

Accelerating Caladão Project to Planned ISR Field Recovery Trials

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The information in this announcement that relates to Exploration Results and Metallurgy and Metallurgical Test Work is based on and fairly represents information and supporting documentation compiled by Mr Antonio de Castro, BSc (Hons), MAusIMM, CREA who acts as AXEL's Senior Consulting Geologist through the consultancy firm, ADC Geologia Ltda. Mr. de Castro has sufficient experience which is relevant to the style of mineralisation and type of deposit under consideration and to the reporting of exploration results and analytical and metallurgical test work he is undertaking to qualify as a Competent Person as defined in the 2012 Edition of the "Australasian Code for Reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves" (the JORC Code). Mr Castro consents to the inclusion in the announcement of the matters based on his information in the form and context in which it appears.

The information in this announcement that relates to the Caladão Mineral Resources is based on and fairly represents information compiled by Mr. Antonio de Castro (Senior Consulting Geologist through the consultancy firm, ADC Geologia Ltda) and Mr. Leonardo Rocha (associate of GE21 Consultoria Mineral Ltda). Mr. de Castro is a member of the Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy, and Mr. Rocha is a member of Australasian Institute of Geoscientists. Both have sufficient experience of relevance to the styles of mineralisation and types of deposits under consideration, and to activities undertaken to qualify as Competent Persons as defined in the 2012 Edition of the Joint Ore Reserve Committee (JORC) Australasian Code for Reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves. Mr. de Castro is the Competent Person for the geological and mineralization model database (including all drilling information). Mr. Rocha is the Competent Person for the construction of the 3D geology/mineralisation model plus the mineral resource estimation. Mr Leonardo Rocha undertook a site visit to the Caladão Project between 11th to 13th November 2025. Mr de Castro has planned, managed and/or conducted work programmes for the Caladão Project, including drilling. He has visited the site on numerous occasions. Mr. de Castro and Mr. Rocha consent to the inclusion in this report of the matters on their information in the form and context in which they appear.

Chinese Rare Earth ISL Operation 'The Global Standard'



Google Earth 3D view of an ISL rare earth operation Jiangxi Province, China showing hill-slope leaching areas feeding a hydrometallurgical processing plant.

In Situ Leaching since 1997

China began using **Magnesium Sulphate** as a leaching agent (Epsom Salts) in 2010.

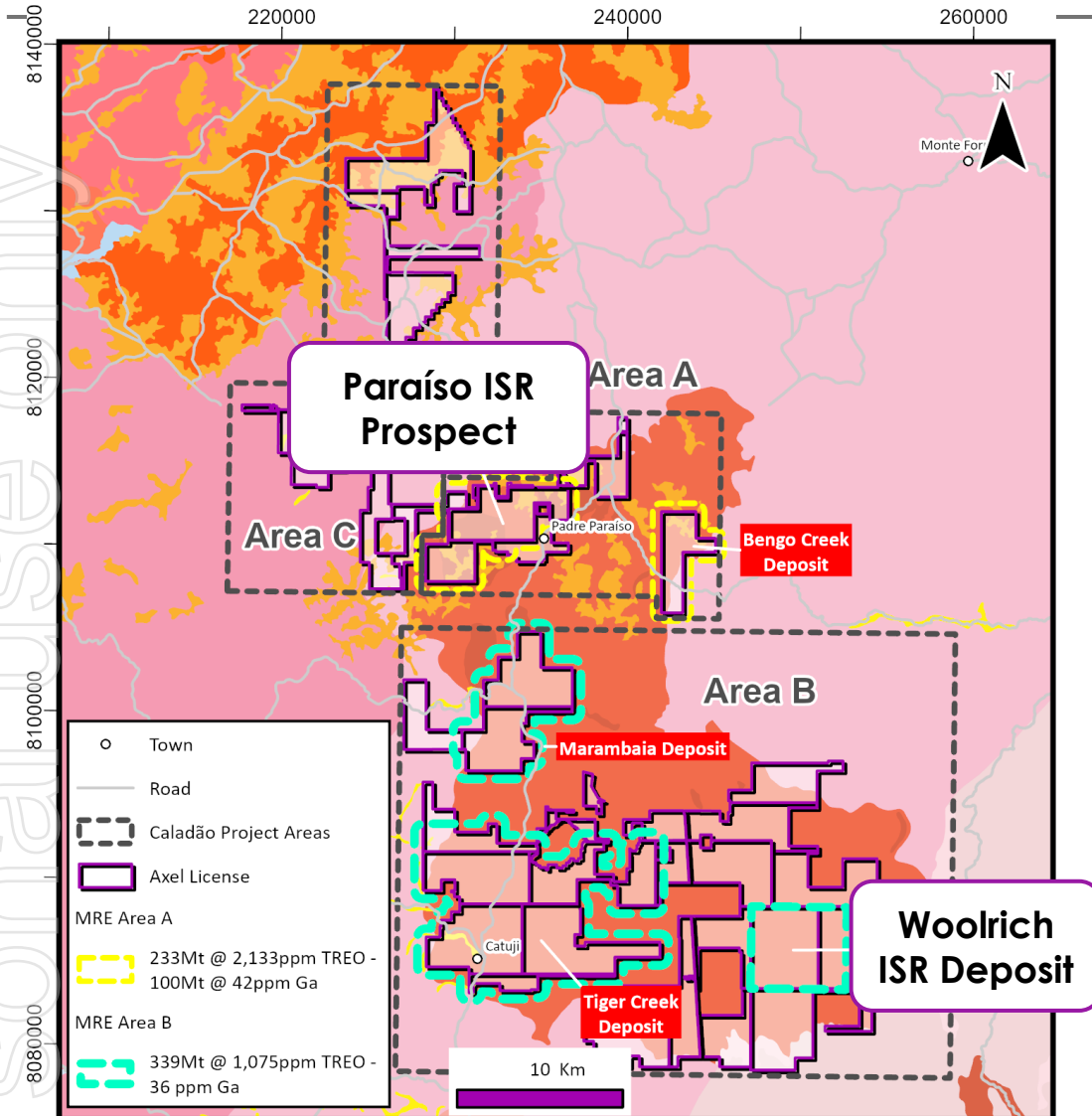
ISL-Approximately 70% of the global mine production in China.

ISL is a LOW COST and world proven process

ISL is Low CAPEX, low OPEX vs. other western operators in Brazil

Lower environmental impact – simpler permitting process

Caladão Project, MRE Areas and Key Deposits



The combined Area A + B MRE now stands at **572 Mt @ 1,506 ppm TREO** and **439 Mt @ 38 ppm Ga**, covering ~151 km² (~35% of the Caladão Project area).

Two main areas identified for ISR mining:

Area B

339Mt@1,075ppm TREO and 36ppm Ga

Woolrich Deposit

128Mt@ 1,013ppmTREO and 35ppm Ga

2,000 Ha mineralised footprint **with potential for 12 individual wellfields**

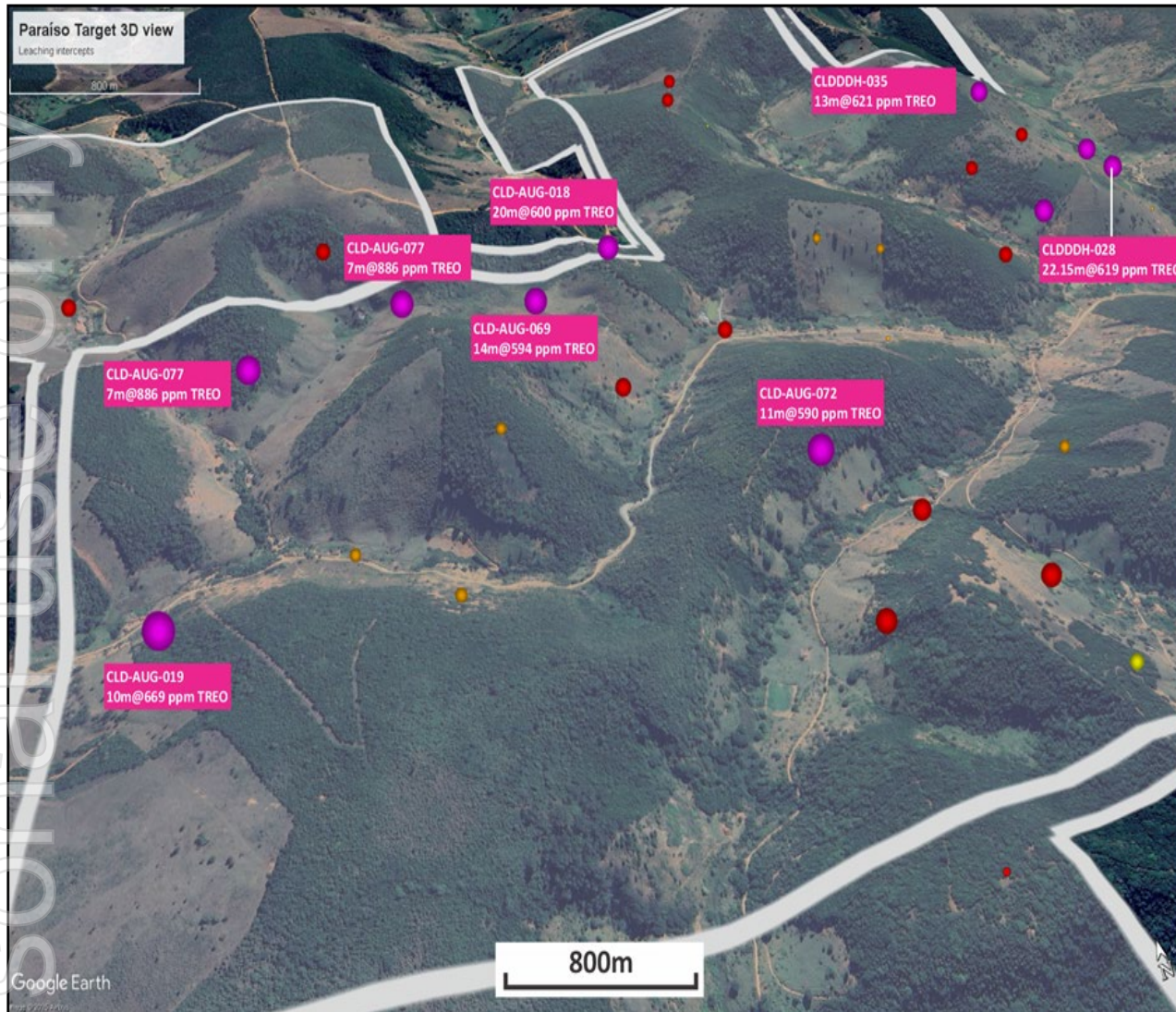
Area A

233Mt@2,133ppm TREO and 100Mt@42ppm Ga

Paraíso Prospect

Up to nine (9) potential wellfield domains over 1,000 Ha.

Paraíso Target -9 Wellfields Planned



Hole ID	Interval (m)	Soluble TREO		Grade-thickness	
		(ppm)	From (m)	To (m)	(gram-metre)
CLD-AUG-028	8.00	1,046	12.00	20.00	8,372
CLD-DDH-028	22.15	619	28.00	50.15	13,705
CLD-DDH-003	19.32	662	27.00	46.32	12,476
CLD-DDH-018	20.00	600	19.00	39.00	12,006
CLD-AUG-073	12.00	760	0.00	12.00	9,126
CLD-AUG-233	13.00	667	4.00	17.00	8,668
CLD-AUG-069	14.00	594	0.00	14.00	8,320
CLD-DDH-035	13.00	621	35.00	48.00	8,077
CLD-AUG-019	10.00	760	0.00	10.00	6,688
CLD-AUG-124	10.00	626	5.00	15.00	6,261
CLD-AUG-072	11.00	590	0.00	11.00	6,494
CLD-AUG-077	7.00	886	2.00	9.00	6,204

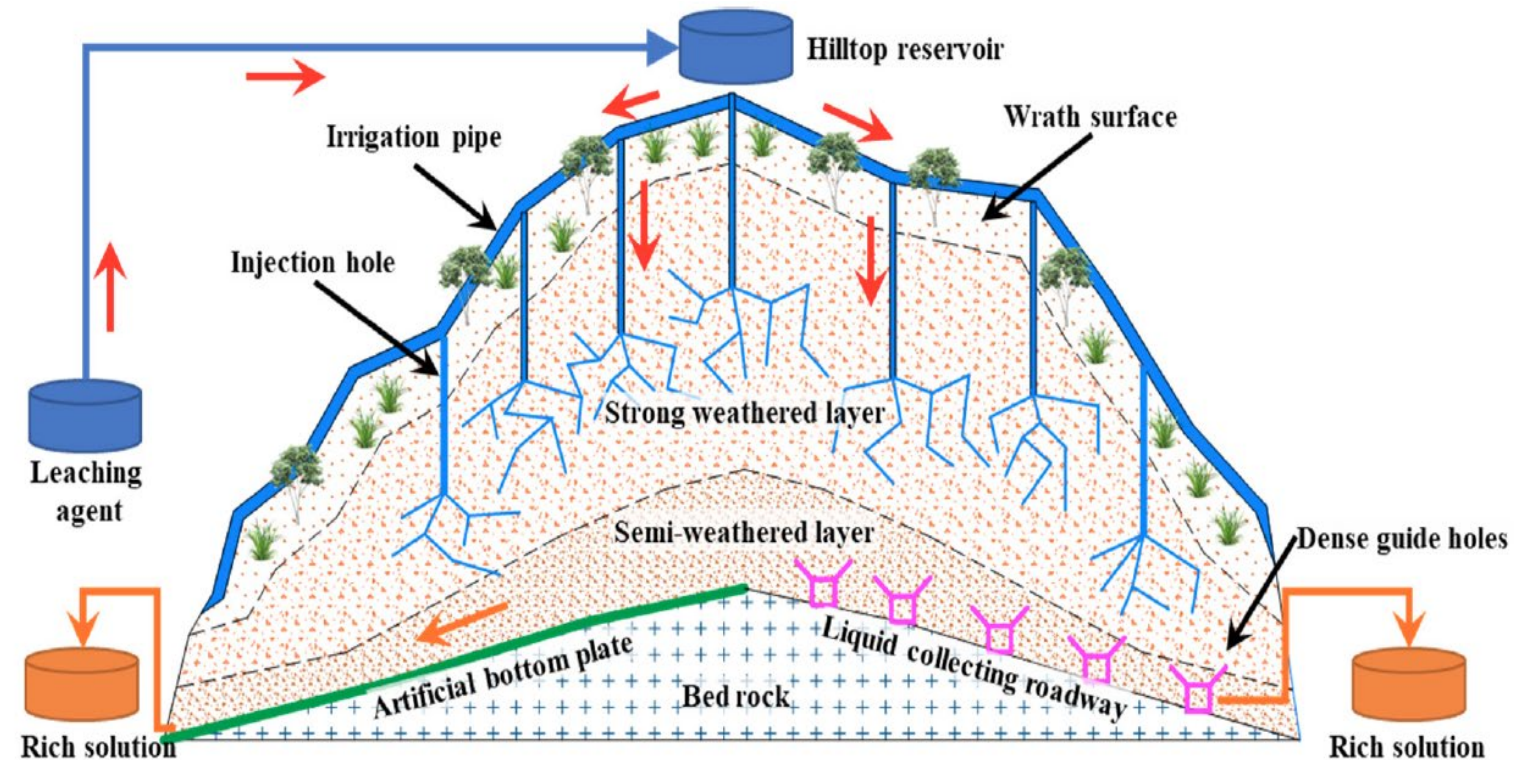
Grade-thickness values up to 13,705 gram-metre TREO indicate stacked, laterally coherent mineralised clay horizons.

Paraíso confirms a magnet-rich ionic rare earth assemblage, with soluble MREO averaging ~41–42% of soluble TREO and NdPr averaging ~39–40%

Caladão – The Right Fit for ISR

Resource Profile & Geology – Made for ISR, similar to Chinese ISR mines

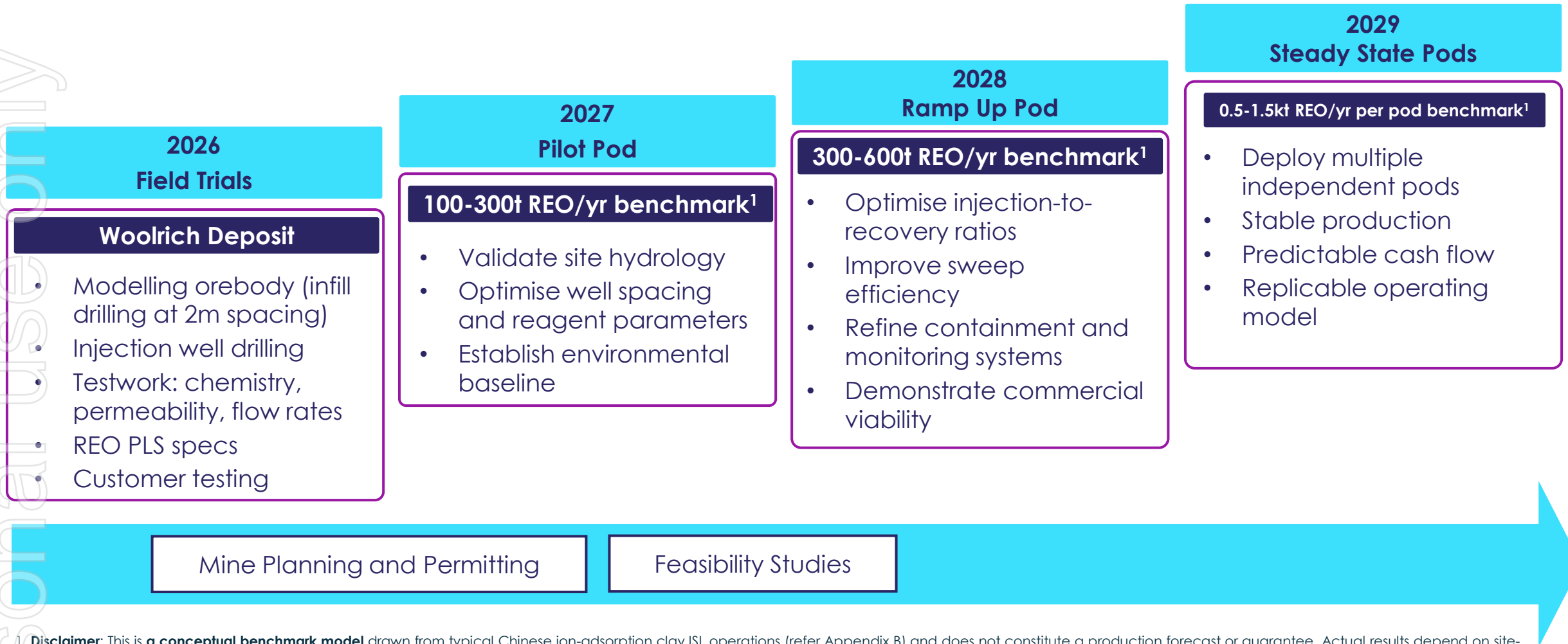
- Coarse weathered granites = excellent permeability
- Gravity works in our favour (leaching from hilltops)
- Granite basement – ideal controlled floor for solution flow



Schematic diagram of the in situ leaching process for rare earth ore

Source info: Hu, Mingbing & Shao, Yajian & Chen, Guoliang. (2025). Kinetics of Ion Exchange in Magnesium Sulfate Leaching of Rare Earths and Aluminum from Ionic Rare Earth Ores. Minerals.

Strategic Roadmap: “Pod” Implementation Model¹



¹. **Disclaimer:** This is a **conceptual benchmark model** drawn from typical Chinese ion-adsorption clay ISL operations (refer Appendix B) and does not constitute a production forecast or guarantee. Actual results depend on site-specific hydrogeology, metallurgy, permitting, and study outcomes. The Pod Implementation Model is **entirely conceptual** and based on bench leach tests reported by the Company (ASX release 26 November 2025 and 2 February 2026). More representative column leaching has already commenced with Core Resources Australia to better simulate how the leaching process performs over time. Field trials are planned to commence later in 2026 and will be utilised to confirm recoveries, reagent consumption, leach solution handling and recycling requirements, and overall environmental performance under site conditions.

Asset Portfolio & Regional Scalability

Potential to scale via Interconnected Hubs in the Woolrich district

- **Woolrich (Anchor Asset):** 2,000 Ha mineralised footprint with potential for **12 individual wellfields identified**
- **Paraíso Prospect:** 1,000 Ha area with **9 potential wellfields** identified via exploration drilling, amenable to replicate the Woolrich model
- **Future Growth Tiers:** Tiger Creek and adjacent tenements provide a massive inventory for sequential expansion.
- **The "Hub & Spoke" Concept:** Connecting multiple extraction pods to centralised processing facilities to drive down **unit CAPEX**.



Gerik ISR Mine Vs Axels' Woolrich & Paraíso Targets



Gerik ISR Mine - Malaysia Comparison

- Malaysia's first profitable ionic clay ISR mine operation, producing 4,000tpa REO, making a net profit after tax of S\$10.6M in FY2024¹
- SGX-listed SAM completed acquisition of 40% equity in MCRE for ~A\$82M in September 2025² (**valuing Gerik at ~A\$205M**)
- Woolrich ISR Target:
 - similar tonnes and grade,
 - geology,
 - metallurgy,
 - strong profile of soluble TREO/MREO

Company - Project	Resource Size	CAPEX US\$M	SOLUBLE TREO ppm	MREO/ TREO %	NdPr/ TREO %	DyTb/ TREO %
Axel REE – Paraíso Prospect		-	537	41.00	39.00	2.0
Axel REE – Woolrich Deposit	128Mt	-	464	42.0	40.0	2.0
MCRE Resources/Southern Alliance Mining - Gerik ISL REE Mine	120Mt	20	486	30.0	27.0	3.0
Brazilian Critical Minerals (ASX:BCM) – EMA Project		55	-	41.5	40.6	0.9
Viridis Mining (ASX:VMM) – Colossus Project		358	-	39.0	37.5	1.4
Meteoric Resources (ASX:MEI) – Caldera Project		443	-	31.6	30.6	1.0
Aclara Resources (TSX: ARA) – Carina Project		680	459	31.5	27.4	4.1

Comparative CAPEX costs from Brazilian peers (Refer Appendix A). Note: all rare earths in solution will report in the final product, the Mixed Rare Earth Carbonate (MREC)

1. NPAT for year ended 31 July 2024 attributed to MCRE Resources Sdn Bhd (**MCRE**)
 2. Southern Alliance Mining Ltd. (SGX:QNS) release 3 April 2025 "Execution Of Sale And Purchase Agreement And Shareholders' Agreement In Relation To The Proposed Mcre Acquisition"

Proven Recoveries, now confirming Chemistry & Testing Economics

Economics based on real production data



AXL Trial Mining	Characteristics vs PFS/DFS
Saves time	6–12 months vs 18–30 months for PFS/DFS.
Saves costs	~A\$2 m vs ~A\$10–20m traditional route
Delivers real data	Reagent use, recoveries, energy & labor curves
Produces product	Commercial-spec MREC → customer testing starts
Accelerates strategic partnership discussions	



Unique Gallium Opportunity

Gallium Spot price \$2,101.60 per kg (03/02/2026)¹



Gallium is a globally critical technology metal

98% of global supply controlled by China → export bans in 2024.

AXL hosts Brazil's only defined primary gallium resource & one of the largest resources globally

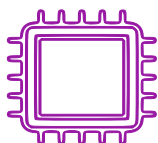
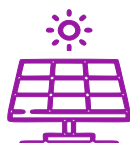
Integral to Defense, Solar Energy, EVs, and Next-Gen semiconductors for AI Data Centres

Strategic Optionality

- **Having a standalone gallium resource creates opportunities**
- Attracts interest from governments and tech manufacturers looking to secure non-Chinese sources of strategic critical metals

Parallel Development Path

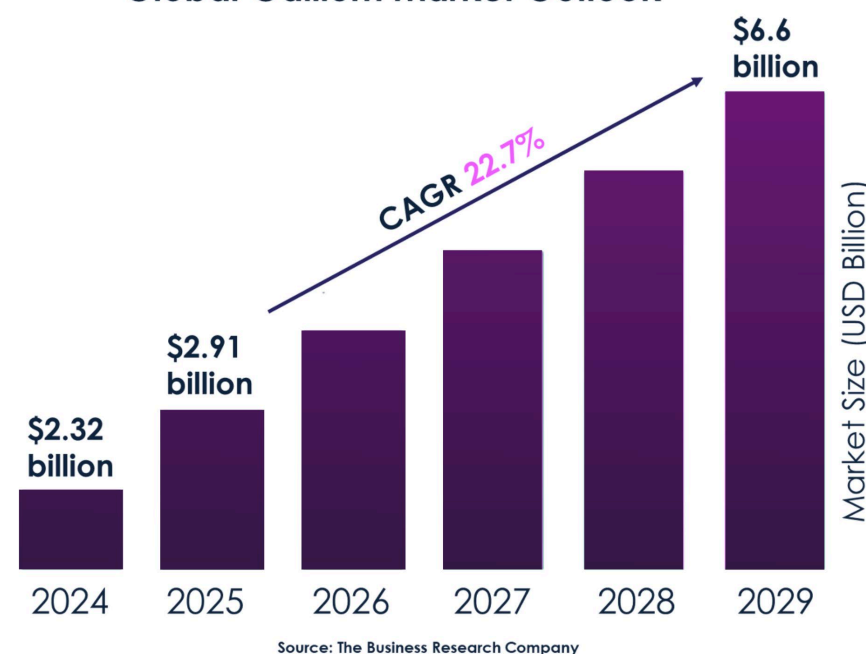
- Axel REE is positioning gallium as a future upside and a separate development pathway alongside the core REE in-situ leach project



Gallium price rises to highest since 2011 following China export curbs

Bloomberg News | December 13, 2024 | 10:27 am Markets China Specialty Minerals

Global Gallium Market Outlook

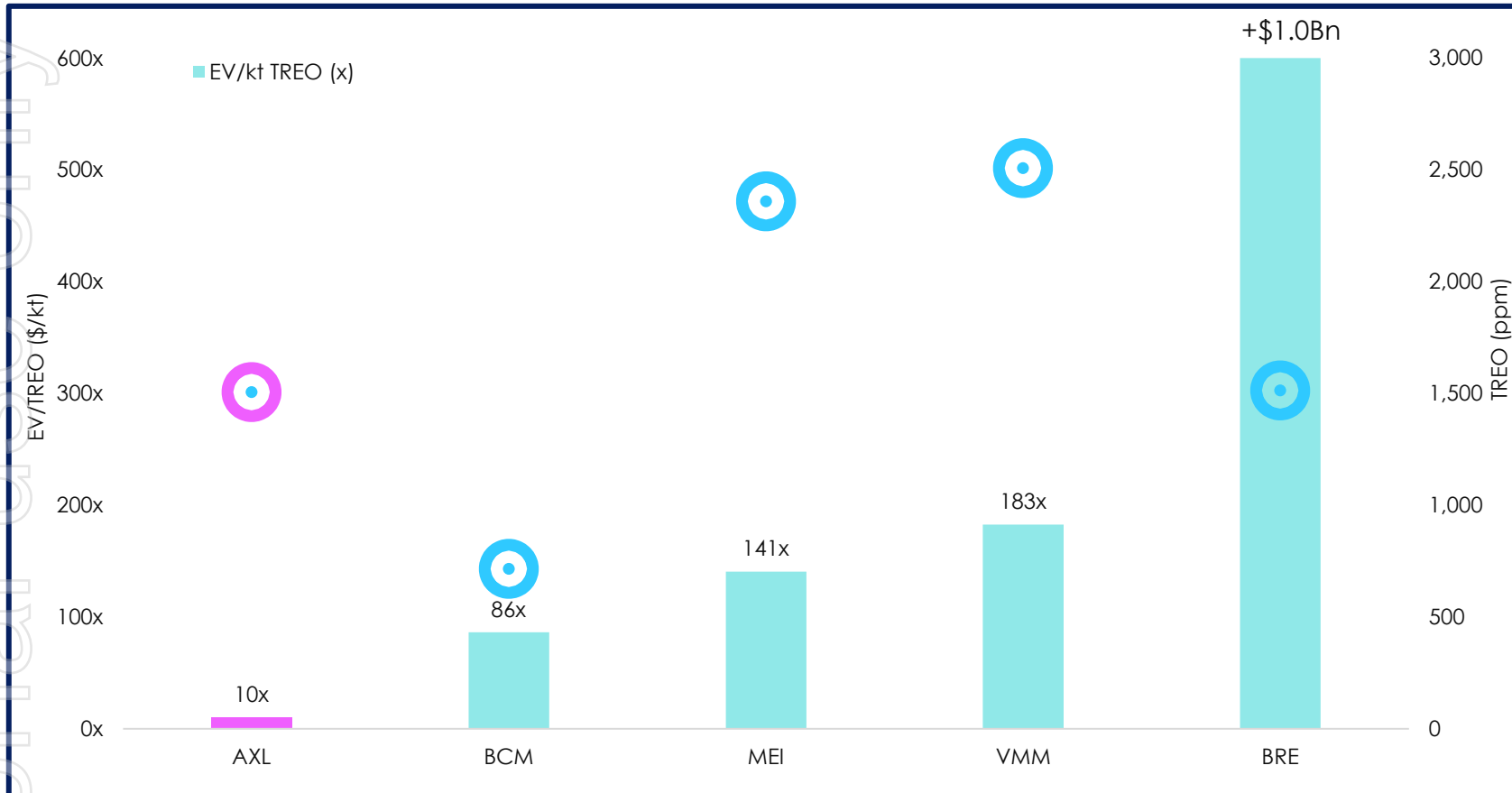


Caladão's ISR concept positions Axel as one of the few companies globally with a large, in-situ gallium resource not dependent on bauxite refineries, and a potential future supplier of responsibly produced gallium and magnet rare earths into de-risking Western supply chains

¹. Source: Gallium metal spot price at 3 February 2026, <https://strategicmetalsinvest.com/gallium-prices/>

Valuation disconnect vs Brazilian REE peers

ASX Brazilian REE Peers – EV/Contained REE (\$/kt)



- Trading as early-stage explorer
- Fully funded to generate feasibility-level ISR data
- Valuation does not reflect ISR + gallium optionality

NOTE: **Illustrative only.** Axel REE's rare earths resource is Inferred (ASX release 23 December 2025) and not directly comparable to peers with Indicated/Measured resources or advanced studies. Refer to Appendix C for source data for peer comparisons. Enterprise Value (EV) calculations based on closing ASX share price on 11 February 2026 minus cash position reported in each company's December 2025 Quarterly Activities Report/Appendix 5B reported to the ASX (AXL: 28 January 2026, BCM: 27 January 2026, MEI: 28 January 2026, VMM: 28 January 2026, and BRE: 29 January 2026)

Clear Value Milestones

Accelerated pathway to production and company re-rating



Area B MRE – Increase Global MRE to 572Mt REE and 439Mt Ga
Ge21 Consultoria

Ionic clays confirmed at Caladão Project
ANSTO preliminary studies

233Mt @ 2,133ppm TREO REE Mineral Resource Estimate
SRK Brazil

100Mt @ 42ppm Ga Mineral Resource Estimate
SRK Brazil

Area B – Woolrich Deposit: Pilot ISR wellfield trials, modular plant, offtake, permitting

Metallurgy and samples – Area A and Area B
- Gallium metallurgy and process development
- REE ISR data to feed scoping-level/feasibility studies

Area B ISR lab optimisation, hydro work, test cells, flowsheet

Marketable PLS specs

Produce MREC specs

Strategic partnerships

2025

What We Achieved

De-risking, foundation building

2026

What We Are Doing

ISR Test work, optimization

2027

Where We Are Going

Pilot/Trial mine, Partnerships

Corporate Snapshot

Low EV, strong cash balance

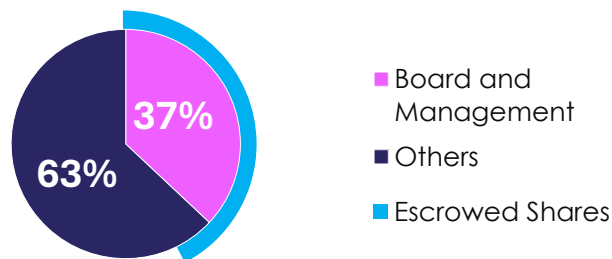


Capital Structure

ASX Code	AXL
Share Price (market close 11.2.2026)	\$0.091
Shares on Issue	176.0M
AXLOF Listed Options on Issue	102.4M
Market Capitalisation (11.2.2026, undiluted)	\$16.0M
Cash (31 December 2025)	\$7.1M

Shareholders`

Top 20	63%
Board & Management	37%
Escrowed Shares (exp. July 2026)	42%



Board

Paul Dickson

Non-Executive Chairman



- More than 30 years' experience in the finance services industry
- Currently Non-Executive Chairman of Alligator Energy Limited (ASX:AGE) and Non-Executive Director of Verity Resources Limited (ASX:VRL)
- Founding Director at Paradigm Capital, a boutique corporate advisory firm specialising in junior and mid-tier ASX listed resources companies, and a Director of Proserpine Capital a private equity firm for circa 4 years

Pat Volpe

Non-Executive Director



- Founder of Axel REE, has over 38 years' experience in minerals and metals exploration and made discoveries globally
- Founder of A-CAP Energy Limited (acquired by Lotus Resources Limited ASX:LOT) and led the discovery of a World-class uranium deposit in Botswana
- Previously Executive Chairman of Botswana Metals Limited (renamed Verity Resources Ltd, ASX:VRL), which made base and precious metals discoveries (nickel, copper and PGE)

Aidan Nania

Non-Executive Director



- Experienced investment banking executive and company director with over 15 years' experience across the natural resources, critical minerals, and technology sectors.
- Previously served as Head of Investment Banking for several U.S. and Australian financial institutions, advising on capital markets, project development, and strategic transactions.
- Served as a Director of Skaland Graphite AS, Europe's largest natural graphite producer, and is the Founder and CEO of Baker Street Mining & Energy Investments LLC.
- Currently Executive Director of International Graphite (ASX:IG6), where he is leading the development of high-value graphite processing facilities in Australia and Europe.



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- ASX: MEI Announcement dated 29 February 2024 'First Mixed Rare Earth Carbonate (MREC) Produced for Caldeira REE Project'.
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Appendix B – Pod Implementation Model References

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Appendix C – Source Data for Peer Comparisons

Company	Project	Resource Classification	Mt	TREO (ppm)	Stage)	Source
Brazilian Critical Minerals Limited (ASX:BCM)	Ema	Indicated	248	759	Scoping Study	ASX Announcement 21 February 2025. Updated Mineral Resource for Ema 97% Increase of indicated tonnage 2025 Annual Report
		Inferred	695	701		
		Total	943	716		
Meteoric Resources NL (ASX:MEI)	Caldeira	Measured	37	2,983	Pre-feasibility study	ASX Announcement 15 April 2025 Maiden Barra do Pacu Resource adds strategic high-grade rare earths 2025 Annual Report
		Indicated	629	2,668		
		Inferred	832	2,097		
		Total	1,497	2,359		
Viridis Mining and Minerals Limited (ASX:VMM)	Colossus	Measured	1	2,605	Pre-scoping study	ASX Announcement 22 January 2025. Colossus Delivers Largest Measured & Indicated Resource and Highest MREO Grade IAC Project Globally 2025 Annual Report
		Indicated	329	2,680		
		Inferred	163	2,162		
		Total	493	2,508		
Brazilian Rare Earths Limited (ASX:BRE)	Rocha Da Rocha	Inferred	510	1,513	Pre-scoping study	Brazilian Rare Earths Prospectus 7 December 2023 2025 Half Year Report
		Total	510	1,513		

Appendix D – Mineral Resource Estimates

REE Mineral Resource Estimate

Project	JORC Category	Tonnes (Mt)	TREO ¹ (ppm)	Average Grade		
				MREO (ppm)	Dy2O3+ Tb4O7 (ppm)	Nd2O3+ Pr2O3 (ppm)
Caladão Project – Area A	Inferred	233.0	2,143.3	463	23	440
Caladão Project – Area B	Inferred	339.0	1,075	205	11	194
Marambaia		126	1,154	274	13	261
Tiger Creek		85	1,050	125	8	117
Woolrich		128	1,013	190	11	179
Total (Global MRE)	Inferred	572	1,506	310	16	294

Gallium Mineral Resource Estimate

Project	JORC Category	Tonnes (Mt)	Gallium (ppm)
Caladão Project – Area A	Inferred	100	42
Caladão Project – Area B	Inferred	339	37
Marambaia		126	36
Tiger Creek		85	40
Woolrich		128	35
Total (Global MRE)	Inferred	439	38