LME update: priorities and progress 倫敦金屬交易所重點工作及推進情況報告



### Robin MARTIN 馬諾文

Head of Market Development, LME 倫敦金屬交易所市場發展主管

# LME Warehousing in Hong Kong



### LME Warehousing in Hong Kong

#### **Benefits**

- Serve Chinese metal industry
- Boost LME pricing relevance
- Facilitate greater optionality for physical traders
- Grow financial arbitrage volume
- Further the economic growth of Hong Kong as part of the Greater Bay Area (GBA) development

#### Market feedback

- Bilateral feedback from ~30 market participants
- Support and additional market engagement via Hong Kong Energy, Mining and Commodities Association (HKEMCA)



#### **Next steps**

 Full feasibility study is currently being undertaken by an independent third-party

#### LME Asia warehouse locations







# Update on the nickel market



### New LME Nickel brands

# Annual production capacity













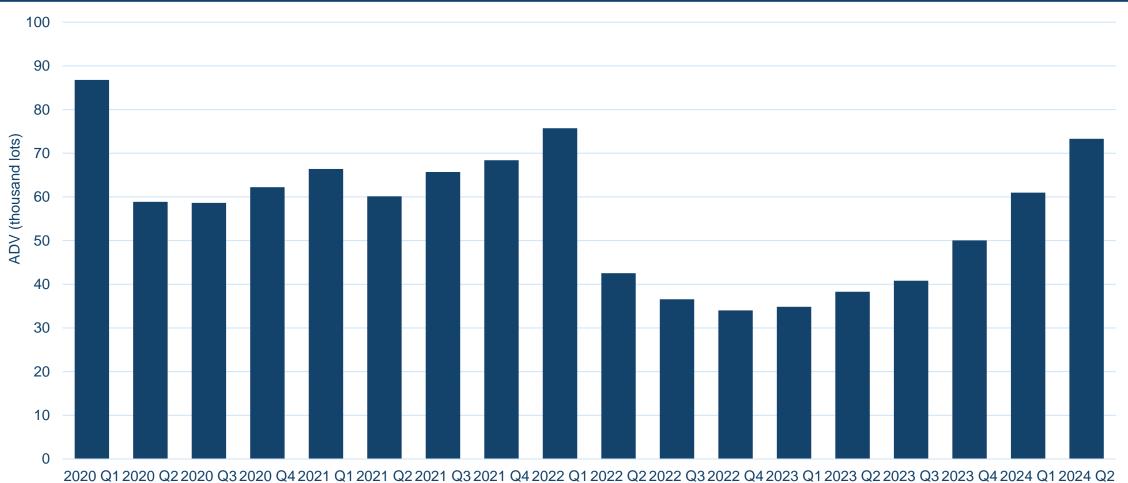
PT CNGR Ding Xing New Energy (DX-zwdx)	50,000 mt	
Guangxi Huayou New Material Co., Ltd. (HUAYOUgx)	30,000 mt	*:
Jingmen Gem Co. Ltd. (GEM-NI2)	20,000 mt	**:
Guangxi CNGR New Energy Science & Technology Co. Ltd. (CNGR)	15,000 mt	*:
Jingmen Gem Co. Ltd. (GEM-NI1)	10,000 mt	*;
Quzhou Huayou Cobalt New Material Co., Ltd (HUAYOU)	36,600 mt	*;

Total production capacity increased by ~170,000 mt per year



### LME Nickel Volume

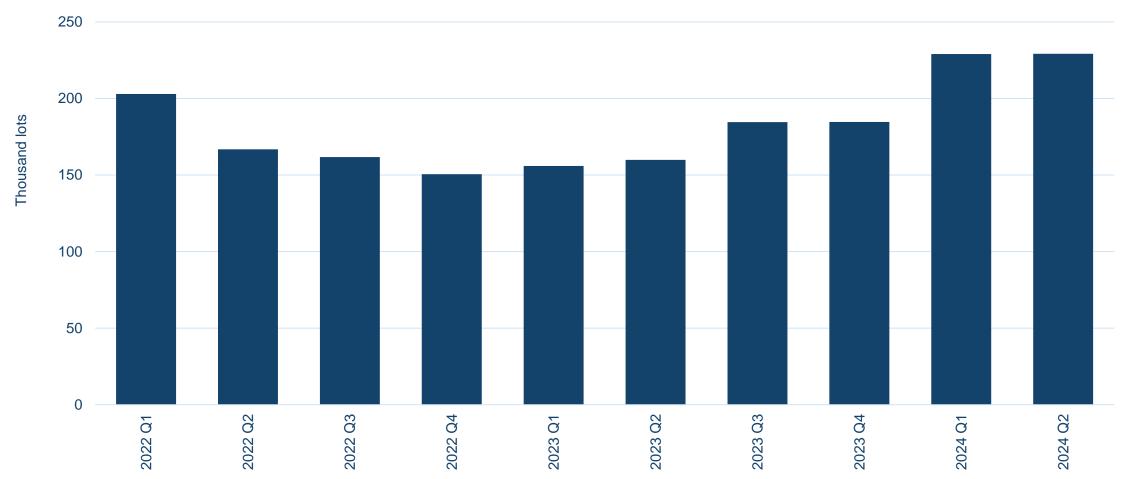
### Average Daily Volume (ADV)





# LME Nickel: Futures daily MOI

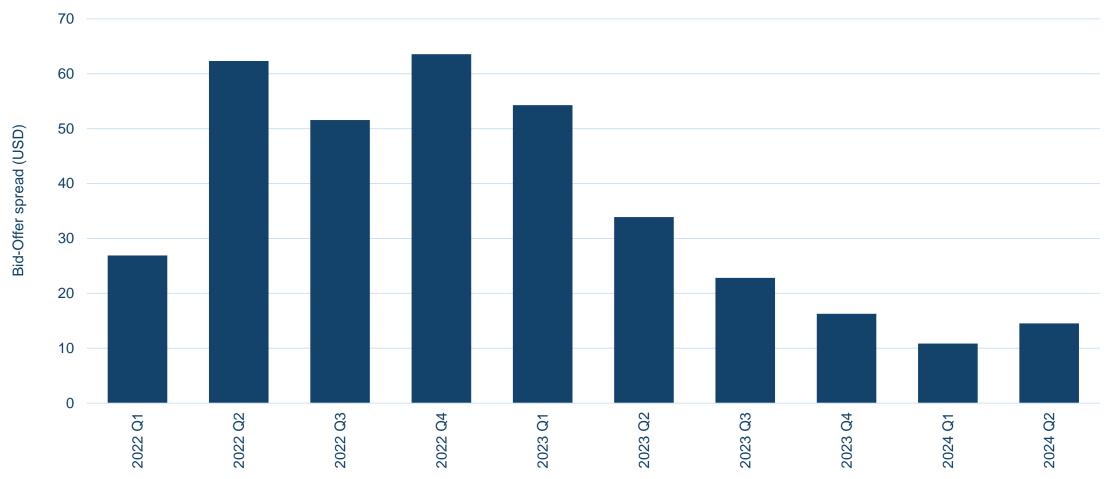
### **LME Nickel - futures daily MOI**





# LME Nickel liquidity

### LME Nickel 3M bid-offer spread





# Pricing Green Nickel



### Green Nickel vs Low Carbon Nickel

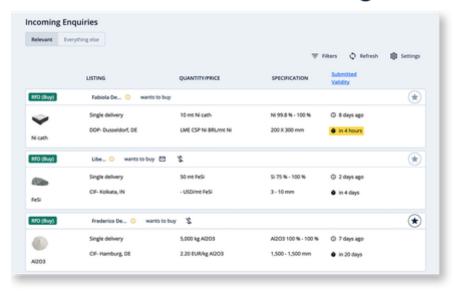


<sup>1.</sup>The LME believes that the Nickel Institute's GHG Emissions Guidance (leveraging GHG Protocol and ISO 14044) is the appropriate initial method for assessing the proposed carbon threshold.

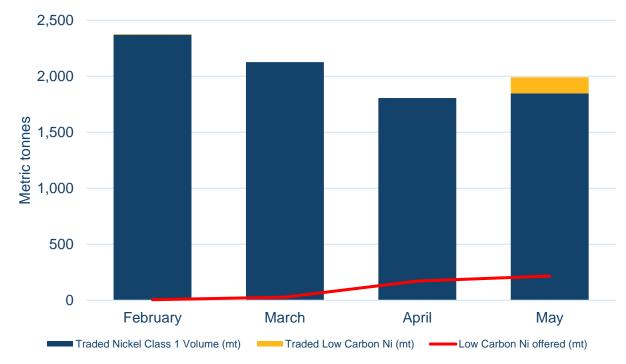


### Metalshub + LME: Low carbon nickel platform transactions

# metals hub



#### **Nickel trading on Metalshub**



Month	Traded Nickel Class 1 Volume (mt)	Traded Low Carbon Ni (mt)	Low Carbon Ni offered (mt)
February 2024	2,371	4	4
March 2024	2,126	0	27
April 2024	1,805	0	171
May 2024	1,847	144	216

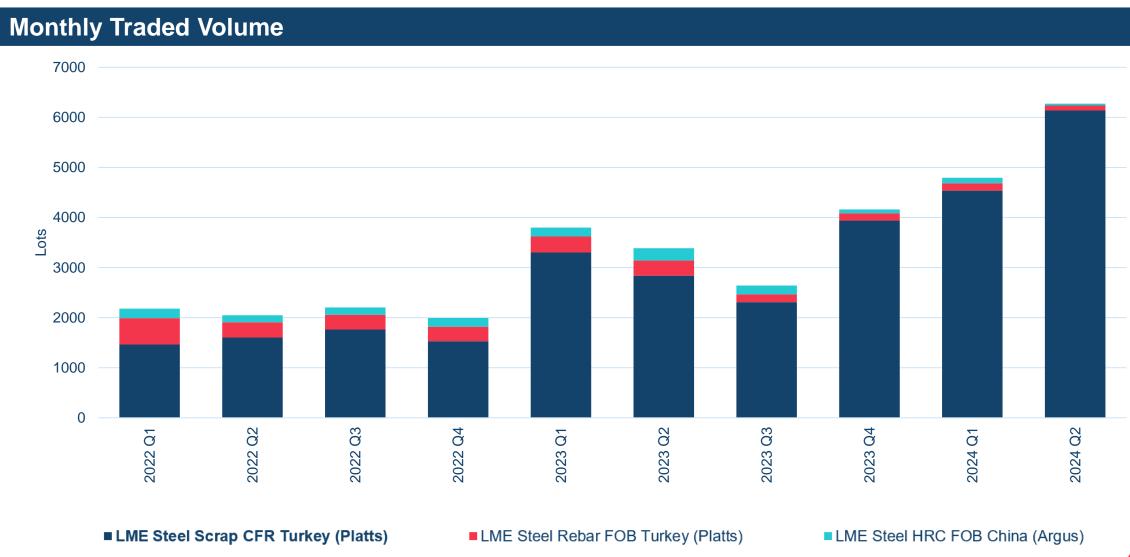


<sup>1.</sup> https://www.metals-hub.com/blog/low-carbon-class-1-nickel-offers-increased-on-metalshub-in-april-2024/

# Growth products: Ferrous & EV metals

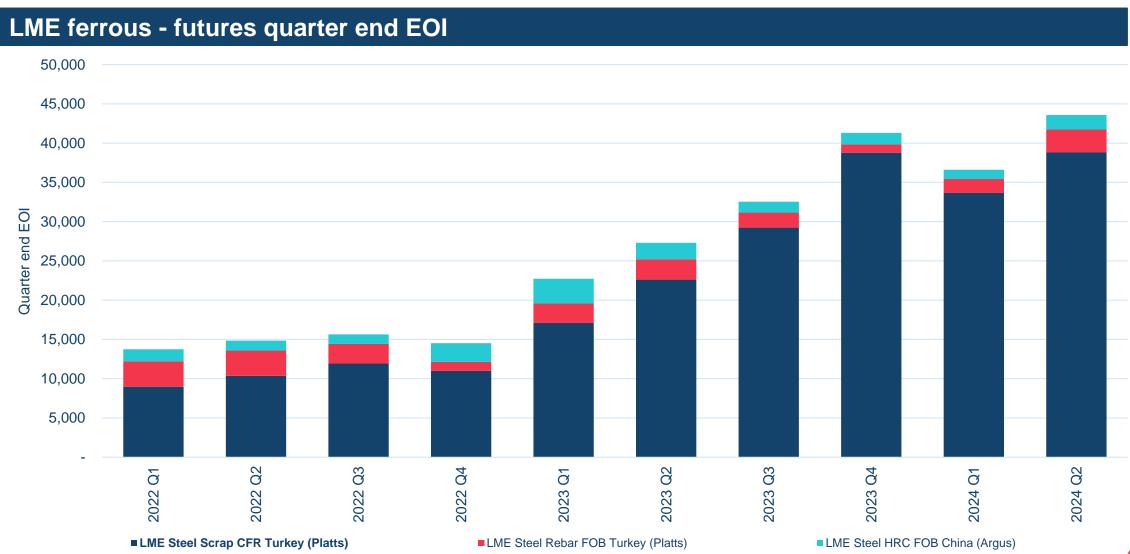


# LME Ferrous: Traded volumes in CFR Turkey steel scrap surge





# LME Ferrous: Open interest continues to grow





### The LME offers a complete suite of EV / battery material contracts

LME Cobalt, physically-settled & LME Cobalt (Fastmarkets), cash-settled

100% fee discount for the lithium and two cobalt contracts until 31 December 2027\*

**LME Lithium Hydroxide CIF CJK** (Fastmarkets) cash-settled Lithium Cobalt Nickel

1. All incentives are reviewed on an annual basis\*



# Sustainability



### Recent market engagement on sustainability



**CBAM** consultation

Proposal that all LME-listed aluminium brands will be required to report their emissions to the LME

Sustainabilityrelated pricing Collaboration with Metalshub to list Green Nickel and Low Carbon Aluminium on their platform

Carbon methodologies

The LME is eager to explore the current standards in use and how further progress can be achieved

Carbon pricing and risk mitigation

Exploring the role that carbon pricing will have on the LME ecosystem

**Traceability** 

Exploring traceability practices and understanding how best this can be supported

Circular economy

Studying what the current market practices are within this space



# New Closing Price methodology



### **New Closing Price methodology**

VWAP - Volume Weighted Average Price





# Impact of the new VWAP methodology

#### What are the benefits?

It makes pricing more: stic. transparent, repre

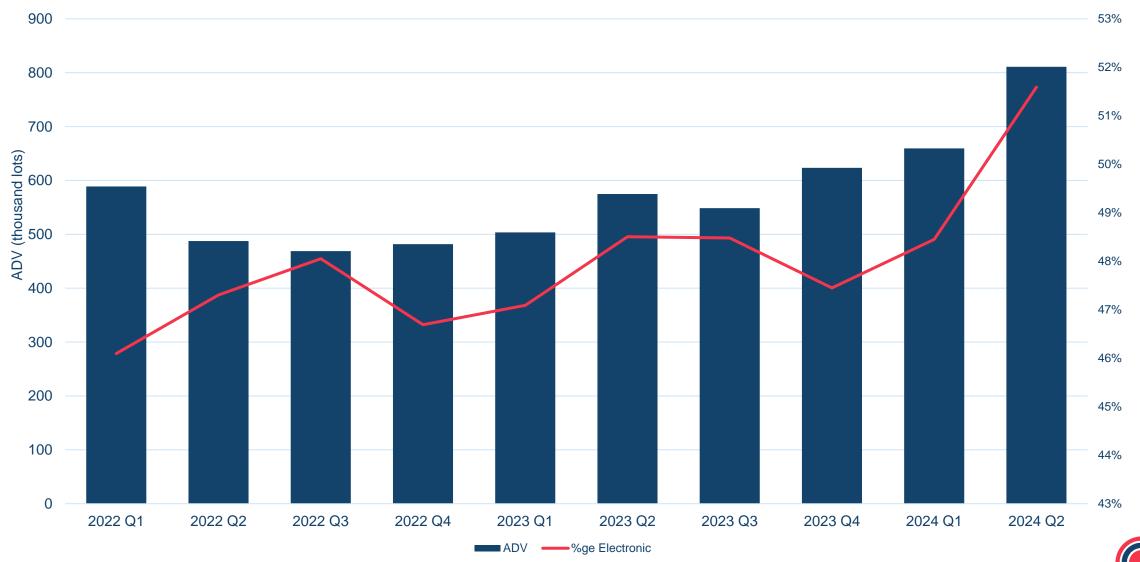
deterministic, transparent, representative and objective, and further aligned to the industry standard

	Volume in the window <sup>1</sup>	Direct participants <sup>2</sup>	
Aluminium	+56%	+16%	VWAP from 22nd Jan 24 (103 data points)
Lead	+58%	+16%	
Copper	+41%	+17%	
Nickel	+34%	+13%	VWAP from 18th Mar 24 (63 data points)
Zinc	+30%	+6%	

- 1. Volume for the instruments used in the Additional VWAP Methodology, comparing the period since implementation vs the full year prior
- 2. This looks at an average number of participants in the relevant spread closing window



# Growing the share of electronic trading



# New trading platform



### New trading platform

#### Q4 2024: What is being delivered?

- New LMEselect v10 offering improved performance and latency
- Upgraded interfaces: New FIX 5.0 sp2 interfaces replacing current FIX 4.4 interfaces and a new binary order entry interface
- New web-based trading GUI, LMEtrader. Offering improved functionality and wider distribution – available to members and their clients
- New LMEsource v4 providing market data pertaining to the Ring, inter-office and electronic trading venues for all participants connecting to LMEsource v4

#### **2025+ future functionality**

- Functionality relating to an on-screen options market including mass quotes, mass cancels
- Separate market data channels for options and futures
- Self-execution prevention (SEP) and market maker protection (MMP)
- Additional implied functionality: implieds between and implieds chaining



New trading platform: LMEselect v10

New market data distribution system: LMEsource v4

**New trading GUI:**LMEtrader



### Disclaimer

© The London Metal Exchange (the "LME"), 2024. The London Metal Exchange logo is a registered trademark of The London Metal Exchange.

All rights reserved. All information contained within this document (the "Information") is provided for reference purposes only. While the LME endeavours to ensure the accuracy, reliability and completeness of the Information, neither the LME, nor any of its affiliates makes any warranty or representation, express or implied, or accepts any responsibility or liability for, the accuracy, completeness, reliability or suitability of the Information for any particular purpose. The LME accepts no liability whatsoever to any person for any loss or damage arising from any inaccuracy or omission in the Information or from any consequence, decision, action or non-action based on or in reliance upon the Information. All proposed products described in this document are subject to consultation and therefore may or may not be implemented or may be implemented in a modified form. Following the conclusion of a consultation, regulatory approval may or may not be given to any proposal put forward. The terms of these proposed products, should they be launched, may differ from the terms described in this document.

Distribution, redistribution, reproduction, modification or transmission of the Information in whole or in part, in any form or by any means are strictly prohibited without the prior written permission of the LME.

The Information does not, and is not intended to, constitute investment advice, commentary or a recommendation to make any investment decision. The LME is not acting for any person to whom it has provided the Information. Persons receiving the Information are not clients of the LME and accordingly the LME is not responsible for providing any such persons with regulatory or other protections. All persons in receipt of the Information should obtain independent investment, legal, tax and other relevant advice before making any decisions based on the Information.

LME contracts may only be offered or sold to United States foreign futures and options customers by firms registered with the Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC), or firms who are permitted to solicit and accept money from US futures and options customers for trading on the LME pursuant to CFTC rule 30.10.

"The Platts Steel Rebar FOB Turkey" and "Platts TSI HMS 1/2 80:20 CFR Turkey" assessments ("Platts Assessments") are products of S&P Global Platts, a Division of S&P Global Inc., and has been licensed for use by The London Metal Exchange. "Platts®", "S&P Global Platts™" and "TSI®" (the "Platts Marks") are trademarks of S&P Global Inc., its affiliates and/or its licensors and have been licensed for use by The London Metal Exchange. LME Steel Scrap and LME Steel Rebar ("Contracts") are not sponsored, endorsed, sold or promoted by S&P Global Platts or its affiliates or licensors. S&P Global Platts, its affiliates and licensors make no representation or warranty, express or implied, regarding the Contracts or regarding the advisability of investing in securities or commodities generally or the ability of the Platts Assessments to track general market performance or commodity price movements, nor do S&P Global Platts, its affiliates and licensors have any liability for any errors or omissions in, or interruptions of, the Platts Assessments or the Contracts. S&P Global Platts', its affiliates' and licensors' only relationship to The London Metal Exchange with respect to the Platts Assessments is the licensing of the Platts Assessments and of certain trademarks, service marks and/or trade names of S&P Global Platts, and/or its affiliates or licensors. The Platts Assessments are determined, composed and calculated by S&P Global Platts without regard to The London Metal Exchange or the Contracts. S&P Global Platts, its affiliates and licensors have no obligation to take the needs of The London Metal Exchange or any clients or users of the Contracts into consideration in determining, composing or calculating the Platts Assessment. S&P Global Platts, its affiliates and licensors have no obligation or liability in connection with the creation, development, preparation, marketing, sale and/or trading of the Contracts.

S&P GLOBAL PLATTS, ITS AFFILIATES AND LICENSORS DO NOT GUARANTEE THE ADEQUACY, ACCURACY, TIMELINESS OR COMPLETENESS OF THE PLATTS ASSESSMENT OR ANY DATA INCLUDED THEREIN OR ANY COMMUNICATIONS, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO, ORAL OR WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS (INCLUDING ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS) WITH RESPECT THERETO. S&P GLOBAL PLATTS, ITS AFFILIATES AND LICENSORS SHALL NOT BE SUBJECT TO ANY DAMAGES OR LIABILITY FOR ANY ERRORS, OMISSIONS OR DELAYS THEREIN. S&P GLOBAL PLATTS, ITS AFFILIATES AND LICENSORS MAKE NO EXPRESS OR IMPLIED WARRANTIES, AND EXPRESSLY DISCLAIM ALL WARRANTIES OF MERCHANTABILITY OR FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE OR USE OR AS TO RESULTS TO BE OBTAINED BY THE LICENSEE, CLIENTS OR USERS OF THE CONTRACT, OR ANY OTHER PERSON OR ENTITY FROM THE USE OF THE PLATTS ASSESSMENT OR CONTRACT OR WITH RESPECT TO THE PLATTS MARKS, THE PLATTS ASSESSMENT OR ANY DATA INCLUDED THEREIN. WITHOUT LIMITING ANY OF THE FOREGOING, IN NO EVENT WHATSOEVER SHALL S&P GLOBAL PLATTS, ITS AFFILIATES AND/OR ITS THIRD PARTY LICENSORS BE LIABLE FOR ANY INDIRECT, SPECIAL, INCIDENTAL, PUNITIVE OR CONSEQUENTIAL DAMAGES, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO, LOSS OF PROFITS, TRADING LOSSES, LOST TIME OR GOODWILL, EVEN IF THEY HAVE BEEN ADVISED OF THE POSSIBILITY OF SUCH DAMAGES, WHETHER IN CONTRACT, TORT, STRICT LIABILITY OR OTHERWISE."

