



Dealing with the dark side of the battery revolution®

# Introductory Corporate Overview

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Pursuing battery recycling technology & complementary hazard mitigation products

# Workbook Overview

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**Battery Pollution** is an Australian technology based battery recycling company looking to solve a number of emerging issues stemming from societies addiction to the convenience of lithium based batteries

We are advancing proprietary technology & operational processes in a number of areas with significant global commercial application & relevance

Our initiatives have a narrow focus on solving specific challenges and unlocking even larger opportunities

We are bespoke by design and operationally driven. We are not trying to “boil the ocean” unlike many global players – but rather execute on the delivery of a world class vertically integrated lithium cell recycling & reuse operation

# Acknowledging The Problem

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The world is living in denial – fascinated by all things around the energy transition without understanding either the consequences for our environment nor the unique challenges lithium based batteries represent

In 2019 as a part of renewable project developments, **Battery Pollution's** founder began to focus on operational complexities and social consequences of the decommissioning and demobilising of large Battery Energy Storage Systems as a part of Environmental Impact Studies on solar farm projects

This led to the commencement of a journey of detailed investigation on the challenges we will all face with the rapid uptake of large scale battery based technology – from electric vehicles through to decentralised energy storage systems (in industrial, residential & commercial applications)

Richard Paddock's 2016 article in National Geographic titled *"The Toxic Toll of Indonesia's Battery Recyclers"* proved to be a pivotal "call to action"

**Battery Pollution** has been so named to highlight the coming challenges which are captured in the Company's caption of **"Dealing with the dark side of the battery revolution®"**

**Our mission is to deliver a compelling commercial proposition leveraging proprietary approaches & technology to provide a cleaner, circular economy based approach to the end of life management, recycling & reuse of lithium battery cells**

# Our Technology Based Approach

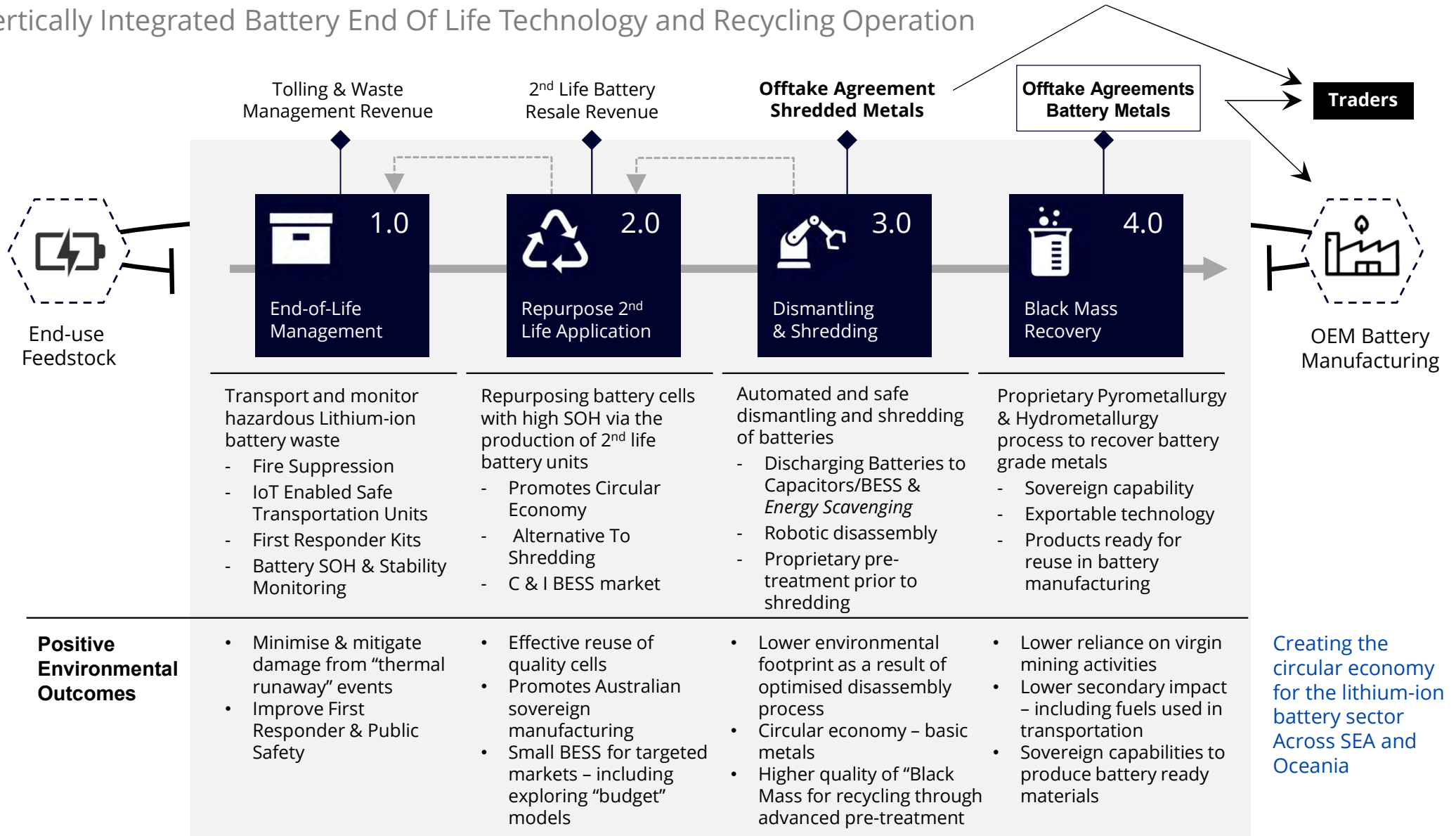
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Specific technology & engineering initiatives

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# Hybrid Operating Model Broken Into Four Verticals

Vertically Integrated Battery End Of Life Technology and Recycling Operation




Creating the circular economy for the lithium-ion battery sector Across SEA and Oceania

# Scalable Technology To Meet Global Demands

Putting in place technology & patents leads to flexibility in the business model applications – including potential for licensing & operating as a service (Labs processing Black Mass on 3rd party basis adopting “pathology lab” business model)

## Technology Portfolio – Various Patents In Process

**Technology**  
Innovation Focus

  
**Smart Transportation**


Safe transport of spent or unstable battery cells –at surface & underground use

  
**Battery Fire Suppressants**

Suppress fire combustion from liquids or vapours escaping

  
**Second-life Applications**

Producing usable battery units from spent battery cells

  
**Disassembly Process**

Advanced robotic/human “hybrid” disassembly& pre-treatment process

  
**Chemical Extraction**

Novel chemical process to recover valuable battery metals – ready for manufacturing reuse


**Global Bias**  
All Elements Designed For Leverage In International Markets

  
**Australian Innovation**

Business model & technology being advanced and “hardened” in Australia

  
**Technology is Borderless**

Domestic & Regional collaborative approach

  
**Global Solution, Local Use**

Targeting specific Asian economies as a technology partner of choice

  
**South East Asia Reach**

Problems of toxic battery waste amplified in emerging economies

Leading Australian professional services Firms engaged Q2 2023 to assist with R & D Grants / Incentives & various Patent Applications

# Battery Recycling & Black Mass

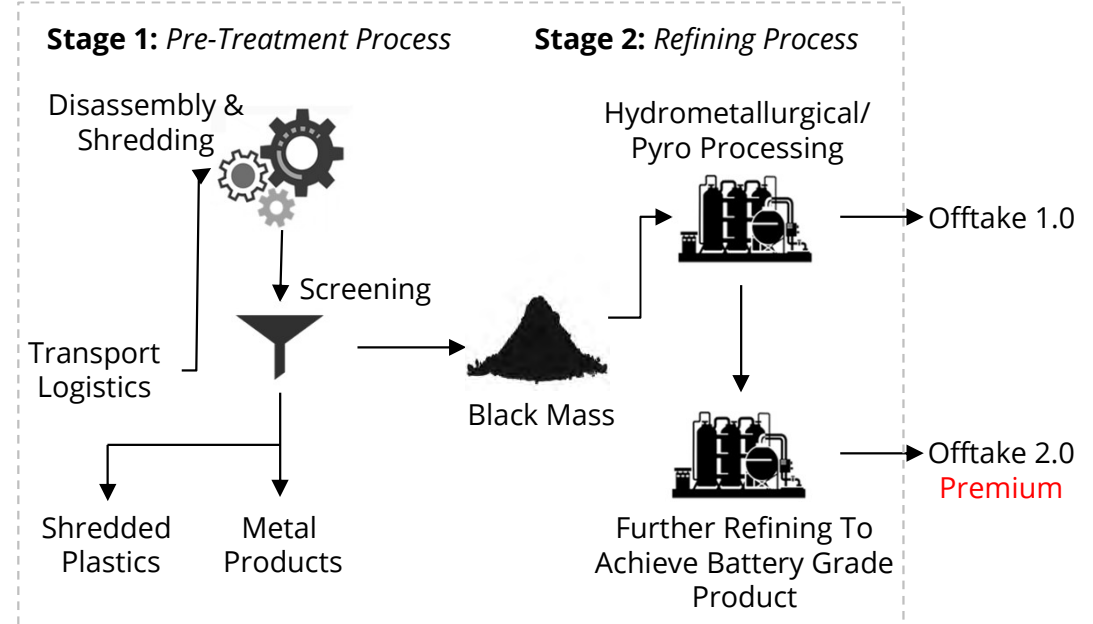
Developing optimised solutions to dismantling & shredding

**The actual process of battery recycling combines traditional metal parts processing with chemical process to recover metals**

The approach to the construction of the recycling facility is reasonably straightforward and progress to date includes:

- Discussions are progressing with Tier 1 OEMs in relation to the supply of an initial pilot plant for shredding
- Site inspections of leading Korean recycling player undertaken 2022
- Recruitment of senior operational talent for shredding and process engineering advanced
- Discussions with EPA on approvals advancing
- Discussions on feedstock supply advancing
- Likely initial location will be either at the University of Newcastle facility or at Tomago on the northern outskirts of Newcastle (NSW)
- Offtake discussions already advanced with 3 players including leading Japanese Trading company who have been supplying Black Mass for chemical engineering process

General Example Of Process Flow For Metals Recovery



THE UNIVERSITY OF  
**NEWCASTLE**  
AUSTRALIA

University of Newcastle a key partner in the advance of 5 separate commercial initiatives & agreements



# End of Life & “Crisis” Management

Complementary Proprietary Hazard Facing Products

## Specific Lithium Fire Hazard Opportunities

Our study of the market has given a unique perspective on the broader risks, challenges and opportunities that will present as a result of the intense fires that Lithium Cobalt Batteries produce. We are exploring & advancing specific products:

- i. Fire Suppression materials – static & as extinguishing agent
- ii. IoT Enabled Safe Transportation Units leveraging AI (*data pattern recognition*)
- iii. First Responder Hardware & Specialist Equipment for Lithium based fires
- iv. Mobile Sensor Based Battery SOH & Stability Monitoring in Crisis Conditions



Generation1 prototype of proprietary “Smart” Battery Transportation Unit – latest model subject to current patent application



Granular / spherical application used as a packing material in the Transportation Units or as a packing agent for our battery manufacturing strategy



Developing a proprietary base material that can be used in a variety of Lithium Fire Suppression Applications



Base Material being advanced for potential use in extinguishers

### Example of Key Target Market

We are very focussed on exploring opportunities for improving response to traditional “thermal runaway” events relating to large Grid facing Battery Energy Storage System’s that catch fire

All product development paths based on undergoing rigorous pilot projects combined with progressing various regulatory and insurance based approvals to meet accepted commercial standards



Multiple product trademarks in process or already registered



# 2<sup>nd</sup> Life Battery Manufacture

Leveraging Cells with High SOH For Target c. 15 – 20 kWh Repurposed Batteries

## Single Unit BESS Focus

The production of 2nd Life batteries will be focused on capitalising on a number of specific end markets which will benefit from the growth in the application of commercial sized batteries over the coming decade:

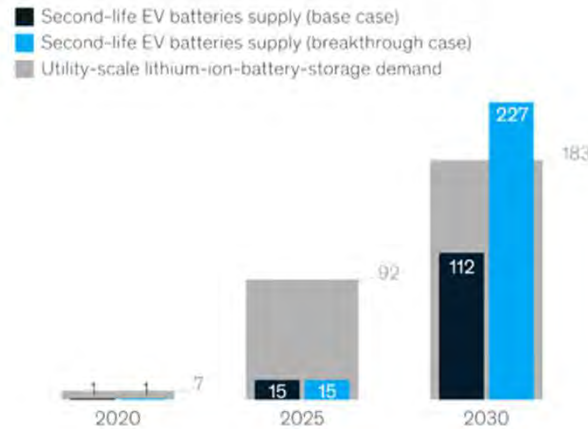
1. Home storage units
2. Light commercial storage resulting in on site charging of a variety of commercial vehicles
3. “Destination” charging stations which will be a rapidly growing category driven by consumer “range anxiety”. Destination convenience charging will become a frequent offering and feature in the tourism and Air BNB marketplaces

Discussions commenced with:

- specialist charging station operators to potentially venture and offer an integrated battery to fuel tank offering
- remote mine site camp operators to include an integrated solar panel & BESS storage solution

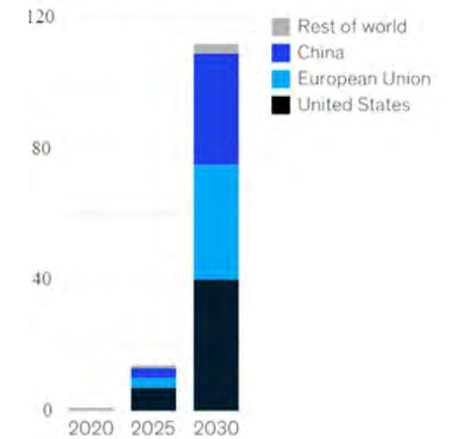
## Second-life lithium-ion battery supply could surpass 200 gigawatt-hours per year by 2030.

Utility-scale lithium-ion battery demand and second-life EV<sup>1</sup> battery supply,<sup>2</sup> gigawatt-hours/year (GWh/y)



<sup>1</sup>Electric vehicle.  
<sup>2</sup>Only for batteries from passenger cars.

Second-life EV battery supply by geography (base case<sup>2</sup>), GWh/y



USA Startups advancing 2<sup>nd</sup> life batteries



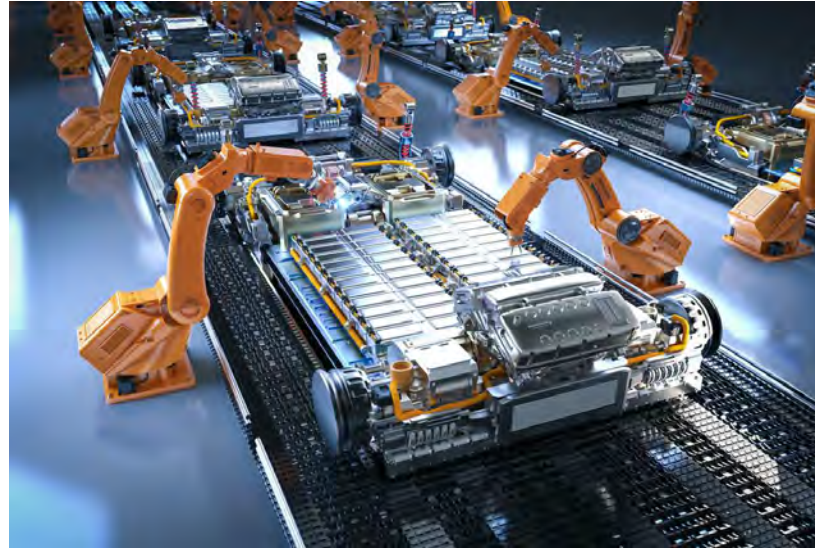
# Robotic Dismantling & Mechanical Shredding

Advancing optimised solutions to dismantling & shredding

## Battery recycling must balance efficiencies in pre treatment with the need for high quality recycled materials

The challenges of handling these battery packs are many and include:

- Physical movement of cells in an efficient way
- Positioning of cells to allow effective disassembly
- Dealing with the many screws and parts that “bind” the cell packs
- Time to complete a disassembly process in a consistent and sustainable fashion
- Weight of battery units – many hundreds of Kgs



Our approach has a heavy focus on pre treatment of units before mechanical shredding takes place. In contrast with other recyclers we are striving to produce a much higher quality black mass which we believe will achieve 2 things:

1. Allow a more efficient hydrometallurgy process for the separation of battery metals
2. Position our chemical process to scale more efficiently

There is a balance of “volume” vs “quality” and we are collecting data that will allow robust analysis to take place

## Role of Mechanical Shredding ?

We are in discussion with OEMs on alternative units to effect mechanical shredding of battery cell packs. We do not believe that this is a high part of the battery recycling technology chain and intend to enter into a number of OEM relationships as

part of the development of an industry typical “hub & spoke” styled strategy. Spokes are the mechanical shredders with the hub being the high value Black Mass processing plant.



# Target Market Opportunities

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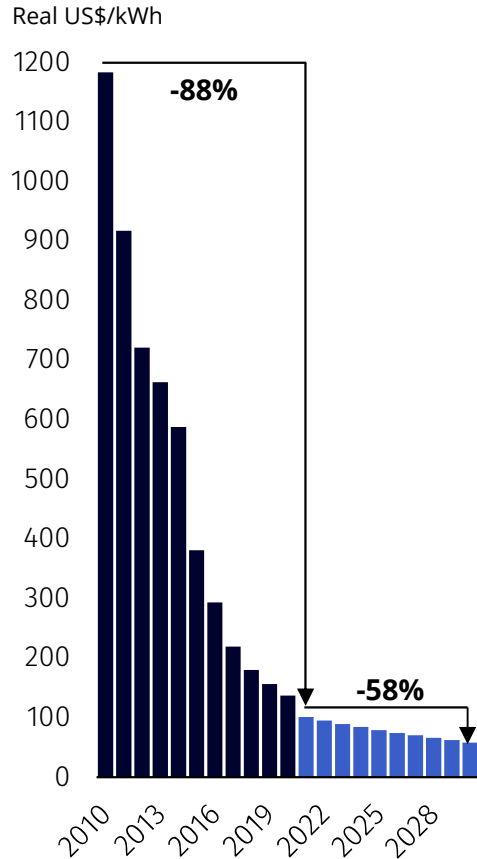
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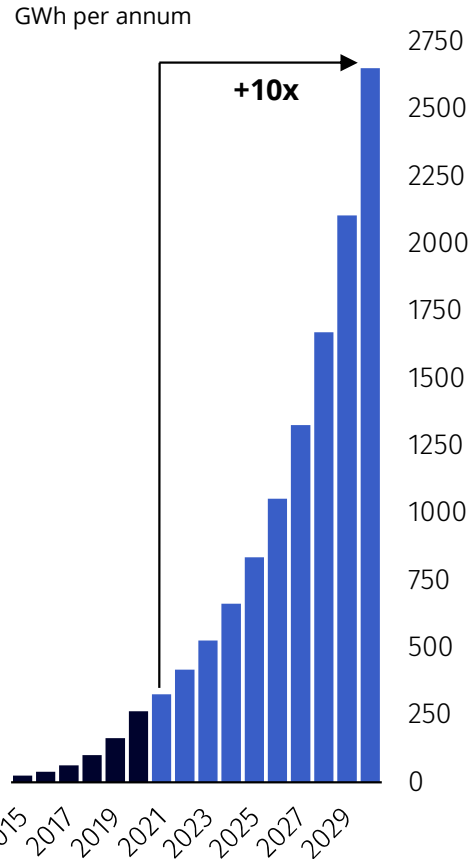
# The Global Battery Recycling Market

A large market opportunity with strong tailwinds from sustainability and electrification megatrends

## Global Price for LIB Packs



## Global LIB Demand



### There are several drivers behind why battery recycling will be a big part of the supply solution:

1. Recycling will be required to meet demand for battery metals, as there is limited primary supply even at high prices without crowding out other industries.
2. The economics of high cobalt, nickel and lithium battery recycling are very strong.
3. Regulation, especially in Europe, makes recycling mandatory and requires minimum recycled content levels by decade end.
4. Recycling provides responsible and ethical supply. ESG and consumer expectations give auto makers with strong recycling credentials a margin and cost of capital advantage.
5. The CO2 intensity of EV manufacturing (is double ICE vehicles) unless the metals are re-used.
6. The largest auto markets in the world (Europe, USA, China, Japan) rely on long supply chains for primary metals – recycling closes the loop and de-risks that supply chain (via resilient domestic supply).

Source: World Economic Forum (2019) A vision for a Sustainable Battery Value Chain in 2030; Bloomberg NEF (2020)

# The Battery Pollution Problem

Over half of battery waste is generated from non-compliant batteries before they leave the manufacturing facility

## Battery waste is already a problem and it is only going to get worse.

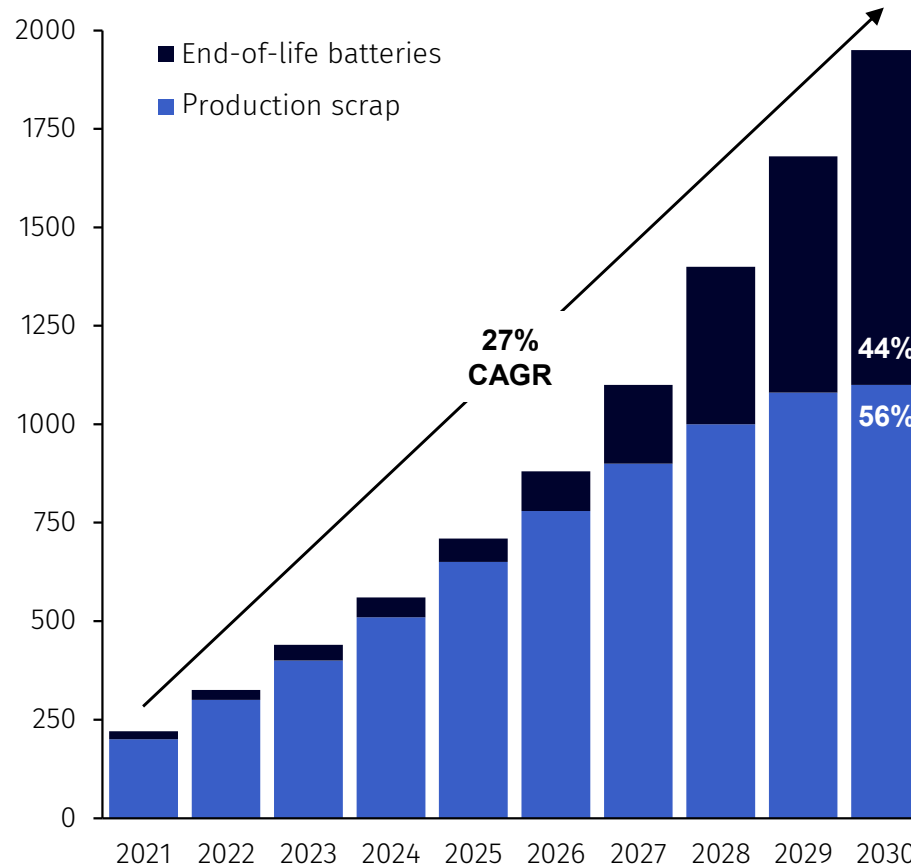
- Batteries that have been in operation for several years are exhibiting shorter than expected life-spans and there are multiple instances of batteries being recalled
- Batteries are susceptible to combustion, particularly in high impact environments, which can be extremely detrimental (see below images)

## There is currently a sizable global battery waste market built on production scrap.

- By 2030, 56% of recycling volume will be from manufacturing scrap (over one million mega-tonnes of batteries).
- Battery OEM's have an average production yield of <80% implying that over 20% of cells are rejected on non-sufficient quality and need to be scrapped as hazardous waste.

## EV batteries and scrap volume for recycling

kMT, global



Source: World Economic Forum (2019) A vision for a Sustainable Battery Value Chain in 2030; Bloomberg NEF (2020)

## Battery Fires

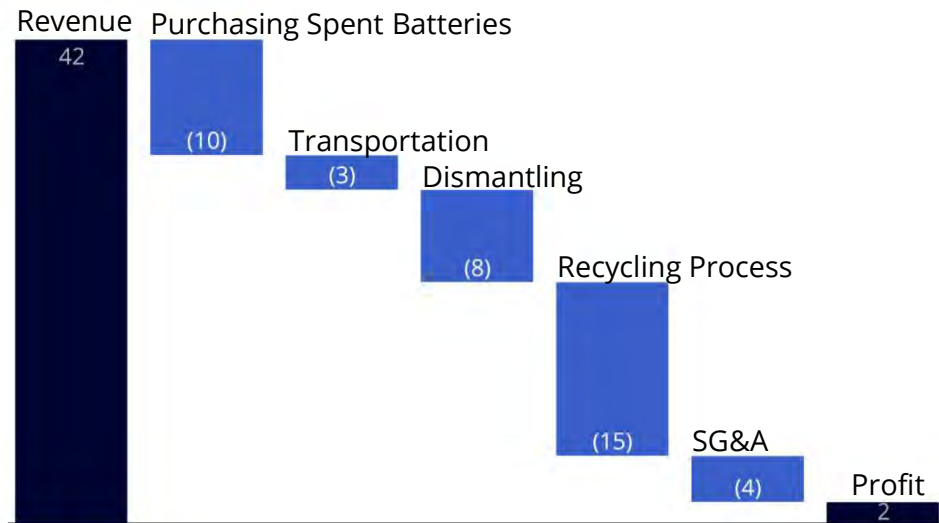


# Strengthening Unit Economics

The economics of battery recycling are radically improving with major international players achieving profitability.

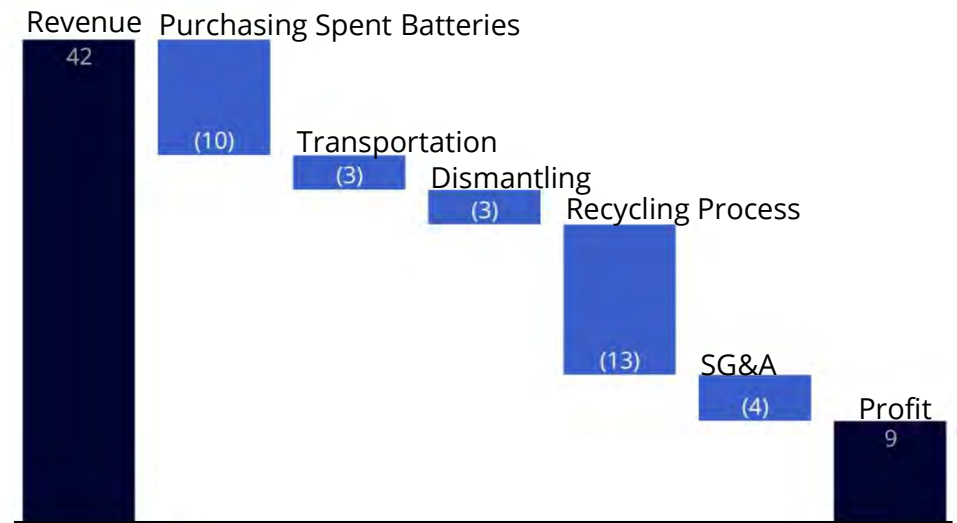
## European Recycling Cost Structure

US\$/kWh, 2022



## Chinese Recycling Cost Structure

US\$/kWh, 2022



1. Assumes processing capacity of >50,000 tons of 80kWh battery packs per year
  2. Recyclers pay for the spent battery and receive no financial support
- Source: NRI Estimation, AABC Europe 2022

**In Europe and China, LIB recycling is already profitable due to scale merits even when assuming the recycler pays to aggregate the spent batteries.**

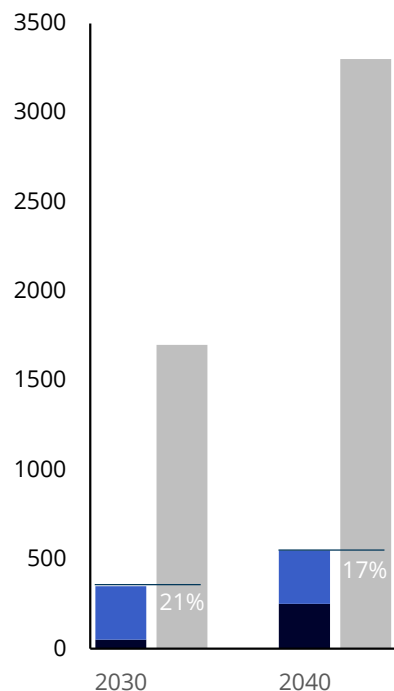
- Economic viability of battery recycling is heavily contingent on volume of throughput material which is ballooning with the adoption of electric vehicles in all major economies.
- Sufficient volume is required to drive transport efficiency and operating leverage on fixed cost machinery.
- Automation is also a focal point for industry improvement as firms can generate cost efficiencies by using robotic dismantling to replace labour-intensive work.

# Supply Chain Of Critical Battery Commodities

The commodity supply chain for ethically sourced battery metals is undergoing increasing strain due to rapid demand for batteries

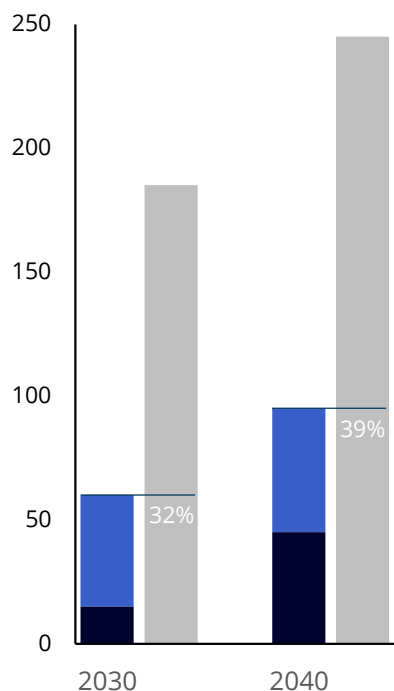
## Lithium Supply

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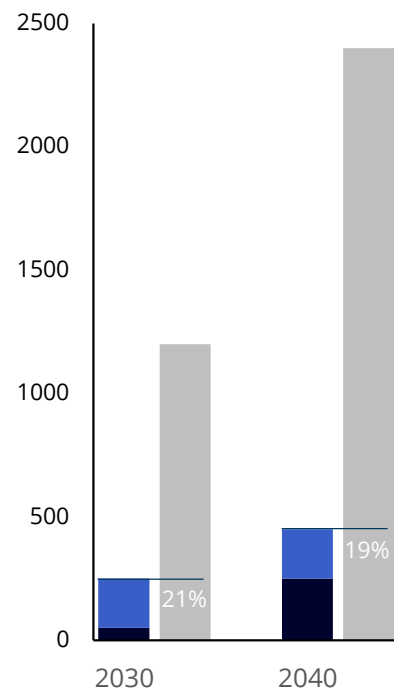
## Cobalt Supply

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## Nickel Supply

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■ End-of-life supply ■ Manufacturing Scrap ■ Battery Demand

1. First in grey, the volume of the three major battery commodities that will be demanded in 2030 and 2040.
2. Second, the volume of each commodity that could potentially be supplied by battery recycling companies in each year at a competitive price point. Recyclers pay for the spent battery and receive no financial support

Source: Wood Mackenzie 2022

## Key Observations

### Commodity Production

- Economists predict that there will be a supply shortfall for these elements by as early as 2030.
- The mobile and stationary battery boom has catapulted lithium prices to record levels and the world is going to need five times more lithium by the end of the decade.
- From the chart, manufacturing scrap is the major contributor to battery waste and will be for several decades.

### Pricing Model

- We expect earnings sensitivity to directionally follow major commodity prices. However, the ability for recycling operators to manage-the-spread and embed “fee-for-service” in supply pricing means real world commodity price sensitivity tends to be less than static analysis concludes.
- We estimate run-rate earnings to likely be ~50% of commodity volatility, but it remains uncertain given the nascent stage of the sector.

# Important information

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