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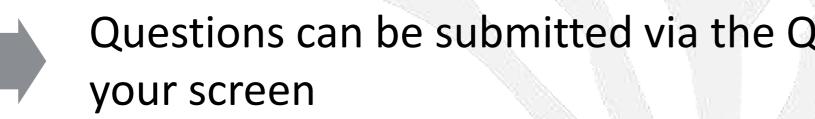
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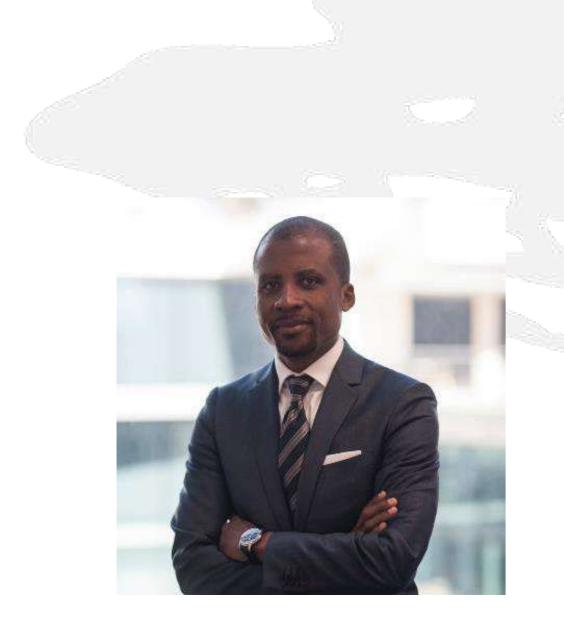
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- Co-founder and director of VM
   Investment (Pty) Ltd, a principal
   investments and advisory company
   focusing on developing mining
   projects in Africa
- Founding CEO of Bushveld Minerals Limited where he has played a lead role developing and executing the company's vanadium strategy
- Played a leading role in the origination, establishment and project development of several junior mining companies in Africa including Greenhills Resources, Bushveld Resources
- Fortune's corporate career started at McKinsey & Company as a strategy consultant



Mikhail Nikomarov Chief Executive Officer Bushveld Energy

- Co-founder and Chief Executive
   Officer of Bushveld Energy, an energy storage solutions company, part of
   AIM-listed Bushveld Minerals, an
   integrated vanadium company
- Chairman of the South Africa Energy Storage Association (SAESA)
- Chair of the Energy Storage Committee of Vanitec, the global nonprofit organisation of vanadium producers
- Previously worked for McKinsey & Company in Russia and across Africa, focusing on the power sector (strategy and plant operations) and economic development. Mikhail's corporate career started as a commercial banker in the USA



## Webinar Agenda

Here are some of the questions we are hoping to answer in this session

- What is vanadium and what are the characteristics and resulting applications of vanadium?
- What are the key drivers of demand for vanadium and what is the outlook for these going forward?
- What impact can be expected for vanadium demand from Chinese regulations in the construction industry?
- How real is the energy storage opportunity for vanadium and how big is it?
- How big and how real is the surplus/latent capacity of vanadium slag producing steel plants?
- How sustainable are the current levels of vanadium prices going forward?
- How real are the substitution risks for vanadium in the current vanadium price environment?





# "The best performing battery metal of 2017 was not cobalt, but VANADIUM" **Bloomberg January 2018**

"Vanadium has soared more than 130% in the past, outperforming better-known battery components like cobalt, lithium and nickel. Analysts are expecting a shift in uses of vanadium. The metal can be used in industrialscale batteries, which help to even out daily peaks and troughs from renewables..."

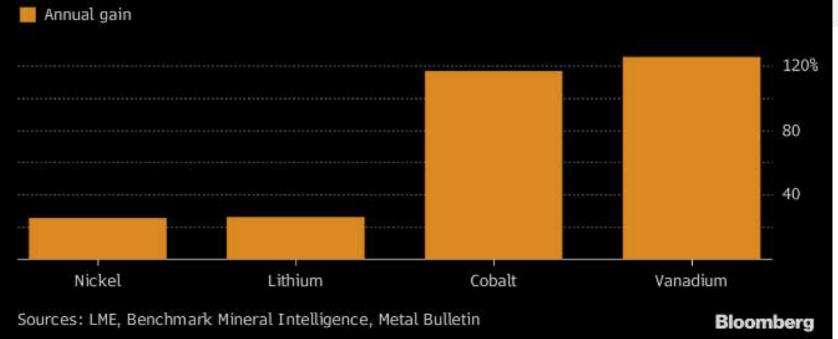
Bloomberg, January 2018

- Vanadium's price performance is even more stellar than that
- Vanadium price grew 72% in 2016, and has continued in  $\bullet$ 2018 up ~55% year to date
- Vanadium price has grown five-fold since November 2015

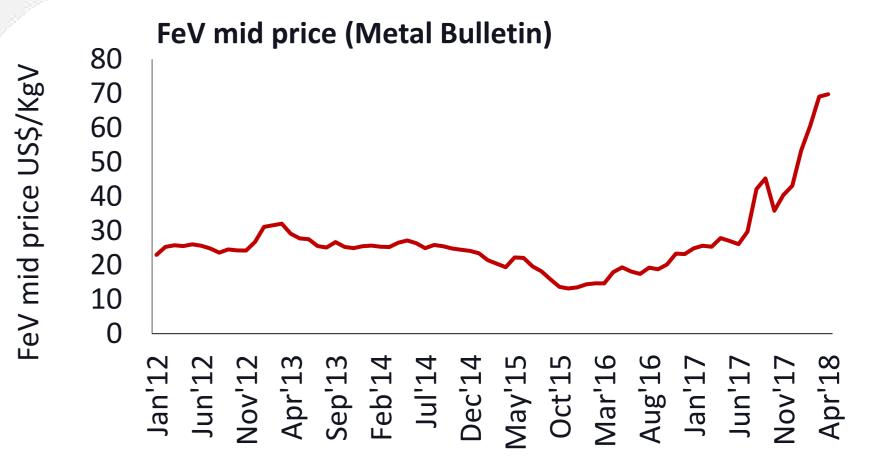
Source: Bloomberg, Metal Bulletin. 18 April 2018

### Fully Charged

anadium outshines other battery metals with energy storage set to boost demand



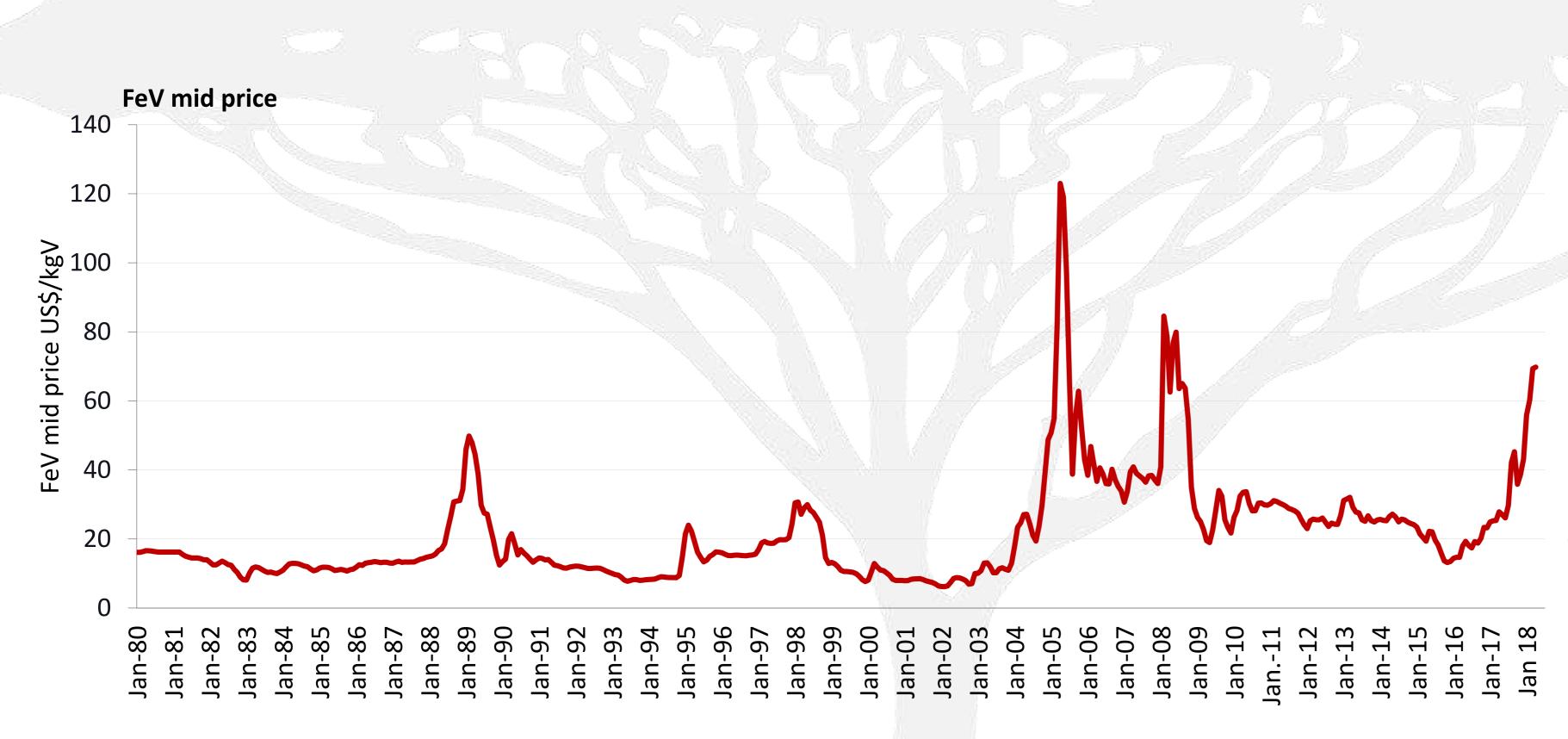




### **Hype or Fundamentals driven?**

### We Have Been Here Before

### What is different this time?



Source: Bloomberg. 18 April 2018, Metal Bulletin, TTP Squared

 Is the current price run any different from previous ones?

### OR

• Is there a structural change to the market?

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# Vanadium Characteristics and Uses

Vanadium is a grey, soft, ductile high value metal with steel, alloys and chemicals sectors

- Vanadium (V) is a rare chemical element, in pure form is a grey, soft, ductile element that does not occur in native form but as a component of minerals and as an impurity amongst hydrocarbons and bauxites
- It readily forms several stable oxidation states (II, III, IV, and V)

### **Characteristics**

- High strength-to-weight ratio
- Corrosion resistance
- Weldability
- Fabricability



- Ability to exist in 4 different oxidation states
- Water-soluble
- Resistant to attack by alkalis, hydrochloric acid, sulphuric acid, and salt water

### Vanadium is a grey, soft, ductile high value metal with several unique characteristics that position it well in the

### Steel



**Construction steel - rebar** 



Alloys for aerospace industry

### Chemicals





accounted for ~2% of global vanadium consumption in 2017, projected to grow to >20% by 2030 as VRFB deployments gain momentum

Vanadium electrolyte

The steel industry

total vanadium

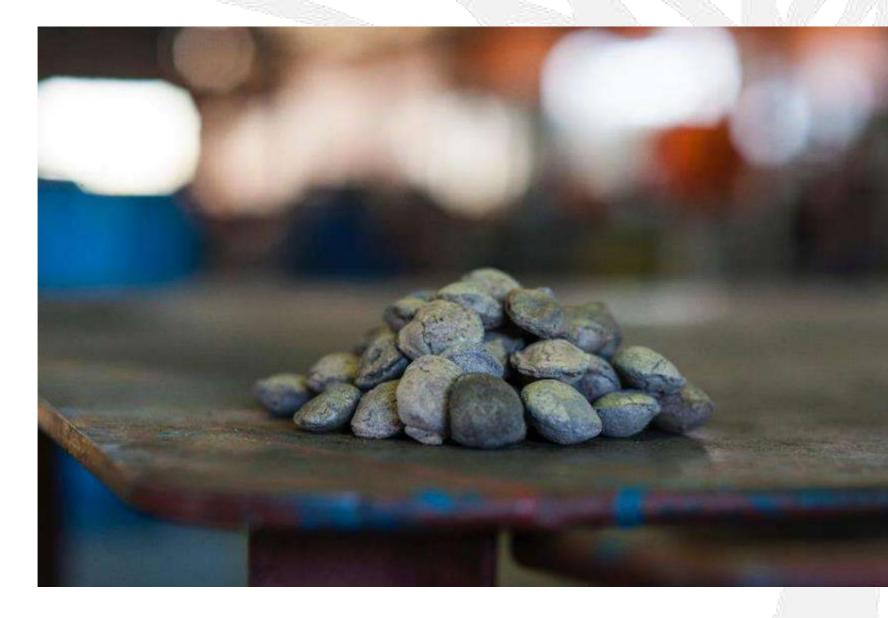
consumption

accounts for >90% of

Long duration utility scale batteries

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# Vanadium Market Fundamentals Understanding Vanadium Demand



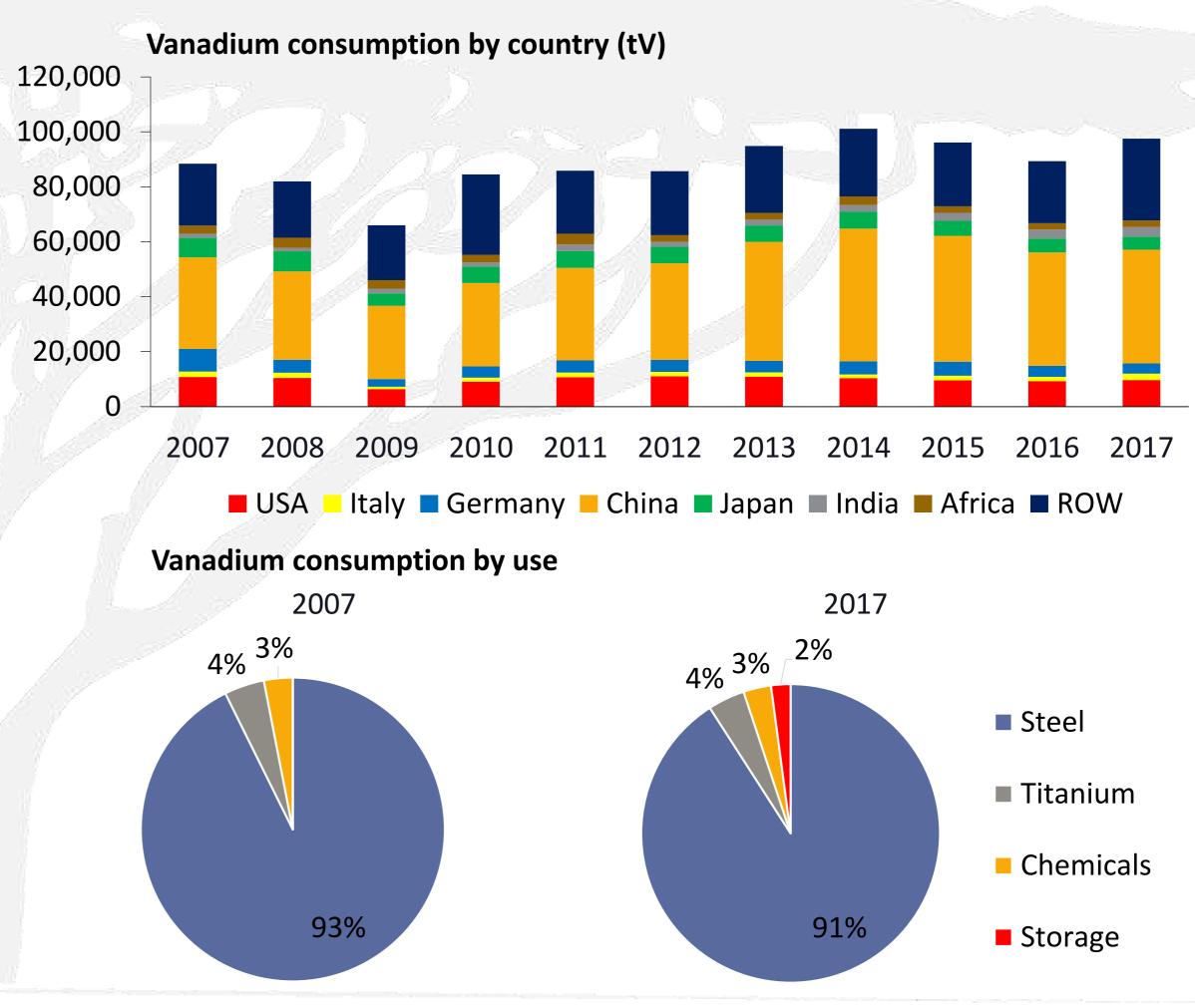


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# Vanadium Consumption History

### China has been the largest vanadium consumer, with consumption anchored to steel

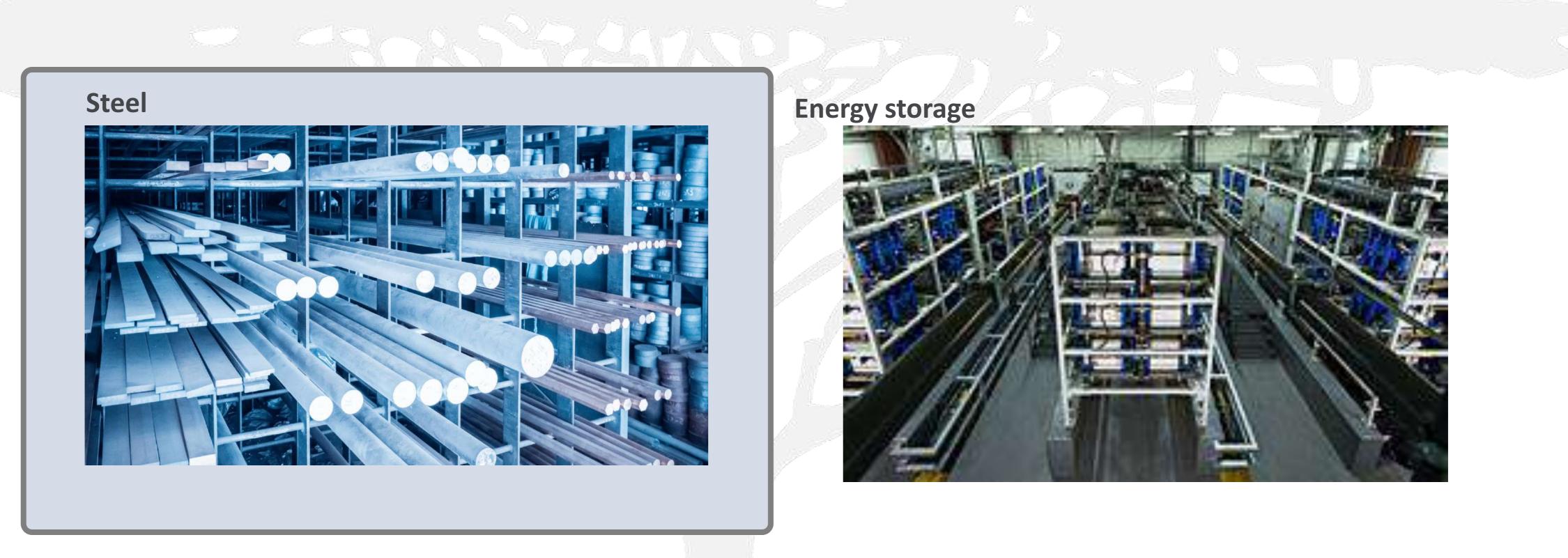
- Vanadium consumption grew at a CAGR of 0.90% between 2007 and 2017
- China is the largest vanadium consumer with a market share of 42% in 2017
- China's market share is anticipated to rise due to a revision of the tensile strength of steel rebar products, used in the construction industry, announced in 2018
- Vanadium demand growth has been driven by steel production growth, and increased intensity of use of vanadium in steel
  - Steel production growth of 0.72% CAGR from 2007 to 2017



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## **Two Key Demand Drivers for Vanadium Demand**

Vanadium consumption will be anchored to steel production and the growing adoption of VRFB



# **Demand Outlook The Anchor - Steel**

The steel sector will continue to anchor and drive vanadium demand growth



Growing global steel production which has strong positive correlation with vanadium consumption



Intensity of use of vanadium in steel in China and other developing countries is below the world's average

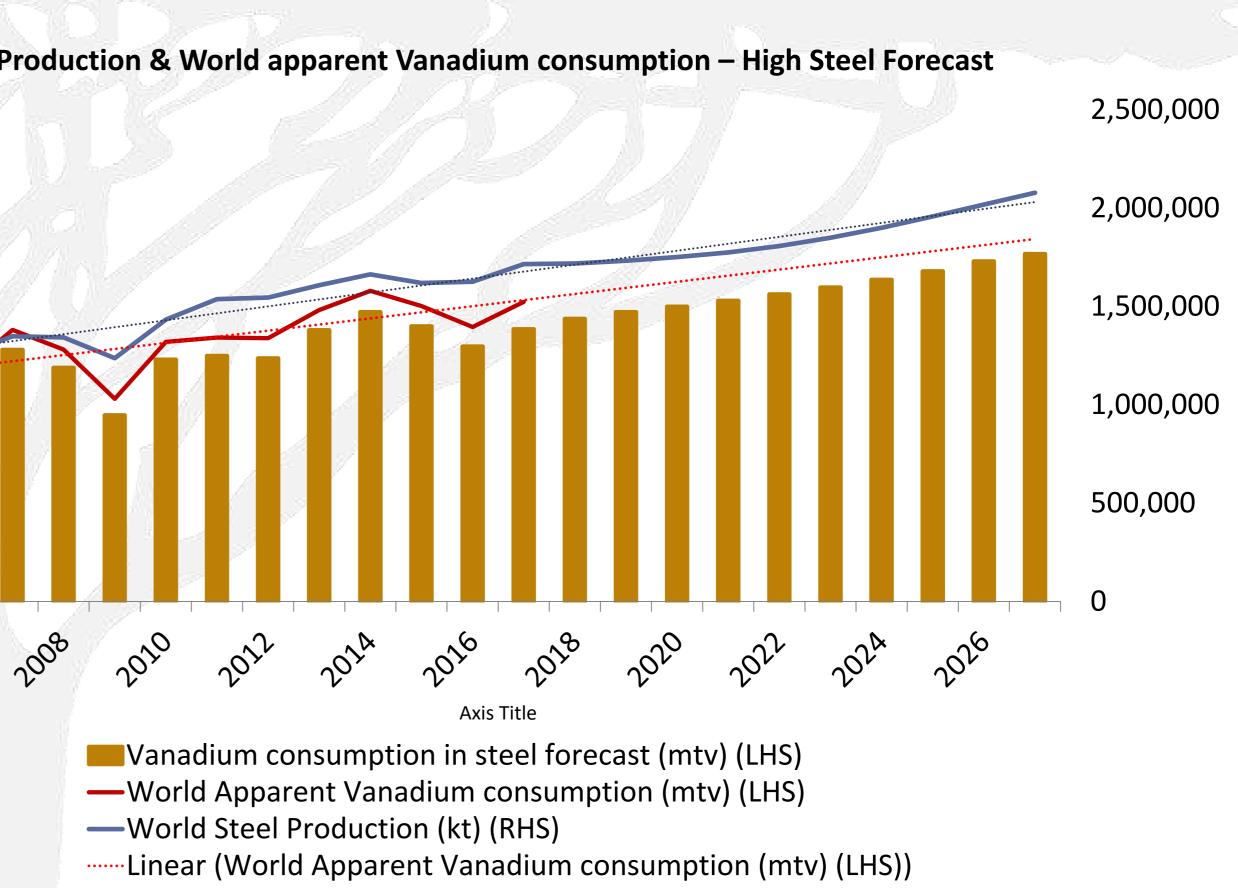


Greater enforcement in China of existing and new rebar standards driving greater vanadium intensity of use in steel

## **Demand Outlook**

**Steel Sector: Demand Drivers Are Robust** Strong positive correlation between steel production and vanadium consumption Α

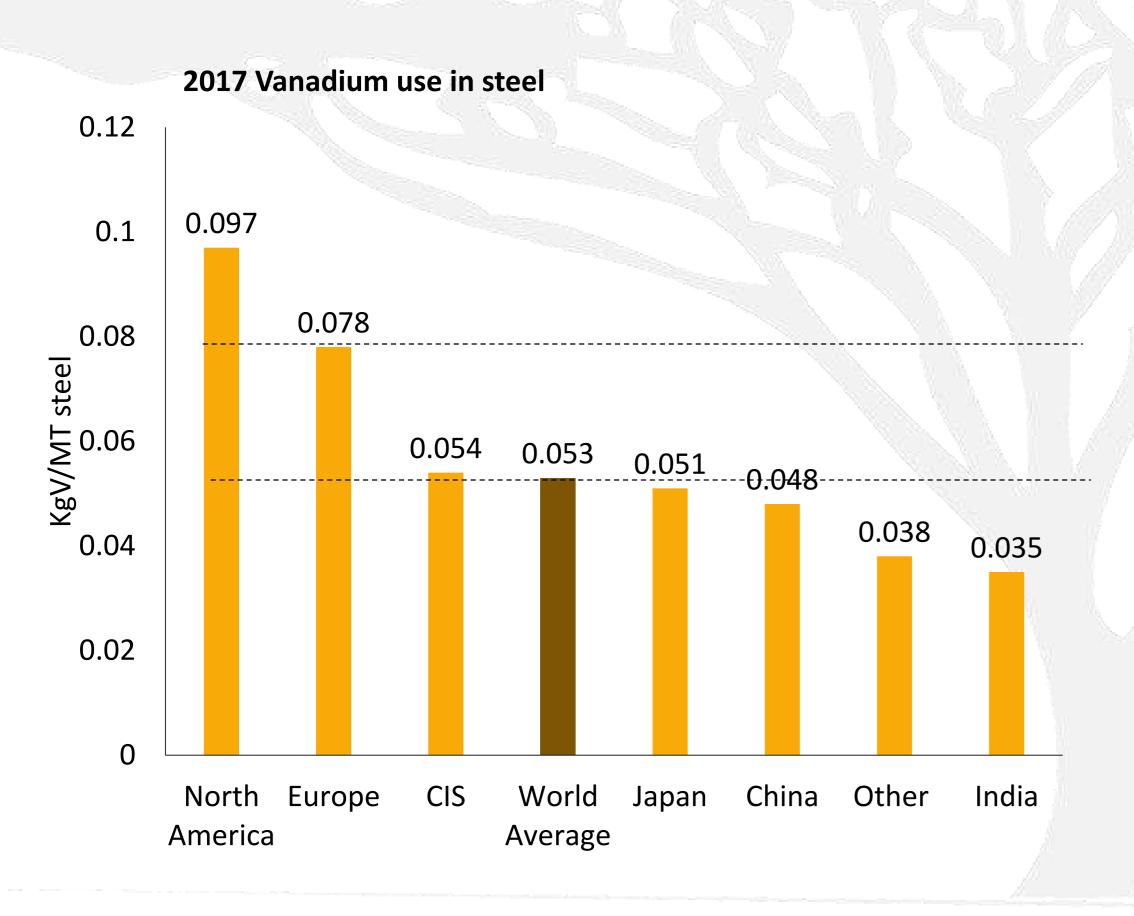
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•	Vanadium consumption and steel production			Steel Proc
	are strongly correlated		160,000	
•	Vanadium demand is expected to grow as:		140,000	
	Steel production grows; and	5	120,000	
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	standards increases	V consumption (mtV	80,000	-
•	Demand will continue to be underwritten by the steel sector		60,000	-
			40,000	
•	Regulatory prescriptions make it possible to estimate with relative certainty demand	>	20,000	
	outlook for vanadium in steel sector			2006 20



Linear (World Steel Production (kt) (RHS))

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# Demand Outlook Steel Sector: Demand Drivers Are Robust Intensity of use of vanadium in steel in China and other developing countries is below the world's average



Source: Bushveld Minerals analysis, TTP Squared

- Strong correlation between economic development and vanadium intensity of use in steel
  - ➢ The steel sector accounts for ~90% of the vanadium consumption
- Industrialised economies, such as the USA, typically use more vanadium per tonne of steel than emerging economies such as India and China.
- Greater enforcement of rebar standards will drive up specific vanadium consumption rates in China, bringing it closer to the levels of developed economies
- Implications of closing the gap between emerging economies and the developed world:
  - Steel production in China in 2017 = 797,483,000 t
  - Improving Chinese specific vanadium consumption from 0,048 to 0,078=> 0,03kgV/t additional vanadium demand = 23,924mtV
  - From 0,048 to 0,053 =>3,987 mtV

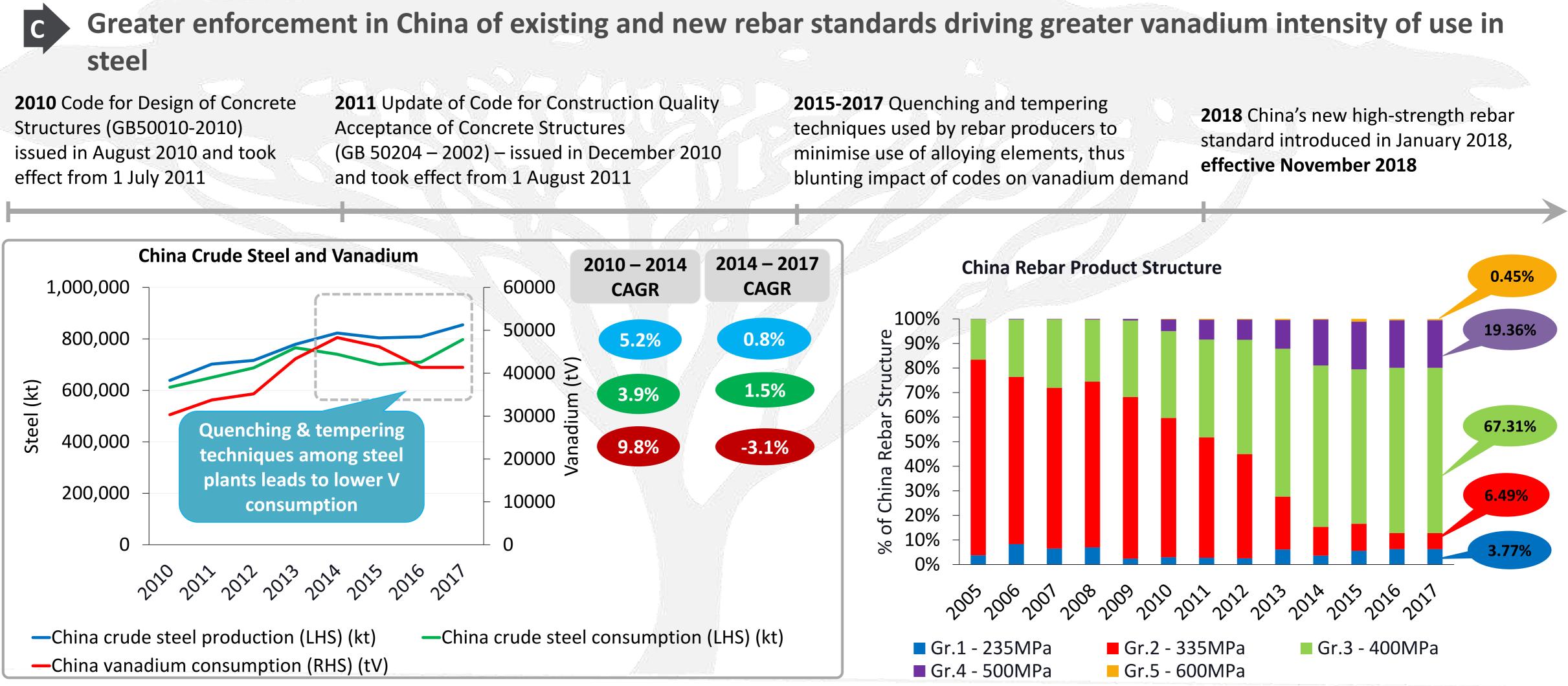
## **Demand Outlook**

## **Steel Sector Demand Drivers Are Robust**



# steel

**Acceptance of Concrete Structures** and took effect from 1 August 2011



Source: Bushveld Minerals analysis, TTP Squared

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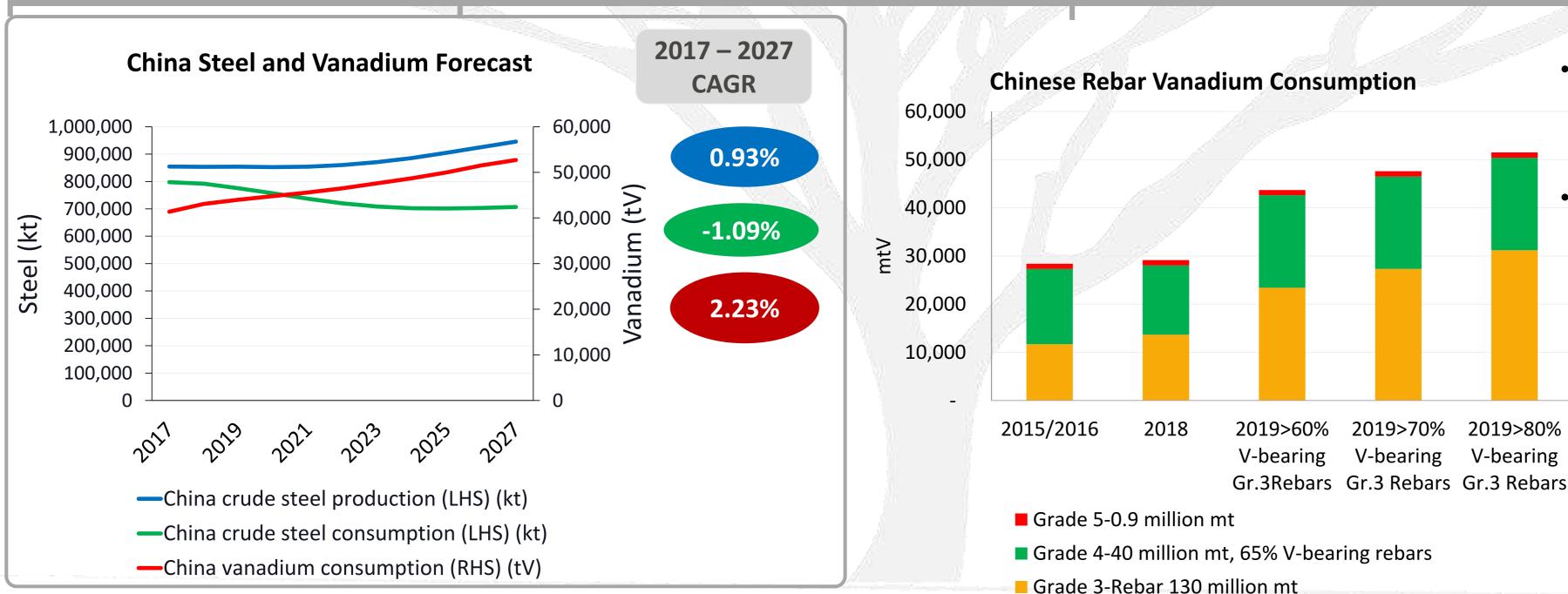


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### New rebar standard estimated to lift Chinese vanadium demand by ~30% over the next 10 years

2010 Code for Design of Concrete Structures (GB50010-2010) issued in August 2010 and took effect from 1 July 2011

**2011** Update of Code for Construction Quality **Acceptance of Concrete Structures** (GB 50204 - 2002) - issued in December 2010 and took effect from 1 August 2011



### Greater enforcement in China of existing and new rebar standards driving greater vanadium intensity of use in

2015-2017 Quenching and tempering techniques used by rebar producers to minimise use of alloying elements, thus blunting impact of codes on vanadium demand

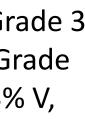
**2018** China's new high-strength rebar standard introduced in January 2018, effective November 2018

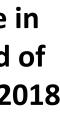
- China's new standard is designed to limit and eliminate the use of inferior steels in construction (Grade 2 rebar)
- It sets out specifications for three different high strength standards: Grade 3 (400MPa), Grade 4 (500MPa), and Grade 5 (600MPa). These will require 0.03% V, 0.06% V, and more than 0.1% V respectively
  - It could lead to an increase in **Chinese vanadium demand of** over 30% or 10,000 tpa in 2018

- Grade 3-Rebar 130 million mt



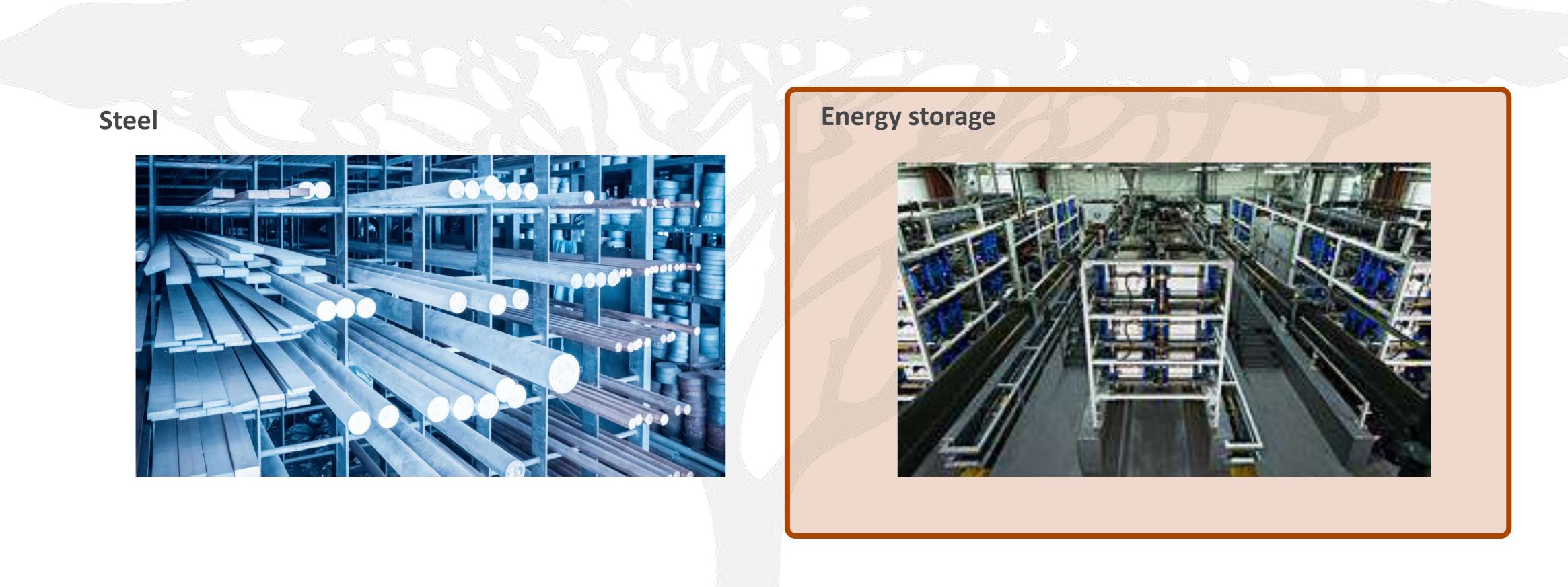




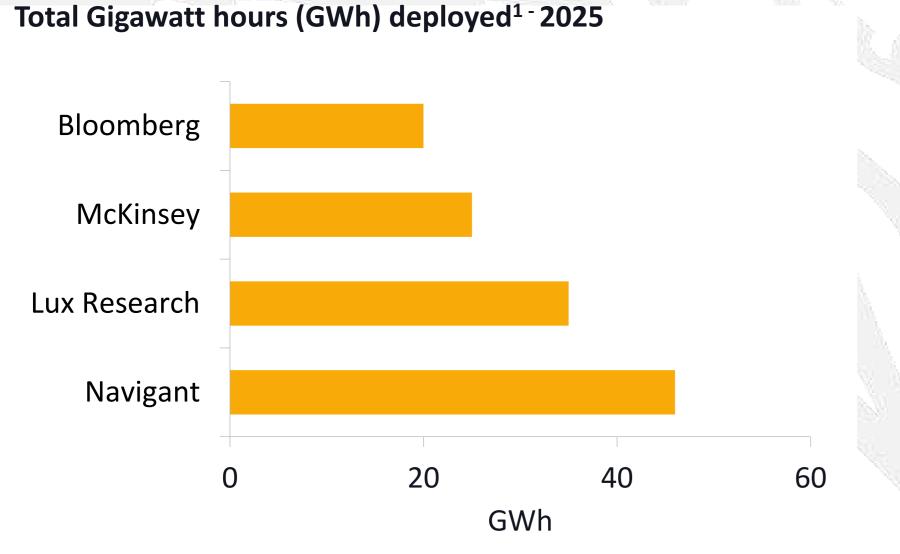


## **Two Key Demand Drivers for Vanadium Demand**

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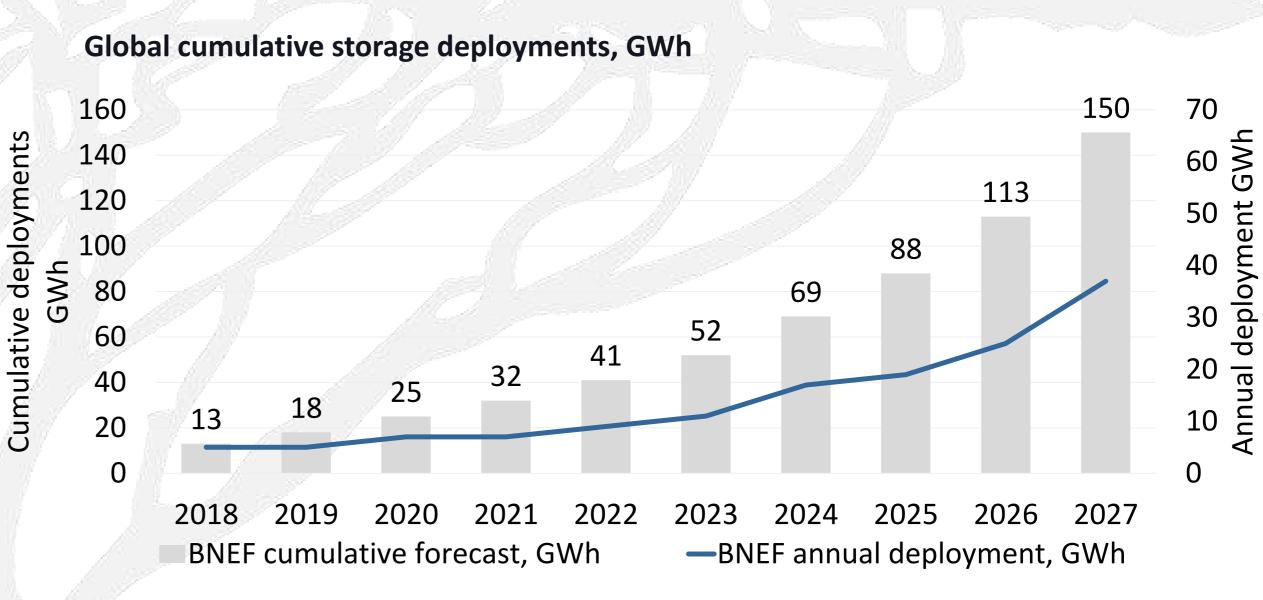
# **Demand Outlook** Why Energy Storage Matters for Vanadium Demand



- Stationary energy storage demand is growing rapidly and will exceed 300GWh by 2030
- Most projects point to 20-40GWh of storage deployed by 2025
- Annual additions are forecast to reach 10-20GWh by 2025
- Past forecasts from Navigant and Boston Consulting Group expected VRFBs to capture 15-25% of the market
- Growth may appear excessive, but it is similar to solar PV growth over the past 10 years

1 Where only capacity numbers reported, a ratio of 2.5 GWh per GW was used **Source**: BCG, Bloomberg New Energy Finance (BNEF), Lux Research, McKinsey & Company, Navigant Research

### Although there are several energy storage market forecasts, they remain massive in the medium to long term





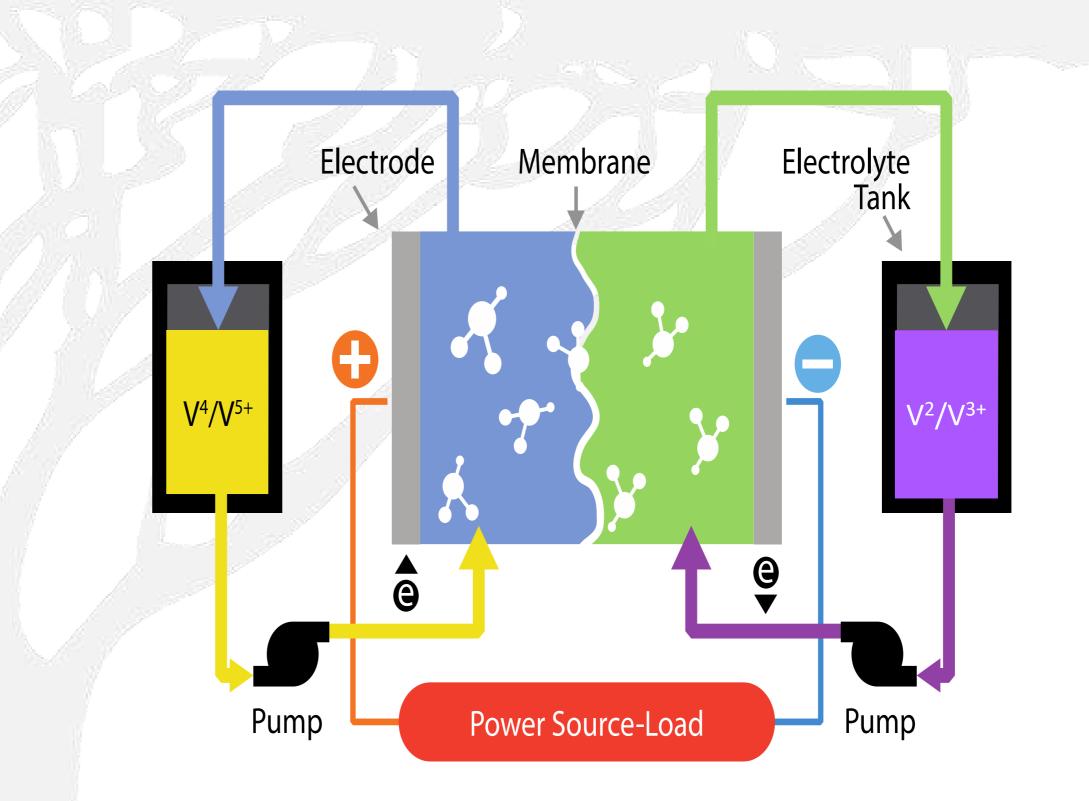


# **Demand Outlook**

## What is a Vanadium Redox Flow Battery (VRFB) Vanadium's access to the huge energy storage market through VRFB

- VRFB is the simplest and most developed flow battery in mass commercial operations
- Vanadium can exist in four different states, allowing for a single element to be used to store energy
- The flow battery, unlike conventional batteries, uses a liquid vanadium electrolyte to store energy in separated storage tanks, not in the power cell of the battery
- During operation these electrolytes are pumped through a stack of power cells, or membrane, where an electrochemical reaction takes place and electricity is produced

Source: IEEE Spectrum: "It's Big and Long-Lived, and It Won't Catch Fire: The Vanadium Redox-Flow Battery", 26 October 2017





# **Demand Outlook Advantages of a VRFB**

### **Characteristics**

- 1. Long lifespan cycles: Ability to repeatedly charge/ discharge over 35,000 times for a lifespan of over 20 years
- 2. 100% depth of discharge: Without performance degradation is unique to VRFBs
- 3. Lowest cost per kWh when fully used at least once daily makes VRFBs today cheaper than Li-ion batteries
- 4. Safe, with no fire risk from thermal runaway
- 5. 100% of vanadium is re-usable upon decommissioning of the system
- 6. Scalable capacity to store large quantities of energy (MW- range)
- 7. Flexibility: Allows capture of the multi-stacked value of energy storage in grid applications
- 8. Very fast response time of less than 70ms
- **9.** No cross-contamination: Only one battery element, unique among flow batteries

Source: IEEE Spectrum: "It's Big and Long-Lived, and It Won't Catch Fire: The Vanadium Redox-Flow Battery", 26 October 2017; International Renewable Energy Agency

### The unique features of VRFBs make them ideal for utility scale, long duration stationary energy storage applications

### **Applications of VRFBs**

- **Driving grid efficiency operational and capital expenditure** 
  - Peak shaving or peaking capacity
  - Regulating load frequency and providing other ancillary services
  - Balancing PV and wind intermittency
  - Reducing and deferring capex for transmission and distribution lines

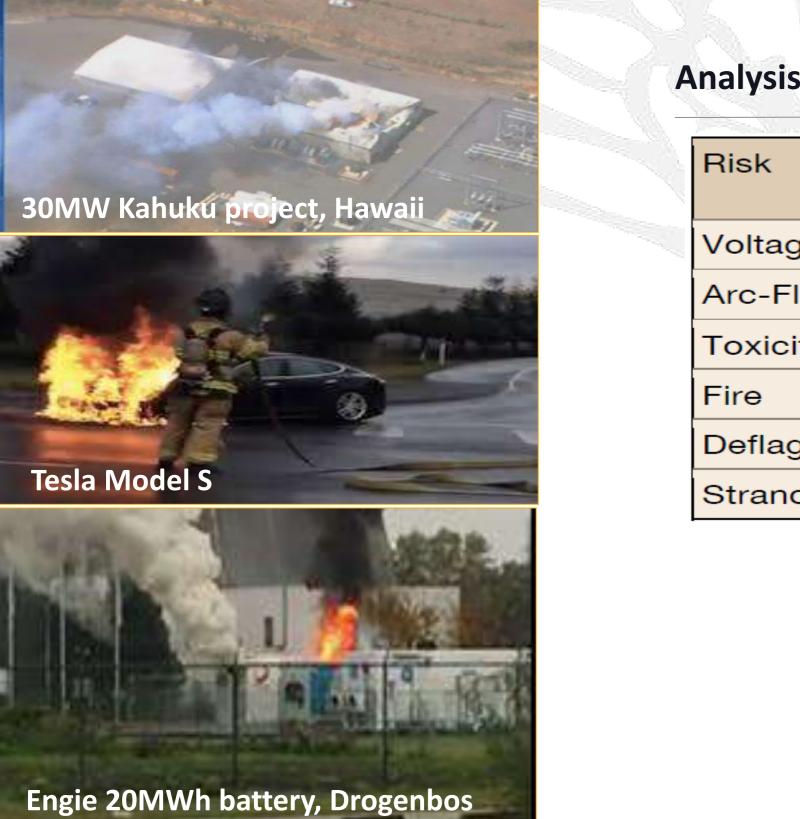
### **Driving grid independence**

- Storing electricity from solar PV for use at night
- Lowering system costs for micro grids and islands by displacing diesel and other liquid fuel generators

# **Demand Outlook Advantages of a VRFB**

Fire safety is an inherent risk of solid state batteries

lithium-ion (or other technologies)



Analysis of typical hazards by ESS Type

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Risk	Lithium-ion	Flooded Cell	Sodium Sulfur	VRB Flow Battery
Voltage	X	X	X	
Arc-Flash/Blast	X	X	X	
Toxicity	X	X	X	X
Fire	X	X	X	
Deflagration	X	X		
Stranded Energy	X	X	X	



1 Captain Paiss is a 21-year veteran of the San Jose Fire Department and the primary representative of the International Association of Fire Fighters (IAFF) to NFPA 70 (NEC) and NFPA 855 ESS standards

Source: "Energy Storage System Safety: Vanadium Redox Flow Vs. Lithium-Ion," June 2017, Energy Response Solutions, Inc., energy responses olutions.com

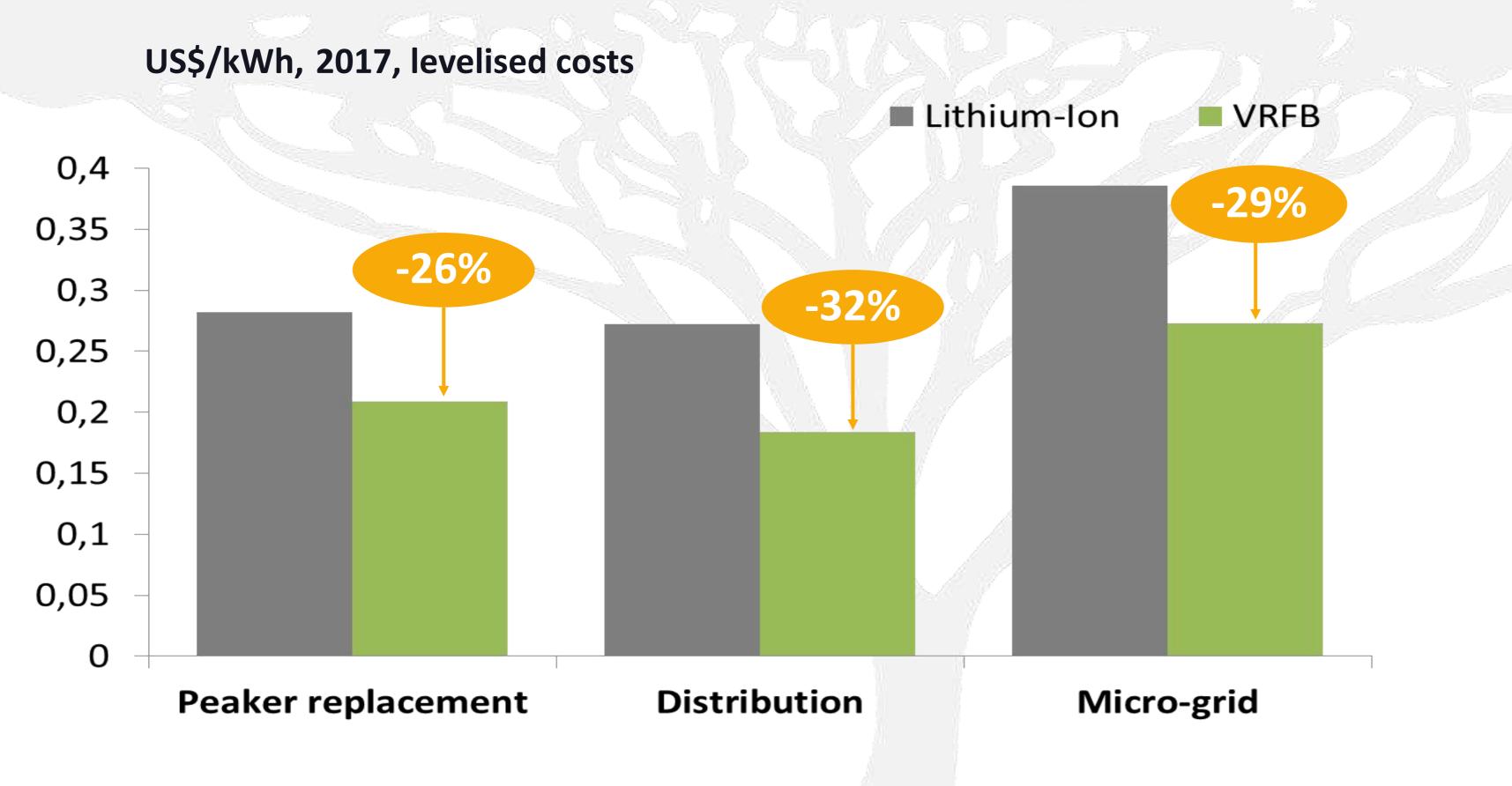
# Safety: Technically, a VRFB is intrinsically safer than solid state batteries because it has no "thermal runaway" Unsurprisingly, VRFBs are safer across a broad range of factors, when compared to

*"It is clear that Vanadium flow battery"* systems offer significant safety advantages to li-ion"

- Fire Captain Matthew Paiss<sup>1</sup>

## **Demand Outlook Advantages of a VRFB**

Cost: For many applications, VRFBs can yield the lowest levelised<sup>1</sup> cost of energy storage



<sup>1</sup>Levelized cost is total lifetime cost of ownership

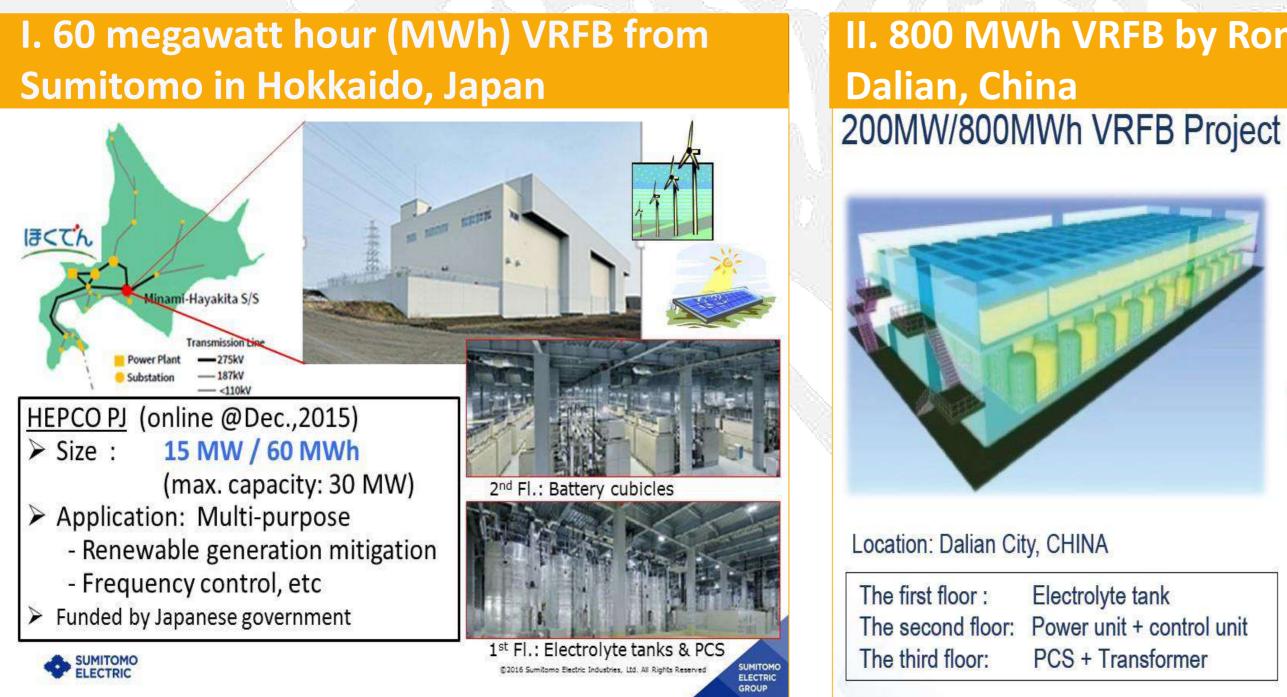
**Source**: Bushveld Energy analysis, Lazard's Levelised Cost of Energy Storage Analysis – Version 3.0 (November 2017)

Lazard's analysis shows that VRFBs already have the lowest costs in the industry



# **Demand Outlook VRFBs Deployment Gaining Momentum (1/2)**

### These technical and economic fundamentals are leading to large deployment of VRFBs – especially in Asia



- stations"
- A total of four 400-800MWh VRFBs are currently in development in China (with two already procured)

Source: No.1701 (2017) of the National Development and Reform Commission and the National Energy Administration, Pu Neng, Rongke Power, Sumitomo

II. 800 MWh VRFB by Rongke Power in



III. 400 MWh VRFB from Pu Neng in Hubei, China



• Project to be finished by 2020

- Cornerstone of a new smart energy grid in Hubei Province.
- Will serve as a critical peaker plant, deliver reliability and reduce PU NENG emissions

• These large VRFBs are part of China's new National Development Plan's "focus includes 100MW-grade, vanadium redox flow battery energy storage



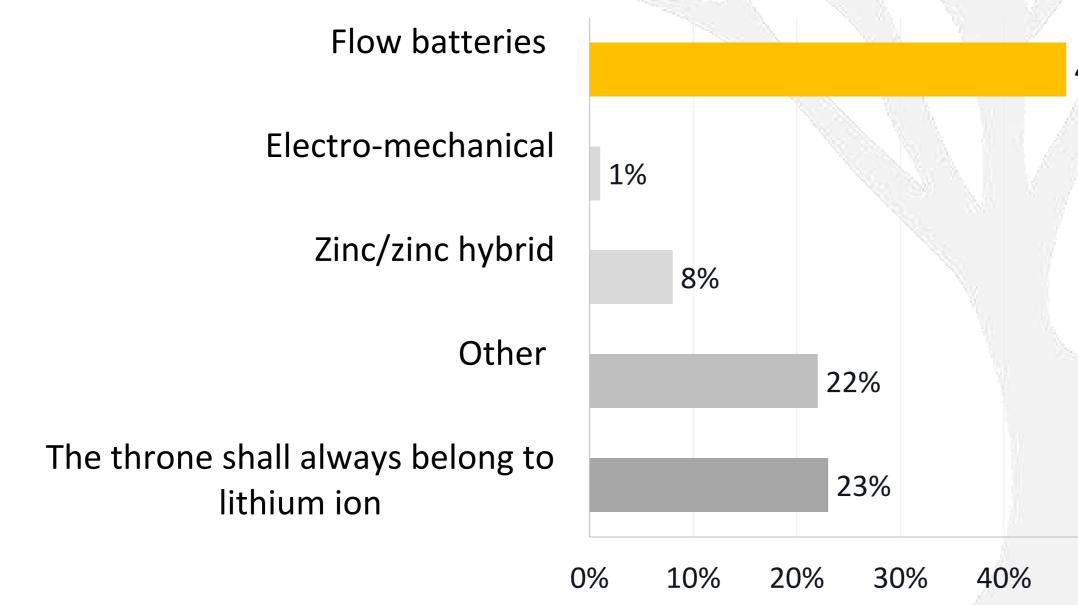
# **Demand Outlook**

## VRFB Deployment Gaining Momentum (2/2)

Strong industry sentiment towards VRFBs supports growing Vanadium demand

- In North America, industry sentiment towards VRFBs is also strong
- technology achieved the most support

What technology has the best chance of supplanting lithium-ion as the dominant utility-scale advance technology?



**Source:** Bloomberg New Energy Finance, Greentechmedia.com, TTP Squared

• In Greentech Media's 2017 Energy Storage Summit poll of 500 professionals on the next 5 years for energy storage, flow battery

46%

### **Observations:**

- Just 1 in 4 respondents believe that lithium ion technology will remain dominant in utility scale storage
- 3 in 5 of the remaining participants believe flow batteries would become dominant

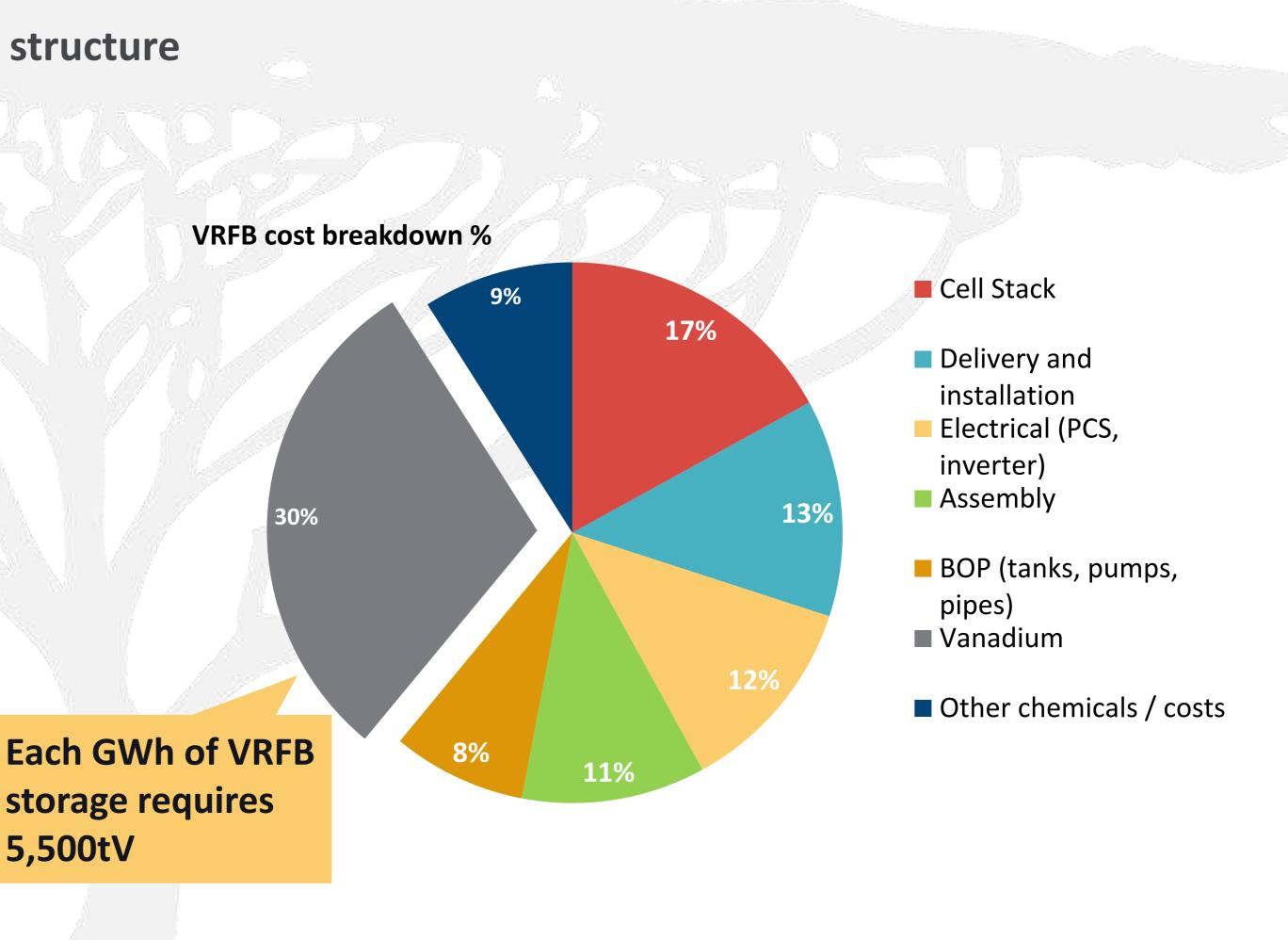
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## **VRFBs Impact on Vanadium Demand**

Vanadium is very important to the VRFB cost structure

- Vanadium makes up the largest cost in a VRFB
- Vanadium contributes more than 30% to the cost of a VRFB
- This presents a challenge for the technology but an opportunity for vanadium suppliers
- Strategies for countering impact of high vanadium prices will be key for success

storage requires 5,500tV



# **Demand Outlook VRFBs Demand Outlook**

**Energy storage offers significant upside for medium term vanadium demand** 

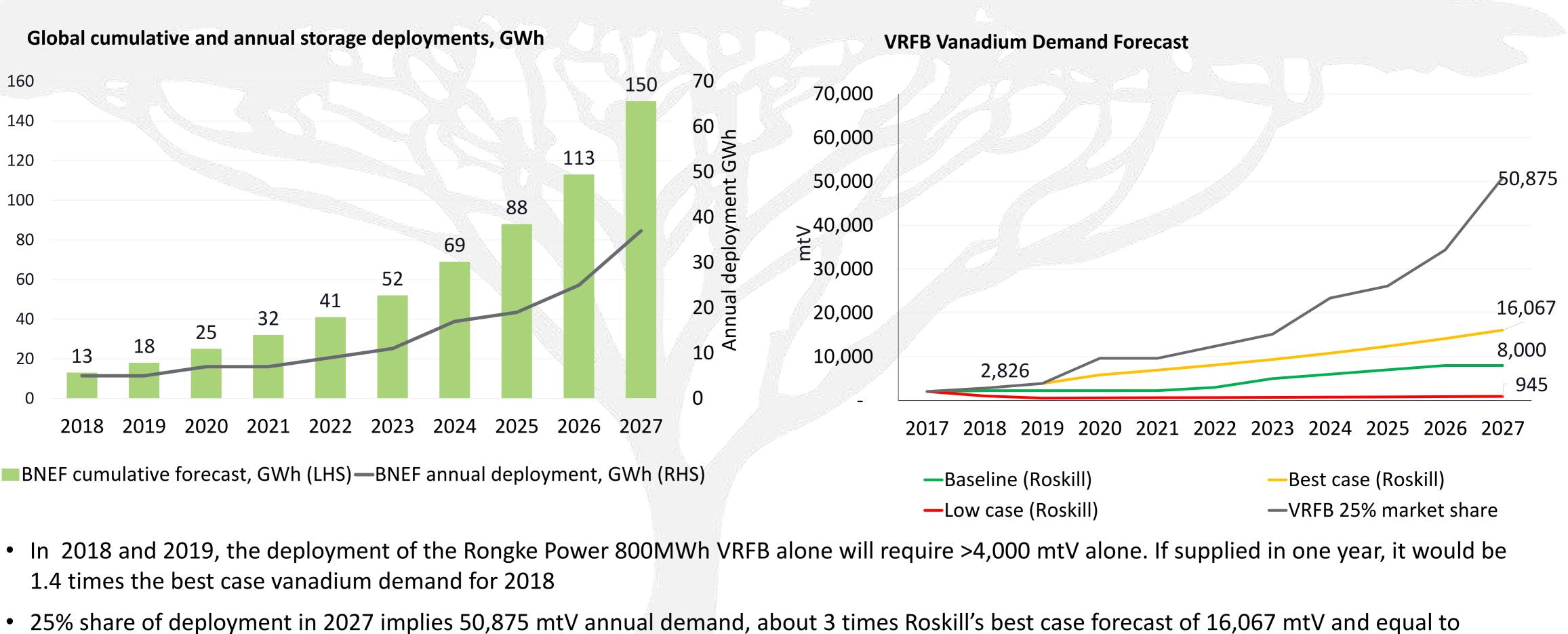
Global cumulative and annual storage deployments, GWh Cumulative deployments GWh 

BNEF cumulative forecast, GWh (LHS)—BNEF annual deployment, GWh (RHS)

- 1.4 times the best case vanadium demand for 2018
- nearly 40% of Roskill's baseline 2027 production forecast

**Source**: Bloomberg New Energy Finance (BNEF), Bushveld Minerals analysis, Roskill, TTP Squared



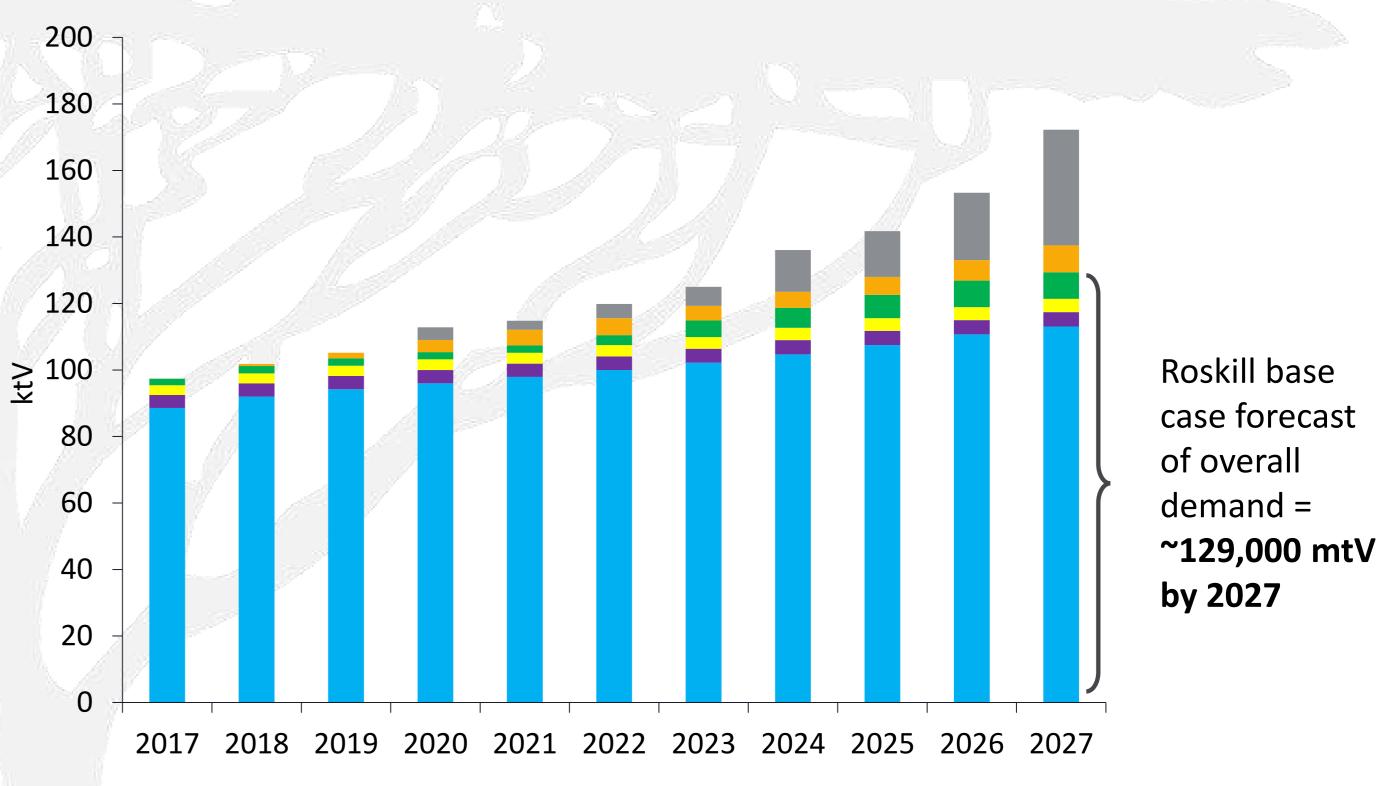


## **Demand Outlook**

### **Vanadium Demand Summary**

- Vanadium demand has for decades been underwritten by the steel market, which accounts for >90% of vanadium consumption
- Steel market set to continue supporting robust vanadium demand, • growing by 2.24% CAGR from 2017 to 2027 through
  - Growing global steel production of 1.76% CAGR between 2017 – 2027 with a strong positive correlation to vanadium demand
  - Increasing intensity of use in steel in emerging markets, especially in China due to improved enforcement of regulations
- Significant demand upside from growing applications of vanadium in energy storage industry via VRFBs
  - VRFBs in commercial deployment globally (just one Rongke Power VRFB under construction uses approximately 5% of annual global vanadium produced)
  - Clear advantages to alternatives sets it apart in large scale stationary applications
  - Current forecasts expect VRFBs to account for 20% of vanadium consumption by 2030; however significant upside of as much as 50,000 mtV demand by VRFBs if they capture 25% of the energy storage market

**Source:** Bloomberg New Energy Finance, Bushveld Minerals analysis, Roskill



### Vanadium demand forecast by application

25% VRFB market share - additional demand Best Case VRFB - additional demand Chemicals Base Case VFRB Non-ferrous Steel

# Vanadium Market Fundamentals: Vanadium Supply: The Real Story



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## **Vanadium Occurrences**

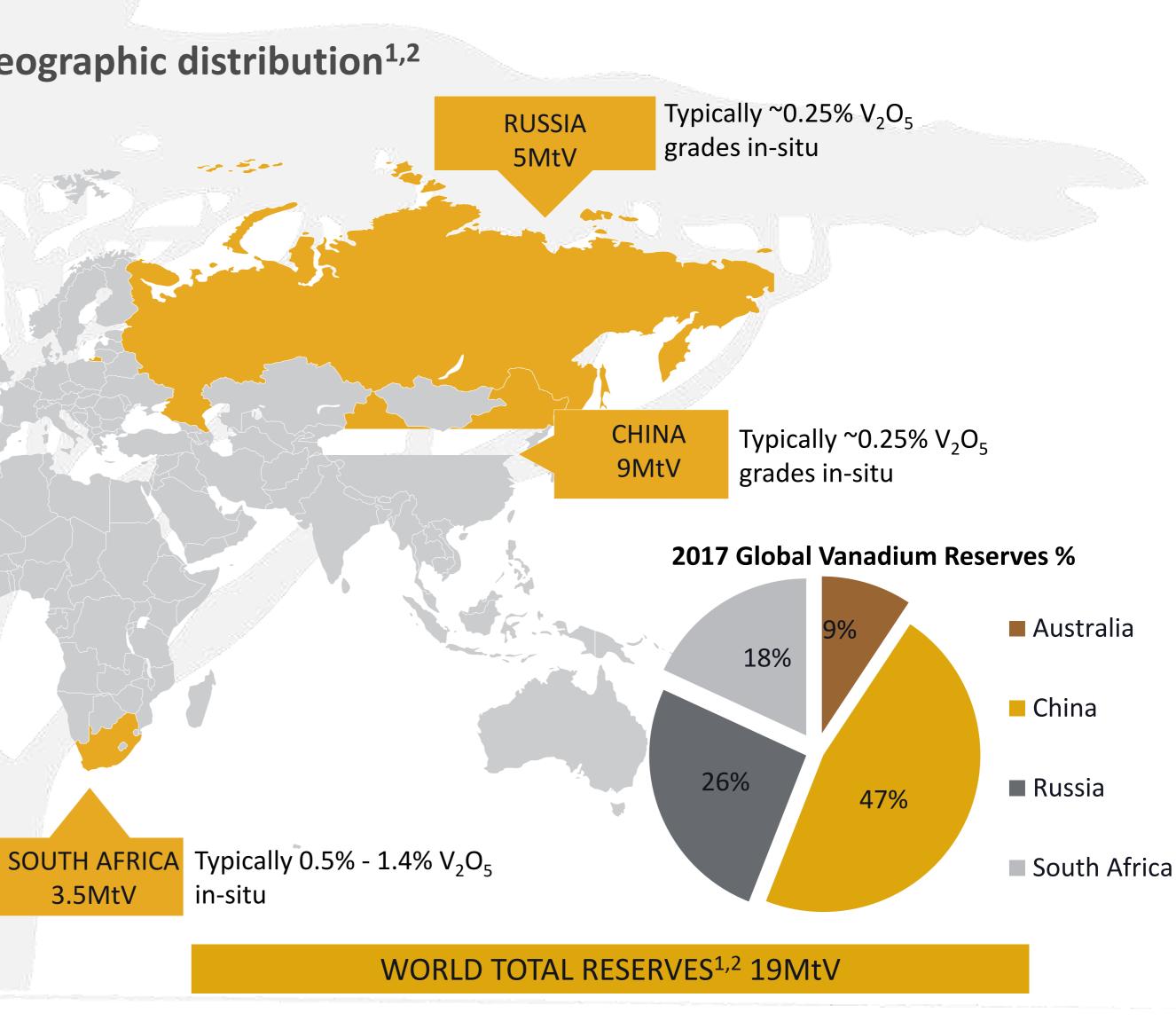
### Significantly abundant reserves with concentrated geographic distribution<sup>1,2</sup>

- Vanadium is mined mostly in South Africa, north-western China • and eastern Russia, with over 90% of the reserves held in this regions
- South Africa is host to the largest high grade primary vanadium resources
- World resources of vanadium exceed 63Mt (contained vanadium) • according to the US Geological Survey (USGS)
  - This data is not fully indicative of available supplies because ≻ vanadium is often produced as a co-product that is not recorded in resource statements by the owners of deposits
  - Further, vanadium resources in crude oils and tar sands are difficult to estimate. Vanadium that is contained in these form is often not incorporated into resource estimates
- Other regions have vanadium resources, e.g. Canada, USA, Sweden, but these are relatively small and low grade (except Brazil)

<sup>1</sup> USGS and Roskill data for the Americas limited to the US only. Note the USGS data reflects contained vanadium not ore.

<sup>2</sup> Largo has a reported ore reserve of 19Mt and 47.6Mt

Source: Roskill



## Vanadium Occurrences

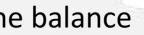
### **Co-product slag currently accounts as source of most vanadium supply**

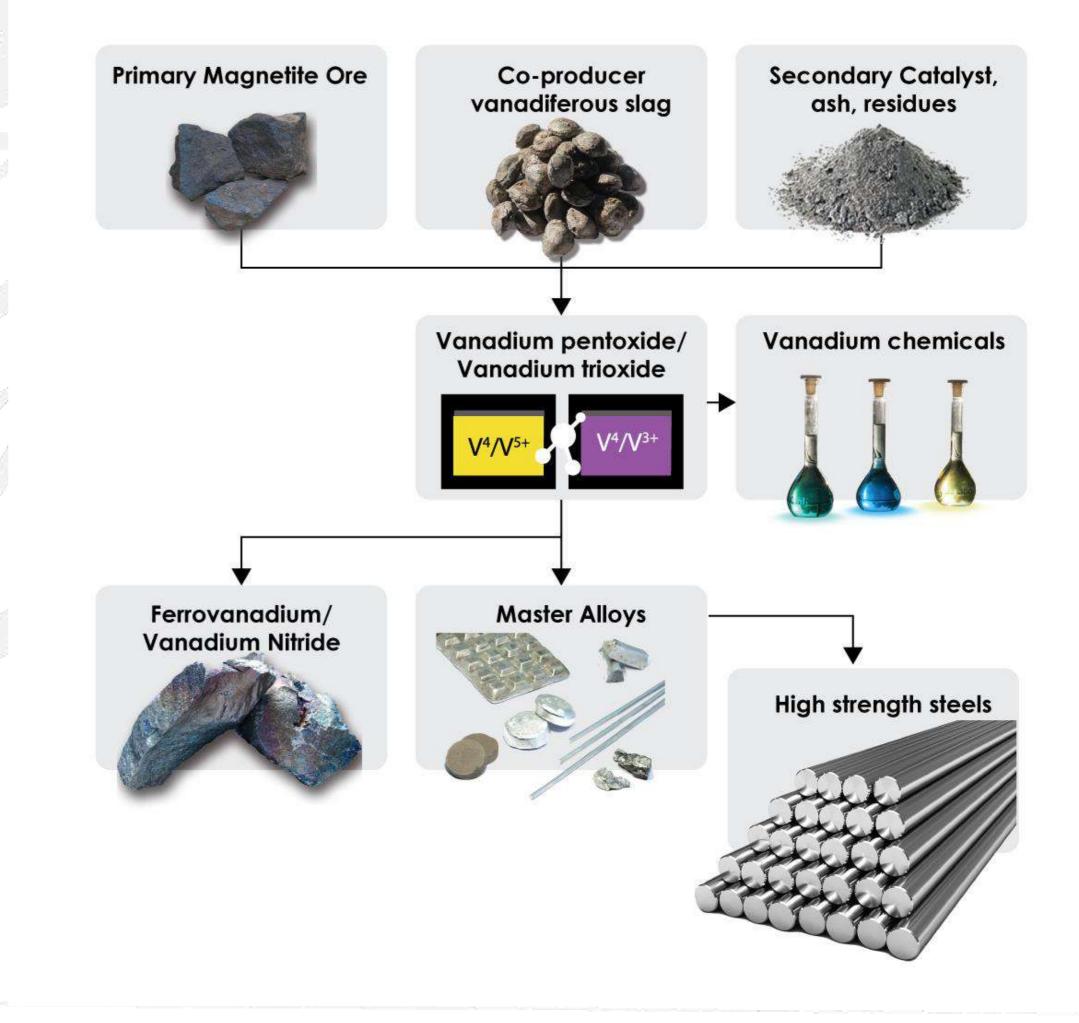
- >88% of vanadium occurs in the form of vanadiferous magnetite ores, with the balance mainly in sedimentary form such as oil residues or shales
- The vanadium bearing magnetite ores are typically processed through either smelting producing vanadium bearing slag ("co-production") or the primary processing using a salt roasting and leaching operation, called Salt Roast process
  - **Co-production** typically involves smelting (EAF / BOF) magnetite ore/concentrate during which titanium slag is eliminated while vanadium and iron ore report together in hot metal from which vanadium is recovered in the form of a slag with enhanced vanadium grades

The vanadium slag is then further processed into final vanadium product through a salt roast and leaching process ("The Salt Roast process"). Co-production is the most common source of vanadium supply and accounted for 74% of supply in 2017

- **Primary production** directly from vanadium bearing magnetite iron ores. The magnetite is processed, after concentrating through magnetic separation, directly using a salt roasting and leaching process called Salt Roast. Primary production accounted for 14% of supply in 2017
- Secondary production from sedimentary vanadium is largely found in oil residues or shales is recovered from catalysts used during the refining of some crude oils or ash. Sedimentary vanadium is also found in stone coal geological settings. About 12% of vanadium occurs in sedimentary form
- Vanadium is extracted from these sources is converted into vanadium pentoxide  $(V_2O_5)$ and trioxide (V<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>). Most pentoxide is converted into ferrovanadium or nitride for use in the production of several different types and grades of high strength steel

Source: Bushveld Minerals analysis, Roskill

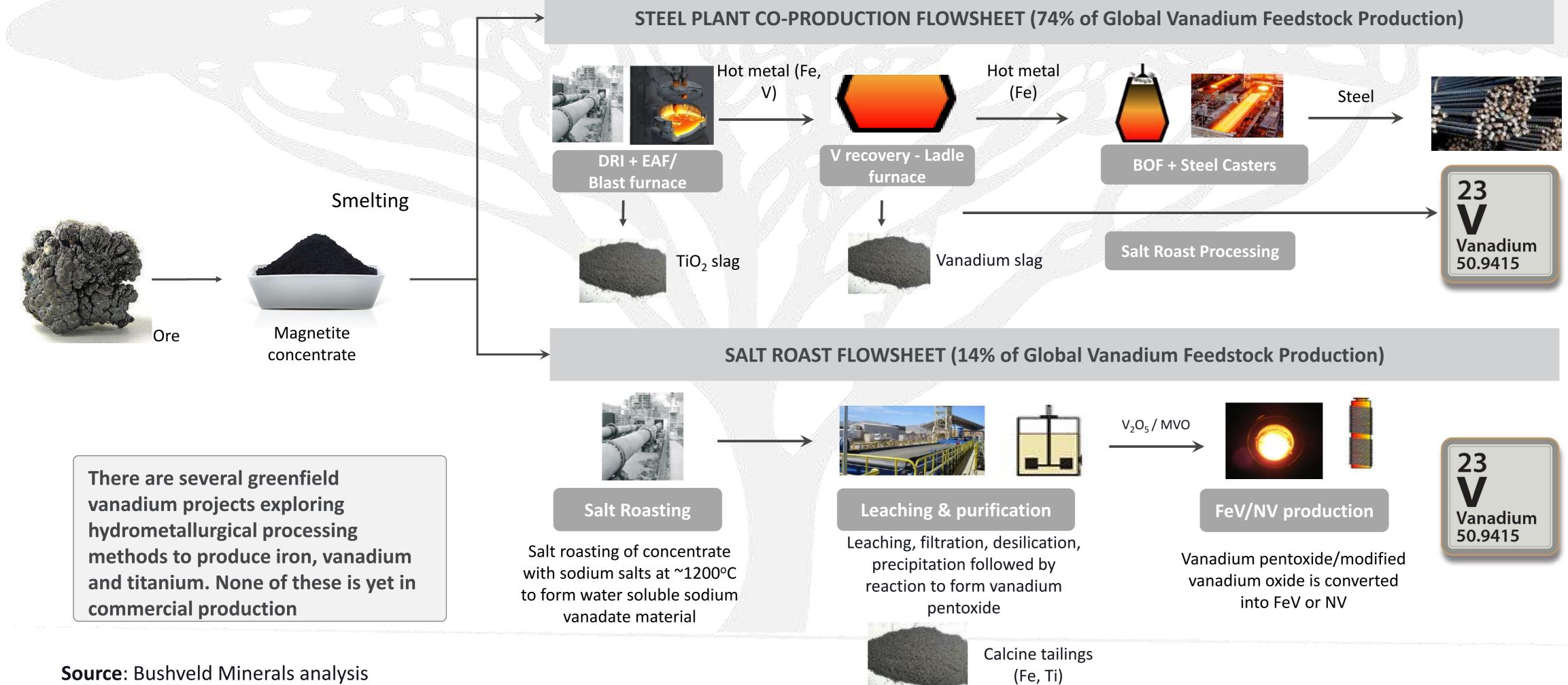






## **Vanadium Production Methods**

### Co-product slag currently accounts as source of most vanadium supply, but the future lies with primary vanadium ore feedstock



### **Supply Outlook**



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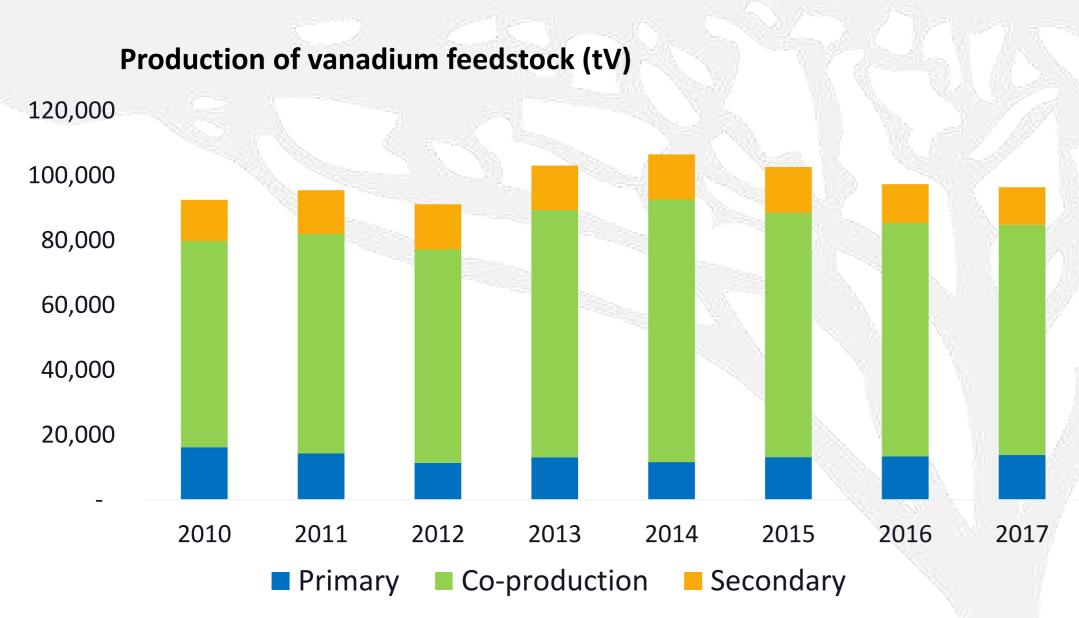
Concentrated supply structure with short term supply reductions

Scope for unused capacity, largely amongst co-producers, filling the market deficit

Vanadium cost curve limitations in predicting supply responses

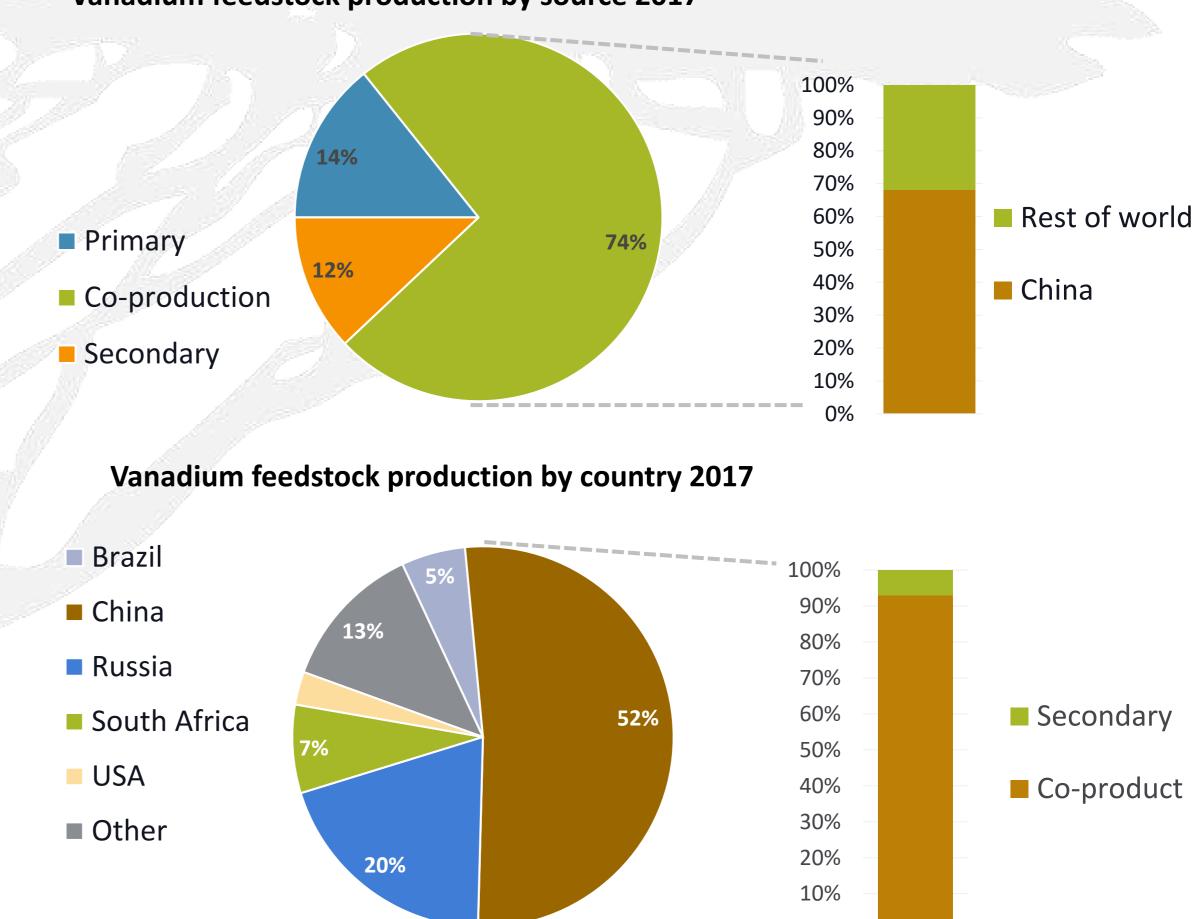
New production dominated by co-production with significant hurdles

# **Supply Outlook Vanadium Production** Vanadium production history

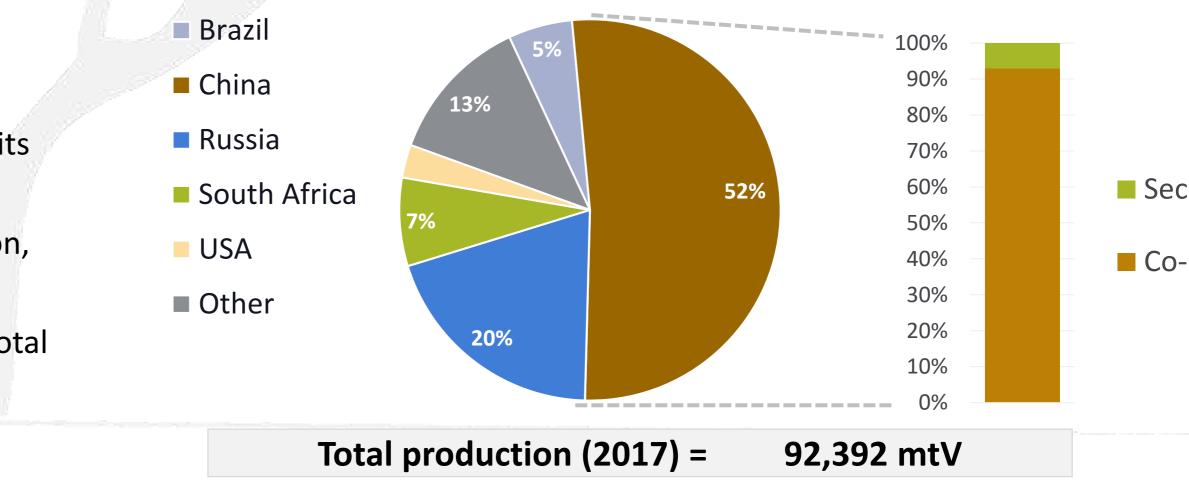


- China is the largest producer of vanadium feedstock producing 93% of its • vanadium through co-production
- Co-production accounts for 74% of total vanadium feedstock production, • 68% of which is in China
- Most of the co-production capacity is in China, accounting for 68% of total ۲ co-production and 48% of total vanadium feedstock production

Source: Bushveld Minerals analysis, Roskill



### Vanadium feedstock production by source 2017



## **Supply Outlook** A Global Supply Decrease Over the Past 4 Years ... **Decrease in production not entirely driven by vanadium – related events**

Region	2014 production	2017 production	mtV	%
China	54,362	50,035	-4,327	-8%
Russia	15,125	19,096	3,971	+26%
South Africa	19,445	7,222	-12,223	-63%
Brazil	578	5,239	4,661	806%
USA	3,600	2,700	-900	-25%
Other Europe	2,550	2,710	160	6%
Oceania	1,211	1,350	180	11%
Other Asia	4,920	4,040	-880	-18%
Other	861			
Total	102,652	92,392	10,260	-10%

Lower production in China driven by stone coal mine closures and environmental controls

In South Africa, Highveld Steel & Vanadium (HVSV) shut down due to adverse economic performance, leading to Vanchem also shutting down (Vanchem was dependent on the same ore as HSV)

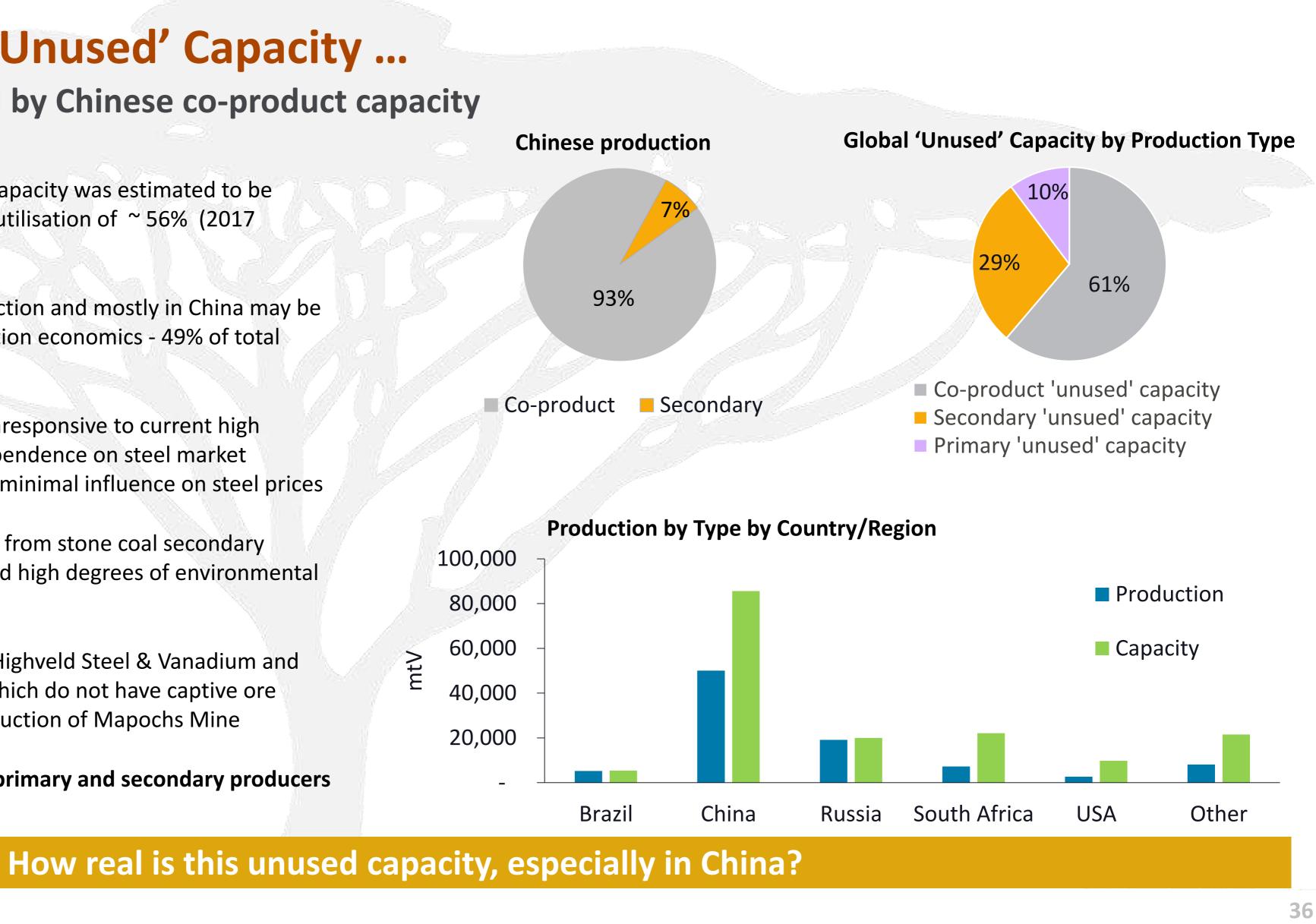
Despite a significant new entrant in Brazil-based Largo Resources and smaller additions in Russia and Europe, global supply fell by 10%

In North America, vanadium volumes recycled from Venezuelan oil ash has fallen due to lower oil output

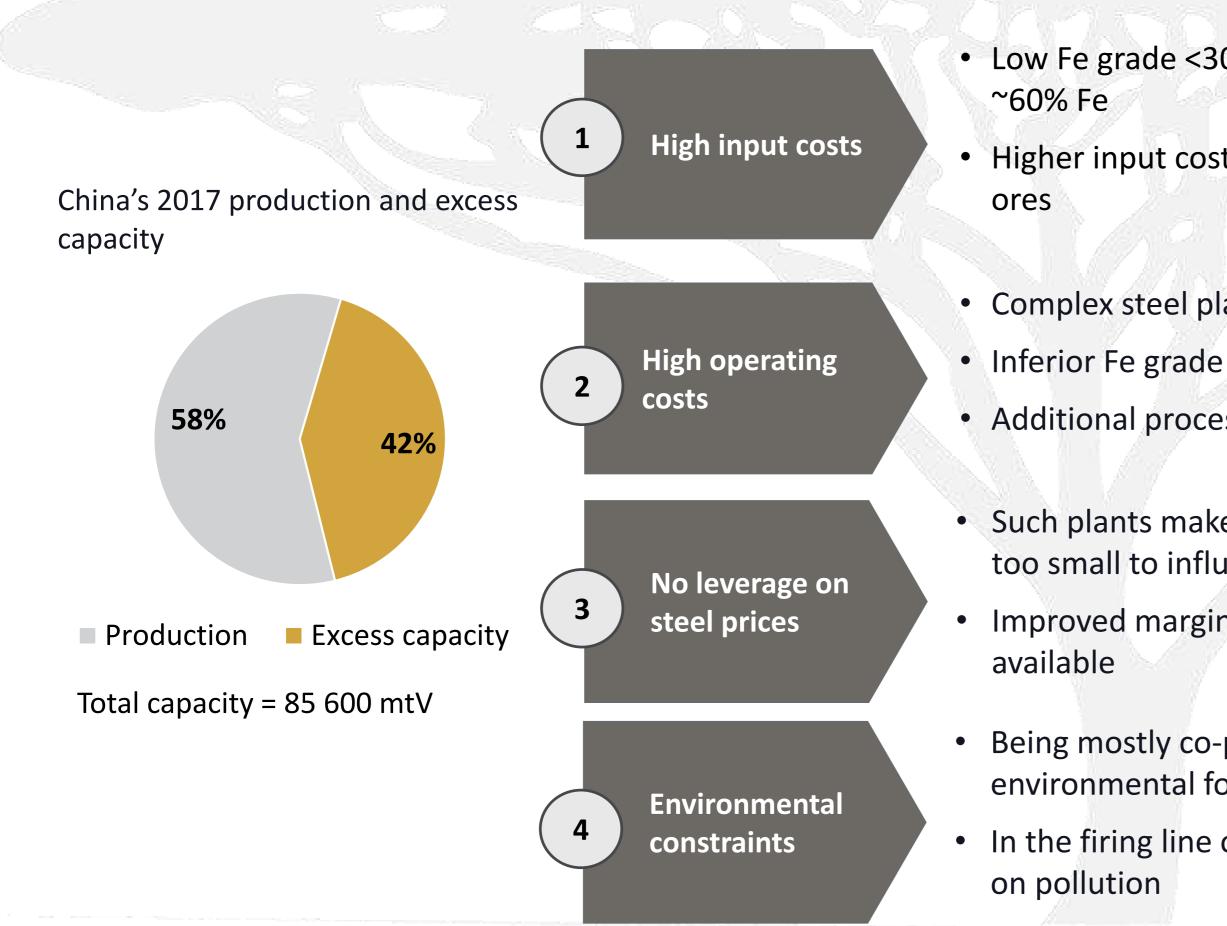


### **Supply Outlook** ... Amidst Significant 'Unused' Capacity ... **Unused capacity is dominated by Chinese co-product capacity**

- As of 2017, total feedstock nameplate capacity was estimated to be • around 164kt, implying global capacity utilisation of ~ 56% (2017 vanadium production = 92,392mtV)
- 61% of the unused capacity is co-production and mostly in China may be • uneconomic as it relies on steel production economics - 49% of total unused capacity)
- This co-production capacity is largely unresponsive to current high • vanadium environment, on account dependence on steel market economics – poor plant economics and minimal influence on steel prices
- Some of the unused capacity in China is from stone coal secondary • producers characterised by high cost and high degrees of environmental pollution
- South Africa unused capacity linked to Highveld Steel & Vanadium and • Vanchem Vanadium Products both of which do not have captive ore feedstock for processing following the auction of Mapochs Mine
- Keys to additional production lie with primary and secondary producers



# **Supply Outlook** ... How Real Is The 'Unused' Chinese Co-production Capacity? Vanadium co-production supply facing significant production constraints emanating from the steel industry



Source: Bushveld Minerals analysis, Roskill, TTP Squared

• Low Fe grade <30% deposits, require concentrating to

• Higher input costs than steel plants processing haematite

Complex steel plant design

Additional processing steps to remove Ti and V

Such plants make up small share of steel production too small to influence steel prices

• Improved margins from cheaper seaborne iron ore not

Being mostly co-producer steel plants, their environmental footprint is negative

In the firing line of the Central government's crackdown

#### Three response options

- **Switch** to haematite ores to blend and upgrade magnetite feed (e.g. Chengde)
- **Curtail** reduce production (e.g. Panzhihua)
- **Stop** production (e.g. Highveld)

Significant reduction in V supply and limited scope for new production from coproducers



#### **Supply Outlook** ... What will it take to bring this 'unused' Chinese co-production capacity online Co-production plants' economics are driven by steel market economics and require the following to be viable What would need to happen? Reality Iron ore raw material costs account for >35% of cost of steel making Higher iron ore prices capacity in Australia and Brazil • A significant rise in global iron ore prices likely to drive steel

- prices higher and reduce incentive to blend for co-producers
- Stronger steel demand growth in China driving steel prices higher
- Trade war driving higher domestic steel prices
- Vanadium co-producers grow their production to a significant share of global steel production to influence prices
- Softening in enforcement of environmental compliance
- Easing of environmental regulations
- Vanadium prices high enough for co-production to be profitable

<sup>1</sup> Bloomberg average consensus as at 23 April 2018 Source: Bushveld Minerals analysis, Roskill, TPP squared

Higher steel prices

Grow share of steel

production

**Environmental** 

Sustained high vanadium

constraints

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- Seaborne iron ore prices set to continue at low levels of ~US\$60/t<sup>1</sup> for short to medium term according to analysts, driven by substantial over
- Steel demand growth projected to be less than 2% p.a
- Over-capacity in steel sector unlikely to see significant steel price increases even in the event of greater demand; Chinese government efforts to eliminate as 50Mt of high cost unprofitable, polluting plants
- Global trade war likely to suppress overall steel demand
- Co-producers account for only 5% of steel production
- They are the targets in a central government led consolidation programme aimed at eliminating up to 50Mt in high cost, loss making steel making capacity
- Chinese government recent direction towards tightening enforcement of regulations, including criminalising non-compliance
- More regulations being introduced not less
- Improving the environment a core pillar of Chinese government policy
- A >US\$100/kgV price would be required on a sustained basis, which is not precedented



# Supply Outlook Chinese Co-product Steel Plants Have No Leverage On Steel Prices

- Chinese co-product steel plants capacity of 40Mt is less than 5% of total global steel
- They thus have no leverage on steel prices, which are the primary drivers of economic performance needed to stimulate conversion of the existing 'unused' capacity
- Meanwhile, they account for ~50% of Vanadium production (2017 Global production of 92,392 mtV)

Panzhihua Group Panzhihua Group Chengde Iron & S Jianlong Steel Che Jianlong Steel Hei Chuan Wei Steel Kumming Steel Desheng Steel

#### They account for less than 5% of the steel market, however for ~50% of the vanadium supply

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p – Xichang City	7 000 000	11
Steel	6 000 000	9
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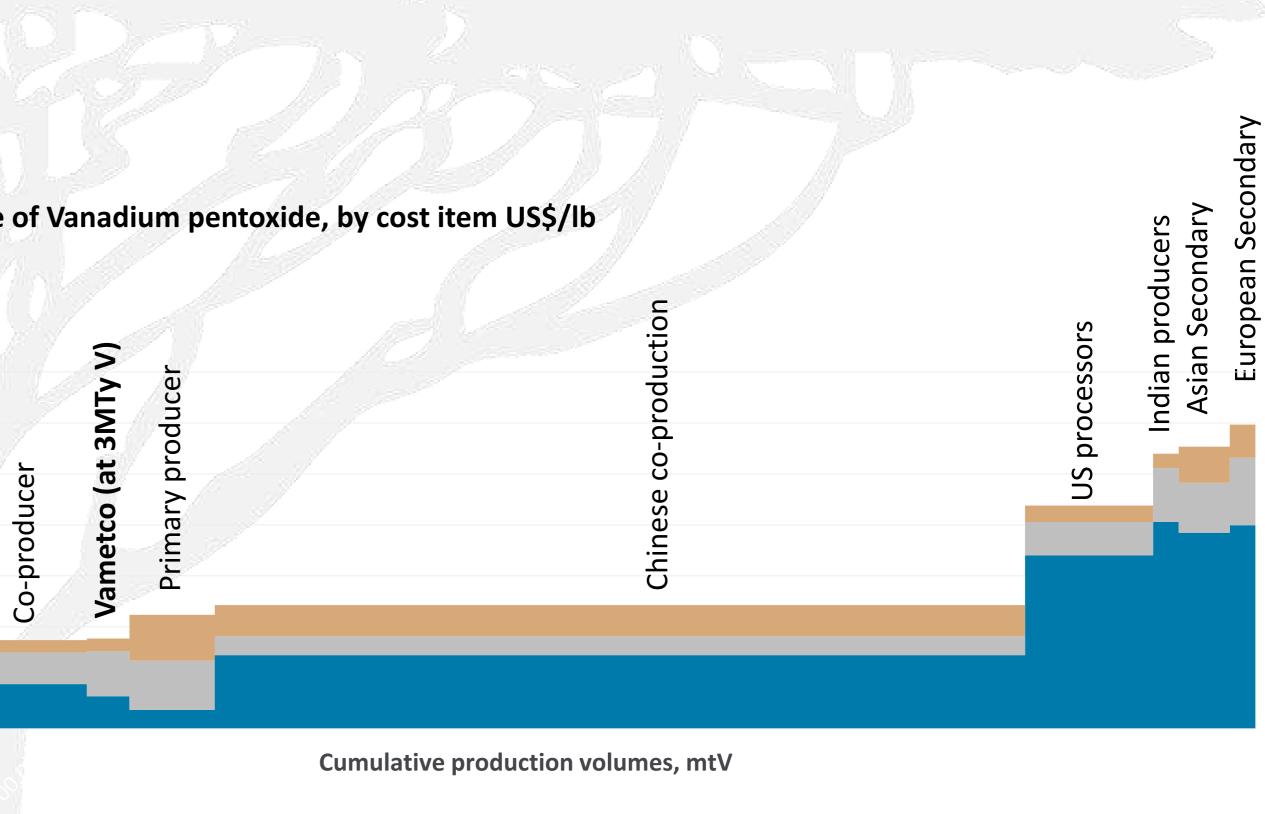
# **Supply Outlook Chinese Co-product Steel Plants Have No Leverage on Steel Prices**

#### Why the vanadium cost curve is not a good predictor of supply behavior

- Chinese co-producers are low cost vanadium  $\bullet$ producers and have the most 'unused' capacity
- Yet they are incapable of taking advantage of high vanadium prices and low cost curve position
- Co-production dependent on primary steel plant viability
- Opportunity to respond to current vanadium price environment lies with primary producers
- However, primary producers' share of unused • capacity is marginal (less than 20%)
- And while capacity utilisation among the • primary producers is just over 50%, among operational producers, this is 86% with limited head room apart from capacity expansions
- >70% of the unused primary capacity is constrained by unavailability of captive ore supply or poor quality magnetite ore

2017 Cost curve of Vanadium pentoxide, by cost item US\$/lb

Vanadium feed



Processing

Other



# **Supply Outlook Even greenfield production has significant challenges Even quality primary vanadium projects face funding challenges**



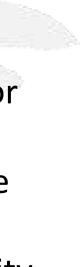
A significant number of the new projects that have been announced are co-producers, driven by steel prices, or

Co-producer greenfield vanadium projects depend as much if not more on other commodities (Fe and Ti) to be

• Face the same steel market challenges as existing co-producers: low steel prices in a market with excess capacity

• Financing for greenfield vanadium projects remains challenging (e.g. Mokopane Vanadium project, 1.75%

• Vanadium historical price volatility makes it difficult for lenders to model future prices for debt deals Limited technical capability for specific requirements of developing and operating vanadium mining and



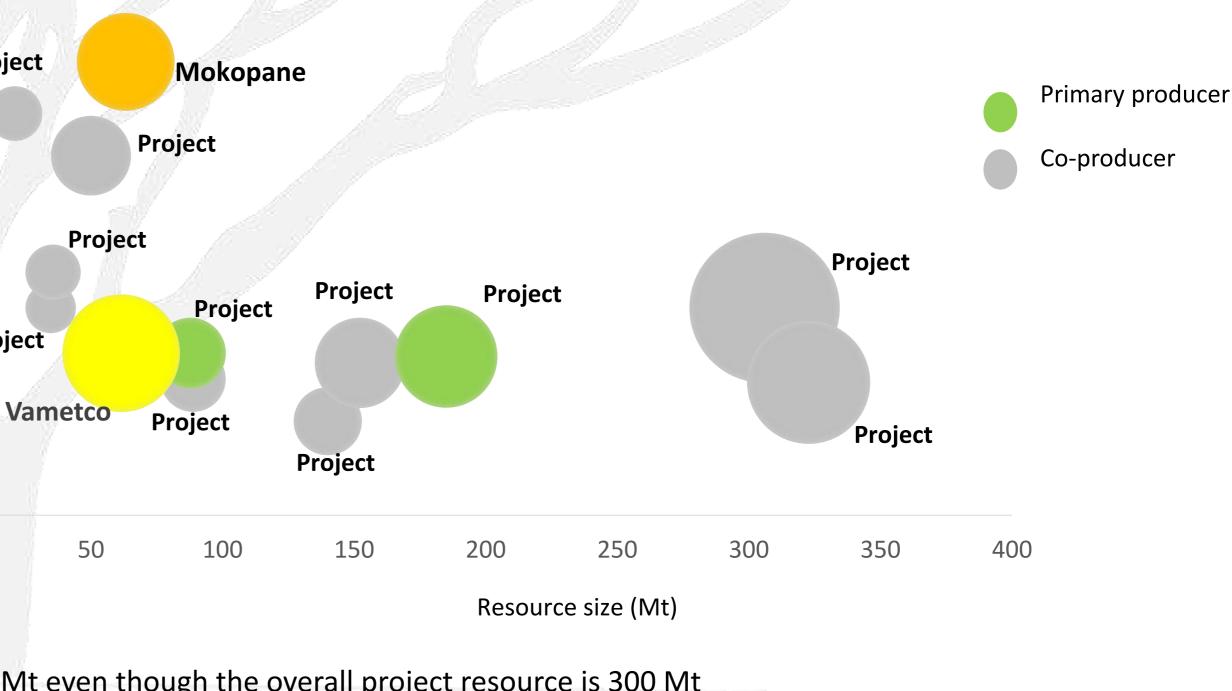


# **Supply Outlook Example of a Primary Vanadium Producer Economics Mokopane Vanadium Project**

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ltem <sup>1</sup>		Unit	Value		М	easur
Production					\$14	
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Ore Reserve		Mt	28		1.60%	1 Star
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- Based on the Pre Feasibility Study (PFS) completed in 2016 1.
- 2. The Mokopane Vanadium Project PFS was based on the MML only which is 63Mt even though the overall project resource is 300 Mt

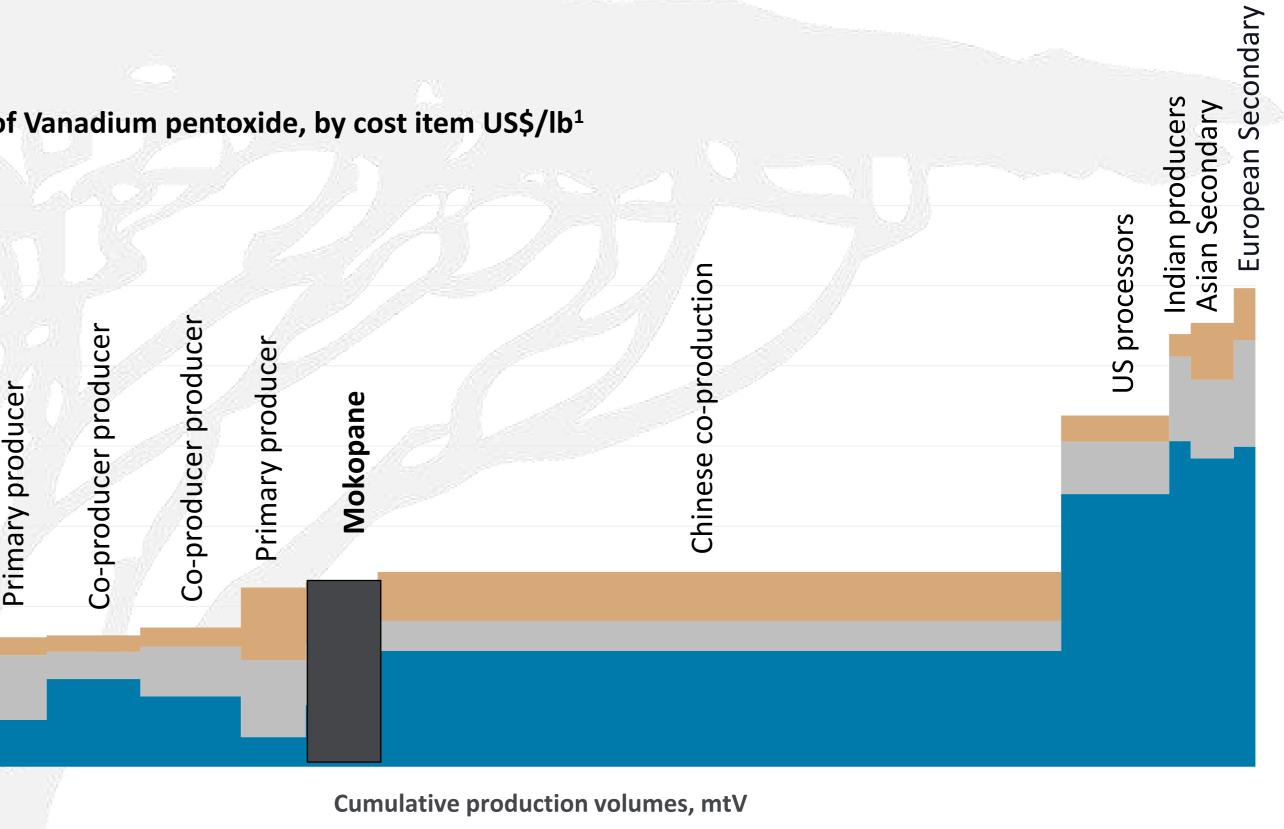
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Vanadium feed
Processing

Other



# **Supply Outlook** How Much Of The Projected Supply Will Be Realised?

Total production of 46,000 is 88% of identified new production

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Region	Туре	Stage	Measured & estimated resources (Mt)	Production date	Production capacity (tpy)	Capex (US\$'m)	Grade (%V2O5)	NPV (US\$'m)	IRR (%)	NPV (US\$'m)	IRR (%)
Mokopane	Primary	Pre-feasibility complete	63	2022	5 800	286	1.4	685	36.7	125.9	17.7
Canada	Co -producer	Feasibility complete	152	2019	4000	732	0.47	984	22.2	467.2	17.0
Australia	Co-producer	Feasibility complete	306	2020	5,600	1,818	0.64	-640	5.1	-1,369	-8.8
South Africa	Co-producer	Feasibility complete	50	2018	191	15.8	1.11	4,9	15.8	0.9	12.70
Australia	Co-producer	Feasibility complete	140	2020	11,200	1,397	0.29	2,681	45.5	1,379.3	31.50
Australia	Primary	Mineral discovery	35.6	2020	5,300	N/A	0.75	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Australia	Co-producer	Early exploration	185	2020	4,800	132	0.49	1,262	80.3	545	46.8
Canada	Co-producer	PEA complete	N/A	2023	9,331	265	N/A	271	23.0	246	22

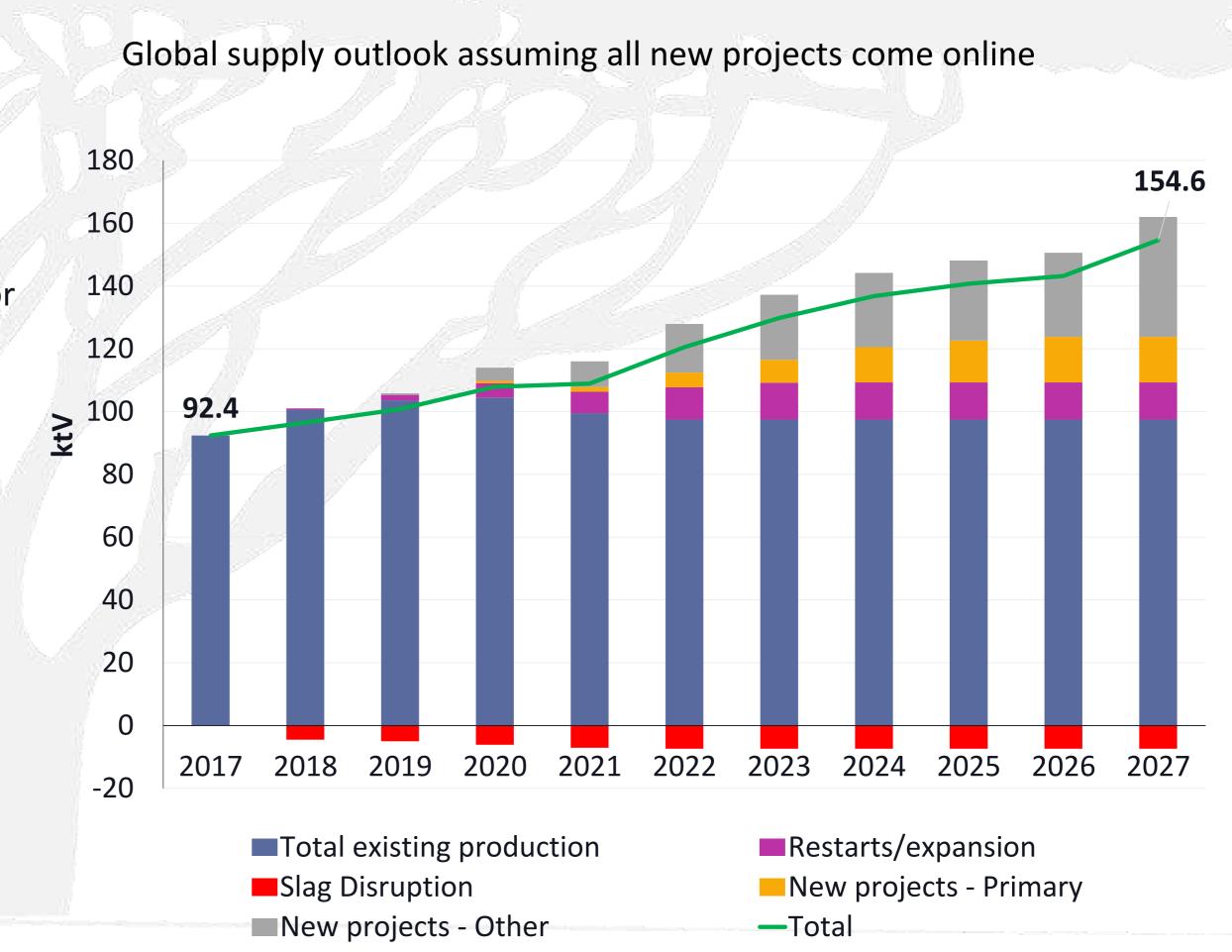




# **Supply Outlook Summary Supply Outlook**

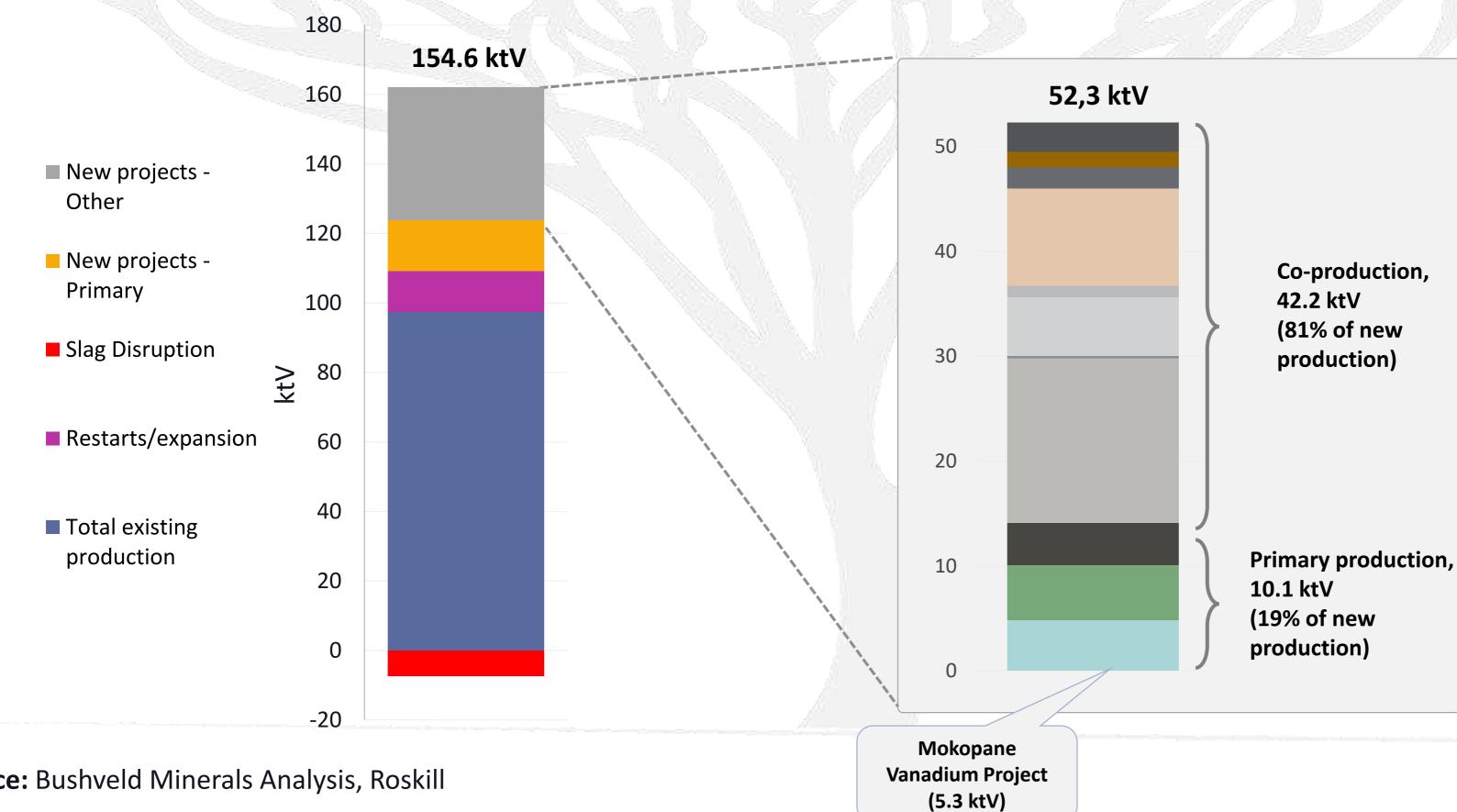
Assuming all new projects are delivered, in an optimistic scenario supply would grow at a CAGR of 5.3% between 2017-2027

- New projects: includes all new projects that have been announced
  - New projects dominated by co-producer steel plants or hydrometallurgical plants
- All assumed restarts are co-producers steel plants
  - Includes an assumed Highveld Steel & Vanadium restart in 2019 ramping up to 6.6ktV by 2023



# **Supply Outlook Majority Of New Supply From Co-production Projects** Vanadium co-production supply facing significant production constraints with faltering material contributions

Global supply outlook assuming all new projects come online



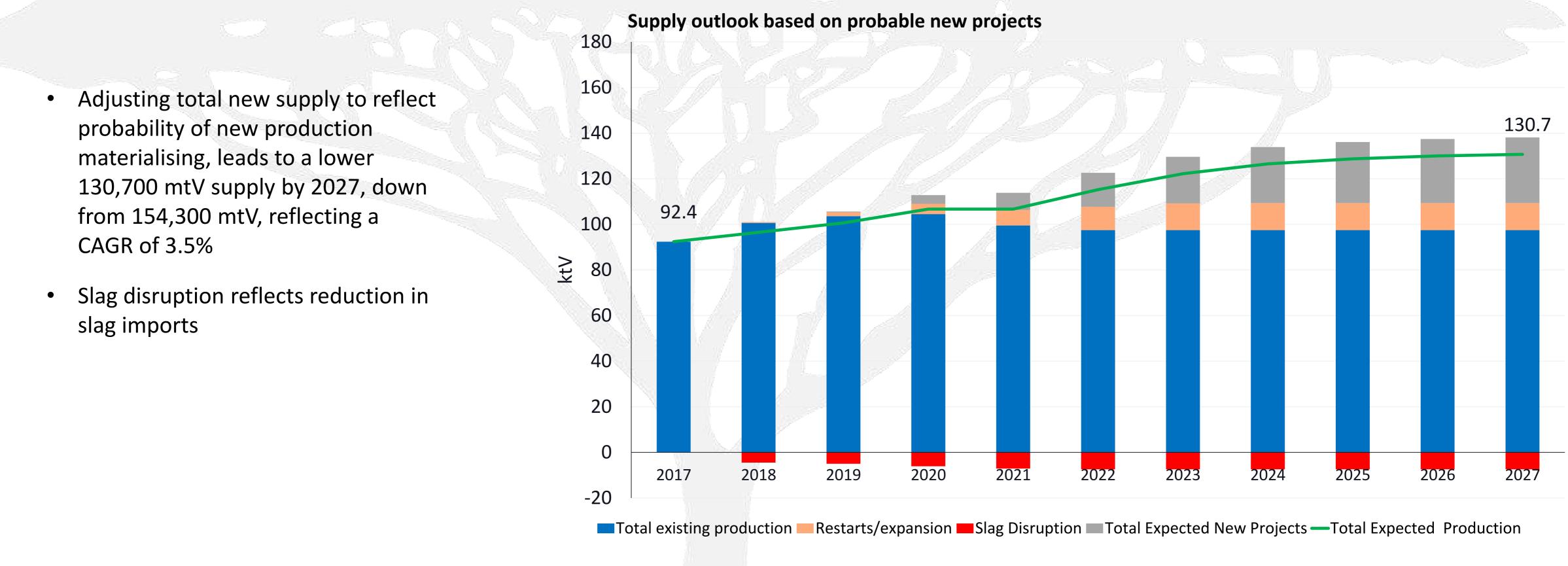
**Source:** Bushveld Minerals Analysis, Roskill

#### Total new projects by production type

Of this new production, Roskill expects 46% (23.9 ktV) of this production not to develop into production

# **Supply Outlook Probable Supply Evolution**

Probable supply scenario sees supply growth of an additional 38.3 ktV over 10 years





# **Supply Outlook Key Supply-side Take-aways**

#### **Market Structure**

Geographic concentration of supply with Northern China, Russia and South Africa hosting over 90% of the reserves Over 70% of vanadium produced is through co-production which is driven by steel fundamentals China accounts for the most production (52%) most of which (93%) is through co-production

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#### Questionable overcapacity

#### New production

- - on steel prices; and
- vanadium supply, even in a context of rising vanadium prices
- Greenfield new production also constrained: •
- Pure-play vanadium producers best suited to to deliver significant new supply

Global utilisation of ~56% (est. for 2017) suggests excess capacity that should respond to vanadium market deficit and high vanadium prices yet:

61% of this unused capacity is co-production (and is mostly in China – 49% of total unused capacity) and is largely unresponsive to current high vanadium environment, on account dependence on steel market economics – poor plant economics and minimal influence

Primary production unused capacity is constrained by unavailability of ore, and/or inferior vanadium feedstock grade

Significant reduction in supply among mainly co-producers (especially given consensus low steel price forecasts) underscores vulnerability of this

In South Africa, Highveld Steel & Vanadium going into business rescue eliminated >10% of vanadium feedstock supply from the market

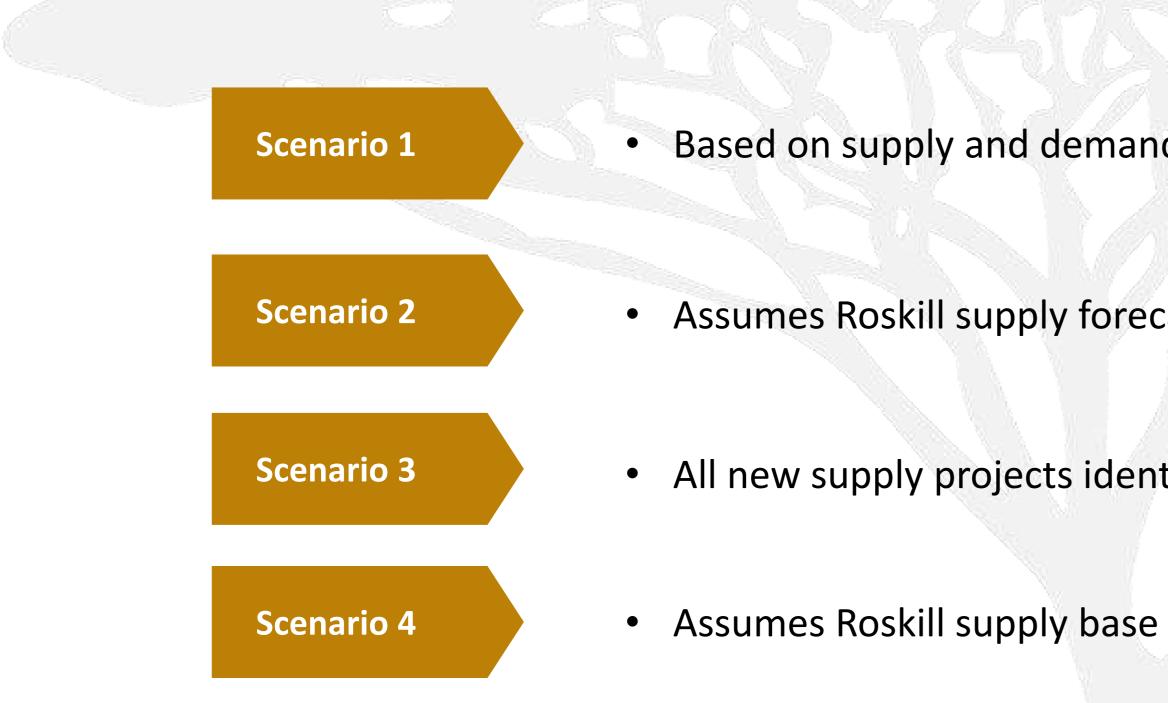
Co-product or multi-commodity (hydrometallurgy) plants require high capex and vulnerable to steel market economics

Primary production projects, even with good vanadium grades, may face significant funding challenges

Consequently only 28,400 mtV of a total possible 52,300 mtV is deemed probable by 2027 (reflecting a CAGR of 3.5% supply growth)

# Market Balance Outlook

# Four cases presented to help understand potential vanadium demand and supply pathways going forward



Based on supply and demand forecasts as presented by Roskill

Assumes Roskill supply forecasts and a 25% VRFB market share in energy storage

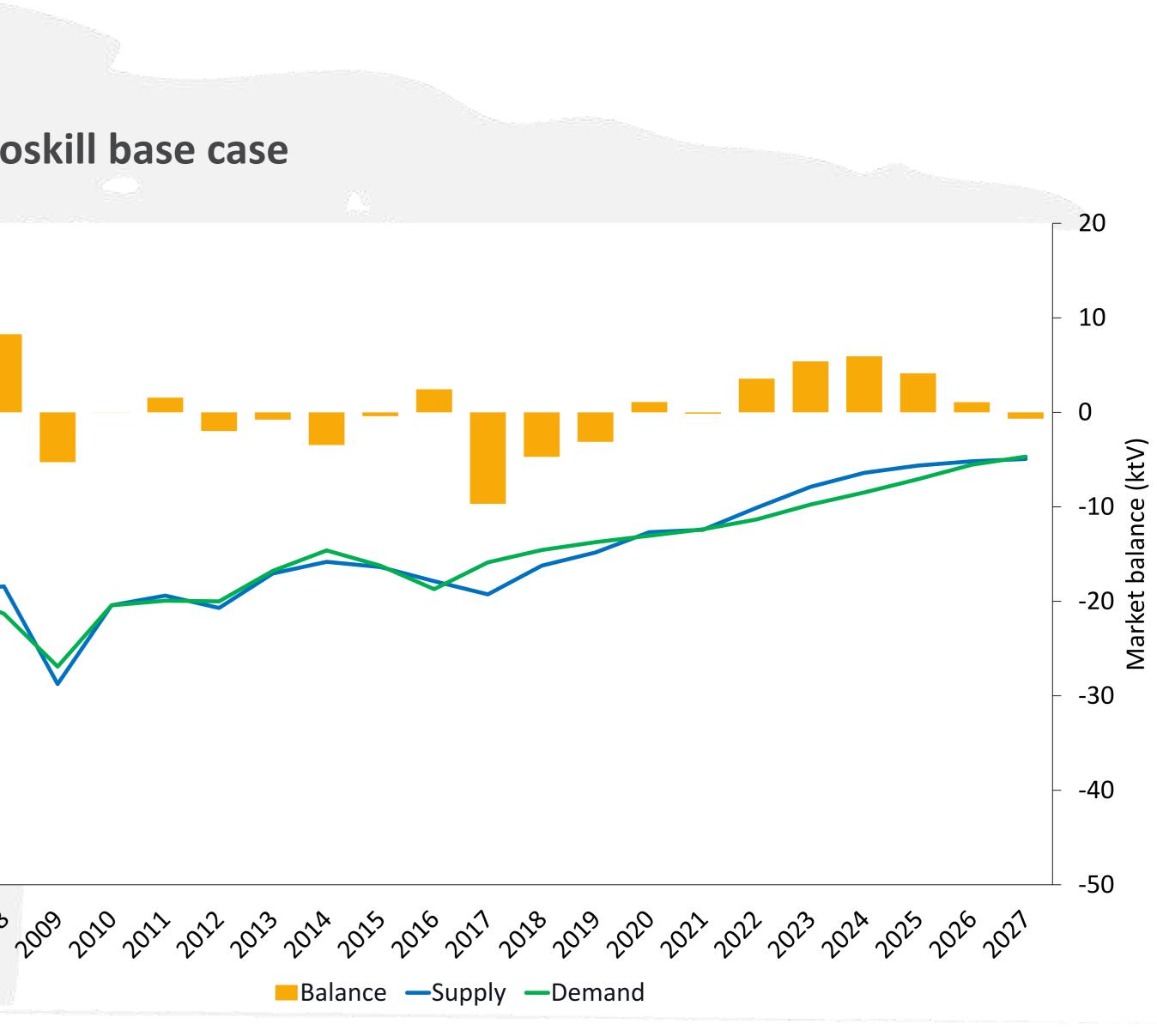
All new supply projects identified are delivered and a 25% VRFB market share

Assumes Roskill supply base case forecast and zero uptake for VRFB in energy storage post 2020



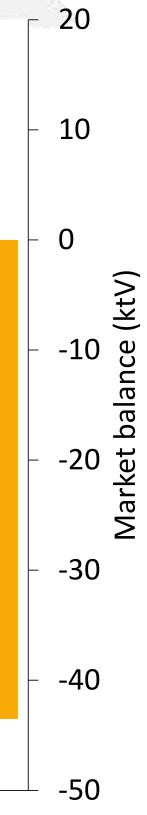
# Supply Outlook Market Balance Scenarios Scenario 1: Vanadium supply and demand per Roskill base case

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	mand and supply volumes based on Roskill imates and adjusted as follows:	180 -	
•	Demand includes Roskill base case demand	160 -	
	for Vanadium in VRFBs, capped at 8,000 mtV by 2027 compared with a potential		
	50,875mtV	¥ 120 -	
•	Supply projections based on all new projects	Supply/demand (ktv) 08 08 00 08	
	being adjusted down to reflect 54% volumes being delivered by 2027	9/Vldd	
Ou	tcomes	ns 60 -	
•	Results in a marginal market surplus of less	40 -	
	than 5% at the most during the forecast period	20 -	
•	Supply and demand grow at 3.5% and 2.6%	0	A 0
	CAGR respectively from 2017-2027	2000	200, 5002



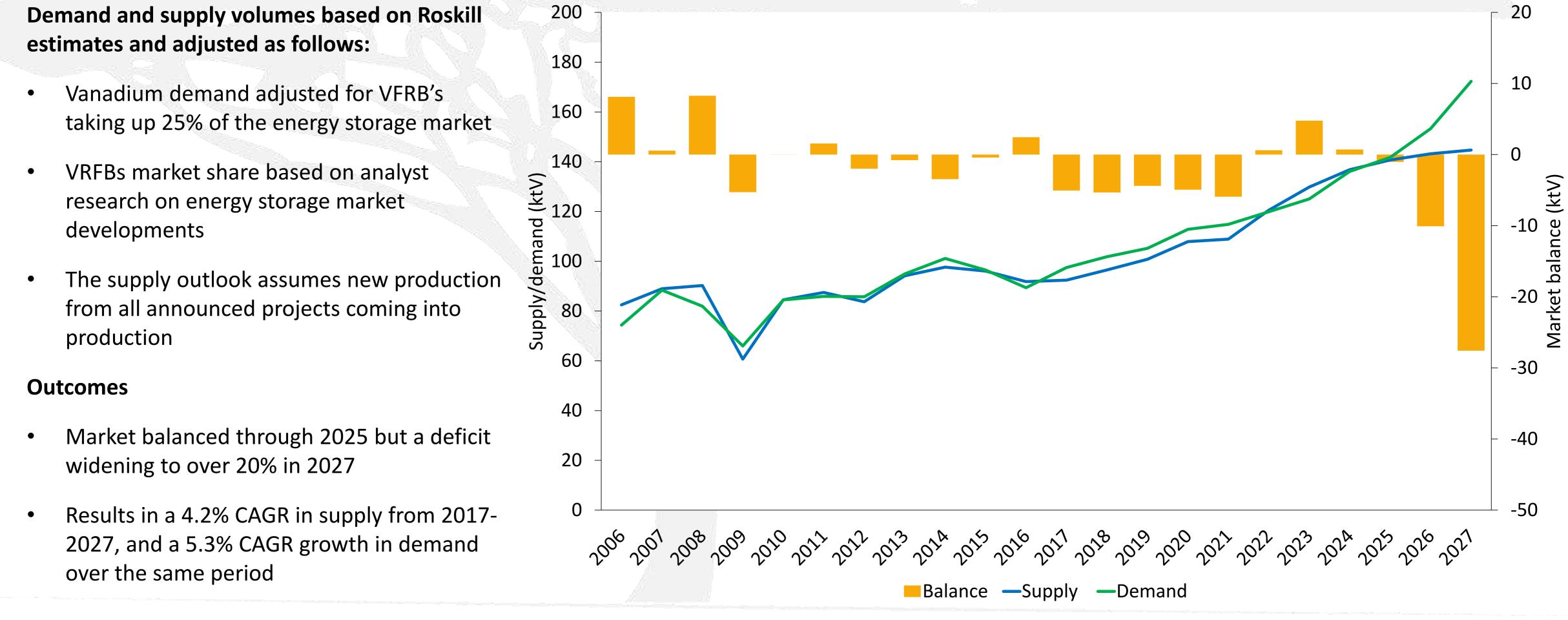
# **Supply Outlook Market Balance Scenarios** Scenario 2 :Demand assumes 25% market share for VRFBs in energy storage market and Roskill estimate of new supply projects actually delivered 2029 2020 2021 2022 2023 2024 2025 2026 2021 ° 2009 2010 2014 2012 201C 2011 202 205 $\sqrt{0}$ Balance —Supply —Demand

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Demand and supply volumes based on Roskill estimates and adjusted as follows:	180 -
<ul> <li>Vanadium demand assumes that VFRB's</li> </ul>	160 -
take up 25% of the energy storage market	140 - ∋
• This is consistent with the anticipated	120 -
energy storage requirements as per quoted research houses	- 001 genar
Outcomes	Supply/demand (ktv) 80 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
<ul> <li>A significant increase in demand far</li> </ul>	60
exceeding supply in 2027 compared with base case	40 -
• 3.5% CAGR in supply from 2017-2027, and	20 -
a 5.6% CAGR growth in demand over the	0
same period	2000 2001 2008



# **Supply Outlook Market Balance Scenarios**

### Scenario 3: 25% market share for VRFB in energy storage and all new supply projects delivered

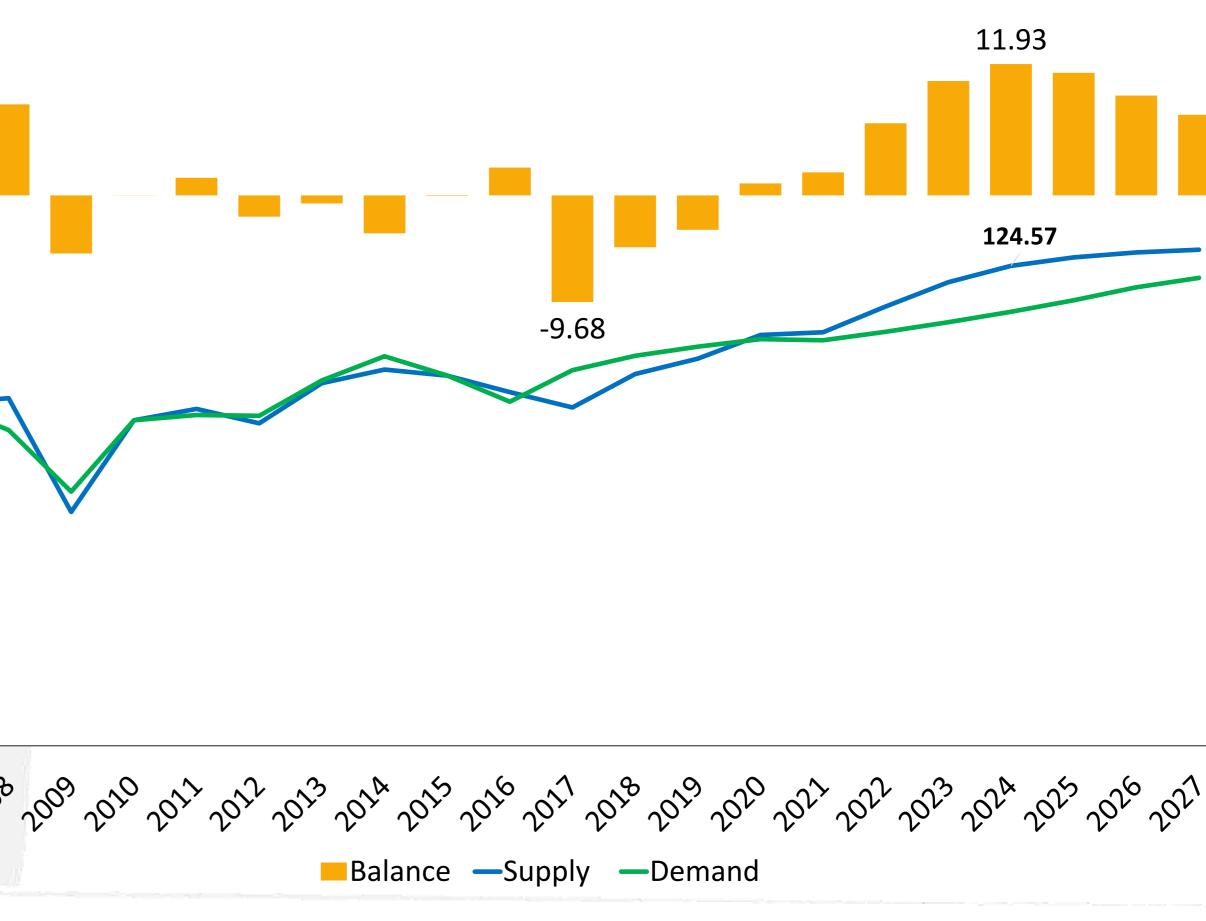


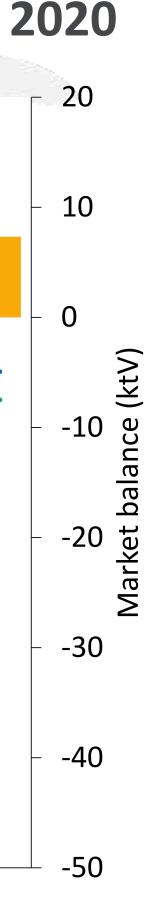


## Supply Outlook Market Balance Scenarios Scenario 4: Assumes Roskill supply

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Demand and supply volumes based on Roskill estimates and adjusted as follows:	180 -
<ul> <li>Vanadium demand adjusted for uptake being limited to only the current announced</li> </ul>	160 - 140 -
<ul> <li>projects</li> <li>Zero VRFB uptake post 2020 assumed</li> </ul>	4t 120 -
<ul> <li>Supply forecasts based on Roskill base case</li> </ul>	Supply/demand (ktv) 100 - 001 00 - 001 00 00 - 001 00 00 - 001 00 00 00 - 000 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
Outcomes	dns 60 -
Short term deficit	40 -
<ul> <li>Surplus develops peaking by 2024 at 11.93</li> <li>kt vanadium, or less than 10% of supply</li> </ul>	20 -
before tapering down in second half of the decade	0
	2006 2001 2008

# Scenario 4: Assumes Roskill supply base case forecast and zero uptake for VRFB in energy storage post 2020

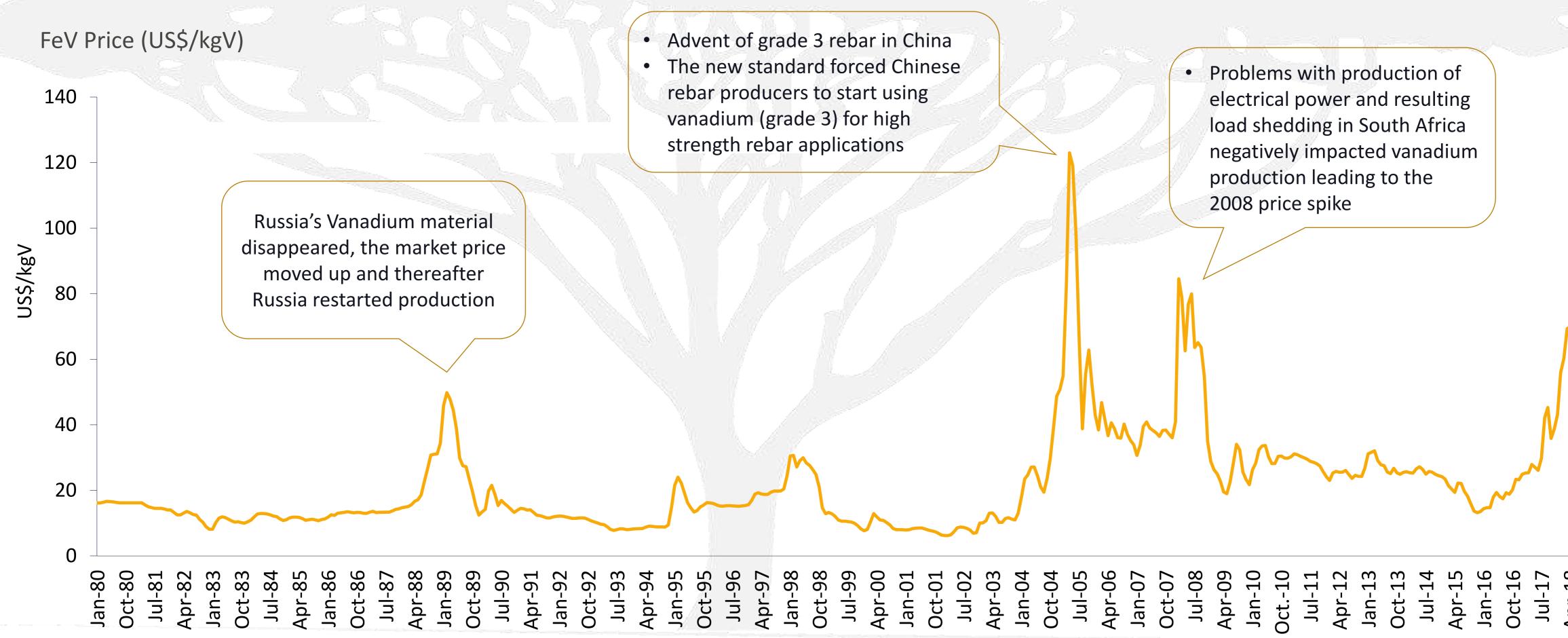




# Vanadium Market Fundamentals: Price Outlook



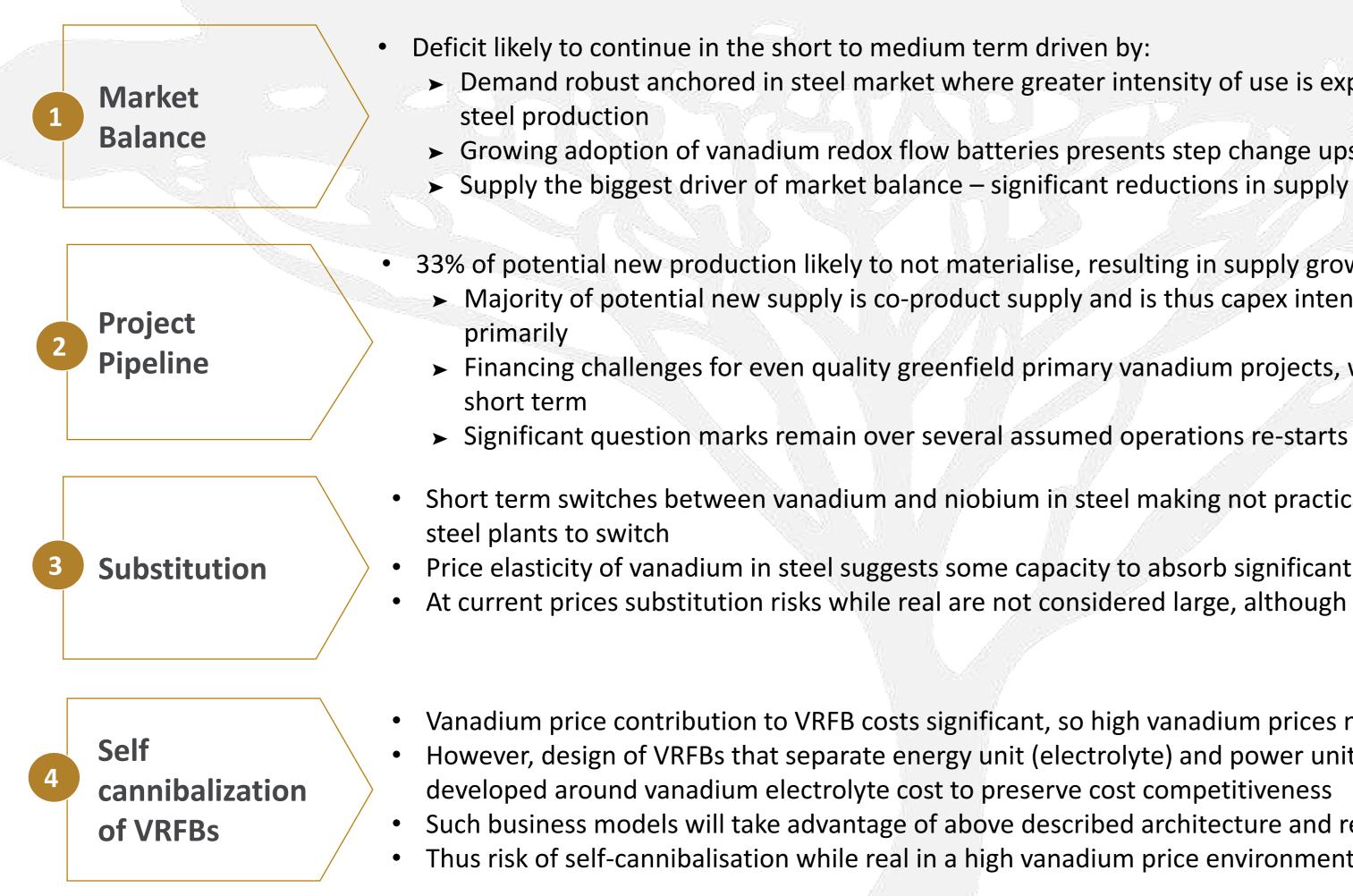
# **Price Outlook Significant Price Increase with Further Upside** The current vanadium price rise driven by structural changes in the vanadium, iron and steel markets



Source: Metal Bulletin, TTP Squared



# **Price Outlook Price Drivers**



> Demand robust anchored in steel market where greater intensity of use is expected to drive greater vanadium consumption growth than

Growing adoption of vanadium redox flow batteries presents step change upside in demand profile

> Supply the biggest driver of market balance – significant reductions in supply in the past 3 years combined with modest likely new supply

33% of potential new production likely to not materialise, resulting in supply growth of 3.2% CAGR, insufficient to match demand growth > Majority of potential new supply is co-product supply and is thus capex intensive and primarily dependent on steel economics

> Financing challenges for even quality greenfield primary vanadium projects, which are also capex intensive, can be expected in the

Short term switches between vanadium and niobium in steel making not practical given the required technical adjustments required in

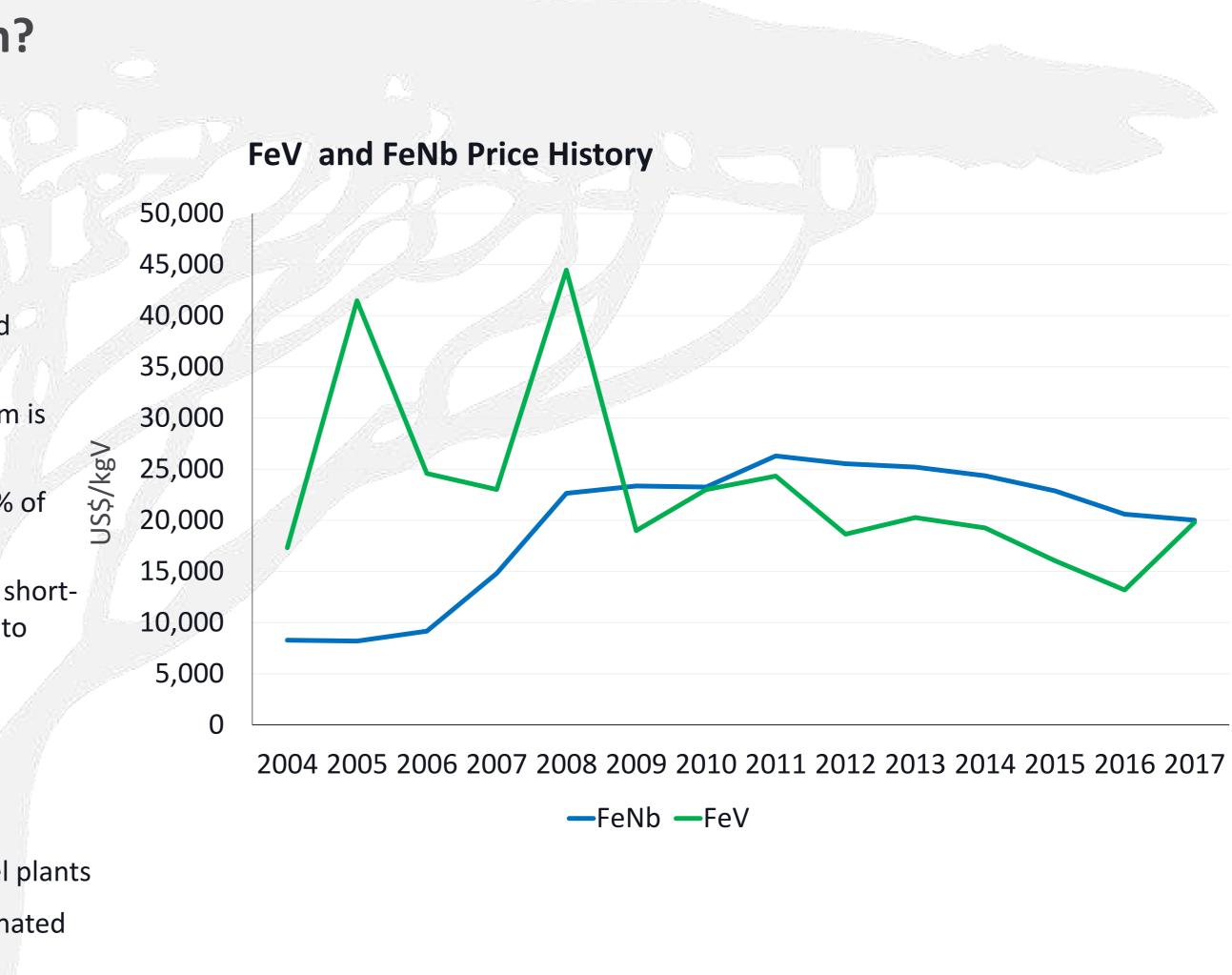
Price elasticity of vanadium in steel suggests some capacity to absorb significant upswings in vanadium prices At current prices substitution risks while real are not considered large, although sustained higher vanadium prices will magnify these risks

Vanadium price contribution to VRFB costs significant, so high vanadium prices not ideal for promoting adoption

- However, design of VRFBs that separate energy unit (electrolyte) and power unit (stacks) allows for innovative business models to be
- Such business models will take advantage of above described architecture and re-usability of electrolyte at end of life
- Thus risk of self-cannibalisation while real in a high vanadium price environment, can be mitigated

# Price Outlook Substitution Consideration How real is the substitution threat from Niobium?

- Factors working against substitution:
  - Replacement of ferrovanadium requires technical adjustments to steel production, to ensure that product specifications and quality are not compromised
  - Vanadium is generally considered to require lower rolling pressures and temperatures than niobium to give equivalent steel properties
  - Less energy is thus consumed in the production process when vanadium is used
  - Niobium supply significantly more concentrated CBMM controls >80% of supply with significant additional capacity
- These factors combined mean that substitution is normally not considered for shortterm changes in market conditions because of the considerable effort needed to implement the changes
- Factors supportive of substitution:
  - Sustained high vanadium prices
  - ► Vanadium price volatility
  - ► Long term niobium contracts provide reasonable price stability for steel plants
  - Concentration in niobium supply means supply response better coordinated



# Key Takeaways

#### DEMAND

- Steel market set to continue supporting robust vanadium demand through:
  - ► Growing global steel production strong positive correlation
  - ► Growing intensity of use in steel in emerging markets, especially in China where it is driven by improved enforcement of regulations

Consumption of vanadium in steel set to grow by 2.24% CAGR from 2017 to 2027

Growing applications of vanadium in energy storage industry via VRFBs set to bring step change to demand

be key for success



- Over 70% of Vanadium produced is through co-production which is driven by steel fundamentals
- The steel market structural changes are expected to continue adversely impacting the economics of vanadium co-producers going forward:
  - ▶ excess iron ore supply resulting in low iron ore price outlook in the medium term,
  - remain at subdued levels Limited scope for existing unused capacity (~565) being brought into production
- Limited scope for supply growth from existing co-producers:
  - > 49% of the global excess capacity is in China and consists mostly of co-producers, which are driven by the steel market economics
- Significant challenges facing greenfield vanadium production
  - ▶ Most of the new production that have been announced are co-producers or multi-commodities producers, facing large capex, driven by factors outside vanadium resulting in a significant share of them not coming online
  - Quality primary vanadium projects are best suited to meet the growing demand of vanadium

► VRFB Expected to account for 20% of V consumption by 2030. Strategies for countering impact of high Vanadium prices will

> excess steel production capacity in a context of subdued steel consumption growth expected to see steel prices forecasts

There is more upside in vanadium demand growth being realized than there is downside in the form of surplus production materialising



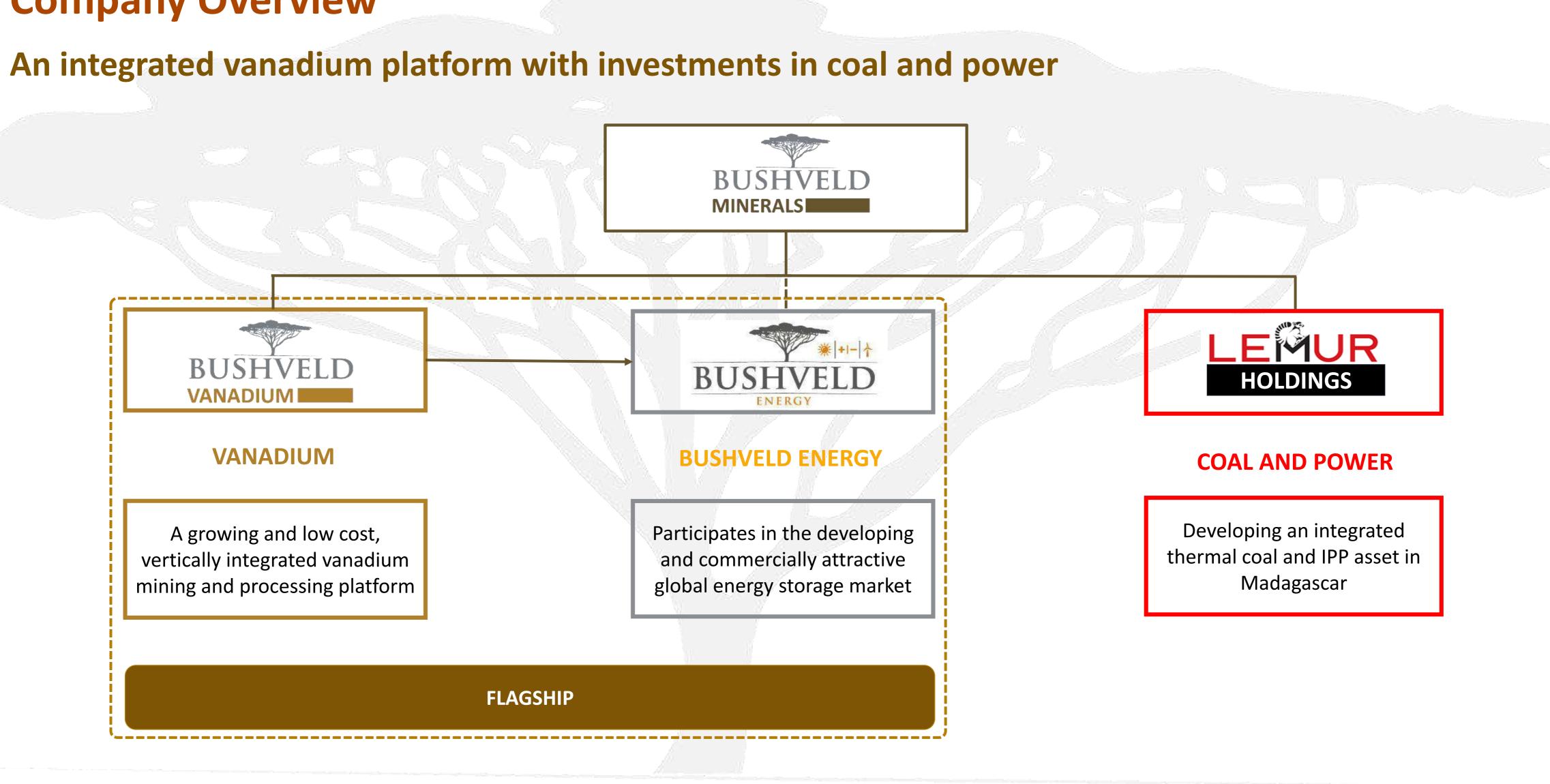
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# **Company Overview**



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# **Key Market Metrics**

### **Strong share price performance since March 2018**

BMN Share Price (01 May 2018)	23.30p
Basic Ordinary Shares	1,067,755,966
52-Week Hi-Lo	23.30 – 7.60p
Market Capitalisation	£248,787,140
Warrants in issue	26,743,696

Source: Bloomberg. 1 May 2018

Busl	hveld Minerals Top 10 Shareholders	# shares	% ownership
1	Hargreaves Lansdown Nominees	143,754,723	13.55
2	Interactive Investor Sharedealing	100,717,685	9.50
3	Halifax Share Dealing	86,136,790	8.12
4	Acacia Resources Limited	85,598,644	8.07
5	Yellow Dragon Holdings Limited	79,766,364	7.52
6	Pictet Asset Mgmt	63,692,075	6.00
7	Jose Roy Hernandez Borromeo	37,969,130	3.58
8	Selftrade - Talos Securities	35,049,737	3.30
9	A J Bell Securities	27,547,806	2.60
10	Barclays Wealth and Inv. Management	26,686,450	2.52

**Source**: Link Asset Services. As at 30 March 2018

# YTD Share Price Performance (indexed) AIM:BMN 250% 200% 150% 100% 50% 0% 01 - Jan 15 - Jan 29 - Jan 12 - Feb 26 - Feb 12 - Mar 26 - Mar 09 - Apr -Bushveld Minerals -FTSE AIM All shares -Ferro-vanadium basis 78% min, US\$/kg V

#### Source: Bloomberg. 18 April 2018



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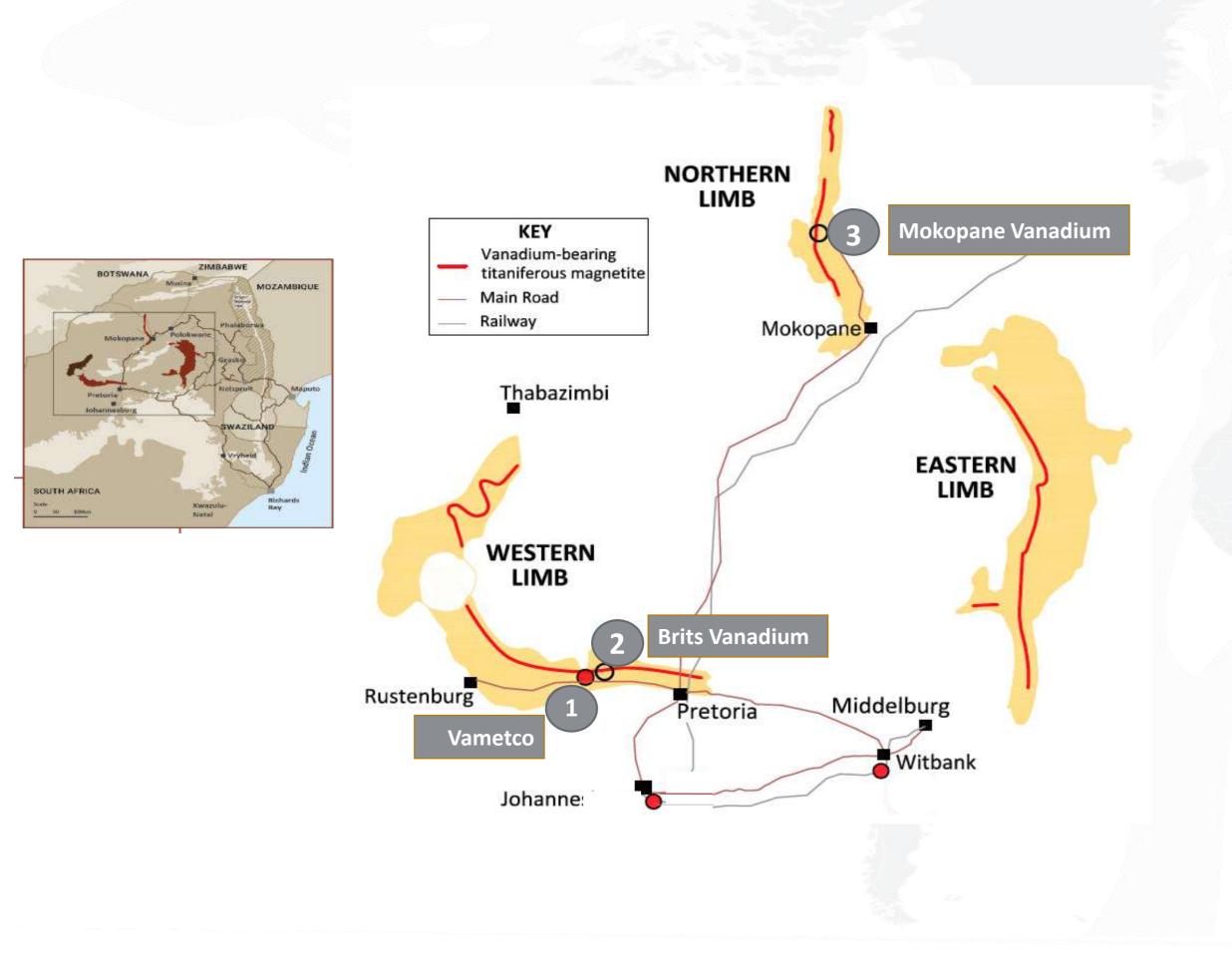
### Bushveld Vanadium aims to become a significant, low cost, integrated primary vanadium producer globally





# **Bushveld Minerals' Investment Proposition**

## A leading, low cost, vertically integrated primary vanadium mining and processing platform





Large, open cast deposits 439.6Mt combined resource (including ~55 Mt combined reserves)



Some of the highest primary grades in the world ~2% in-magnetite V<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> grades



One of the **lowest primary** vanadium producers



Vertical integration with **low cost base** presents opportunity for entry into the multibilliondollar energy storage industry



**Experienced leadership team** with over 100 years of experience

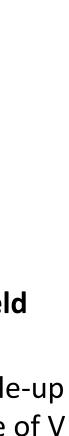


Concentrated global supply with South Africa as the largest host of high-grade primary vanadium resources



#### Established brownfield infrastructure

allows for low capex scale-up to up to significant share of V supply







# **BUSHVELD VANADIUM**

Vametco

# Vametco Overview

# Vametco enjoys a significant, c. 3% market share of the global vanadium market with expansion plans underway to increase this to more than 5%

- Open-pit mine along 3.5km strike with in-magnetite V grades of c.2% V<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>, among the highest in the world
- 26 Mt, 26.79% magnetite, 1.96% V<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> reserve and 142.4 Mt resource, 29.44% magnetite, 1.96% V<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>
- Utilises well-established salt roast processing method to produce refined vanadium in the form of Nitrovan<sup>™</sup> and modified vanadium oxide (MVO)
- Three-phase capacity expansion underway:
  - Phase I: completed in Q3CY17, raised production capacity to 3,035 mtV, through a self-funded capex of US\$0.5m
  - Phase II: will take capacity to 3,750 mtV by June CY18, through a self-funded capex of US\$2.5m
  - Phase III: to increase capacity to 5,000 mtV by the end of CY19, through a self funded capex of ~US\$15m
- 483 employees (including contractors)
- Management with over 100 years of vanadium mining and processing experience in South Africa



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# **Positive Key Performance Drivers For Vametco**

#### Vametco's strong cash position

#### Production capacity

CY18 production guidance of 3,680 mtV<sup>1</sup>, supported by the second phase of t expansion project

Expansion project to grow Vametco's share of global market from more than over 5% by 2019

#### • Vanadium Price

Strong start of CY18 with a price increase of circa 55% YTD<sup>2</sup>:

- FeV trading at a price of ~US\$70/kgV in April 2018
- Vametco's realised price is based on an average one-month prior to sa

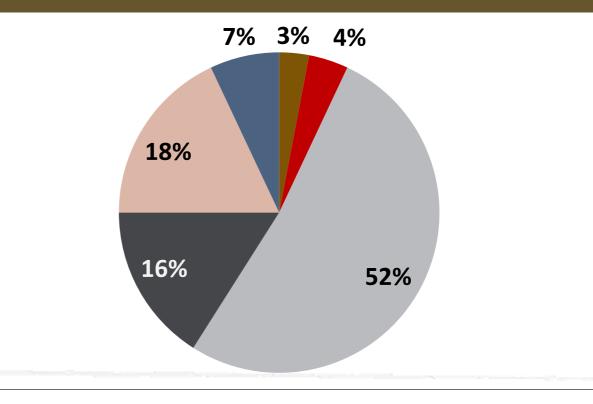
#### • Cost

CY18 production cost expected to decrease by 7% from ZAR221/KgV to ZAR20 mainly due to economies of scale

- 1. Consisting of 3,050 mtV Nitrovan<sup>®</sup> and 630 mtV FeV
- 2. Ferro-vanadium basis 78% min, US\$/kg V, price as at 18 April 2018
- Following the completion of the acquisition of the remaining 55% share in Vametco in December 2017, Bushveld's net attributable interest is 59.1%, and will be consolidated on a 100% basis from the December 2017 financials
- 4. Excludes depreciation, royalties, selling, general, and administrative expenses

**Source**: Bloomberg, Company records

, se	Bushveld Vametco results <sup>3</sup>	(100%)	CY17	CY16	CY15			
the	Vanadium produced	(mtV)	2,649	2,856	2,419			
3% to	Vanadium sold	(mtV)	2,721	2 ,810	2,340			
	FeV LMB price	US\$/Kg V	32.6	18.5	18.6			
	USD/ZAR exchange	\$=ZAR	13.3	14.7	12.8			
05	Revenue	ZAR'm	1,090.3	760.0	629.3			
	EBITDA	ZAR'm	315.6	48.3	16.7			
sale	Production costs <sup>4</sup>	ZAR/kg V	220.7	189.8	185.8			
	Production costs <sup>4</sup>	USD/kgV	16.6	12.9	14.6			
205/KgV,	Bushveld Vametco's Global (	Customer Bas	se (CY17 Sale	es)				



- China
- Republic of South Africa
- Americas
- Europe
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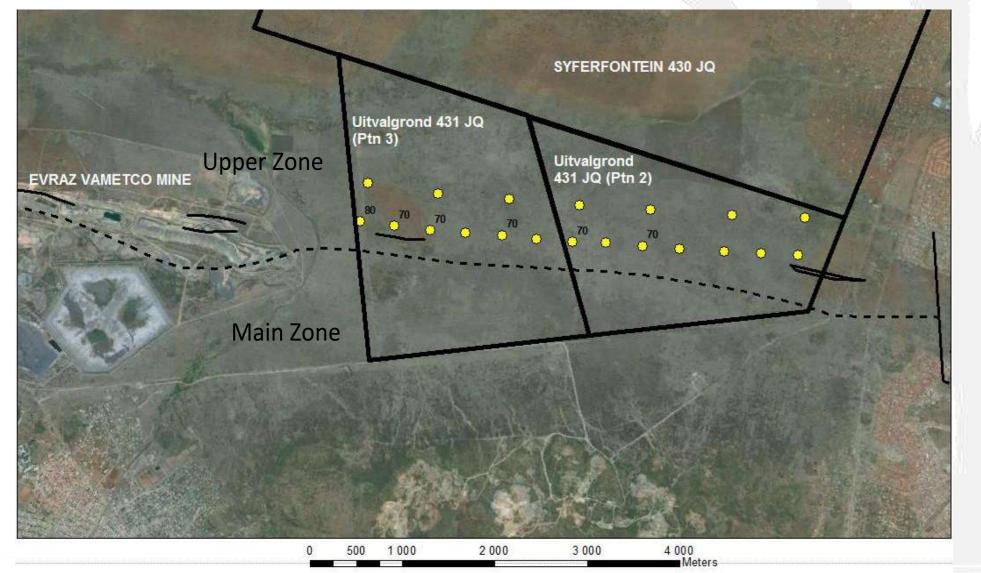
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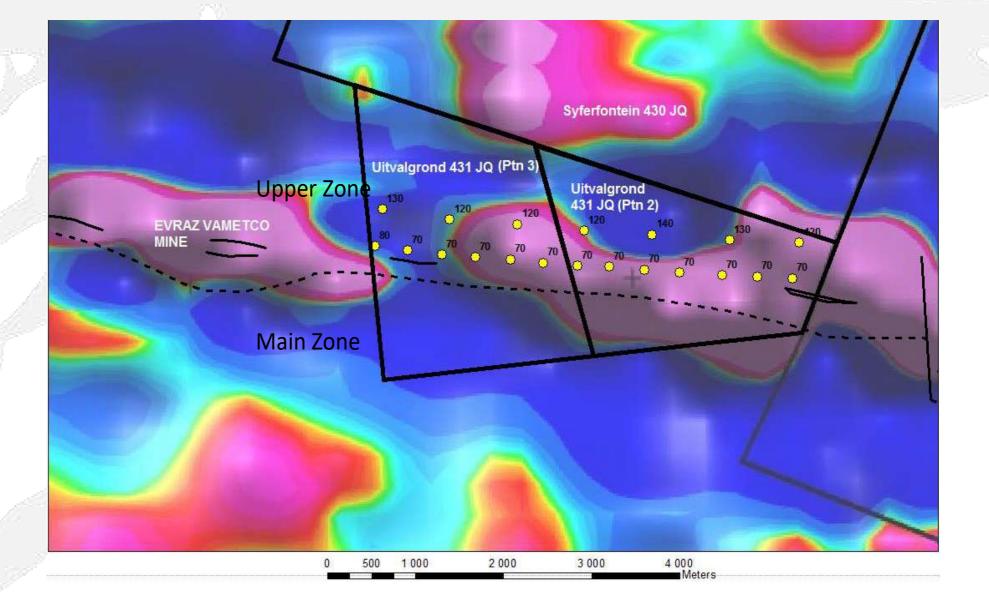
- **Brits Vanadium Project**
- Mokopane Vanadium

# **Brits Vanadium Project**

### Large high-grade primary vanadium resource base

- Outcropping, strike extension of the Vametco mine
- Exploration programme commenced in Q1CY18, with the aim of delineating a maiden Mineral Resource Estimate
- Positive results from a soil geochemical sampling programme and ground magnetic survey has led to several drilling targets being delineated
- Historical drilling showed in-magnetite grades of as much as 2.6% V<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>







# **Mokopane Vanadium Overview**

### Key project statistics compared to other vanadium projects

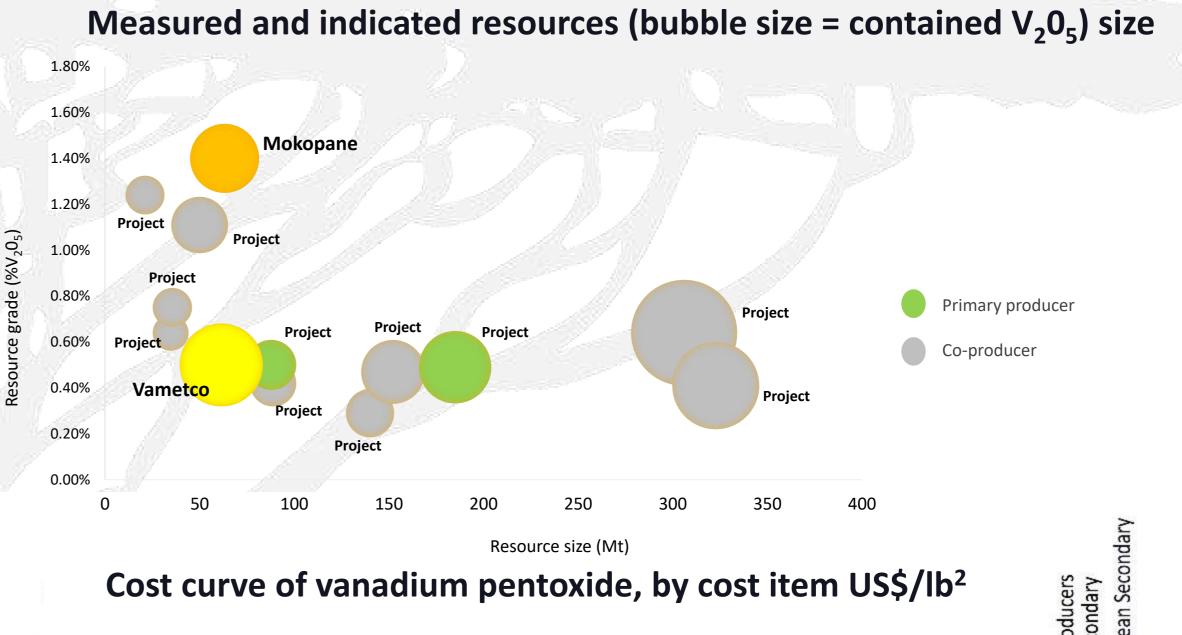
Item	Unit	Value
Production		
Mineral Resource	Mt	300 <sup>1</sup>
Ore Reserve	Mt	28
Grade (in-situ)	%	1.4%
Grade (in-magnetite)	%	1.75%
Assumed Vanadium Price	\$/lb V <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub>	7.50
Initial Capital Costs	US\$ m	298
NPV @ 9% real	US\$ m	418
IRR real	%	25%

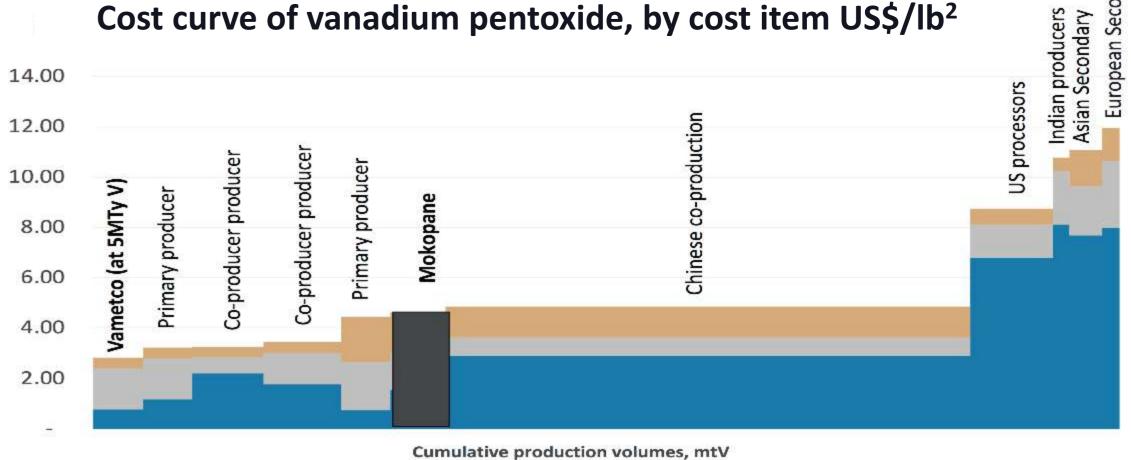
#### **Development strategy options:**

- Secure mining right
- Supply ore to China
- Supply ore to other brownfield mines
- Develop greenfield integrated mine & processing plant producing
   5.3 ktV tpa of a >99% purity V<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> product

1. The Mokopane Vanadium Project PFS was based on the MML only which is 63Mt even though the overall project resource is 300 Mt

2. Vametco after two stage expansion from 3Mtpy to 5Mtpy. Mokopane costs based on operating costs and capital expenditure as estimated in pre-feasibility study. Mokopane project shown for illustration purposes only and does not imply judgement on Roskill's behalf of the likelihood of Mokopane being commissioned, nor does it imply a judgement of Mokopane's economics as compared to other brownfield and greenfield expansion projects not included in this cost curve **Source**: Bushveld Minerals analysis, Roskill





Vanadium feed Processing Other

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# **Growth Strategy**

## As an integrated vanadium producer we are focused on enhancing growth horizontally and vertically

#### Horizontal Growth

#### **Organic growth**

- Leverage its high quality vanadium resources
- Existing global vanadium market share of more than 3%, expected to grow to over 5% with the completion of the threephase expansion project by 2019:
  - Phase I: completed in Q3CY17, raising production capacity to 3,035 mtV, with capex of US\$0.5m
  - Phase II: will take capacity to 3,750 mtV by June CY18, through self-funded capex of US\$2.5m
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#### **Targeted brownfield opportunities**

- Continued focus on enhancing value through targeting brownfield opportunities
- Diversify product portfolio

#### **Vertical Growth**

- Portfolio diversification through the supply of electrolyte for vanadium redox flow batteries (VRFBs) for energy storage
- Bushveld Energy established to promote use of vanadium in energy storage by:
  - Exclusively focusing on VRFB technology (potential US\$70bn addressable market for VRFBs)
  - Marketing and developing utility-scale projects using VRFBbased energy solutions across Africa
  - Partnering with UniEnergy Technologies (UET), a US-based leading VRFB manufacturer
  - Signed agreement with Eskom for the installation of a VRFB with a peak power of 120kW and peak energy of 450 kWh
  - Working with the IDC to establish vanadium electrolyte production in South Africa



# **Vertical Integration Illustrated**

# Bushveld Energy's vertically integrated business model is designed to maximise the share of the vanadium value chain in VRFBs



- Large high grade low cost primary vanadium mining and processing
- Electrolyte manufacturing
- Scope to co-locate in Vametco process => significantly lowering costs

#### ~US\$5 Bn market

Source: BCG, Bushveld Minerals analysis, Citi, Roskill, TTP Squared



 VRFB Assembly and manufacturing



- MW scale energy storage project development
- Deployment models include PPAs, leasing models

#### Potential >US\$70 Billion addressable market for VRFBs

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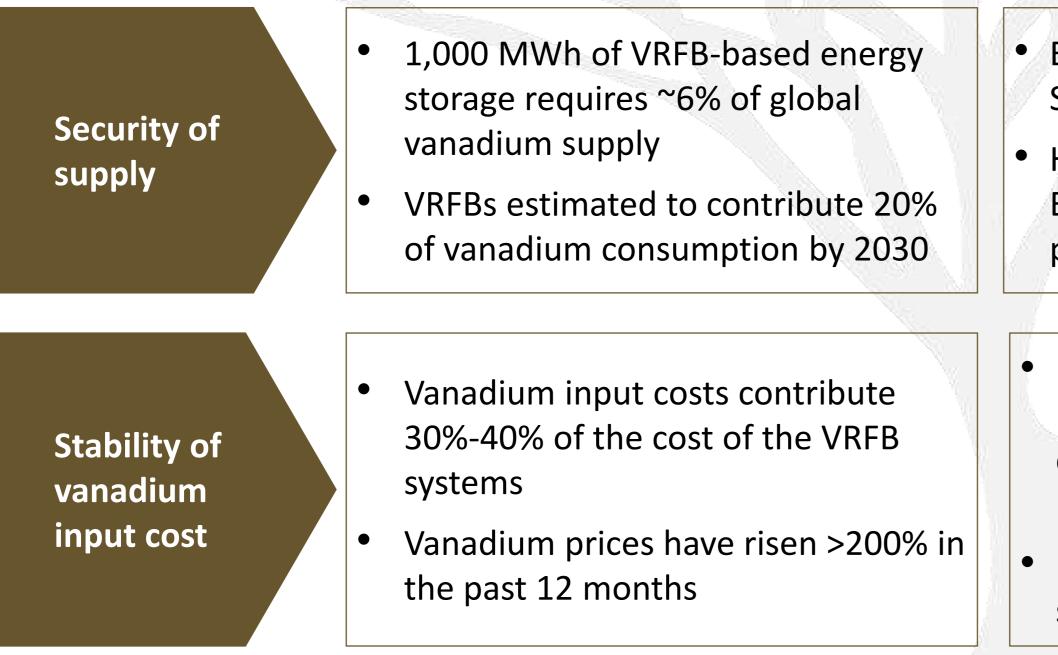


# **Bushveld Energy Overview**

## A significant opportunity to drive the adoption of VRFBs throughout the African continent

#### Bushveld Minerals is well positioned to address the two major hurdles to VRFB adoption

Global challenge

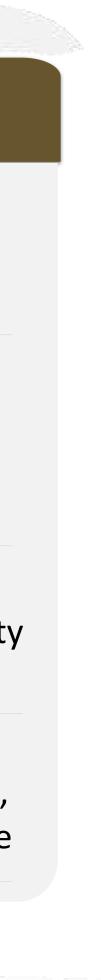


#### **Bushveld's opportunity**

- Extensive vanadium resource in South Africa of roughly 440 Mt
- High grade of vanadium resources in Bushveld complex allow for low cost, primary vanadium production
- Bushveld vanadium projects are well positioned with a lower first-quartile cash cost to mitigate security of cost risk
- New business models for electrolyte supply are now being developed

#### STRATEGY

- An energy storage solutions company, and integrated part of Bushveld Minerals
- Exclusively focusing on VRFB technology, including marketing and project development across Africa
- In process of delivering a VRFB 450kWh into Eskom's RT&D facility by Q2CY18
- Objective is to establish a global VRFB supply chain in South Africa, starting with vanadium electrolyte



## Progress

#### We Have Delivered On Our Commitments...



#### **Developing each of the Company's platforms**

- Acquisition of Bushveld Vametco Limited with 100% ownership completed in 2017
- AfriTin Demerger completed in 2017
- Lemur: Signed a 30 PPA with JIRAMA and a technical partnership with Sinohydro



#### Asset/project development

- Successfully completed the first phase of the expansion project at Vametco
- Vametco is one of the lowest cost producers, positioned in the first quartile
- On track to deliver first VRFB project with Eskom in Q2CY18

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## ... And We Will Continue To Deliver On Our Objectives



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HOLDINGS

#### Vametco

- On track to complete on time and within budget the second phase of the expansion project which will take production capacity to 3,750 mtV
- Complete the third phase of the expansion project which will take production capacity to 5,000 mtV
- Continuously striving to reduce cost

#### Brits

• Commenced an exploration programme in Q1CY18 which has shown positive drilling results. The aim is to establish a positive maiden Mineral Resource Estimate

#### Mokopane

- Expect to be granted a New Order Mining Right
- Develop the project along the Company's broader vanadium portfolio
- Deliver the first VRFB project with Eskom in Q2CY18
- Grow the VRFB project pipeline across Africa
- Supply electrolyte samples to VRFB OEMs and secure interest in electrolyte offtake globally
- Obtain the concession for the project
- Conclude the SEIA Study
- Pursue funding and credit enhancement options for the project, which have already been initiated



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