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## **Global Zircon Market**

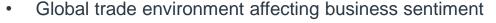
#### Iluka sees the zircon market as being broadly balanced during 2019...

#### Global Supply

- Significant inventory depletion in recent years
- Existing producers' mines are mature and grade decline is progressively affecting all sites
- 2019 market expected to remain stable
  - Indonesia (swing producer)
  - minor new supply (concentrate)
  - Iluka balancing the market with ZIC
  - a number of smaller operations coming offline
- Global supply remains tight for Premium zircon, although Standard zircon is now well supplied

#### Global Demand





- Some slowness in ceramic plant restarts in China following CNY
- India adjusting after high growth period, expected to resume after elections
- Cautious buying in European markets and drawing down of inventories
- Continued strong demand in North America
- Progressive pick-up of consumption seen in Q2 2019 and expected to continue throughout rest of 2019



# **Chinese Zircon Market – Applications**



## **Ceramics**

Soft real estate and influencing domestic consumption, slower exports

#### **Fused Zirconia**

Stable demand

## **Foundry**

Signs of slowing down in 2Q

## Refractory

Robust level of orders throughout all of 2019

## **Zirconium Chemicals**

Stable demand, production affected by environmental scrutiny



## **Chinese Zircon Market – Environmental Situation**

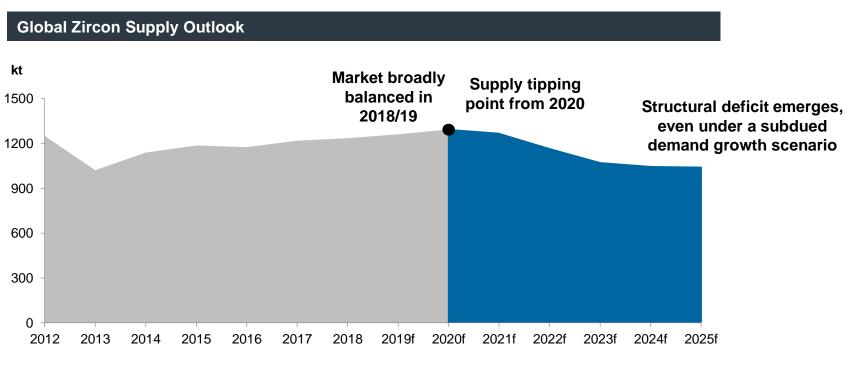
- Waste emissions: stringent requirements and continued inspections
- Customs implementing stewardship on dangerous material
- Stronger voice for the Industry
- Iluka supports positive changes in China



# **Zircon Global Supply Situation**



Lack of quality mineral sands projects, particularly with high zircon assemblage, and depletion of current operations (which includes lluka)



Production outlook only includes new projects with funding approval.

Source: Iluka and TZMI

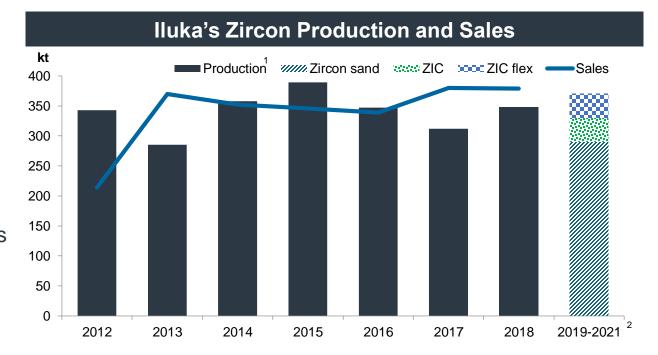
## ... Leading to **structural deficit**



## Iluka's Market Approach – Balancing Demand with Flex

## Iluka's response to market conditions<sup>3</sup>

- Gap filled by inventory release in 2017 and 2018
- Inventories at normal levels in 2019
- Guided 2019-2021 zircon production of ~335ktpa
  - Cataby project tonnes available in 2019
  - early Ambrosia mine move (smoothing production)
  - Incl. zircon in concentrate (ZIC) from multiple sources
- Potential for additional ZIC production when required



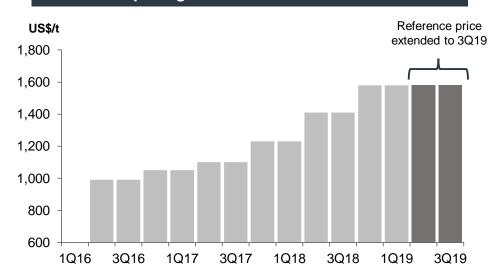
- 1. Production denotes finished zircon product (includes ZIC)
- 2. 2019-2021 production guidance of 335ktpa
- 3. All outlook production figures are expected annual average 2019-21, subject to market conditions



## Iluka's Market Approach – Sustainable Pricing Model

## Sustainable pricing based on value-in-use

## Iluka's Zircon Reference Price has delivered sustainable price growth



Notes: Zircon Reference Price is based on a 2 tonne bag of Zircon Premium, DAT, ex-China warehouse. Price differential between Zircon (Premium and Standard) and Zircon (all products) varies based on the price of each product and the mix of products sold in each period.

#### **Zircon Pricing Model**

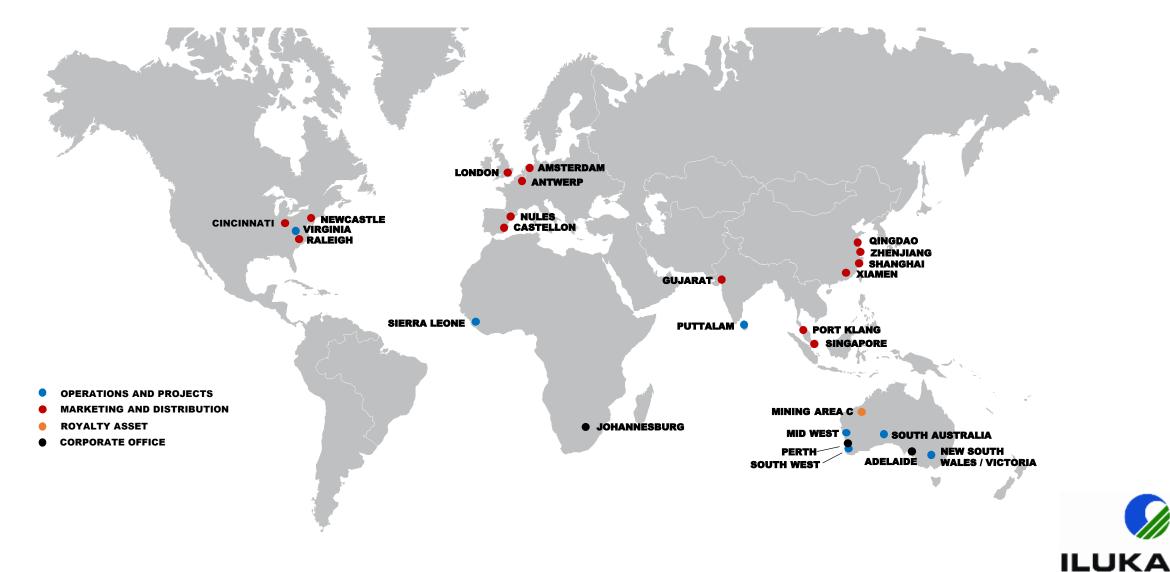
Iluka Reference Price introduced in 2016

- Provides transparency for customers
- Actual price paid function of location, quantity, quality, purchase history etc.
- Assessment of end market capacity to absorb variations
- Cadence of pricing decisions aimed to support stability



## **Iluka's Assets – Current Portfolio**

60 years experience in mineral sands exploration, project development, mining, processing and marketing



## Iluka's Assets – Projects



#### Cataby, Western Australia



#### **Major works:**

2 in-pit mining units
Wet concentrator
Power, water, roads, camp
Highway upgrade
Processing plant upgrades

## **Utilising existing assets**

Concentrator relocation to mine Mineral processing plant SR2 kiln

## \$265-275m Capex

Completed on budget and on schedule

## 600+ people on site

900,000 hours worked (Jan 18 – Mar 19)

Major ongoing regional employer

#### Ambrosia, South Australia



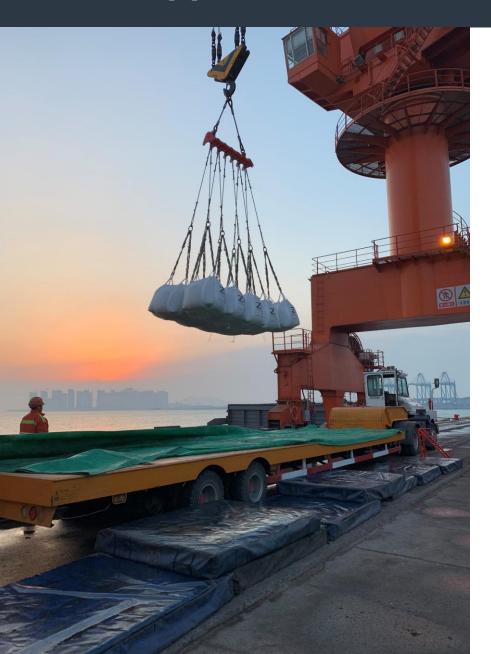
## **Early mine move**

Smooths production to partially offset grade decline

Utilises existing mining and concentrating assets
\$35m capex budgeted in 2019
\$20m further capex in 2020/21 for tailings management
Progressing ahead of schedule
Move to Ambrosia planned for H2 2019



## **Iluka Support to Chinese Zircon Processing Industry**







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