



Helios Existence Matters.

# COMPANY PRESENTATION

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Top Innovator by  WORLD ECONOMIC FORUM

Affiliate member of  worldsteel ASSOCIATION

Supplier at First Suppliers Hub by  First Movers Coalition

# ORIGIN

## **Established in 2018 to produce Oxygen on the Moon**

Developing technologies to enable the separation of oxygen from lunar minerals in extreme environments, where zero emissions are not an option but a necessity. Currently backed by DARPA

## **From the Moon to the Steel Industry**

Derived from its space technology, Helios developed a novel process to produce iron from iron ore, requiring less energy and cost while emitting only oxygen



# THE STEEL INDUSTRY

## Annually:

- 1.8 billion tons of Steel
- USD 1.6 trillion
- 5% CAGR
- 2.6 Gt CO<sub>2</sub>  
(~8%-10% of global GHG emissions)



## INDUSTRIAL METALS

181,579,892 tonnes

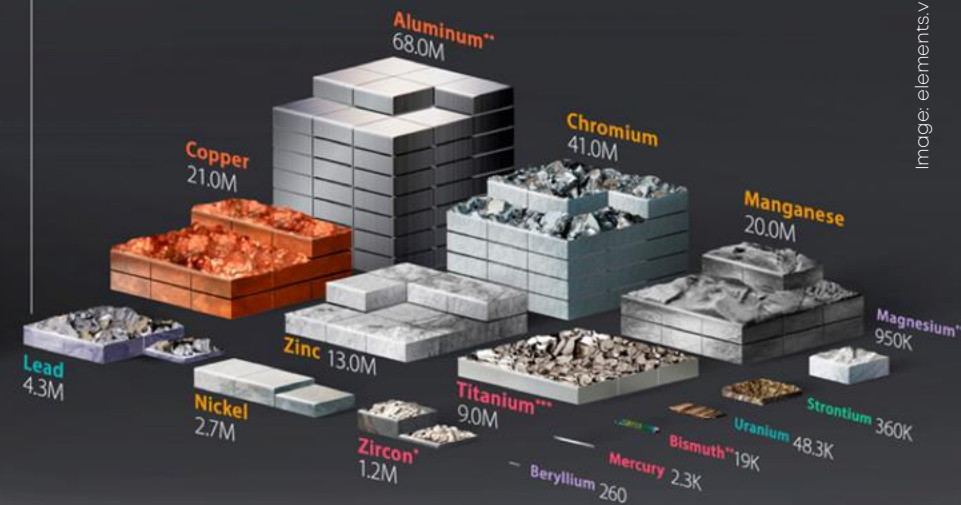
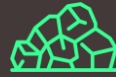


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# THE STEEL INDUSTRY PREDICAMENT

Current steel manufacturing prefers high grade ore (>60% iron)

For future green technologies, high grade ore is a requirement



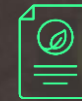
There are no high-grade ores naturally left on earth



Currently, there are no ready to deploy green solutions at scale



The world demand steel makers to stop polluting



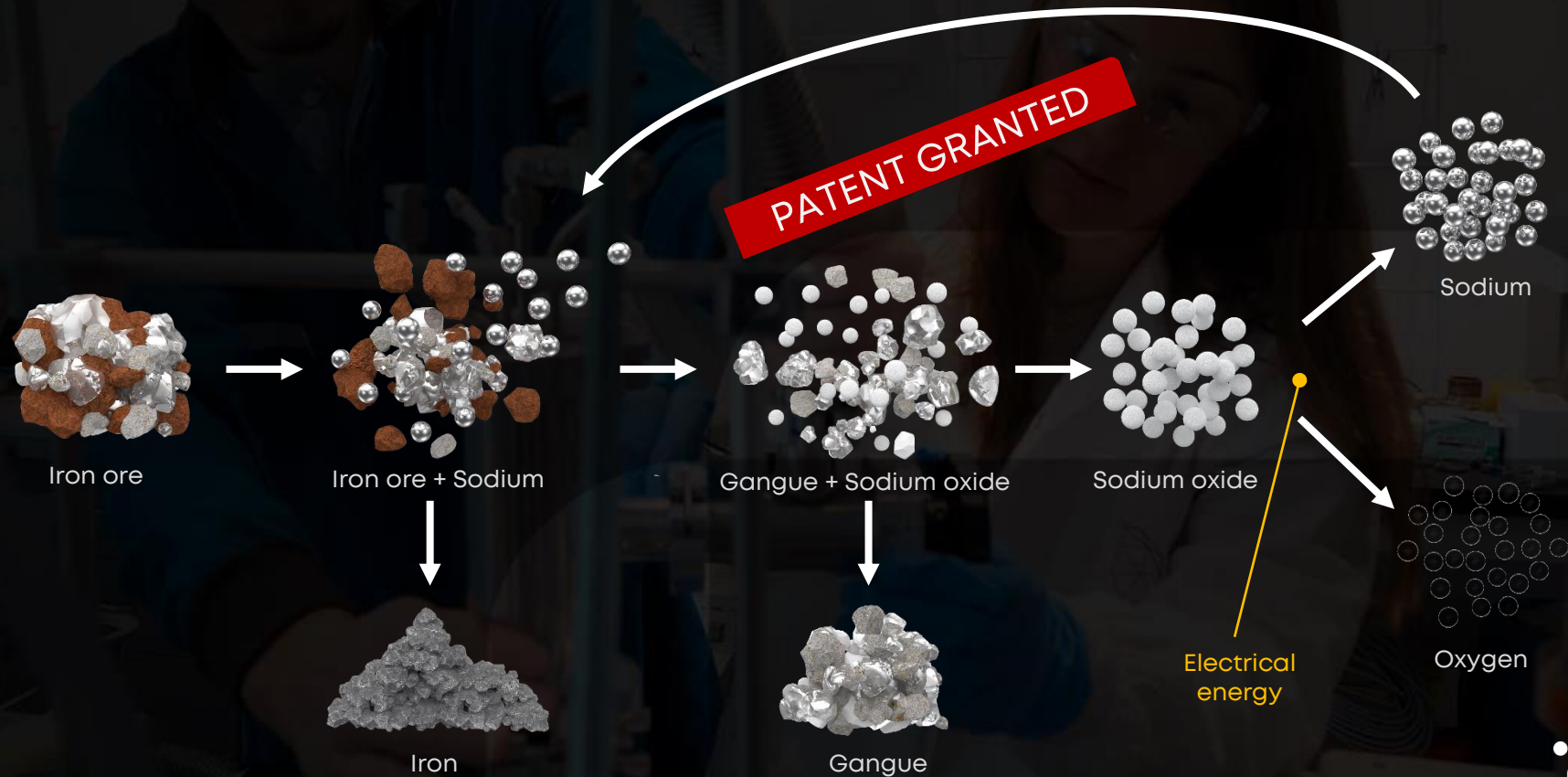
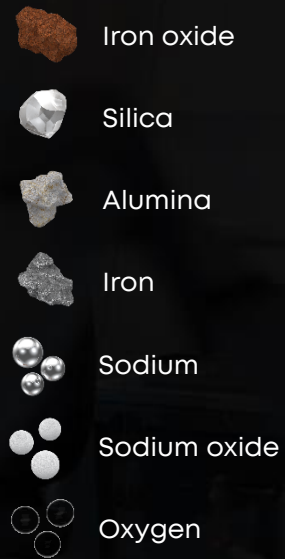
All future green solutions erodes the steel manufactures profit margins

what we do

# THE HELIOS CYCLE™

## About the Helios Cycle

- Using sodium as a reducing agent, replacing coal or hydrogen
- Can process low grade ore (starting from 20% Fe)
- Energy required - 3.6MWh-4MWh per ton (at 250°C to 350°C)
- Applicable to other transition metals (e.g., copper, nickel, cobalt and more)



# THE PRODUCT



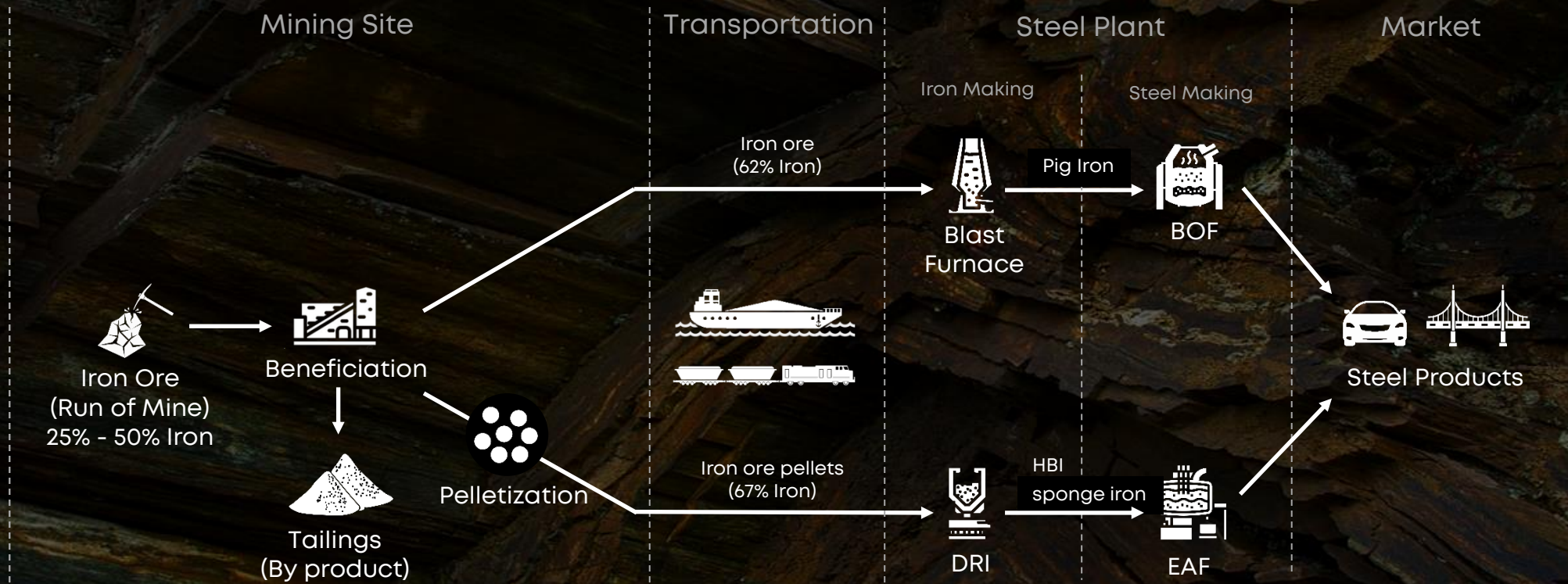
Helios Green Iron™



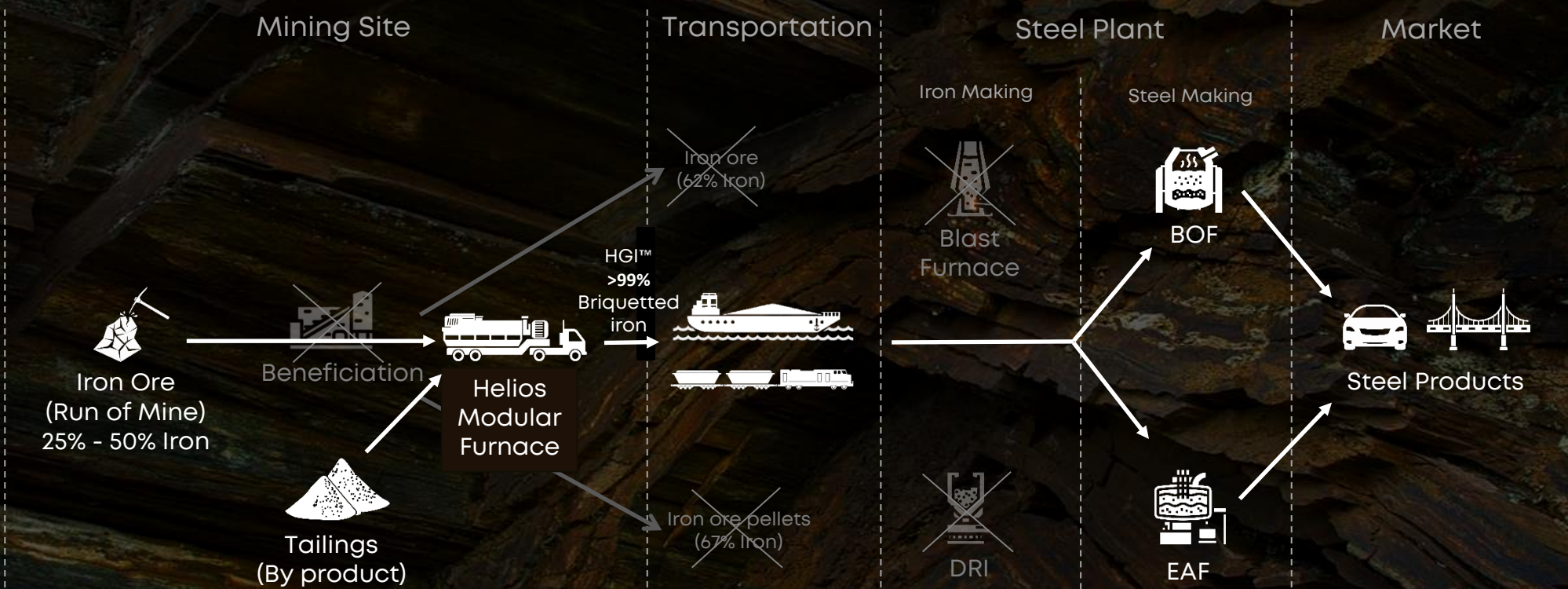
Briquetted iron, fully compatible to EAF and BF-BOF



# STEEL PRODUCTION FLOW



# STEEL PRODUCTION FLOW WITH HELIOS CYCLE™





# TECHNOLOGICAL ADVANTAGES



## Solves the low-grade ore problem

The Helios Cycle™ can be used with low-grade ores (20% Fe) and **tailings** which today are mostly unusable. This opens the market to cheaper ore which in turn reduces further the final cost of the iron that is being produced



## No hydrogen

Using hydrogen requires special infrastructure to be built near the plant. The production of green hydrogen dramatically increases the cost of steelmaking



## No direct carbon emissions

The Helios Cycle™ emits only oxygen as a byproduct. If a renewable energy source is used, the whole process is 100% carbon emissions-free



## Lower energy consumption

Current iron production methods are conducted at 1200°C to 2000°C. The Helios Cycle™ is conducted between 250°C to 350°C

# COMMERCIAL ADVANTAGES



## Modular furnaces

The Helios Cycle's fast kinetics allow for high production capacity in a smaller volume. This enables faster market penetration, using small and mobile furnaces



## Proximity to mining sites

The mobile modular furnace approach allows for production near mines, so outgoing shipments are iron (vs. iron ore). This cuts shipping costs and emissions



## Lower operational cost

Stronger unit economics due to overall lower energy consumption and lower ore grade requirements → less operational expenditure per ton of iron produced



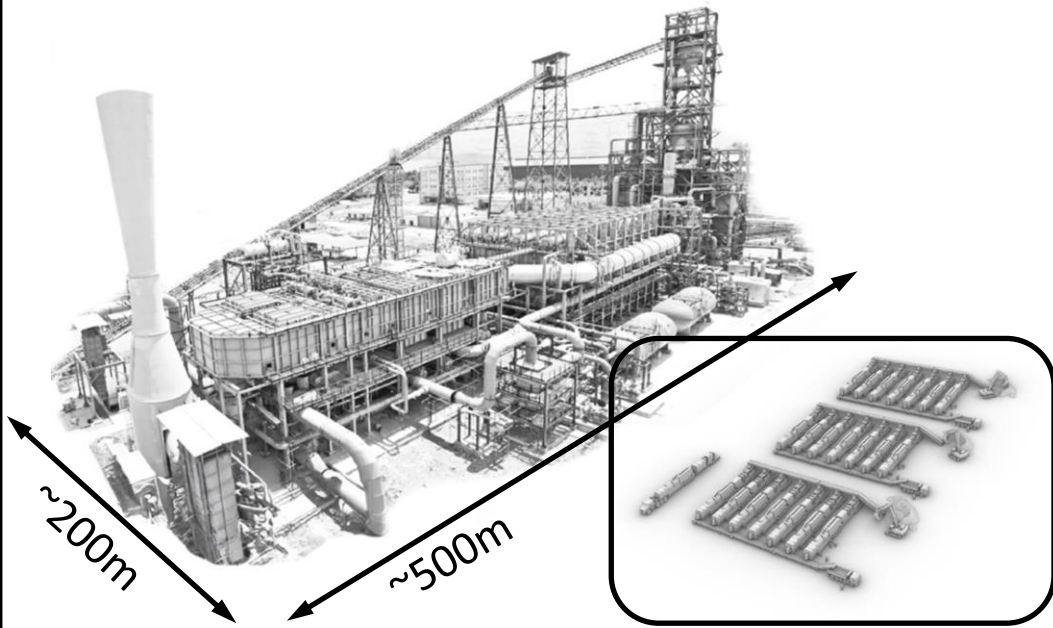
## Safer than existing processes

The Helios cycle™ is safer than traditional methods that use hazardous carbon monoxide or hydrogen. Sodium as a reducing agent, is easier to handle and, despite its reactivity, reduces risks of fire, explosion, and toxic exposure, ensuring a safer production process

# DRI Vs. MODULAR FURNACES

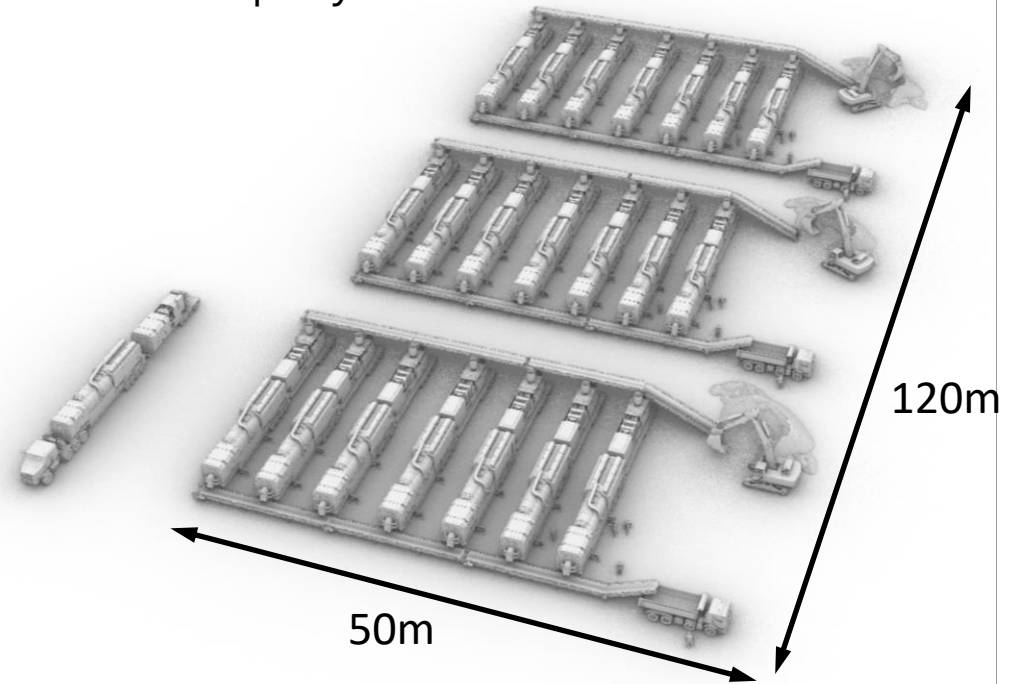
## DRI Plant

1 million tons per year



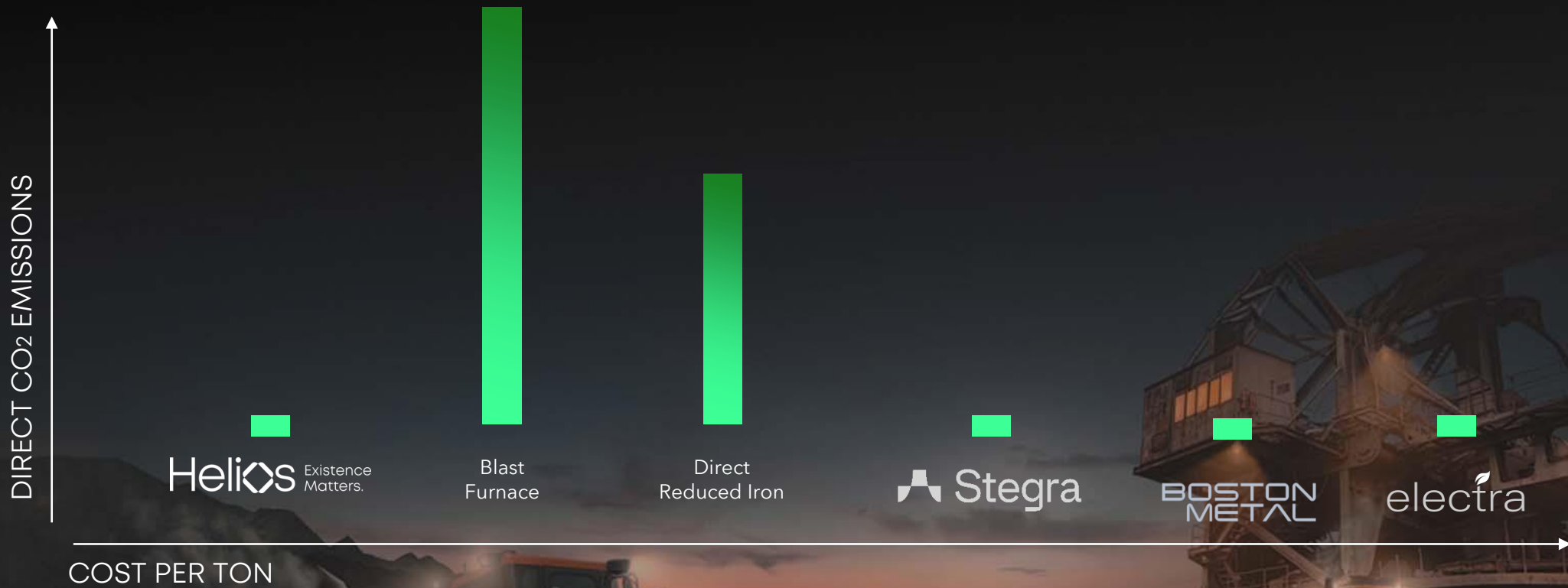
## 20 modular furnaces

1 million tons per year

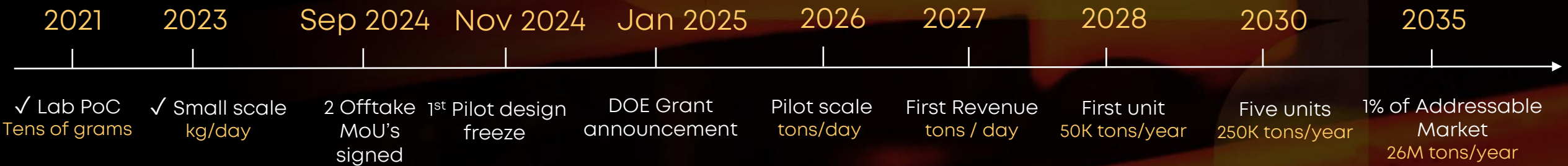


- **Fast installation: modular installation Vs. 5-7 year with engineering company**
- **Lower capex: \$20M per modular furnace Vs. ~\$1.5B per DRI**

# TECHNOLOGY LANDSCAPE



# ROADMAP



# COMPANY STATUS

## Company

- 39 employees, 8 PhD, 42% women
- Located in Zur Yigal, Israel
- Member of World Steel Association
- Top Innovator by World Economic Forum
- Supplier at First Movers Coalition Supplier Hub

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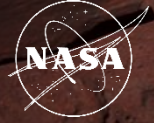
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