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## **MANAGEMENT** TEAM



#### **Pat Ryan, P.Eng.** Chairman & Chief Executive Officer

Mr. Ryan is the Founder of Neocon International, a multi-million-dollar automotive OEM design and lean manufacturing company which he co-founded in 1993. Mr. Ryan began as a Director of Ucore in 2014 when he had a heightened interest with critical metals needed to drive change for the technologies of the twenty-first century. He is the recipient of the APENS Award from the Association of Professional Engineers of Nova Scotia as the most likely to serve society in an ethical manner.





#### **Geoff Atkins**

#### *Vice President of Business Development*

*Mr.* Atkins is a skilled mining executive with 30 years of experience, including over 15 years in the critical mineral sector, focusing on the development of rare earth projects. He remains one of the few mining executives outside of China who has played a critical role in establishing two different rare earth operations, Mt. Weld with Lynas Corporation (Lynas) and Nechalacho with Vital Metals Ltd. (Vital Metals). While at Lynas, he was responsible for a range of functions, including the construction of the Mt. Weld rare earth project, providing corporate construction oversight for the Lynas Advanced Materials Plant in Malaysia, and developing longterm strategic plans. Mr. Atkins is leading the feedstock acquisition efforts for Ucore's North American SMC strategy.



#### *Michael Schrider, Meng, P.E. Vice-President & Chief Operating Officer*

Since 1989, Mr. Schrider has been involved in manufacturing, engineering and managing complex structural and mechanical systems projects. He has led Ucore's project development efforts since joining the Company in 2016. Before that, he held various engineering and management roles in several North American shipyards and a synthetic lubricant manufacturing facility. He received a Bachelor of Science in naval architecture and marine engineering from the University of New Orleans and is a registered Professional Engineer in the State of Louisiana. Mike also holds a Master of Engineering in mining, geological & geophysical engineering (mineral processing emphasis) from The University of Arizona.

#### **Peter Manuel**

#### *Vice-President & Chief Financial Officer*

Peter Manuel has been Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Ucore for 12 years. Prior to joining the Company, he practiced as a Chartered Accountant for more than 17 years providing consulting services to companies in a range of sectors, with a focus on the financial services and resource sectors. He spent 10 years in England and The Republic of Ireland providing assurance, strategic planning, corporate finance and other consulting services to a portfolio of both public and private entities including licensed banks, proprietary trading operations, and international corporate treasuries. Mr. Manuel holds a Bachelor of Commerce Degree from Dalhousie University.

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## RARE EARTH ELEMENTS A Once in a Generation Opportunity

#### **Electric Vehicles**

- and smartphones.

#### Wind Energy

- the magnets that drive the turbines.

#### National Security

- and domestic mining.

• *REEs are used in the production of permanent magnets, which are essential* for the electric motor that drives the vehicle. These magnets provide high torque at low speeds, making them ideal for use in electric motors.

• REEs are used in the batteries of hybrid and electric vehicles, which are crucial for reducing carbon emissions and improving fuel efficiency.

• The unique magnetic properties of REEs, such as neodymium, praseodymium, and dysprosium, make them ideal for the production of strong and durable permanent magnets. These magnets are essential for many technologies that require high torque, such as electric motors, and for applications where size and weight are critical factors, such as headphones

• In wind energy, REEs are used in the production of turbine generators and in

• The use of REEs in wind energy has increased significantly in recent years, as the demand for renewable energy has grown worldwide.

• The United States is heavily dependent on China for the supply of REEs, which raises concerns about the security of the supply chain.

In recent years, the US government has taken steps to address this issue, including funding research into alternative sources of REEs, such as recycling



## THE RARE ELEMENT SUPPLY CHAIN

## **The Challenge**

- China:
  - o controls 80%+ Global REE Resources
  - manufactures 90%+ Global REE Components
  - will eventually consume **100% of its Production**
- Minimal North American REE Infrastructure
- REE security of supply has become a western democracy strategic concern



## The Opportunity



## Separation is key – Shipping Concentrate to China is NOT Independence UCOPe° 5

#### • \$3B in 2020 / \$32B+ by 2030 or 300kt

• REPM EV Motors and Generators Require REOs • Antiquated Existing SX Technology No Current North American REO Production Relocating REO Supply Chain to North America represents a large business opportunity and strategic solution to an overconcentration in China

OTCQX: UURAF

TSXV:UCU

# THE RARE EARTH ELEMENT SUPPLY CHAIN

Ucore is Focused on Individual Rare Earth Oxide Production



## Ucore is strategically positioning itself into the North American midstream of REO production:

- *Multiple HREE and/or LREE sources of US-Friendly* feedstock for the production of individual REOs in 2025



• *HREE prioritized OEM supply* 









• *Multiple SMCs in development* based on modern RapidSX<sup>™</sup> technology • Separation to REOs is the most difficult aspect of the REE Supply Chain • Unique strategy to Ucore, limited to nil competition







## **RAPIDSX™** TECHNOLOGY *RapidSX*<sup>™</sup> *is a Transformative REE Separation Technology*



### **The RapidSX™ Commercialization and Demonstration Facility (CDF)** Kingston, Ontario

	PanidSX™	Conventional SX							
Performance & Efficiency									
Commercial Purity	Yes	Yes							
REE Recovery Rates	High	High							
Processing Time	Rapid	Slow							
Time to Restart	Hours/Days	Several Weeks							
CAPEX									
Equipment Cost	Low	High							
Physical Footprint	Low	Very High							
Scalability	High	Low							
OPEX									
Metal Inventory/WIP	Low	High							
Organic Volumes	Low	High							
Labour	Low	High							
Power Consumption	Low	High							

**Key Advantages vs. Conventional SX** 



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### Engineered Design of the 80 tpa Demonstration Plant



## **RAPIDSX™** TECHNOLOGY *RapidSX*<sup>™</sup> *HREE and LREE Separation and OEM Qualification Facility*



### **Commercial Demonstration Plant** - Kingston, Ontario





#### Planned **Output Products**

- NdPr
- Pr
- *Nd*
- *Tb*
- *Dy*

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## THE SMC BUSINESS MODEL Multiple Planned Strategic Metals Complex Facilities in North America

## **Ucore has a Series of SMCs Planned for North America**

### 2,000 tpa/5,000 tpa/7,500 tpa TREO HREE & LREE Separation & Purification Facilities to Produce REOs

### Strategic Metals Complex (SMC)

- Founded on state-of-the-art RapidSX<sup>™</sup> separation technology with a common engineering platform
- *Rapidly expandable to 5,000 tpa then 7,500 tpa of* TREO throughput
- Three US-friendly feedstock agreements in-place
- *Multiple developing offtake arrangements*





The Alexandria SMC location is within a R/T truck shift of the Port of New Orleans

On April 6, 2023, Ucore announced developing SMC No. 1 in Alexandria, Louisiana, after receiving a C\$20M+ Incentive Package offer from Louisiana Economic Development (LED).



# **THE SMC** BUSINESS MODEL

Multiple Planned Strategic Metals Complex Facilities in North America with SMC No. 1 Developed in Louisiana



The Future Home of The Louisiana SMC Alexandria, LA



### Selected Facility Principal Characteristics:

- 404' Long x 200' Wide
- *36' Eave Height* •
- *10+ Acres*
- 110+ Miles from the Gulf of Mexico
- In a Foreign Trade Zone •
- 114,000 Available Workforce 60-minute Drive Radius •
- Adjacent Rail Spur •

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## **THE SMC** BUSINESS MODEL The Louisiana SMC – Planned Development Schedule

### **Development Schedule for a State-of-the-Art Technology Rare Earth Oxide Production Plant**

Ucore will apply the final Demonstration Plant product qualification trials data and techno-economic assessment to the development of the first modern full-scale REE refinery in North America – **the Louisiana SMC** 

	2020			2021				2022				2023				
	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1
RapidSX Simulation & Optimization / Business Development																
Lousiana SMC - Development Plan																
RapidSX <sup>™</sup> Technology REE Commercialization (CDF)																
RapidSX <sup>™</sup> Technology REE Demonstration (CDF)																
Engineering																
PH 1 - Plant Construction																
PH 1 - Commissioning & Product Qualification (CDF & SMC) → Production Ready																
PH 2 - Plant Construction																
PH 2 - Commissioning & Product Qualification → Production Ready																
PH 3 - Plant Construction																
PH 3 - Commissioning & Product Qualification → Production Ready																

## Through a joint qualification and verification program the Kingston and Louisiana plants will work together to shorten the final OEM qualification timeline

Note 1: 2025 production driven by North American automotive OEMs REO requirements Note 2: **PH 1 = 2,000 tpa** TREO; **PH 2 = 5,000 tpa** TREO; **PH 3 = 7,500 tpa** TREO throughput



## **US\$4 MILLION** AWARD From the **US Department of Defense**

### June 6, 2023

- A **US\$4 million award** from the US Army Contracting Command-Orlando to demonstrate • Rare Earth Element Separation Technology Capabilities at the RapidSX<sup>™</sup> Commercialization and Demonstration Facility in Kingston, Ontario (the "Project")<sup>(1)</sup>
- It is anticipated that upon successful completion of the Project<sup>(2)</sup>, a follow-on production award may be issued to further support Ucore's REE separation capabilities in Louisiana

#### The objectives of the Project are to present to the US-DoD:

- the capability to commercially source a sustainable domestic (i.e., United States and Canada) processing facility for converting heavy and light REEs feedstock sources to salable individual rare earth products.
- a new innovative separation process that increases the ability to create domestic REE processing plants.

In addition to increasing the technology readiness level of the RapidSX<sup>™</sup> technology and developing a corresponding technoeconomic assessment, the Project is designed to demonstrate that RapidSX<sup>™</sup> can be used to efficiently and quickly separate individual light and heavy REEs and compounds (such as PrNd, Pr, Nd, Tb, and Dy) sourced from a domestic-friendly mixed heavy rare-earth-oxide concentrate feedstock source.

Note 1: Providing nearly 80% of the estimated required Project funding, with the balance provided by Ucore. Note 2: Successful completion will occur when the prototype project has been validated and is accepted by the Government





**CAPITAL** STRUCTURE

Capital Structure (As at May 31, 2023)



Insider Ownership 22%

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#### Year High: **\$1.57** | Year Low: **\$0.53**



## EXPECTED NEAR TERM DRIVERS

- *Demonstration Plant OEM Qualified Products*
- Canadian & US Government Support
- OEM Offtake Agreements
- Contractor Selected Alexandria, Louisiana

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## **Global Energy Transition** Represents a Once in a Generation Opportunity



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## **Ucore is Leading the Strategic Initative North America by Establishing a Modern and Independent REE Supply Chain**

- Operating a Commercial Demonstration LREE & HREE Separation and OEM Product Qualification Plant
  - The Only HREE Processing Plant in North America
- Deploying Next-Generation RapidSX<sup>™</sup> Critical Metals Separation Technology
- Aligning Numerous and Geographically Diverse US-Friendly Feedstock Sources
- Establishing North America's First Modern LREE & HREE Commercial Separation Facility in Louisiana
  - Only a 6X Technology Scale-Up 0
- Engaging other Jurisdictions for Multiple LREE & HREE Commercial Separation Facilities Over the Next 2-5 years





## **Investment Highlights**



*Experienced management team with expertise across:* 

- Automotive OEM Manufacturing
- Critical Mineral Processing
- Capital Markets Experience



Strategic and Business Validation by U.S. Department of Defense through its award of USD\$4 Million



Strategically positioned to process rare earth elements in North America



Strategic partnerships with leading Canadian mineral processing and metallurgy contract engineering firm



Pilot facility located in Kingston, Ontario with commissioning underway



Strategic Metals Complex Facility ready for development located in Louisiana utilizing state-of-the-art RapidSX<sup>™</sup> separation technology to initially process 5,000 tpa of TREO throughput



C\$20M+ Incentive Package offer from Louisiana Economic Development (LED)

### **Strategic Critical-Metals Independence Starts Here**



