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# Strategic Business Overview

**Establishing North America's Rare Earth Supply Chain**  
*with Western Innovation*

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# RARE EARTH ELEMENT PERMANENT MAGNETS

*Rare Earth Permanent Magnets are the most efficient means of converting electrical energy to mechanical energy and deliver undisputedly best-in-class EV performance. They are the most dependable/durable and also dominant market share in offshore wind turbines.*

## National Security

- US heavily reliant on China for REEs
- US initiatives: research on recycling and domestic mining

## Robotics

- Expected to be the biggest driver of demand for magnet rare earths by 2040

## Electric Vehicles (EVs)

- Essential for EV motor magnets
- Boosts torque, fuel efficiency, and reduces emissions
- Key REEs: neodymium, praseodymium, dysprosium

## Wind Energy

- Vital for turbine generators and magnets
- Growing demand with the rise of renewable energy



## ROBOTICS - THE LARGEST DRIVER FOR PERMANENT MAGNETS!

By 2040, **the robotics sector** is poised to be one of the top drivers of rare earth element (REE) demand, particularly for neodymium, praseodymium, and dysprosium. These elements are essential for manufacturing high-performance NdFeB (neodymium iron-boron) magnets used in autonomous systems.

### Soaring Growth of Robotics for the Future:

- **Automation Growth:** Robotics will revolutionize industries, enhancing efficiency with intelligent manufacturing.
- **Mobility:** Autonomous transport will reduce congestion and emissions.
- **Hospitality:** Rare earths power advanced motors and sensors will accelerate humanoid robots.
- **Global Adoption:** Robotics will expand across logistic sectors, driving up REE demand.

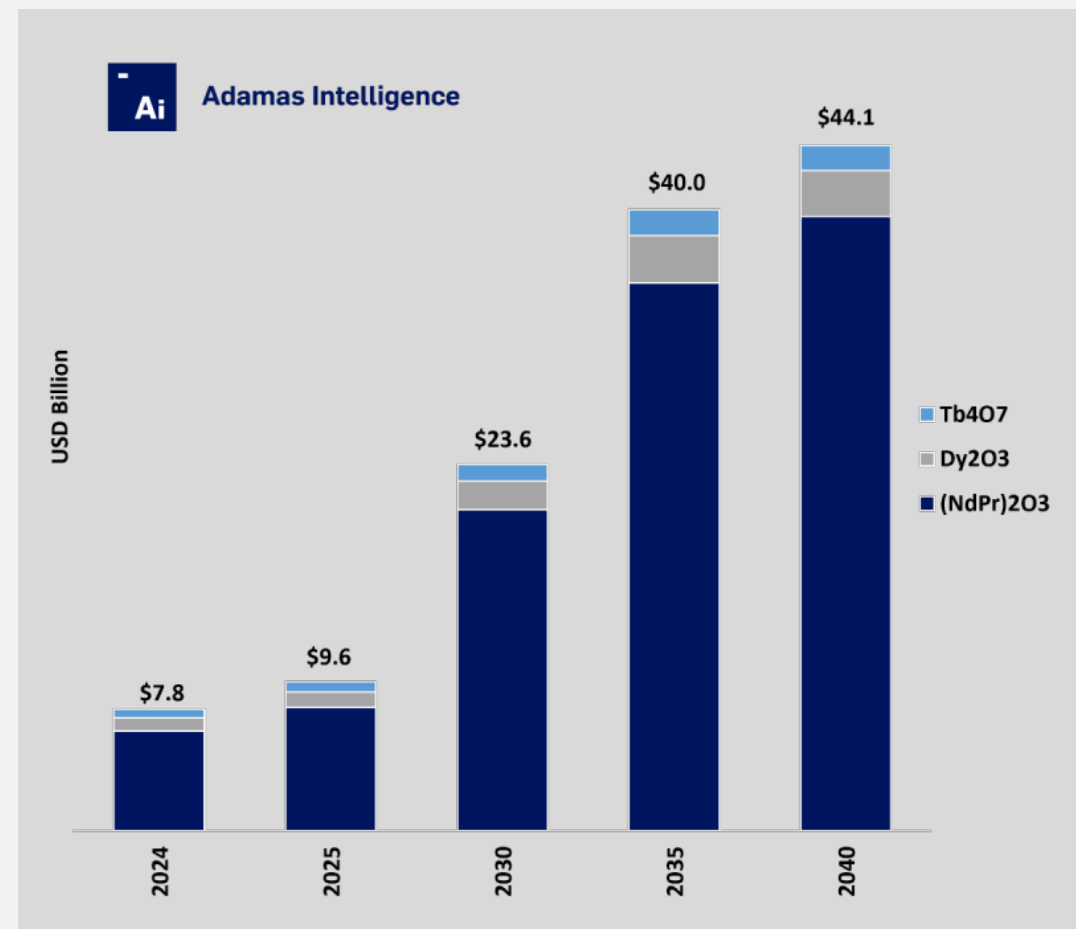
***“Robots are expected to be the biggest driver of demand for magnet rare earths by 2040 ”***

*- Adamas Intelligence*



# SIGNIFICANT RARE EARTH OXIDE SUPPLY INCREASES NEEDED

- *Global magnet rare earth oxide consumption will increase by **200%** by the end of the decade, and more than **five-fold** by 2040, from **US \$7.8 billion** in 2024 to **US \$44.1 billion** by 2040.*
- *For China alone to close the growing supply gap projected between 2027 and 2040 will require annual production at Bayan Obo to **increase nearly five-fold**, massively depleting the country's reserves.*
- *Conversely, for ex-China suppliers to close the growing supply gap will require the development of another **20 to 30** modest-scale mines by 2040 and significant midstream separation and refining capacity.*



## CHINA BENEFITS FROM MASSIVE SCALE AND 40 YEARS OF UNCONTESTED EXPERTISE DEVELOPMENT

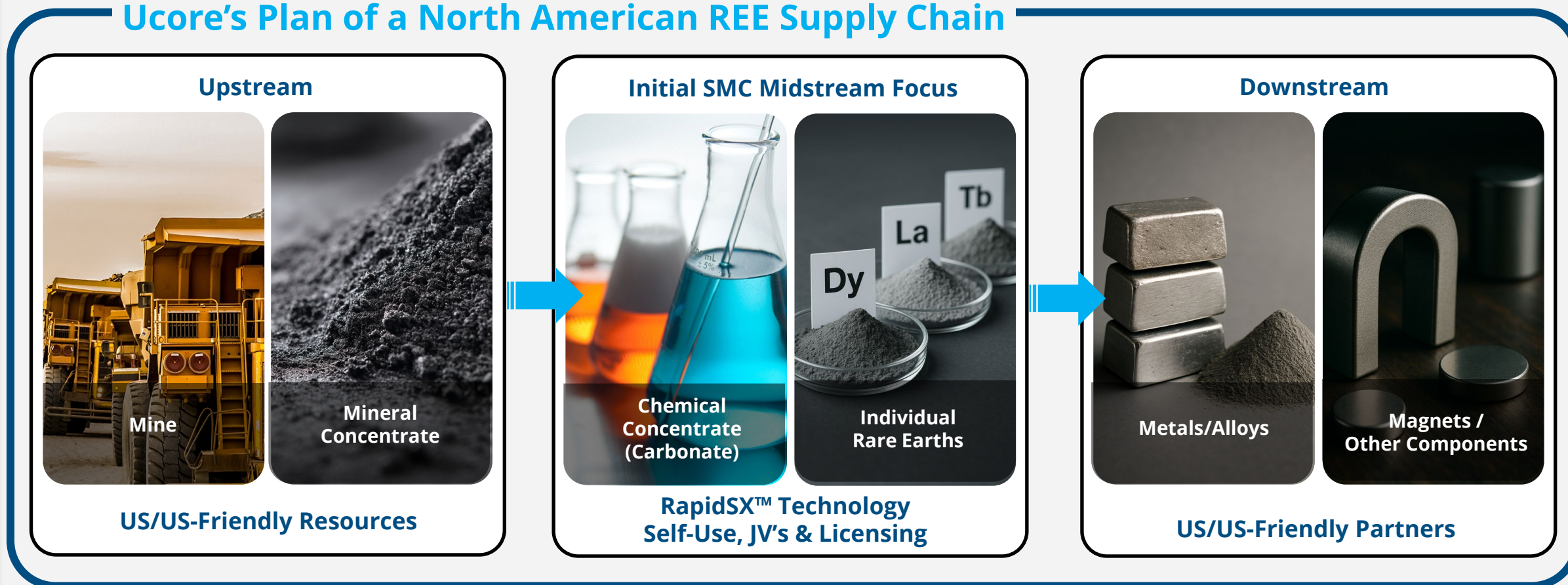
<b>Regional Share</b>	<b><i>Mining</i></b>	<b><i>Oxides</i></b>	<b><i>Metals &amp; Aloys</i></b>	<b><i>NdFeB Magnet</i></b>
<b><i>China</i></b>	<b>67%</b>	<b>88%</b>	<b>92%</b>	<b>93%</b>
<b><i>USA</i></b>	<b>10%</b>	<b>&lt;1 %</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>&lt;1 %</b>
<b><i>Europe</i></b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>&lt;1 %</b>	<b>&lt;1 %</b>	<b>&lt;1 %</b>
<b><i>Australia</i></b>	<b>9%</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>0%</b>
<b><i>Japan</i></b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>7%</b>	<b>6%</b>
<b><i>Other</i></b>	<b>14%</b>	<b>10%</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>1%</b>



# THE RARE EARTH ELEMENT **SUPPLY CHAIN**

*Separation is Key for North American Control of its REE Supply Chain*

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



***Ucore is strategically positioning itself into the North American midstream of REO production:***

- Multiple HREE and/or LREE sources of US-Friendly feedstock for the production of individual REOs in 2025
- HREE prioritized OEM supply
- **Multiple SMCs in development** based on modern RapidSX™ technology
- Separation to REOs is the most difficult aspect of the REE Supply Chain
- Unique strategy to Ucore, limited to nil competition

# TO SUCCEED, THE WEST MUST INNOVATE

## THE CHALLENGES:

- Lack of **Midstream Refining** and Processing Capacity.
- Primary Extraction often Remotely Located & Domestic Mining **Permits Can Take a Decade**.
- **Heavy Rare Earth Sources** are Controlled by China and Developing Ones Pre-Sold to China.
- Lack of Qualified People for Downstream Processing – **China to Double REPM by 2025**.
- Until Western Producers Can **Demonstrate Ongoing Supply** – OEMs Can't De-Couple!
- **Nascent Recycling Ecosystems** & Low Domestic Feed Quantities.



# RARE EARTH ELEMENT OUTLOOK TO 2030

## The Challenge

- China:
  - mines **60%+ Global REE Resources**
  - manufactures **90%+ Global REE Components**
  - will eventually consume **100% of its Production**
- Minimal North American REE Infrastructure
- REE security of supply has become a western democracy strategic concern



## Outlook 2035:

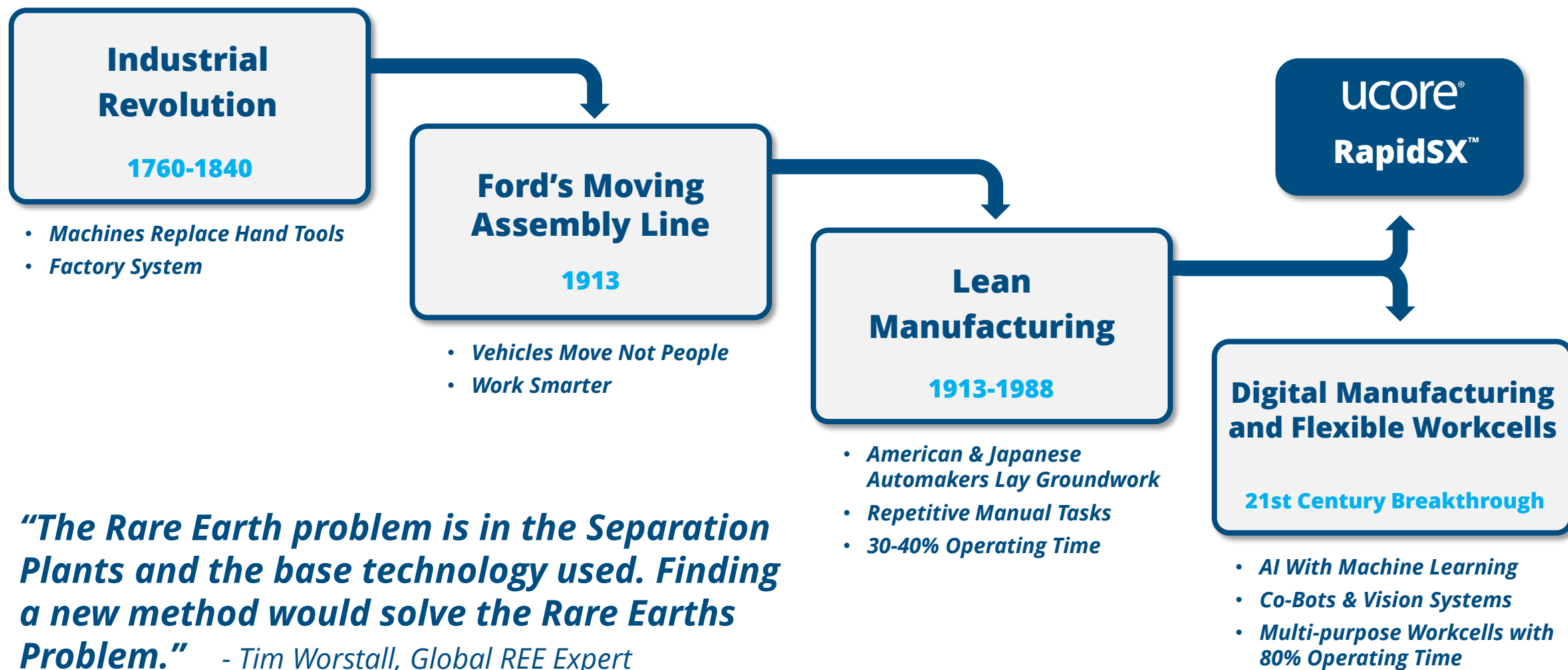
- *With total magnet rare earth oxide demand forecasted to increase at a CAGR of 8.3%, the value of global rare earth oxide consumption will grow to US \$49 Billion by 2035. (Adamas Intelligence)*
- *Goal is based on a combination of self-use and JV refining with feedstock sources*

## The Opportunity



## 2030 Total REO Projections

# INNOVATE THE WAY YOU APPROACH SEPARATION



***“The Rare Earth problem is in the Separation Plants and the base technology used. Finding a new method would solve the Rare Earths Problem.”*** - Tim Worstall, Global REE Expert



# RAPIDSX™ TECHNOLOGY

*RapidSX™ is a Transformative REE Separation Technology*

## Key Advantages vs. Conventional SX

**Columns Utilizes up to 70% Less Floor Space**



**Significant Reduction in CAPEX & Physical/Environmental Footprint**

**Up to 3-7X Faster Throughput**



### Significant OPEX Reduction

- Labor - \$/hour/kg processed
- Power - \$/hour/kg processed
- Reagent Loops - up to 70% savings



**Rapid WIP Inventory Turnover**

**Virtually Feedstock Agnostic – HREE & LREE**

**Closed Loop / Start & Stop Plant**

**The RapidSX™ 80 tpa Commercialization and Demonstration Facility (CDF) Kingston, Ontario**

**Same Proven Chemistry as Solvent Extraction (SX)**  
*Enhanced Through Patent Pending Computerized Column Technology*



# RAPIDSX™ TECHNOLOGY

*HREE and LREE Separation and OEM Qualification Facility*

## **Commercial Demonstration Plant** *Kingston, Ontario*

- *10's of tpa LREE & HREE Processing Utilizing the Same Equipment (A First for North America).*
- *Developing Flowsheets in a demonstration plant is the future of critical minerals processing.*
- *Capable of Processing HREE & LREE Feedstocks derived from Bastnasite, Eudialyte, Ionic Clay, Monazite, Xenotime, and other Mineralization Sources.*



# THE SMC BUSINESS MODEL

*Multiple Planned Strategic Metals Complex Facilities with SMC No. 1 Developed in Louisiana*

## Production Summary:

- **SMC production process** will commence after the installation of **(3) RapidSX™ Machines** focused on early **Tb & Dy production**. Two more Machines will then be added to **complete the Stage 1 Train**
- Once **Stage 1 Train production starts**, it does not stop for the installation of:
  - the sequential installation of **1 RapidSX™ Train during Stage 2, and 2 RapidSX™ Trains during Stage 3** (Each Train consists of five (5) RapidSX™ Machines)
  - once a Train is completed, **it is brought into production**
  - each Train is capable of processing **2400 to 3000 tpa of TREO concentrates for NdPr, Tb, and Dy production**
- The facility will also have a **dedicated RapidSX™ Machine** for single-element production of **Pr, Nd, Sm, Gd, et al.**



# STRATEGIC US GOVERNMENT SUPPORT

*USD \$22.4M Agreement with US DOD*

*The aim of this **US \$22.4M funding** is to construct the first production-ready, commercial RapidSX™ machine and supporting infrastructure at Ucore's planned Strategic Metals Complex (SMC) in Alexandria, Louisiana.*

***Ucore is targeting commissioning of the Louisiana SMC in H2/26***

***The objective of the firm fixed price agreement is to:***

- *Construct and demonstrate a full-scale RapidSX™ module*
- *Facilitate a knowledge transfer of the RapidSX™ separation technology from the CDF to the SMC, and*
- *Install production capacity at the SMC for processing hundreds of tonnes of TREOs utilizing RapidSX™ by mid 2026*





# ADDITIONAL GOVERNMENT SUPPORT

*Federal, State and Local Support*

## Government of Canada – \$ 4.3 M

- Funding agreement from the Government of Canada for the demonstration of Ucore's RapidSX™ Rare Earth Element Separation Technology Capabilities*
- Ucore will produce high-purity NdPr, Pr and Nd over a 6-month period from 13-15 tonnes of Canadian and US feedstock sources*



**Government  
of Canada**

## State of Louisiana – US \$15M LOI

- Ongoing financial incentives, including tax incentives, payroll rebates, infrastructure improvements, and other programs*
- Incentive Package includes US\$ 900k for Infrastructure Improvements*
- Administered by Louisiana Economic Development*



# FEEDSTOCK PARTNERS

## Feedstock Partnerships

Cyclic  
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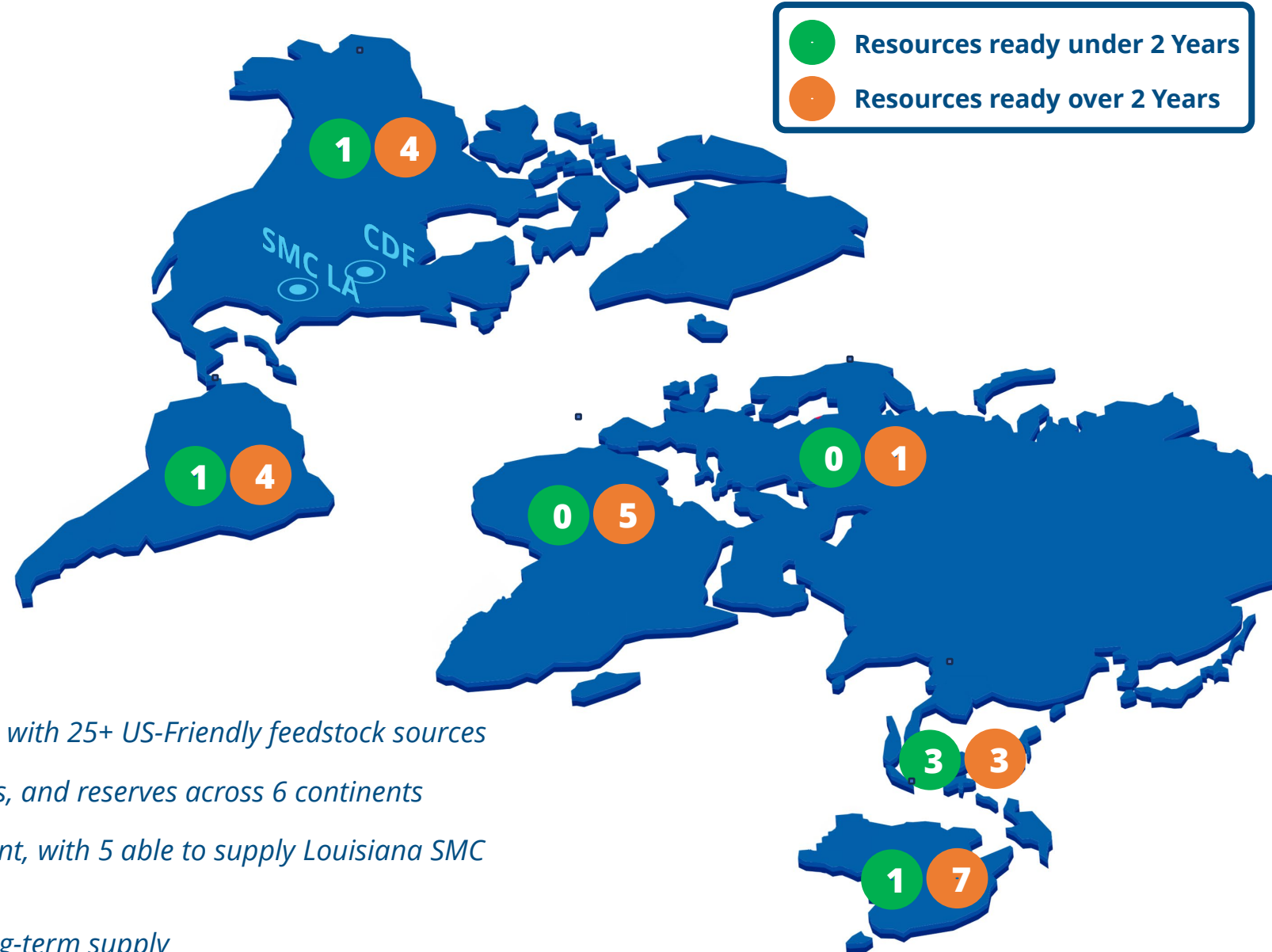


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## Prospective Feedstock Availability by Continent

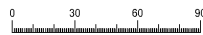


- Discussions & Negotiations at various stages with 25+ US-Friendly feedstock sources
- Significant LREE and HREE sources, resources, and reserves across 6 continents
- Projects are at differing stages of development, with 5 able to supply Louisiana SMC for Q4-2025 commissioning
- Ongoing Due Diligence to ensure reliable long-term supply




# Louisiana SMC Conceptual Design

SCALE: 1" = 30'



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# EXPECTED NEAR TERM DRIVERS

- **The US Department of Defense** awarded a **\$4 M** “Other Transaction Agreement” to Process HREO Feedstock at the Kingston Demo Facility (CDF).
  - An approval for approximately 80% of the completed DOD work is expected in Q2 2025.
  - There has been an **US \$18.4 M agreement with the US DOD, further construction funding may be possible in 2025.**
- Outside of China 90% of the metal/alloy production and magnet making industries reside in **Japan and South Korea. Multiple visits from major players** from these regions have occurred in 2024. **MOU’s with REO samples** are expected to be delivered before the end of Q3 2025 with **MOUs for “offtakes” made known.**
- Opportunities for Ucore to partner and “vertically” integrate further downstream from its separating and refining of REOs are possible. (Think alloy/metal making)
- **Feasibility studies** to support the Strategic Metals Complex (SMC) for Louisiana are underway and will be forthcoming.
- **Definitive Western-world friendly feedstock** arrangements for SMC Louisiana are possible in the **next 3 months..**



## UCORE - A NORTH AMERICAN "FIRST MOVER" WITH A MULTI-PRONGED STRATEGY TO DE-RISK RARE EARTH SUPPLY

- *Derisking not decoupling from Chinese dominance*
- *Operating a Commercial Demonstration LREE & HREE Separation and OEM Product Qualification Plant (The Only HREE Processing Plant in North America)*
- *Deploying Next-Generation RapidSX™ Critical Metals Separation Technology*
- *Aligning Numerous and Geographically Diverse US-Friendly Feedstock Sources*
- *Establishing North America's First Modern LREE & HREE Commercial Separation Facility in Louisiana*
- *Engaging other Jurisdictions for Multiple LREE & HREE Commercial Separation Facilities Over the Next 2-5 years*