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1 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Independent Metallurgical Operations (“IMO”) were requested by senior representatives Curtis and Robert Brand of Australian Abrasive minerals (“AAM”) to conduct a review of the internally developed Harts Range Garnet Project Feasibility Study.

IMO conducted a full review of the client provided data that formed the basis of the study including mineralogical information, metallurgical testwork, design interpretation, as well as costing and financial outputs.

IMO concur the study has been conducted to the necessary level of detail to satisfy the projects technical and financial robustness. From a technical standpoint the study focused on the key areas of the major financial driver of garnet production. IMO envisage further economic upside to the project when scavenging recovery of garnet, bi-production of zircon and fines product optimisation are undertaken and included.

The flowsheet designed is robust in respect to achieving product quality. The recoveries (72-73% to product) reported from testwork and included in the financial model could potentially be improved upon with optimisation over the course of operation. Equipment sizing and selection is concurrent with industry standard and minimal risk is present in relation the plant design and projected performance.

IMO were also requested to undertake an investigation of second hand equipment / plant to verify the underlying principal of the capital cost contained within the study. IMO can confirm that significant portions of the process capital cost can be acquired for significantly less than the purchase of new plant with an estimated saving of \$AU2-5M to the project. IMO recommend that a figure of \$12M be utilised for the capital component to reflect inflation and exchange rate increases since the Study release in November 2011.

2 INTRODUCTION

Independent Metallurgical Operations Pty Ltd (IMO) was requested by Mr Curtis and Mr Robert Brand of **Australian Abrasive Minerals** (“AAM”) to carry out an audit of the internally developed Feasibility Study on the Spinifex Ridge Garnet project located approximately 140 kilometres northeast of Alice Springs.

The most recent iteration of the study was released in November 2011. AAM are conducting an independent scale review of major project input costs to more accurately reflect 2014 entry costs. IMO have made some comment within this document in relation to the scale up. These should be merely noted as comments and are by no means accurate reflections or directions to AAM.

IMO’s major purpose is to review and verify the integrity of the technical input, equipment selection and project costings within the Feasibility Study document in relation to date of release.

3 PROJECT SUPPORTING TESTWORK & PLANT DESIGN

In general IMO finds the Allied Minerals Laboratory (“AML”) test report conducted for the then Olympia Resources to be a good basis from which a comprehensive plant design basis could be formed.

The 12.4 tonne bulk sample selection is comprised of mineralogy that appears representative of the main ore type under investigation and represents the target grades for the first phase of the project.

3.1 FLOWSHEET SELECTION

The principle flowsheet selected by AAM for the treatment of the Harts Range ore is consistent with other inland, shallow surface, scrape mining mineral sands operations such as Douglas Victoria (Iluka Resources) and Loxton South Australia (Australian Zircon).

3.1.1 Ore Beneficiation

Both processes of coarse particle rejection (+2mm) and desliming are justified and form a solid basis for improving the material characteristics for subsequent unit operations. The cost of crushing and size reduction cannot be justified in recovering significantly low grade small quantities of mineral. The spiral performance is drastically inhibited by the inclusion of slimes and the rejection of this material is paramount to the project achieving grade and recovery.

Consideration could also be given to including another screen deck with a cut at >10mm for assessing “stone” quality coarse gem minerals at a later date. The area has a history of artesian fossicking and gem production in garnets, aquamarines and other stones. IMO would recommend an ore sorter for this small scale +10mm application.

3.1.2 Gravity Separation

The rougher spiral performance of 91% recovery to cons and mids in one pass justifies the process selection by which no scavenger circuit is required. The middlings performance of 45% recovery from 19% of the total entering garnet with an upgrade of four times is reasonable, however IMO see potential improvement if this circuits operation was conducted on coarse and fines. At a rate of 36tph there is little cost in size separation and some the 55% loss may be recovered.

3.1.3 Wet Plant Screen Undersize (Fines)

The -250µm are rejected to tails at this stage. It is prudent for a Feasibility to ignore material with no market specification or obvious value. It has been identified a low grade cheap abrasive material could be made from this stream able to off-set some portion of the operating cost. IMO recommend a marketing and technical study be undertaken to identify any potential bi-product from this stream. If it is to be rejected IMO suggest rejecting it earlier in the flowsheet as inherently it comprises ~70% of the incoming mass.

3.1.4 Low Intensity Magnetic Circuit

The magnetic material from the LIMS is rejected, comprising 1% of the entering mass, as it has no economic value. The non-mags are rejected at a rate of approximately 10tph. This stream can be expected to contain minerals like quartz and kyanite and the opportunity for further simple gravity separation in order to produce a quality zircon product exists for future consideration.

3.1.5 Air Tabling

Air tabling the Mag circuit middlings at a rate of 11tph proved very effective in separating hornblende from garnet. Air tables have a limit on feed capacity meaning many units will need to be installed but IMO concur the unit selection to be the correct one. The alternative is returning to a less effective wet tabling process and ultimately loss of product.

3.1.6 Rare Earth Drum Final Separation

The final stage of separation is a final magnetic pass. The AML report does not disclose the exact gauss measurements or magnetic field intensity utilised in the tests. From IMO's experience we presume this to be in the range of 2500 to 4000 gauss to reject misreporting or carry-over of less magnetic susceptible material, giving a final clean garnet concentrate of >94% garnet mineralisation.

3.2 PLANT DESIGN

IMO have reviewed the expected plant mass balance based upon resource average feed grade and the recovery / mass separations observed in the AML testwork report.

The mass balance and unit selection allows for inherent variability and contains enough capacity and flexibility to manage ore variability, changes in feed grade and accommodate the batch style dry plant processing to produce three separate garnet products.

Please refer to 5367-P-003 in Appendix A for IMO's interpreted Process Flow Diagrams and Mass Balance based upon the Feasibility Study Block Flow Diagram.

4 CAPITAL COST

IMO reviewed AAM’s capital cost figures (CAPEX). In order to assess it in full and put the detail into perspective, IMO approached the review in four parts.

1. Critical component review and Vendor price check
2. Transferred AAM’s number directly into the IMO Feasibility Factored Capital Model
3. Adjusted line items to brand new 2013 pricing
4. Reverse estimated the cost savings of procuring second hand plant.

In general, all critical components were accounted for in the CAPEX supplied by AAM. There were several smaller omissions, listed below, that IMO recommends including in the final CAPEX figure to ensure the plant can maintain the expected availability

- Introduce redundancy capabilities to essential equipment, typically water and slurry pumps throughout the Wet Plant
- Include 5 x 22kL bore water tanks as depicted in the flowsheet
- Include the Stage 1 - 425µm screen in the Dry Plant
- The addition of a double stage RED separator (four in total) as depicted in the flowsheet
- The addition of an Oliver 160 Air Table (15 in total) as depicted in the flowsheet

The direct labour costs breakdown supplied by AAM’s CAPEX include a unit rate of \$80/hr for direct labour which, in IMO’s experience, is far too low. A figure of \$150/hr is more appropriate given the current labour market and the remoteness of the project. In addition to this, the total man hours allowed for mechanical installation of equipment seems low at just under 6,000 man hours. IMO has increased this to approximately 7,500 man hours to allow for appropriate installations.

It is understood that AAM has assumed good quality second hand equipment in its cost figures. IMO has supplied a capital cost which has replaced the second hand equipment with 2013 as new equipment. From this total, the cost savings on a second hand plant have been applied to calculate the total CAPEX including second hand material.

Table 1 displays a summary of these four CAPEX options. Please refer to 5367-P-007A and 5367-P-007B in Appendix B for more detail.

Table 1: CAPEX Summary

CAPEX Source	Costs (excluding contingencies)		
	Installed Equipment	Direct	Total
01. AAM CAPEX	\$3,816,510	\$8,641,521	\$9,084,861
02. AAM CAPEX Transcribed to IMO Format	\$3,899,427	\$8,823,016	\$10,499,389
03. Updated IMO CAPEX (As New)	\$5,779,503	\$12,569,232	\$14,957,387
04. Updated IMO CAPEX (Second Hand)	\$4,175,809	\$7,614,770	\$8,376,247
- Procure, Relocate & Install			\$3,900,000
- Total			\$ 12,276,247

The discrepancy between the as supplied AAM CAPEX and the AAM CAPEX transcribed to the IMO format comes to \$1.4M or roughly 16%. This can be almost entirely attributed to an extra \$1.37M of EPCM costs that IMO has included. Typically, total EPCM costs are 19% of the total direct costs of a project and AAM had allowed a little over \$300k, or 3%.

IMO's updated CAPEX, adding in the omitted equipment, increasing the unit rate for direct labour to \$150/hr, increasing equipment installation direct labour and assuming all new equipment, increases the CAPEX by \$5.8M or 65%.

The procurement of a second hand wet concentrator plant has been assessed by IMO and it can be confirmed that process suitable comparative plants are available for acquisition. IMO estimate the procurement figure to be in the order of \$750K to \$1.4M. Refurbishment, relocation and re-erection costs are expected to be approximately \$2.5M.

The second hand procurement option can be compared to the 5367-P-007B brand new install estimate with major area savings as follows:

- Area Direct Equipment – IMO have conservatively estimated 50% of the equipment cost can be saved, given that other equipment is required to make the flowsheet and process site specific.
- Wet Plant installation – removed from scope as this is covered in the relocation and re-erection allowance. Approximately 1000 hours should remain for other newly acquired equipment required for the flowsheet.
- EPCM – a 200tph wet plant requires significant structure and design of a 5 storey building. IMO estimate the EPCM figure for a 22tph dry shed and project ancillaries will save up to 60% of the \$ 1.96M figure.
- Structural – It is estimated that the Wet Concentrator Plant contains 75% of the \$1.3M figure.
- Electrical – The electrical figure, whilst very much dependent on condition – is expected to be reduced in the event of second hand plant to approximately 50%, particularly if substations and distribution stations are included.

Re-running the model with the above considerations taken into account, IMO believe the project figure to be approximately \$8.5M. Assuming the high end of the possible purchase price and including refurbishment costs gives a total price of \$12.3M.

This can only be confirmed after purchase and a thorough condition report generated.

5 OPERATING COST

The operating costs (OPEX) calculated by IMO matched those supplied by AAM quite well, with processing costs of \$45.33 and \$46.40/t of Garnet respectively (excluding mining, product transport and head office functions) for the first 4 years of mining.

Total costs are highly dependent on transport costs with trucking costs ranging from \$84/t to Adelaide to \$224/t to MacKay.

Clarification is required on the Site Personnel Schedule. It is unclear whether the shift staff will be on salary or hourly rates. If employees are on salary more staff will be required to cover off shifts, and if staff are contracted the rates are likely too low. Staff associated with the head office have only been allocated 9% on-costs, as opposed to the typical 20%.

The purchase of the CAT 966H and 972H Front End Loaders have been included in the OPEX. While the costs have been captured, this would typically be classified as Working Capital as the significant outlay every 1.6 years and will have an effect on the overall NPV.

6 PROJECT ECONOMICS

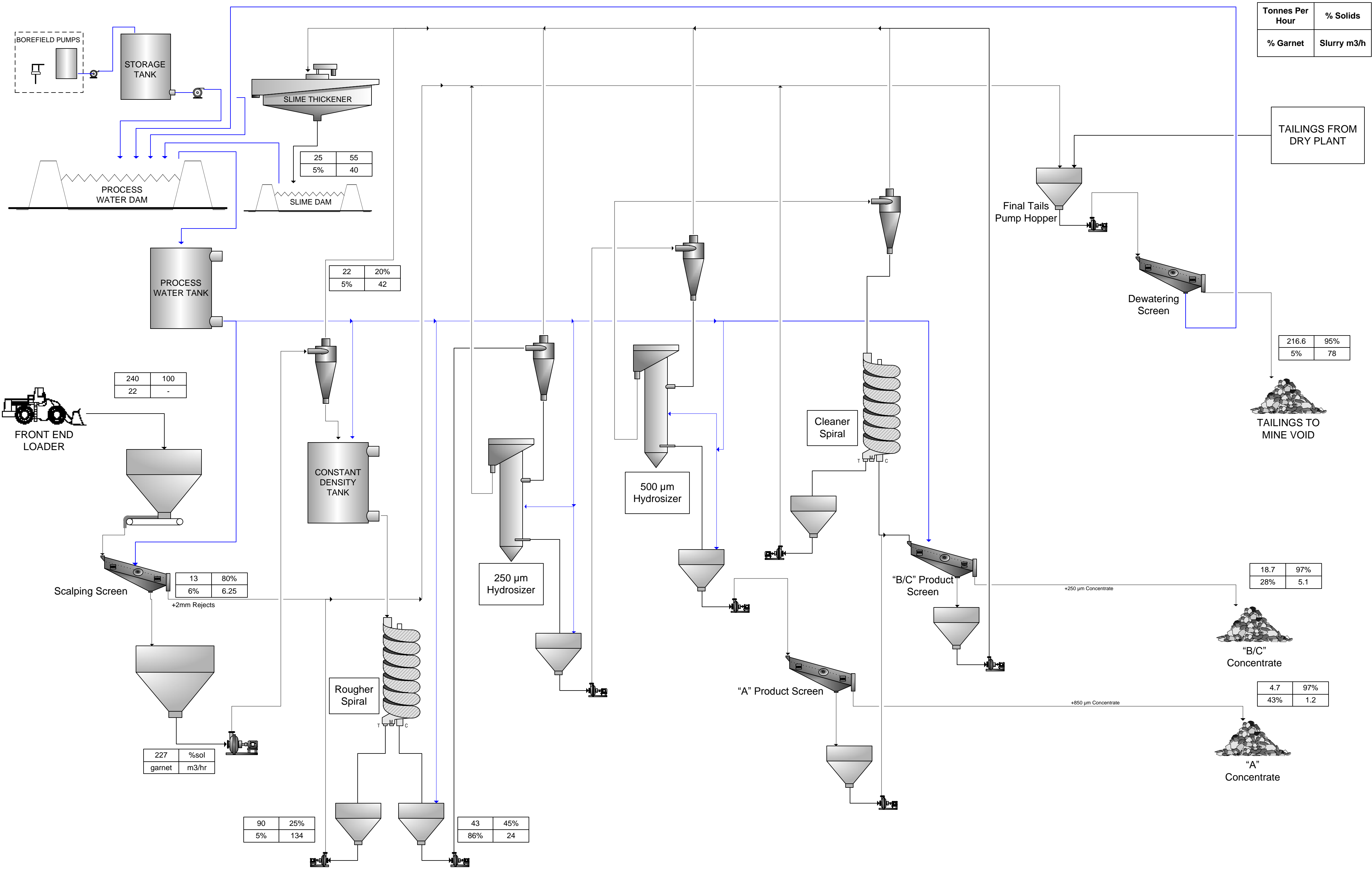
The project economics as supplied by AAM are simplistic, however the workings are generally correct. Adjusting a minor error in the NPV (Before Tax) calculation changes it from \$42,718,000 to \$47,417,000, and similarly, the NPV (After Tax) changes from \$27,384,000 to \$30,396,000.

Issues may be raised by lenders with the following oversimplifications.

- Initial capital expenditure falls is spent in one financial year (typically this is not the case).
- Secondary capital expenditure (for upgrade) is the only other capital expenditure allowance.
- Purchase of the mining equipment, and any other working capital, to be included in the CAPEX rather than OPEX will reduce the NPV and IRR.
- The payback period of the initial loan is simplistic with interest only payments before a lump sum in year 5. This may be the case however it will likely attract further scrutiny.

Particular note should be paid to the price sensitivity of the Garnetblende product as the price delivered to Singapore is only \$10/t more than the cost of transport.

APPENDIX A PROCESS FLOW DIAGRAMS & MASS BALANCE



Tonnes Per Hour	% Solids
% Garnet	Slurry m3/h

TAILINGS FROM DRY PLANT

216.6	95%
5%	78

TAILINGS TO MINE VOID

18.7	97%
28%	5.1

"B/C" Concentrate

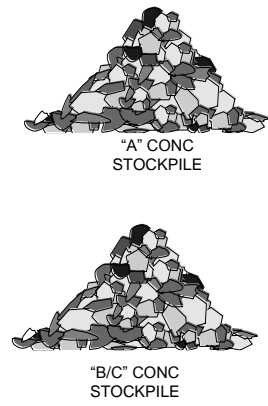
4.7	97%
43%	1.2

"A" Concentrate

A	WET GARNET CONCENTRATION PLANT WITH FLOW ESTIMATES	1/05/2013	JC	
REV.	DESCRIPTION	DATE	BY	REFERENCE

INDEPENDENT METALLURGICAL OPERATIONS PTY LTD 88 Thomas Street West Perth WA 6005 Phone : 08 9254 6900 Fax : 08 9322 1808 website : www.indmetops.com.au			
CLIENT Australian Abrasive Minerals			
CHECKED BY	J Childs	01/05/2013	APPROVED S Hoban 01/05/2013
DRAWN	S Peters	01/05/2013	CLIENT

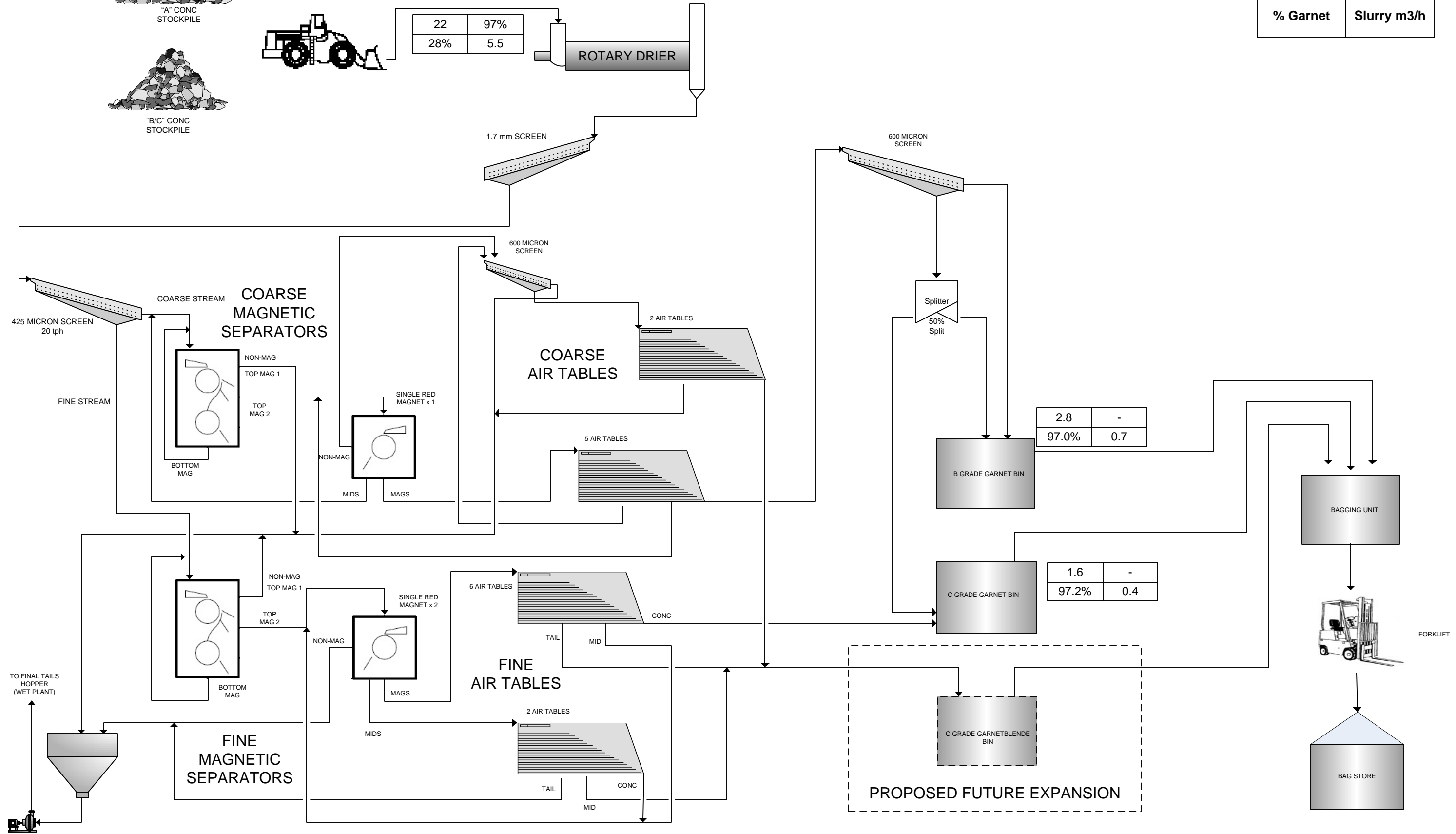
PROJECT	Harts Range Garnet Project		
TITLE	Wet Plant PFD		
DRG No.	REV.	A	SIZE A3



22	97%
28%	5.5

ROTARY DRIER

Tonnes Per Hour	% Solids
% Garnet	Slurry m3/h



A	DRY GARNET CONCENTRATION PLANT WITH FLOW ESTIMATES	1/05/2013	JC	
REV.	DESCRIPTION	DATE	BY	REFERENCE

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CLIENT Australian Abrasive Minerals			
CHECKED BY	J Childs	01/05/2013	APPROVED S Hoban 01/05/2013
DRAWN	S Peters	01/05/2013	CLIENT

PROJECT Harts Range Garnet Project		
TITLE DRY PLANT PFD		
DRG No.	REV.	SIZE
5367-B-002	A	A3

APPENDIX B CAPITAL COST MODELS



Hart's Range - Capital Cost Estimate

CLIENT:	Australian Abrasive Minerals	JOB No:	5367	DATE:	26-Apr-13	PREPARED BY:	D KELLY
PROJECT:	Hart's Range Garnet Project	DOC No:	5367-P-008A	REV:	1	CHECKED BY:	
DESCRIPTION:	AAM Supplied Equipment Costs Transcribed to IMO Cost Model			REV. DESC.:	FINAL ISSUE	APPROVED BY:	S HOBAN

Description	Equipment Number	Equipment Supply			Installation Labour			Other (Freight, Insurance, Taxes)			Line Item Total	Comments		
				Subtotal	Quantity Required	Units	Subtotal			Subtotal				
DIRECT COSTS														
Process Equipment														
AREA 0000 Borefield				\$108,850	10	m/hrs	\$800			\$6,531	\$116,181			
AREA 0010 Wet Plant				\$797,148	1439	m/hrs	\$115,120			\$47,829	\$960,097			
AREA 0020 Dry Plant				\$2,336,405	4332	m/hrs	\$346,560			\$140,184	\$2,823,149			
Subtotal				\$3,242,403	5781	m/hrs	\$462,480			\$194,544	\$3,899,427			
Site Preparation														
5% of process equipment	-	-	-							\$162,120	\$162,120			
Subtotal										\$162,120	\$162,120			
Civil and Concrete														
20% of process equipment	-	-	-							\$648,481	\$648,481			
Subtotal										\$648,481	\$648,481			
Structural														
30% of process equipment	-	-	-							\$972,721	\$972,721			
Subtotal										\$972,721	\$972,721			
Piping														
20% of process equipment	-	-	-							\$648,481	\$648,481			
Subtotal										\$648,481	\$648,481			
Electrics														
30% of process equipment	-	-	-							\$972,721	\$972,721			
Subtotal										\$972,721	\$972,721			
Instrumentation														
15% of process equipment	-	-	-							\$486,360	\$486,360			
Subtotal										\$486,360	\$486,360			
Insulation														
0% of process equipment	-	-	-							\$0	\$0			
Subtotal										\$0	\$0			
Painting / Paving / Proratables/Roads/ Infrastructure Other														
7.25% of process equipment										\$235,074	\$235,074			
Subtotal										\$235,074	\$235,074			
Construction Equipment														
39% of Direct Field Labour	-	-	-							\$180,367	\$180,367			
Subtotal										\$180,367	\$180,367			
Plant Total Direct Costs											\$8,205,752			
OTHER DIRECT COSTS														
Spares									\$3,242,403	5.00%	%	\$162,120	\$162,120	5% of equipment supply cost
Commissioning & Start Up									\$8,205,752	2.00%	%	\$164,115	\$164,115	2% of total direct plant costs
First Fills									\$8,205,752	0.50%	%	\$41,029	\$41,029	0.5% of total direct plant costs
Supplier Commissioning									\$250,000	1	Lot	\$250,000	\$250,000	allowance
Subtotal												\$617,264		
Total Direct Costs											\$8,823,016			
INDIRECT COSTS														
Construction Facility									\$8,823,016	1%	%	\$88,230	\$88,230	1% of total direct costs
Engineering Drafting & Design - Total									\$8,823,016	15%	%	\$1,323,452	\$1,323,452	15% of total direct costs
Construction Management									\$8,823,016	3%	%	\$264,690	\$264,690	3% of total direct costs
Total Indirect Costs											\$1,676,373			
SUBTOTAL											\$10,499,389			
Contingency					20%		0	lot				\$0	\$0	
TOTAL COST ESTIMATE											\$10,499,389			



Hart's Range - Capital Cost Estimate

CLIENT:	Australian Abrasive Minerals	JOB No:	5367	DATE:	26-Apr-13	PREPARED BY:	D KELLY
PROJECT:	Hart's Range Garnet Project	DOC No:	5367-P-008B	REV:	1	CHECKED BY:	
DESCRIPTION:	Cost Model Updated with As New Equipment Costs			REV. DESC.	FINAL ISSUE	APPROVED BY:	S HOBAN

Description	Equipment Number	Equipment Supply				Installation Labour			Other (Freight, Insurance, Taxes)				Line Item Total	Comments			
					Subtotal	Quantity Required	Units	Subtotal				Subtotal					
DIRECT COSTS																	
Process Equipment																	
AREA 0000 Borefield					\$220,000	296	m/hrs	\$44,400				\$13,200	\$277,600				
AREA 0010 Wet Plant					\$1,626,220	3866	m/hrs	\$579,900				\$97,573	\$2,303,693				
AREA 0020 Dry Plant					\$2,543,405	3348	m/hrs	\$502,200				\$152,604	\$3,198,209				
					Subtotal							\$263,378	\$5,779,503				
Site Preparation																	
5% of process equipment	-	-	-									\$219,481	\$219,481				
					Subtotal							\$219,481	\$219,481				
Civil and Concrete																	
20% of process equipment	-	-	-									\$877,925	\$877,925				
					Subtotal							\$877,925	\$877,925				
Structural																	
30% of process equipment	-	-	-									\$1,316,888	\$1,316,888				
					Subtotal							\$1,316,888	\$1,316,888				
Piping																	
20% of process equipment	-	-	-									\$877,925	\$877,925				
					Subtotal							\$877,925	\$877,925				
Electrics																	
30% of process equipment	-	-	-									\$1,316,888	\$1,316,888				
					Subtotal							\$1,316,888	\$1,316,888				
Instrumentation																	
15% of process equipment	-	-	-									\$658,444	\$658,444				
					Subtotal							\$658,444	\$658,444				
Insulation																	
0% of process equipment	-	-	-									\$0	\$0				
					Subtotal							\$0	\$0				
Painting / Paving / Proratables/Roads/ Infrastructure Other																	
7.25% of process equipment												\$318,248	\$318,248				
					Subtotal							\$318,248	\$318,248				
Construction Equipment																	
39% of Direct Field Labour	-	-	-									\$439,335	\$439,335				
					Subtotal							\$439,335	\$439,335				
					Plant Total Direct Costs								\$11,804,635				
OTHER DIRECT COSTS																	
Spares												\$4,389,625	5.00%	%	\$219,481	\$219,481	5% of equipment supply cost
Commissioning & Start Up												\$11,804,635	2.00%	%	\$236,093	\$236,093	2% of total direct plant costs
First Fills												\$11,804,635	0.50%	%	\$59,023	\$59,023	0.5% of total direct plant costs
Supplier Commissioning												\$250,000	1	Lot	\$250,000	\$250,000	allowance
					Subtotal										\$764,597		
					Total Direct Costs										\$12,569,232		
INDIRECT COSTS																	
Construction Facility												\$12,569,232	1%	%	\$125,692	\$125,692	1% of total direct costs
Engineering Drafting & Design - Total												\$12,569,232	15%	%	\$1,885,385	\$1,885,385	15% of total direct costs
Construction Management												\$12,569,232	3%	%	\$377,077	\$377,077	3% of total direct costs
					Total Indirect Costs										\$2,388,154		
					SUBTOTAL										\$14,957,387		
Contingency						20%		0	lot						\$0	\$0	
					TOTAL COST ESTIMATE										\$14,957,387		

APPENDIX C OPERATING COST MODELS

Harts Range Garnet Project

Client: Australian Abrasive Minerals
 Date: 28-Apr-13
 Revision: Final
 Currency: AUD



INPUTS		
Feed to Plant (Mined Ore)	1,730,000	dry tpa
Garnet Recovery	84,770	tpa
Plant Availability	85%	%
Available Hours	7446	hrs
Power Cost	27.7	AUDc/kWh
Diesel Cost	1.15	AUD/L

includes government rebate

OPERATING COST SUMMARY

	% Total Cost	Total, AUD/yr	AUD/ t mined	AUD/ t Garnet
MINING	Excluded			
LABOUR	40%	1,530,470	0.88	18.05
POWER	27%	1,043,131	0.60	12.31
REAGENTS	2%	87,308	0.05	1.03
CONSUMABLES	20%	762,930	0.44	9.00
MAINTENANCE MATERIALS	7%	278,886	0.16	3.29
PRODUCT TRANSPORT	0%	0	0.00	0.00
GENERAL & ADMINISTRATION	4%	140,000	0.08	1.65
TOTAL		3,842,725	2.22	45.33

LABOUR

	People on plant	Day/Night	FIFO Roster	No. of shifts	Total people	Base salary \$/ yr	On cost %	Total \$/ yr
Mining	Excluded							
Process Plant								
Mine Manager/Metallurgist	1	Day	5/2	1	1	200,000	20%	240,000
Lab Tech/ Office Asst	1	Day	5/2	1	1	60,000	20%	36,000
Supervisor/Fitter/Relief Operator	1	Day	5/2	1	1	139,776	20%	167,731
Loader Operator	1	Shift	2/1	2	2	122,640	20%	294,336
Wet Plant Operator (Shift Boss)	1	Shift	2/1	2	2	144,540	20%	346,896
Dry Plant Operator	1	Shift	2/1	2	2	109,500	20%	262,800
Mechanical Fitter	1	Day		1	1	89,856	20%	107,827
General Hand/Screening/Bagging	1	Day		1	1	62,400	20%	74,880
TOTAL NUMBER OF PEOPLE	8				11			
Grand Sub Total								1,530,470
CONTINGENCY						0%		0
TOTAL LABOUR COST, \$/ yr								1,530,470

MAINTENANCE

AREA	CAPEX \$	Factor, % of Directs	Maintenance Cost \$/ yr
010 Wet Plant	797,148	8.0%	63,772
020 Dry Plant	2,336,405	8.0%	186,912
Electrical Infrastructure	940,066	3.0%	28,202
Grand Sub Total	4,073,619		278,886
CONTINGENCY		0%	0
TOTAL MAINTENANCE COST, \$/ yr			278,886

