to 10% per annum

Stronger growth to come from rechargeable battery market and increased

heavy crude oil production

Magnets

Market growth currently 15% to 20% per year

Strong growth in the hybrid car market

Current production of NdFeB = 50,000t (2007) to double to 100,000t by 2010

Phosphorescence

Demand growing at 15% to 20% per annum

Plasma panel market, low energy lights bulbs

#### Phosphoric acid

Strong growth in price - processing constrained market (not resource constrained)

Agricultural and fuel markets - the world's need for protein and energy



#### Rare earth price outlook

#### Arafura expects a stabilising in rare earth prices

- 2008 Solid growth in H1 slowed in H2 late due to Olympics & the global credit crunch
- 2009 2010 Global economy to stabilise for recovery
- 2010 2015 New sources will introduce competition
  - Mt Weld 5,000 tpa in 2010 building to 20,000 tpa later
  - Mt Pass back on line at 4,000 tpa
  - Nolans 20,000 tpa from 2012
  - Others likely that new small operations will start

However strong demand in hybrid vehicles, electronics and energy efficient lights (phosphorescence) will remain



### Rare Earth Prices & Nolans Value



- Long term demand outlook for rare earths remains robust
  - However the outlook for cerium and lanthanum indicate an oversupply
- In the next 1 to 2 year period rare earth prices are likely to reduce <u>especially</u> cerium & lanthanum
- Industry analysts are forecasting a shortfall in supply for higher value rare earths in the medium term to long term (Nd, Pr, Dy, Eu, Tb)
- In comparison with other commodities rare earth prices have experienced significantly less volatility

Source: metal pages



### **Phosphate Product Prices**



- Phosphate rock supply is very "liquid"
- Phosphoric acid production is relatively "tight" in world production capacity – but more is coming on line
- Australia is a net importer of about 500,000
   tpa of phosphoric acid
- Our target market is a geographical niche that will be highly competitive with imports
- Phosphate and PA prices will reduce
   significantly in the next 1 to 2 year period
- > But agriculture must have fertiliser



## Capital Expenditure = A\$600m

Capital is accurate to 30% based on pre-feasibility study. Additional capital reductions have been identified through lower raw material costs (e.g. steel) & overseas modularisation



# **Financial Analysis**



NPV @ 10% discount rate **\$1.7 billion** after tax and capital payback (20 year mine life)

	Production per annum (tonnes)	Price (USD)	Total revenue US\$ million	
Rare earths	20,000	\$14,000/tonne	280	
P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub>	80,000	\$1,000/tonne	80	
Calcium chloride	400,000	\$100/tonne	40	
Uranium	150	\$60/lb	20	
Total revenue	US\$420			
Total revenue at USD	AUD\$600			
Less operating expension	AUD\$200			
Gross Margin	AUD\$400			
Capital cost AUD\$600m				
Revenue over 20 years undiscounted AUD\$12 billion				

Based on 2008 YTD prices for all commodities (REO rounded down) and YTD 2008 chemical costs



### **Proposed Operating Model**



# RAFURA 11001700

### Capital needed going forward





#### **Nolans Project Flowsheet**





### The Plan Ahead

Report on RE carbonate	Q1 2009
Complete RE separation works	1st half 2009
Complete bankable feasibility	Dec 2009
Mining lease approval	2009/2010
Processing plant Notice of Intent	2009/2010
Undertake project costing, sourcing, financing	2010
And consolidate our partnerships	on going
Looking for keystone investors	on going





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