

Enabling zero emissions pathways to green iron & steel with Calix's unique H<sub>2</sub>-DRI technology

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### About Calix

Calix Limited is an environmental technology company solving urgent global challenges in industrial decarbonisation and sustainability.

Calix's unique patented core platform technology delivers indirect heating of raw materials to enable efficient, precise, flexible and renewably powered mineral processing and capture of unavoidable industrial emissions.

With strong and increasing demand driven by global decarbonisation commitments, Calix is applying its platform technology to the cement, steel, alumina, and critical minerals industries, as well as the direct air capture of atmospheric carbon dioxide, and the production of sustainable environmental products.

Leveraging its core platform technology and a global network of partners, Calix is urgently developing multiple businesses that deliver positive global impact. Because there's only one Earth.

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### Solving global challenges

Electrification of industrial processing | Capture of unavoidable emissions | Sustainable environmental solutions





## Green mineral processing solutions for multiple industries

Multiple applications built & under development





Bacchus Marsh Commissioned 2013 (50,000 tonnes per annum<sup>1</sup>)

Cement & Lime



Belgium – "LEILAC-1" Commissioned 2019 (50,000 tonnes per annum<sup>1</sup>) Heidelberg Materials CILINDIA 

Alumina, lithium & critical minerals



Victoria, Australia Commissioned 2019 (2,000 tonnes per annum<sup>1</sup>, fully electric and renewably powered)



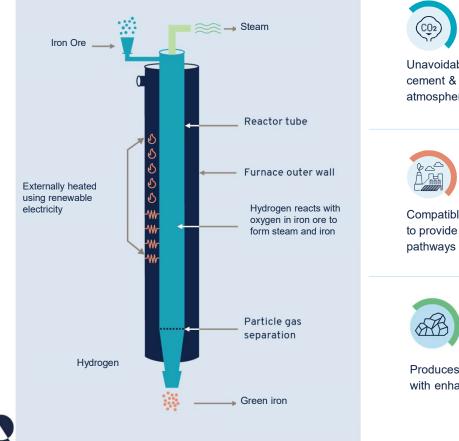
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1. Annualised name plate capacity feed rate

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### Calix's core platform technology

ZESTY uses hydrogen in a renewably-powered reactor to produce green iron, and ultimately green steel.





Unavoidable process CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from cement & lime production & CO<sub>2</sub> from the atmosphere are captured for use or storage.



### **Sustainable** Processing

Compatible with electricity & alternative fuels to provide viable, flexible and economical pathways to sustainable processing.



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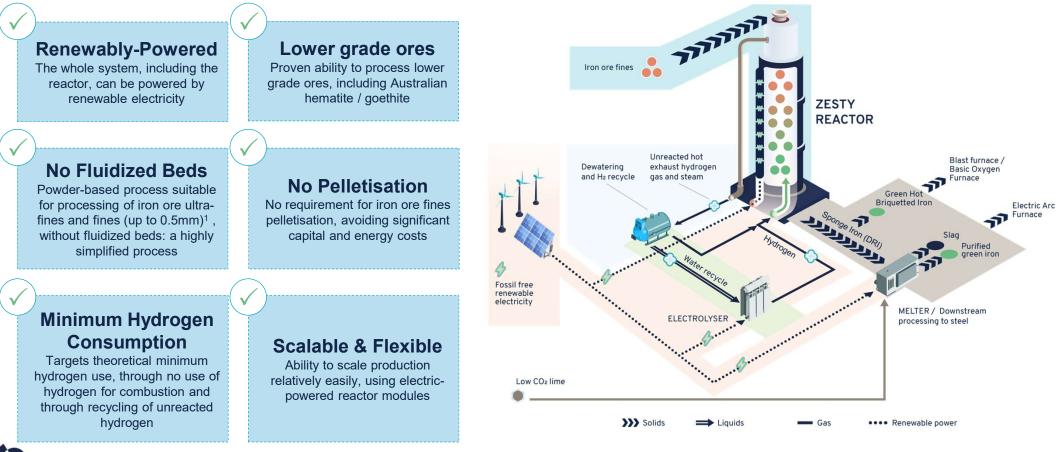
Produces high purity / active materials with enhanced chemical and / or bioactivity.



## Zero Emissions Steel TechnologY (ZESTY)



An innovative process with the potential to significantly influence steel decarbonization objectives and goals





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### **ZESTY** pilot testing results

Excellent results achieved in multi-purpose pilot testing facility

ZESTY proven at pilot scale, with metallisation rates up to 98%

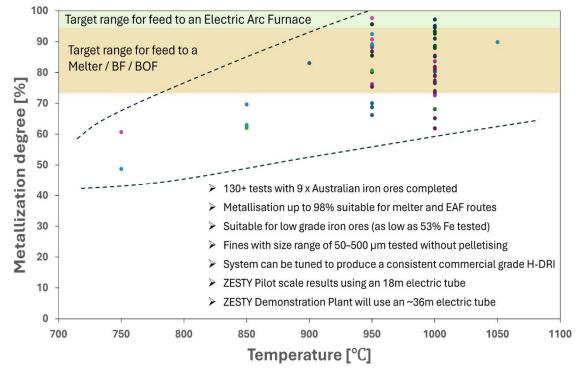
H<sub>2</sub>-DRI produced from Australian hematite/goethite ores

~ 50% of global iron ore supply and not compatible with electric arc steel-making without upgrading

ZESTY H<sub>2</sub>-DRI fines have been successfully briquetted into a green HBI product with highly encouraging properties



Side profile of HBI produced from ZESTY H<sub>2</sub>-DRI briquetted at 200 MPa, 800 °C (scale: each square is to 0.5 cm) steel industry



Metallisation Degree = Fe Wt% = the percentage of iron by weight in the ore



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## **Towards FID for a ZESTY Demonstration Plant**

ZESTY FEED study completed for a 30,000 tpa green iron demonstration plant

A\$947,035 ARENA grant covering ~50% of FEED costs

The FEED study finalised inputs to a final investment decision, subject to financing, including:

- Site layout, environmental and permitting considerations
- Process design including operating regimes, venting, emergency response
- o Major equipment sizing and costings
- Construction methodologies

Why 30,000 tpa demonstration is the right next step ?

- Represents full-scale implementation of a single reactor tube – the basis for further scale-up
- Capable of processing sufficient H<sub>2</sub>- DRI / HBI for further downstream testing (steelmaking) at full scale to validate the product

The ZESTY commercial demonstrator is targeting BF-BOF suitable HBI produced from low grade iron ore

The demonstrator aims to charge a tolling fee to iron ore producers to test HBI trial products with their customers



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## **ZESTY Demo Plant FEED study results**

#### Pilot testing and FEED study completed



**130+** Tests completed



**75-98%** Metallisation degree

US\$410-520

per tonne of HBI production cost

Scalable

Multiple tubes for modular scale-up

0.9 – 1.3 MWh

Australian ores variants tested

per tonne of HBI – highly efficient



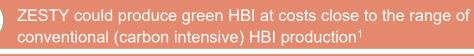
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**ARENA Grant** Broader Australian government support

#### **Techno-economics findings**

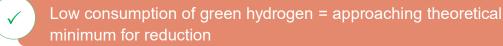
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ZESTY could reduce the emissions intensity of reducing iron ore to metal iron from 1.89 tonnes of  $CO_2$  / tonne of iron to near zero

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No pelletisation and sintering = considerable capital and operating expenditure savings



Efficient electrical indirect heating methodology

Economics expected to improve further with scale

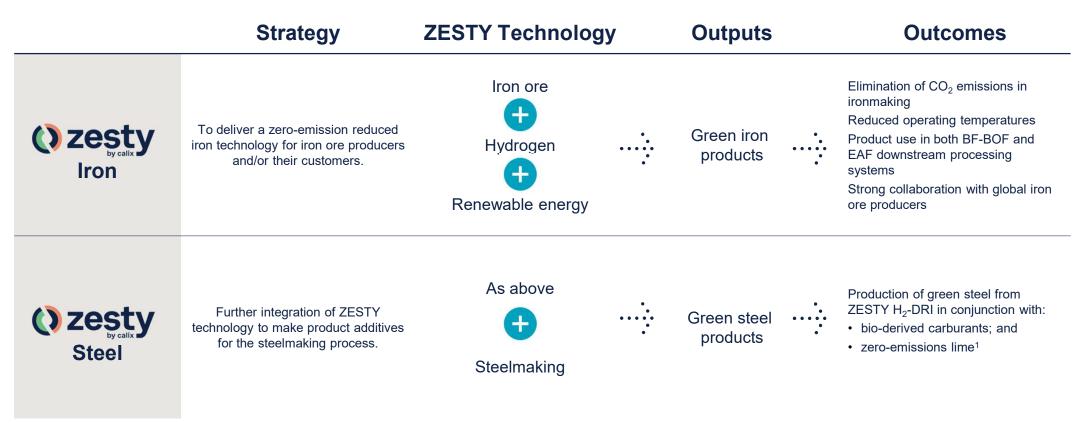
Including the cost of carbon would further enhance economics

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## The opportunity for ZESTY is both green iron & steel

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The ZESTY value proposition is relevant to both iron ore producers and steel makers







A modular scale up approach duplicating a core reactor tube unit



## Enabling hybrid fuel use and grid-load balancing



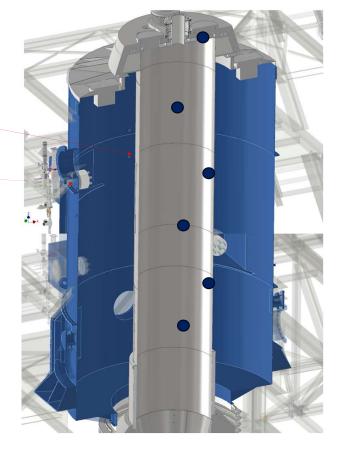
Potential to optimise energy operating costs and create new revenues by providing a stabilising service to the grid

Two responsive energy inputs:

- 1. Electrical heat from renewable power, or the grid, is controlled by the current in resistive heaters.
- 2. Combustion heat from burners using conventional or alternative fuels is \_\_\_\_ controlled by the flow of a combustion gas and air.

This solution has the potential to allow rapid switching between electricity and combustion depending on:

- Fuel / electricity prices
- Grid load balancing requirements





Direct electrical heating has been proven at pilot scale at the Calix Technology Centre.



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## **ZESTY wins global Net-Zero Industry Award at COP29**



## ZESTY wins COP29 global Net-Zero Industry Award for Outstanding Project

The award was presented by Ministers Chris Bowen (Australia) and Leonore Gewessler (Austria).

Organised by Mission Innovation's Net-Zero Industries Mission:

- The Mission is led by Austria and Australia, in collaboration with Canada, China, the European Commission, Finland, Germany, the Republic of Korea, the UK and the USA
- Member countries account for over 50% of global industrial emissions, and USD\$13 billion in annual investment in research, development and demonstration
- The Mission aims to deliver at least 50 large-scale demonstration projects around the world by 2030.

**HILT CRC** 

#### ZESTY recognised at HILT CRC 2024 Annual Conference

The Project *"Testing of Australian iron ores in a hydrogen flash smelting process"* was awarded the Best Contribution to Industry-Research Collaboration at the HILT CRC 2024 Annual Conference. The project was delivered through a collaboration between Calix, Swinburne, University of Adelaide, Fortescue, Roy Hill, Liberty and Grange Minerals.

"The innovative thinking behind the ZESTY project is a prime example of what industry needs to develop cost-competitive and scalable technology for low-emissions iron ore processing. It has been gratifying to work with Calix on accelerating the development of this technology, which can contribute to the decarbonisation of heavy industry. Congratulations to the Calix team for this well-deserved recognition." Jenny Selway, CEO, HILT CRC



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