Developing a Rare Earths Refining Hub in Quebec

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Neodymium Oxide

Neodymium Metal

NdFeB Magnets





Electric Motors



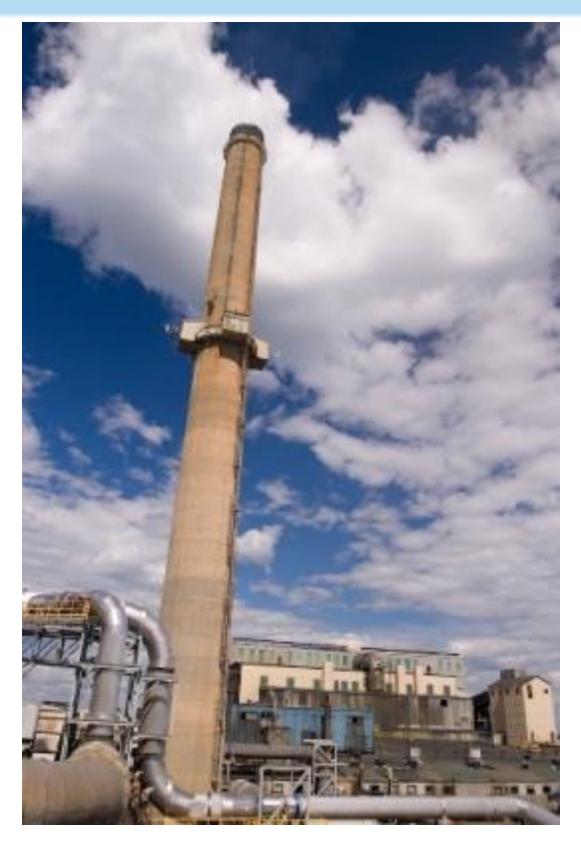
REE, Horne, Mining & Recycling

Horne Smelter

- 1927 to 1976 Mine concentrates processing
- Today copper concentrates & recyclable materials
- World's largest processor of electronic scrap containing copper and precious metals

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- 2020 Starting with recycling magnet feed
- Future expand to REE mining concentrates



Source: Glencore

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Quebec – North America's REE hub

- ISR Technology to be used to establish Quebec as the clean and cost-efficient recycler of choice outside of China for NdFeB
- Expand to recycling other secondary feeds of rare earths / specialty metals
- Use ISR to refine REE mining concentrates •
- Use ISR on alternative REE bearing feeds such as red muds, coal, tailings and other mining feeds



Processing Alternative **REE Feeds**

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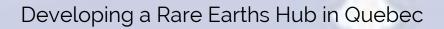
- An operational clean REE recycling & refining industry will lead to:
 - **1.** Development of the REE mines of Quebec

Montviel and several other projects that are already well defined

2. Attract downstream processing

Metal making and magnet manufacturing - energy intensive processes that would thrive with low cost and clean energy of Quebec

3. Attract downstream manufacturers that use REE in their products



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Geomega's approach

Developing the ISR Technology to extract and refine REE Stage 1:

- Lab scale development of the technology completed
- Adjust ISR to process REE magnets and perform a sequence of scale ups of 10x each to demonstrate the technology in mini-pilot – completed

Stage 2:

- Scale up REE magnet recycling to a demonstration plant ongoing
- Adjust ISR to process other REE feeds and mining concentrates ongoing
- Convert the demonstration plant to a commercial plant

Stage 3:

Scale up ISR for other REE feeds and mining concentrates **GRADUAL SCALE UP IS THE KEY**



Geomega's approach

The gradual scale up has several advantages:

- Reduces the technological risk of scaling up new and innovative processes 1.
- Reduces CAPEX and financial risk by starting from low volume & highest 2. grade material available
- Allows to establish cash flow to make the company less dependent on 3. equity financings
- Brings credibility to the technology 4.
- Establishes a relationship with the clients / industry 5.
- Lowers the risk when scaling up to lower grade and larger volume feed 6. material



Geomega's ISR Technology

Proprietary technology

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Environmentally safe

Small footprint

Low CAPEX

- Iron oxide as product

Recovery of main reagents > 95% No liquid effluent produced



ISR Technology Demo Plant

FEED study Updated Economics - production of 1.5 tons per day

Expansion potential	Up to 4.5 tp
Target Profit Margin	20%
Targeted Sales	\$10 MM
Direct operating costs	\$3 / kg of T
Capital costs	\$2.6 MM
Average grade of feed stock	30% TREO (1
Demo plant feed throughput	1.5 tpd / 8hr

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Nd, Pr, Dy, Tb)

REO

od / 24hr operation



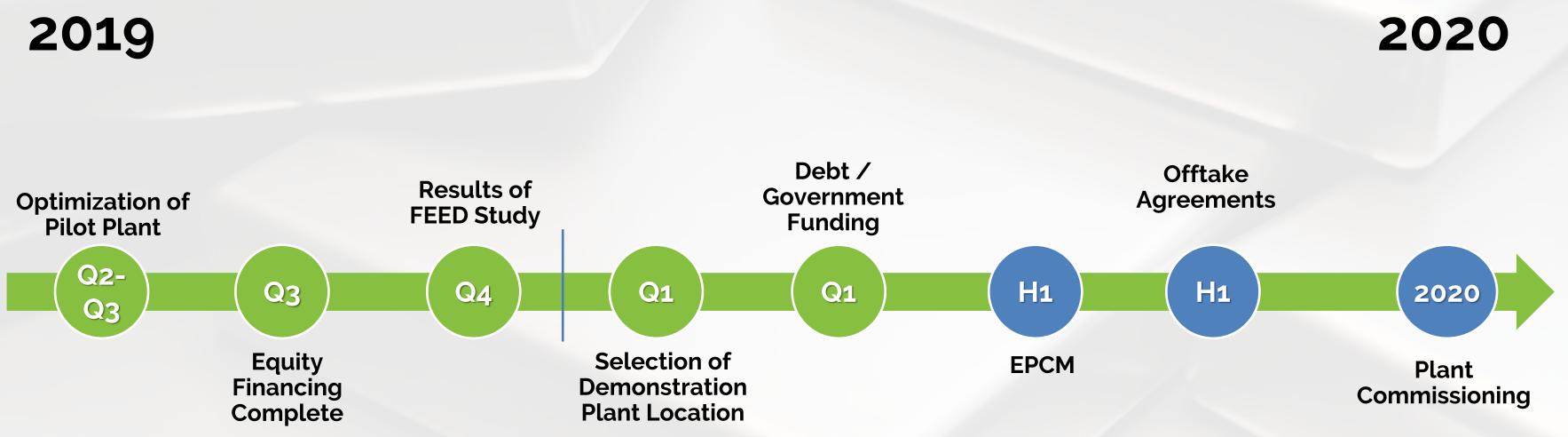
Demo Plant Location

- A brand-new industrial complex has been secured in Saint-Bruno-de-Montarville
- Strategic location for the first Rare Earth Magnet recycling operations in North America
- 30 minutes from Montreal
- 6 hours from Major North American cities (Boston, NY, Toronto)
- Within 30 minutes to major seaways through the Port of Montreal (access to largest container transshipment center in the Great Lakes system) and Contrecoeur marine terminal
- Serviced by CN and CP railways
- 40 minutes from two airports (Trudeau & St Hubert airports)









Feed Sourcing Contracts & Stockpiling Material – always ongoing

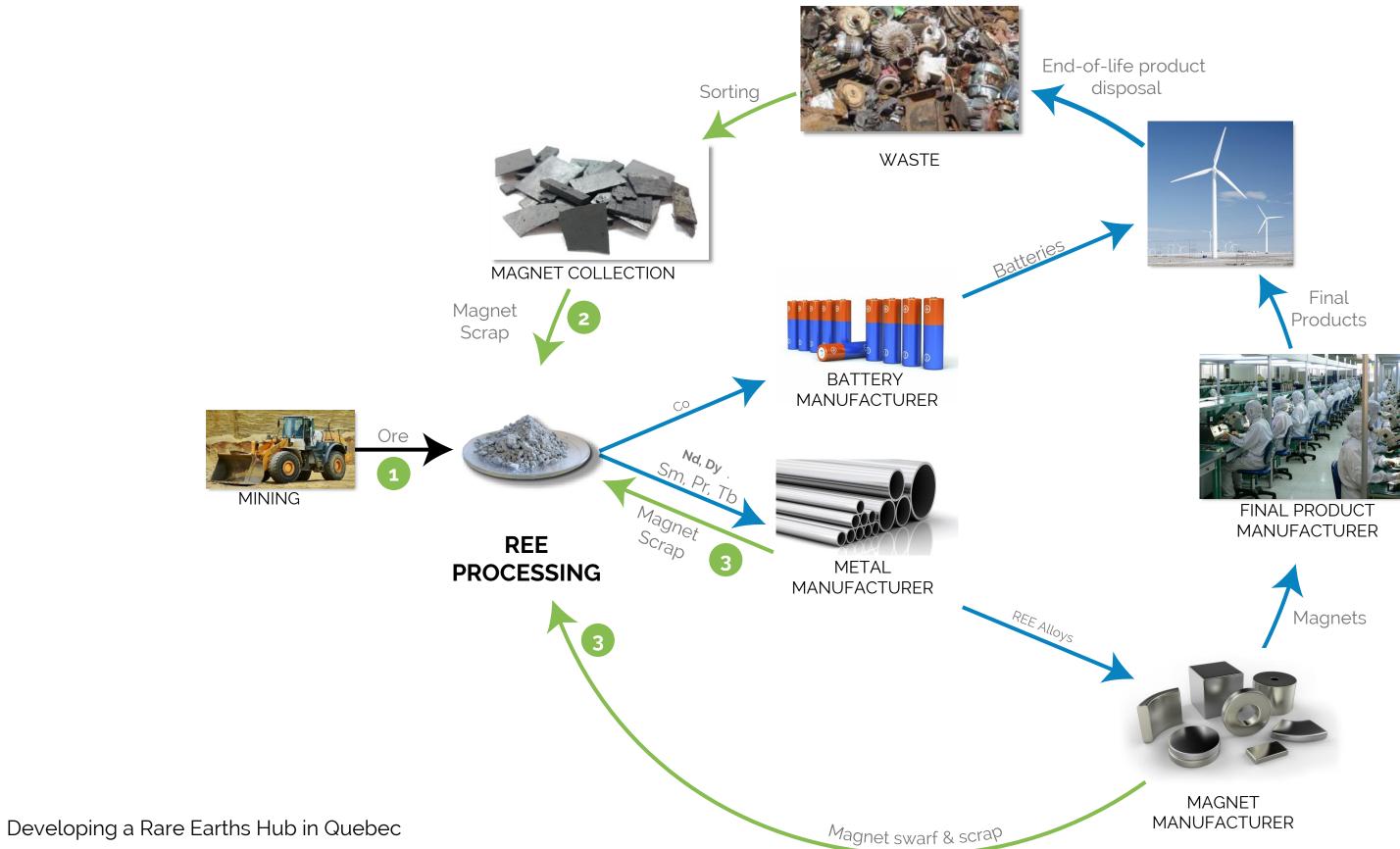
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Upcoming Milestones

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REE Circular Economy



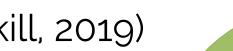


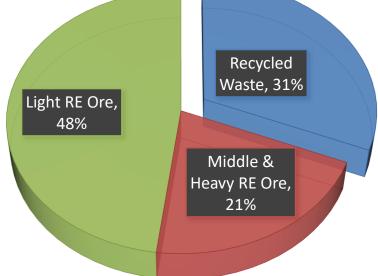
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How much is recycled today?

- The traditional view:
 - <1% Research publications by Meyer and Bras, 2011; Tanaka et al., 2013; Anderson et al., 2012
 - Typically only around 1% of the REE are recycled Jowitt et al. 2018 \bullet
 - Commercial recycling of rare earths is still very much in its infancy Roskill 2018
- The reality: •
 - China, which controls over 90% of REE Separation capacity, is attributing 31.25% of that to Recycled Waste – BAIINFO, June 2019
 - 25% & 20-30% magREO from swarf (Adamas Intel. & Roskill, 2019)
 - China is the leader in REE recycling
 - Estimated at over \$1.2B of REO are recycled today •







REE Recycling in China

China advantages

- Infrastructure already in place ullet
- Recycled at existing Solvent Extraction (SX) facilities
- Some exclusively used for recycling feed \bullet
- Other facilities process both mining and recycling feeds
- HCl based process with iron rich "red mud" waste & organic solvent-based pollutants in aqueous discharges - Disposal is low cost in traditional tailings

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- > 50,000 tpy globally •
- Several established programs for collecting end of life magnets from motors and \bullet wind turbines
- Manufacturers get back material back from clients ۲
- >15,000 tpy available worldwide with volumes increasing in some application and decreasing in others

Pre & Post Consumer assemblies









Source: Rocklink GMBH

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What is recycled?





Scrap



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REE Recycling – Geomega Solution

- What is needed to increase REE recycling
 - Requires low cost & environmental process that operates in batches
 - Low CAPEX plant to justify economics based on the feed that is easily available outside of China today
 - An operational plant will create an active market with recycling companies
 - Infrastructure is there to make homogeneous and segregated collection process
 - Government regulations to promote, educate & support REE recycling
 - Most recyclers don't even know the value of the magnet in their recycling stream

It's not a low REO price problem, It's a chicken and the egg problem



REE Recycling - Collection

- MAGCYCLE ullet
 - First magnet take back program worldwide for NdFeB, AlNiCo, SmCo \bullet
 - Founded by Rocklink in 2018
 - Collection of magnet scrap by mail starting from 25 kgs annually
 - ~ 70 participants and 16 tons magnet scrap collected annually
 - Strategic partnership with North American rare earth recycler Geomega Resources



Source: Rocklink GMBH



More Suppliers Joining

- **Global supply growing** ullet
 - LOI signed with several groups for over 200 tpy ullet
 - Pilot programs for magnet recovery from electric vehicles ongoing
 - Partnership with Jobmaster Magnets to recycle from hundreds of clients lacksquare
 - More suppliers to join the magnet collection network •

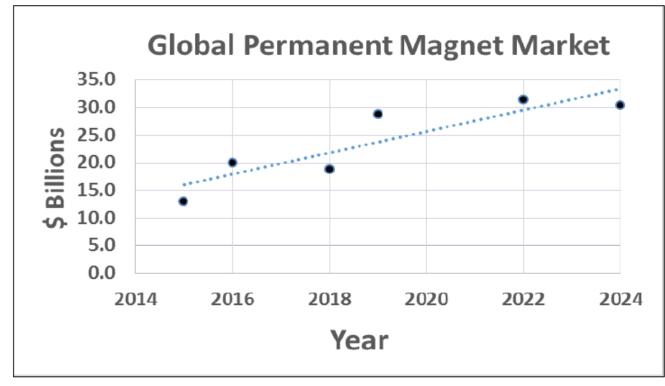


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Permanent Magnet Sector

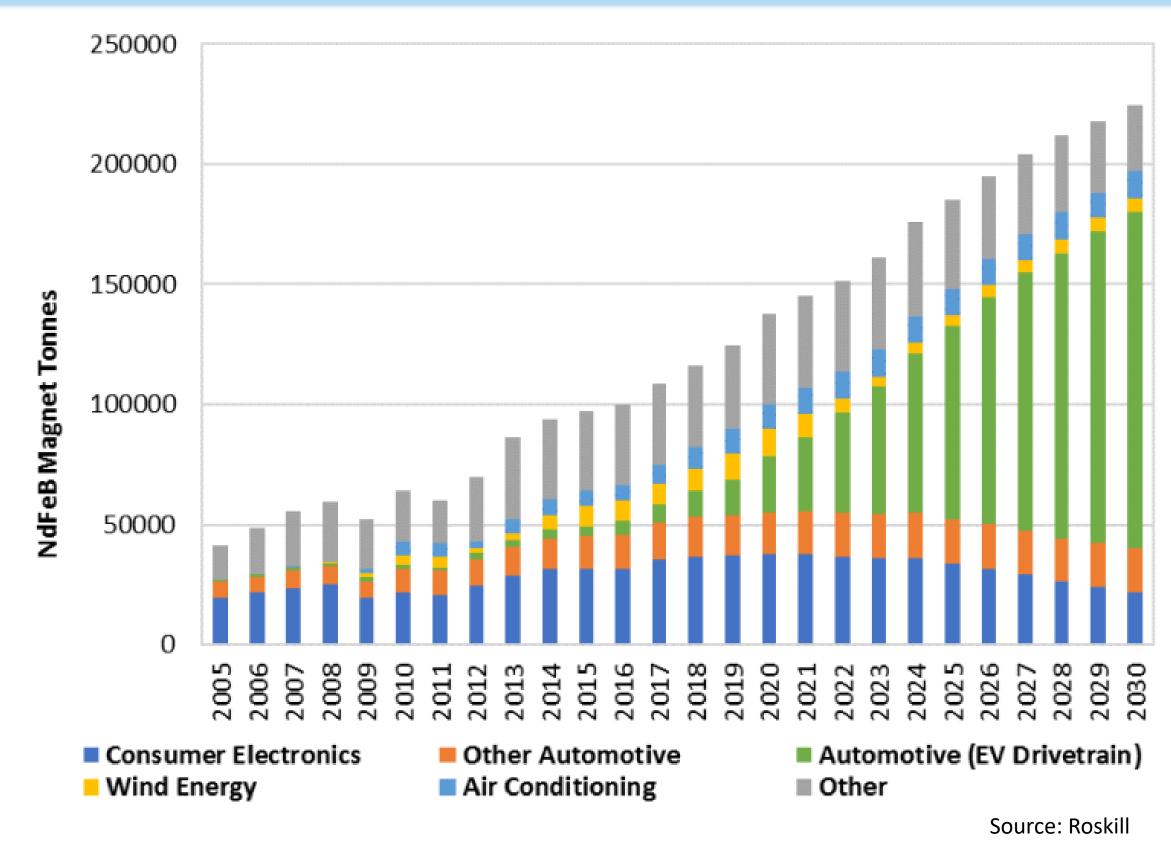


9.4% avg annual growth from 2015 to 2024

Material	Weight (000's Kg)	Value (\$ Millions)
NdFeB	160,000	11,200 (59%)
Ferrite	<mark>830,000</mark> (82%)	5,800
Bonded NdFeB	11,000	1000
SmCo	4,200	400
Alnico	6,300	350
Other	2000	150
TOTAL	1,013,500	\$18.9 Billion

Source: Walter T. Benecki LLC & Dr. John Ormerod

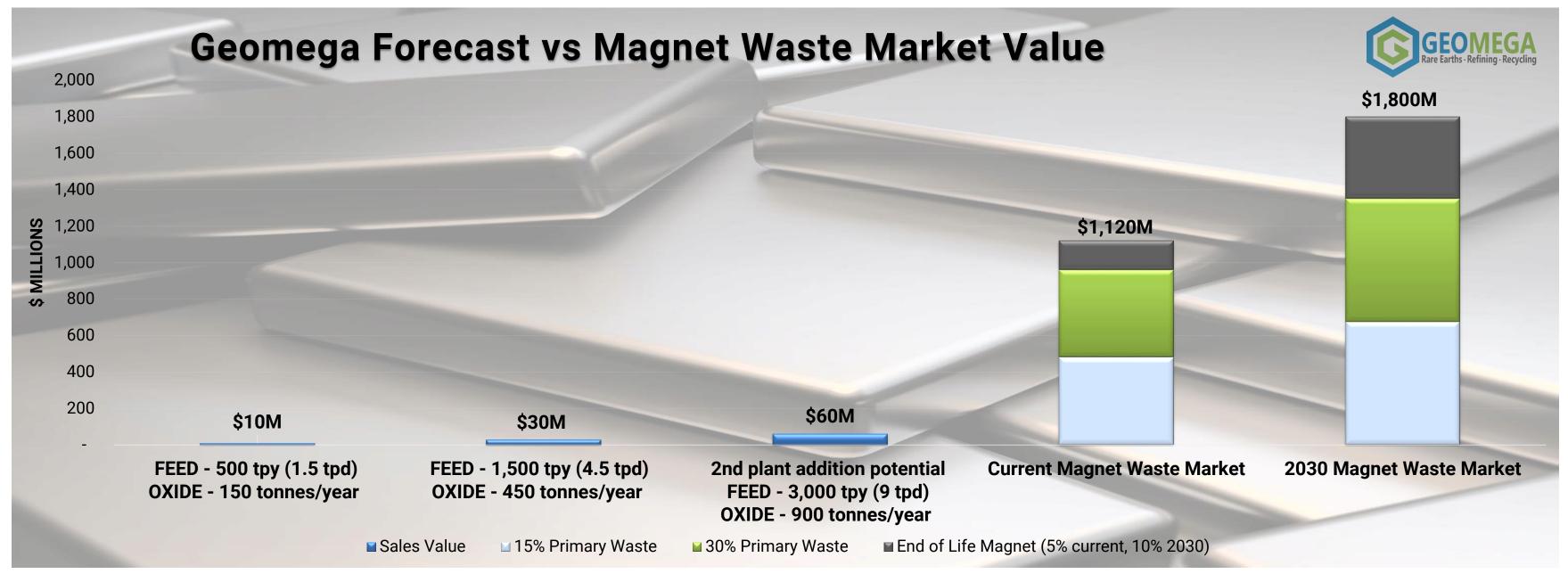
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- Starting model is robust
- Growth opportunity in magnet recycling is significant
- Additional growth expected from other secondary sources



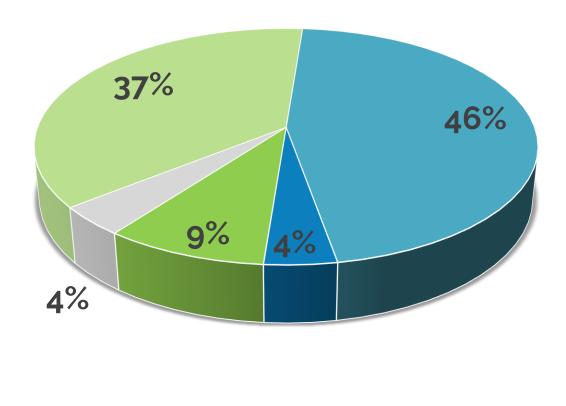
Feed Overview



- Established supply of magnet waste material •
- Deal in place with a trading house to sell our product ٠
- Low CAPEX •
- Low OPEX
- **Small Footprint** •
- **Clean Process** •
- Ongoing engineering and construction & production



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- Management & Insiders
- Quebec Inst. Funds
- Strategic Investor
- Private Large Positions
- Retail



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