# PROJECT TEESGOLD BUILDING THE UK'S FIRST E-WASTE REFINERY

### **KEY MESSAGES**

- E-Waste is an increasing problem globally and in the UK
- Global copper demand to increase 5-fold by 2040 which can't be satisfied from "dirty" primary production
- TeesGold will be the first e-waste refinery in the UK processing 25,000 tonnes of e-Waste and extracting copper and precious and valuable metals (Ni, Ag, Au, Pd)
- CAPEX of £115m, 50 high value direct jobs and over 100 in the supply chain
- A key link in the circular economy and reducing  $CO_2$  by up to 90%
- Independence from overseas supply chain of critical raw materials

#### A CRITICAL CHALLENGE FOR THE UK

- "e-tsunami" House of Commons Environmental Audit Committee report 26 November 2020
- *"Out of 500,000 tonnes of WEEE, appr.150,000 tonnes ended up in landfill"* House of Commons Environmental Audit Committee report 26 November 2020
- *"throwing away valuable metals... are not recovered from WEEE in the UK"* Material Focus report "Contributing towards a circular economy utilising Critical Raw Materials from Waste Electricals", July 2021
- *"exposed to the supply chain of critical raw materials"* Green Alliance report November 2021
- *"should be getting as soon as possible to a position where we process all our waste at home and end all waste exports"* Sir James Bevan, Chief Executive of the Environment Agency, July 2022

#### **INSATIABLE COPPER DEMAND**



- Copper demand expected to grow to 5x times the current production:
  - Global copper production in 2020 was 24.4m tonnes
  - By 2040 an additional 121m tonnes will be required
    - 30m additional tonnes for household and urbanisation
    - 42m additional tonnes for electric vehicles
    - 49m additional tonnes for power generation and transition

Source: S&P Global Market Intelligence, International Copper Study Group (ICSG) press release 20 September 2021

#### Examples of WEEE feed-stock





Low Grade Cables

**Electric Motors** 







Copper Granules



SWA Wire





Copper Armatures





Cable plugs





Copper cathodes 99.99%



High-purity (LME-grade) precious metals granules (Au, Ag, Pd)





TWO DISTINCT AND CONSECUTIVE PROCESSES Tried and tested technologies used world-wide Increased efficiency by applying three patented innovations

#### STATE OF THE ART OFF-GAS TREATMENT



- Plant to exceed current EU and UK regulations
- 1/3 of PP&E is state of the art environmental technology and off-gas treatment
- Environmental concept based on three pillars:
  - Closed loop processing
  - Maximise energy efficiency
  - Multi-stage treatment of exhaust gases and waste water

Every tonne of copper mineral concentrate produces over 200 tonnes of waste rock and slurries

The processing of one tonne of ore requires 1.2m<sup>3</sup> of water

#### ESG CREDS

- Carbon reduction in production
- Carbon reduction in transport emissions
- Reduction of waste and recovery of high value materials
- Renewable energy
- Reduction in demand for Natural Resources
- Creation of High Value Employment

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