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## An Introduction to Ucore Rare Metals Inc. & its ALASKA2023 Critical Metals Business Plan

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**American Critical-Metals Independence Starts Here** 

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For more information about Ucore's mineral resources and related technical information regarding the Bokan Project, please see Ucore's NI 43-101 technical report (a preliminary economic assessment) filed on SEDAR on March 14, 2013 and Ucore's mineral resource update filed on SEDAR on October 15, 2019. Information about the quantity and grades of the indicated and inferred mineral resources are described in these documents and are available therein. Mineral resources that are not mineral reserves do not have demonstrated economic viability.

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# **UCORE - INTRODUCTION**



# **RapidSX**<sup>™</sup>

IMC's proprietary, environmentally sound, and 21st century critical metals separation technology platform founded on time-tested SX technology for REE, Li, Co, Ni, et al.

# UCORE – ALASKA2023 OBJECTIVE

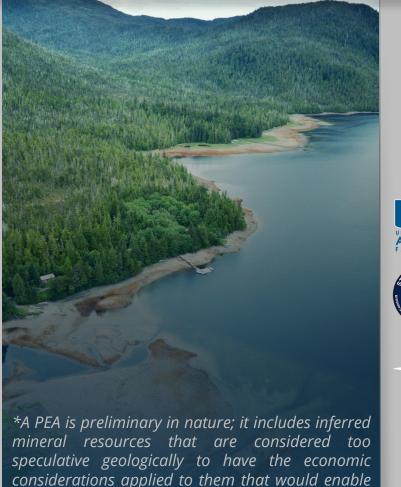
## Work to Establish a Comprehensive North American-centric Rare Earth Element Supply Chain

#### Near-Term:

- REE separation technology IP acquisition & development -C \$18+ million invested to date
- Develop NA REE resource alliances, processing capability, and downstream strategic partnerships to ensure a comprehensive domestic supply chain

#### Long-Term:

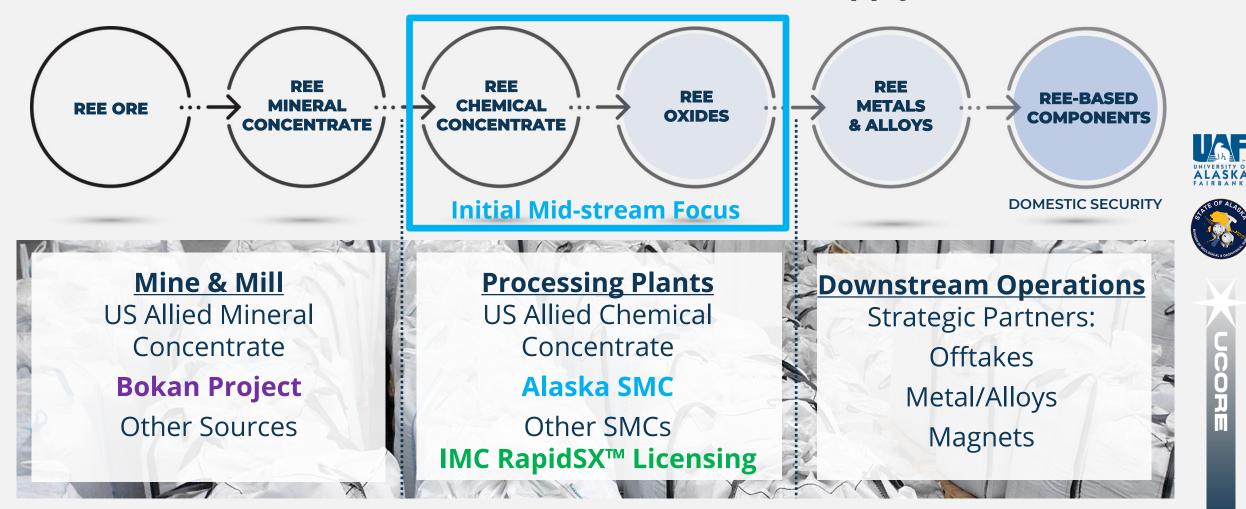
- Established an HREE resource at the Bokan-Dotson Ridge REE Project in Southeast Alaska
  - Obtained US \$145 million AIDEA bond mine financing authorization from AK legislature
  - C \$35+ million invested to date to explore, validate & establish an NI 43-101 PEA\*



them to be categorized as mineral reserves, and there is no certainty that the PEA will be realized.

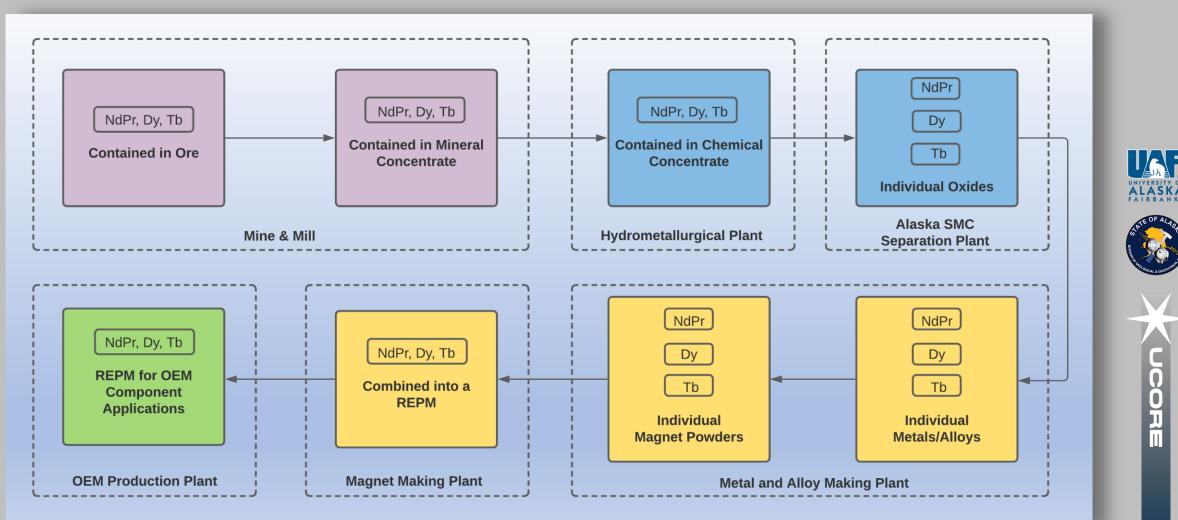
# UCORE - RETAINING NORTH AMERICAN MANUFACTURING

## **Ucore's Plan of a North American REE Supply Chain**



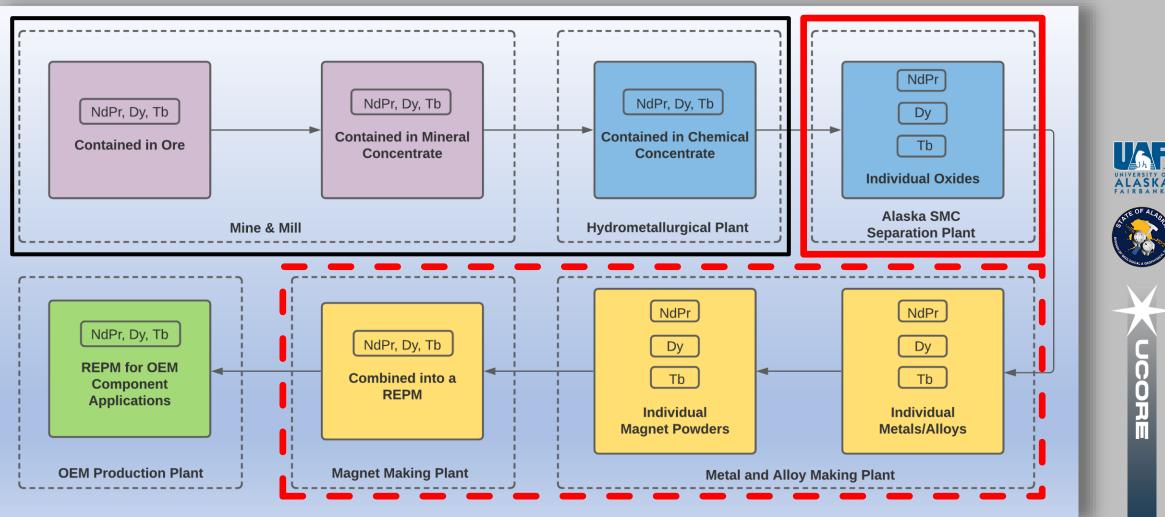


## Simplified Flow Chart following NdPr, Dy & Tb Elements from Mine to Vehicle





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## A Planned 2,000 tpa HREE & LREE Separation & Purification Facility for the Production of REO

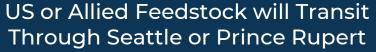
- First Bokan component
- Anchor tenant of NRDC w/ •



Southeast Conference

- Expandable to 5,000 tpa TREO (ex-cerium and yttrium)
- Founded on RapidSX<sup>™</sup>

US-allied feedstocks







## **Targeted for Ketchikan**

- Worldwide shipping corridor
- Proximity to other REE deposits in Alaska and Canada
- Closest Alaska port to Seattle and Prince Rupert
- Existing work force & infrastructure



# Working with numerous prospective partners for various sources of project funding:

 Debt Financing (AIDEA, DOE LPO, et al.), OEM Offtake Pre-Purchase & Supply Agreements, USG Matching Grant Funds, Lease Back Arrangement with Southeast Conference, Other Funding

# Community and stakeholder engagement to ensure prudent environmental, social and corporate governance (ESG) activities

- Southeast Conference outreach
- Ketchikan Gateway Borough
- University of Alaska Southeast workforce development training







Alaska SMC Products

### **Designed for the EV industry:**

- Term/quantity of supply
- Predictable price
- Exacting Quality Assurance / Quality Control
  Economics
- Competitive with China's REO producers
- Secure long-term supply and offtake agreements

### CORE-CM – Suggested Focus Areas

- A Strengthened REO Market for La, Ce, & Y
- NA Metal/Alloy Making
- NA Magnet Making
- Streamline Mine Permitting





## **A Focused Production Effort on:**

- Praseodymium (Pr) oxide
- Neodymium (Nd) oxide
- Terbium (Tb) oxide
- Dysprosium (Dy) oxide

The four primary rare earth oxides used to produce NdFeB Permanent Magnet Synchronous Motors







# **INNOVATION METALS CORP.**

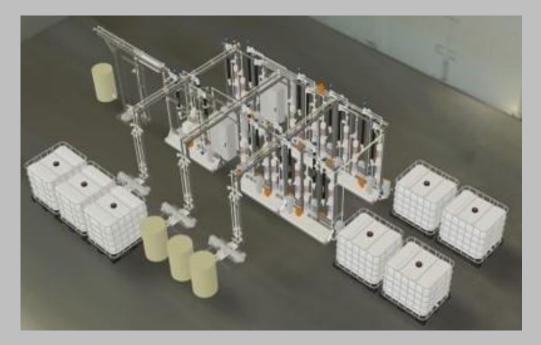
*RapidSX*<sup>™</sup> *is a Transformative REE Separation Technology* 



RapidSX<sup>™</sup> Critical Metals Technology

## **Key Advantages vs. Conventional SX:**

	RapidSX <sup>™</sup>	Conventional SX
Performance & Efficiency		
Commercial Purity	Yes	Yes
REE Recovery Rates	High	High
Processing Time	Rapid	Slow
Time to Equilibrium	Days	Several Weeks
CAPEX		
Equipment Cost	Low	High
Physical Footprint	Low	Very High
Separation Staging	Low	Very High
OPEX		
Metal Inventory/WIP	Low	High
Organic Volumes	Low	High
Labour	Low	High
Power Consumption	Low	High



- Commercial Opportunities
  - IMC Licensing

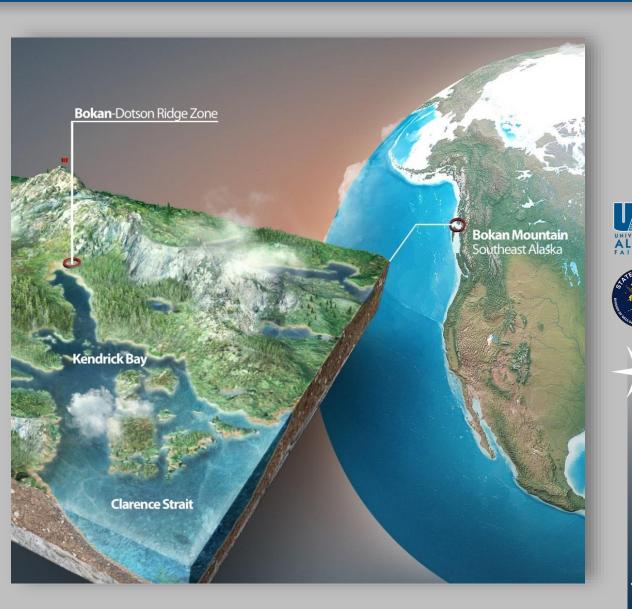


# ALASKA-LT BUSINESS MODEL



## Bokan-Dotson Ridge REE Project Prince of Wales Island, Alaska The Bokan-Dotson Ridge Zone resource estimate:

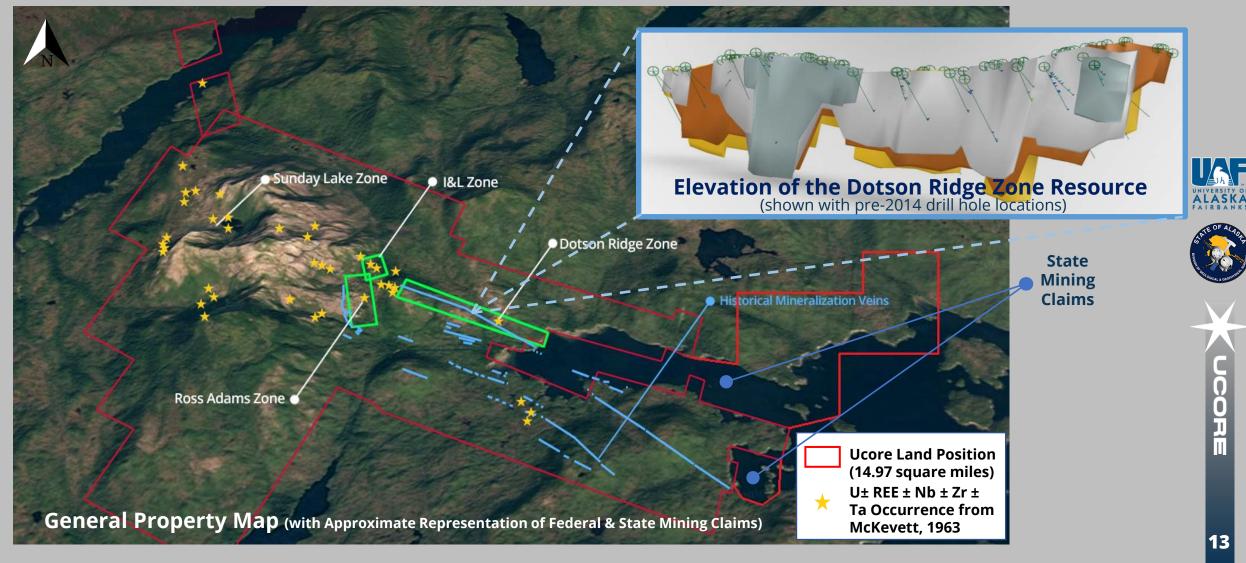
- 100% ownership rights
- Remains open down-dip and along strike
- Further exploration planned for Summer '22 and concurrent with initial mining
- Next steps PFS and/or FS (to include the co-products of beryllium, zirconium, niobium & hafnium), detailed mine design, and permitting
- The highest grade HREE resource in the US, disclosed per NI 43-101



## ALASKA-LT BUSINESS MODEL



#### The Bokan Mountain Complex & the Dotson Ridge Zone Resource





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# **Questions?**







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