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## **Bushveld Minerals Limited**

("Bushveld Minerals" or the "Company")

Vametco Inferred & Indicated Mineral Resource and Ore Reserve Update for Annual Reporting purposes

### Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves

Mineral Resources are the estimated quantities of material that have reasonable prospects for eventual economic extraction from the Group's properties. Ore Reserves are a subset of Measured and/or Indicated Mineral Resources that can be demonstrated to be able to be economically and legally extracted.

Ore Reserves are declared for open pits inside the Life of Mine (LoM) pit design (the optimised pit shell in this instance), including diluting materials and allowances for losses, which may occur when the material is mined or extracted, and are defined by studies at Pre-Feasibility or Feasibility level, as appropriate, that include application of Modifying Factors. Such studies demonstrate that, at the time of reporting, extraction could reasonably be justified (JORC, 2012). Ore Reserves are declared for in-situ tonnes in the pits and exclude any stockpiles. Economic assumptions used to estimate reserves change from period-to-period as additional technical and operational data is generated.

### **BUSHVELD VANADIUM RESOURCES AND RESERVES**

The Resource and Reserve estimates are based on the Competent Person's statements prepared by an independent consultancy company, the MSA Group (Pty) Ltd as at 31 December 2023.

### **VAMETCO MINE**

- The total Ore Reserves have increased by approximately 10 per cent from the previous Ore Reserve estimate as at  $31^{st}$  December 2022. The Ore Reserves are reported as at the  $31^{st}$  December 2023 at 293,400 tonnes  $V_2O_5$  in magnetite at a grade of 2.00 per cent  $V_2O_5$  (in magnetite).
- The combined Inferred and Indicated Mineral Resource comprises 3 Seams (The Lower, Intermediate and Upper Seams) and is reported as at the 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023 at 180.4 million tonnes (Mt) at an average grade of 1.98 per cent V<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> (in magnetite), with an average magnetite content of 35.0 per cent (in whole rock) for 694.6 thousand tonnes of contained vanadium. The previously reported combined Inferred and Indicated Mineral Resource, as a 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022, was 181.5 Mt at an



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- average grade of 1.98 per cent  $V_2O_5$  (in magnetite), with an average magnetite content of 35.0 per cent (in whole rock) for 699.0 thousand tonnes of contained vanadium.
- Within this, the Ore Reserve in the Probable Category comprise 3 Seams (The Lower, Intermediate and Upper Seams) and is reported as 51.0 Mt at an average grade of 2.00 per cent  $V_2O_5$  (in magnetite), with an average magnetite content of 28.9 per cent (in whole rock) for 164,300 tonnes of vanadium.
- The Lower Seam is the main ore seam and the thickest, ranging from 13.8 to 52.0 metres in thickness, comprising a Probable Reserve of 41.2 Mt at an average grade of 2.03 per cent  $V_2O_5$  (in magnetite), with an average magnetite content of 28.2 per cent (in whole rock) for 132,200 tonnes of vanadium.
- The decrease in the total 2023 Mineral Resource, by 0.61 per cent less tonnes than the 31 December 2022 estimate, is attributed to mining of the seams over the last 12 months. No Mineral Resource exploration was carried out over the period.
- The increase in the total 2023 Ore Reserves from 46.4 Mt to 51.0 Mt as at 31 December 2023 is due an increase in tonnage through improved definition of the existing pit design (1.7 Mt) and an adjustment to the modifying factors (4.1 Mt). These positive gains were offset by the year-on-year depletion which was calculated to be 1.1 Mt. The Ore Reserve modifying factors (mining loss and dilution) were adjusted based on pit to plant reconciliation production data supplied by Bushveld Vametco Alloys (Pty). Ltd. This resulted in a significant increase in the Upper Seam ore tonnes from 36.2 Mt to 41.2 Mt.

Table 1: Vametco Mineral Resource at a cut-off grade of 20% magnetite, as at 31 December 2023

Class	Seam Name	Tonnes	V₂O₅ grade of whole rock	Magnetite grade of whole rock	V₂O₅ grade in magnetite	Tonnes V₂O₅ in magnetite	Tonnes V in magnetite	
		(Millions)	%	%	%	(Thousands)	(Thousands)	
	Upper	5.3	1.44	65.9	1.78	61.7	34.6	
la dia sta d	Intermediate	27.3	0.67	32.9	1.91	171.3	95.9	
Indicated	Lower	105.3	0.72	32.4	2.03	692.7	387.9	
	Total	137.9	0.74	33.7	2.00	925.7	518.4	
	Upper	10.1	1.46	63.6	1.75	112.9	63.2	
Inferred	Intermediate	7.0	0.67	32.1	1.92	43.4	24.3	
interred	Lower	25.4	0.74	31.3	2.00	158.4	88.7	
	Total	42.5	0.90	39.1	1.93	314.7	176.2	
	Upper	15.4	1.45	64.4	1.76	174.6	97.8	
Indicated and	Intermediate	34.4	0.67	32.7	1.91	214.7	120.2	
Inferred	Lower	130.6	0.72	32.1	2.03	851.1	476.6	
	Total	180.4	0.77	35.0	1.98	1,240.4	694.6	

- All tabulated data have been rounded and as a result minor computational errors may occur. Mineral Resources which are not Ore Reserves have no demonstrated economic viability. Mineral Resources are inclusive of Ore Reserves (not indicated in the table).
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- Magnetite content (grade) is determined as the proportion of magnetite concentrate recovered using Davis Tube methodology.
- Due to the magnetite grade being a recovered grade, differences will occur between whole rock V2O5 grades back-calculated from concentrate, versus those derived from whole rock assays.
- Depleted using the 31 December 2023 pit survey.
  Reported on a Gross Basis. Bushveld Minerals shareholding in Bushveld Vametco Alloys is 100%.



Table 1a: Vametco Mineral Resource at a cut-off grade of 20% magnetite, 31 December 2023 versus 31 December 2022

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Class	Seam Name	Tonnes	V₂O₅ grade of whole rock	Magnetite grade of whole rock	V₂O₅ grade in magnetite	Tonnes V <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> in magnetite	Tonnes V in magnetite	Tonnes	V₂O₅ grade of whole rock	Magnetite grade of whole rock	V₂O₅ grade in magnetite	Tonnes V <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> in magnetite	Tonnes V in magnetite
		(Millions)	%	%	%	(Thousands)	(Thousands)	(Millions)	%	%	%	(Thousands)	(Thousands)
		31 December 2023							31 December 2022				
	Upper	5.3	1.44	65.9	1.78	61.7	34.6	5.4	1.44	65.9	1.78	62.7	35.1
	Intermediate	27.3	0.67	32.9	1.91	171.3	95.9	27.6	0.67	32.9	1.91	173.1	97.0
Indicated	Lower	105.3	0.72	32.4	2.03	692.7	387.9	105.9	0.72	32.4	2.03	697.2	390.4
	Total	137.9	0.74	33.7	2.00	925.7	518.4	139.0	0.74	33.8	2.00	933.0	522.5
	Upper	10.1	1.46	63.6	1.75	112.9	63.2	10.2	1.46	63.6	1.75	113.3	63.5
Inferred	Intermediate	7.0	0.67	32.1	1.92	43.4	24.3	7.0	0.67	32.1	1.92	43.4	24.3
illierreu	Lower	25.4	0.74	31.3	2.00	158.4	88.7	25.4	0.74	31.3	2.00	158.4	88.7
	Total	42.5	0.90	39.1	1.93	314.7	176.2	42.6	0.90	39.1	1.93	315.2	176.5
	Upper	15.4	1.45	64.4	1.76	174.6	97.8	15.5	1.45	64.4	1.76	176.0	98.6
Indicated	Intermediate	34.4	0.67	32.7	1.91	214.7	120.2	34.7	0.67	32.7	1.91	216.5	121.3
and Inferred	Lower	130.6	0.72	32.1	2.03	851.1	476.6	131.3	0.72	32.1	2.03	855.6	479.2
	Total	180.4	0.77	35.0	1.98	1,240.4	694.6	181.5	0.77	35.0	1.98	1,248.2	699.0

- All tabulated data have been rounded and as a result minor computational errors may occur.
   Mineral Resources which are not Ore Reserves have no demonstrated economic viability.
- 3. Mineral Resources are inclusive of Ore Reserves (not indicated in the table).
- 4. Magnetite content (grade) is determined as the proportion of magnetite concentrate recovered using Davis Tube methodology.
- Due to the magnetite grade being a recovered grade, differences will occur between whole rock V<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> grades back-calculated from concentrate, versus those derived from whole rock assays.

- 2022 depletion as at 31 December 2022.
   2023 depletion as at 31 December 2023.
   Reported on a Gross Basis. Bushveld Minerals shareholding in Bushveld Vametco Alloys is 100%.

	Table 3: Vametco Ore Reserves, 31 December 2023 – Gross Basis												
Class	Seam Name	V₂O₅ grade Tonnes of whole rock		Magnetite grade of whole rock	V₂O₅ grade in magnetite	Tonnes V <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> in magnetite	Tonnes V in magnetite						
		(Millions)	%	%	%	(Thousands)	(Thousands)						
	Upper	1.8	1.15	53.5	1.77	17.3	9.7						
Probable	Intermediate	8.0	0.57	26.8	1.87	39.9	22.4						
Trobabio	Lower	41.2	0.62	28.2	2.03	236.2	132.2						
	Total	51.0	0.63	28.9	2.00	293.4	164.3						

- All tabulated data have been rounded and as a result minor computational errors may occur.

  Ore Reserve tonnes and grades reported on dry run of mine (RoM) (plant feed) basis after mining modifying factors have been applied but before beneficiation down-stream recoveries/losses have been applied.

  Reporting was prepared on a Mineral Resource model developed by MSA.

  Ore Reserves depleted as at 31 December 2023 using 31 December 2023 pit survey.

  Ore Reserve estimate was based on a revised pit design completed in September 2022 1. 2.
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- 6. 7. Ore Reserve modifying factors adjusted by seam based on analysis of pit to plant production information
  Ore Reserve estimate depleted using Datamine Studio 5DP Open Pit software and latest topography supplied by Vametco as of 31 December
- 8. Reported on a Gross Basis. Bushveld Minerals shareholding in Bushveld Vametco Alloys is 100%.



Table 3a: Vametco Ore Reserve at a cut-off grade of 20% magnetite, 31 December 2023 versus 31 December 2022 – Gross Basis

Class	Seam Name	Tonnes	V₂O₅ grade of whole rock	Magnetite grade of whole rock	V₂O₅ grade in magnetite	Tonnes V₂O₅ in magnetite	Tonnes V in magnetite	Tonnes	V₂O₅ grade of whole rock	Magnetite grade of whole rock	V₂O₅ grade in magnetite	Tonnes V₂O₅ in magnetite	Tonnes V in magnetite
		(Millions)	%	%	%	(Thousands)	(Thousands)	(Millions)	%	%	%	(Thousands)	(Thousands)
		31 December 2023							31 December 2022				
	Upper	1.8	1.15	53.5	1.77	17.3	9.7	1.9	1.07	50.2	1.77	16.7	9.3
	Intermediate	8.0	0.57	26.8	1.87	39.9	22.4	8.3	0.57	26.7	1.87	41.3	23.1
Probable	Lower	41.2	0.62	28.2	2.03	236.2	132.2	36.2	0.62	28.1	2.03	206.7	115.7
	Total	51.0	0.63	28.9	2.00	293.4	164.3	46.4	0.63	28.7	1.99	264.6	148.2

- All tabulated data have been rounded and as a result minor computational errors may occur.
- Ore Reserve tonnes and grades reported on dry RoM (plant feed) basis after mining modifying factors have been applied but before beneficiation down-stream recoveries/losses have been applied.
- Reporting was prepared on a Mineral Resource model developed by MSA.
- 2022 depletion as at 31 December 2022.
- 2023 depletion as at 31 December 2023.
- Ore Reserve estimate was based on a revised pit design completed in September 2022
- Ore Reserve modifying factors adjusted by seam based on analysis of historical pit to plant production information.

  Ore Reserve estimate depleted using Datamine Studio 5DP Open Pit software and latest topography supplied by Vametco as of 31 December 2023.
- Ore Reserve estimate compared to previous depleted Ore Reserves estimate compiled in December 2022.
- Reported on a Gross Basis. Bushveld Minerals shareholding in Bushveld Vametco Alloys is 100%.