

## Charging Ahead: The Kambale Graphite Project



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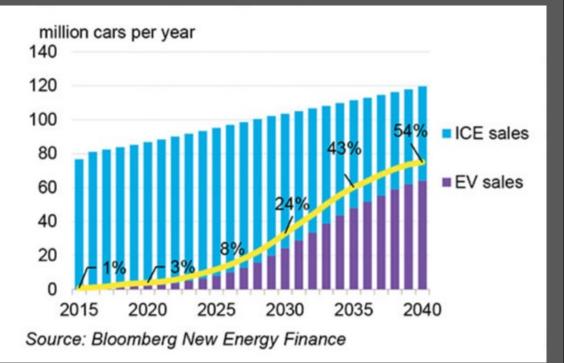
The information in this Release that relates to metallurgical test work was managed by Independent Metallurgical Operations Pty Ltd ("IMO") and is based on, and fairly represents, information and supporting documentation compiled and/or reviewed by Mr Peter Adamini BSc (Mineral Science and Chemistry) who is a member of The Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy (AusIMM). Mr Adamini is a full-time employee of IMO who has been engaged by Castle Minerals Ltd to provide metallurgical consulting services. Mr Adamini consents to the inclusion in this report of the matters based on his information in the form and context in which it appears.

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#### Graphite: Did you know?



- A 'Critical Mineral' for achieving "clean energy", "net zero" ambitions.
- Lithium-Ion Batteries ("LiB") dominate EV batteries, stationary power storage units and other applications.
- Graphite 95% of an LiB anode. 30kg 60kg per EV.
- ~3kg of fine-flake concentrate reqd. to produce 1kg of micronised, spheronised, purified, coated Battery Anode Material (BAM).
- Another 100M 120M passenger EVs by 2030\*. Others say many more.....
- Current production of natural fine flake graphite wholly inadequate to meet forecast EV sales.
- Forecast demand to 2030 for natural graphite 4x current supply.
- Natural flake graphite likely to exceed synthetic graphite use in anodes (very high  $CO_2$  footprint), outside of China.



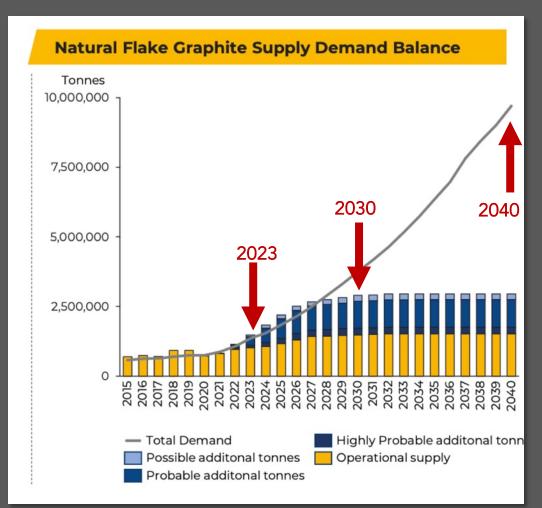
#### Forecast annual global light duty vehicle sales

#### Major Demand – Supply Disconnect

- ~400 'gigafactories' (LiB manufacturing plants) planned by 2030.
- Many more new graphite mines needed to meet demand.
- Supply disconnect: Gigafactories much faster to build than mines are to find, develop and to have their BAM 'qualify'.
- Most possible / probable mining projects way-off development decisions and/or financing.
- Massive over reliance on China (~95% BAM production) by USA, EU and other EV producers.
- Much of proposed new non-China located production already contracted to Chinese off-takers.
- China now importing natural graphite.
- Billions US\$ (IRA\*) and Euros (CRMA\*) being directed to ensure supply chain security.
- EV producers beginning to step down the chain (ref. lithium).



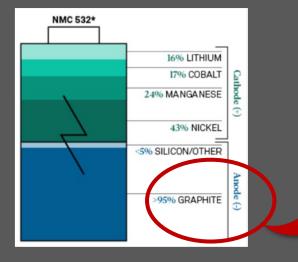


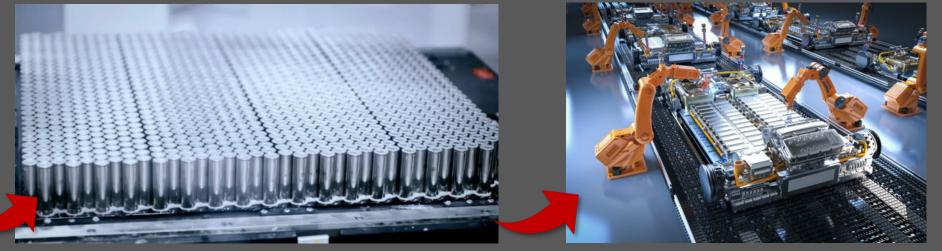


Commentary sources: Bloomberg. Fastmarkets. McKinsey. Macquarie. Benchmark. Reuters. International Energy Agency. S&P Global. \* Inflation Reduction Act and Critical Raw Materials Act

## Looming Supply Chain Bottleneck







Tesla's Berlin Gigafactory has lodged plans to expand from 500,000 cars per year to 1,000,000.



#### ~400 Gigafactories Operating by 2030?

## MRE Update: 22.4Mt and 1.9Mt Contained Graphite

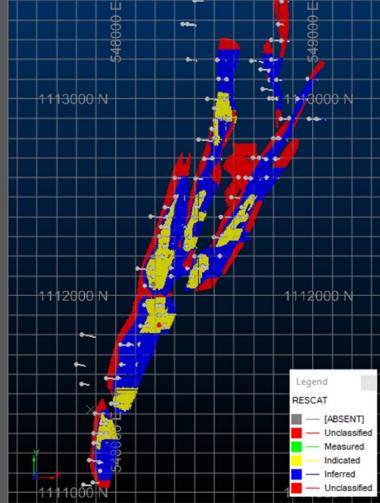


Classification (5% TGC Cut-Off)	Tonnes (kt)	Contained TGC (kt)	TGC	%
Indicated	9,556	843	8.8%	43%
Inferred	12,872	1,096	8.5%	57%
Total	22,438	1,939	8.6%	

Independent JORC Code 2012 Mineral Resource Estimate<sup>1,2</sup> (*Refer ASX release 23 October 2023*)

- 38% increase in contained graphite.
- 43% Indicated JORC classification (55% increase in contained graphite).
- 424 holes for 21,600m has confirmed multiple, sub-parallel, thick, consistently mineralised graphitic schist zones. 2.5km N-S and <0.5km E-W.
- Shallow depth and good widths conducive to lower-cost open-cut mining.
- MRE to 120m below surface (mineralisation extends to at least 150m below surface and remains open).





## Shallow, Multiple, Wide Lens

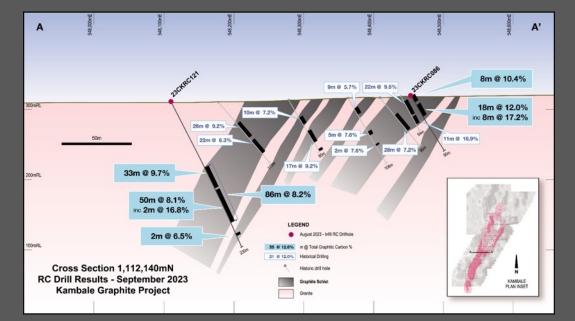


Block Model (% TCG)

5 to 10

10 to 15

15 to 20



Mineralisation from surface. Open at depth. Robust, thick intercepts

22.4Mt at 8.6% TGC (1.9Mt contained graphite)

Concept open-pit outline

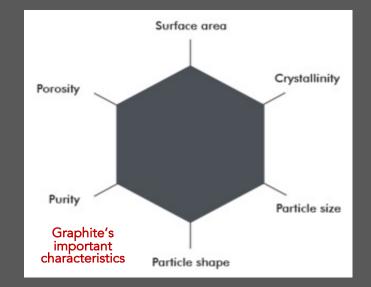
Q-Code for access to YouTube project fly-through animation



#### Commercial Grade Bulk, Fine Flake Concentrate Produced

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- 95.1% TGC commercial specification bulk fine flake graphite concentrate produced using conventional grind-flotation circuit (IMO P/L and Metallurgy P/L, Perth)
- Used 215kg unweathered, composited diamond core samples extracted from representative mineralised zones.
- Concentrate now with ProGraphite laboratories, Germany, for advanced testing to confirm use in battery anode manufacture.
- Concentrate will undergo micronisation, spheronisation, purification, coating, electrochemical and other battery performance tests.









#### **Excellent Development Credentials**

#### • Minimal infrastructure capital requirements:

- $\checkmark$  Largely green-grid power from 400MW Bui hydro dam.
- $\checkmark$  Plentiful potable water.
- $\checkmark$  Quality local and regional roads.
- $\checkmark$  Daily commercial flights from Accra to nearby Wa.

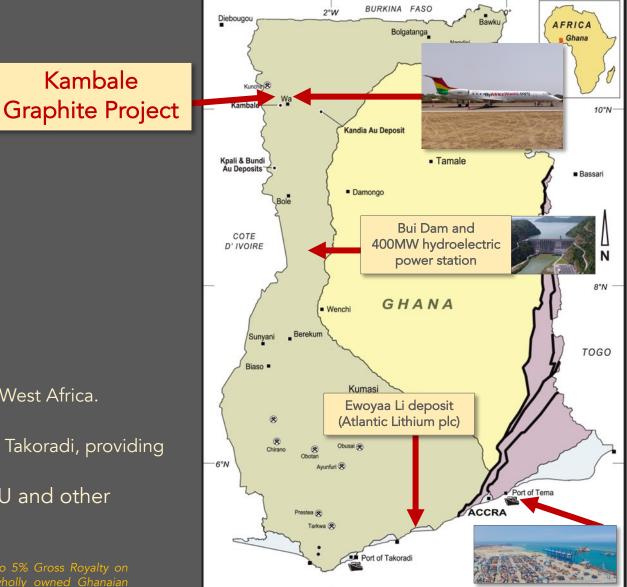
#### • Ghana: A favourable operating and mining jurisdiction:

- Safe, democratic, stable government.
- $\checkmark$  Regional base for international diplomatic missions.
- $\checkmark$  Established world-class mining laws and regulations.
- ✓ Mature mining industry (Africa's no.1 gold producer).
- Skilled, well-trained and very experienced work force.
- $\checkmark$  Full range of support services.
- $\checkmark$  Strong endorsement from local communities and government.

#### • Strategic importance:

- $\checkmark$  Only sizable graphite project in Ghana and one of only two in West Africa.
- ✓ Uncommitted production.
- Excellent national highways to international ports of Tema and Takoradi, providing easy direct access to US, European and other markets.
- Good access via Ghana's international ports to USA, EU and other markets.

<sup>1</sup>Government of Ghana has the right to acquire 10% free carried interest in all licences and is entitled to 5% Gross Royalty on production. Kambale Graphite Project is located on prospecting Licence PL10/47 held by Castle's wholly owned Ghanaian subsidiary, Kambale Graphite Limited.



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#### ESG & Social Licence to Operate

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- Many years successful local operational experience:
- Acting and communicating respectfully, transparently, inclusively and constructively with all stakeholders.
- Honouring and awareness of traditions, heritage and rural practices.
- Maximising local content, local employment and training opportunities.
- Minimising environmental impact and operational footprint, continuously rehabilitating and appropriately compensating.
- Adhering to Ghana'regulations, World Bank IFC Guidelines and Equator Principles.
- Baseline Community Assessment Study commenced.



MD meeting with Chief and Elders of Sombo Village



MD meeting with Lawra Naa Karbo III. Vice President of Ghana's National House of Chiefs



Castle installed bore hole, pump and storage tank at Sombo village



MD meeting with Chief and Elders of Jingu Village

#### Maximising Local Content

- 100% in-country management and technical team.
- 100% in-country procurement.
- Proposed 100% mining, construction and other services.





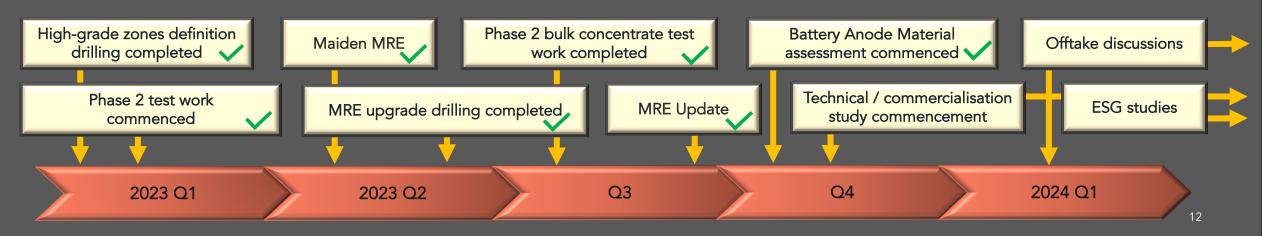


## **Fast-Tracking**



- Considerable de-risking progress in last 18 months: 21,000m drilling + maiden and updated MRE + 2 phases successful test work + geophysics to expand footprint.
- Immediate milestones:
  - Specialist assessment of Phase 2 bulk fine flake concentrate for anode production.
  - ✓ Appointment of mining and process engineers.
  - ✓ Development concept and studies commencement.
  - ✓ Offtake partnership(s) and financing.
  - ESG benchmarking, implementation and auditing.





#### Corporate





Michael Atkins Non-Executive Chair (Corporate & Finance)



Stephen Stone Managing Director (Corporate & Geology)



James Guy Non-Executive Director (Geology and Mining)

Paul Amoako Atta Director, In-Country Manager & Founder Carlie Mining Ltd (Geology and Licencing)



David Renner

Director – Kambale Graphite Ltd (Geology, Operations & Corporate) 1,175.7M

**Ordinary Shares (CDT)** 

A\$11.8M

Market Cap (\$0.01/ share)

Major Shareholders					
Stephen Stone	4.6%				
George Bonney	4.1%				
Michael Atkins	1.9%				
Citicorp Nominees	1.6%				
Тор 20	24.0%				
Total Shareholders	3,252				

**205.5M** Options Listed (CDTO &

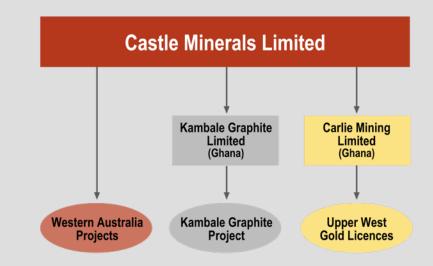
Options Listed (CDTO 8 CDTOA)

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**Working Capital** 

**36.0M** Options (Unlisted)

A\$10.2M Enterprise Value



#### Considerable Value Compressed Into A Modest Market Cap

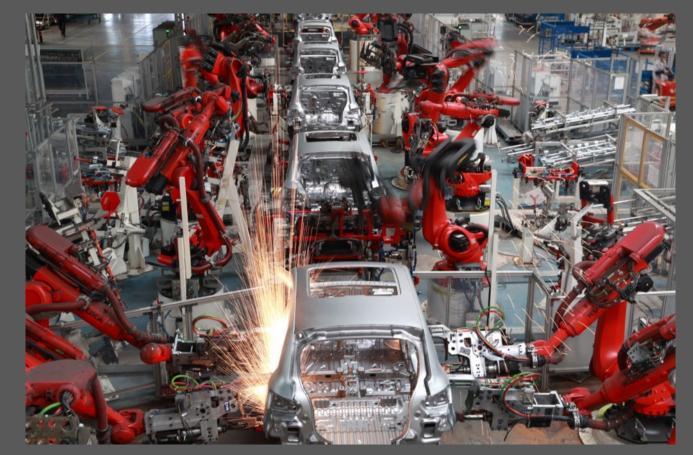


"The Kambale Graphite Project is rapidly emerging as a credible entrant into the Critical Minerals supply chain to coincide with forecasts for a major graphite supply deficit."

"Castle's investors can look forward to a high-level of value-adding news flow and investment catalysts from Kambale and the Company's other project interests."



Castle Managing Director, Stephen Stone







#### Thank You

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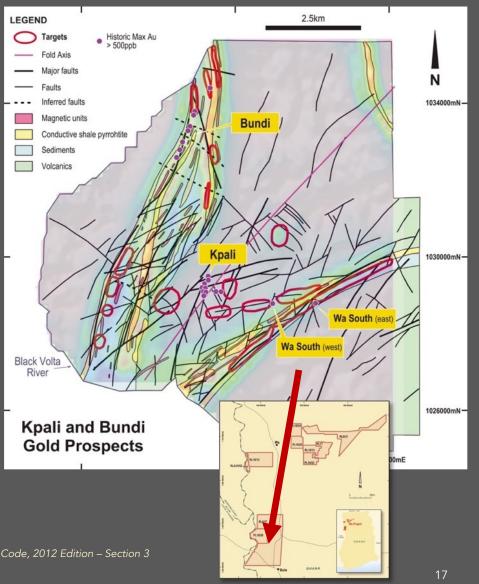
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# APPENDIX

#### **GHANA:** Carlie Mining Limited - Quality Gold Assets

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- 100% Carlie Mining Limited
  - A focused consolidation (2,686km<sup>2</sup>) of Birimian age geological terrane prospective for structurally controlled orogenic-style gold.
  - Adjacent to Azumah Resources Limited's Black Volta Gold Project (1.37Moz Ore Reserve & 2.8Moz Mineral Resource)<sup>1</sup>.
- Royalty:
  - 4% NSR on Azumah's Julie West 73,100oz Ore Reserve (M&I @ US\$1,250/oz)<sup>1</sup>.
- Kandia prospect:
  - 62,900oz Indicated and 44,600oz Inferred in two zones<sup>2</sup> incl. 15m at 2.39g/t Au from surface and 40m at 1.17g/t Au from 20m.
- Kpali & Bundi prospects:
  - 107,200oz Inferred<sup>3</sup>.
  - Castle intercepts incl: 28m at 2.26g/t Au from 81m, 15m at 2.08g/t Au from 87m, 3m at 6.52g/t Au from 97m, 14m at 2.29g/t Au from 98m, 16m at 3.23g/t Au from 9m and 10m at 2.10g/t Au from 22m.<sup>4</sup>

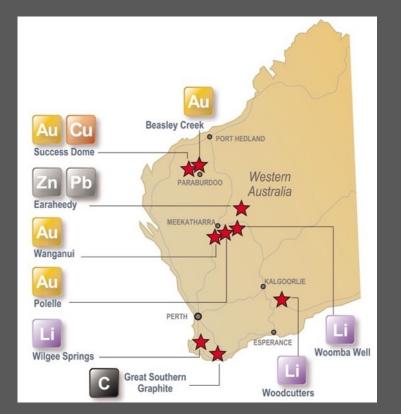


1.Refer Ibaera Capital website - 04.09.2023).

- 2. Refer Azumah Resources Limited (now delisted) ASX release dated 2 July 2014 re reporting of Kandia 8000 Zone Mineral Resource and appended JORC Code, 2012 Edition Section 3
- 3. Refer ASX release dated 2 July 2014 re reporting of Kpali Mineral Resource and appended JORC Code, 2012 Edition Section 3
- 4. Refer ASX release dated 18 January 2014 re "Kpali Drilling Results" incl. of JORC Code, 2012 Edition Table 1

#### **AUSTRALIA:** Future Metals & Gold Projects

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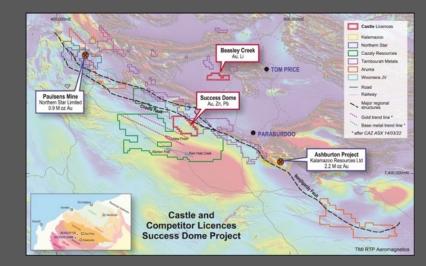


Castle has accumulated an enviable position in the rapidly emerging Earaheedy Basin base metals province where Rumble Resources Limited has made a Tier-1 scale, open-ended SEDEX and MVT-style zinc-leadcopper discovery."

"Beasley Creek and Success Dome provide additional quality gold and base metals exposure that have been incubated to a stage where several targets are ready for testing"



Earaheedy Basin: Withnell and Terra Rossa

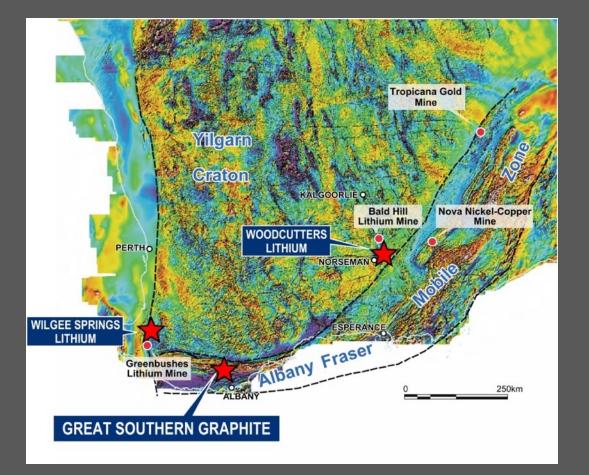


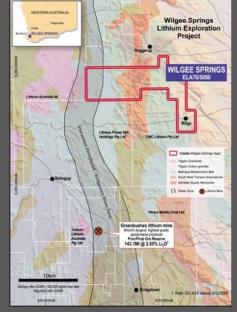
#### Beasley Creek and Success Dome

## **AUSTRALIA:** Incubating Lithium and Graphite Opportunities

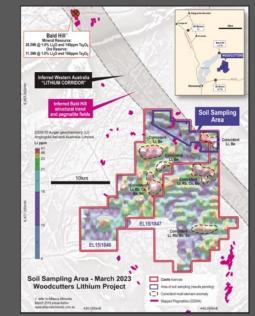
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"Castle is incubating a portfolio of quality, early-stage Future Metals projects in the Great Southern Region of Western Australia"

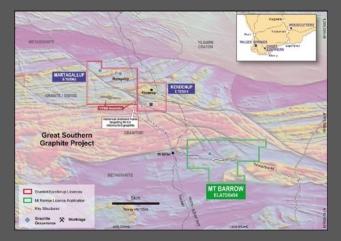




Wilgee Springs (Lithium)



Woodcutters (Lithium)



#### Kendenup & Martagallup (Graphite)