



# **EQ RESOURCES LIMITED**

Critical Mineral Producer: Stand M84

IMARC 2023: Mining Spotlight

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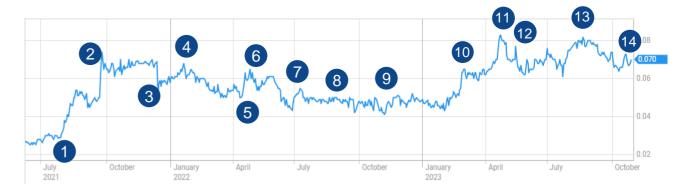
### **Corporate Overview**



Key Statistics			
Share Price	A\$0.07 per share		
12-month range	A\$0.04 - A\$0.088 per share		
Shares on Issue	1.57B		
Market Capitalisation	A\$106.74 million		
Top 20 Shareholders	58.8% (~10% Board/Management)		

Board & Management		
Oliver Kleinhempel	Non-exec Chairman	
Stephen Layton	Non-exec Director	
Zhui Pei Yeo	Non-exec Director	
Richard Morrow	Non-exec Director	
Kevin MacNeill	Chief Exec Officer	
Tony Bainbridge	Chief Geologist	

#### **Share Price Performance**



- Feasibility Study Resource Drilling results announced Announcements: 06 July 2021 (link), 13 July 2021 (link), 05 August 2021 (link)
- 2 Updated JORC Mineral Resource announced Announcement: 23 September 2021 (<u>link</u>)
- Bankable Feasibility Study results announced Announcement: 13 December 2021 (<u>link</u>)
- 4 AMGC Grant for 2<sup>nd</sup> XRT Sorter announced Announcement: 25 January 2022 (link)
- 5 Underground Scoping Study results announced Announcement: 12 April 2022 (<u>link</u>)
- Government \$6M Critical Minerals Grant announced Announcement: 28 April 2022 (<u>link</u>)
- 7 Early Work Program completion announced Announcement: 27 June 2022 (<u>link</u>)
- Phase 1 2022 Drill Program and Updated JORC Mineral Resource announced Announcements: 04 May 2022 (link), 20 May 2022 (link), 04 August 2022 (link)
- 9 Bankable Feasibility Study Update results announced Announcement: 09 November 2022 (<u>link</u>)
- First 2022 Drill Results: Iron Duke Disvocery and Confirmation Western Extension Announcement: 13 February 2023 (link)
- JORC Mineral Resources Update (+64%) announced Announcement: 04 April 2023 (<u>link</u>)
- 12 Strong BFS Update Delivers 47% Increase In NPV Announcement: 22 May 2023 (<u>link</u>)
- 13 EQR acquires Tungsten Producer and Secures \$25M Funding Announcement: 10 August 2023 (link)
- 14 Strategic Partner Cronimet Joins EQR Register Announcement: 18 October 2023 (<u>link</u>)

### **Tungsten Uses**

Critical Alloy Element, Unsubstitutable in Many Applications















**Aviation** 

**Aerospace** 

**Automotive** 

Heavy Machinery

Heavy Industry

Tools & Construction



**Medical** 



**Military** 



**EV Battery Development** 



Green Energy



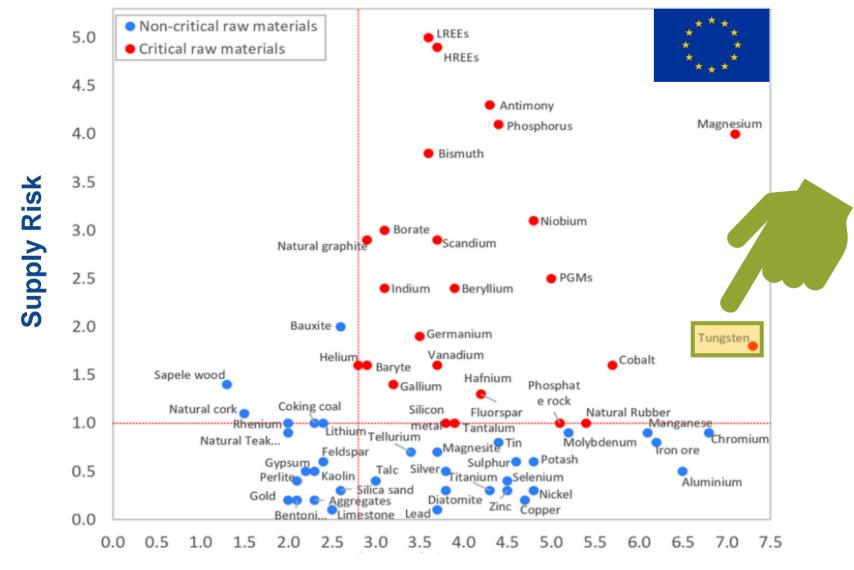
Science & Tech



Micro Electronics

## **Tungsten – A Material of Global Critical Significance**





**Economic Importance** 

## **Tungsten – A Material of Global Critical Significance**



Tungsten is classified as a 'critical mineral' by the US, UK, EU. Japan. South Korea. India and Australia:

- Due to its economic importance
- Supply dependency with >80% China market share
- Inability to be substituted in many end-use applications



EU Commission rates tungsten with highest 'economic importance': EU Critical Raw Materials Act further classifies tungsten as a 'strategic mineral'



Dodd Frank Act (Art.1502) - tungsten, tin, tantalum & gold defined as 'conflict minerals' (resulting in wide ranging traceability obligations)



Australia-US 'Climate, Critical Minerals & Clean Energy Transformation Compact' defines Australian resources as 'US domestic source'



at 3420°C highest melting point of all metals



as carbide compound hardest element after diamond



After graphite, tungsten could be the next metal to get a China export ban. Tungsten exists in a sweet spot where an exinvestingstrategy.co.uk

REUTERS



China sets 2023 mining quota for tungsten concentrate at 111.000 metric tons



**Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement:** Restriction on the Acquisition of Certain Magnets and Tungsten (DFARS Case 2018-D054)

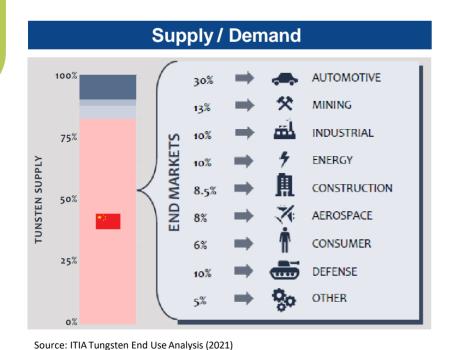
A Rule by the Defense Acquisition Regulations System on 04/30/2019

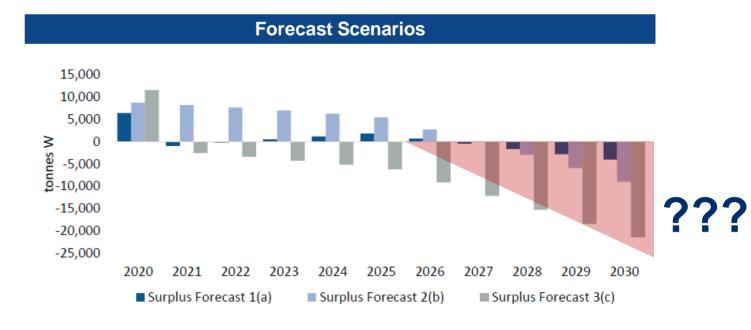
10 U.S.C. 2533c prohibits acquisition of samarium -cobalt magnets, neodymium -iron-boron magnets, tungsten metal powder, and tungsten heavy alloy or any finished or semi-finished component containing tungsten heavy alloy from North Korea, China, Russia, or Iran.

### **Tungsten Market Overview**



- Decades of continuously increasing dependency on China resulted in a market where today 90% of tungsten raw materials originate from China and other non-transparent or conflicted sources including Russia, North-Korea and Central Africa
- Contrary to the "disturbing" supply balance, NAFTA, EU, Japan and South Korea alone stand for ~2/3 of end-use demand
  for tungsten products
- Strategic / developed industries (automotive, energy, aerospace, defense) continue to depend on tungsten, in addition to **new applications in high-tech / high-growth sectors such as batteries and semiconductors** (e.g. nano tungsten oxide)
- Declining output from Chinese mines and the lack of new projects (i.e. in the western world) will result in a severe shortage and further increasing geo-political competition around this critical mineral





Source: (a) Argus Tungsten Analytics (2021), (b) Roskill Tungsten Outlook to 2030 (2021), (c) ITIA Tungsten End Use Analysis (2021)

### **Mt Carbine Flagship Project**

De-risked Mt Carbine Mine Is Australia's Leading Tungsten Mine and Is Consistently Exporting Concentrate to Global Consumers



Wit Carbine Open Pit

8. Processing Plants

1. Carbine Open Pit

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Mine Access & Infrastructure



Close proximity to international export channels underpins low-cost production.

- 130km via sealed highway to Cairns International Airport.
- Townsville Port received \$232 million upgrade in 2021, securing its position as largest port in North Australia and the economic gateway to Asia.

Power Supply Network



- 2021 upgrade of power supply line & new substation allows plant to operate 24/7.
- Will accommodate all future growth phases of Mt Carbine as production ramps up with mining of Open Pit.
- Bulk fuel supply on site through direct local supplier ensures reliability.

Water Supply Security



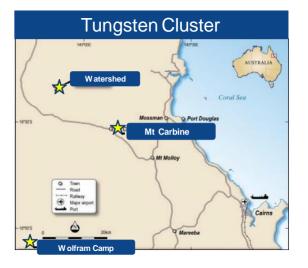
Multiple responsible sources of supply including 2 catchment storage dams, 17 investigation- and 1 production boreholes, draining of open pit, recycling of water through plant.

Accommodation,
Offices & Towns



- Mt Carbine motel, roadhouse, gas station & caravan park chalets for out-of-town specialist teams. Nearby towns of Port Douglas, Mossman, Mt Molloy & Mareeba allow up-skilled staff to be sourced locally and go home each day.
- Upgraded onsite Management & Admin offices facilitate hands-on management.

Perfectly situated within a Critical Minerals Hub (W, Sn) in Far North Queensland:



Cluster potential - significant mineral deposits defined in the region:

Watershed: 2014 DFS by Vital Metals (2012 JORC)



Wolfram Camp 2015 Technical Report by Almonty Industries (NI 43-101)



EQR Awarded Permit for Historic Wolfram Camp Mine. 27 Jul 2023 (link)

## **Solidly Developing Mt Carbine Economics Since 2021**

Continuous Value Generation Through Targeted Exploration, Value Engineering and Technology Deployment



#### Comparison of Mt Carbine Project Economics (excl. Underground Feasibility Work)

Parameter	Unit	Initial BFS (December 2021)	BFS Pit Optimisation (November 2022)	BFS Pit Optimisation (May 2023)
Total Cash Cost (FCA)	US\$/mtu	113	118	104
Capital Cost	A\$m	22.96	21.4	26.3*
Pre-tax NPV <sub>8, real</sub>	A\$m	131	210	307
NPV / Capex Ratio	Х	5.7	9.2	11.7
Payback Period	years	2.25	1.5	<1
Strip Ratio	(Waste:Ore)	11.1:1	3.1:1	3.9:1
Concentrate Produced	(t / 50% WO <sub>3</sub> )	26,680	30,960	38,570

#### Indicative Tax Payable from BFS modelling is +/- \$95 Million over the LOM

#### Notes:

<sup>\*</sup> Capex has increased due to \$7.7m added to double plant capacity (without this, capex forecast is lower than last BFS)

<sup>•</sup> The BFS has been prepared to a -20% to +20% level of accuracy. The production target and financial information in this table must be read in conjunction with the cautionary statement in the relevant ASX Release

AUD:USD average exchange rate of 0.688 over the life of project was used for currency conversions

#### Saloro as Latest Member of EQR Group

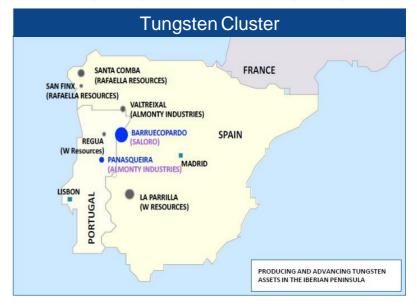
Europe's Largest Tungsten Mine, With Outstanding ESG Credentials, Additional Ramp-Potential and Regional Exploration Upside







Iberian Peninsula has historically been one of the leading Tungsten producing regions globally:



#### Barruecopardo History:

- Mine discovered in 1900's, stopped in 1982;
- Redeveoped by Saloro in 2019;
- EQR acquired in Q3/23, expansion planned for 2024

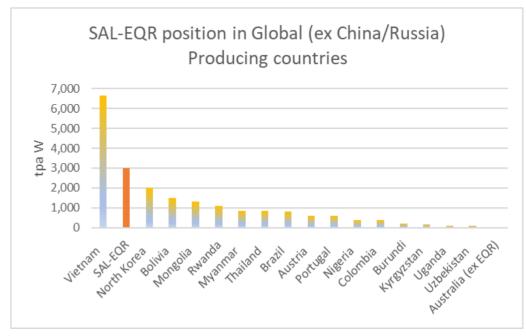
Note: Barruecopardo Mine has been in operation since 2019, funded by US private equity group, Oaktree, on the basis of a historic bankable feasibility study; EQR is currently preparing an update of the historic independent mineral resource and ore reserves estimate and will report a JORC-compliant update within Q1/2024; until then EQR is not allowed to report financial projections for the Barruecopardo project.

### **EQR & Saloro's Global Significance**



Arguably the **two best producing tungsten assets** today, with similar characteristics:

- Both in **Tier 1** jurisdictions
- Similar mineralogy: Both are hosted in sheeted quartz
- Complementary geology: Granite (Barruecopardo) and Metasediments (Mt Carbine)
- Identical mining method: Open pit blast plus truck and excavator - identical fleet
- Similar processing: Crush, screen, XRT-sorting, jigs and tables; Saloro incorporates flotation and mag.sep.cleanup, producing a higher-grade product
- Identical Marketing: Both supplying the same end customers
- Both operating adjacent to world renowned National Parks (strong ESG credential)
- Organisational and significant technical synergies (comparable operational output)



EQR will have a **production second only to Vietnam** in ex China/ Russia producing countries, and second only to Nui Phao (Masan Group, Vietnam) compared to top producers ex China/Russia.

Read More on EQR's Saloro Acquisition:



#### **What We Care About**

Responsible and Sustainable Critical Mineral Production





### **Recognition For Our Sustainability Efforts**

Responsible and Sustainable Critical Mineral Production









### **Strategic Partners**























## **Endorsement Through Funding & Grants**

Strong Support for Critical Minerals Projects in Australia







#### **Inflection Point of Value**







## A Globally Significant Tungsten Raw Materials Supplier





Established Production

Australia's largest primary tungsten producer, consistently accelerating production. Recent acquisition of Saloro (Barruecopardo Mine) makes EQR the largest western supplier of tungsten raw materials



**Secured Long-Term Offtake Partnership** 

Secured offtake via CRONIMET partnership at fair market value. Product from both EQR mines globally accepted, shipments to some of the largest Asian, US and European consumers.



**De-Risked Operations** 

Both mines scaled up production over recent years: proven economics, fully permitted, infrastructure in place, low-cost expansion ongoing, Government supported.



Large Economic Resources

Both resources provide economic grades well above world average. Both mines with Life Of Mine >12 years. Ongoing drilling programs at clearly defined targets provide upside potential. Both mines are located in historic regional mining clusters.



Positive Market Conditions & Outlook

Increasing commodity price forecast combined with favourable supply-demand dynamics underpins EQR's strategic relevance in the critical minerals sector. Classified as critical mineral for its economies by US, UK, EU, Japan, South Korea & India.



Genuine ESG Performance & Commitment

EQR is committed to embedding resource efficiency to minimise environmental footprint and delivering positive societal impact while striving to lead by example. Recognised by industry and Government awards.



Beneficial Waste Re-Use & Renewables As Cost-Saving Measures Beneficial re-use of waste product promotes Circular Economy commitment at Mt Carbine (similar investigations initiated for Saloro). Installation of solar PV renewable energy plant(s) to lower cost and reduce environmental footprint. Saloro's PV project is construction-ready.

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