



## Meeting the Global Rare Earth Challenge:

Molycorp's Fully Integrated, Mine-To-Magnets Manufacturing Supply Chain

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### **Rare Earths Video**





## Rare Earths Are Critical to Enabling Various Technologies

### **Significant REEs**

Lanthanum

Cerium

Praseodymium

Neodymium

Samarium

Dysprosium

Europium

Terbium

Gadolinium

Yttrium

### **Properties**

### Reduces

- Weight
- Fmissions
- Energy consumption

### **Allows**

- Greater efficiency
- Performance
- Miniaturization
- Speed
- Durability
- Thermal stability

### **Product applications**



Molycorp intends to produce all 10 of these rare earth elements commercially



# Molycorp has achieved multiple milestones since the IPO in July 2010

### **Operational**

- ✓ Fully permitted for construction (including Phase 2 expansion)
- Recommenced mining operations
- ✓ Started construction of Phase 1 project ahead of schedule

## Vertical Integration

- ✓ Commenced sales of XSORBX in 3Q 2010
- ✓ Non-binding LOI with Hitachi Metals for magnets and alloys
  - Access to intellectual property to execute "mine-to-magnets" strategy

## **Supply Agreements**

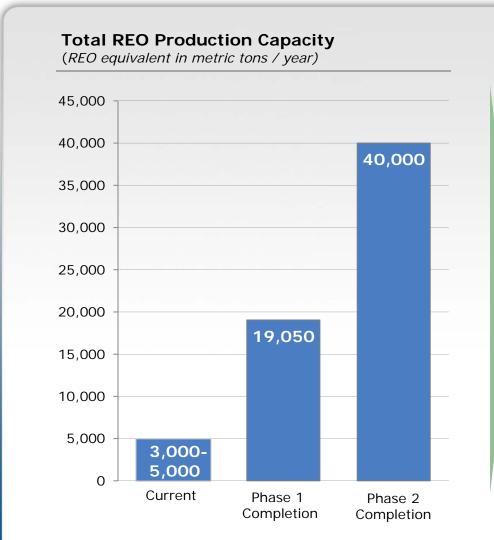
- ✓ Non-binding MOU with Sumitomo Corporation
  - Expected to supply cerium and lanthanum-based products at market-based prices
- ✓ 2011 Production sold out (>4000 tons REO)
- Definitive agreement with W.R. Grace
  - Supply of primarily lanthanum-oxide

### **Financing**

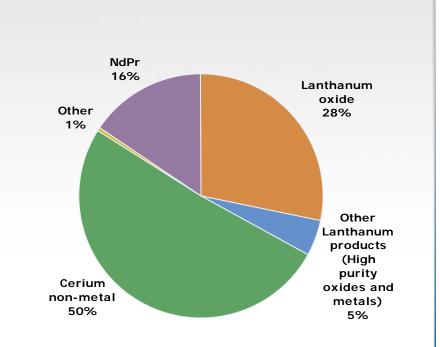
- \$130mm debt and equity investment in Molycorp through the Sumitomo non-binding MOU
- ✓ Advanced to second round for DOE loan guarantee program (\$280MM)
- ✓ Raised ~\$173MM in mandatory convertible preferred stock offering



## Near-Term Plans to Double Production Capacity



### **Expected production breakdown by REO**





## Rare Earths Are Critical Inputs for the Hybrid and Electric Vehicles Market

## Hybrid and Electric Vehicles Demand Drivers:

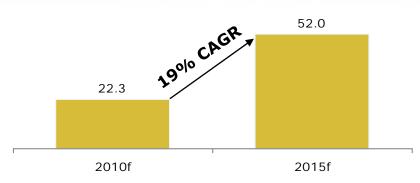
- Intensive use of rare earths in hybrid and electric vehicles are compounding the traditional use of rare earths
- Hybrid and electric vehicles contain 9-11 kgs of rare earths
- Anticipated rare earth demand from hybrid and electric vehicles is estimated to grow significantly



#### Annual Hybrid and Electric Vehicle Sales (000's) ■ Hybrid Vehicles ■ Electric Vehicles 3.206 2.974 2,559 2,247 1.775 1,270 962 2010f 2011f 2012f 2013f 2014f 2015f 2016f

Source: JD Power and Associates

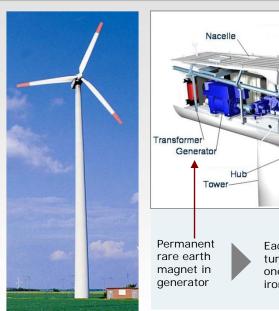
### Total Rare Earth Metal Alloys Consumption (ktpa)



Source: IMCOA



# Wind Turbines Are a Significant Driver for Rare Earth Magnet Growth



# Nacelle Rotor Transformer Generator Hub Tower

Each 3MW permanent magnet turbine requires approximately one metric ton of neodymium iron boron magnets<sup>1</sup>

### Wind turbine demand drivers

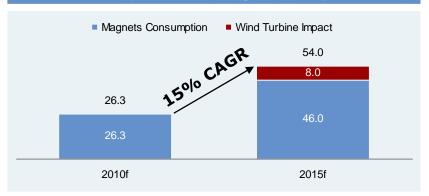
- Global commitment to increasing the presence of wind energy:
  - U.S. EIA estimates >3x increase in installed wind generation 2010-30 to 490GW
  - China is estimated to have allocated >\$150bn to become the world's wind leader
  - Growing European use of offshore wind generation
- Permanent rare earth magnets are used in generators of wind turbines
  - Increased reliability and efficiency reduces expensive breakdowns and maintenance expenditures
  - Critical element for 3MW+ and off-shore turbine segments
- With the expected JV, Molycorp would have access to the raw materials, IP and technical expertise to be a world-class supplier of permanent magnets

### Wind turbine production (GW)



Source: Energy Information Administration

### **REO** consumption for magnets (ktpa)



Source: IMCOA

Note: Both magnet consumption and wind turbine impact are middle of

IMCOA range

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> IMCOA estimates each megawatt requires 0.4 tons of NdFeB magnets



# Global Demand Growth Will Continue to Justify Additional Supply

### Global Rare Earths Supply and Demand (mt, REO ±20%)1

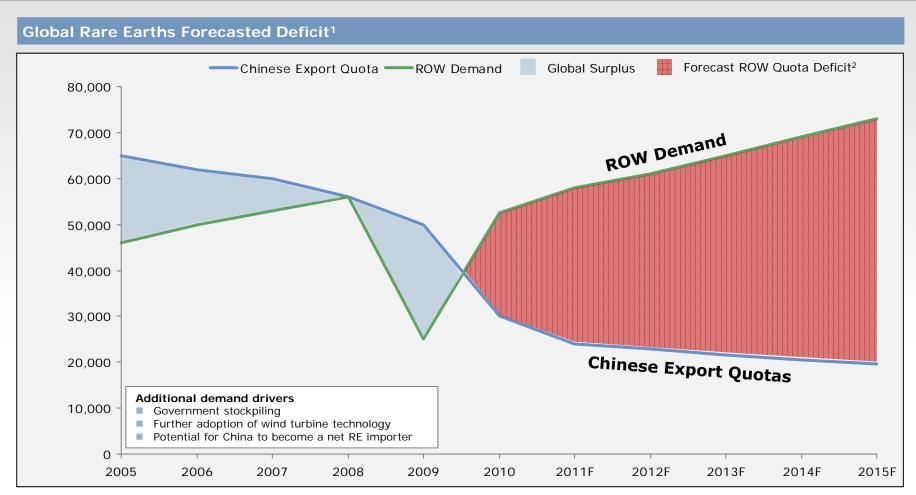


Source: IMCOA (January 2011)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Does not reflect Molycorp's potential to increase production to 40,000 mt of REO per year following completion of Phase 2 expansion plan, but instead reflects anticipated production of 19,050 mt of REO per year beginning in 2013



# Chinese Exports Constraints Require a Western World Supply Response



Source: IMCOA

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Based on actual announced quotas through the first half of 2011 and IMCOA forecasts (35% reduction compared with the first half of 2010); Please refer to page 9 of the Form S-1 Registration Statement for information regarding Chinese quotas

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> ROW quota deficit shows the supply deficit that would occur should no REE production outside of China comes online



# Observations On China

- 1 1H 2011 Chinese export quotas continue 7-year downward trend; senior officials warn of declining quotas in the future.
- Multiple government initiatives will affect production and price levels: hundreds of illegal mines closed; export licenses reduced; export taxes increased; VAT rebate on exports withdrawn; coordinated pricing sought; environmental reforms; vertical industry consolidation being forced.
- Implementation of strict environmental standards expected to "double production costs" (Wang Guozhen, the former VP of China Nonferrous Engineering and Research Institute)
- Internal REE demand rising with GDP growth while Chinese production from 2005-2010 relatively stagnant
- 59% of respondents think China will "become a net importer of rare earths by 2015" in a Metal-Pages.com poll. Senior Chinese officials not ruling out this possibility.



# World-Class Mineral Resource at Mountain Pass, CA



	Resources

Category	REO%	k tons	REO (MIbs)
SEC Guide 7: Proven and Probable	8.24	13,588	2,210
NI 43-101: Measured & Indicated	6.68	24,341	3,251
NI 43-101: Inferred	6.32	10,446	1,320
NI 43-101 Totals		34,787	4,571

Source: SRK report dated April 2010

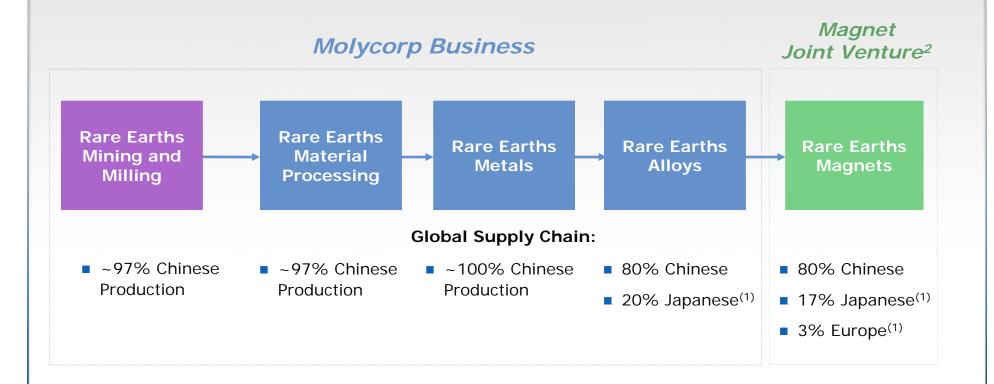
Note: See disclaimer for information on reserves and resources

- 58 years of operating history
- Mine permit and EIR allow operations through 2040
- Mining operations re-started in Dec. 2010
- Construction of new processing facility underway
- Plan provides for fully installed infrastructure
  - Water
  - Electricity
  - Natural gas pipeline
  - Easy access to Interstates, rail head, and California seaports
- Facility is ISO 9000 and ISO 14000 certified
- Estimated 30+ years mine life based on Phase 1 production plan (15+ years with Phase 2 expansion assuming no increase in recovery rates or additional exploration drilling)
- 191 Employees



## Our Mine-to-Magnets Manufacturing Supply Chain

Molycorp's "Mine-to-Magnets" strategy differentiates us from other early stage concentrate or oxide-only projects, and provides exposure to the high margin metals, alloys, and magnet markets



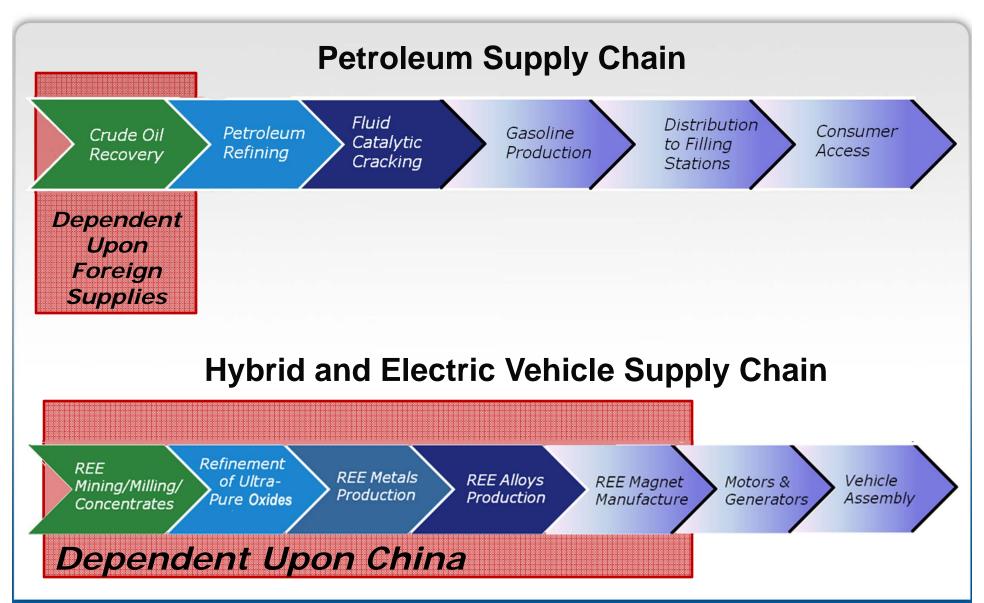
Source: REITA report dated January 27, 2010

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Dependent on Chinese rare earths feedstock

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> "Molycorp and Hitachi Metals, Ltd. have entered into an agreement regarding the planned formation of joint ventures for the production of rare earth alloys and magnets in the U.S.



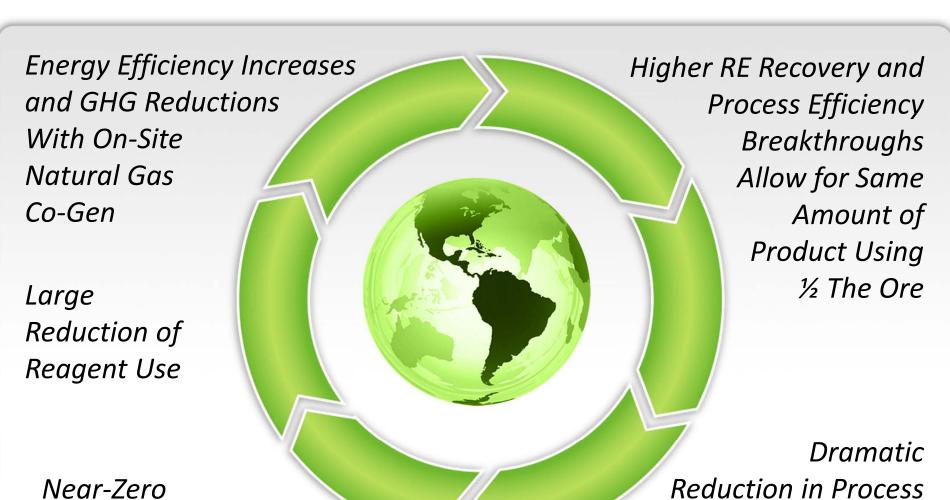
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Wastewater Discharge

# **Environmental Technology Breakthroughs**



Use of Fresh Water



## Breakthrough Technologies



Molycorp Deploys Incredibly Flexible Technology Focused on:

### **Water Treatment**

- Lack of Clean drinking water is a global problem
- XSORBX® unique chemistry removes:
  - Pathogens such as Protozoa, Fungi, Bacterial, Viruses
  - Organic toxins such as Pesticides
  - Heavy metals such as Arsenic, Selenium, and Chromium
- We're developing man-portable filters to give our troops the cleanest drinking water available



### **Industrial Process Waste Streams**

- XSORBX® ASP, Arsenic Sequestration Process employs the XSORBX® technology in the mining and smelting industry
- Volumetric capacity for specific hazardous materials that exceeds any other commercially available product
- Studies show stable, concentrated waste could potentially be classified as non hazardous



## Commercial Opportunities In Recycling

- Recycling will be critical to the rare earth industry, and Molycorp will be a leader in the recycling industry.
- Molycorp's new plant was designed with recycling in mind.
  - Lowest-cost operation in the industry.
  - Highly flexible circuit design.
  - Recycled REE's can be co-processed with primary production, yielding additional cost savings.
- Key focus areas:
  - RE phosphors from CFLs
  - NdFeB alloy recovery in magnet manufacture



# Public Policies That Can Help Rebuild a Domestic Rare Earth Industry

- Accelerating reestablishment of a defense stockpile
  - DoD working to determine its needs
  - Stockpile reform will require Congressional direction
- Workforce development and training
  - Very difficult to find candidates with necessary skills, experiences
  - China has over 6000 full time rare earth technologists; the US has about a couple of dozen
- Recycling as key near-term means of increasing supply
  - Molycorp investigating a commercial path to CFL recycling
  - Critical source of heavy rare earths (Y, Eu, Tb)
  - Key impediment: how to get consumers to respond
- Revitalizing rare earth academic infrastructure
  - US used to be the intellectual center of rare earth research.
  - Now, only one university course on rare earths in the US
- Commitment to Research and Development
  - Recycling, processing, minimization, substitutes
  - Will also help to build a skilled rare earth workforce



## **Questions?**