ARAFURA ADDING VALUE IN AUSTRALIA TO PRODUCE RARE EARTHS FOR USERS WORLDWIDE



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Rare Earths - Introduction



An exciting market outlook in new high technology applications and clean and efficient energy uses, with increasing demand driven by consumers, society & regulators



- Specialty chemicals
- Critical components of end products
- Small cost item
- No substitutes
- Limited recycling
- Global market 130kt
- Annual value US\$20B
- Major markets China and Japan
- Demand growth forecast at multiples of GDP



Global Strategic Importance - A New Supply Era



The industry challenge is for the supply side to keep up with demand growth creating an opportunity for a new supply era involving new western suppliers **REO Supply by Era**



2009 Australia Brazil China CIS India Malavsia USA Other **Global REO Reserves 2009** Australia Brazil China CIS India Malaysia USA

Global REO Production

Other



Note: Prices represent purities of 99.90% and 96.0% for the periods 1980-1989 and 1990-June 2011 respectively

- Geochemistry of each deposit is different
- Unique separation technology for each deposit
- Production is high technology and capital intensive
- Chinese production has reduced and maxed out
- Opportunity for new supply Western sources few
- Great opportunity for Arafura

Introduction to Arafura



Corporate Summary

- Australian Public Company formed 1997
- Listed on ASX in 2003 (code ARU)
- Nolans Project for Rare Earths
- Own technology developed
- Bankable Feasibility Study due H2 2012
- Project Financing sought by end 2012
- **First production by end 2014 subject to BFS**

As at 4 October 2011

Capital

368 million shares 16.5 million Board/Employee options

Market capitalisation

@ A\$0.52 = ~A\$191 million

Top shareholders

JP Morgan Nominees¹ 31.5% ECE² 17.51% Board & Management 2.5% **Debt** - zero **Cash** A\$60 million (31 August 2011)

Business Model - Adding Value in Australia



Nolans Project



A world scale, long life, valuable, globally significant and strategic rare earth resource



Total resources for Nolans Project

RESOURCES	TONNES ¹ (million)	RARE EARTHS REO %	PHOSPHATE P ₂ O ₅ %	URANIUM U ₃ O ₈ lb/t
Measured	5.1	3.2	13.5	0.57
Indicated	12.3	2.8	13.4	0.43
Inferred	12.8	2.6	12.2	0.40
TOTAL	30.3	2.8	12.9	0.44
CONTAINED METAL		848,000 t	3.9 Mt	13.3 Mlb

1. Using 1% REE cut-off grade

Annual Production					
REO Rare Earths Oxides	Phosphate Product (approximately as P ₂ O ₅)	UO₄ Uranium Oxide	CaSO₄ Gypsum		
20,000 t	80,000 t	150 t	500,000 t		



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Capital Costs @ 0.95

A\$950 million

	Low	Mid	High
Rare earth oxides US\$/kg	\$22.00	\$38.00	\$54.00
Rare earth oxides 20,000t US\$	\$440	\$760	\$1,080
Phosphoric Acid 80,000t US\$1,250/t		\$100	
Gypsum 500,000t US\$25/t		\$12	
Uranium 150t US\$40/lb		\$13	
Total Revenue p.a. US\$M	\$565	\$885	\$1,205

Where are we now?



Significant progress through a lengthy project timeline which is a characteristic of the rare earths industryCompleted with project We are here Imance in place by end 20				
Exploration	Prefeasibility Study	Bankable Feasibility Study	Construction	Operations
<	Approx 15 years f	or a rare earths project		→
 Exploration began 1999 Maiden JORC resource 200 	 3 Technology Program began 2004 Prefeasibility study issued 2007 	4		km of drilling at Nolans Bore I project
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Building a Sustainable Business for the Future



Large scale operations will put the Northern Territory on the world Rare Earths industry map. Ongoing sustainability crucial for all stakeholders <u>Nolans Project Flow Diagram</u>

- Australian-based business model
 - low sovereign risk
 - highest environmental regulatory standards
- Long life deposit
 - 20 years + resource with expansion possibility
- Australian developed & proven flow sheet
 not dependant on others
 - world class experts have assisted
- 'Going the extra mile' with front end loading to de-risk, optimize design, achieve quick start up and secure ongoing operational performance
 process simplification
 - scale demonstration programs
 - tailoring high quality products for customers
 - value creating features pursued
 - verification of EH&S performance
- Significant capital investment and ongoing operating costs. Vital to 'get it right' first time.



Technology



The flow sheet has been proven at pilot scale and is now undergoing final demonstration



Mixed REO Carbonate Production 2009 ANSTO Sydney





Water Leach Piloting 2009 ANSTO Sydney

Sulphation Baking 2009 ANSAC Bunbury



Gypsum from HCl Regeneration Demonstration Plant 2011 ALS-Ammtec Perth



Pre leach Demonstration Plant 2011 ALS-Ammtec Perth



HREO sample produced from Nolans Bore 2010 ANSTO Sydney





Arafura's presence in the Northern Territory

Arafura in the Northern Territory



Arafura has been active in the Northern Territory for almost 15 years





- Tenements obtained in 1997
- Exploration for rare earths began in 1999
- Continuous presence in NT since 2006
- Current office and exploration sample store is base for 4 full time employees
- > Approximately A\$40M expenditure to date
- Provided local employment opportunities where possible
- Sought to use local contractors and services where available and competitive
- Strong relationships with and excellent support from NT Government and local communities
- EIS guidelines for Nolans Bore issued in 2008
- Arafura is proud of its long association with the Northern Territory
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Nolans Bore - Major Drilling Program 2011



Major drilling program (52km) to upgrade resource confidence and investigate expansion potential



Nolans Bore drilling (including 2011 program)



Updated resource statement due by end 2011



Nolans Bore Mine



Long life open cut mine and comprehensive beneficiation plant creating value locally





- A substantial investment and operation
- Drive in/drive out operation with camp
- Site remote, but not isolated. Good access to main highway (10km) and railway line (60km). Close to gas supply.
- Operations to highest EH&S standards
- Significant initial capital investment of approximately A\$200M (Arafura and others)
- Around 300 jobs during construction
- Approximately 150 jobs during operations
- Around A\$25M value created locally when in operation
- Royalties and taxes for NT Government
- Planned Native Title agreement with local Anmatjere indigenous people
- Significant regional development aligned with NT Government objectives

Arafura Creating Economic Benefits Beyond Rare Earths



Arafura can generate additional economic benefits



- The Nolans Bore mine can provide 'critical mass' and act as a 'hub' for other neighboring local regional developments, e.g. horticulture
- > Arafura can catalyze the development of service providers in general
- > Arafura can act as a conduit for investments by others in the Northern Territory, e.g. ECE
- Arafura is seeking investment partners for its non rare earth exploration in the Northern Territory

Investment Opportunity in Arafura



- > Arafura will be a large world scale rare earths producer
- > Arafura is 'undervalued' compared to its industry peers
- Recent analyst reports recommend Arafura
- > Funding requirements:

Requirements for next 12 months are approximately A\$60 million to complete BFS Approximately 25% relates to costs brought forward, previously included in Project Finance

Expected position in 12 months leading to Project Finance:

Less than 500 million shares on issue &

<u>No debt</u>

Project Finance (approximately A\$1 billion):

- Consideration will be given to funding from all possible sources:
 - Customers (forward sales)
 - Suppliers
 - Debt & equity markets
 - Sovereign debt markets
 - Other (PIPES, Mezzanine, etc.)

Summary



- > A high tech industry with exciting outlook strategic materials
- > Applications in clean green energy and energy efficiency
- > Arafura will put the Northern Territory on the global rare earths map
- Nolans Bore Mine development is aligned with Northern Territory Regional Development program
- Nolans Project will be a significant capital investment, will be world scale and have long life – significant ongoing value creation
- Technology designed to meet highest environmental standards EIS guidelines issued and studies underway
- BFS well advanced
- Catalyst for development of other ventures
- > Opportunities for investment in Arafura exist
- Significant NT Government and community support



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