ASX Announcement

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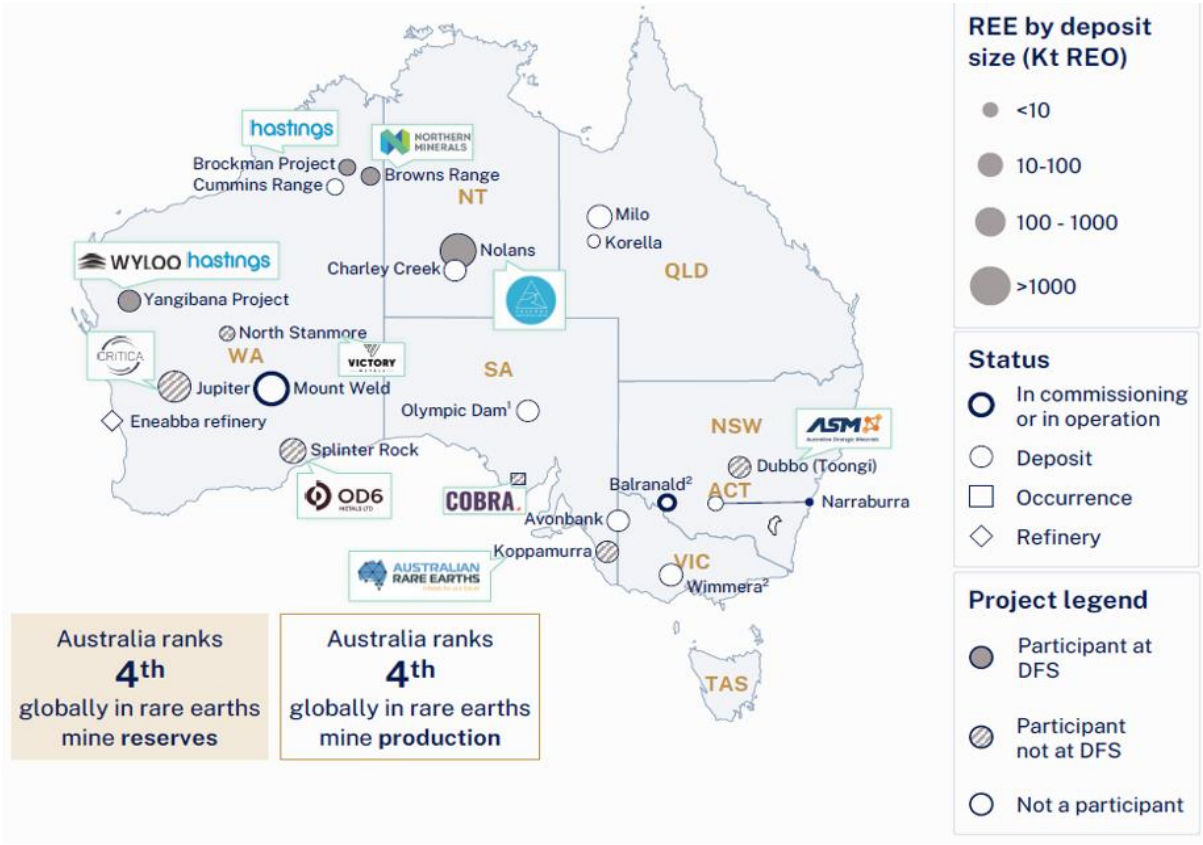
OD6 Metals Supports Critical Minerals Strategic Reserve Framework with AMEC and Industry Participants

OD6 Metals Ltd (**OD6** or **the Company**) is pleased to confirm its role, alongside a consortium of industry participants, in contributing to the industry-led framework supporting Australia's Critical Minerals Strategic Reserve (**CMSR**), as advanced by the Association of Mining and Exploration Companies (**AMEC**). CMSR is of strategic importance to OD6 to support the advancement of the Company's Splinter Rock Rare Earth Project, located near Esperance in WA – one of Australia's largest and highest grade clay hosted rare earths deposits.

The CMSR concept paper (refer AMEC CMSR), supported by a cohort of ten other rare earths and critical minerals developers and stakeholders, provides a strategic policy framework for government consideration. This framework seeks to articulate how a sustainable, bankable CMSR mechanism could be structured, to deliver greater market certainty for producers, strengthen supply chain resilience, and support long-term offtake pathways for critical minerals including rare earth elements. OD6's participation reflects its commitment to advancing Australia's role as a secure global supplier of strategically important minerals.



Source: *AMEC Critical Mineral Strategic Reserve (CMSR) webpage (link here)*

Strategic Reserve Policy Context

The Australian Government has now released initial details of its $1.2 billion Critical Minerals Strategic Reserve, designed to underpin reliable, diversified supply chains for critical minerals, and prioritising antimony, gallium and rare earth elements as first-order commodities under the initiative. The Reserve will operate by securing rights to critical minerals produced in Australia and providing supply assurances to international partners, thereby enhancing market integrity and supporting investment in domestic mining and processing capability.

The Hon Madeleine King MP, Minister for Resources, noted the Strategic Reserve will "provide vital support for Australian critical minerals mining and processing projects" and deliver added certainty to the sector while strengthening supply chains for Australia's international partners.

Treasurer The Hon Jim Chalmers MP is actively briefing Australia's allies on the initiative at international forums, including meetings with G7 finance ministers, emphasising Australia's role as a reliable partner in global critical minerals supply and the strategic importance of stabilising these essential markets through the CMSR.

The Government media release can be found at https://www.minister.industry.gov.au/ministers/king/media-releases/delivering-australias-critical-minerals-supply

OD6's Strategic Positioning

OD6 continues to progress its portfolio of critical and specialty mineral assets in Western Australia, with a strategic focus on rare earth element development and value-add pathways that align to emerging global supply chain needs. Participation in the CMSR framework dialogue reinforces the Company's objective to contribute to sovereign supply chain diversification and to position its projects within broader national and allied critical minerals supply strategies.

OD6 welcomes the government's initiative to develop enabling legislation this year to support the establishment of the Strategic Reserve, including expanded powers for Export Finance Australia to engage in offtake and financing arrangements under the CMSR framework.

Brett Hazelden, Managing Director, commented:

"The Company looks forward to ongoing engagement with the Australian Government, AMEC, peak industry stakeholders and international partners to support the implementation and operationalisation of the CMSR in a manner that balances Australia's sovereign interests, market-based solutions, and commercial viability for participating producers."

About OD6 Metals

OD6 Metals is an Australian public company pursuing exploration and development opportunities within the critical minerals sector, namely rare earths and copper.

Rare Earth Elements

OD6 Metals has successfully identified clay hosted rare earths at its 100% owned **Splinter Rock Project** which is located in the Esperance-Goldfields region of Western Australia.

The Company released a Mineral Resource Estimate (MRE) for Splinter Rock in May 2024, confirming that the project hosts one of the largest and highest-grade clay-hosted rare earths deposits in Australia with an Indicated Resource of 119Mt @ 1,632ppm TREO and an Inferred Resource of 563Mt @ 1,275ppm TREO with an overall ratio of ~23% high-value Magnetic Rare Earths (MagREE).

An innovative Process Flow sheet has been selected utilising Heap Leaching, Nano-filtration and Ion Exchange Technologies that have achieved ~75% Nd & Pr overall recovery, produced a high-quality Mixed Rare Earth Carbonate or Hydroxide (MREC/H) of ~56-59% TREO, with low levels of impurities (Al, Fe, P, Si) and extremely low uranium and thorium content (<0.001% U + Th).

OD6 Metals believes that Splinter Rock has all the hallmarks of a world class rare earths project with a conceptual heap leach development which utilises the large and high-grade Splinter Rock resource to support a long-life REE operation.

Copper

The Company is advancing the **Gulf Creek Copper-Zinc VMS Project** located near the town of Barraba in NSW.

Gulf Creek was mined at around the turn of the 20th century and was once regarded as the highest-grade copper mine (2% to 6.5% Cu) in NSW until its closure due to weak copper prices in 1912. Very little exploration has occurred at the project in over 100 years, with OD6 aiming to apply modern day exploration technologies.

The 2025 maiden drilling program successfully defined high grade copper below the historical mine plus confirmed the strong relationship between magnetism and massive sulphide mineralisation. Geophysical modelling has identified multiple, high priority and untested targets ready for drilling providing over >3km of untested strike in the immediate mine-stratigraphy, and over >10km across the tenement.

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No new information

Except where explicitly stated, this announcement contains references to prior exploration results, all of which have been cross-referenced to previous market announcements made by the Company. The Company confirms that it is not aware of any new information or data that materially affects the information included in the relevant market announcements.

The information in this report relating to the Mineral Resource estimate for the Splinter Rock Project is extracted from the Company's ASX announcements dated 18 July 2024. OD6 confirms that it is not aware of any new information or data that materially affects the information included in the original announcement and that all material assumptions and technical parameters underpinning the Mineral Resource estimate continue to apply.

This announcement has been authorised for release by the Board of OD6 Metals Limited