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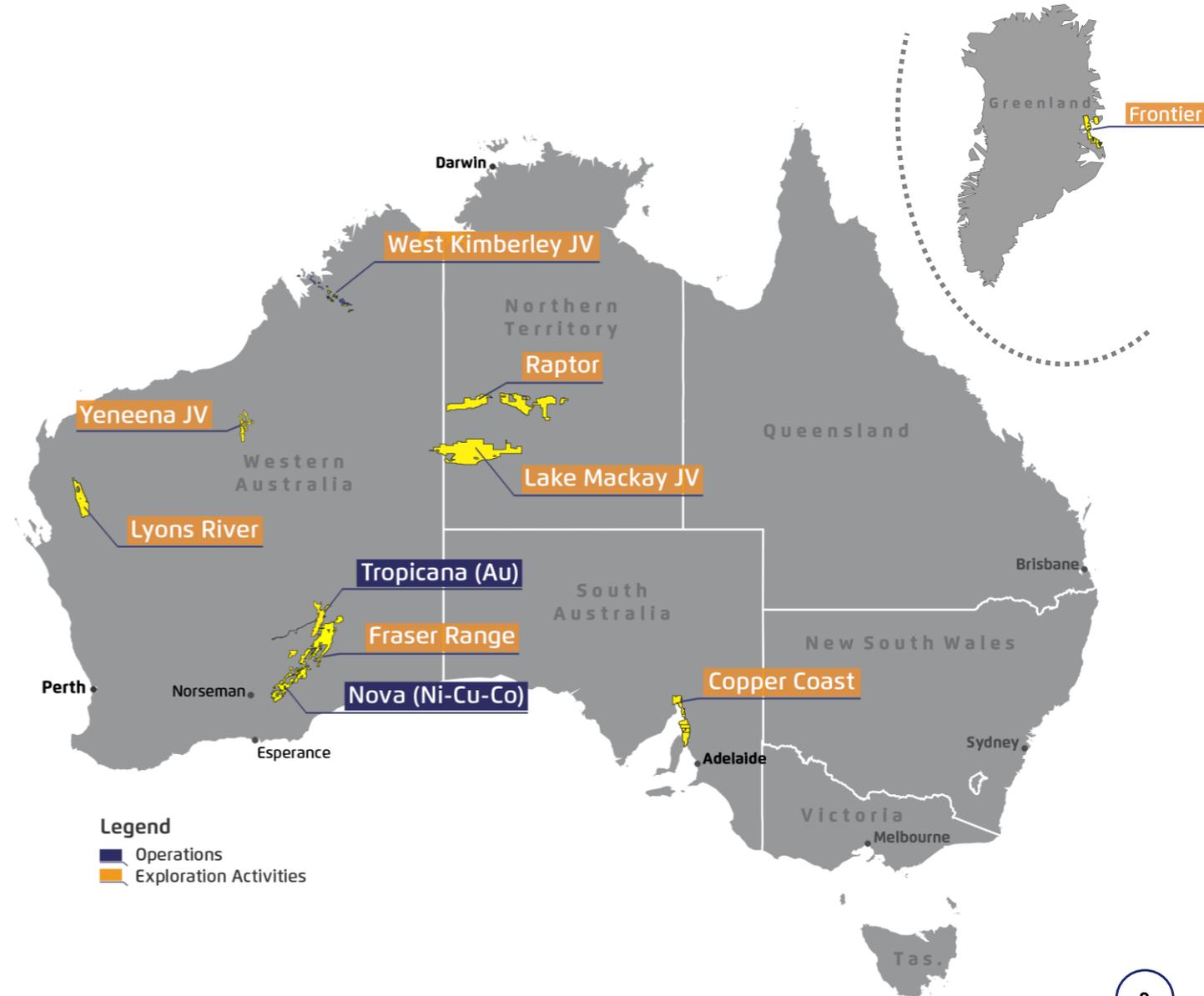
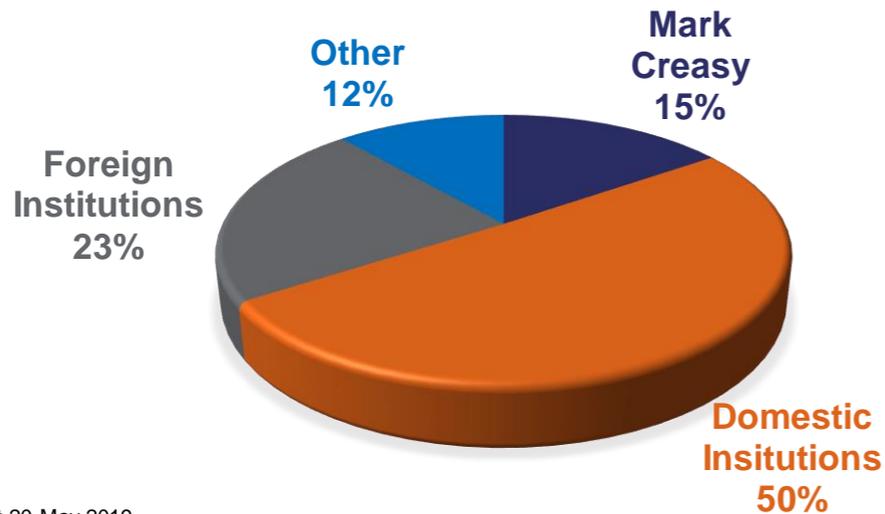
# Corporate Overview

High quality portfolio of operating and exploration assets



<b>Market Cap<sup>(1)</sup></b>	<b>Shares on Issue<sup>(1)</sup></b>
<b>A\$2.8 billion</b>	<b>590 million</b>
<b>Cash<sup>(2)</sup></b>	<b>Debt<sup>(2)</sup></b>
<b>A\$257 million</b>	<b>A\$86 million</b>

## Shareholders<sup>(3)</sup>



1) As at 20 May 2019  
 2) As at 31 Mar 2019  
 3) As at 26 Feb 2019

# Nova Nickel Operation

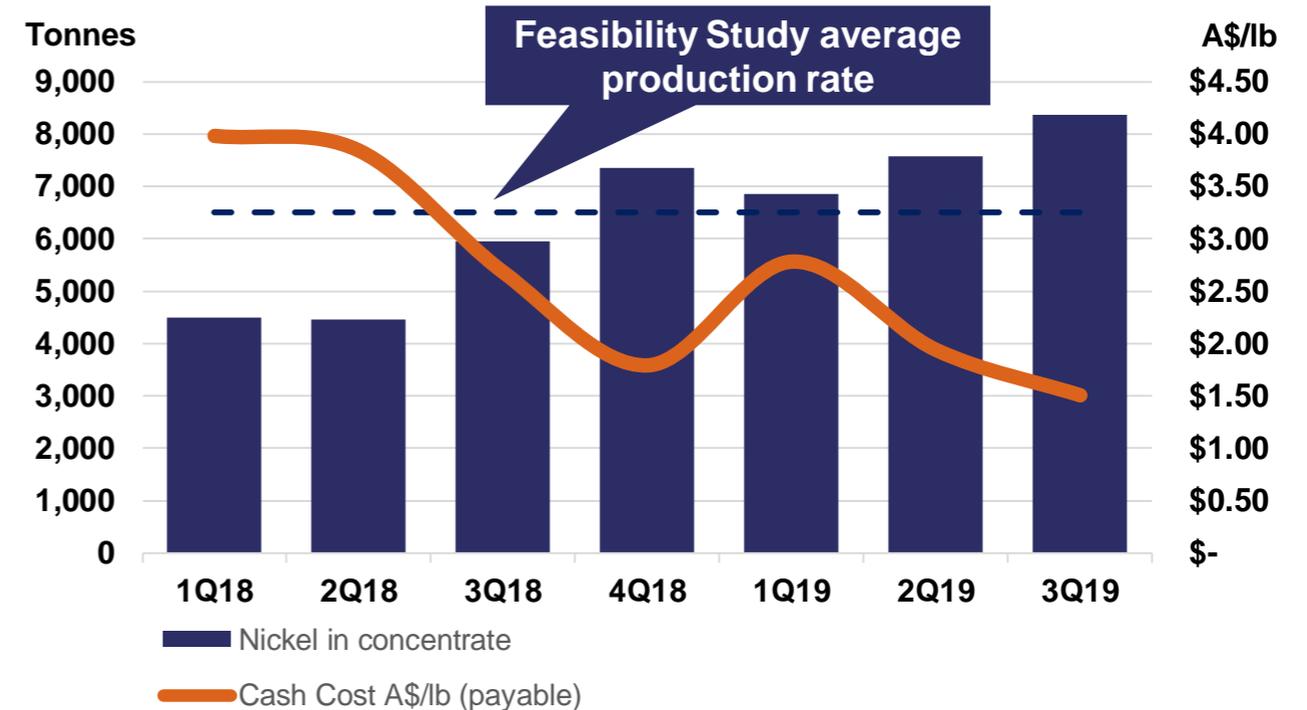
High margin, high quality nickel production



## Nova Development Timeline



## Nova Nickel Production and Cash Costs



World class underground nickel-copper-cobalt mine

Production of high quality, nickel and copper concentrate products

High margin production generating strong free cash flow

Significant exploration potential to extend mine life

# IGO is Making A Difference

Strategically focused on metals critical to clean energy



## Globally Relevant

large scale, high quality asset portfolio supplying metals critical to clean energy

## Vertically Integrated

upstream metal production and downstream processing to unlock value

## High-quality Products

to meet customer demand, made safely, sustainably, ethically and reliably

## Proactively Green

by embracing renewable energy and innovation to reduce carbon footprint

Delivered by people who are bold, passionate, fearless and fun  
– a smarter, kinder, more innovative team



# The Clean Energy Evolution



# Policy & regulatory changes

Global governments focused on demonstrating action to reduce emissions



- **Initiatives to increase renewable energy generation and storage**
- **Bans on conventional fossil fuel powered vehicles**
- **Strong support for mass adoption of electric vehicles (EVs)**
  - Subsidies
  - Tax exemptions & rebates
  - Toll exemptions & free parking
  - Substantial investments in recharge infrastructure



# Electric Vehicles

A rapidly growing market incentivised by lower costs



- China and Western Europe are leading the market
- 65% of new cars sold in 2030 expected to be electrified<sup>(1)</sup>
- Battery pack costs are falling
  - 2010: ~US\$1,000/kWh<sup>(2)</sup>
  - 2019: ~US\$140/kWh<sup>(2)</sup>
  - 2030(f): ~US\$60/kWh<sup>(3)</sup>
- EV cost parity with ICE vehicles expected by 2022<sup>(3)</sup>

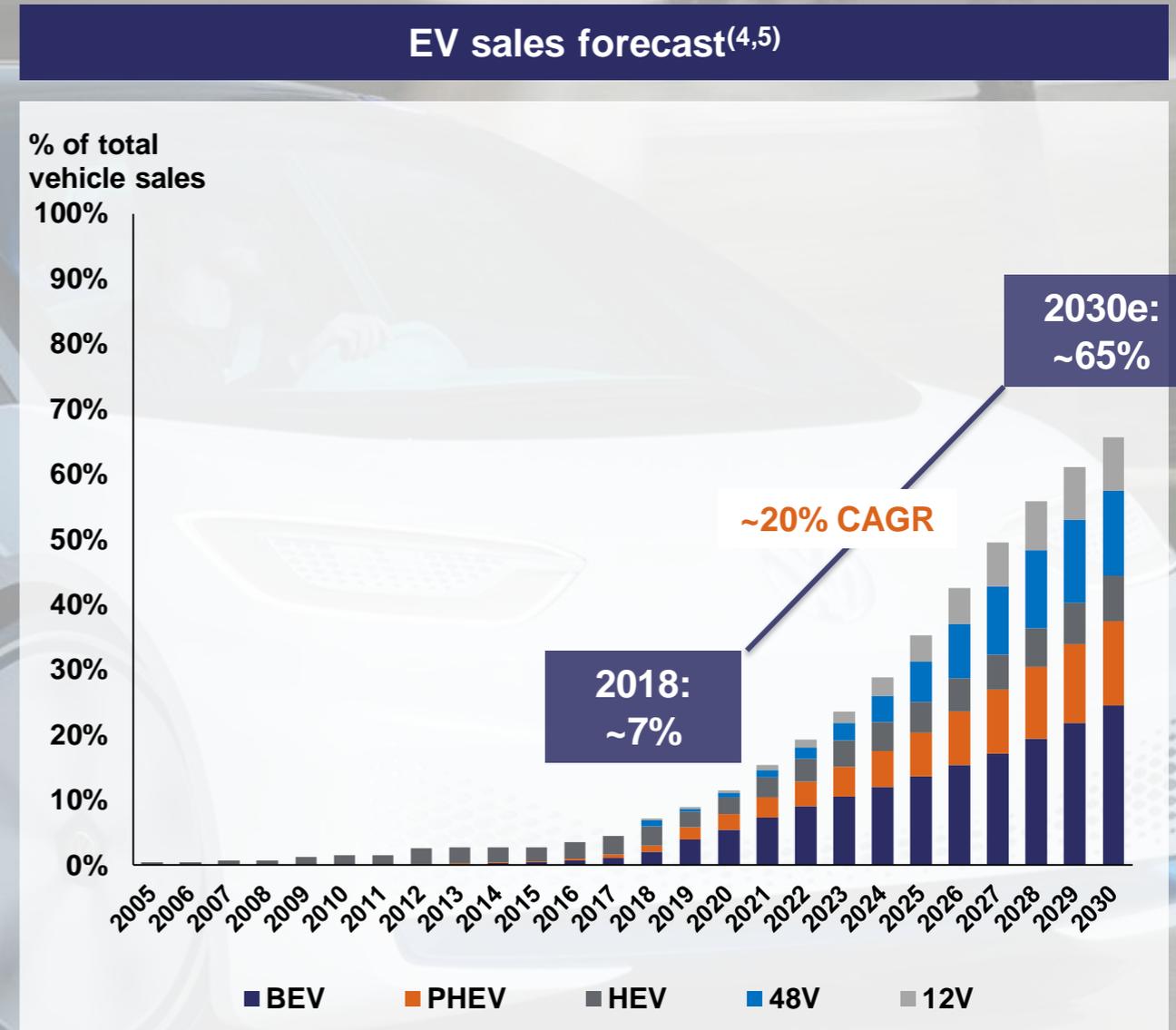
1) Source: Bernstein

2) Source: IGO Research

3) Source: Bernstein

4) Source: Roskill

5) BEV (Battery Electric Vehicle), PHEV (Plug-in Hybrid Electric Vehicle), HEV (Hybrid Electric Vehicle)



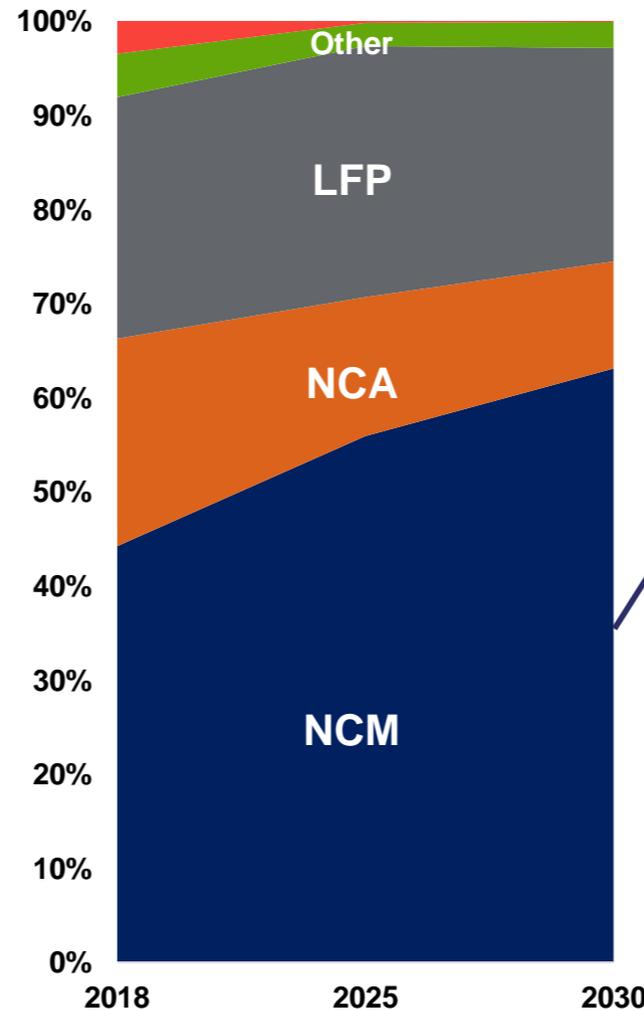
# Implications for raw materials



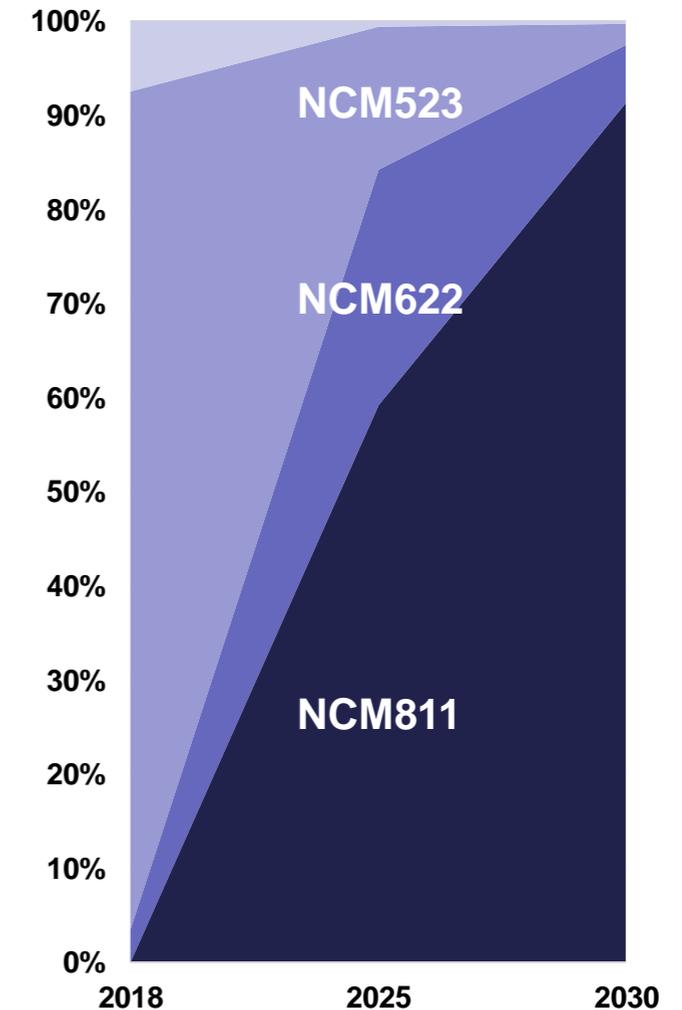
## Battery demand growth driving a new source of demand for raw materials

- **Modern lithium-ion battery technologies demanding**
  - Lithium, nickel, cobalt, manganese and copper
- **Cathode chemistries transitioning towards higher nickel intensity**
  - High nickel = higher energy density
  - High nickel NCM811, NCM622 and NCA batteries forecast to be dominant by 2030<sup>(1)</sup>

Forecast market share by cathode chemistry <sup>(1,2)</sup>



High nickel NCM811 and NCM622 chemistries forecast to dominate<sup>(1)</sup>



1) Source: Roskill

2) NCM (Nickel Cobalt Manganese); NCA (Nickel Cobalt Aluminium); LFP (Lithium Ion Phosphate)

# Implications for nickel

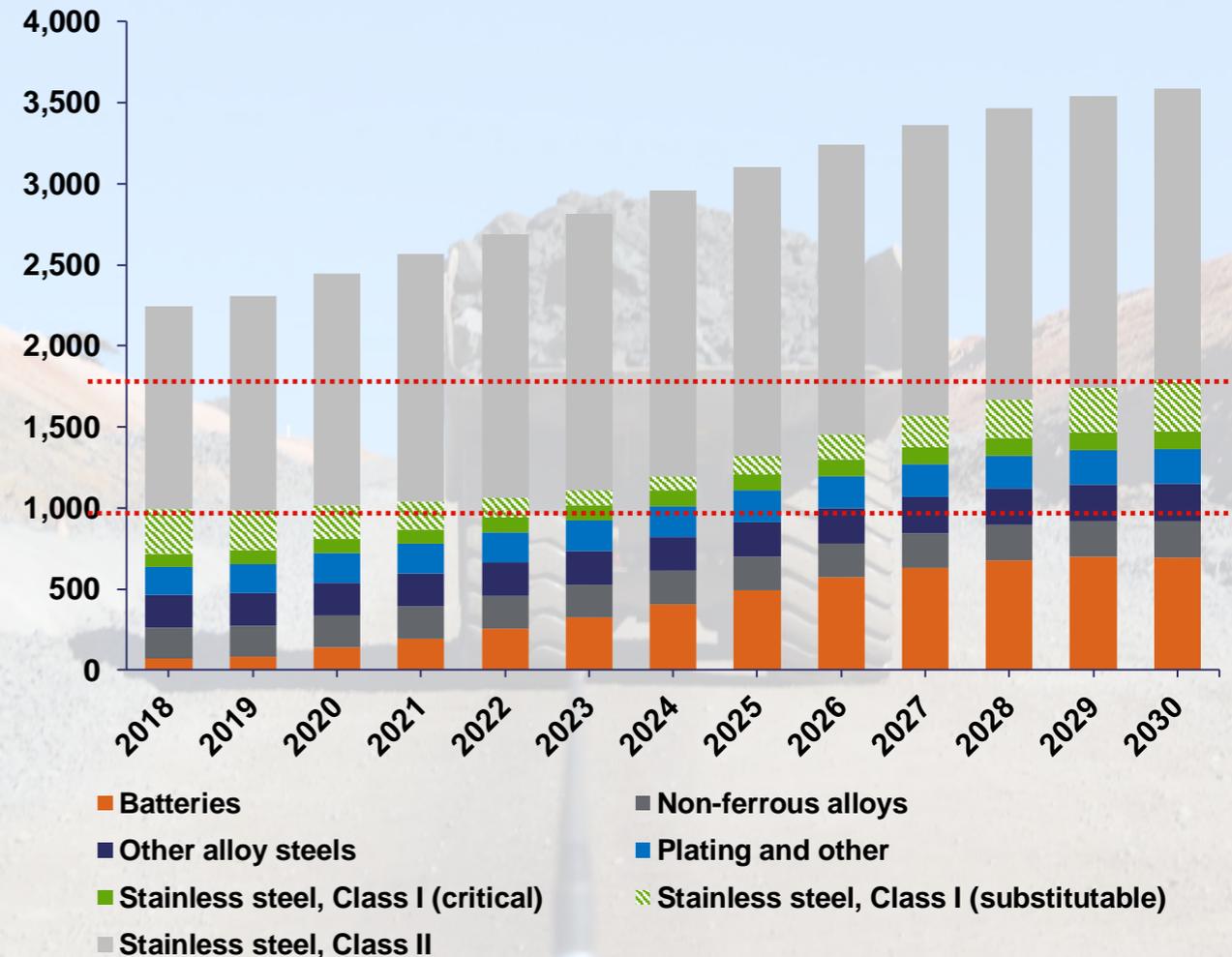
## New nickel demand putting pressure on supply



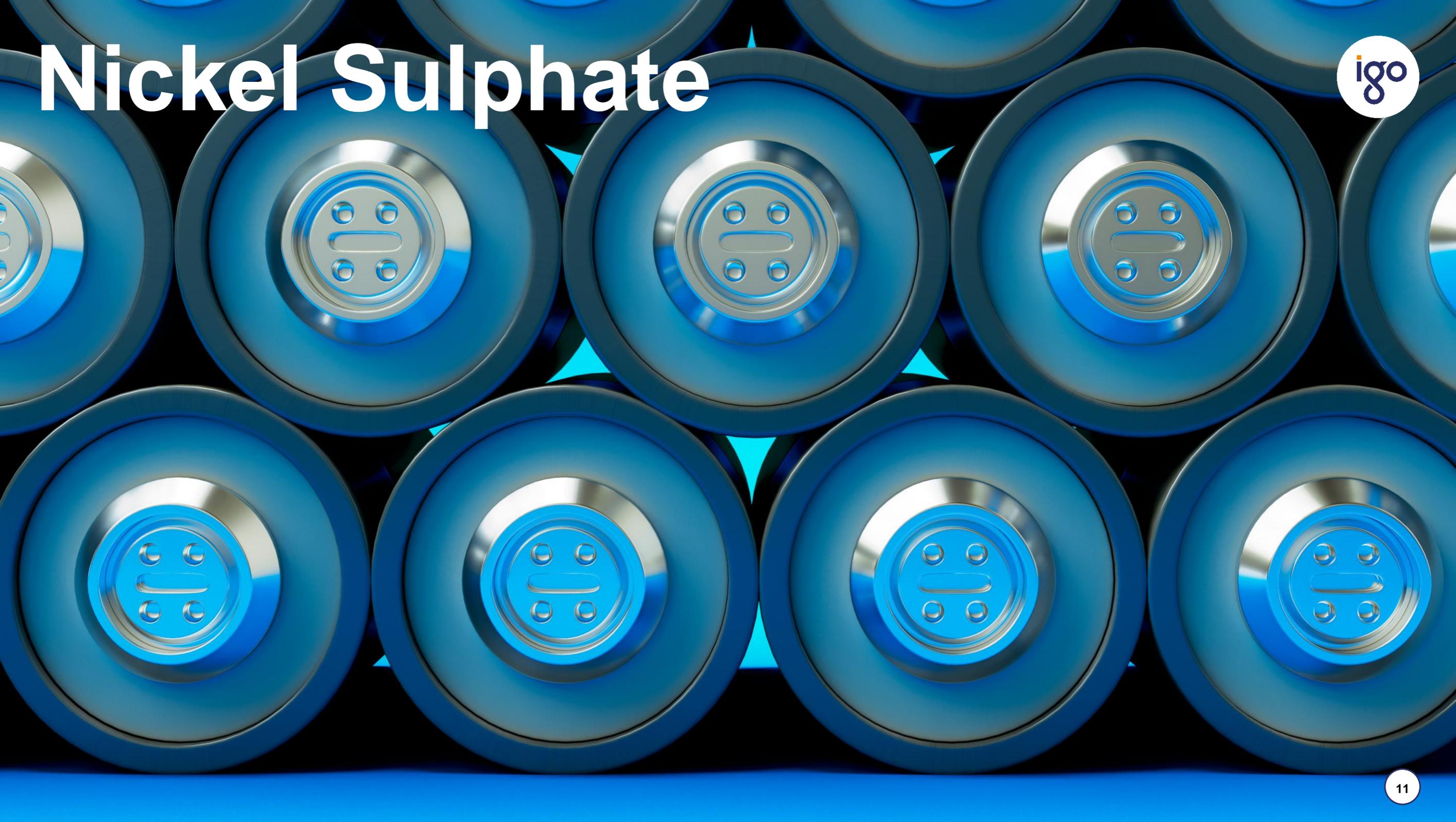
- **Class 1 nickel supply needs to double by 2030 to meet new demand from battery industry**
- **Market faces unique challenges:**
  - Less than half of current global nickel production is suitable for the battery industry
  - Upstream development projects have long lead times
  - Laterite deposits are capital intensive
  - Recent low investment in new nickel production capacity has limited new supply

1) Source: Roskill

### Class I & Class II Nickel Demand Forecast<sup>(1)</sup>



# Nickel Sulphate



# Nickel Sulphate

A key raw material for the nickel in lithium-ion batteries



- **Typical industry nickel concentrate payabilities influenced by:**
  - By-product credits
  - Commercial factors
- **Producing a battery grade nickel sulphate would deliver:**
  - Significantly higher payabilities
  - A premium price for nickel sulphate over the LME<sup>(1)</sup> nickel price
  - Directly placing IGO in the energy storage supply chain

1) London Metal Exchange

2) Photograph on LHS courtesy of Karel Osten, Wood Plc

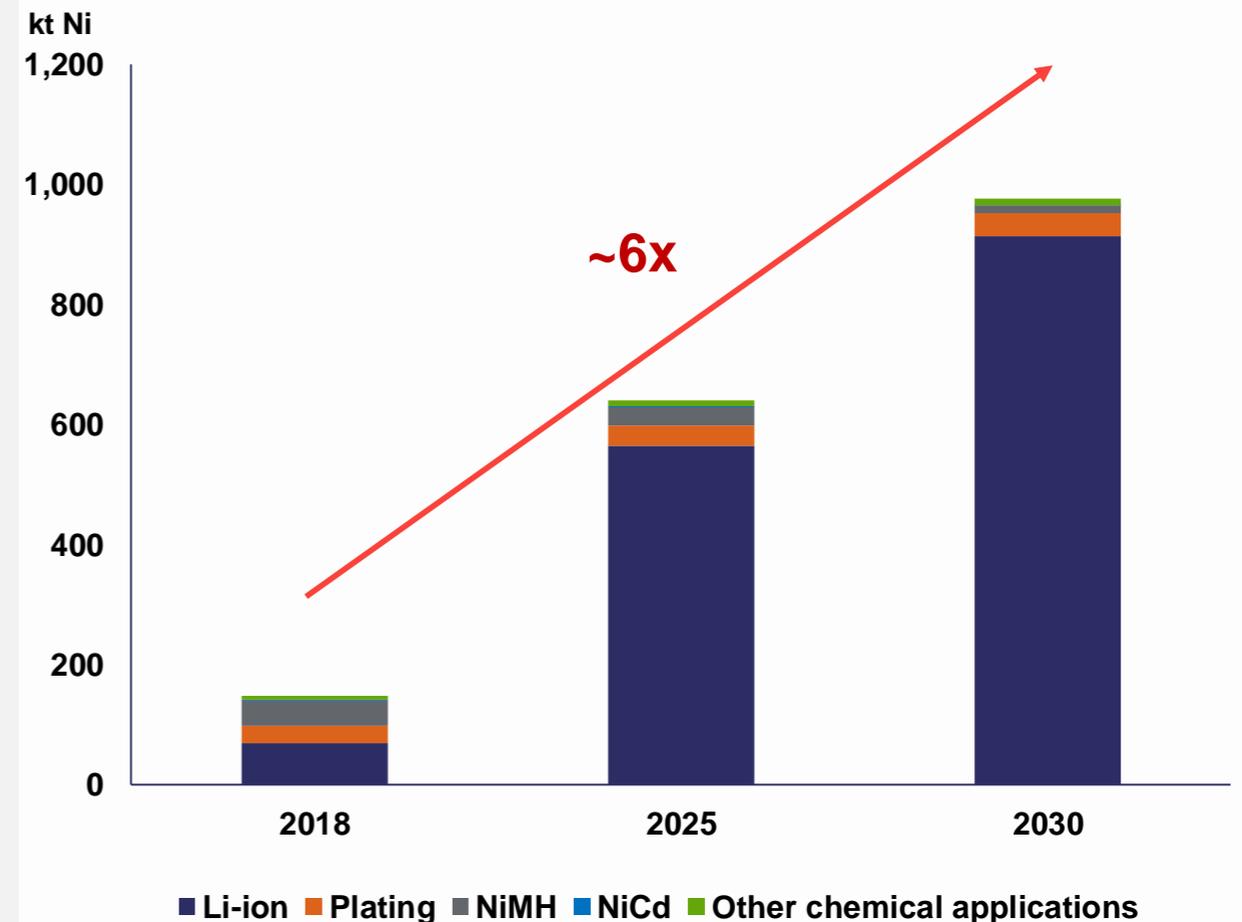
# Nickel Sulphate

Demand growth in line with EV growth projections



- Nickel sulphate is the key raw material for the nickel in lithium-ion batteries
- Demand for nickel sulphate based on
  - Rapid volume growth of electric vehicle market
  - Lithium ion batteries becoming more nickel intensive:
    - Higher energy density
    - Greater storage capacity
    - Lower cost

Demand outlook for nickel sulphate driven by the battery industry<sup>(1,2)</sup>



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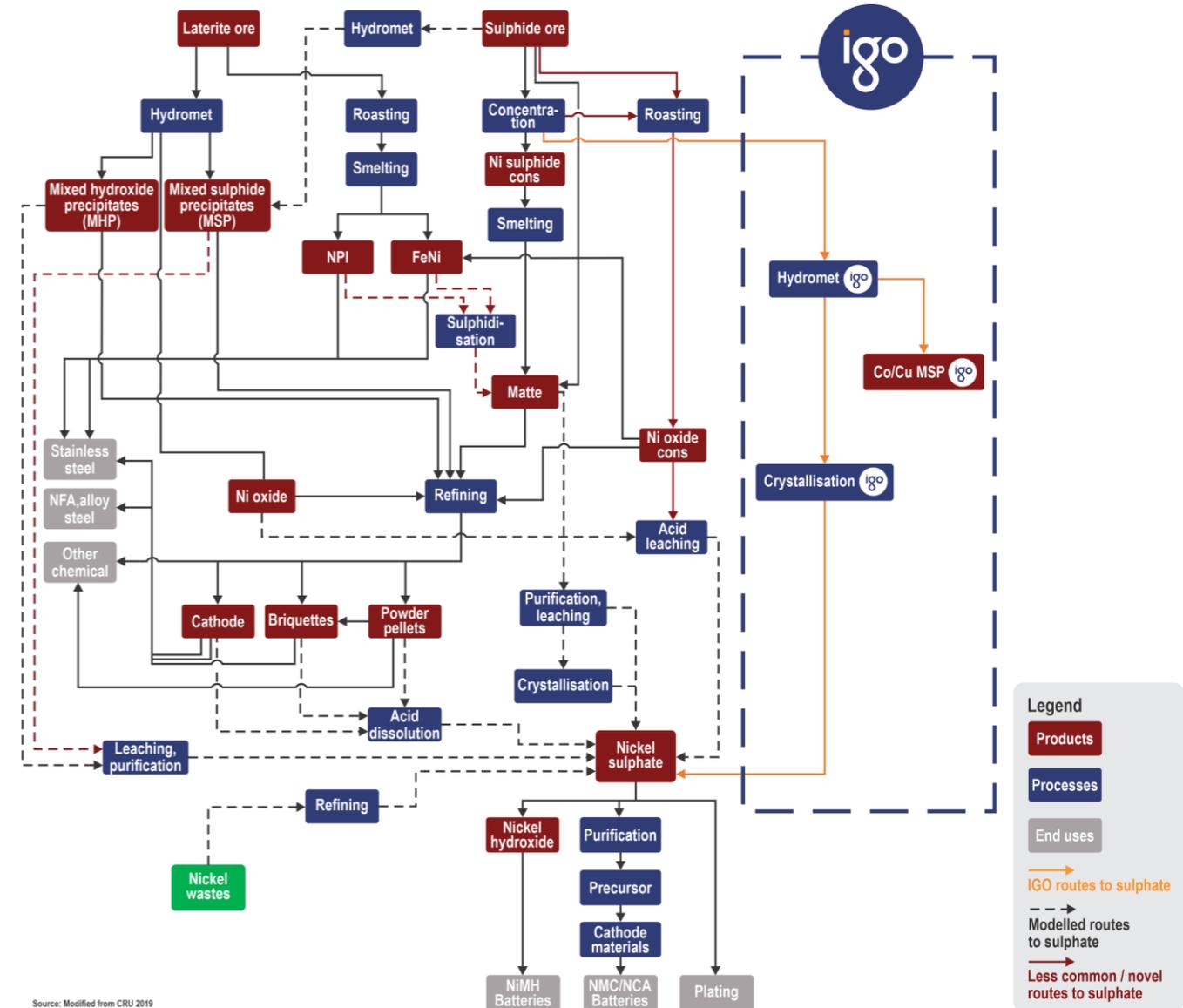
2) NiMH (Nickel metal-hydride); NiCd (Nickel-Cadmium)

# Nickel Sulphate

## Complex value chain



- Nickel sulphate production processes have typically been complex and costly
- Key cost factors include:
  - Traditional processes convert LME grade nickel matte/powder/briquettes into sulphate
  - High capital intensity of nickel sourced from nickel laterite deposits





# Our Solution

**1 Feed Optimisation**

Flotation optimisation through reduction of S:Ni ratio to lower oxygen consumption and waste precipitation

**2 Pressure Oxidation**

Both batch and continuous autoclave testwork to identify conditions to maximise Ni extractions at range of temperatures and pressures

**3 Solvent Extraction**

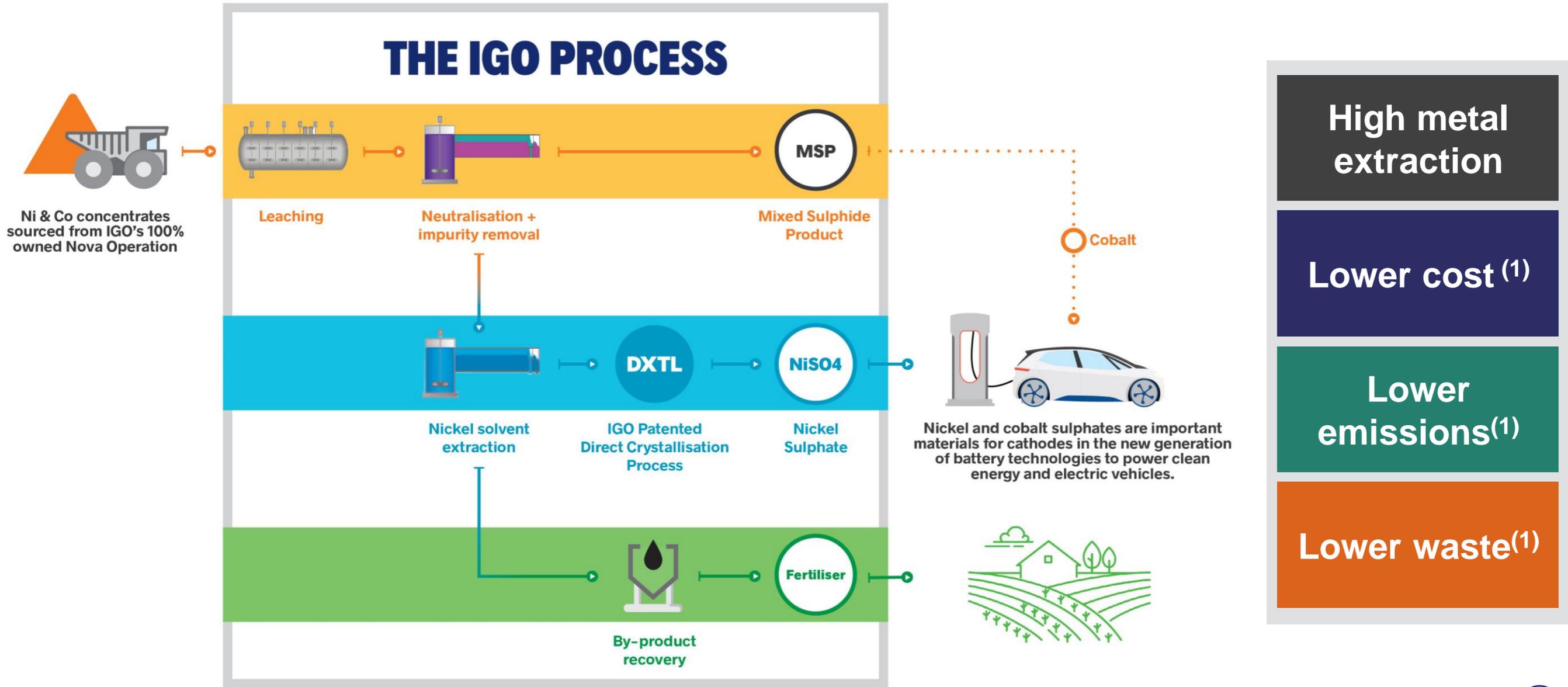
Range of solvent extraction reagents tested including Caustic, Ammonia and Magnesia

**4 Crystallisation**

Production of nickel sulphate at various quality specifications using both conventional crystallisation technologies and direct crystallisation

# The IGO Process™

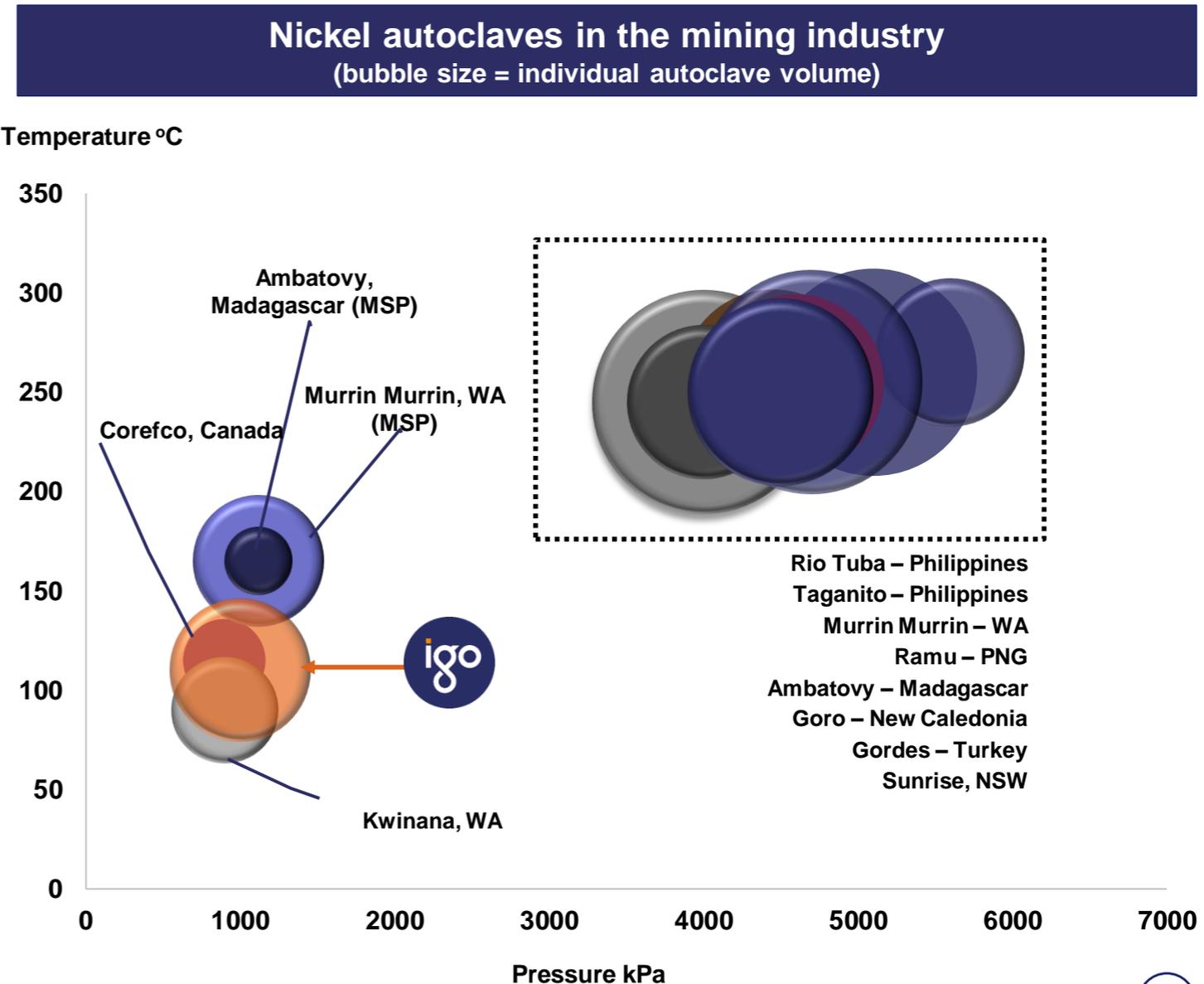
A disruptive process to convert nickel sulphide concentrate into nickel sulphate



1) Compared to existing alternative processes to convert nickel concentrate to nickel sulphate

- **Pressure oxidation (POX) used in IGO Process requires lower temperature and pressure than HPAL<sup>(1)</sup> and conventional POX processes**
  - Lower engineering intensity
  - Lower operating risk
  - Lower capital intensity
- **Operating costs within the lowest quartile of the cost-curve for integrated nickel sulphate producers**

1) HPAL: High Pressure Acid Leach



- Testwork has produced high quality, battery grade product
- IGO's process has flexibility to produce different product specifications to suit customer requirements
- IGO product expected to attract high market premiums
- Nickel sulphate expected to be sold under negotiated offtake agreements

Nickel sulphate product specifications of select offtakers

Element	IGO	Europe 1	Europe 2	China 1	China 2	China 3	WA 1	Others
Ni (%)	22.1 -22.3	22.3	22.3	22.2	22	22.2	22.3	22.2
Co (ppm)	40-140	2	10	30	10	30	80-120	100-250
Cu (ppm)	1-9	1	2	1	10	1	1	5
Al (ppm)	1	1	-	10	-	10	1	-
As (ppm)	1-2	1	-	-	2	-	-	-
Ca (ppm)	1	1	-	7	5	7	2	5-10
Cd (ppm)	1	1	2	2	10	1	1	-
Cr (ppm)	1	1	-	3	-	3	1	5-10
Fe (ppm)	1-6	1	2	4	10	3	1	5
K (ppm)	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	-
Mg (ppm)	1-4	1	-	20	-	20	1	5-10
Mn (ppm)	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	5-10
Na (ppm)	1	5	-	30	-	30	5	-
P (ppm)	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pb (ppm)	1	1	2	6	10	5	1	5-10
Si (ppm)	1	5	-	10	-	10	2	-
Zn (ppm)	1-5	1	2	2	10	1	1	5

# Environmental Credentials

IGO Process delivers favourable environmental outcomes



Low emissions

- Hydrometallurgical versus pyrometallurgical processes generating significant lower emissions
- Aim of The IGO Process is zero emissions



By-product waste

- Production of ammonia sulphate (fertiliser) as a by-product waste stream
- Continued R&D on inert iron oxide waste stream



Reduced carbon emissions

- Lower power requirements
- Conversion to renewable energy at the mine site



Preferred product for the greenest batteries in the world through minimising our carbon footprint and optimising our waste streams

# Next Steps

Optimise and complete the pre-feasibility study



Site selection trade off studies



Partnership opportunities



Finalisation of operating and capital costs



By-product production



Reagent optimisation

Complete Pre-feasibility Study by end of CY19



# Summary

Downstream processing represents a significant value opportunity for IGO



**Battery grade nickel sulphate produced from IGO's nickel concentrate**

**High metal extractions comparable with alternative flow sheet designs**

**Significant opportunity to unlock value from existing operations**

**Optimisation work underway ahead of study completion**

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