



Unlocking Strategic Rare Earth Supply: Axel REE's ISR Development Strategy & Roadmap

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2. Why does Axel matter in the global rare earth supply chain? What are the key trends and drivers of global REE supply and demand?
3. Why is Axel uniquely positioned to succeed?
4. How does ISR create a competitive advantage?
5. How will Axel systematically execute and de-risk the project?
6. How will value be created for shareholders?
7. Why invest in Axel today?

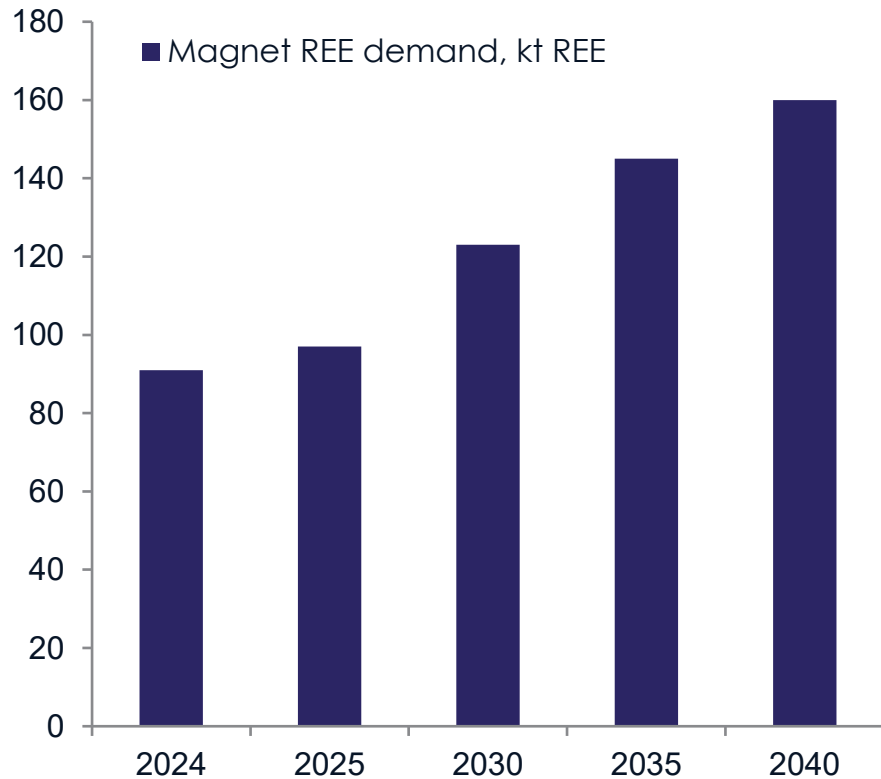
1. INVESTMENT RATIONALE

- ✓ Positioned within the rapidly growing Non-Chinese rare earth supply chain with a growing demand
- ✓ Large-scale ionic clay resource with expansion potential of HREE and Gallium upside
- ✓ One of Australia's emerging FIRST ISR Ionic Adsorption Clay REE developers in Minas Gerais in Brazil outside of Asia
- ✓ Low cost ISR development strategy progressing through clearly defined technical milestones
- ✓ ISR known for low capital (high capital efficiency) vs conventional processing methods
- ✓ ISR known for low environmental impact
- ✓ Brazil is a stable and friendly mining jurisdiction
- ✓ Clear roadmap focused on disciplined de-risking and long-term value

2.1 THE STRATEGIC OPPORTUNITY: MAGNETIC REE DEMAND

The energy transition, industrial automation and geopolitical security are transforming magnet REE into strategic minerals of national importance. Axel's **ISR development strategy** is aligned with the growing global need for scalable, responsible and diversified REE supply.

Magnetic REE demand, kt REE



X: Overall Impact



Key Drivers

Electric Vehicles

Wind Energy

Industrial Motors & Automation

Consumer Electronics

Defence & Aerospace

Key Trends and Changes

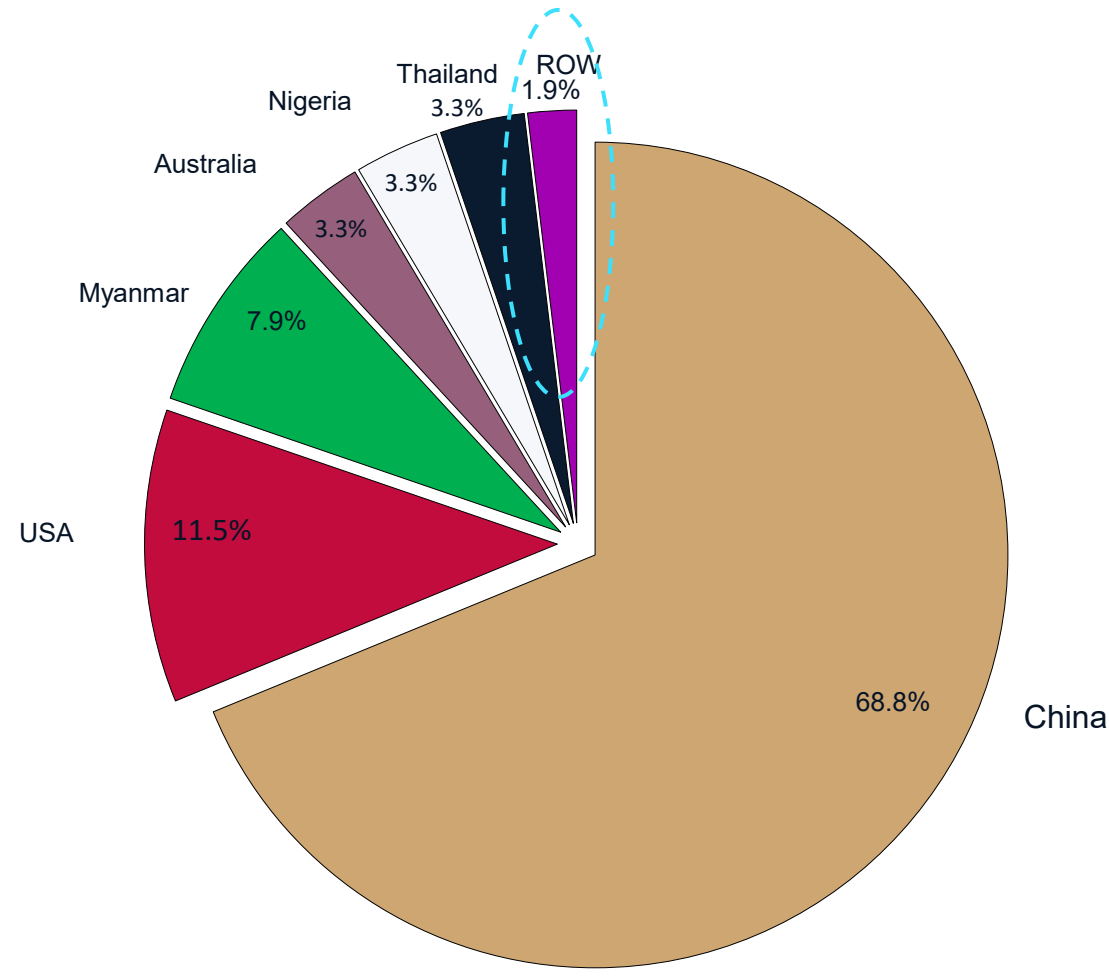
- Rapid global EV adoption
- Shift to high-efficiency motors
- Strong government electrification policies
- Accelerating offshore wind deployment
- Larger, more powerful turbines
- Renewable energy investment continues to grow
- Rapid factory automation
- Growth in AI and robotics
- Energy-efficient motor replacement
- Smarter, connected devices
- Growth in AI hardware and data centres
- Miniaturisation of electronic components
- Higher global defence spending
- Increased demand for advanced weapons systems
- Focus on secure critical mineral supply chains



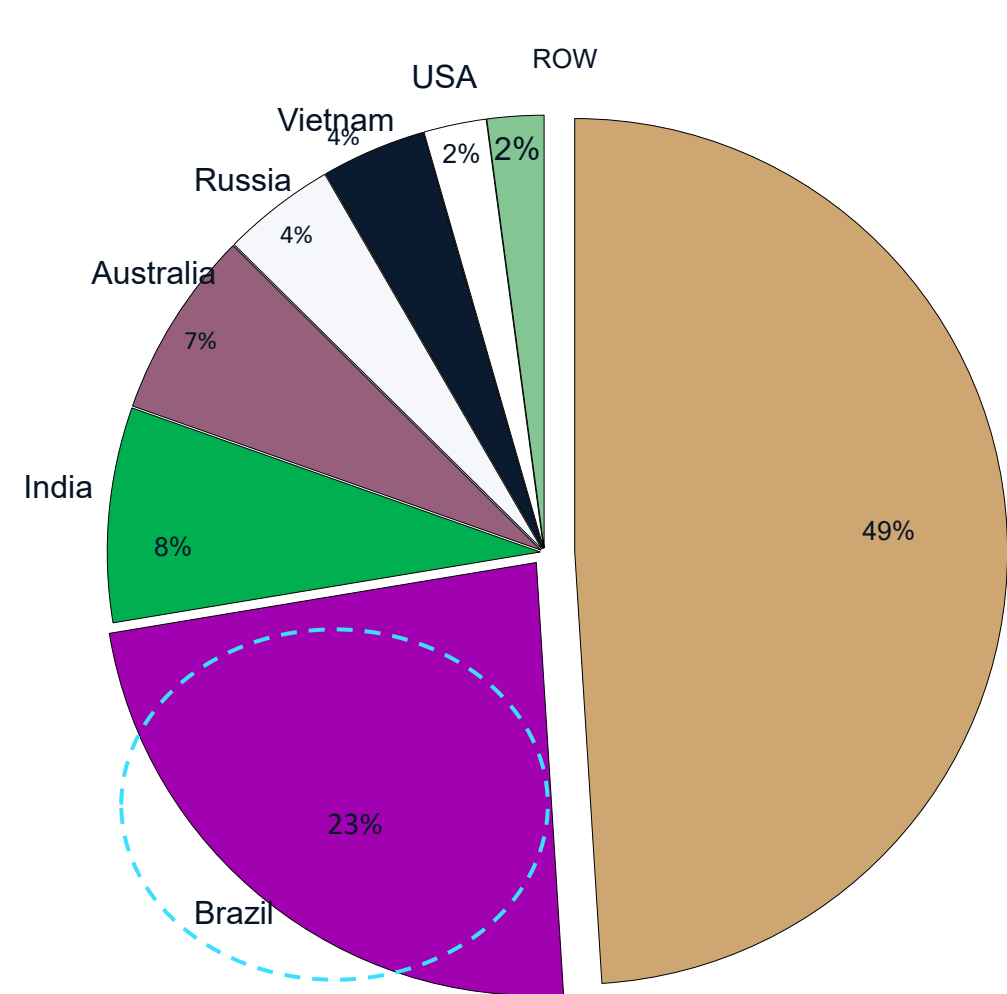
2.2 THE STRATEGIC OPPORTUNITY: GLOBAL SUPPLY OF REE AND RESERVES

China dominates the critical minerals value chain. Brazil is uniquely positioned to diversify global supply, with the world's second-largest REE reserve base but less than 1% of current mine production, creating the **strategic opportunity that Axel is targeting**.

Global REE Mine Production 2025



Global REE Reserves (Mt (REO))



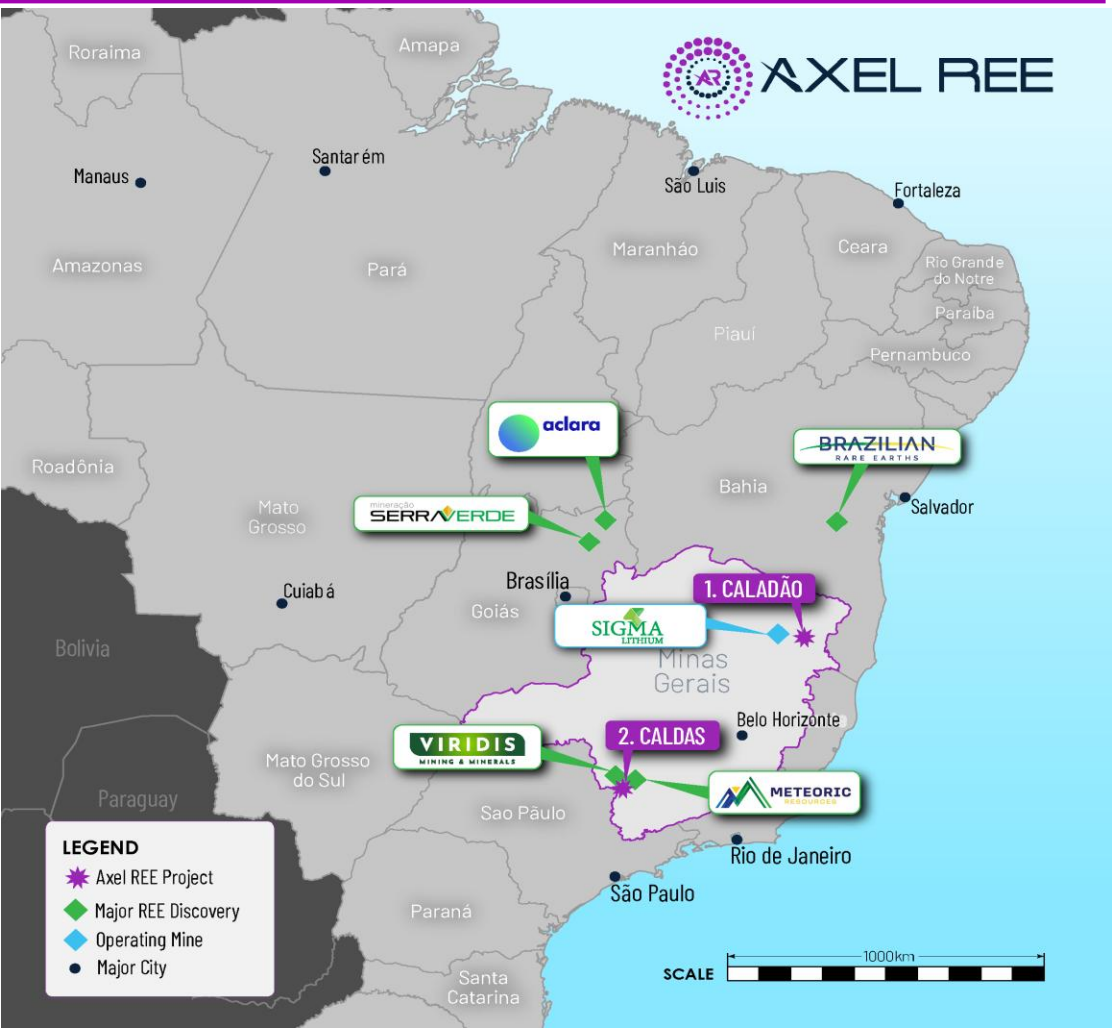
Source: International Energy Agency (IEA). (2025). Rare Earth Elements 2025: Outlook for Key Energy Transition Minerals. Paris: International Energy Agency. Published 21 May 2025. Available at: <https://www.iea.org/reports/rare-earth-elements-2025>. U.S. Geological Survey (USGS). (2025). Mineral Commodity Summaries 2025: Rare Earths. Reston, Virginia: U.S. Department of the Interior, U.S. Geological Survey. DOI: 10.3133/mcs2025. Available at: <https://www.usgs.gov/publications/mineral-commodity-summaries-2025>

3. THE AXEL COMPETITIVE ADVANTAGE: LARGE RESOURCE LOCATED IN STABLE MINING JURISDICTION



Brazil has the resource scale and the world has the supply-chain risk. Axel's opportunity is to convert Brazil's underdeveloped REE endowment into a **lower-impact, scalable ISR supply option for magnet rare earths**.

Caladão REE-Ga & Caldas REE Project Areas



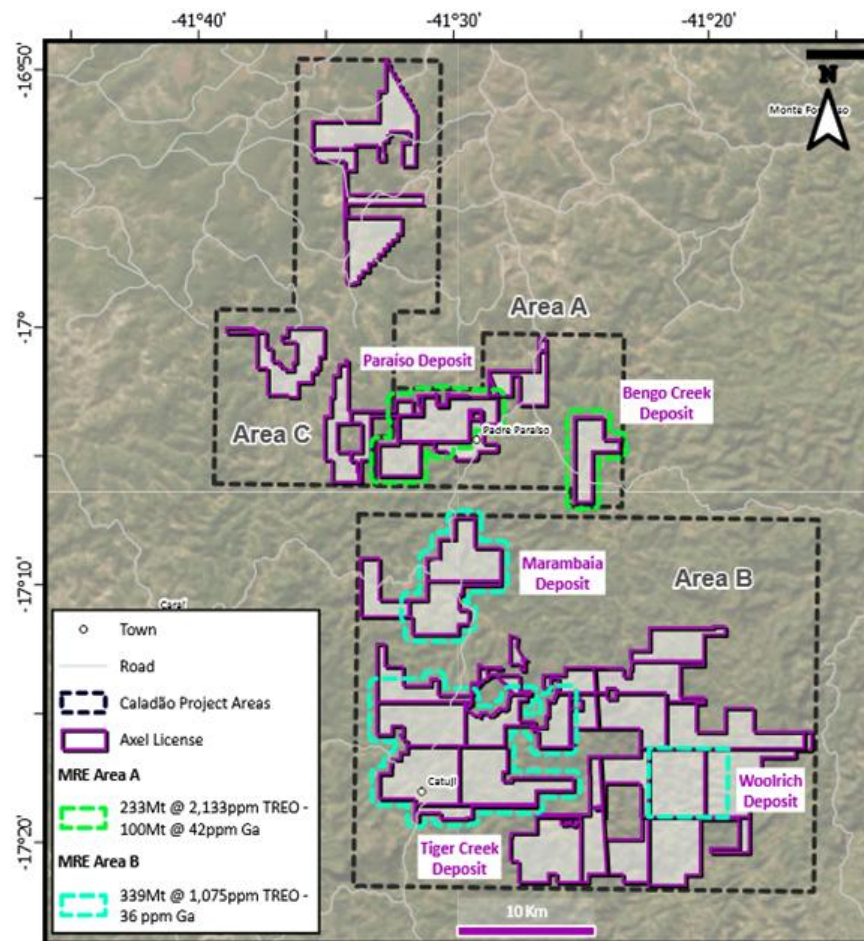
Comments

- World Class Endowment:** Brazil hosts one of the world's largest rare earth resource bases, providing long-term development potential
- It is poised to become a key supplier as governments seek to diversify critical mineral supply beyond China
- Home to globally significant ionic adsorption clay (**IAC**) rare earth systems suited to low-impact extraction technologies
- Established mining jurisdiction with expanding infrastructure, skilled workforce and supportive critical minerals investment
- Flagship Caladão REE + Gallium situated in the Minas Gerais region

3.1 THE AXEL COMPETITIVE ADVANTAGE: **LARGE IONIC CLAY RESOURCE**

One of the first known emerging ISR Ion Adsorption Clay REE developers in Minas Gerais in Brazil outside of Asia

Caladão Project, MRE Areas and Key Deposits



Current Mineral Resource Estimate: Caladão REE + Ga

- 572Mt @ 1,502ppm TREO and 439Mt @ 38ppm Ga
- Resource drilling upgrade to indicated **in progress**
- Woolrich Deposit selected as the inaugural ISR development target area
- Additional target areas provide further growth upside
- **Up to 39% soluble MREO/TREO from column testing at Woolrich**

REE Resource (Inferred)

572Mt

@ 1,506ppm TREO

Gallium Resource (Inferred)

439Mt

@ 38ppm Ga

Total TREO Contained

861kt

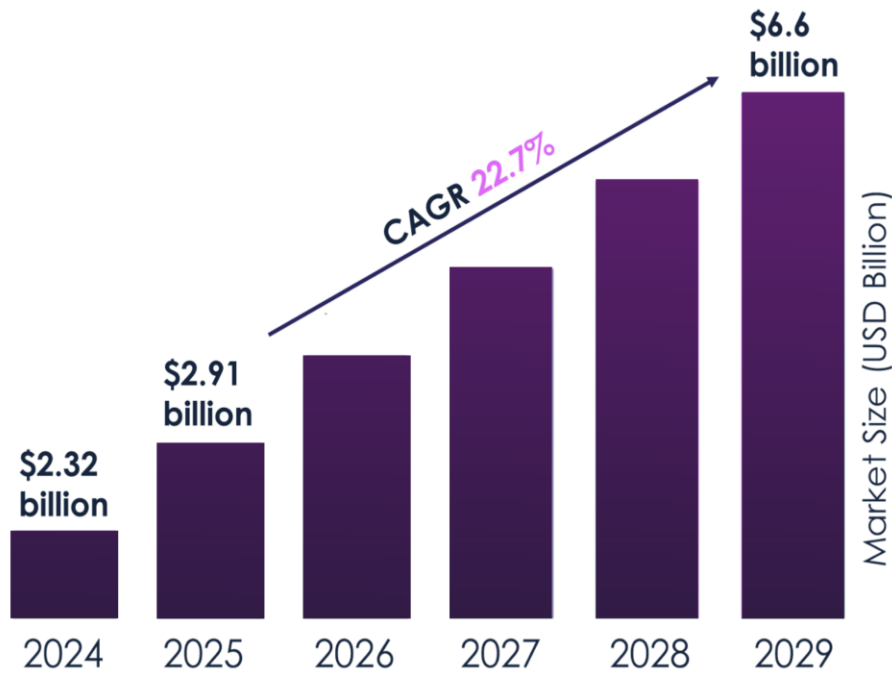
Total Gallium Metal

16.7kt

3.2 THE AXEL COMPETITIVE ADVANTAGE: GALLIUM UPSIDE

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 gallium and magnet rare earths into de-risking Western supply chains

Global Gallium Market Outlook



Source: The Business Research Company

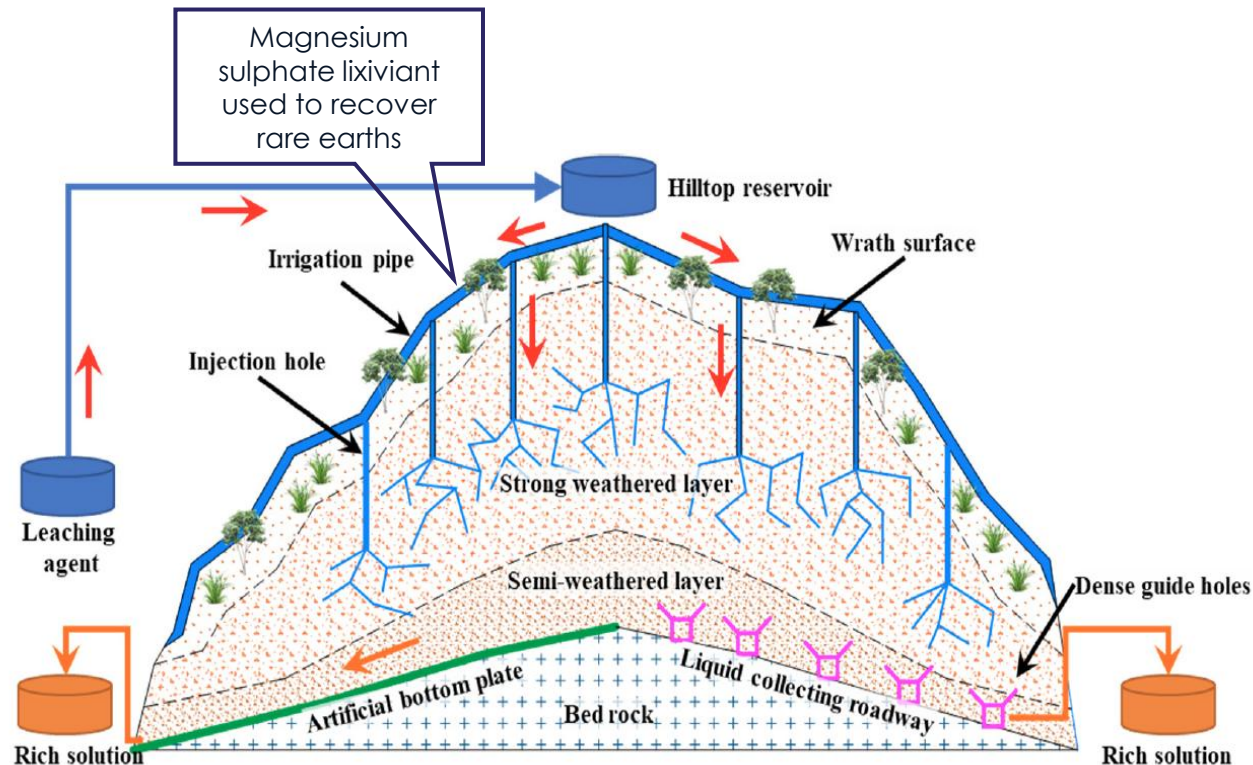
Key Strategic Optionality

- **Axel** hosts **Brazil's only known defined primary gallium resource & one of the largest known discrete resources globally**. Caladão gallium resource: **439Mt at 38ppm Ga**
- Gallium is recognised as both a critical and strategic mineral by multiple major jurisdictions (Australia, EU, USA and Japan) due to its importance in semiconductors, defense and advanced technologies.
- Gallium is essential for advanced semiconductors, AI, telecommunications and defense technologies.
- A gallium resource could provide **strategic exposure to one of the fastest-growing technology supply chains**. 98% of global supply controlled by China → export bans in 2024.
- Axel REE is positioning gallium as a future upside and a separate development pathway alongside the core REE in-situ recovery pathway

3.3 THE AXEL COMPETITIVE ADVANTAGE: LOW ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT, MODULAR, LOW-COST, LOW CAPITAL, IN-SITU RECOVERY

Rare earths are recovered directly from ionic clays without conventional mining or crushing

Why ISR (In-Situ Recovery)?



Schematic diagram of the in situ recovery process

Ionic Clays Amenable to ISR

- Rare earths are recovered directly from ionic clays **without conventional mining or crushing**
- MgSO_4 (environmentally friendly) reagent is circulated through **modular wellfields** before recovery at surface
- Pregnant liquor Solution is then precipitated and impurities removed and processed into **mixed rare earth carbonate (MREC)**

Key Advantages:

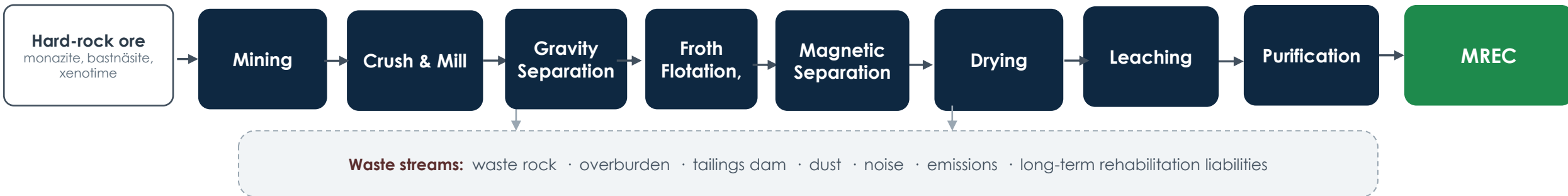
- No open pit mining required
- Low capital intensity development
- Low operating cost structure
- Low environmental impact with a small surface footprint
- Modular wellfield expansion enabling scalable growth

3.4. THE AXEL COMPETITIVE ADVANTAGE: LOW COST ISR VS CONVENTIONAL REE MINING

In-Situ Recovery mining is a cost-effective, low environmental impact method of REE mining

CONVENTIONAL REE MINING

HIGH CAPEX | HIGH OPEX | LARGE FOOTPRINT



Axel ISR PATHWAY — IN-SITU RECOVERY



LOW CAPEX | LOW OPEX | SMALL FOOTPRINT



No open-pit mining

No crushing or milling

Minimal surface disturbance

Simple four-step process

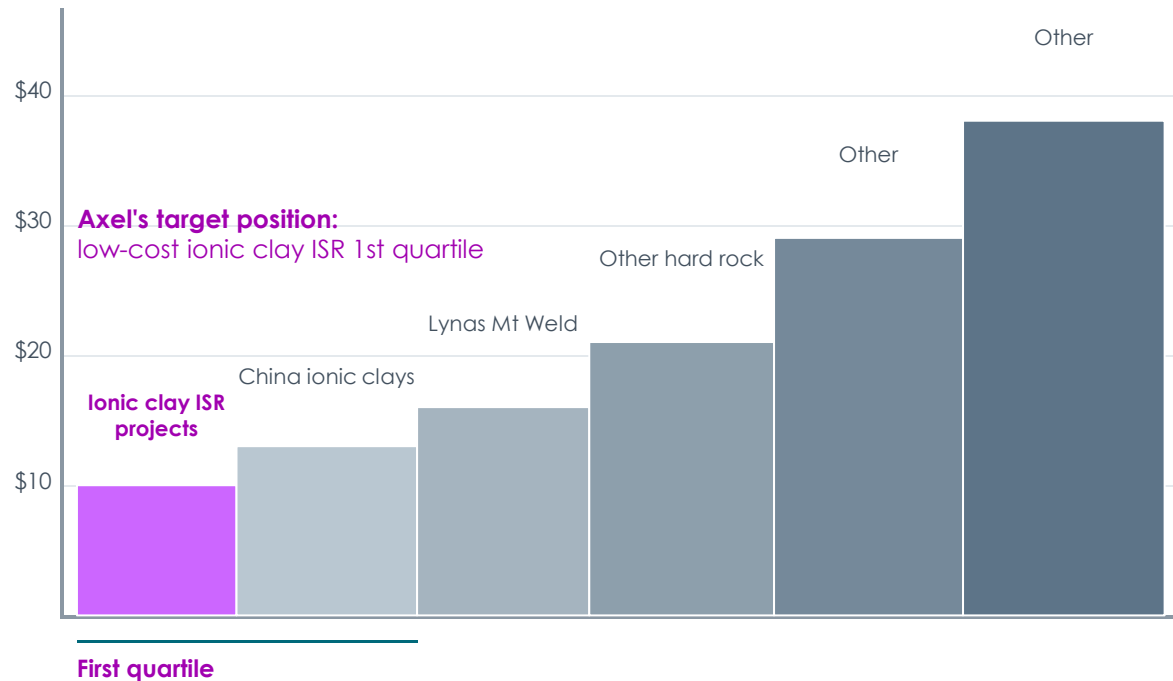
Note: The Axel flowsheet is conceptual at this stage. Only column (bench-scale) testwork has been undertaken to date. These results are preliminary and actual outcomes may vary once field trials are completed. There is no certainty that further testwork will realise the outcomes indicated in this conceptual flowsheet.

3.5 THE AXEL COMPETITIVE ADVANTAGE: LOW COST ISR DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY

Being on the first quartile of the cost curve is a source of competitive advantage. A favourable position on the Ionic Clays industry cost curve gives differentiating attributes

Illustrative Cost Curve

US\$/t REO (indicative)



Illustrative conceptual cost curve only — does not represent company cost estimates or forecasts.

Cost Curve implications

- The Net Cash Cost Curve is an indication of operating efficiency & the ability to sweat assets for which the capital was invested in prior years
- Key drivers are cash operating costs and volume production
- Both parameters within management control

SOURCE OF FUNDS FOR FUTURE PROJECTS:

- When prices are high, being lower down the cost curve gives an operation access to higher margins than the rest of the industry
- When prices are low, there is a lower likelihood of being squeezed out of margins, thereby threatening sustainability
- Higher margins are a source of cash flow which when retained, provide a source of funds for projects required to feed future demand

3.6 THE AXEL COMPETITIVE ADVANTAGE: DEVELOPING REE RESPONSIBLY

*In-Situ Recovery strategy is designed to align technical innovation with **responsible** resource development. Responsible mining is becoming a competitive advantage, not simply a licence to operate*

	ISR (In-Situ Recovery)	Open Pit Mining	Heap Leach
Capital Intensity	Low	Very High	High
Environmental Footprint	Minimal	Large	Moderate
Time to First Production	Faster	5-10+ years	3-7 years
Scalability	Modular – add wellfields	Fixed infrastructure	Fixed infrastructure
Proven at Scale?	Yes – S.E Asia since 1990s	Yes	Yes
Licensing / Permitting	Low – simplified in Minas Gerais, Brazil (Caladão Project)	Complex & lengthy	Complex & lengthy



4. OUR ISR DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY AND ROADMAP

The Company is at a pivotal technical validation stage — with column test results supporting the next phase of REE field trials



Current Positioning

- The Company is at a pivotal technical validation stage — with column test results supporting the next phase of REE field trials.
- Column testing producing strong REE results to date
- Axel REE is pre-scoping study but rapidly de-risking. The Company is following a similar technical validation pathway to ASX:BCM (pre-development stage)
- Each completed milestone builds the technical evidence base required to advance toward trial mining and future economic studies

4.1 OUR ISR DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY: COLUMN TESTING

Axel has moved from diagnostic leach evidence to **column-based ISR validation**, strengthening the technical foundation for a scalable, low-acid rare earth development pathway in Brazil, with **exceptionally low impurity levels**.

Woolrich Column Testing Results

- **ISR proof-of-concept confirmed**
- **Strong soluble TREO result:** CLT-01 recovered 560 ppm soluble TREO
- **Magnet-rich rare earth basket:** 39% MREO, including Dy and Tb
- **Clear next step: Field-scale ISR validation**
- **Exceptionally low impurity** levels may reduce downstream processing complexity, lower environmental risk and strengthen the project's potential ISR development pathway.

Significance

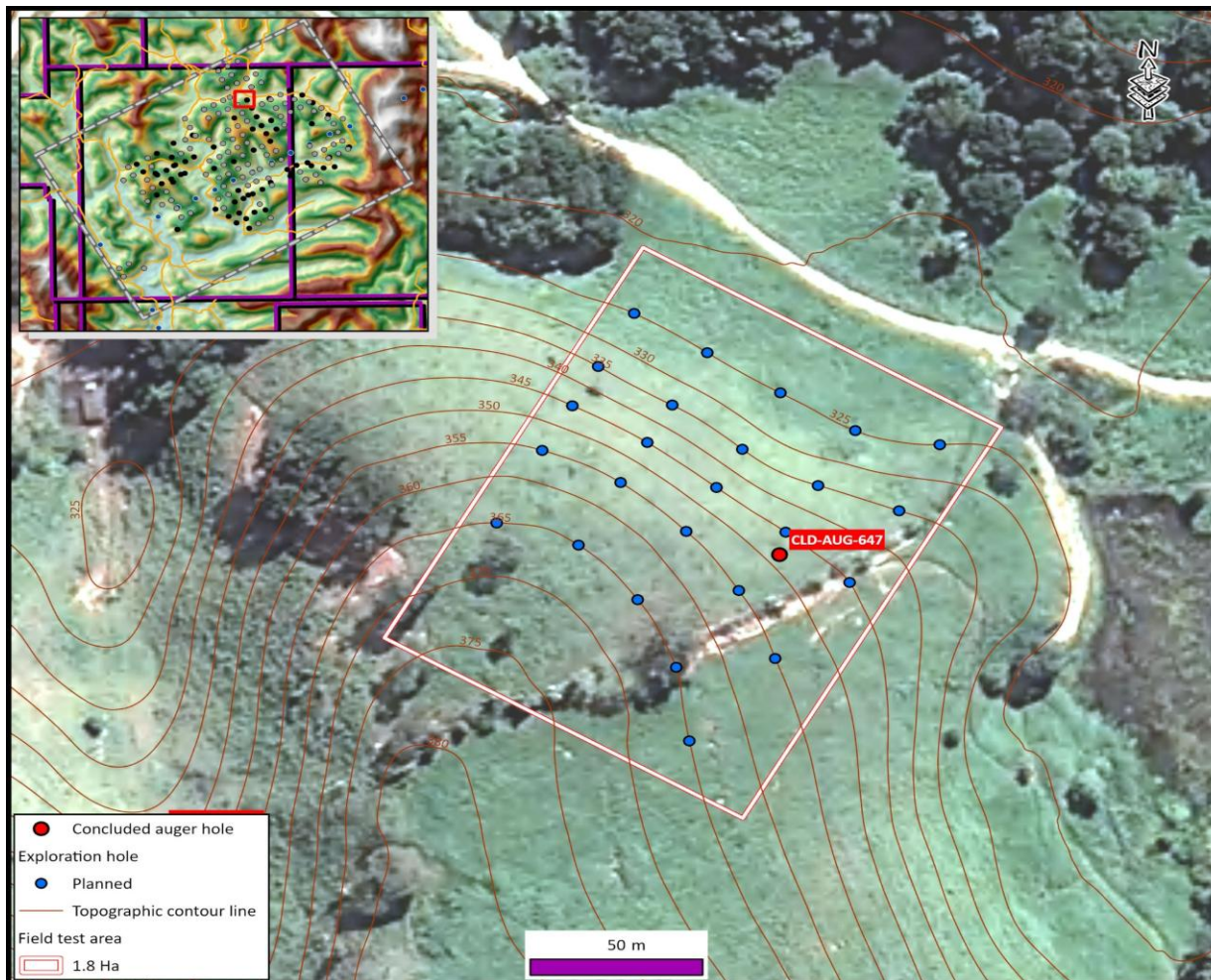
- Results support the next stage of technical validation and will inform:
 - Field trial design parameters
 - Reagent selection and optimisation
 - Recovery assumptions for future studies
 - Economic study inputs (Scoping)

Low Impurity Levels – Key Milestone

Al	<2.0	Low Al reduces reagent consumption and simplifies downstream impurity removal.
Fe	<0.5	Low Fe minimises contamination of the pregnant leach solution and downstream processing complexity
Th	<5.5	Low radioactive element content supports permitting, waste management and ESG performance
U	<4.0	Low uranium reduces environmental, regulatory and processing risks.

4.2 OUR ISR DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY

Woolrich Deposit – First Wellfield Field Trial to Commence



Comments

- Field Trials to commence at first targeted wellfield in Woolrich deposit
- Up to 560 ppm soluble TREO via ISR column leach testing, comparable to operating ISR mines
- Magnet-rich REE assemblage (~39% MREO including NdPr and DyTb)
- Metallurgical results validate the ISR development concept at Caladão
- Demonstrates potential for scalable ISR wellfield development

5. THE DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY: Woolrich First Field Trial & Growth Strategy

Woolrich Deposit – First Field Trial Area



Comments

First Field Trial at Woolrich

- Woolrich selected as anchor asset:
- **2,000 Ha** mineralised footprint with **12 potential wellfields** identified
- First wellfield selected for ISR field recovery trial

Modular Growth via "Hub & Spoke"

- Proposed satellite wellfields connect to centralised processing, driving down **unit CAPEX**
- Paraíso and Tiger Creek provide significant expansion inventory
- Additional hubs can be deployed, scaling total production

5. THE DEVELOPMENT ROADMAP: NEAR TERM CATALYSTS

01

Further column test results

First test MREC production

02

Resource upgrade drilling results

Infill drilling to improve confidence

03

ISR field trial design finalisation

Operational plan and parameters

04

Environmental and permitting progress

Regulatory approvals pathway

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Field trial commencement

In-ground validation program

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Field trial pathway

Modular ISR development plan

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Resource update

Expanded MRE incorporating new drilling

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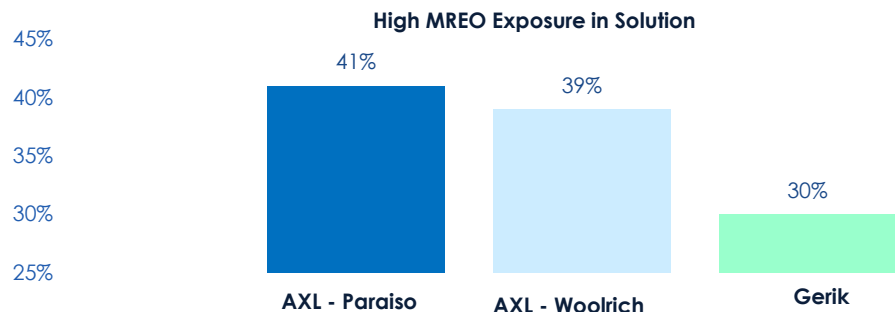
Future scoping study planning

First major economic assessment

6. CREATING SHAREHOLDER VALUE: COMPETITIVE LANDSCAPE

Value Proposition: Axel ISR Targets vs Gerik ISR Mine (Malaysia)

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	-	560	39.0	37.0	2.0
Southern Alliance/MCRE Gerik Mine	120Mt	20	486	30.0	27.0	3.0
Brazilian Critical Minerals (ASX:BCM) – EMA Project		74	-	41.5	40.6	0.9
Viridis Mining (ASX:VMM) – Colossus Project		358	-	39.0	37.5	1.4
Meteoritic 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



Comments

- SGX-listed Southern Alliance Mining Ltd completed acquisition of 40% equity in MCRE for ~A\$82M in September 2025² (**valuing Gerik at ~A\$205M**)
- **A\$205M** valuation achieved after de-risking via a **~US\$20M** ISR development
- Malaysia's **first profitable ionic clay ISR mine** operation, producing 4,000tpa REO, making NPAT of S\$10.6M in FY2024¹

Woolrich ISR Target:

- ✓ Similar tonnage, higher grade profile
- ✓ Comparable ionic clay geology and metallurgy
- ✓ Strong soluble TREO / MREO composition

7. INVESTMENT RATIONALE

- ✓ Positioned within the rapidly growing Non-Chinese rare earth supply chain with a growing demand
- ✓ Large-scale ionic clay resource with expansion potential of **HREE** and **Gallium upside**
- ✓ One of Australia's emerging ISR Ion Adsorption Clay REE developers in Minas Gerais in Brazil outside of Asia
- ✓ **Low** Cost ISR Development strategy progressing through clearly defined technical milestones
- ✓ ISR known for low capital (high capital efficiency) vs conventional mining.
- ✓ ISR known for **low environmental impact**
- ✓ Brazil is a **stable** and **friendly** mining jurisdiction
- ✓ Clear roadmap focused on **disciplined de-risking project** to technical validation: MRE upgrade on track, proven metallurgical recoveries, Pilot ISR wellfield program on track and environmental & permitting pathway on track

Low EV, strong cash balance

Capital Structure

ASX Code	AXL
Share Price (market close 8.7.2026)	\$0.078
Shares on Issue	176.0M
AXLOF Listed Options on Issue	102.4M
Market Capitalisation (8.7.2026, undiluted)	\$13.7M
Cash (31 March 2026)	\$6.6M

Shareholders

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

Board



Dr Patience Mpofu

Managing Director

- 25+ years' experience spanning metallurgy, mining operations, corporate strategy, capital markets, ESG and critical minerals. Deep technical expertise in clay-hosted mineral systems and rare earth metallurgy
- Current Non-Executive Director of Orion Minerals Limited (ASX/JSE: ORN) and recognized with the **CEO Global Award for Most Influential Woman in Business and Government – Mining across Africa**



Paul Dickson

Non-Executive Chairman

- 30+ years' experience in financial services, capital markets and resources corporate advisory (Founding Director, Paradigm Capital)
- Current Non-Executive Chairman of Alligator Energy (ASX:AGE) and Non-Executive Director of Verity Resources (ASX:VRL) with private equity experience (Proserpine Capital)



Pat Volpe

Non-Executive Director

- Founder of Axel REE with 38+ years' global minerals and metals exploration experience and discovery track record
- Founded A-CAP Energy (acquired by Lotus Resources, ASX:LOT) and led discovery of a world-class uranium deposit; former Executive Chairman of Botswana Metals (now Verity Resources, ASX:VRL) with base and precious metals discoveries (Ni-Cu-PGE).



Aidan Nania

Non-Executive Director

- 15+ years' experience as an investment banking executive and company director across natural resources, critical minerals and technology.
- Senior leadership in graphite: former Director of Skaland Graphite (Europe's largest natural graphite producer) and current Executive Director of International Graphite (ASX:IG6) advancing high-value processing in Australia and Europe.



Ian Reid

Non-Executive Director

- 40+ years' geoscience executive; led Karoon Energy's (ASX:KAR) global geoscience function for ~10 years with deep Brazil (Santos/Campos) operating experience and major transaction support (incl. Baúna).
- Subsurface and ISR specialist directly relevant to ISR; former Shell senior technical roles and Exploration Director (Gold Oil), with Imperial College London geology (First Class Honours) and Royal School of Mines associateship.



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Appendix A – Peer Comparisons

Source Data for Peer Comparisons

Company	Project	Resource Classification	Mt	TREO (ppm)	Stage)	Source
Brazilian Critical Minerals Limited (ASX:BCM)	Ema	Indicated	248	759	Feasibility Study	ASX Announcement 30 June 2026,
		Inferred	695	701		ASX Announcement 21 February 2025.
		Total	943	716		Updated Mineral Resource for Ema 97% Increase of indicated tonnage 2025 Annual Report
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
		Total	510	1,513		
						2025 Half Year Report

The peer comparison is illustrative only and not intended to imply economic viability or equivalence. Market capitalizations used in EV/kt TREO obtained at close of trading on 8 July 2026.

Appendix B – Mineral Resource Estimates

REE Mineral Resource Estimate (572Mt)

Deposit	JORC Category	Tonnes (Mt)	TREO (ppm)	MREO (ppm)	NdPr (ppm)	DyTb (ppm)
Area A	Inferred	233	2,143	463	440	23
Total (Area A) MRE	Inferred	233	2,143	463	440	23
Marambaia	Inferred	126	1,154	274	261	12.9
Tiger Creek	Inferred	85	1,050	125	117	8.0
Woolrich	Inferred	128	1,013	190	179	10.9
Total (Area B) MRE	Inferred	339	1,075	205	194	10.9

Area A MRE – SRK, 2025
Area B MRE – GE21, 2025

Gallium Mineral Resource Estimate (439Mt)

Deposit	JORC Category	Tonnes (Mt)	Ga (ppm)
Caladão Area A	Inferred	100	42
Caladão Area B	Inferred	339	36.6
Total (Global) MRE	Inferred	439	38

Area A MRE – SRK, 2025
Area B MRE – GE21, 2025

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