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A Globally Significant Critical Mineral Producer

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# **Summary Deal Terms - TMG Acquisition**



- Acquisition Structure: EQR has executed a binding Heads of Agreement (HoA) to acquire 100% of the shares in Tungsten Metals Group Limited, and subsidiaries, including Mr. George Chen's interest in Asia Tungsten Products Co Ltd, securing 100% ownership of the TMG Group.
  - TMG Group own and operate the largest ferrotungsten (FeW) plant outside of China, located in Vietnam, with a potential production capacity of 4,000tpa FeW.
- **Indicative Valuation**: A\$13.5M, inclusive of acquisition of TMG Group shares and liabilities, subject to conditions precedent and applicable adjustments at closing, per the terms of the HoA.
- Consideration:
  - Equity: ~170M new EQR shares issued to TMG shareholders
  - Cash: A\$2.5M funded via customer prepayments for FeW
- Exclusivity Period: Parties committed to exclusivity until 20 December 2024.
- Conditions Precedent:
  - Completion of due diligence
  - Signing of definitive agreements
  - Regulatory and shareholder approvals
  - Standard transactional conditions
- **Expected Completion**: Targeted for H1 2025, pending fulfilment of conditions.
- **Escrow Arrangements**: Related parties receiving EQR shares will face a 12-month voluntary escrow, ensuring long-term alignment.



EQ Resources to Acquire 100% Interest in Producer of High-Quality Ferrotungsten. 18 Nov 2024 (link

# **TMG Acquisition - Strategic Rationale**



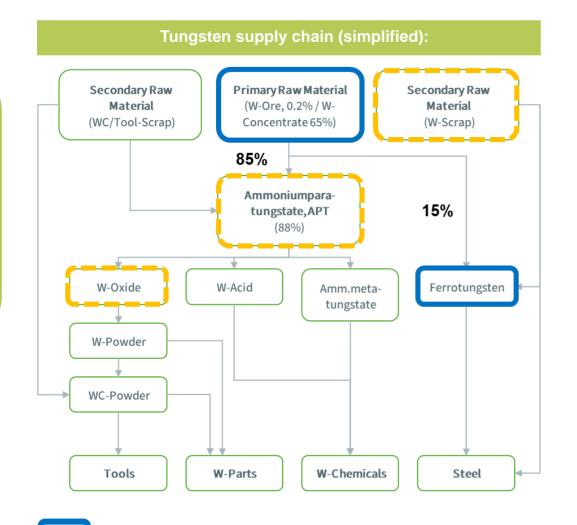
- Raw Materials Supply: The Vietnam facility is the largest tungsten smelter outside China. Prior success of the operations was limited by a lack of quality raw materials to produce FeW at scale. EQR resolves this by providing a stable supply chain from its tungsten operations in Australia and Spain.
- **Vertical integration** of EQR's upstream operations aligns with EQR's corporate strategy to leverage its existing substantial resource base and production output along the tungsten supply chain.
- Leadership position gained, with largest FeW plant (by capacity) outside of China.
- **Capture higher margins** from conversion of tungsten concentrate to value-added FeW product, achieving approx. 20% value addition to concentrate and accessing higher margin markets where FeW has outperformed APT prices.
- Diversification and de-risking: EQR will 100% own and operate tungsten operations on three continents with access to a global customer base. Tungsten concentrate shifted to FeW production, may have positive benefits for the APT price segment, which is the price basis for EQR's concentrates.
- Policy shift by Western Governments:
  - Strategic / Critical Minerals classification (funding opportunities)
  - Sanctions / Tariffs / Incentivise decoupling
- **Strengthening ties between Vietnam and Australia** (recently entered into a Comprehensive Strategic Partnership) and solid growth outlook for Vietnam's overall economy.

TMG acquisition expands EQR's footprint to three continents -Australia, Spain, and Vietnam strengthening its position as a leading Western tungsten producer.



# **Market / FeW Product**





Expanded product portfolio (post TMG transaction)

Partnerships

- FeW market representing approx. 15% of concentrate consumption
- FeW capacity outside China very limited, higher dependency on China for FeW as compared to APT

Outside of China, the main consumers of FeW are steelmakers located in Japan & Europe:



# **FeW Production & Applications**





## TMG Ferrotungsten Plant



Arc furnace









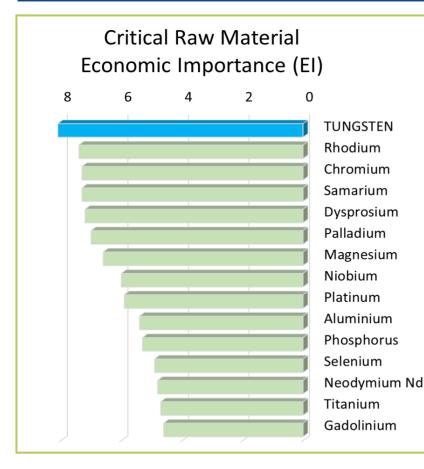
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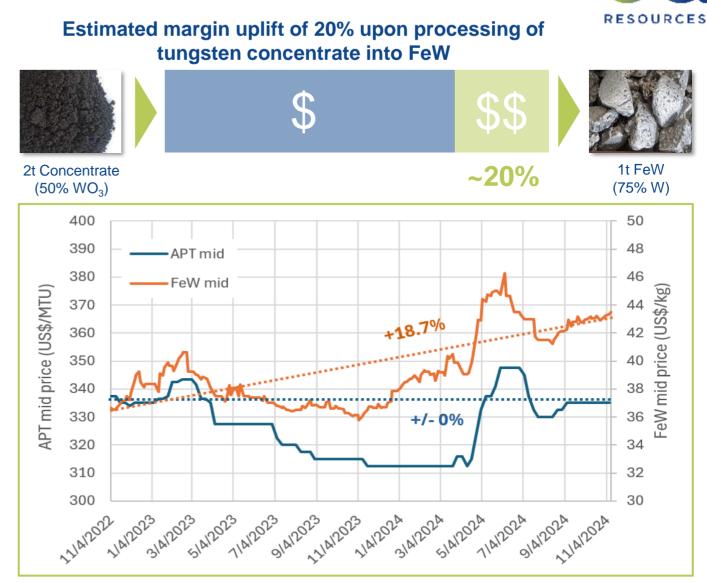
point of Alloys Increases the hardness of alloys without increasing breakability Increases the electrical conductivity of alloys

# High speed steelsTool steelsStructural steelsImage: Defence steelsImage: D

# **Critical Metal – Margin uplift from processing to FeW**

Tungsten is defined by the EU as the Critical Metal which has the **highest** economic importance to industry.



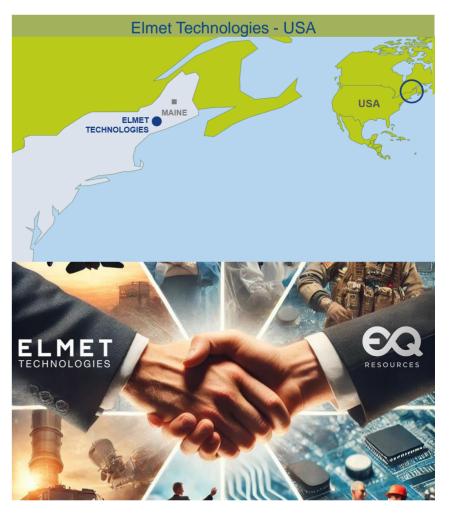


Source: www.rmis.jrc.ec.europa.eu/?page=crm-list-2020-e294f6

# **EQR-Elmet Deal: Key Terms and Strategic Rationale**



- **Definitive Agreement:** 5-year tungsten concentrate offtake agreement with Elmet Technologies valued at A\$30 million.
- **Production Excellence:** Barruecopardo (Saloro) achieved a record production of 11,007 mtu in October 2024, reinforcing supply reliability.
- **Supply Commitment:** Tungsten concentrate will be sourced primarily from Barruecopardo Operations in Spain.
- **Strategic Collaboration:** Joint pursuit of US Government funding under the Defence Industrial Base Consortium (DIBC) to enhance critical material supply and integrate EQR tungsten into the US supply chain.
- **Strengthening US-Australia Relations:** Supports critical mineral supply chain security between allied nations, reducing reliance on China.
- **Geopolitical Significance:** Addresses surging demand for critical minerals driven by global tensions and industrial needs in defence, aerospace and renewable energy.
- **Green Economy Alignment:** Highlights tungsten's vital role in EVs, renewable energy, and advanced manufacturing for economic resilience and decarbonisation.
- **Value Creation:** Provides a long-term revenue stream while advancing downstream integration and innovation in the US tungsten supply chain.



Tungsten Concentrate to Commence for Elmet Technologies. 12 Nov 2024 (link)

# **EQR Business Update**

## **Operations Update**

- **Spain:** <u>October record production</u> with recovery rates up to 65-70% (previously 38%). Focus on increasing throughput rates with sorter's performing well.
- **Mt Carbine:** Recovering from equipment downtime; accelerated stripping underway to access High Grade ore in Iloanthe vein package.
- Group target: Maintain Q4CY production levels similar to Q3CY.

## Funding & Market Outlook

- Strong customer demand for EQR products.
- Geopolitical concerns on future sources for tungsten and other rare earth materials by western countries increasing.
- TMG deal generating significant industry interest with customer offtake and potential funding offers being collected.

# Focus: Building momentum in operations, funding, and strategic partnerships.





# **Recent Media – TMG Acquistion**

#### 🜀 Small Caps

# EQ Resources to acquire Vietnam's largest ferrotungsten plant in \$13.5m deal

Leading tungsten mining company EQ Resources (ASX: EQR) has made a strategic move to acquire the largest ferrotungsten (FeW) plant outside...

#### Mining Technology

#### EQ Resources seals deal to acquire Tungsten Metals Group

EQ Resources, a tungsten producer with operations in Australia and Spain, has entered a binding heads of agreement to acquire the entire...

#### 💕 Mining.com.au

#### EQ picks up 'largest' non-Chinese ferrotungsten plant

EQ Resources (ASX:EQR) is set to become the owner and operator of the "largest and most advanced" ferrotungsten plant outside of China with...

## Mining Magazine Australia

## EQ Resources' tungsten acquisition

EQ Resources has executed a binding heads of agreement (HoA) to facilitate diversification and vertical integration of its upstream...

#### 🚳 Australian Mining

#### Australian tungsten producer stakes claim in third continent

Australian-based EQ Resources (EQR) is set to gain another global tungsten foothold thanks to a promising deal in Vietnam.

#### Theinvestor.vn

# Australia's EQ Resources acquires TMG Group with Vietnam-based ferrotungsten factory

Australia-based EQ Resources Limited has acquired its fellow firm Tungsten Metals Group (TMG), which owns and operates the largest...

## & AKM.RU

# Australian EQ Resources acquires tungsten producer TMG Group

Australian EQ Resources acquires tungsten producer TMG Group TMG Group operates the largest ferrovolfram production plant in Vietnam.

## 💅 Yahoo

## EQ Resources seals deal to acquire Tungsten Metals Group

The deal is valued at \$13.5m (A\$20.88m) and is expected to close in the first half of 2025 (H1 2025).

#### SUPPLY CHAIN

## China to tighten export curbs on critical metals ahead of Trump's return

Tungsten, magnesium and aluminum alloys face more restrictions



Tighter Chinese export controls covering so-called dual-use items take effect on Dec. 1. © Reuters

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