

# December Quarter FY26 Activities Presentation

30 January 2026

ASX: PLS



# Our Purpose



## Vision

A leader in the provision of materials supporting the global energy transition

## Mission

**Powering a sustainable energy future**

## Strategic pillars



### Operate

Deliver our operating performance commitments



### Grow

Achieve full potential of our global assets



### Chemicals

Extract greater value along the battery materials supply chain



### Diversify

Diversify revenue beyond Pilgangoora

# Positioned for value creation through the cycle



Resilient operations, strategic flexibility and financial strength to navigate market cycles

## Strategically positioned

Exposure to established and ex-China **supply chains** with flexible **operating platform**

## 100% owned assets

in both **Australia** and **Brazil** providing full control and leverage to upstream pricing. Pilgangoora is a Tier 1 producing asset with ~32 year mine life<sup>1</sup>

## Significant and high value growth

Progressing growth optionality upstream and downstream – **disciplined investments** to provide further diversification

## Financial flexibility

Strong cash flow from operations with **\$954M<sup>2</sup>** cash balance with ~\$1.6B liquidity

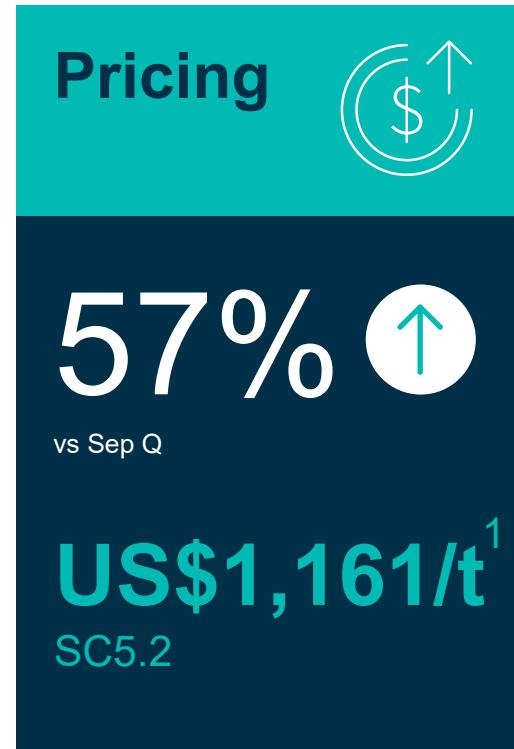
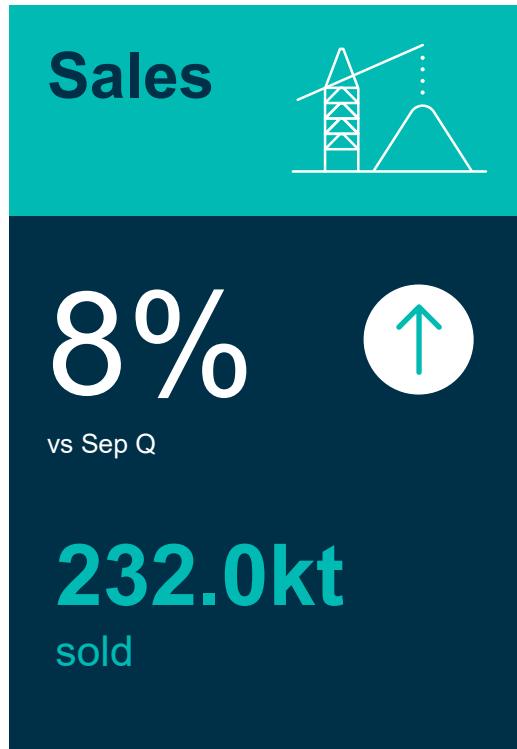


1. For more information refer to ASX release "55Mt increase in Ore Reserves to 214Mt" dated 24 August 2023 and the 2025 Annual Report dated 25 August 2025.

2. As at 31 December 2025.

# December Quarter highlights

Increase in sales and pricing supports strong cash flow



## Positioning for growth

**Ngungaju restart** - under review - early works completed amid strong inbound interest

**Upstream portfolio** - review of P2000 and Colina study timelines underway

1. Average estimated 5.2 Li<sub>2</sub>O grade (SC5.2 CIF China) equivalent sales price over the Quarter as at 26 January 2026. The final adjusted price may be higher or lower.

2. As at 31 December 2025.

# Health and Safety

Building the culture, systems and processes to ensure everyone goes home safely every day



**3.79**

Total recordable injury  
frequency rate (TRIFR)<sup>1</sup>

**3.80**

(target 1.6)

Quality safety interactions  
completed per 1,000 hours  
worked<sup>2</sup>



1. Recordable injury numbers and Total Recordable Injury Frequency Rate refers to Australian sites for the whole period and include Brazilian sites only from the date of acquisition in February 2025. TRIFR is measured on 12-month moving average as at 31 December 2025.  
2. Quality safety interactions at Australian sites are a measure of leadership safety conversations measured for the Quarter and provide a lead indicator for the promotion of a strong safety culture.

# Pilgangoora Operation

Solid operational Quarter delivered in line with plan amid improving market conditions



## Production performance

Operating performance for the December Quarter was in line with expectations, reflecting continued mining efficiencies and the deliberate strategy to increase contact ore feed to maximise ore sorting processing capability.

## Mining and processing

- TMM increased to 8.1Mt due to improved operational efficiencies.
- Continuation of transition to owner operator with more mining fleet deliveries (haul trucks).
- Production of 208kt – in line with plan.
- Lithium recovery of ~76% in line with plan for increased volume of contact ore.
- Ore sorting performed well at higher throughput.
- Crushing wear rates increased with additional crushing flexibility deployed to maintain adequate crushed ore buffers and support overall plant utilisation.

## Sales

Sales of 232.0kt with an average estimated realised sales price of US\$1,161/t<sup>1</sup> (CIF China) on a ~SC5.2 basis (US\$1,336/t SC6.0).

1. Average estimated realised price for ~5.2 Li<sub>2</sub>O grade (SC5.2 CIF China) as at 26 January 2026. The final adjusted price may be higher or lower than the estimated realised price.

# Chemicals

Preserving long-term growth optionality and strategic positioning across the lithium value chain



## Mid-Stream Demonstration Plant

Construction complete in the December Quarter 2025.

Update on commissioning plans expected in the coming months.

## POSCO Pilbara Lithium Solution (P-PLS) Lithium Hydroxide chemical facility

- 18% interest in lithium hydroxide (LH) facility in Gwangyang, South Korea – nameplate capacity of 43ktpa.
- Both trains strategically idled in December Quarter to preserve working capital while market conditions stabilise, following significant disruption in the Korean battery supply chain which led to customer order cancellations.
- Total P-PLS production for CY25 of 12,860t with sales of 12,969t.
- P-PLS production expected to remain idled for H2 FY26 with spodumene reallocated to other customers by PLS.
- PLS contributed ~\$38M to P-PLS's second tranche equity raising in the December Quarter – retaining 18% ownership (no further equity contributions expected in FY26).

## Joint Downstream Partnering Study (Ganfeng)

Study ongoing.

PLS and Ganfeng agreed to extend the sunset date from December 2025 to September Quarter 2027.

# Optimising the portfolio through the cycle

Evaluating upstream growth options in light of changing market conditions



## Optionality established

- ✓ PLS preserved operations and balance sheet strength through the downturn, supported by P850 and broader cost efficiency initiatives.
- ✓ A diversified portfolio of upstream and downstream options has been retained across multiple time horizons.
- ✓ Improved pricing and strong inbound customer interest now support a reassessment of growth timing and readiness.
- ✓ Any progression remains contingent on sustained market conditions, disciplined capital allocation and balance sheet resilience.

## Evaluating portfolio sequencing

### Ngungaju Processing Plant

- Evaluation of a potential ~200ktpa<sup>1</sup> restart underway, including customer engagement and review of market offers.
- Crusher upgrade completed and operational readiness assessed.
- PLS Board expected to consider a decision in the March Quarter 2026, with approximately four months required to resume production if approved.

### P2000 feasibility study

- Feasibility study ongoing for potential expansion of Pilgangoora production capacity to ~2Mtpa.
- Study timeline under review following improvement in market conditions, with an update expected in the March Quarter 2026.

### Colina Project, Brazil

- Drilling and study optimisation continuing.
- Study timeline under review with update expected in the March Quarter 2026.

1. Based on the current mine plan and SC5.2% grade. Ultimate production achieved in any year will depend on the concentrate grade and ore grade and is variable over the mine plan.

# December Quarter financials

# December Quarter FY26 – vs prior Quarter



Robust Quarter strengthens financial position

Category	Units	Dec Q FY26	Sep Q FY26	%
Production volume	kt	208.0	224.8	(7)
Sales volume	kt	232.0	214.0	8
Realised price	US\$/t	1,161 <sup>1</sup>	742 <sup>2</sup>	57
	US\$/t SC6	1,336	841	59
Revenue	A\$M	373	251	49
Unit operating cost (FOB) <sup>3</sup>	A\$/t	585	540	8
	US\$/t	384	353	9
Unit operating cost (CIF) <sup>4</sup>	A\$/t	717	645	11
	US\$/t	470	422	11
Cash Margin from Operations	A\$M	166	8	1,904
Cash Balance	A\$M	954	852	12

1. Average estimated realised price for ~5.2 Li<sub>2</sub>O grade (SC5.2 CIF China) as at 26 January 2026. The final adjusted price may be higher or lower than the estimated realised price.

2. Estimated realised price for ~5.3 Li<sub>2</sub>O grade as reported in the September Quarterly Activities Report dated 24 October 2025

3. Unit operating cost (FOB Port Hedland excluding freight and royalties) includes mining, processing, transport, port charges, and site based general and administration costs and is net of any tantalite by-product credits. It is calculated on an incurred basis (including accruals), and includes inventory movements, and credits for capitalised deferred mine waste development cost, and it excludes depreciation of fixed assets and right of use leases, and amortisation of deferred stripping.

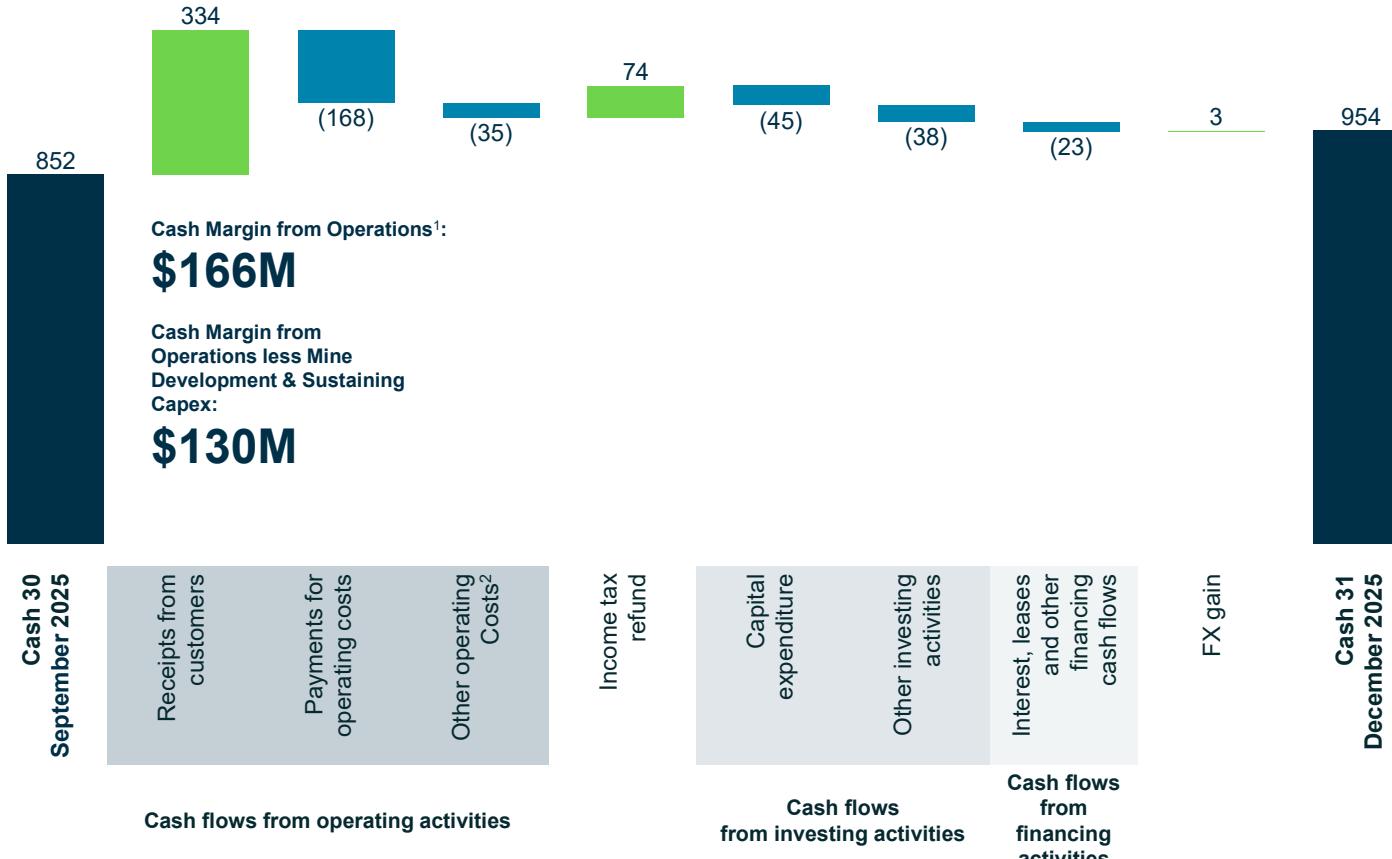
4. Unit operating cost (CIF China) includes the unit operating costs (FOB Port Hedland excluding freight and royalties) plus freight and royalty costs. Royalty costs include a 5% state government royalty on the FOB selling price, a 1% native title royalty on the FOB selling price, and a 5% private royalty on the FOB selling price which is only applied to the part of the resource/reserve acquired following the Altura Lithium Operation acquisition.

# December Quarter FY26 – cash flow bridge

Strong cash generation delivers \$102M increase to \$954M



Cash flow bridge – 30 September 2025 to 31 December 2025 (\$M)



**Cash** increased by \$102M in the Quarter to \$954M, driven by higher revenue from improved pricing and increased sales volumes, ongoing cost control, and a \$74M prior year income tax refund.

**Cash margin** from operations was \$166M. Additional ~\$85M in positive provisional pricing adjustments from December Quarter shipments is expected to be received in the March Quarter 2026.

**Capital expenditure** of \$45M on a cash basis (\$54M on an accruals basis) comprised mine development of \$22M, infrastructure and projects of \$17M and sustaining capital of \$15M.

**Other investing cash flows** reflect a \$38M equity contribution into the P-PLS joint venture, maintaining PLS' 18% ownership.

1. Cash margin from operations is calculated as receipts from customers less payments for operational costs.

2. Other operating costs include \$14M of Corporate and Administration expenses, \$7M of construction costs for the Mid-stream Demonstration plant, \$14M of Brazil costs and \$9M of exploration and feasibility expense partly offset by interest income of \$9M.

# H1 FY26 – vs prior corresponding period



Strong pricing and volume growth drives 47% revenue increase

Category	Units	H1 FY26	H1 FY25	%
Production volume	kt	432.8	408.3	6
Sales volume	kt	446.0	418.6	7
Realised price	US\$/t	965 <sup>1</sup>	688 <sup>2</sup>	40
	US\$/t SC6	1,105	780	42
Revenue	A\$M	624	426	47
Unit operating cost (FOB) <sup>3</sup>	A\$/t	563	614	(8)
	US\$/t	369	406	(9)
Unit operating cost (CIF) <sup>4</sup>	A\$/t	682	724	(6)
	US\$/t	447	479	(7)
Cash Margin from Operations	A\$M	174	41	323
Cash Balance	A\$M	954	1,171	(18)

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**Revenue** of \$624M was 47% higher than pcp, driven by a 40% increase in average realised price and a 7% increase in sales volume.

**Unit operating cost (FOB)** of \$563/t improved 8%, driven by ongoing operational efficiencies and higher sales volume.

**Unit operating cost (CIF)** of \$682/t improved 6%, reflecting the lower FOB unit cost, partially offset by higher royalty expense.

**Cash margin from operations** increased to \$174M, underpinned by improved pricing and ongoing cost optimisation.

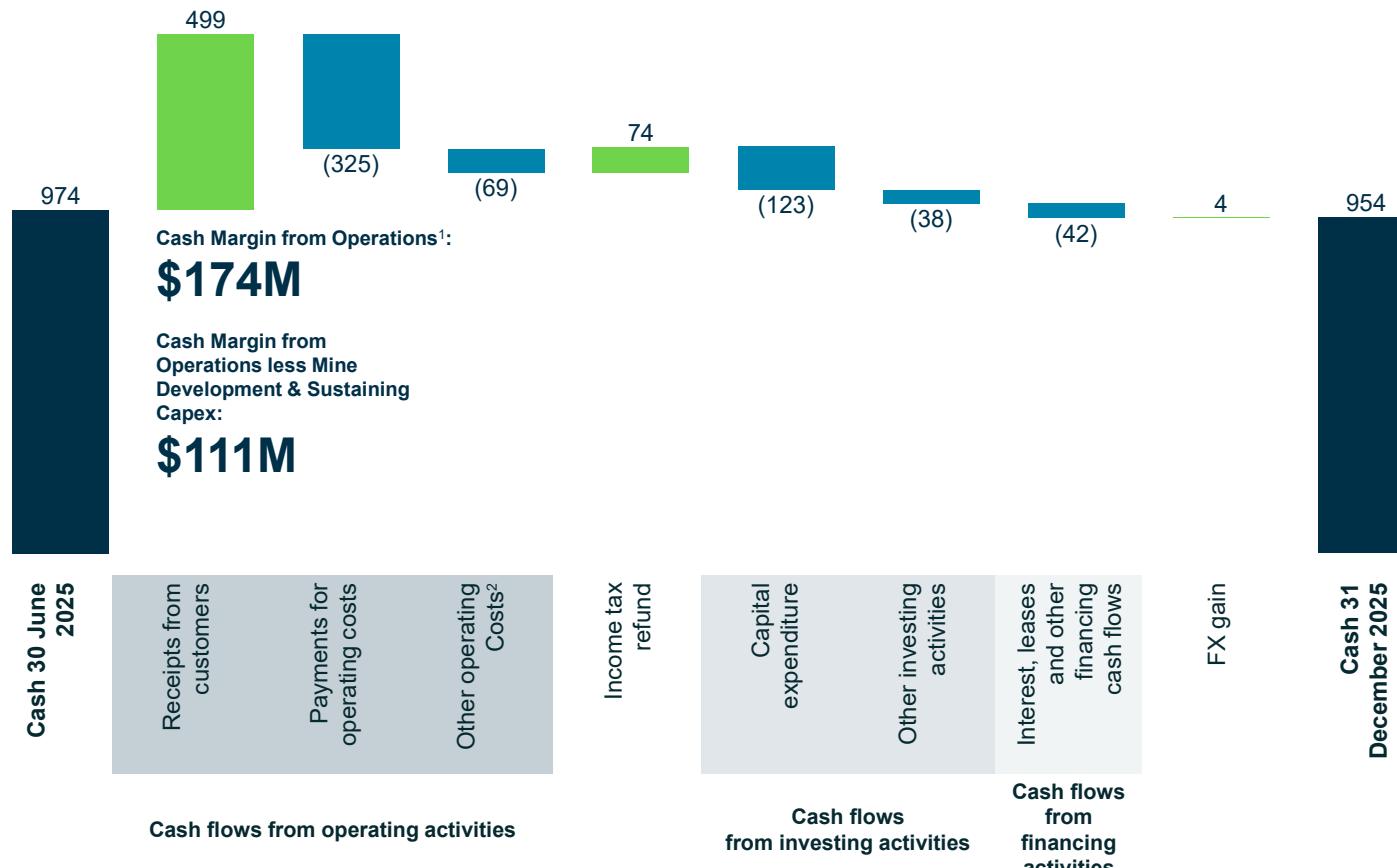
**Cash balance** of \$954M as at 31 December 2025 maintains a strong financial position.

# H1 FY26 – cash flow bridge

Sustainable cash generation through operational discipline and cost efficiency



Cash flow bridge – 30 June 2025 to 31 December 2025 (\$M)



1. Cash margin from operations is calculated as receipts from customers less payments for operational costs.
2. Other operating costs include \$35M of Corporate and Administration expenses, \$19M of construction costs for the Mid-stream Demonstration plant, \$20M of Brazil costs and \$15M of exploration and feasibility expense partly offset by interest income of \$20M.

**Cash balance** remained strong at \$954M as at 31 December 2025, decreasing \$20M during the half. The decrease was primarily due to working capital timing, including \$32M in customer refunds from lower final pricing on FY25 shipments, while ~\$85M in positive provisional pricing adjustments on December Quarter shipments are expected to be received in the March Quarter.

**Cash margin from operations** for the half was \$174M. Adjusting for FY25 customer refunds and timing of the December Quarter provisional pricing adjustments (totalling ~\$117M), underlying cash margin from operations would be \$291M.

**Capital expenditure** of \$123M on a cash basis (\$109M on an accruals basis) comprised infrastructure and projects of \$46M, mine development of \$42M and sustaining capital of \$22M. FY26 capital expenditure is expected to be second half weighted driven by timing of mine development and the crushed ore stockpile dome.

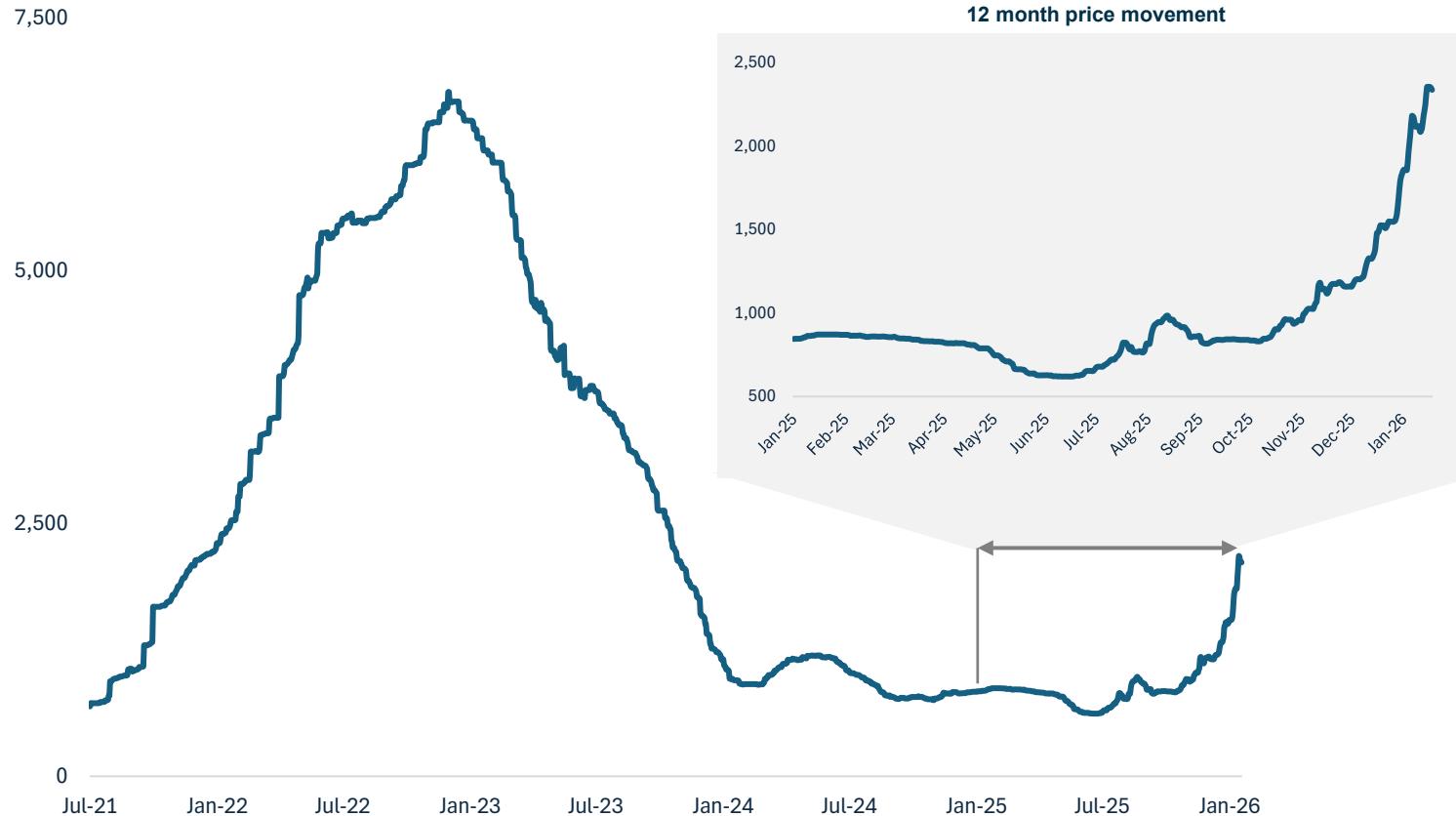
# Market update

# Lithium market – dynamics shifting



An evolving market shaped by volatility, emerging maturity and rising end-use demand

Spodumene concentrate price (US\$/t SC6.0, CIF China basis)<sup>1,2</sup>



- Average<sup>1</sup> SC6 price of approx. **US\$2,335/t** as at 26 January 2026.
- **Inflection point** – Inventory levels tightening; market dynamics shifting supporting price recovery.
- **Volatility to remain** - Emerging market dynamics can translate to volatile pricing changes.
- **Structural demand intact** - EV adoption and energy storage growth underpin long-term fundamentals.

<sup>1</sup> Average of major price reporting agencies (SC6.0, CIF China basis).

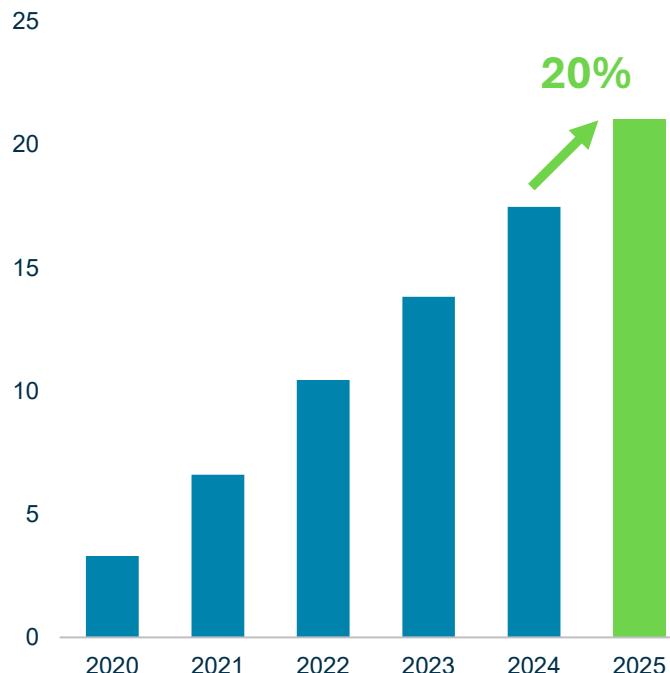
<sup>2</sup> Period from 1 July 2021 to 26 January 2026.

# Growth continues to compound strongly



EV adoption and energy storage drove sustained lithium consumption in 2025

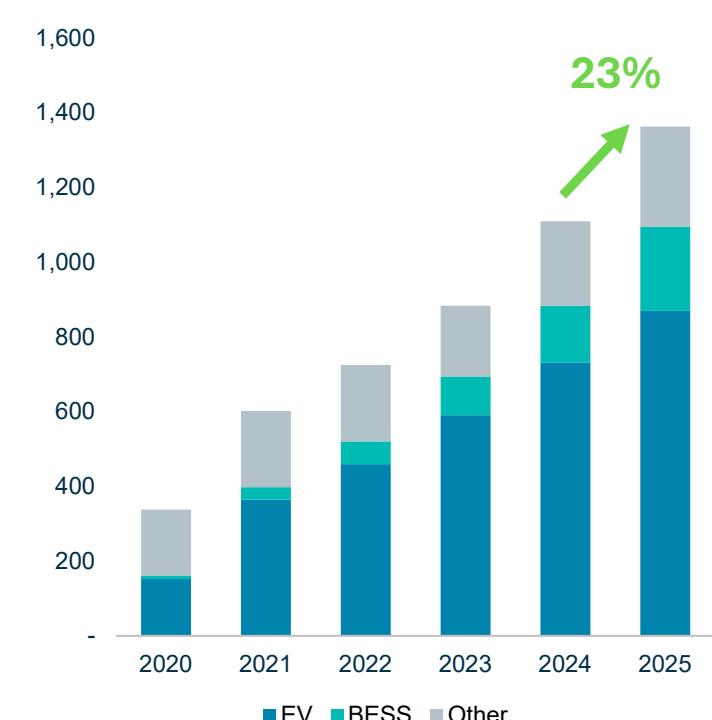
EV sales (M units)<sup>1</sup>



BESS demand (GWh)<sup>1</sup>



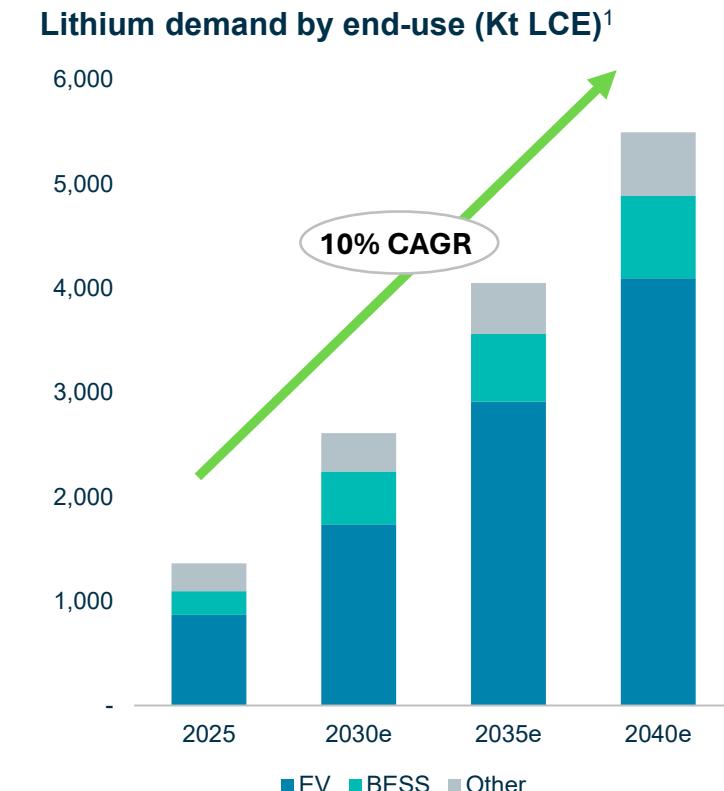
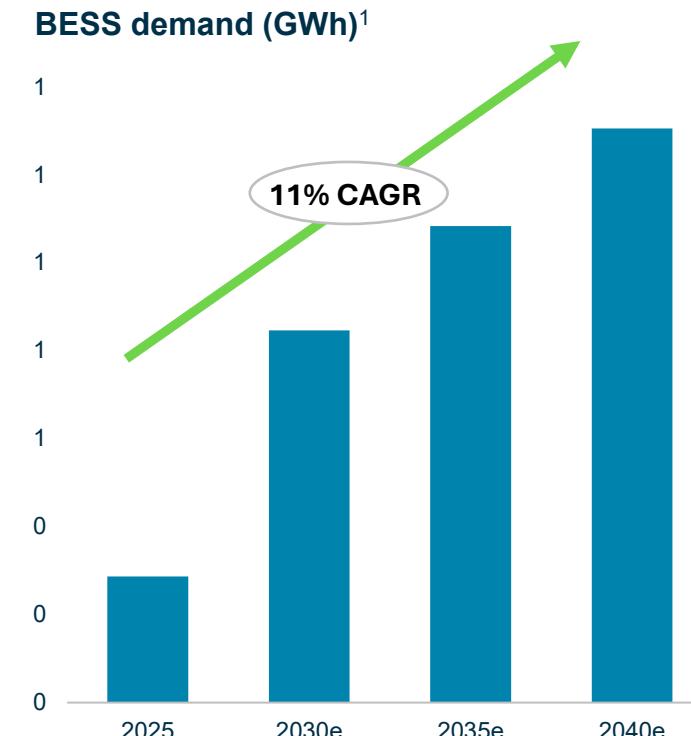
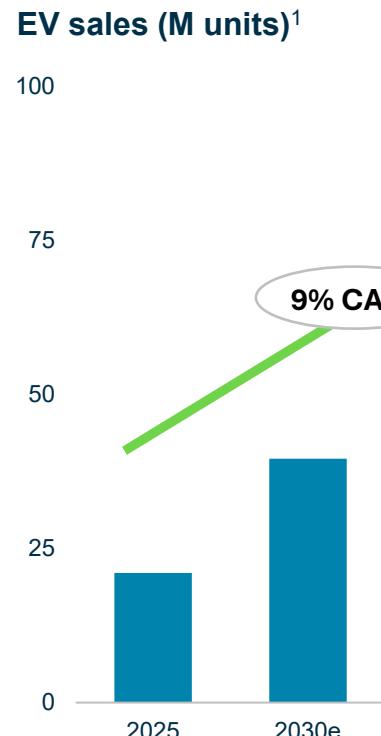
Lithium demand by end-use (Kt LCE)<sup>1</sup>



# Long-term demand trajectory



Policy settings, technology adoption and energy transition underpin multi-decade demand



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# Appendix

# Physicals summary



Total Ore Mined and Processed	Units	Dec Q FY25	Mar Q FY25	Jun Q FY25	Sep Q FY26	Dec Q FY26	H1 FY25	H1 FY26
Ore mined	wmt	1,191,453	1,137,437	1,500,849	1,725,478	<b>1,514,444</b>	2,580,151	<b>3,239,922</b>
Waste material	wmt	5,728,569	4,503,580	4,890,456	5,978,805	<b>6,627,413</b>	13,807,137	<b>12,606,218</b>
Total material mined	wmt	6,920,022	5,641,017	6,391,305	7,704,283	<b>8,141,857</b>	16,387,288	<b>15,846,140</b>
Average Li <sub>2</sub> O grade mined	%	1.5	1.4	1.4	1.2	<b>1.3</b>	1.5	<b>1.2</b>
Ore processed	dmt	915,367	697,708	1,120,361	1,050,348	<b>1,018,155</b>	1,961,695	<b>2,068,503</b>

Total Production and Shipments	Units	Dec Q FY25	Mar Q FY25	Jun Q FY25	Sep Q FY26	Dec Q FY26	H1 FY25	H1 FY26
Spodumene concentrate produced	dmt	188,214	124,978	221,272	224,757	<b>208,022</b>	408,334	<b>432,779</b>
Spodumene concentrate shipped	dmt	204,125	125,468	215,982	214,025	<b>231,971</b>	418,637	<b>445,996</b>
Tantalite concentrate produced	lb	30,938	20,744	59,622	74,267	<b>58,171</b>	64,051	<b>132,439</b>
Tantalite concentrate shipped	lb	15,787	50,166	60,908	66,161	<b>73,987</b>	67,057	<b>140,148</b>
Spodumene concentrate grade produced	%	5.2	5.1	5.1	5.3	<b>5.2</b>	5.2	<b>5.2</b>
Lithia recovery	%	72.1	67.2	71.6	78.2	<b>75.8</b>	73.8	<b>77.0</b>

1. Tantalite sales volume includes adjustments relating to the September Quarter and is subject to final adjustment.

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