

AMG Advanced Metallurgical Group N.V. Project Update December 2017

## ANG Lithium & Tantalum

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	AMG Lithium & Tantalum		
Division	AMG Oxides	AMG Tantalum	AMG Lithium
Location	São João del Rei, Brazil	Mibra Mine, Brazil	Mibra Mine, Brazil
Products	<ul><li>Tantalum Oxide</li><li>Niobium Oxide</li></ul>	Tantalum Concentrate	Lithium Concentrate*
Current Production Capacity	<ul> <li>140k lbs tantalum oxide / year</li> <li>600 MT high purity niobium oxide / year</li> </ul>	300,000 lbs / year	90,000 MT / year (Plant I)
Planned Capacity Expansion	n/a	600,000 lbs / year	180,000 MT / year (Plant I & II)
Status	Fully operational	Fully operational (expansion underway)	Spodumene I: approved, under construction Spodumene II: approved, detailed engineering Lithium carbonate downstream: under analysis

\* Future approval (H1 2018) of Phase III of the lithium project will result in production of lithium carbonate from lithium concentrate

#### AMG LITHIUM – PROJECT STRENGTHS



Existing management and mining infrastructure – not a new mine project	Strong understanding of the mine geology	Mining infrastructure already in place and operational	Ore extraction and crushing costs absorbed by profitable tantalum operation
<ul> <li>Spodumene plant will be fed via lithium deposits in existing tailings, as well as incremental lithium-bearing tailings generated via tantalum production</li> <li>2.8 million metric tons of spodumene plant feed stock already extracted in the form of on-site tailings</li> </ul>		AMG has operated a spodumene pilot plant since 2010	Strategic flexibility to further develop operational scope

AMG HAS OPERATED THE MIBRA MINE FOR 38 YEARS

#### LITHIUM PROJECT PHASES

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PHASE	PHASE III	
LITHIUM CONCEN	LITHIUM CHEMICAL PRODUCTION	
LITHIUM CONCENTRATE PLANT I	LITHIUM CONCENTRATE PLANT II	LITHIUM CHEMICAL PLANTS
Construction of a lithium concentrate plant to produce 90,000 MT of spodumene per year	Construction of second lithium concentrate plant, resulting in capacity expansion from 90,000 MT to 180,000 MT per year	Construction of lithium chemical plants for the downstream conversion of lithium concentrate into lithium carbonate
APPROVED CAPEX: \$50M	APPROVED CAPEX: \$110M *	

operations in addition to the development and expansion of the existing mining infrastructure





Note: LG Chem, BYD and Panasonic produce both cathode paste and batteries.

#### MIBRA MINE - LOCATION





AMG's mining operation in Brazil is located in Minas Gerais State, near the city of Nazareno Approximately 225 km Northwest of Rio de Janeiro and 130 km Southwest of Belo Horizonte Approximately 300 km from Port of Santos, most important port in Brazil together with Rio de Janeiro



AMG's Mineral Resource Statement for the Mibra mine was updated in March 2017, and states 20.3 million tonnes of measured and indicated resources, an increase of approximately 38% compared to the previous Mineral Resource Statement completed in 2013.

## Further exploration and drilling is ongoing to identify additional resources

Domain	Quantity			Grade			
		Li	Li <sub>2</sub> O	Та	Ta <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub>	Nb	Sn
	('000s tonnes)	(ppm)	(%)	(ppm)	(ppm)	(ppm)	(ppm)
Measured Mineral Resources							
A	3,224	4,685	1.01	289	353	52	267
С	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
F	197	3,670	0.79	377	461	45	565
Total Measured	3,421	4,626	1.00	294	359	52	284
Indicated Mineral Resources							
A	11,989	5,130	1.10	293	358	46	258
С	4,842	4,545	0.98	228	278	64	685
F	37	4,179	0.90	428	523	49	773
Total Indicated	16,868	4,960	1.07	275	335	51	382
Total Measured & Indicated	20,289	4,904	1.06	278	339	51	365
Inferred Mineral Resources							
A	2,434	4,714	1.01	309	377	45	204
С	1,787	4,895	1.05	231	282	63	842
F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Inferred	4,222	4,790	1.03	276	337	53	474

Based upon AMG's targeted production level of 180k MT of lithium concentrate from 2020 onwards, AMG estimates that the current life of the mineral resource is approximately 20 years



For further updates on the project, AMG will be updating the AMG lithium website to include:

#### PROJECT STATUS

PHOTOGRAPHS & PROGRESS UPDATES





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# Spodumene II



Goal	Fully-leverage a world-class lithium/tantalum asset via expansion of Mibra's mining and processing operations, doubling both spodumene and tantalum concentrate volumes	Financial Impact	<ul> <li>Highly accretive project:</li> <li>Estimated operating cost of \$134/MT</li> <li>Current market price of spodumene approximately \$900/MT - \$1,000/MT</li> </ul>
Investment	<ul> <li>Capex of approximately \$110M, inclusive of:</li> <li>Second spodumene concentrating plant</li> <li>Additional tantalum processing assets</li> <li>Mine development</li> <li>Additional crushing and grinding infrastructure</li> </ul>	Timeline	Detailed engineering currently underway, with construction to begin in FY18 Mechanical completion targeted for H2 2019



## **SPODUMENE II TIMELINE**



#### LITHIUM IN ELECTRIC VEHICLES FORECAST

Lithium in Electric Vehicles (000t LCE)





## OPERATING COSTS FOR SPODUMENE PRODUCTION, 2017



Operating costs for spodumene production (\$/MT)



#### AMG's objective is to be the low-cost producer of spodumene globally

AMG's spodumene operating costs benefit from the production of tantalum concentrate, which absorb the costs of mining and initial ore processing (crushing and grinding)



### Subject to the approval of Phase III of the lithium project, AMG's fully integrated cost of production of lithium carbonate would be approximately \$4,000/MT



Source: Roskill 2017

Notes: Battery and technical grades; Includes direct carbonate production from raw materials (brine and minerals); SQM & Rockwood costs assume potash cost share methodology; Tianqi mineral conversion assumes US\$560/t spodumene concentrate price; Other China and Ganfeng assumes US\$750/t spodumene concentrate price