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### **Transaction Overview**

### **NioCorp Team**



Mark A. Smith, P.E.

Executive Chairman, President & CEO



Scott Honan, MSc, SME-RM
Chief Operating Officer, NioCorp
President, Elk Creek Resources Corp.



Neal Shah, BSME, MBA
Chief Financial Officer & Corporate Secy.



Jim Sims
Chief Communications Officer

### **GX Acquisition Corp. II Team**

Jay R. Bloom Co-Chairman and CEO
Dean C. Kehler Co-Chairman and CEO
Michael G. Maselli President
Andrea Kellett, Chief Financial Officer
Art Baer, Vice President
Jordan Bloom, Vice President

### **Overview**

- Deal represents an Enterprise Value of \$313.5 million, reflecting an 89% discount to the Net Present Value (NPV) in the Elk Creek Project 2022 Feasibility Study.
- Business combination is expected to close in Q1 2023, subject to satisfaction of closing conditions.
- NioCorp is developing the Elk Creek Critical Minerals Project to produce Niobium, Scandium, and Titanium. It is the highest-grade Niobium deposit under development in N.A. and the 2nd largest indicated rare earth resource in the U.S.<sup>1</sup> NioCorp is also conducting technical and economic analyses on the potential addition of magnetic rare earth oxides to its planned product suite.
- GX Acquisition Corp. II is a Special Purpose Acquisition Company focused on delivering growth through investing in sectors with favorable secular trends and technology developments.
- NioCorp and GX Acquisition Corp. II propose to combine to support the Elk Creek Project with the ultimate goal of rapidly and securely delivering critical high-demand metals and minerals to key sectors, facilitating U.S. technology leadership, emissions reductions, and job creation in the transition economy.

\$313.5M

PRO-FORMA
ENTERPRISE VALUE

\$2.8B

NET PRESENT VALUE<sup>2</sup>



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Based on the 2022 NI 43-101 Elk Creek Technical Report. See "Mineral Reserves and Resources" in the Disclaimers & Technical Disclosures at the beginning of this presentation.



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Indicated mineral resource. Based on data from the "Critical Mineral Resources of the United States—Economic and Environmental Geology and Prospects for Future Supply," U.S. Geological Survey, 2017, and from company-issued reports.

# Value Proposition: Transition to Net Zero Emissions is Driving Demand Growth for the Critical Minerals at the Focus of NioCorp<sup>1</sup>

**Niobium** 





Shovel-ready<sup>1</sup> pure-play critical minerals project with the highest-grade Niobium resource in North America and the 2nd largest indicated rare earth resource in the U.S.<sup>2</sup>





Positioned to become a major U.S. miner / producer of Niobium, which is forecast to see strong demand growth via rapid-charging solid state Li-Ion batteries.<sup>3</sup>



Scandium

Earths





Large prospective U.S. producer of Scandium with a Scandium Mineral Reserve supported by a feasibility study. Scandium has large latent demand in the commercial aviation and automotive sectors.4







NioCorp is conducting technical and economic analyses<sup>5</sup> on the potential addition to its planned product suite of several magnetic rare earth oxides, which are forecast to experience large supply shortages because of sharply rising demand.<sup>6</sup>





Project is strongly focused on environmental, social, and governance values and is already aligned with the Equator Principles ESG Framework.







<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Subject to receipt of necessary project financing and commencement of operations at the Elk Creek Project.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Indicated mineral resource, based on data from the "Critical Mineral Resources of the United States—Economic and Environmental Geology and Prospects for Future Supply," U.S. Geological Survey, 2017, and from company-issued reports.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Source: CBMM.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> "Scandium: A Market Assessment," ONG Commodities, 2019.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> As no economic analysis has been completed on the rare earth mineral resource comprising the Project, further studies are required before determining whether extraction of rare earth elements can be reasonably justified and economically viable after taking account all relevant factors.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> "Rare Earth Magnet Market Outlook to 2035," Adamas Intelligence, 2022.

## Critical Minerals in the Elk Creek Resource<sup>1</sup>

### **Critical Minerals**



### Ferroniobium

970,300 tonnes

No production in the U.S.

Highest grade
Niobium project
under development
in N.A.<sup>1</sup>



# Scandium Oxide

11,337 tonnes

No production in the U.S.

Largest planned producer in N.A.



# Titanium Dioxide

4,221,000 tonnes

High import reliance for U.S.

Is expected to be produced by NioCorp as a byproduct.

## Magnetic Rare Earths



Neodymium-Praseodymium Oxide<sup>2</sup>

> 125,800 tonnes

No production in the U.S.

Elk Creek Project contains the 2nd largest indicated NdPr Mineral Resource in the U.S.<sup>3</sup>



# Dysprosium Oxide<sup>2</sup>

9,100 tonnes

No production in the U.S.

Elk Creek Project contains the 2nd largest indicated Dysprosium Mineral Resource in the U.S.<sup>3</sup>



# Terbium Oxide<sup>2</sup>

2,300 tonnes

No production in the U.S.

Elk Creek Project contains the largest indicated Terbium Mineral Resource in the U.S.<sup>3</sup>



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Indicated mineral resource, based on data from the "Critical Mineral Resources of the United States—Economic and Environmental Geology and Prospects for Future Supply," U.S. Geological Survey, 2017, and from company-issued reports.



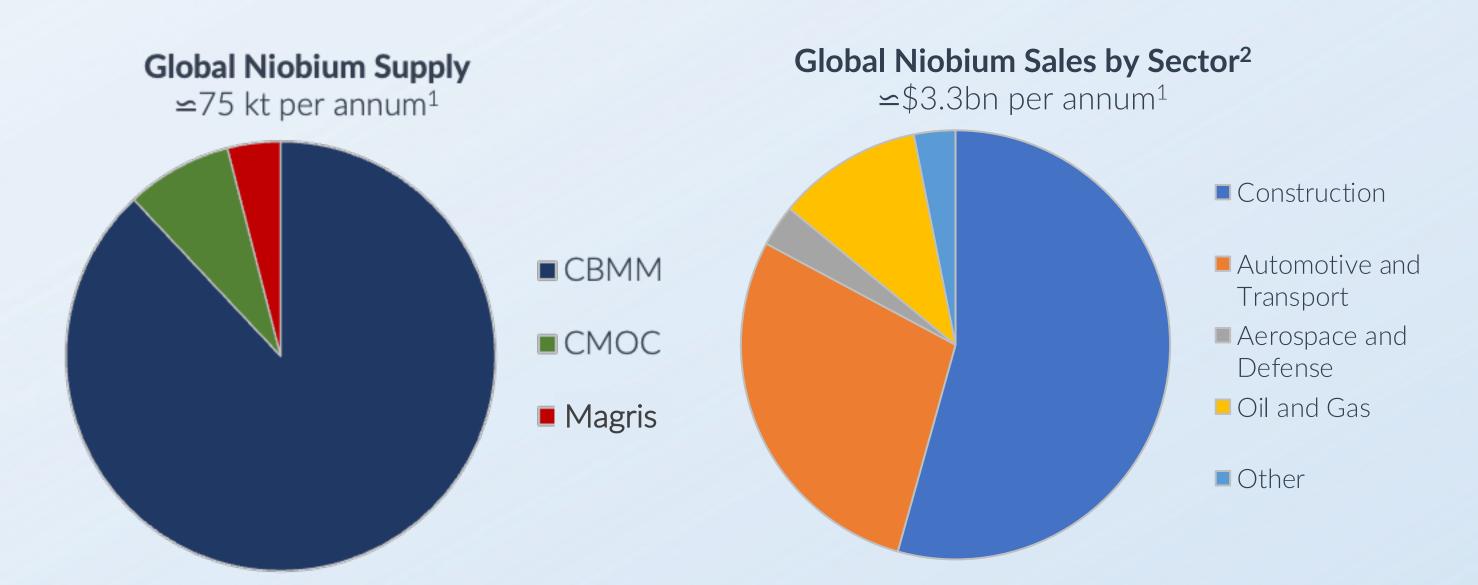
<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Based on the 2022 NI 43-101 Elk Creek Technical Report. See "Mineral Reserves and Resources" in the Disclaimers & Technical Disclosures at the beginning of this presentation.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> NioCorp is currently conducting technical and economic analyses on the potential addition of magnetic rare earth oxides to its planned product suite.

## NIOBIUM: A Critical Supply Risk To The U.S.

### Niobium

- 88% of the world's Niobium is produced in only one country<sup>1</sup> Brazil which increases supply chain risk and has forced the U.S. Government to stockpile Niobium.
- Market growth is expected to rise sharply with the expected use of niobium in next-generation Lithiumlon batteries, which enables faster battery charging.<sup>2</sup>
- <u>Light-weighting</u> of transportation systems and strengthening of bridges and mega-infrastructure projects are expected to drive additional long-term growth.
- Highly liquid global market with many users and a growing number of applications.



### **Global Niobium Demand Drivers**



Stronger and lighter steels for buildings & infrastructure mega-projects

0.025% Niobium in the steel of the Millau Viaduct bridge reduced the weight of steel and concrete by 60% in the overall project.<sup>4</sup>



Growing demand for lighter weight and more fuelefficient cars, trucks, and buses

300 grams Nb reduces the weight of mid-size car by 200 kg and increases fuel efficiency by 5%4



Next
Generation
NiobiumLithium-lon
Batteries

Significant potential demand.
CBMM expects nearly 50 ktpa Nb
Oxide sales by
2030<sup>2</sup>

NioCorp's projected Nb annual production: 7,450 tonnes / year → \$225M / year in revenue<sup>5</sup>



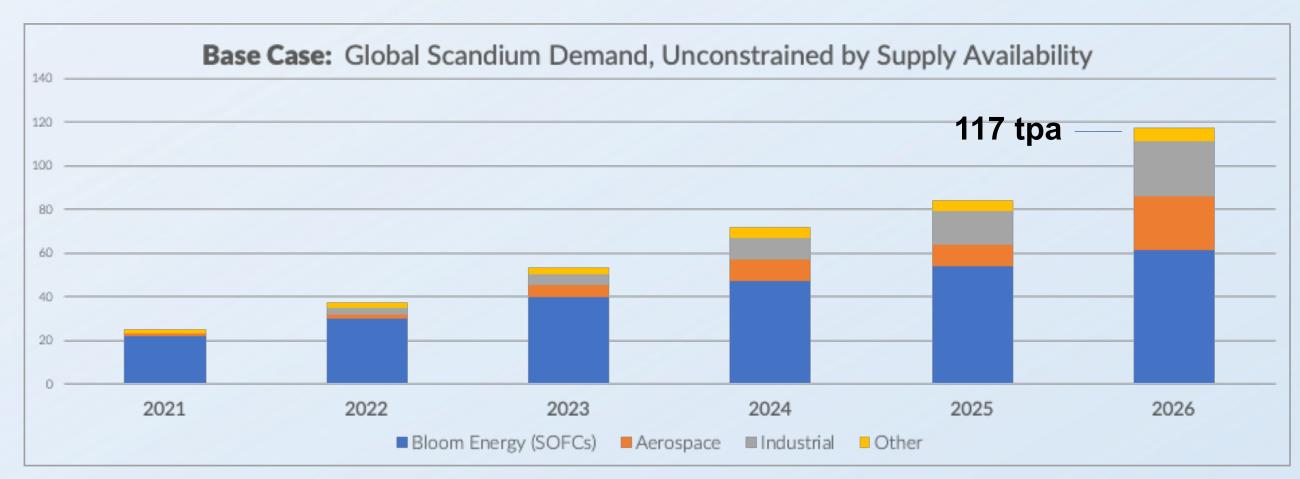
- <sup>1</sup> "Niobium Outlook to 2030," Roskill, 2020.
- <sup>2</sup> Source: CBMM.
- <sup>3</sup> Mordor Intelligence Report on Niobium, 2022.
- <sup>4</sup> Source: Niobium.Tech (CBMM).
- <sup>5</sup> Subject to receipt of necessary project financing and commencement of operations at the Elk Creek Project. Annual revenue derived from averaged annual Run-of-Mine Nb production multiplied by assumed realized Nb pricing (\$46.56/kg), both of which are based on the 2022 NI 43-101 Elk Creek Technical Report. See "Mineral Reserves and Resources" in the Disclaimers & Technical Disclosures at the beginning of this presentation.



# SCANDIUM: Limited Supply But Very Large Latent Demand

### Scandium

- Forecast demand (117 tpy by 2026) greatly exceeds current supply (25 tonnes/year)¹ and exceeds NioCorp's potential annual scandium production.
  - Solid oxide fuel cell use of Scandium (≤22 tpy) forecast to grow at 23% CAGR¹
  - Aerospace + industrial use in 2022 (≤5 tpy) forecast to reach 50tpy over next 5 years¹
- Momentum building in the market, with new pilot production from Rio Tinto<sup>2</sup> and planned production from others.
- **Potential in EV/Automotive**: Net pounds of aluminum per light duty vehicle is forecast to increase from 459 lbs. in 2020 to 570 lbs. in 2030,<sup>3</sup> representing a large potential for scandium use in aluminum-scandium alloys, even at low overall penetration; just 10% of this volume using 0.1% scandium would mean 700 tons/year scandium demand.<sup>1</sup>



Source: ONG Commodities Ltd., 2021

### **Global Scandium Demand Drivers**



Increasing
focus on
lighter-weight
and more fuel
efficient
commercial jets

Approximately \$2M of scandium in a single airliner offers an estimated \$27M million of net present value in fuel savings.4



Development of lighter-weight and more fuel efficient railway cars and large transport

One of the world's largest aluminum companies has already produced aluminum-scandium rail hopper cars.6



Weight reduction in EV components is high priority for automakers.

IEA forecast 25% CAGR growth in demand for EVs to 2030<sup>5</sup>

NioCorp's projected Sc annual production
104 tonnes / year → \$390M / year in revenue<sup>7</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> Subject to receipt of necessary project financing and commencement of operations at the Elk Creek Project. Annual revenue is derived from averaged annual Run-of-Mine Sc production multiplied by assumed realized Sc pricing (\$3,674/kg), both of which are based on the 2022 NI 43-101 Elk Creek Technical Report. See "Mineral Reserves and Resources" in the Disclaimers & Technical Disclosures at the beginning of this presentation.





<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> ONG Commodities Ltd.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Rio Tinto.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Advanced Casting Research Center.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Company estimate.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> EA Global EV Outlook 2022.

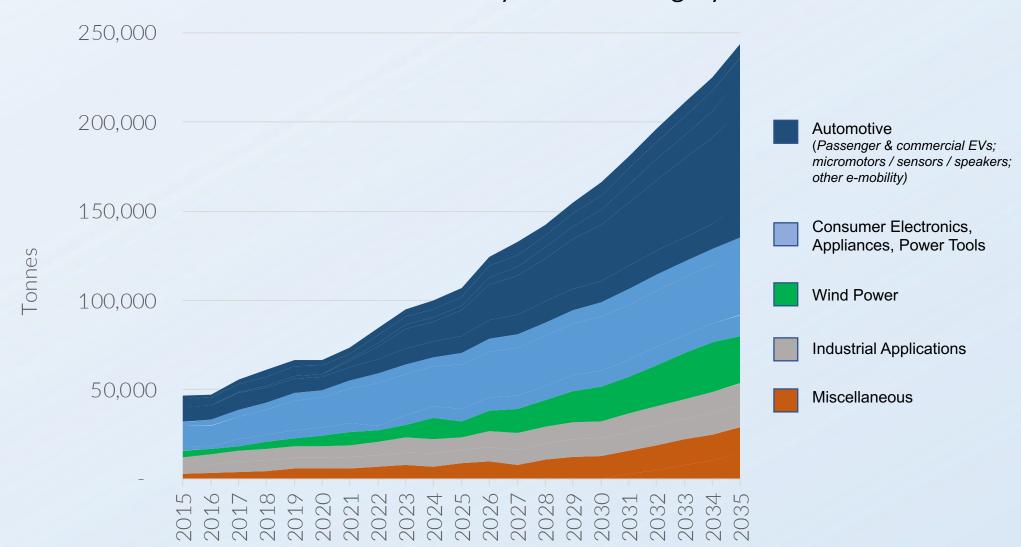
<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Aluminum International Today, Jan. 25, 2022.

## MAGNETIC RARE EARTHS: Global Demand to Grow 3X by 2035<sup>1</sup>

### **Magnetic Rare Earth Elements**

- NioCorp is currently conducting technical and economic analyses on the potential addition to its planned product suite of three magnetic rare earth oxides: NdPr, Dy, and Tb.
- Global magnetic REE oxide consumption value is forecast to increase 3X by 2035, from US\$15.1 billion in 2022 to US\$46.2 billion by 2035.1
- Global REE markets are forecast to under-produce NdPr, Dy, and Tb oxides from 2022 onward unless significant new supplies are brought online.<sup>1</sup>

# Historical global consumption and forecast demand for magnet rare earth oxides by end-use category



# Growth Rates for Magnetic REE Consumption by Sector from 2022 → 2035¹

Sector	CAGR
Retail and Commercial EV Traction Motors	14.0%
Direct drive and hybrid drive wind power generators	13.0%
Automotive micromotors, sensors, and car speakers	4.9%
Industrial motors, pumps, generators, robotics	4.2%
Electronics, appliances, power tools	4.1%
All other uses	12.6%

Automotive market requires significant REEs with EV traction expected to drive a 14.1% CAGR<sup>1</sup>

### **Global Magnetic REE Demand Drivers**



GHG reductions driven by greater use of electric vehicles and other tech.

Demand for magnetic rare earths is expected to grow by more than 150% from 2020 to 2030<sup>1</sup>



Demand for direct drive and hybrid drive wind turbines requires significant REE volumes

Demand expected to grow at 13.0% CAGR by 2035<sup>1</sup>



Acute global supply shortages of magnetic REEs are forecast

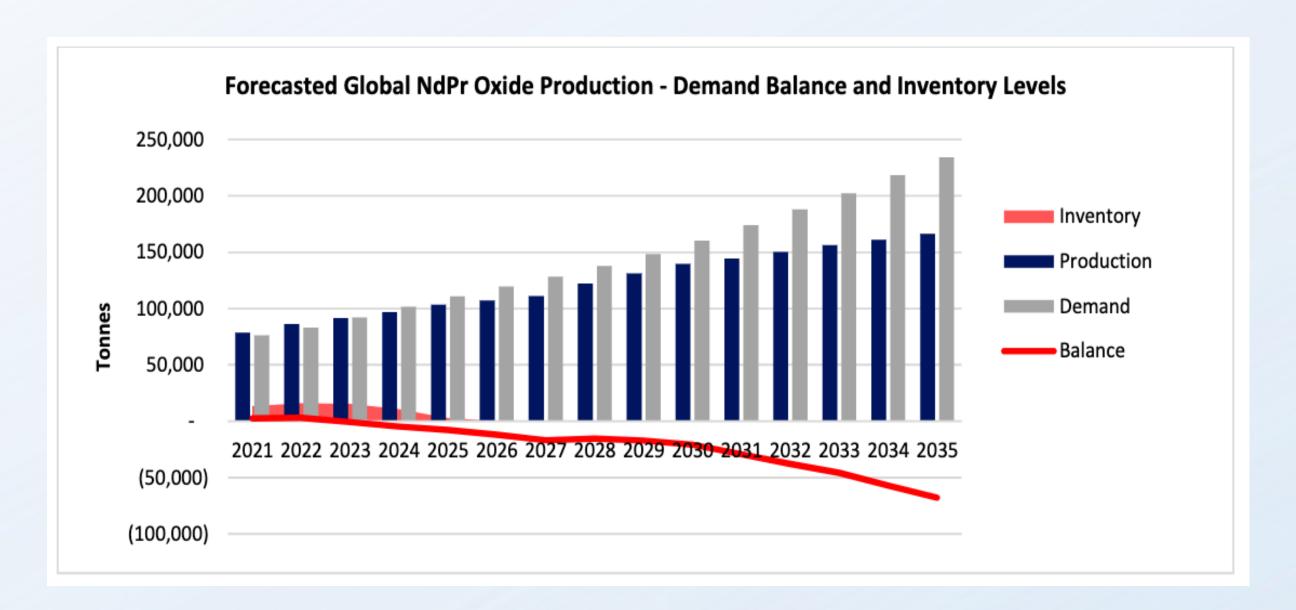
Shortages of rare earth alloys for magnets forecast to be equal to one-third of the total market by 2035<sup>1</sup>

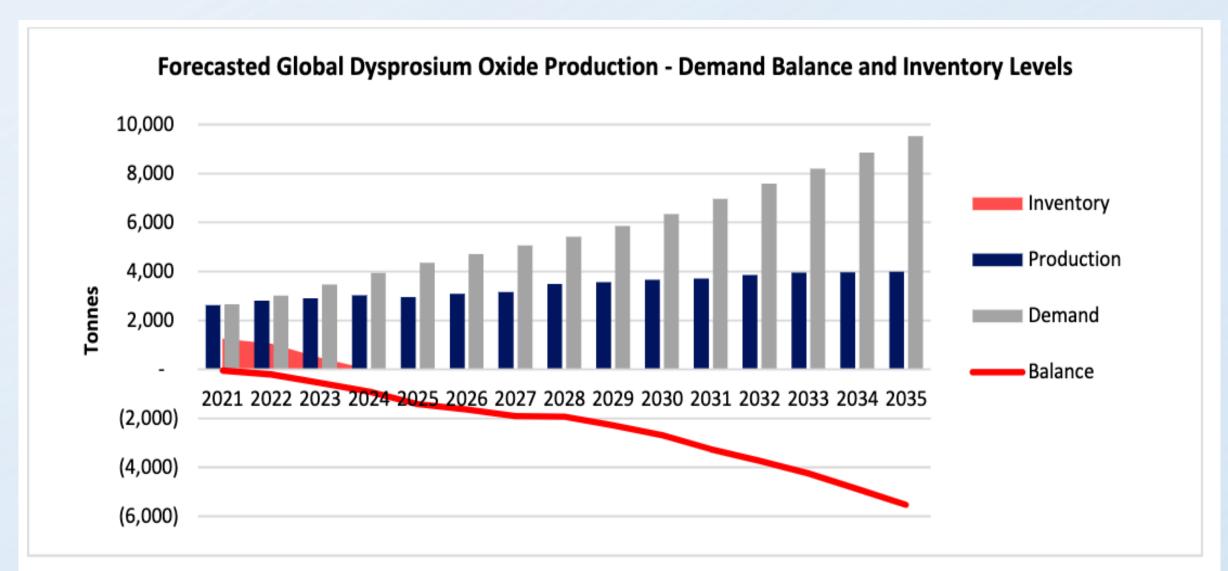
Subject to further studies and ongoing analysis on the economic viability of extracting REEs after taking account of all relevant factors

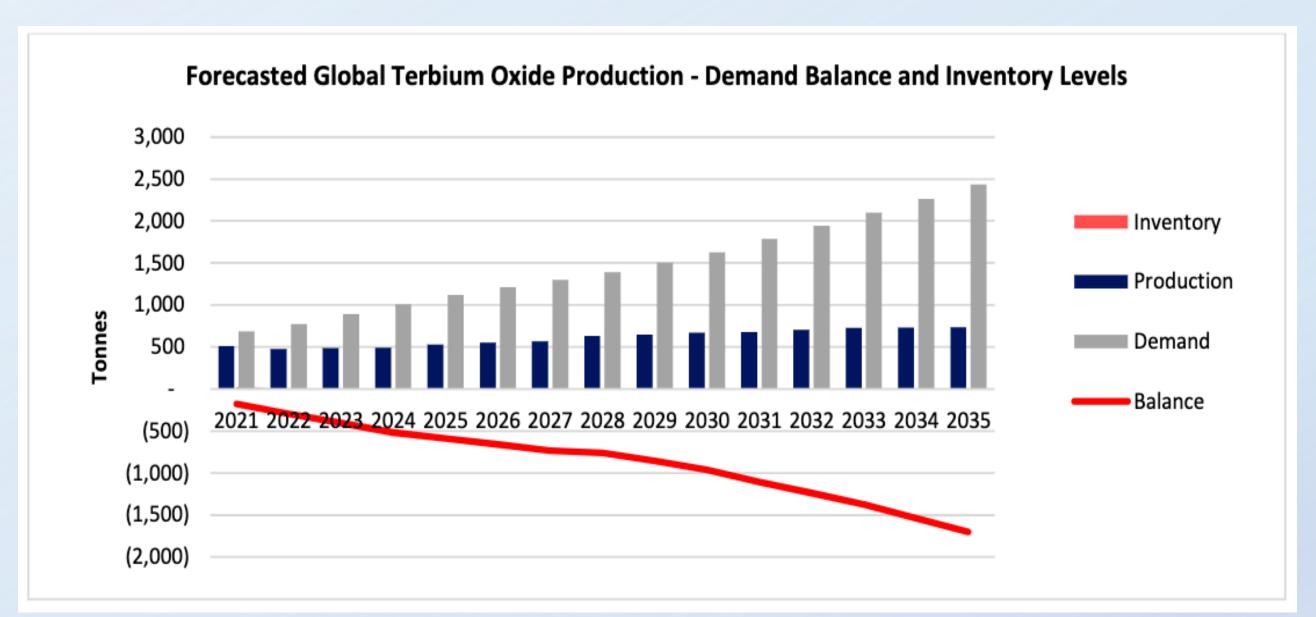




## Severe Shortages of Magnetic REEs Forecast



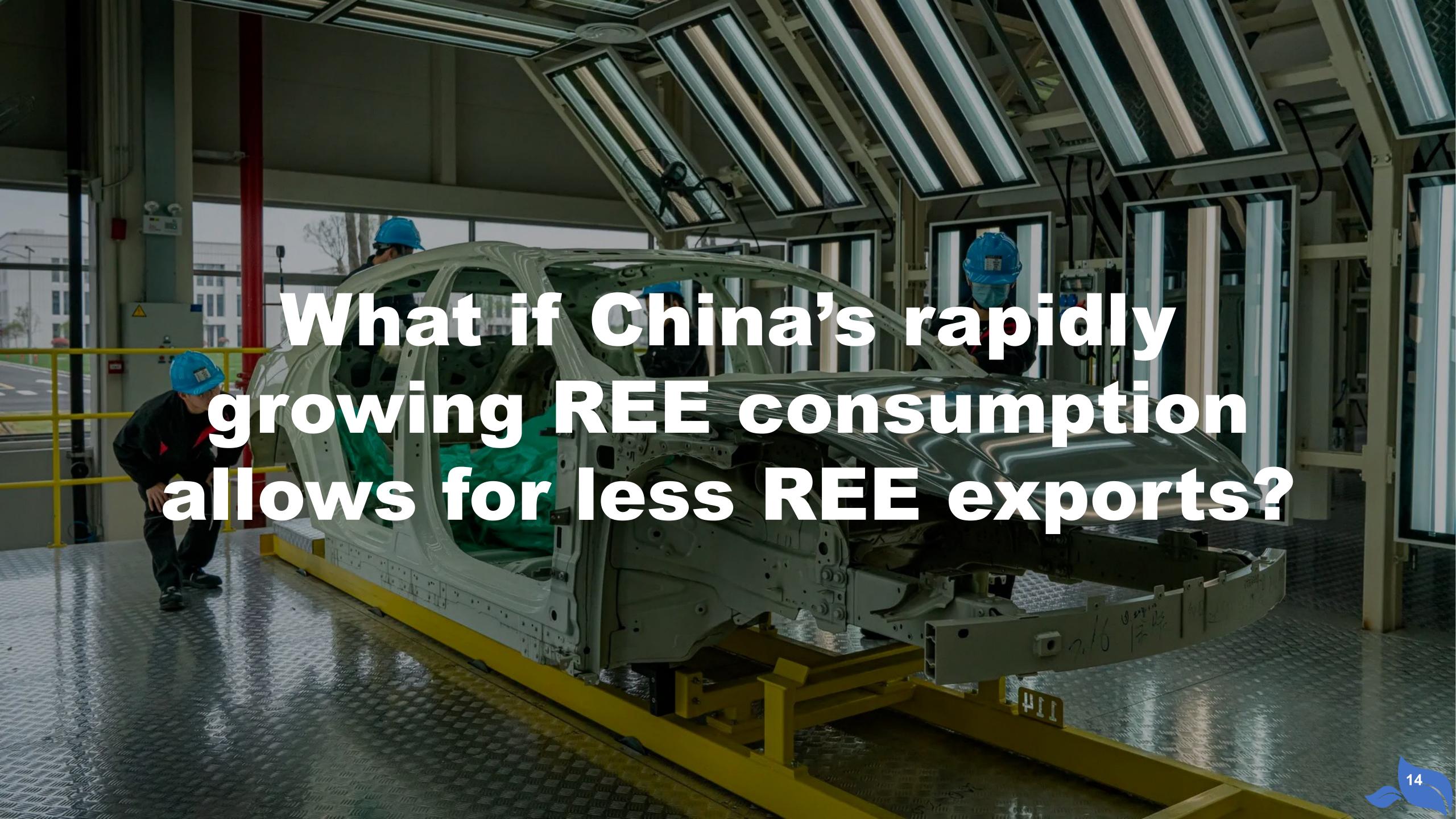




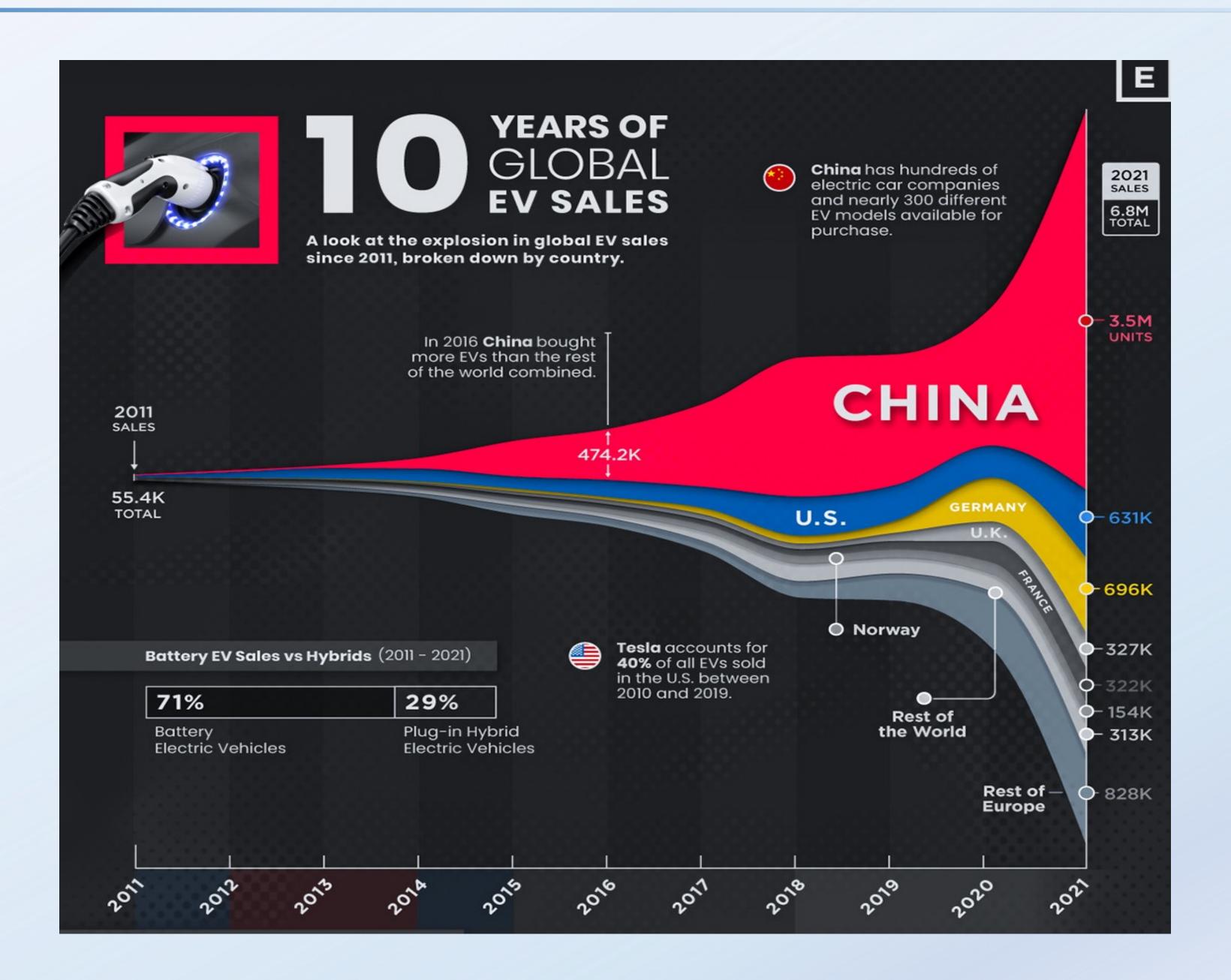






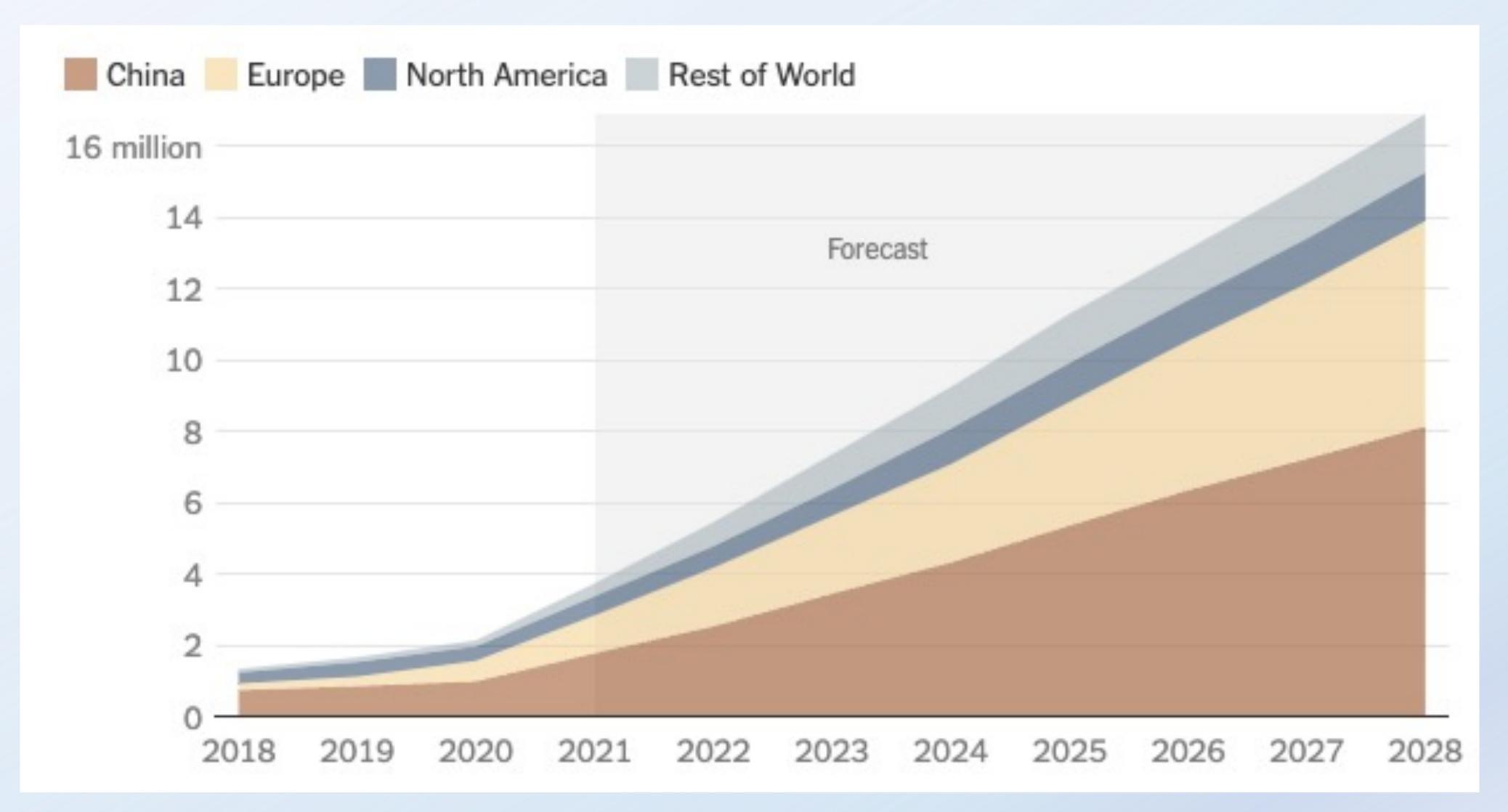


## China's Current Dominance in EV Manufacturing

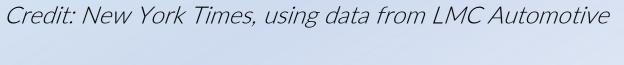




# China on Track to Produce 8 Million EVs / Year by 2028







### Market Realities

- By 2030, ex-China NdPr oxide supply → 60,000 tonnes of NdFeB magnets.
- Most will <u>not</u> be high-temperature-performance sintered magnets (with Dy or Tb).
- If N.A. and Europe fully electrify vehicles by 2035, and assuming only 50% with PMSM traction motors, it will consume 100% of current global Dy & Tb oxide production.
- If Asia fully electrifies, it will require the same amount.
- Yet, HREE production is increasingly only marginally, with Myanmar's future uncertain at best.





## Takeaways

- 1. The West needs more REE production, and HREE production, as rapidly as possible.
- 2. Greater supply diversity from a wider variety of producers will provides REE consumers with reduced supply chain risk.
- 3. Country risk is an increasingly important factor.
- 4. Environmentally innovative production is a must.





