



# AUSTRALIAN BAUXITE LIMITED

ASX: ABX

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### About Australian Bauxite Limited ASX Code ABX

Australian Bauxite Limited (ABx) is establishing its first mine in Tasmania and holds the core of the Eastern Australian Bauxite Province. ABx's 37 bauxite tenements in Queensland, New South Wales & Tasmania exceed 5,000km<sup>2</sup> and were rigorously selected for (1) good quality bauxite; (2) near infrastructure connected to export ports; & (3) free of socio-environmental constraints.

All tenements are 100% owned, unencumbered & free of 3<sup>rd</sup> party royalties.

ABx's discovery rate is increasing as its technology & expertise grows.

The Company's bauxite is gibbsite trihydrate bauxite with low silica contamination and can be processed into alumina at low temperature – the type in short supply globally.

ABx has declared JORC Mineral Resources at Binjour in central QLD, Inverell & Guyra in northern NSW, Taralga in southern NSW and in northern Tasmania, confirming that ABx has discovered significant bauxite deposits including some of outstandingly high quality.

The Company's first bauxite mine at Bald Hill, Tasmania commenced operations on schedule in late 2014 – the first new bauxite mine in Australia for more than 35 years.

ABx aspires to identify large bauxite resources in the Eastern Australian Bauxite Province, which is emerging as a globally significant bauxite province. ABx has created significant bauxite developments in 3 states - Queensland, New South Wales & Tasmania. Its bauxite deposits are favourably located for direct shipping of bauxite to both local & export customers.

**ABx endorses best practices on agricultural land, strives to leave land & environment better than we find it.**

**We only operate where welcomed.**

#### Directors / Officers

Paul Lennon	Chairman
Ian Levy	CEO & MD
Ken Boundy	Director

Leon Hawker	Chief Operating Officer
Henry Kinstlinger	Company Secretary
Julian Rockett	Company Secretary

### Bald Hill – Final Approval Received – Site Mobilisation Commences

Australian Bauxite Limited (ABx) advises that Northern Midlands Council (Council) has approved the development application allowing mining to commence at Australian Bauxite's Bald Hill bauxite mine in northern Tasmania.

Work was immediately underway to secure the site, with an emphasis on public safety. Construction will then commence on ore haulage roads and fences within the Mining Lease.

Australian Bauxite has agreed with Council that it will conduct remedial work on Macquarie Road and West Street, Campbell Town prior to commencing cartage. This work will be coordinated with Council and commence as soon as possible. The areas requiring remediation were identified by a deflectograph test recently conducted on behalf of ABx.

The Company's Chief Operating Officer, Leon Hawker, said the mineral extraction will contribute toward the economic development of the region in a manner that is compatible with existing environmental, landscape and primary industry values. Operations will not impact significantly on the landscape values and quick rehabilitation of the site will restore the land to at least as good as today. The appointment of the highly experienced Stornoway Group as the operator ensures that Tasmania's high standards of operation and rehabilitation will be maintained.

"The final approval by Northern Midlands Council paves the way for Australian Bauxite to commence mining operations on schedule – a credit to all concerned.

"Our expectation is that 45 direct jobs will be created at the mine, in transport, at Bell Bay Port and in administration as a consequence of the Bald Hill mine. A multiple number of additional indirect jobs will arise as operations expand.

"This is the first new bauxite mine in Australia for over 35 years and will introduce a new bauxite supply into the seaborne bauxite market when the market is strong. This is an exciting time for the company, its shareholders and staff.

"We look forward to continuing and further developing the relationships that have been built in Tasmania.

"ABx can only operate with a strong social licence and however modest our contribution to local jobs, industry and the economy may be, we will make every effort to meet the expectations of our diverse stakeholders," said Leon Hawker.

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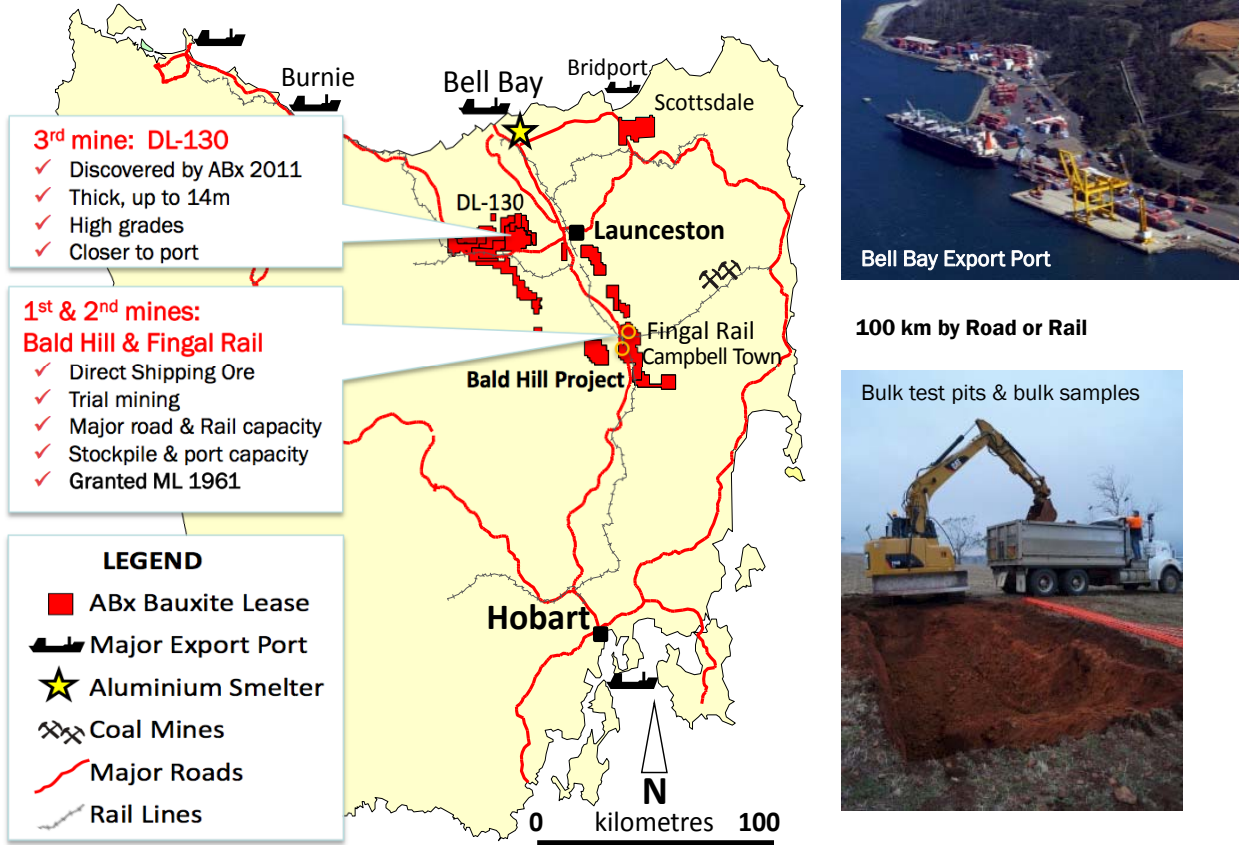


Figure 1: Locations of Projects and Infrastructure in Tasmania

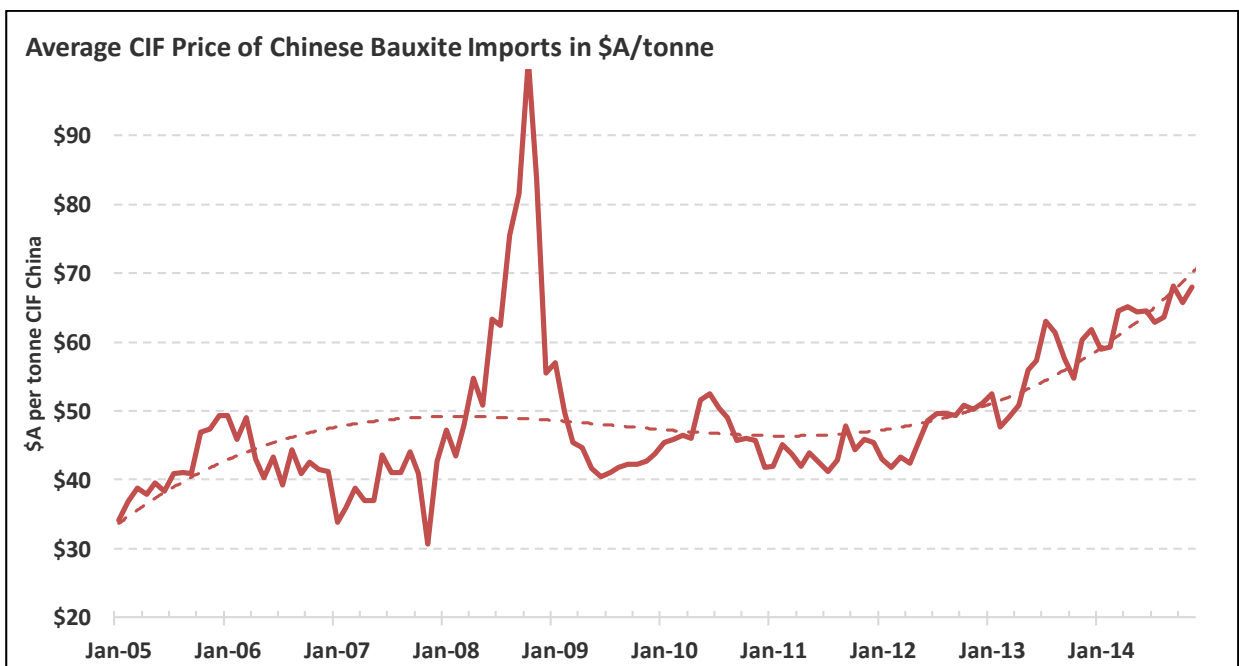


Figure 2: Prices of Chinese Bauxite Imports up to November 2014 in \$AUD



Figure 3: Bald Hill Mining Lease ML1961, Campbell Town, Tasmania



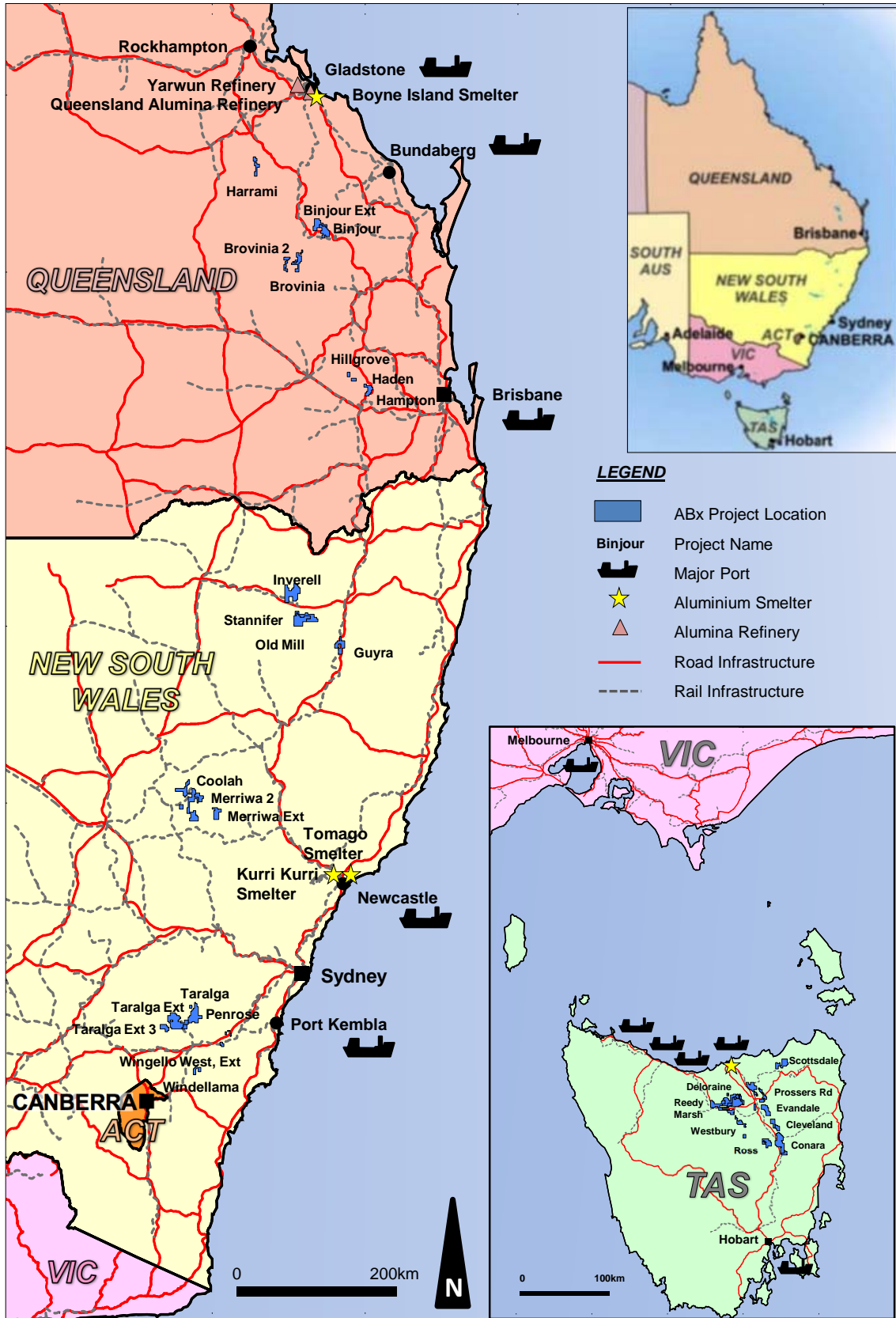


Figure 4: ABx Project Tenements and Major Infrastructure