

# Sicona is using its advanced battery materials in existing lithium-ion batteries to:



Increase the range of electric vehicles (increase by 20 – 50%).



Reduce the time it takes to charge an electric vehicle (<15min).



Reduce the upfront cost of electric vehicles (reduce by US\$5k).



Deliver sustainable, low impact & secure supply chains localized in each major market.

Our mission is to increase the speed of EV adoption so that ALL passenger vehicles on the road are powered by batteries & electricity before 2050.

Taking gigatonnes of CO2 out of the atmosphere & helping save thousand of lives through cleaner air.





## Highlights



Validated product market fit with battery producers & Auto OEMs globally with interest in **SiG** anode materials confirmed and evaluation testing commenced.



Advancing 44
patent
applications
in various
jurisdictions and
developing
additional IP. Core
Australian patents
recently accepted.



Designed and built a **2.5tpa** pilot plant and cell prototyping lab for SiG anode materials with co-funding from the Australian Federal Government.



results of SiG450<sup>TM</sup> showcasing excellent capacity retention of >80% 1C^ capacity after 1,300 cycles and excellent fast charging capability.

Initial testwork



Commercial scale production planned for USA and Sweden.

**Bechtel**, one of the largest EPC companies in the world as engineering and construction partner.

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Joint
Development
Agreement with a
US based Auto
OEM to develop
high energy
density cells using
Sicona SiG anode
materials.

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#### US\$184b p.a TAM



#### **PRECURSOR RAW MATERIALS**

Spherical graphite (natural), Synthetic graphite, Silicon, Carbon

Cobalt. Manganese, Nickel, Aluminium

> Lithium Chemicals

Polymers, Additives + Solvents

#### US\$79b p.a TAM



#### **BATTERY MATERIALS**

Anode

SICŮNA

GROUP<mark>14</mark>

SHOWA

posco







Cathode

Electrolyte

Separators

Binders

Cell Housing



#### **CELL MANUFACTURERS**



















MORYOW

225 "Gigafactories" in pipeline out to 2030



**OEM** 























>50 million annual EV sales in 2030

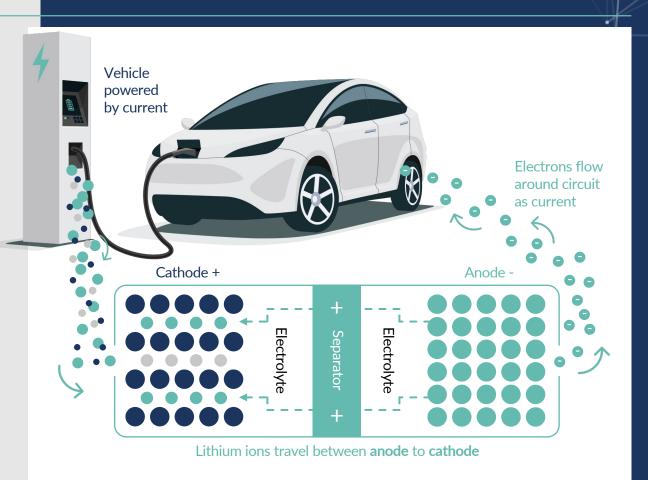
Sicona in the US\$525b p.a battery supply chain





# Lithium Batteries & Silicon Anodes

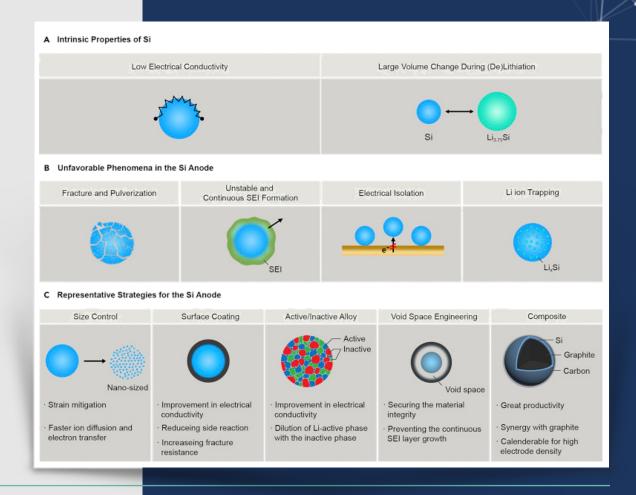
- Battery operation is based on the simple concept of Li-ion flow between the anode and cathode
- Creates energy that flows externally as electrical current powering a connected device
- The cathode is the source of lithium and the anode the storage bucket
- Graphite is the current anode material, very stable over repeated cycling with limited swelling. "Bucket size" of 372mAh/g (capacity units)
- Putting silicon in the anode enables high energy density without changing the architecture of the battery
- Silicon anodes can be "dropped into" existing gigafactories and their supply chains and enable a step change in EV range, cost and charge time





# Silicon Anode Challenges

- Silicon can store ~9x more lithium ions than graphite enabling higher cell energy density and faster charging
- ❷ BUT silicon swells >300% causing premature battery failure
- Key is to find a workable, scalable and cost-effective way to use silicon in a battery

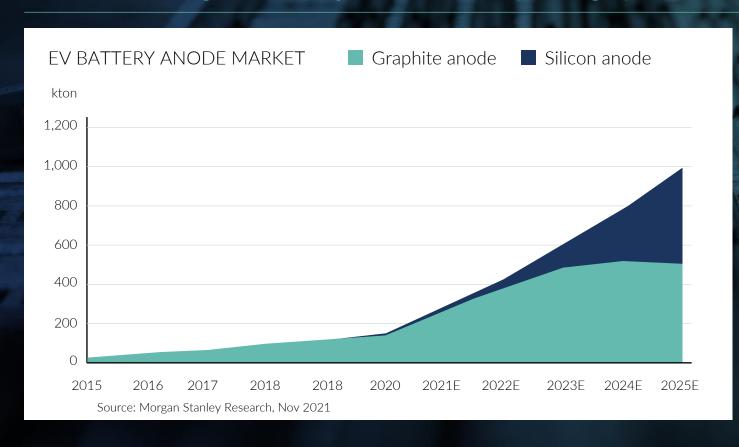






# Silicon Anode Market Opportunity

Silicon containing anodes projected to catch up with graphite anodes by 2025



- Morgan Stanley estimates 50% market penetration of silicon-based anodes by 2030
- 10x increase from 2021 market penetration (5%)
- By 2025 graphite and silicon anode supply forecasted to be equal
- Approx. 500ktpa each
- Silicon based anodes growing to >1Mtpa by 2030
- Assuming \$15k/t (conservative) average sales price = \$15bn p.a silicon based anode TAM







# Sicona Anode Materials Development Roadmap

## **Sicona Development Timeline**















#### **Sep 22**

Operate
2.5tpa pilot –
samples to
customers

1<sup>st</sup> Customer joint development agreement(s)

#### Feb 23

Initial product qualification complete

PFS level engineering

#### **Jun 23**

BFS level engineering for commercial scale plant

#### Aug 23

Final product qualification complete

#### Oct 23

Procurement & construction starts

#### Q4 2024

1<sup>st</sup> Commercial plant operations start



# Sicona Pilot Plant & Cell Prototyping lab, NSW Australia



Design capacity of

# **2.5tpa**

pilot manufacturing plant + pouch cell prototyping lab



Producing in

## 7kg - 25kg

batches of SiG anode materials for full cell testing (internal & external) and customer qualification.















# Customer engagement to date

Product market fit validated & interest confirmed

Joint Development Agreement (JDA) with US Auto OEM kicking off in Q4-2022

Initial sample provided and tested by Asian Auto OEM

#### Next steps:

- Send larger qualification samples (2kg+)
- Share additional testing data
- Kick off 1st JDA and negotiate others
- Produce and send additional samples





**New Auto EV Company** (under NDA)



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Large Auto EV Company (under NDA)







Tier 1 Japanese cell producer



**New Gigafactory** (under NDA)



**New Gigafactory** (under NDA)





### Sicona Core Team





Former CFO of ASX listed graphite company

Developed energy and mining projects in Africa

10 years experience as entrepreneur and CEO

Deep battery supply chain knowledge







**Andrew Minett** Co-Founder & CTO

PhD in electro-chemistry

Max Planck institute under Nobel Prize winner

MIT Medialab

Finished academic career as Prof of Chemical Engineering

Materials expert

Scaled up inventions for multiple startups



**Tan Xing** Head of Research & Develop.

PhD Nanomaterials in Energy Storage from Deakin

Battery scientist for novel 3D electrode startup

Systems engineering and R&D lead for 2 satellite companies



**Nikan Nurb** Senior Process Engineer

PhD in Chemical Engineering

Lead research engineer for ASX listed Hazer Group

Experienced process engineer

Expert in process scale up & design



**Derwin Lau Battery Material Scientist** 

PhD in Silicon anodes for next gen batteries

**UNSW** research assistant

Silicon expert



**Thomas Rowe** Research Scientist

Research scientist for TSX listed Nano One Materials

Cathode materials expertise

Experienced research professional



**Anthony Tse** Advisor

Former CFO of Galaxy Resources (now Allkem) a \$3bn global lithium chemical company

Board member & early investor Li-Cycle (NASDAQ LICY)

Active investor in LiB supply chain





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Raw materials













Financial Modelling & Grants



#### **Major investors**

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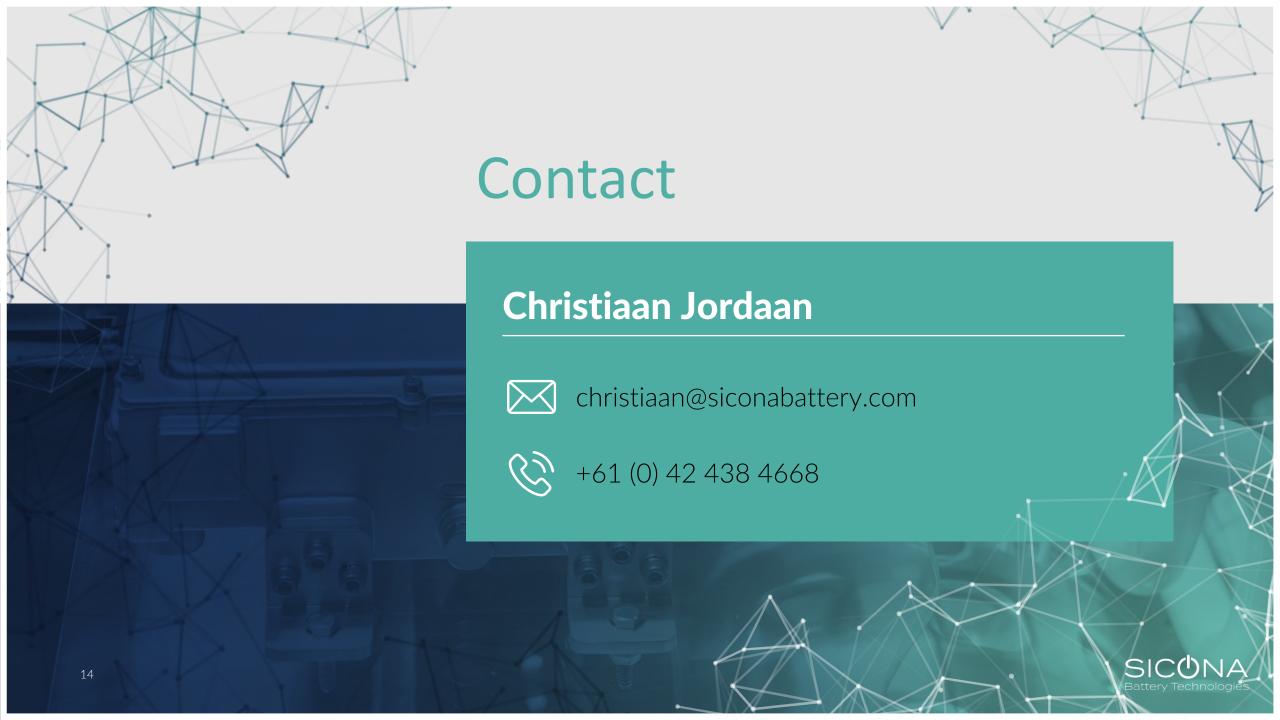














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# Sicona uniquely positioned to leverage silicon metal to produce next gen anodes cost effectively

at scale

#### **NEXT GENERATION SILICON ANODE TECH**

#### **CURRENT GEN TECH**

HIGH COST + COMPLEXITY LOW

ENCVIX

( ENEVATE

**StoreDot** 

New electrode

& cell designs

**Silicon Only** 

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No graphite

Uses graphite









Silane Gas Based

Graphene +Silicon





Uses graphite



Sicona SiG450<sup>™</sup> SiG550 SiG650

No graphite



Sicona  $SiC_x^{TM}$ 

Coated Natural graphite





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