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### **Kidman Resources**



#### Kidman Resources is an Australian-listed lithium explorer and developer<sup>1</sup>

- Direct exposure to the burgeoning electric vehicle (EV) thematic
- Lithium demand forecast by BMO to grow at a 14% CAGR through 2025

#### Developing the Earl Grey lithium deposit in Australia via 50/50JV with SQM<sup>2</sup>

- Tier-1 globally significant hard-rock deposit
- Potential for significant resource growth via recently completed drilling program

### JV actively progressing investment case for a lithium refinery in Western Australia

- Kidman would be only fully integrated ASX-listed manufacturer of hard-rock sourced lithium hydroxide<sup>3</sup>
- Allows Kidman to bypass the Chinese conversion market

#### Initial mine development and concentrator capital requirements fully funded4

Refinery financing options being assessed

- 1. Kidman also has substantial gold assets
- 2. SQM = Sociedad Quimica y Minera de Chile
- 3. JV agreement allows Kidman right to market and sell its share of refinery output
- 4. According to Scoping Study and assuming decision to mine is taken by JV; as disclosed on 3 October 2017
- 5. Source: BMO Capital Markets, October 2017
- 6. Combined Inferred and Indicated Mineral Resource; as disclosed on 14 December 2016
- 7. LCE = Lithium Carbonate Equivalent; LiOH = Lithium Hydroxide
- 8. JV evaluating investment in a lithium refinery in Western Australia
- 9. Based on A\$/US\$ of 0.75
- 10. ~6.0% spodumene concentrate; as disclosed on 3 October 2017
- 11. After pre-strip; as disclosed on 3 October 2017

**EV Thematic** 

14% lithium demand CAGR through 2025<sup>5</sup>
28% EV-driven lithium demand CAGR<sup>4</sup>

Tier-1 Lithium Deposit

Mineral Resource: 128mt at 1.44% Li<sub>2</sub>O<sup>6</sup>

LCE Resource: 4.54mt<sup>5,6</sup>

Potential for significant resource growth

Fully Integrated Refined Lithium Manufacturer<sup>7</sup> Stage 1 Nameplate: 44ktpa LiOH or 38ktpa LCE<sup>7</sup>

Would be only ASX-listed manufacturer of hardrock sourced lithium hydroxide<sup>2</sup>

1<sup>st</sup> Quartile of Spodumene Cost Curve<sup>9</sup>

Avg C1 Concentrate Cash Cost: ~US\$205/t10

Low strip ratio of 2.3 reducing to 1.9<sup>11</sup>

SQM JV



SQM is world's largest lithium producer

50/50 JV with anti-dilution protections

Kidman retains right to market and sell its share of JV product (50%)

**Funding in Place** 

Mine development and concentrator capital requirements fully funded<sup>4</sup>

Refinery financing options being assessed

## **EV Thematic**



Fully Integrated Refinery

1st Quartile Producer

SQM<sup>1</sup> JV

Funding in Place



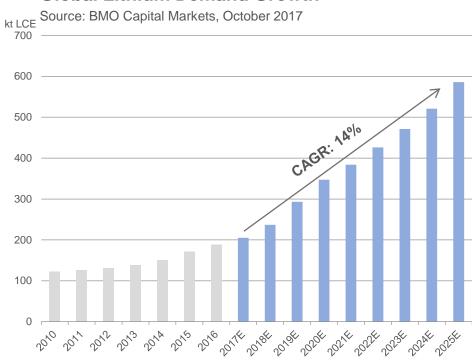
### Kidman has direct exposure to the burgeoning EV thematic

- Primarily through lithium hydroxide manufacturing, the preferred EV battery power source
- E.g. Tesla Gigafactory expected to consume ~28ktpa of lithium hydroxide per annum by 20201

### Lithium demand forecast by BMO to grow at a 14% CAGR through 2025

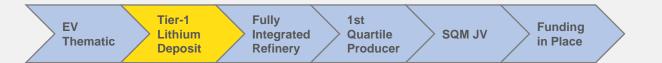
- EV-driven lithium demand forecast to grow at a 28% CAGR over the same period
- Other drivers include energy storage, glass/ceramics and grease/lubricants

#### Global Lithium Demand Growth<sup>1</sup>



1. Source: Benchmark Minerals Intelligence, 11 May 2017

## **Earl Grey**





### Earl Grey is a Tier-1 globally significant hard-rock deposit in Australia

- Mineral Resource of 128mt at 1.44% Li<sub>2</sub>O yielding 4.54mt of LCE<sup>1</sup>
- Life of Mine of 50+ years

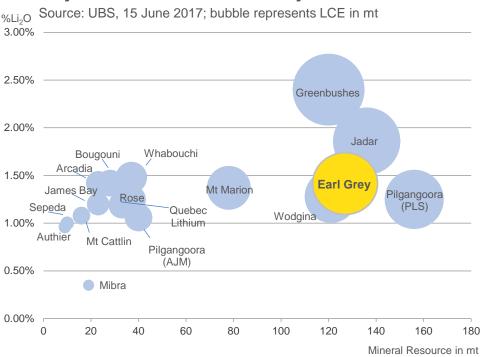
### Stage 1 mine and concentrator scoping study demonstrates robust economics

- 1st quartile of spodumene concentrate cost curve<sup>2</sup>
- Low strip ratio of 2.3 reducing to 1.9 after pre-strip; flat-lying deposit<sup>3</sup>
- ~288kt of ~6.0% spodumene concentrate or ~40kt of LCE produced annually<sup>3</sup>

### Potential for significant resource growth via recently completed drilling program

Revised Mineral Resource estimate expected in March 2018

#### **Major Lithium Hard-Rock Projects**



3. As disclosed on 3 October 2017

<sup>1.</sup> Combined Inferred and Indicated Mineral Resource; as disclosed on 14 December 2016

<sup>2.</sup> Based on A\$/US\$ of 0.75

## Refinery





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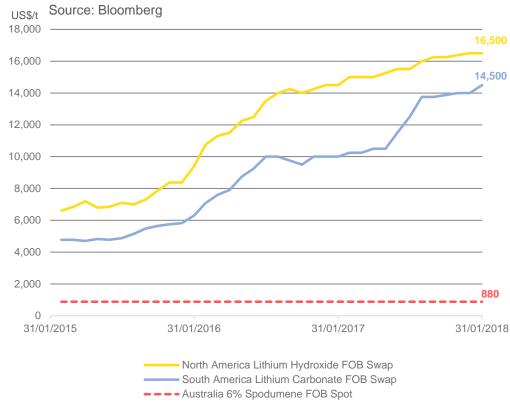
#### Refinery design to include lithium hydroxide / carbonate optionality

- Lithium hydroxide historically trades at a premium as it is the preferred EV battery power source
- Stage 1 nameplate of 44,000tpa lithium hydroxide or 37,800tpa lithium carbonate<sup>2</sup>
- Stage 2 design under assessment

### Refinery feasibility study in progress

Market update expected in second half of calendar year<sup>3</sup>

#### **Lithium Hydroxide and Carbonate Pricing**



<sup>1.</sup> JV agreement allows Kidman right to market and sell its share of refinery output

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<sup>3.</sup> JV agreement provides Kidman the right to participate in up to 50% of the refinery project should the JV decide to proceed; it is Kidman's intention to participate in the refinery investment in this case.

## **Cost Position**

EV Thematic Tier-1 Lithium Deposit Fully Integrated Refinery

1st Quartile Producer

SQM JV

Funding

in Place



### "Very low-cost project"1

- Avg C1 Spodumene Concentrate Cash Cost: ~US\$205/t2
- 1st quartile of spodumene concentrate cost curve<sup>3</sup>

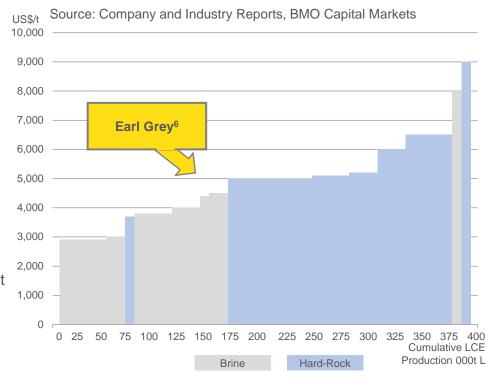
### Lithium hydroxide / carbonate cost position driven by favourable natural features

- Low strip ratio of 2.3 reducing to 1.9 after pre-strip
- Concentrator Output: ~6.0% Li<sub>2</sub>O<sup>4</sup>
- Concentrator Yield: ~60 85%<sup>5</sup>

### Also benefits from existing infrastructure and government support

- Brownfield mine site 400km from Perth with electricity, water, rail and road infrastructure
- Lead Agency Service granted by Western Australia Government, streamlining project development

#### **Illustrative Global Lithium Cost Curve**



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<sup>1.</sup> CEO of SQM, 11 September 2017 Press Release

<sup>2.</sup> As disclosed on 3 October 2017

<sup>3.</sup> Based on A\$/USD\$ of 0.75

<sup>4.</sup> Spodumene concentrate

<sup>5.</sup> Of mineralised pegmatite input





### SQM<sup>1</sup> is the global JV partner of choice

- World's largest lithium producer, accounts for more than 20% of world's lithium supply<sup>2</sup>
- Meaningful project management and operating experience (mine, concentrator, refinery)

### JV provides Kidman appropriate rights and anti-dilution protections

- Equal representation; CEOs of SQM and Kidman on Management Committee
- Right to market and sell pro rata share of product; right to participate up to 50% of refinery investment

#### JV active with studies and approvals proceeding

- CEO and Project Director appointed
- Monthly Management Committee meetings being held alternately in Chile / Melbourne





#### **Western Australia Lithium**

SQM2: World's largest lithium producer1

#### 50/50 JV:

- Equal representation
- CEOs of SQM<sup>2</sup> and Kidman on Management Committee

#### Appropriate rights and protections in place

- Anti-dilution
- Marketing and sales

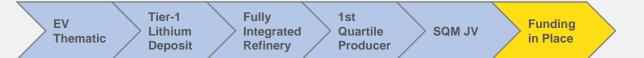
#### JV active:

- Key personnel appointed
- Monthly Management Committee meetings being held

1. Sociedad Quimica y Minera de Chile

2. Source: Financial Times, 17 February 2018

## **Funding**



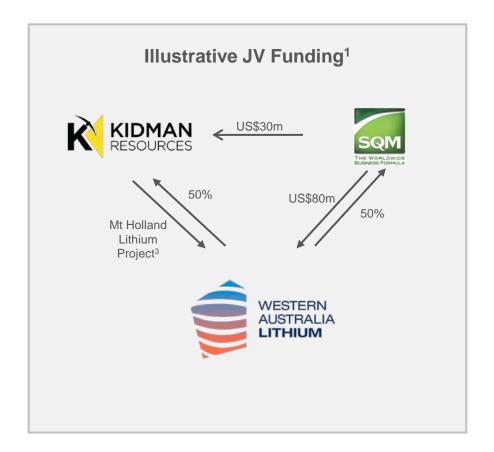


### Initial mine development and concentrator capital requirements fully funded<sup>1</sup>

- Completion of revised Mineral Resource estimate
- Completion of mine, concentrator and refinery feasibility studies
- Mine, concentrator and infrastructure construction

#### Additional capital requirements to be funded on a 50/50 pro rata basis

Kidman assessing financing options to participate in refinery investment<sup>2</sup>



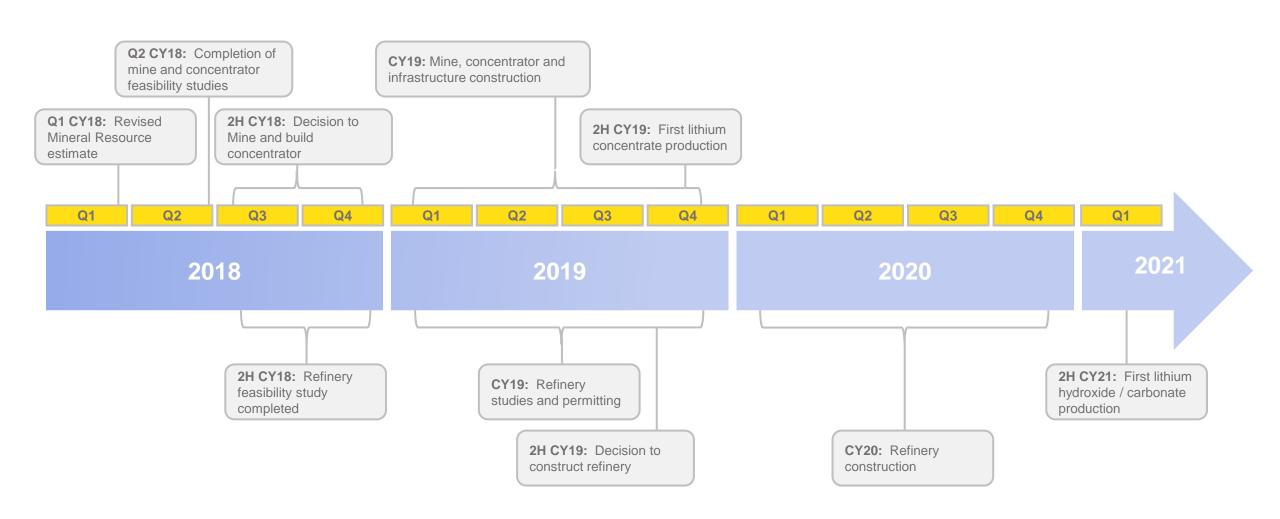
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<sup>3.</sup> Mt Holland Lithium Project includes the Earl Grey lithium deposit

# Catalysts





## **Strategy**



Focus on JV and Project Management

Maintain Independence

**Develop Strategic Relationships** 

Refresh Board and Management

Prioritise Shareholder Returns

- Deliver project safely, on time and on budget
- Maintain existing strong relationship with SQM<sup>1</sup>
- Continue program of actively divesting non-core assets
- Preserve right to market and sell pro rata share of JV output (50%)
- Preserve strategic position as only fully integrated ASX-listed manufacturer of lithium hydroxide
- Maintain independence from Chinese conversion market
- Nurture SQM relationship
- Enhance relationships with global EV and battery industry leaders
- John Pizzey appointed Chairman; Aaron Colleran appointed to Board
- Charles McGill appointed CFO; David English appointed JV Project Director
- Maintain nimble, entrepreneurial and innovative culture while recognising increasing scope of business
- Maintain capital discipline
- Safeguard balance sheet
- Maintain remuneration policy that aligns investors' experience with management's experience

1. Sociedad Quimica y Minera de Chile



# **Appendix A**

## **Tier-1 Global Resource**



Source: UBS, 15 June 2017  Operator	Status	Project	Li₂O	Resource (mt)	Contained Li <sub>2</sub> O ('000t)	Contained LCE ('000t)
Albemarle / Tianqi	Operating	Greenbushes	2.40%	120	2,880	7,122
Rio Tinto	Exploration	Jadar	1.86%	136	2,530	6,256
Pilbara Minerals	Development	Pilgangoora (PLS)	1.25%	156	1,950	4,822
Kidman Resources	Exploration	Earl Grey	1.44%	128	1,843	4,558
Mineral Resources	Operating	Wodgina	1.28%	121	1,549	3,830
Neometals / Ganfeng / Mineral Resources	Operating	Mt Marion	1.37%	78	1,069	2,643
Nemaska Lithium	Development	Whabouchi	1.48%	37	548	1,354
Critical Elements	Exploration	Rose	1.25%	37	463	1,144
Altura Mining	Development	Pilgangoora (AJM)	1.06%	40	424	1,049
Birimian	Exploration	Bougouni	1.42%	28	398	983
Jilin Jien Elements	Exploration	Quebec Lithium	1.19%	33	393	971
Prospect Resources	Exploration	Arcadia	1.42%	23	327	808
Galaxy Resources	Exploration	James Bay	1.20%	23	276	683
Galaxy Resources	Operating	Mt Cattlin	1.08%	16	173	427
Dakota Minerals	Exploration	Sepeda	1.00%	10	100	247
Sayona Mining	Exploration	Authier	0.96%	9	88	217
AMG	Exploration	Mibra	0.35%	19	67	164
Total					15,078	37,278

# **Conceptual Integrated Project Flow Chart**



