# **ASX Announcement**



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Mineral Resource Estimate doubles contained scandium meta at Sunrise Energy Metals' Australian rare earth deposit
Contained metal increases by 160% in zones of high-grade mineralisation, confirming Syerston as the world's largest and highest-grade scandium deposit
Feasibility Study to be completed later this month
Upward revision to Estimate comes amidst reported supply shortages of rare earth elements

## **Highlights:**

- Measured and Indicated Mineral Resource<sup>1</sup> materially increases following step out drilling campaign at the Syerston Scandium Project, which now comprises:
  - a global resource of 19,007 tonnes of contained scandium (at a 300 g/t Sc cut-off) at an average grade of 414 g/t (a 98% increase in contained metal, with over 90% of the global resource now in Measured and Indicated categories); and

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> For further details of historically reported Mineral Resource and Ore Reserve Estimates, see the Company's ASX announcements of 17 March 2016, 30 August 2016, 28 September 2020 and 5 February 2025 ("Update of Syerston Scandium Mineral Resource").

- a high-grade resource of 1,155 tonnes of contained scandium (at a 600 g/t Sc cut-off) at an average grade of 665 g/t (a 161% increase in contained metal, with over 99% of the high-grade resource now in Measured and Indicated categories).
- Mineralisation extends from surface to 35 metres depth, providing options for expandable, low-cost mining and rapid development.
- Recent negotiations with scandium traders in North America indicate a significant tightening of scandium supply, and a marked increase in scandium prices since the imposition of China's export licensing restrictions on the metal in April 2025.
- The Syerston Feasibility Study is due for completion in late September and will support the Company's on-going discussions regarding financing and offtake.

MELBOURNE, Australia – Sunrise Energy Metals Limited ("Sunrise" or the "Company") (ASX:SRL; OTC:SREMF) Co-Chairman Robert Friedland, and Chief Executive Officer Sam Riggall, announce today an update to the Mineral Resource Estimate ("MRE") for the Syerston Scandium Project in central-west New South Wales (NSW).

Sunrise Energy Metals CEO, Sam Riggall, commented: "We're delighted that the world's largest and highest-grade primary scandium deposit is now estimated to be even bigger than previously thought following our most recent drilling<sup>2</sup>. Global supply remains tight since China's export controls were imposed in April 2025, positioning Syerston as a strategically important source for future scandium supply."

The Mineral Resource Estimate has increased substantially as a result of the targeted drilling campaign, proving up additional zones of high-grade mineralisation supporting decades of future production. Our focus now turns to completing the Feasibility Study and evaluating various financing options for the Project."

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> For a comparison of Syerston against other development projects see the Company's ASX release dated 7 March 2025, slides 16 and 23, where comparator projects were sourced from the SNL Global Resource database

Mr Friedland also commented: "The Syerston Scandium Project will bolster the supply of one of the most important rare earth metals at a time when supply disruptions are becoming the norm. The world we knew - built on globalized and integrated supply chains for strategic metals - is past, perhaps forever. Geopolitical competition over key technologies using these metals requires a complete rebuilding of the world's metal supply chains. This is not just an industrial imperative. It is an imperative that strives for a safer and more balanced approach to world affairs, one built on diversified and reliable supply chains stretching back to the mines that have, for millennia, produced the metals that are catalysts for human progress."

#### **Syerston Mineral Resource Estimate**

The update to the MRE<sup>3</sup> has been completed by Mining One Pty Ltd, a global mining consultancy headquartered in Melbourne, Australia, and further confirms the presence of multiple zones of high-grade scandium mineralisation at shallow depths in the laterite soils. The update is the result of assays returned from a reverse circulation (RC) drilling campaign conducted during April and May 2025, together with previously un-assayed pulp samples from historic drilling campaigns, as announced on 28 July 2025.

The MRE (refer Table 1) now comprises a total of 2,104 drill holes over 78,732 metres of drilling. The interpreted mineralisation covers a lateral extent of 4.5km (north-south) by 4.2km (east-west).

**Table 1: Syerston Scandium Project - Mineral Resource Estimate (JORC 2012)** 

Cut-off	Class	Mt (dry)	Sc (g/t or ppm)	Sc (t)	Sc <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> Eq (t) <sup>4</sup>
300 g/t Sc	Measured	5.10	444	2,265	3,466
	Indicated	40.83	410	16,742	25,615
	M+I	45.93	414	19,007	29,081
	Inferred	5.73	364	2,082	3,186
	M+I+I	51.66	408	21,090	32,267
600 g/t Sc	Measured	0.47	678	317	486
	Indicated	1.27	661	838	1,282
	M+I	1.74	665	1,155	1,767
	Inferred	0.01	627	4	7
	M+I+I	1.74	665	1,159	1,774

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> For further details of historically reported Mineral Resource and Ore Reserve Estimates, see the Company's ASX announcements of 17 March 2016, 30 August 2016, 28 September 2020 and 5 February 2025.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Sc tonnage multiplied by 1.53 to convert to Sc<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>. Figures may not total exactly due to rounding.

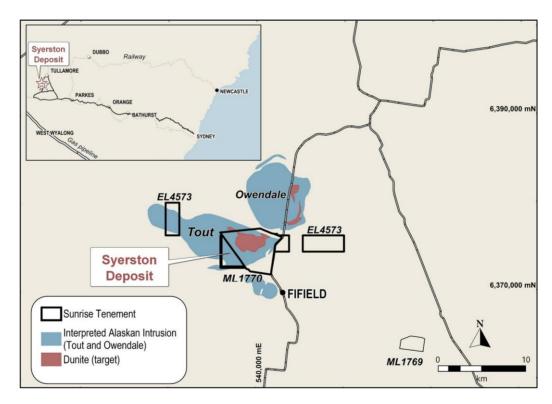
A technical report using the Table 1 JORC 2012 format has been prepared and is attached to this announcement.

#### Within the MRE:

- 1,155 tonnes of scandium contained in the high-grade zones (600 g/t Sc cut-off) is classified as Measured or Indicated; and
- Over 99% of the high-grade resource is now classified as Measured or Indicated.

The high-grade zone of mineralisation at Syerston will form the basis of the Ore Reserve Estimate and mine plan to be used in the Feasibility Study.

As scandium consumption continues to accelerate in strategic applications – the key ones being high-performance aluminium alloys, semiconductors and fuel cells - the global resource base of over 19,000 tonnes of contained scandium provides the ability to add reliable, incremental supply.



**Figure 1: Syerston Scandium Mineral Resource Area** 

## **Syerston Scandium Project Feasibility Study**

In July 2024 and March 2025, the Company announced updates to an earlier 2016 Syerston Scandium Project Feasibility Study in response to encouraging growth in the scandium market over the past decade, as well as several developments related to the use of scandium

in defence-critical technologies (refer to the Company's ASX announcements of 9 July 2024 and 7 March 2025 (Updated Syerston Scandium Project Presentation)).

The updated MRE will now form the basis of an Ore Reserve Estimate, which will support development of a revised mine and production plan for the Feasibility Study.

The Syerston Project benefits from not only an exceptional resource base, but also a granted Mining Lease adjacent to excellent infrastructure, an approved Development Consent and Environmental Impact Statement, secured freehold land rights, native title clearances and water access rights.

Concurrent with delivery of the Feasibility Study, the Company remains engaged with potential customers and end-users. To support these discussions, the Company continues with product development initiatives in the United States and Asia, including assessment of scandium metallisation pathways for the semiconductor industry. It is also progressing financing discussions for the Project, with government, customers and investors.

#### **Market Update**

Since the release of the previous Syerston Mineral Resource Estimate in February 2025, the most significant impact on global scandium markets has come from the decision by the Government of the People's Republic of China in April 2025 to impose export licensing restrictions on a handful of strategic metals, including scandium. This also extends to the export of processing-related equipment, and any intellectual property and services associated with these metals.

As a result of these licensing regulations, scandium has been declared a 'dual use item' under China's customs regulations, the result of which is to require exporters of scandium to procure detailed information about customers and end-users of the materials being exported, including the final products in which Chinese-sourced scandium will be used.

Trade in scandium is also likely to see material regulatory intervention in western markets, particularly the United States, where private sector access to government contracts and subsidies is likely to be progressively limited without adequate demonstration of raw material supply chains built on domestic or allied supply.

The impact of China's new export licensing regulations is having a material impact on both scandium supply and pricing. Recent engagement with metal traders in North America in July 2025 for quotations to source scandium oxide for the Company's product development programs with customers, suggests scandium oxide prices in the order of US\$1,300 to 1,450/kg Sc<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> for >99.9% spec. This is more than double the scandium oxide price published today by price reporting agencies in China. However, delivery to North America

from Asia is forecast to take anywhere between one and six months, even on relatively modest volumes.

The Company's view is that even if China - which supplies c. 85% of the world's primary scandium raw materials and 100% of scandium metal - recommences exports of scandium, the new regulations will make it impractical for a number of technology and defence-related industries to work within the new licensing regime. This positions Syerston as a potential long-term source of scandium supply for defence-related industries and key technology markets.

#### Information required by ASX Listing Rule 5.8.1

A summary of JORC Table 1 is provided below as required by ASX Listing Rule 5.8.1.

## Geology and geological interpretation

The Syerston Scandium Project is a typical surficial deposit hosted within a Tertiary age lateritic weathered profile. Enrichment of the metals of economic interest occurred during a secondary process ascribed principally to chemical weathering of the underlying metal rich ultramafic rocks. During weathering, selective leaching of more soluble elements such as magnesium and silica occurred, leaving a highly iron-enriched laterite residue rich in base and precious metals.

The Tout Ultramafic Complex is the intrusive body which underlies the laterite at the Syerston Scandium Project. The complex is concentrically zoned, with the laterite profile reaching its maximum thickness of 35 to 40 metres and thinning out laterally over surrounding mafic rocks.

Scandium mineralisation occurs on the periphery of the dunite body from the transported alluvial layers in the uppermost part of the deposit to the residual goethite zones below. Due to the shallow mineralisation, mine strip ratios will be very low. Additionally, zones of high-grade scandium can be selectively mined in the early years of operation. Figure 2 shows a typical cross-section of the Mineral Resource within the high-grade mineralised domain.

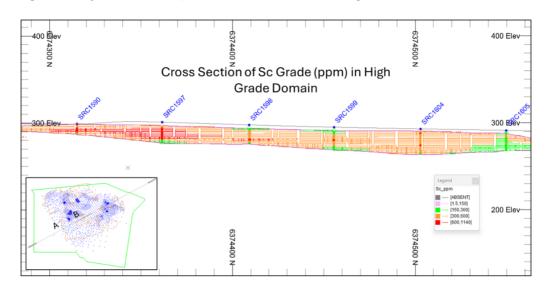


Figure 2: Syerston Oblique Cross Section showing Model Grade Estimates

# **Drilling techniques**

The deposit has been drilled primarily using Aircore and RC drilling techniques with a total of 2,104 drillholes for 78,732m used as the basis for the Mineral Resource estimate.

#### Criteria used for classification

The Mineral Resource is classified based on the average drill spacing and the results of the variogram analysis. The variograms provided ranges averaging 40-60m for the major structure.

Measured blocks were typically defined where average drill spacing is less than 60m, Indicated blocks were coded at between 60m and 120m and Inferred greater than 120m.

The classification criteria is assessed as appropriate in relation to the style of mineralisation and the average drill spacing through the deposit area.

Figure 3: Drill hole locations and categorisation of Mineral Resource Estimate at a 300 g/t Sc cut-off

#### Sampling and sub-sampling techniques

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Sampling methods for each phase of drilling varied depending on the specific campaign, but can be summarised as follows:

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## 2025 Drilling

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Reverse Circulation (RC) Drilling Rig (UDR 1000 MKII) with an onboard 1150-350 Sullair compressor and 3-shoot cone splitter. The hammer is a 5-inch DR55 from Robit and 140mm PCD RC drill bits. Rod string is a 4.5-inch Remet rod string with seals instead of O- rings.

Samples were collected via a 3-shoot cone splitter where the ratio is 87.5%:12.5% for 1 split. 1 split as the sample and the remaining collected in green biodegradable bags and laid out in sequential rows on the drill pad.

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#### 2017 and 2018 Drilling

2017 holes SRC1418-SRC1427 drilling was sampled with Riffle splitter located underneath the cyclone. Duplicates were taken through a second riffle splitter to produce a duplicate sample. Two duplicates were produced for each hole. A truck-mounted UDR1000 Multi-Purpose Rig was used. Samples were collected using a cyclone and riffle splitter connection to the cyclone. 1m samples were collected

#### 2015 Drilling

A Halco 650 Reverse Circulation drill rig was used to conduct the drilling in May and a UDR 65 RC rig was used in November. A nominal 5.5" diameter sampling hammer was used. Samples were collected using a cyclone and riffle splitter connected directly to the drill rig. A resampling programme using spearing from 1 m keepsake bags was undertaken for the May 2015 programme. The same rig was used for the sterilisation drill holes in 2017.

#### 2014 Drilling

A Halco 1200 Reverse Circulation drill rig was used to conduct the drilling. A nominal 5.5" diameter sampling hammer was used. Samples were collected using a cyclone and riffle splitter connected directly to the drill rig.

#### Pre-2014 Drilling

Aircore from the 1995–96 campaign was drilled using low-powered drag bits that had difficulty penetrating the Siliceous Goethite zone but were otherwise considered suitable. RC drilling was conducted using 5  $\frac{1}{2}$ " (c.140 mm) diameter rods with a face-sampling downhole hammer bit. The drill rig was fitted with an on-board compressor rated at 950 cfm / 350 psi, and a support truck provided booster and auxiliary compressors rated together at 1,800 cfm/ 900 psi.

#### Sample analysis methods

#### 2025 Samples

ME\_XRF12u provides unnormalised data. It has detection limit of 0.001% to 5.0% Scandium. This method is suitable for the drilling program given the 300ppm and 600ppm cut offs. XRF12u was selected as the preferred assay method over ICP given the evidence that scandium will bias low via an acid digestion method such as ME- ICP61 (Horton 2019). In addition, ALS has stopped using method Sc- ICP06 in the Brisbane facility in preference to an XRF finish.

#### 2017-2018 Samples

In 2014-2017 samples were reportedly assayed at Australian Laboratory Services Pty Ltd (ALS), Brisbane, Queensland, after sample preparation at their Orange, New South Wales, facility. An aliquot of 0.25gm was digested in a mixture of Perchloric, Nitric, Hydrofluoric and Hydrochloric acids, and analysed for Sc and 32 other elements, including Ni and Co, by Inductively Coupled Plasma – Atomic Emission Spectroscopy (ICP-AES).

#### 2014-2015 Samples

Both borate fusion and 4 acid digest ICP-MS techniques were used. This has also provided additional comparative data to assess the performance of the laboratories. Only 4 acid digest ICP-MS data was used in the Mineral Resource estimation.

#### **QAQC**

#### 2025 Samples

QAQC consisted of 1 standard, 1 blank and 1 duplicate every 20 samples. Blanks were pure silica GBM318-7 from Geostats. Standards used consisted of lateritic nickel-cobalt ore certified reference material by Borate fusion with XRF and ICP and include OREAS180 (41.5ppm Sc), lateritic scandium (nickel-cobalt) OREAS197 (203ppm Sc), OREAS198 (414ppm Sc), and OREAS199 (591ppm Sc).

#### 2017-2018 Samples

2017 drilling of holes SRC1418-1427 used 1 standard and 1 blank type. 2 duplicates were taken per hole collected at static hole depths of 5-6m and 21- 21m.

2018 drilling campaigns had comprehensive QAQC protocols utilising 6 certified standards placed at regular intervals in the drilling sequence Umpire checks were also made using an independent laboratory. All samples were processed by ALS Orange and tested by ALS Brisbane or Adelaide. A small number of batches contained outlier standard results against certified values and require re- analysing

#### 2014-2015 Samples

Quality of assay data has been assessed by examining both results from Standard ORES45e and duplicates. ALS Laboratories also has its own internal QA/QC procedures. All ALS geochemistry laboratories in Australia are certified to ISO 9001:2008 and the Brisbane laboratory holds NATA technical accreditation to ISO 17025:2005. In addition, assessment of the principal target mineral was done via two different analytical methods.

## Resource estimation methodology

The regolith layers were modelled initially to represent the CVR, TZ, GZ, SGZ and SAP domains. A Scandium domain using a 180ppm Sc cut-off was then created to constrain the areas of elevated Sc ppm. All domains were constructed based on geological logging contained and the Sc ppm assays contained within the drillhole database.

Modelling and grade estimation were undertaken in Datamine. A 3-dimensional block model was developed to cover the full extent of the deposit.

The model cells were oriented in alignment to the local grid and were  $25m \times 25m \times 2m$  (E x N x RL). Sub-celling was permitted so as to honour the interpreted boundaries, with the smallest permitted sub-cell being  $5m \times 5m \times 2m$ . Scandium and all other element grades was estimated into the parent cells. An assessment of outlying grades was made and no grade cutting was considered necessary.

Estimates were constrained by flagged MINDOM grade and lithology domain codes such that drillhole data from a particular domain were not permitted to contribute to grade estimates in any domains other than the domain in which the drillhole data is located.

Grades were assigned to sub-cells according to the domain flag. Grade interpolation was completed using ordinary kriging. Check estimates were simultaneously developed using inversed distance weighting to the power of two (ID2) and simple kriging methods.

Variogram parameters were derived from scandium assays contained within the 180ppmn domain. Search ellipse orientation was achieved using Dynamic Anisotropy, which involves interpretation of the local orientation of the domains, estimation of the dip and dip-direction parameters, then application of those estimated dip and dip-directions to the orientation of the search ellipse.

A three-pass search method was used whereby cells that do not receive a grade estimate in the first (smallest) search pass, move to the subsequent larger search pass(es) for a second (then third) attempt. In this case, the first search ellipse was  $100m \times 100m \times 10m$  (E x N x RL) in diameter, the second search pass was  $200m \times 200m \times 20m$  and the third search pass was  $500m \times 500m \times 500m$ .

The minimum and maximum numbers of samples permitted to inform an estimate was 8–24 (first pass), 8–24 (second pass), and 4–16 (third pass). A maximum of six samples were permitted from any drillhole.

Bulk density measurements have been derived from the pre- 2014 drilling. The bulk density database, which comprised 5,199 records from 148 drillholes, was obtained from downhole gamma logs, physical measurements on diamond core, and weighing material recovered

from purpose-drilled Calweld (770 mm) drillholes. Average density values for each regolith domain were assigned to the block model.

**Cut-off grades** 

Resources were reported above a 300ppm Sc and 600ppm Sc cut-off grade. The cut-offs used deliver an average global Resource grade between 408ppm Sc and 665ppm Sc. These cut-off are assessed as producing an average grade that has reasonable prospects of eventual economic extraction.

Mining and metallurgical methods and parameters

The block model contains grade estimation of scandium, nickel and cobalt and all elements (compounds) that effect the metallurgical processing of the laterite ore. The resources are therefore reported to enable assessment of the processing amenability of the material.

Mining is planned to be undertaken by conventional open pit methods, utilising small backhoe excavators, coupled with small trucks.

Through extensive metallurgical testing and piloting the scandium mineralisation has been shown to be amenable to high pressure acid leaching. In addition, the Company's testwork has shown that its proprietary technology provides further economic benefits.

Environmental baseline monitoring is undertaken on the mining lease as part of the development consent requirements. The project will likely comprise a series of shallow open pits where waste material will be stored in surface waste dumps and/or backfilled into the mined pits in a staged process.

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This announcement is authorised for release to the market by the Directors of Sunrise Energy Metals Limited.

**About Sunrise Energy Metals Limited (ASX:SRL: OTCQX:SREMF)** – Sunrise Energy Metals Limited (SEM) is developing the Syerston Scandium Project, near Fifield in central-west New South Wales (NSW), with the aim of delivering the world's first source of mineable, high-grade scandium. Sunrise also owns the Sunrise Nickel-Cobalt Project, one of the largest and most cobalt-rich nickel laterite deposits in the world.

**About the Syerston Scandium Project** – The Syerston Scandium Project, located near Fifield in central-west New South Wales, hosts one of the world's largest and highest-grade scandium deposits. A feasibility study for the Syerston Project was completed in August 2016, supported by extensive piloting, metallurgical test work and engineering.

## **Competent Person Statement**

The information in this document that relates to estimates of Mineral Resources is based on and fairly represents information and supporting documentation prepared by Mr Stuart Hutchin, who is a Member (#5285) of the Australian Institute of Geoscientists, and a full time employee of Mining One Pty Ltd. Mr Hutchin has sufficient experience that is relevant to the style of mineralisation and type of deposit under consideration and to the activity which he is undertaking to qualify as a Competent Person as defined in the 2012 Edition of the 'Australasian Code for Reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves'. The Mineral Resources statement regarding the reported Scandium Resource (JORC Table 1) has been approved by Mr Hutchin. Mr Hutchin, who through Mining One Pty Ltd, is a consultant to the Company, consents to the inclusion in this announcement of the estimates of the Scandium Mineral Resources in the form and context in which it appears.

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## ANNEXURE: JORC 2012 Table 1 Criteria Assessment

#### **CRITERIA** JORC CODE EXPLANATION COMMENTARY Sampling Nature and quality of sampling **Drillhole Summary** techniques (e.g. cut channels, random chips, or specific specialised Hole Total Avg. industry standard measurement Period Hole Prefix ID Holes Metres Metres Type tools appropriate to the 2025 RC 125 SRC 3,589 28.7 minerals under investigation, 1997-1998. 37 SCWX, SDDXXX DD 2.806 75.8 such as down hole gamma 2018 sondes, or handheld XRF 1992-2018 RC 1548 SRCXXXX, FFDX, FXX, SRBXX 59,898 38.7 instruments, etc). These 1988,1994 RAB 207 CMDX, FRXXX 6,891 33.3 examples should not be taken 1994, 1997 AC 187 SACXX 5,548 29.7 as limiting the broad meaning of 78,732 2104 Total 37.4 sampling. Include reference to measures 2025 Drilling taken to ensure sample representation and the Reverse Circulation (RC) drilling was used to obtain 1m samples. Representative samples were collected using a 3-shoot cone splitter where appropriate calibration of any the ratio is 87.5%:12.5% for 1 split. 1 split being the sample and the remaining measurement tools or systems collected in green biodegradable bags and laid out in sequential rows on the drill pad. The ratio of 75%:12.5%:12.5% of the 3-shoot cone splitter was Aspects of the determination of implemented for duplicate samples. mineralisation that are Material to Samples were sent to ALS Orange and from there to ALS Brisbane and to ALS the Public Report. Adelaide for ME\_XRF12u with scandium add-on for assay. ME\_XRF12u is an ore-grade determination of major and minor elements in Nickel Laterite ores In cases where 'industry by Fusion XRF. 5% of the samples at random were tested using 4 acid digest standard' work has been done and ME-ICP61 for comparison for historic assay results and included this would be relatively simple standards. (eg 'reverse circulation drilling Scandium mineralisation is located within the overburden, goethite zone was used to obtain 1m samples (GZ) and silicified goethite zone (SGZ) and occasionally in the shallow zones from which 3kg was pulverised of the pyroxenite. Scandium mineralisation is not evident in the fresh to produce a 30g charge for fire dunite. Drill holes were terminated based on geology and were terminated assay'). In other cases more a few metres into fresh rock. explanation may be required, Samples were collected until fresh rock was intersected and the hole was such as where there is coarse terminated. Holes were terminated based on geological intersection of fresh gold that has inherent sampling ultramafic rock. problems. Unusual commodities or mineralisation types (eg submarine nodules) may 2016 - 2018 Drilling warrant disclosure of detailed information. Additional phases of reverse circulation (RC) drilling were undertaken between February 2016 and February 2018. These programs further delineated the Scandium Resource, sterilised the mineral resource southern extents, provided twin hole RC data for evaluation. SRC1369 to SRC1383 - 23 February 2016 to 27 February 2016 34 RC sterilisation drill holes. SRC1384 to SRC1417 - 4 July 2017 to 11 July 2017 10 x RC twin holes. SRC1418 to SRC1427 - 1 September 2017 to 4 $\,$ September 2017 8 diamond holes. SDD014 to SDD021 (Diamond core holes drilled adjacent to twin holes) - 6 October 2017 to 7 November 2017 (not 124 RC drill holes on 20m x 20m spacing. SRC1428 to SRC1551. Tested four separate locations in the proposed mining area: Area A (southeast), Area B (northeast), Area C (southwest), Area D (northwest). - 18 January 2018 to 22 February 2018.

1 x metallurgical test hole. SRC1552 drilled on 22 February 2018

2017 holes SRC1418-SRC1427 drilling were sampled with Riffle splitter located underneath the cyclone. Duplicates were taken through a second riffle splitter

adjacent to existing twin holes.

to produce a duplicate sample. 2 duplicates were produced for each hole.

2018 RC holes SRC1428-SRC1552 were sampled with a Riffle splitter located underneath the cyclone after trialling a rotary splitter on the first 3 holes. The last hole, SRC1552, was used for metallurgical studies. Drilling duplicates were taken for every sample ending in 5 (1:10) and weighed to ensure appropriates splitting was occurring.

Approximately 2-4kg field samples were obtained by riffling and submitted to independent commercial laboratories for sample preparation and assaying.

Sample preparation at all the laboratories used reportedly involved pulverising the total received sample to nominal minus 75µm.

#### 2015 Drilling

Ninety-two (92) RC drillholes were drilled in 2015 (34 in May and 58 in November), all of which were considered in the 2016 resource modelling study. Initially, in the May programme, two-metre (2m) composite samples were collected from a riffle splitter attached to a cyclone on the drill rig. The 2m composites were collected into individual numbered calico bags which delivered directly from site to ALS labs in Orange, NSW for preparation and geochemical analysis. Every 1m of material expelled by the drill rig was collected via a cyclone and placed in large plastic sample bags also individually numbered. While most sample bags have been removed, some pulp samples are currently stored onsite for future use/reference. Two duplicate samples were collected from bagged one metre intervals.

Samples from 4–5m and 5–6m were sampled using a spear and then combined to form a composite matching that collected from the riffle splitter for the same combined interval. Two duplicates were collected to ensure consistency of spearing the material. In addition, a (one) Certified Standard was also added to the samples for each hole. The standard was sourced from Ore Research Exploration (ORE) based in Melbourne. The standard is coded as ORES45e and a complete certified analysis of the standard is available from OREs web site. http://www.ore.com.au/ In the November programme, one metre samples were taken from the riffle splitter and processed in the same manner as the May 2015 2m samples.

Between May and November 2015, a resampling programme was undertaken to obtain 1m samples from the May 2015 drilling programme. These one metre resamples were taken from the plastic bags and processed in the same manner as the May 2015 2m samples.

#### 2014 Drilling

Fourteen RC drillholes were drilled in 2014, all of which were considered in the 2016 resource modelling study. Two-metre (2m) composite samples were collected from a riffle splitter attached to a cyclone on the drill rig.

The 2m composites were collected into individual numbered calico bags which delivered directly from site to ALS labs in Orange for preparation and geochemical analysis. Every 1m of material expelled by the drill rig was collected via a cyclone and placed in large plastic sample bags also individually numbered. While most sample bags have been removed, some pulp samples are currently stored onsite for future use/reference. Two duplicate samples were collected from bagged one metre intervals. Samples from 4–5m and 5–6m were sampled using a spear and then combined to form a composite matching that collected from the riffle splitter for the same combined interval. Two duplicates were collected to ensure consistency of spearing the material. In addition a (one) Certified Standard was also added to the samples for each hole. The standard was sourced from Ore Research Exploration (ORE) based in Melbourne. The standard is coded as ORES45e and a complete certified analysis of the standard is available from OREAs web site.

http://www.ore.com.au/

CRITERIA	JORC CODE EXPLANATION	COMMENTARY
		Pre-2014 Drilling
		A total of 1,228 drillholes from pre-2014 drilling campaigns were considered in the 2016 resource modelling study. Historic aircore (AC) drillholes (prefixed 'SAC') were eliminated from grade estimation if they have a more-recent RC drillhole collared within approximately 10m of their location. The pre-2014 holes represent the same drillhole dataset accepted for inclusion in previous resource estimation work (primary interest in Ni-Co).
		The pre-2014 drillhole dataset comprises 1,183 RC holes and 45 aircore holes. The 45 aircore (AC) holes were commissioned by Uranium Australia and drilled between Aug'95–Aug'96 (series SAC120–SAC267). In the same 1995–96 drilling campaign, Uranium Australia commissioned 341 RC drillholes (SRC001–SRC340, incl. SRC052A). Black Range Minerals commissioned 725 of the RC drillholes (series SRC341–SRC1076) between Aug'98–Oct'00. The remaining 117 RC drillholes (series SRC1077–SRC1193) were commissioned by Ivanplats and drilled in Feb/Mar'05. All drillholes were drilled vertically, with an average depth of 37.2m.
		Aircore samples were taken over a nominal 2m interval. The samples were split in the field to approximately 2kg. RC samples were generally collected over a nominal 1m length. The samples were collected from a rig-mounted cyclone, weighed, and split to a tertiary sample using a 3-tier multi-stage riffle splitter. The assay sample was collected in a small plastic bag that was stapled and wrapped with tape for security, while the reject was retained in a large plastic bag. Procedure dictated that the cyclone be cleaned at the end of each 6m rod, and the riffle splitter cleaned after each sample by shaking and blowing with compressed air.
		Sub-sampling of wet samples was undertaken using a spear or grab sample. Samples not expected to be mineralised (for Ni-Co) were subsequently composited for assaying or not assayed at all. A significant number of unsampled intercepts (470) are present in the database. Of these 470 intercepts, a large proportion (337) start at the collar. Some 240 of these un-sampled from-collar intercepts extend the entire hole length (up to hole length of 64m).
		The remaining 97 un-sampled from-collar intervals are the top sample of an otherwise-sampled hole; these have an average length of 17.88m and a maximum length of 42m.
		Assaying of 1997 historical samples (See ASX Release 8th April 2025)
		Reverse circulation (RC) drilling was undertaken in 1997 by Uranium Australia NL 1997 samples taken every 2 metres and riffle split to provide a 2kg sample. Original samples underwent pulverizing to homogenous sample using G02 method at Australian Laboratory Services Pty Ltd (ALS) at Orange in NSW. Pulps originally labelled with barcodes and logged into the ALS system using original barcodes.
		Pulps were re-pulverized PUL-31 (250g 85% <75 um) and split SPL-34. Pulverizes were washed WSH-22. Assay ME_XRF12u by fused disc XRF with Scandium add-on. Determination of major and minor elements in nickel laterite ores by Fusion XRF. Lower detection limit 0.001% Sc and upper detection limit 5.0% Sc. Detection limits

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for Sc by ME-XRF12u is 0.001% to 5.0%. This Assaying process was undertaken in

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CRITERIA  Drilling techniques	Drill type (eg core, reverse circulation, open-hole hammer, rotary air blast, auger, Bangka, sonic, etc) and details (eg core diameter, triple or standard tube, depth of diamond tails, face-sampling bit or other type, whether core is oriented and if so, by what method, etc).	2025 Drilling Reverse Circulation (RC) Drilling Rig (UDR 1000 MKII) with an onboard 1150-350 Sullair compressor and 3-shoot cone splitter. The hammer is a 5-inch DR55 from Robit and 140mm PCD RC drill bits. Rod string is a 4.5-inch Remet rod string with seals instead of 0- rings.  2018 Drilling A truck-mounted UDR1000 Multi-Purpose Rig was used. Samples were collected using a cyclone and riffle splitter connection to the cyclone. Im samples were collected. Diamond drilling was undertaken using a diamond rig of PQ and HQ sized coring.  2015 Drilling A Halco 650 Reverse Circulation drill rig was used to conduct the drilling in May and a UDR 65 RC rig was used in November. A nominal 5.5" diameter sampling hammer was used. Samples were collected using a cyclone and riffle splitter connected directly to the drill rig. A resampling programme using spearing from 1 m keepsake bags was undertaken for the May 2015 programme. The same rig was used for the sterilisation drill holes in 2017.  2014 Drilling A Halco 1200 Reverse Circulation drill rig was used to conduct the drilling. A nominal 5.5" diameter sampling hammer was used. Samples were collected using a cyclone and riffle splitter connected directly to the drill rig.  Pre 2014 Drilling Aircore from the 1995–96 campaign was drilled using low-powered drag bits that had difficulty penetrating the Siliceous Goethite zone but were otherwise considered suitable. RC drilling was conducted using 5 x" (C.140 mm) diameter rods with a face-sampling downhole hammer bit. The drill rig was fitted with an on-board compressor rated at 950 cfm / 350 psi, and a support truck provided booster and auxiliary compressors rated together at 1,800 cfm / 900 psi.  1997 Drilling RC drilling, all holes drilled vertically, 5 ½ inch diameter face-sampling hammers, with a 3m starter rod followed by 6m rods.

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Drill sample recovery	Method of recording and assessing core and chip sample recoveries and results assessed.  Measures taken to maximise sample recovery and ensure representative nature of the samples.  Whether a relationship exists between sample recovery and grade and whether sample bias may have occurred due to preferential loss/gain of fine/coarse material.	<ul> <li>Visual recoveries were made of the samples and green bags at the time of drilling and logged in percentages. No weighing of the samples was undertaken.</li> <li>The samples collected were dry. The cyclone was cleaned out using an air compressor as advised by senior geologist on site during the program.</li> <li>Sample representative nature was optimised by using the 3-shoot cone splitter. These splitters were preferred by the drilling company over riffle splitters as they block up less and produce less sample contamination.</li> <li>Use of experienced drilling company, Resolution Drilling, who have undertaken multiple drilling campaigns at the Syerston Scandium Project and are familiar with the terrain and ground conditions.</li> <li>SRC1657 and SRC1658 were terminated at 37m and 32m respectively due to sticky, moist clay that compromised recovery. SRC1661 was terminated at 30m due to stuck rods caused by large siliceous chips within SGC. SRC1664 was terminated at 12m due to cavity intersected and potentially stuck rods. SRC1672 was terminated at 12m due to cavity intersected and potentially stuck rods. SRC1678 was terminated at 31m due to sticky, moist clay that compromised recovery.</li> <li>2018 Drilling</li> <li>8 diamond holes were also drilled within the mineral resource project areas but were not sampled</li> <li>2018 RC drilling recoveries were recorded and generally found to have reasonable recovery was constantly monitored; no samples were weighed however consistent size/volume of material was monitored from the cyclone and the riffle splitter. The only hole which indicated problems with recovery was SRC1274, where the drill rods become stuck in the hole and took some effort to dislodge, unfortunately this hole was abandoned before hitting basement. Recoveries in the November 2015 programme were generally slightly more variable.</li> <li>Pre-2014 Drilling</li> <li>Sample recovery was monitored by weighing the samples prior to splitting. Recovery was con</li></ul>

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Whether core and chip samples have been geologically and geotechnically logged to a level of detail to support appropriate Mineral Resource estimation, mining studies and metallurgical studies.  Whether logging is qualitative or quantitative in nature. Core (or costean, channel, etc) photography.  The total length and percentage of the relevant intersections logged.  2018 Drilling  2018 Brilling  2018 geological logging was performed unders protocols. Revised geological domain criteria re elemental ratios rather than logged interpretation for subsestimation.  2014 and 2015 Drilling  Logging took place by taking a speared sample collected from the cyclone. This material was the toremove dust and fine particles, leaving resid sample of these chips was then collected to rep in a chip tray. Visual logging of the material emidentifying laterite lithology and basement geol weathering, alteration, veining and structure we here.  Pre-2014 Drilling  Logging included lithcode and weathering, as we accompanying percentage estimates, texture, a logged.  1997 Drilling  All holes geologically logged with sufficient deta NL.	orgical logging was an goodes used with previous of each drill hole was logged.  Atrict, documented logging elied on primarily on tions. This provided a more equent mineral resource  from each 1 m bag of drill chips and logging and coarse chips for logging. A resent each one meter and placed ployed a method focused on logy where intersected: lithology, ere all recorded.  Tell as minerals present with and colour. Moisture was also

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Sub- sampling techniques and sample preparation	If core, whether cut or sawn and whether quarter, half or all core taken.  If non-core, whether riffled, tube sampled, rotary split, etc and whether sampled wet or dry.  For all sample types, the nature, quality and appropriateness of the sample preparation technique.  Quality control procedures adopted for all sub-sampling stages to maximise representation of samples.  Measures taken to ensure that the sampling is representative of the in situ material collected, including for instance results for field duplicate/second-half sampling.  Whether sample sizes are appropriate to the grain size of the material being sampled.	2025 Drilling  Samples were collected via a 3-shoot cone splitter where the ratio is 87.5%:12.5% for 1 split. 1 split as the sample and the remaining collected in green biodegradable bags and laid out in sequential rows on the drill pad.  The ratio of 75%:12.5%:12.5% of the 3-shoot cone splitter was implemented for duplicate samples.  The majority of samples collected were dry. 6 holes intercepted moist clays.  Samples sent for assay were selected based on their geology.  Samples from drill holes were sent to ALS Orange from surface to when they intersected the Dunite.  No sub-sampling was undertaken.  2017 and 2018 Drilling  2017 holes SRC1418-SRC1427 drilling was sampled with Riffle splitter located underneath the cyclone. Duplicates were taken through a second riffle splitter to produce a duplicate sample. 2 duplicates were produced for each hole.  2018 RC holes SRC1428-SRC1552 were sampled with a Riffle splitter located underneath the cyclone after trialling a rotary splitter on the first 3 holes. The last hole, SRC1552, was used for metallurgical studies. Drilling duplicates were taken for every sample ending in 5 (1:10) and weighed to ensure appropriates splitting was occurring.  No diamond core samples were used for resource grade estimation.  RC holes were usually dry and field samples of approximately 2-4kg were collected by riffling, consistent with common industry practice. Some damp or wet intervals were sampled by spear or grab sampling. The proportion of wet intervals was reported to have been very small, but they were not identified in the drill hole database, so they could not be quantified.  2018 drilling wet intervals were air dried before manually riffling. Sample preparation at all the laboratories used reportedly involved pulverising the total received sample to nominal minus 75µm.  2014 and 2015 Drilling  Prior to 1999, ALS in Orange was the primary laboratory for sample preparation and assaying. Subsequently Ultratrace (WA) became the primary laboratory, with Genalysis (WA) used as a che

**CRITERIA** JORC CODE EXPLANATION COMMENTARY Quality of assay The nature, quality and 2025 Drilling data and appropriateness of the laboratory tests ME\_XRF12u provides unnormalised data. It has detection limit of 0.001% to 5.0% assaying and laboratory Scandium. This method is suitable for the drilling program given the 300ppm and procedures used and whether the technique is considered 600ppm cut offs. XRF12u was selected as the preferred assay method over ICP given the evidence that scandium will bias low via an acid digestion method such partial or total. as ME- ICP61 (Horton 2019). In addition, ALS has stopped using method Sc- ICP06 For geophysical tools, in the Brisbane facility in preference to an XRF finish. spectrometers, handheld XRF instruments, etc, the QAQC consisted of 1 standard, 1 blank and 1 duplicate every 20 samples. Blanks parameters used in were pure silica GBM318-7 from Geostats. Standards used consisted of lateritic determining the analysis nickel-cobalt ore certified reference material by Borate fusion with XRF and ICP including instrument make and and include OREAS180 (41.5ppm Sc), lateritic scandium (nickel-cobalt) OREAS197 model, reading times, (203ppm Sc), OREAS198 (414ppm Sc), and OREAS199 (591ppm Sc). calibrations factors applied and their derivation, etc. 2017 and 2018 Drilling Nature of quality control In 2014-2017 samples were reportedly assayed at Australian Laboratory Services procedures adopted (ea standards, blanks, duplicates, external laboratory checks) and whether acceptable levels of accuracy (ie lack of bias) and Emission Spectroscopy (ICP-AES). · precision have been established at their Orange, NSW, facility.

Pty Ltd (ALS), Brisbane, Queensland, after sample preparation at their Orange, New South Wales, facility. An aliquot of 0.25gm was digested in a mixture of

Perchloric, Nitric, Hydrofluoric and Hydrochloric acids, and analysed for Sc and 32 other elements, including Ni and Co, by Inductively Coupled Plasma – Atomic

In 2018, samples were assayed at Australian Laboratory Services Pty Ltd (ALS), Perth, Western Australia or Adelaide, South Australia, after sample preparation

2017 drilling of holes SRC1418-1427 used 1 standard and 1 blank type. 2 duplicates were taken per hole collected at static hole depths of 5-6m and 21-21m.

2018 drilling campaigns had comprehensive QAQC protocols utilising 6 certified standards placed at regular intervals in the drilling sequence Umpire checks were also made using an independent laboratory. All samples were processed by ALS Orange and tested by ALS Brisbane or Adelaide. A small number of batches contained outlier standard results against certified values and require reanalysing. The re-checks were not available at the time of the revised Mineral Resource update, but the errors were not considered material to the overall resource. Approximately 10% (2,178 samples) of the 2018 drill samples were randomly selected for re-testing by ITS (Intertek) laboratories. Umpire checks were independently reviewed by Portal Spectral Services Geochemist who concluded that there were no precision or bias issues with the ALS results for all elements tested.

The mineralised material is predominantly fine to very fine grained. Sizing analysis of typical RC cuttings showed that on average approximately 60-75% by weight was minus 0.1mm. Sample sizes were appropriate.

All assaying methods were appropriate for Ni, Co and Pt, and were regarded as total determinations.

#### 2014 and 2015 Drilling

Quality of assay data has been assessed by examining both results from Standard ORES45e and duplicates. ALS Laboratories also has its own internal QA/QC procedures. All ALS geochemistry laboratories in Australia are certified to ISO 9001:2008 and the Brisbane laboratory holds NATA technical accreditation to ISO 17025:2005. In addition, assessment of the principal target mineral was done via two different analytical methods. Both borate fusion and 4-acid digest ICP-MS techniques were used. This has also provided additional comparative data to assess the performance of the Laboratories. Only 4-acid digest ICP-MS data was used in resource estimation.

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		Pre-2014 Drilling  Extensive QA/QC work was undertaken in all pre-2014 drilling campaigns.  Certified reference material (CRM) standards were inserted at a rate of two per 100 samples. Five in-house CRMs were developed from aircore rejects by Gannett Holdings Pty Ltd and used routinely, in addition to five commercial Ni laterite standards sourced from Geostats Pty Ltd.  A programme of re-assaying of pre-1999 ALS samples at Ultratrace was undertaken at the time of changing laboratories.  Field duplicate samples were routinely taken at the rate of 1 per 35 samples.  1997 Drilling  1 blank, 1 standard and 1 duplicate inserted every 25 samples. All samples sent to ALS in Orange and assayed at ALS' laboratory in Brisbane using ME_XRF12u. No pXRF measurements were taken.
Verification of sampling and assaying	The verification of significant intersections by either independent or alternative company personnel.  The use of twinned holes.  Documentation of primary data, data entry procedures, data verification, data storage (physical and electronic) protocols  Discuss any adjustment to assay data	Geological logging and sampling data were input into excel spreadsheets at the time of drilling. Sampling was managed by an onsite field technician and sample numbers were checked by site geologist at the time of sampling. Standards were input into the bags by the site geologist.  End of hole depths and sample numbers were checked and verified at the end of each hole by the site geologist.  Drilling and logging and sampling data was verified at the end of each day and sent to CP every evening for review.  CP input the drilling data into Micromine daily to review positioning of drill holes. Drilling data was validated and input into the Sunrise Geobank database on completion of the programme.  Assay results were input into the drilling database as they were received.  2017 and 2018 Drilling  In 2017, a new Micromine Geobank (CLQGB) database was created with hole details from historic database and other sources; collars imported from original surveyor's report (60% identified in either AMG84 or MGA coordinates), and assay from original sif or cs via bassay report files with full metadata (67%) with balance from csv assay report files with metadata added. 35,135 records were imported for SAC and SRC hole series.  All 2018 drilling data was added directly to the Geobank database from source and reviewed by CleanteQ geologists for consistency. Assay results were downloaded directly from ALS's secure webtrieve website and uploaded directly into the Geobase database and QACC performance verified against certified values.  2014 and 2015 Drilling  Use of an independent standard and duplicates enable verification of both analysis and sample acquisition via a riffle splitter. By offering known accurate geochemical results to compare to ALS/Laboratory results. And alternative sampling method to compare sample collected from Riffle splitter on the drill rig.  Nine 2015 RC drillholes were collared within approximately 10m of old aircore (SAC-prefixed) holes. Comparison of the mineralised intercepts in these holes was made le

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Location of data points	Accuracy and quality of surveys used to locate drill holes (collar and down hole surveys), trenches, mine workings and other locations used in Mineral Resource estimation.  Specification of the grid system used.  Quality and adequacy of topographic control.	Handheld GPS was used to site the drill holes at the time of drilling in GDA94/Z55.  • A licensed surveyor from Arndell Surveyors picked up all holes using DGPS in both GDA94 and GDA2020 at the end of the programme.  • Orill holes were repositioned in accordance with DTM generated from Lidar data collected in 2017 for exploration planning as the programme progressed.  • Orill holes and results were viewed in Micromine using GDA94/Z55, in line with existing drill hole data.  2016 – 2018 drilling  In 2017, all available surveyor's reports were identified with majority of holes surveyed in AMG84 grid with 2014-2016 holes surveyed in MGA grid and imported into Geobank database. The AAM geospatial services company provided additional geodetic survey control in 2017 for proposed Lidar Survey. This also provided an independent check against former licensed surveyor (Geolyse Pty Ltd) survey control points. In 2018 all drill collars were surveyed by Geolyse Pty Ltd in MGA grid and the coordinates retained in the Geobase database.  2014 Drilling  Collar surveys were obtained by Geolyse licensed surveyors of Orange, NSW using total station instruments referencing local concreted control marks. Coordinates were supplied in MGA zone 55 with AHD heights and also in local grid.  Pre-2014 Drilling  Holes drilled after 1998 were surveyed by licensed surveyors using total station instruments referencing local concreted control marks. Collar positions were reported in AGD84 and local grid. Survey control prior to 1998 is not well documented, however the number of holes from this campaign is not high therefore the risk is considered within acceptable limits. Surveyed collar RL's were compared to a photogrammetric topographic survey in 1999, providing satisfactory results. No downhole surveying has been located; however the risk of significant deviation is considered low due to the vertical dip and short lengths of the holes.

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Data spacing and distribution	Data spacing for reporting of Exploration Results.  Whether the data spacing and distribution is sufficient to establish the degree of geological and grade continuity appropriate for the Mineral Resource and Ore Reserve estimation procedure(s) and classifications applied.  Whether sample compositing has been applied.	Drill hole spacing was at less than or equal to 100m from previous drill holes. The spacing of drill holes was undertaken relative to the current scandium block model distances where Measured Drill Spacing < 60m, Indicated Drill Spacing 60 to 120m and Inferred, Drill Spacing < 240m.  Original planning of drill holes was 40m depth providing an expected depth to basement. In most cases drilling intersected basement above this depth. Holes were drilled 2-3m into basement to ensure the laterite above was fully sampled.  2016 – 2018 drilling Most of the deposit area has been covered by vertical RC drilling on a 120m x 120m pattern. A substantial proportion of the more strongly mineralised areas have been covered by vertical RC drilling on a 60m x 60m pattern and some limited areas have been infilled to 30m x 30m. This is sufficient to establish geological and grade continuity appropriate for the resource estimation procedures used and resource classifications applied. 4 small areas (100x100m) were drilled at a close spacing of nominally 20 x 20m spacing · For resource estimation purposes drill hole samples were composited over 1m down hole intervals to reflect block model parameters and likely open pit working bench heights.  The 2018 program provided close spaced RC data on a nominal 20x20m grid pattern in 4 selected areas of the mineral resource (Areas A-D) to provide detailed information on mineralisation variability.  2015 Drilling  The location and distribution of the 2015 RC drill programs was targeted to infill gaps in drilling in and around two northern high-grade scandium pods on EL 4573. Drill collars were targeted to confirm the presence of interpreted mineralised zones and were staggered on an alternating orthogonal grid bringing collar distances to generally 60–70 m apart.  2014 Drilling  The location and distribution of the August 2014 RC drill program was largely orientated along the northern boundary of EL 4573 at a spacing of 75 m in the east west direction. The location of the drillholes was restri

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Orientation of data in relation to geological structure	Whether the orientation of sampling achieves unbiased sampling of possible structures and the extent to which this is known, considering the deposit type.  If the relationship between the drilling orientation and the orientation of key mineralised structures is considered to have introduced a sampling bias, this should be assessed and reported if material.	Vertical drill holes were appropriate for delineation of the broadly subhorizontal laterite hosted Ni-Co mineralisation. There was no definitive evidence of the Co mineralisation being structurally controlled in the revised geological interpretation  The laterite soil being targeted has developed over an ultramafic intrusion. This intrusion has intruded into the surround geology as a pipe/plug like body. The orientation of the drilling is approximately along an east west axis in the vicinity of the northern boundary of the ultramafic body.
Sample security	The measures taken to ensure sample security.	2025 Drilling  5 samples were placed in labelled polyweave bags and secured with cable ties. Polyweave bags were labelled with sample numbers and hole IDs that they contained. Polyweave bags were removed from the drill pad after drilling and stored securely undercover at the site shed until dispatch to the laboratory. Samples were placed into secure, closed and labelled crates.  Sample crates were freighted to ALS Orange, NSW for assay in batches of 200 samples as the programme progressed.  2014-2018 Drilling  The drilling program was under the supervision of a site geologist to ensure that sample protocols including sample custody were monitored.  Sample were collected and then immediately delivered to ALS Laboratories in Orange by Ivanplats supervising geologist. Submission forms and accurate labelling of sampling bag should ensure no errors are introduced into the analysis of samples. Residual pulps from preparation of samples at ALS have been retained by at ALS so to enable further QA/QC to take place if required.  1997 Drilling (Assaying of stored pulps)  Pulps were stored in UV resistant sealed plastic bags with barcode labels The pulps were assayed and returned to secure storage. The pulps were in excellent condition.
Audits or reviews	The results of any audits or reviews of sampling techniques and data.	No audits or reviews have taken place on the most recent MRE. The geological modelling and resource estimation has been undertaken by an independent geologist.  2025 Drilling  An internal company meeting was held on 16 June 2025 to review the drilling programme operation. No issues were found with the drilling programme or sampling system.  Assay results were input into Micromine as they were received.  QA-QC of standards and blanks was also undertaken as assays were received.  Historical Audits and Reviews  Multiple MREs and scrutiny of drilling data has been undertaken over many years. In 1998, Exploration and Mining Consultants (EMC) undertook the first MRE following drilling of SRC holes in 1997.

# **Section 2: Reporting of Exploration Results**

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Mineral tenement and land tenure status	Type, reference name/number, location and ownership including agreements or material issues with third parties such as joint ventures, partnerships, overriding royalties, native title interests, historical sites, wilderness or national park and environmental settings.  The security of the tenure held at the time of reporting along with any known impediments to obtaining a licence to operate in the area.	The Syerston Scandium Project (Project) is covered by a granted Mining Lease (ML1770).  SRL Ops Pty Ltd, a wholly owned subsidiary of the Company, has 100% ownership of the Mining Lease that comprises the Project, as well as extensive freehold ownership of the land comprising the Project site and surrounding farmland.  Noble Resources NL acquired exploration licences over Syerston (1986), Joint Venture between Noble Resources and Poseidon Limited (1988), Poseidon Limited withdrew (1992), Noble Resources changed name to Uranium Australia Limited in about 1996 and again to Black Range Minerals NL (1998). Ivanhoe Nickel & Platinum Limited acquired Black Range Minerals (2004) and changed name to Ivanplats Syerston Pty Ltd. Cleanteq (CLQ) acquired 100% Ivanplats Syerston Pty Ltd (2014).
Exploration done by other parties	Acknowledgment and appraisal of exploration by other parties.	Local platinum group mineralisation (PGM) has been known about for many years, with pioneers mining alluvial PGMs at nearby Fifield as early as 1920's. At Syerston, exploration began in 1986 for PGMs, however drilling showed considerable Ni-Co mineralisation. Which became the focus of exploration and development for the next 25 years. Extensive drilling and development to date:  - 2000: Black Range Minerals completed a feasibility study for Ni-Co, including 732 RC drillholes and 9 bulk metallurgical samples.  2004: Ivanplats Syerston completed another feasibility study for Ni-Co after acquiring the project from Black Range, including an additional 175 RC drillholes for 6,748m.  1997: Uranium Australia NL in 1997 of 341 holes for 14,149m (SRC001 – SRC340).  Sunrise Energy Metals (SEM) has access to all the historic data, and in addition has access to original samples collected from drilling by Ivanplats and Black Range.
Geology	Deposit type, geological setting and style of mineralisation.	The scandium mineralisation is hosted within a lateritic soil profile developed from weathering and seasonal water table movements over the Tout Ultramafic Complex.  The Complex has a dunite core at the centre with outer more mafic units including pyroxenite surrounding.  Historically, little focus was given to scandium at the Project, however work since 2015 has shown the scandium grades are very high by global standards. Neighbouring EL's also covering the Tout Ultramafics have delivered laterite scandium resources with grades of approximately 200-400 ppm Sc.  2025 Drilling  Drilling targeted polymetallic lateritic clays of the Syerston deposit. Holes terminated in the depleted altered dunite.

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Drill hole Information	A summary of all information material to the understanding of the exploration results including a tabulation of the following information for all material drill holes:  • easting and northing of the drill hole collar • elevation or RL (Reduced Level – elevation above sea level in metres) of the drill hole collar • dip and azimuth of the hole • down hole length and interception depth • hole length. If the exclusion of this information is justified on the basis that the information is not material and this exclusion does not detract from the understanding of the report, the Competent Person should clearly explain why this is the case	Given the large volume of holes (2104) that comprise this Resource Estimate it is not practical to include all the drill hole information. These have been provided in previous announcements as listed below.  Results from the 2014 drilling campaign were announced on 8 December 2014.  Results from the 2015 drilling campaign were announced on 21 December 2015.  2016 Mineral Resource Update Drill hole information was announced on 17 March 2016.  Drill hole information associated with the 2025 Assaying of Historical Pulps were announced on 8 April 2025.  Drill hole information associated with the 2025 drilling campaign were announced on 27 June 2025 and 28 July 2025.
Data aggregation methods	In reporting Exploration Results, weighting averaging techniques, maximum and/or minimum grade truncations (eg cutting of high grades) and cut-off grades are usually Material and should be stated.  Where aggregate intercepts incorporate short lengths of high grade results and longer lengths of low grade results, the procedure used for such aggregation should be stated and some typical examples of such aggregations should be shown in detail.  The assumptions used for any reporting of metal equivalent values should be clearly stated.	Weighted averages are used for reporting all assay intervals from all drillholes.
Relationship between mineralisation n widths and intercept lengths	These relationships are particularly important in the reporting of Exploration Results.  If the geometry of the mineralisation with respect to the drill hole angle is known, its nature should be reported.  If it is not known and only the down hole lengths are reported, there should be a clear statement to this effect (eg 'down hole length, true width not known').	Shallow vertical drilling was undertaken at the Project. Little or no deviation from vertical is expected when drilling soft laterite soils, particularly when using a powerful drill rig. In addition, laterites are generally horizontal in nature.  Therefore, it is assumed that the intersections from the drilling are representative of the true width of the mineralisation.
Diagrams	Appropriate maps and sections (with scales) and tabulations of intercepts should be included for any significant discovery being reported.  These should include, but not be limited to a plan view of drill hole collar locations and appropriate sectional views.	Maps are provided in previous ASX announcements that show the distribution of drilling across the deposit.

Balanced reporting	Where comprehensive reporting of all Exploration Results is not practicable, representative reporting of both low and high grades and/or widths should be practiced to avoid misleading reporting of Exploration Results.	Sunrise Energy Metals (SEM) has released balanced reports that reflect and accurately report the results obtained from exploration carried out. Any external information included in reports will be adequately referenced to allow scrutiny.
Other substantive exploration data	Other exploration data, if meaningful and material, should be reported including (but not limited to): geological observations; geophysical survey results; geochemical survey results; bulk samples – size and method of treatment; metallurgical test results; bulk density, groundwater, geotechnical and rock characteristics; potential deleterious or contaminating substances.	Detailed geophysical data (magnetic and gravity) detailed satellite data, detailed topography data, detailed 3D geochemical database from historical drilling, and detailed surface geology is available for the Project in line with a project that had been through two feasibility studies, an EIS and has been granted its Development Consent. This collective information/data is available to exploit and is independently validated and certified.
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# **Section 3: Estimation of Mineral Resources**

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Database integrity	Measures taken to ensure that data has not been corrupted by, for example, transcription or keying errors, between its initial collection and its use for Mineral Resource estimation purposes.  • Data validation procedures used.	In 2025 a new Micromine Geobank (CLQGB) database was created with hole details from historic database and other sources; collars imported from original surveyor's report (60% identified in either AMG84 or MGA coordinates); and assay from original sif or csv lab assay report files with full metadata (67%) with balance from csv assay report files with metadata added. 35,135 records were imported for SAC and SRC hole series. · All 2025 drilling data was added directly to the Geobank database from source and reviewed by Clean TeQ (now SEM) geologists for consistency. Assay results were downloaded directly from ALS's secure webtrieve website and uploaded directly into the Geobase database and QAQC performance verified against certified values.  Raw data was imported from comma delimited text format into Datamine software. Statistical comparison between the raw database and the imported and de-surveyed database was completed.  Routine validation of the imported data was undertaken to check for overlapping intervals, gaps downhole, and drillholes that do not commence at zero metres.
Site visits	<ul> <li>Comment on any site visits undertaken by the Competent Person and the outcome of those visits.</li> <li>If no site visits have been undertaken indicate why this is the case</li> </ul>	A site visit was completed between the 7 <sup>th</sup> August and the 8 <sup>th</sup> August 2025 where the sample collection and processing facility and historical drill collars were inspected.
Geological interpretation	<ul> <li>Confidence in (or conversely, the uncertainty of) the geological interpretation of the mineral deposit.</li> <li>Nature of the data used and of any assumptions made.</li> <li>The effect, if any, of alternative interpretations on Mineral Resource estimation.</li> <li>The use of geology in guiding and controlling Mineral Resource estimation.</li> <li>The factors affecting continuity both of grade and geology.</li> </ul>	The regolith layers were modelled initially to represent the CVR, TZ, GZ, SGZ and SAP domains.  A Scandium domain using a 180ppm Sc cut-off was then created to constrain the areas of elevated Sc ppm.  All domains were constructed based on geological logging contained and the Sc ppm assays contained within the drillhole database.
Dimensions	The extent and variability of the Mineral Resource expressed as length (along strike or otherwise), plan width, and depth below surface to the upper and lower limits of the Mineral Resource.	The interpreted mineralisation covers a lateral extent of 4.5km (NS) x 4.2km (EW). The depth extent of the high-grade pods is approximately 70m below surface, but variable across the area dependent upon the lateritic profile.
Estimation and modelling techniques	The nature and appropriateness of the estimation technique(s) applied and key assumptions, including treatment of extreme grade values, domaining, interpolation parameters and maximum distance of extrapolation from data points. If a computer assisted estimation method was chosen include a description of computer software and parameters used.	Modelling and grade estimation were undertaken in Datamine. A 3-dimensional block model was developed to cover the full extent of the deposit.  The model cells were oriented in alignment to the local grid and were 25m x 25m x 2m (E x N x RL). Sub-celling was permitted so as to honour the interpreted boundaries, with the smallest permitted sub-cell being 5m x 5m x 2m. Scandium and all other element grades was estimated into the parent cells.  An assessment of outlying grades was made and no grade

The availability of check estimates, previous cutting was considered necessary. estimates and/or mine production records Estimates were constrained by flagged MINDOM grade and and whether the Mineral Resource estimate lithology domain codes such that drillhole data from a particular takes appropriate account of such data. domain were not permitted to contribute to grade estimates in The assumptions made regarding recovery any domains other than the domain in which the drillhole data is of by-products. located. Estimation of deleterious elements or other non-grade variables of economic Grades were assigned to sub-cells according to the domain flag. significance (eg sulphur for acid mine Grade interpolation was completed using ordinary kriging. Check drainage characterisation). estimates were simultaneously developed using inversed distance weighting to the power of two (ID2) and simple kriging In the case of block model interpolation, the block size in relation to the average sample spacing and the search employed. Variogram parameters were derived from scandium assays Any assumptions behind modelling of contained within the 180ppmn domain. Search ellipse selective mining units. orientation was achieved using Dynamic Anisotropy, which Any assumptions about correlation between involves interpretation of the local orientation of the domains, estimation of the dip and dip-direction parameters, then Description of how the geological application of those estimated dip and dip-directions to the interpretation was used to control the orientation of the search ellipse. resource estimates. A three-pass search method was used whereby cells that do not Discussion of basis for using or not using receive a grade estimate in the first (smallest) search pass, move grade cutting or capping. to the subsequent larger search pass(es) for a second (then The process of validation, the checking third) attempt. In this case, the first search ellipse was 100m x process used, the comparison of model 100m x 10m (E x N x RL) in diameter, the second search pass was data to drill hole data, and use of 200m x 200m x 20m and the third search pass was 500m x 500m reconciliation data if available. The minimum and maximum numbers of samples permitted to inform an estimate was 8-24 (first pass), 8-24 (second pass), and 4-16 (third pass). A maximum of six samples were permitted from any drillhole. Moisture Whether the tonnages are estimated on a Tonnages are estimated based on dry in situ tonnages. dry basis or with natural moisture, and the method of determination of the moisture content.. The basis of the adopted cut-off grade(s) or Cut-off parameters Resources were reported above a 300ppm Sc and 600ppm Sc quality parameters applied. cut-off grade. The cut-offs used deliver an average global Resource grade between 408ppm Sc and 665ppm Sc. Assumptions made regarding possible Mining factors The potential mining method will be open pit. The block model or assumptions mining methods, minimum mining has been constructed with parent and sub cell sizes to account dimensions and internal (or, if applicable, for this. The deposit occurs from surface down to a maximum external) mining dilution. It is always depth of 50m. Given the shallow nature of the reported mineral necessary as part of the process of resources and the value per tonne ascribed to the blocks the determining reasonable prospects for criteria of the reasonable prospects for eventual economic eventual economic extraction to consider extraction are met. potential mining methods, but the The Mineral Resource model was regularised by a block size of 20 m E assumptions made regarding mining x 20 m N x 2 m RL methods and parameters when estimating Mining is planned to be undertaken by conventional open pit Mineral Resources may not always be methods, utilising small backhoe excavators, coupled with small rigorous. Where this is the case, this should trucks. be reported with an explanation of the basis of the mining assumptions made. The Syerston Feasibility Study considered infrastructure requirements associated with the conventional excavator and truck mining

operation including pre-beneficiation, crushing and conveying systems, dump & stockpile locations, plant and maintenance facilities,

access routes, fuel, water and power.

# Metallurgical factors or assumptions

The basis for assumptions or predictions regarding metallurgical amenability. It is always necessary as part of the process of determining reasonable prospects for eventual economic extraction to consider potential metallurgical methods, but the assumptions regarding metallurgical treatment processes and parameters made when reporting Mineral Resources may not always be rigorous. Where this is the case, this should be reported with an explanation of the basis of the metallurgical assumptions made.

The block model contains grade estimation of scandium, nickel and cobalt and all elements (compounds) that effect the metallurgical processing of the laterite ore. The resources are therefore reported to enable assessment of the processing amenability of the material.

Extensive metallurgical testing has been carried out on representative ore samples across the ore body. This includes lab scale testwork and pilot plant campaigns to produce a Scandium Oxide.

The scandium mineralisation has been shown to be amenable to high pressure acid leaching. In addition, the Company's testwork has shown that its proprietary technology provides further economic benefits.

# Environmental factors or assumptions

Assumptions made regarding possible waste and process residue disposal options. It is always necessary as part of the process of determining reasonable prospects for eventual economic extraction to consider the potential environmental impacts of the mining and processing operation. While at this stage the determination of potential environmental impacts, particularly for a greenfields project, may not always be well advanced, the status of early consideration of these potential environmental impacts should be reported. Where these aspects have not been considered this should be reported with an explanation of the environmental assumptions made.

Environmental baseline monitoring is undertaken on the mining lease as part of the Development Consent requirements. The Project will likely comprise a series of shallow open pits where waste material will be stored in surface waste dumps and/or backfilled into the mined pits in a staged process.

#### Bulk density

- Whether assumed or determined. If assumed, the basis for the assumptions. If determined, the method used, whether wet or dry, the frequency of the measurements, the nature, size and representativeness of the samples.
- The bulk density for bulk material must have been measured by methods that adequately account for void spaces (vugs, porosity, etc), moisture and differences between rock and alteration zones within the deposit.
- Discuss assumptions for bulk density estimates used in the evaluation process of the different materials.

Bulk density measurements have been derived from the pre-2014 drilling. The bulk density database, which comprised 5,199 records from 148 drillholes, was obtained from downhole gamma logs, physical measurements on diamond core, and weighing material recovered from purpose-drilled Calweld (770 mm) drillholes. Bulk densities assigned within the Mineral Resource block model are as follows;

Domain	Litho	Mean		
100	CVR	1.80		
200	TZ	1.70		
300	GZ	1.20		
400	SGZ	1.25		
500	SAP	2.00		

#### Classification

- The basis for the classification of the Mineral Resources into varying confidence categories.
- Whether appropriate account has been taken of all relevant factors (ie relative confidence in tonnage/grade estimations, reliability of input data, confidence in continuity of geology and metal values, quality, quantity and distribution of the data).
- Whether the result appropriately reflects the Competent Person's view of the deposit.

The Mineral Resource is classified based on the average drill spacing and the results of the variogram analysis. The variograms provided ranges averaging 40-60m for the major structure.

Measured blocks were typically defined where average drill spacing is less than 60m, Indicated blocks were coded at between 60m and 120m and Inferred greater than 120m.

The classification criteria is assessed as appropriate in relation to the style of mineralisation and the average drill spacing through the deposit area.

Audits or reviews	The results of any audits or reviews of Mineral Resource estimates.	No audits or reviews have yet been completed on this Mineral Resource estimate.
Discussion of relative accuracy/confidence	<ul> <li>Where appropriate a statement of the relative accuracy and confidence level in the Mineral Resource estimate using an approach or procedure deemed appropriate by the Competent Person. For example, the application of statistical or geostatistical procedures to quantify the relative accuracy of the resource within stated confidence limits, or, if such an approach is not deemed appropriate, a qualitative discussion of the factors that could affect the relative accuracy and confidence of the estimate.</li> <li>The statement should specify whether it relates to global or local estimates, and, if local, state the relevant tonnages, which should be relevant to technical and economic evaluation.  Documentation should include assumptions made and the procedures used.</li> <li>These statements of relative accuracy and confidence of the estimate should be compared with production data, where available.</li> </ul>	The block model is based on geological domain layers that represent the commonly encountered regolith profile in scandium/cobalt/nickel laterite deposits.  The deposit has been drilled down to a 25m x 25m spacing in places where results show a strong continuity of scandium grades. The drilling results therefore provide validation of the expected geological setting. The mineral assemblages and ratios noted in the assay dataset are line with those used to determine the boundaries between the regolith domains.  Within the drilled areas there is a moderate to high level of confidence in the grade and thickness estimates of the deposit.