

## Fourth Quarter & Full Year 2020 Results



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We define Adjusted EBITDA as our GAAP net income or loss before interest expense, net; income tax expense or benefit; and depreciation, depletion and amortization; further adjusted to eliminate the impact of stock-based compensation expense, transaction-related costs, other non-recurring costs, non-cash accretion of asset retirement and environmental obligations, and gain on sale or disposal of long-lived assets. Adjusted Net Income (Loss) is defined as our GAAP net income or loss excluding the impact of depletion, stock-based compensation expense, transaction-related costs, and other non-recurring costs, adjusted to give effect to the income tax impact of such adjustments. Total Value Realized, which we use to calculate realized price per REO MT, is defined as the sum of: (x) the revenue recognized on our sales of REO (excluding the revenue impact of tariff-related credits from Shenghe on account of prior sales) and (y) the Shenghe Implied Discount (the difference between (1) Shenghe's average realized price, net of taxes, tariffs and certain other agreed-upon charges on our products once sold to their ultimate customers and (2) the amount of revenue we recognized on the sales of those products to Shenghe, which includes a non-cash portion). Realized price per REO MT is calculated as the quotient of: (i) our Total Value Realized for a given period and (ii) our REO sales volume for the same period. Production costs per REO MT is calculated as the quotient of: (i) our Production Costs for a given period and freight costs. Production cost per REO MT is calculated as the quotient of: (i) our Production Costs for a given period. We define Free Cash Flow as net cash provided by or used in operating activities less additions of property, plant and equipment. Normalized Stage I Free Cash Flow is defined as Free Cash Flow pus (i) the non-cash porvided by or used in operating activities plus the non-cash portion of revenue from sales to Shenghe. You can find the reconciliation of these measures to the most directly comp

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- Achieved record fourth quarter and full year production and sales
  - Q4 realized prices up 70% YoY while cost per ton slightly lower

- Q4 revenue up 100% YoY to \$42.2M; Adjusted EBITDA up 297% YoY to \$18.0M
- Margin improved 21pts to 42.6%
- Listed on NYSE on November 18<sup>th</sup>
  - \$519.7M of cash on balance sheet to execute long-term strategy
- Completed design improvements that de-risk Stage II
  - Eliminates need to restart Chlor-Alkali facility in near-term
  - Reduces reagent consumption per REO MT
  - Lowers the environmental impact of processing
    - Increases potential recovery and capacity, and enhances flexibility



### Fourth quarter highlights

Quarter Summary



### Continued operational execution











Quarter Summary

See Appendix for calculation of realized price per REO MT, which includes the non-GAAP financial measure, Total Value Realized. See Appendix for a reconciliation of Total Value Realized (non-GAAP) to Product sales (GAAP). 1. 2. See Appendix for calculation of production cost per REO MT, which includes the non-GAAP financial measure, Production Costs. See Appendix for a reconciliation of Production Costs (non-GAAP) to Cost of sales (GAAP).

# Stage II status & roadmap

- Stage II Optimization remains on track
  - Long-lead equipment deliveries have begun
  - Fixed-price EPC contract is signed, and construction is underway
- - Reduces reagent consumption and adds flexibility to finishing circuits
  - Enables targeted profitability ahead of Chlor-Alkali recommissioning
  - Preserves Chlor-Alkali capex decision as incremental high-return opportunity
- Net capital cost remains consistent with prior estimates despite significant design improvements and material cost inflation



	July Est.	Contracted
Stage II Construction	\$170M	\$170M
Chlor-Alkali → Design Improvements (net)	\$30M	\$40M
Net Stage II Spend	~\$200M	~\$210M

#### Design improvements de-risk execution and are expected to improve recoveries, provide flexibility and enhance our environmental footprint

### Financial Overview





## Rapid revenue & earnings growth

2020 2019

#### Q4 2020 Summary Financial Metrics<sup>(1)</sup>



#### FY 2020 Summary Financial Metrics<sup>(1)</sup>



Revenue



**Financial Overview** 

1. All figures in millions except for margins

See Appendix for reconciliation of Adj. EBITDA and Adj. Net Income (Loss) to the most directly comparable financial measure prepared in accordance with U.S. GAAP 2.

3. FY20 Adj. EBITDA Margin calculation excludes \$10.3M of out-of-period tariff refund revenue recognized in FY20 but removed from the calculation of Adjusted EBITDA

(\$M)

# Significant Stage I free cash flow

- Normalized Stage I Free Cash Flow of \$34.0M or 25.3% of sales<sup>(1)</sup>
- \$21.3M of Offtake Paydown reflected as reduction of GAAP operating cash flows $^{(2)}$
- Expect growth in Normalized Stage I Free Cash Flow as we invest downstream

\$(19.1)

#### Free Cash Flow<sup>(3)</sup>



#### **Financial Overview**

- Defined as Normalized Stage I Free Cash Flow as a percentage of Product sales 1.
- Reflects the reduction in the Shenghe Offtake balance. See Appendix for further details on the U.S. GAAP treatment of the offtake paydown. 2.
- See Appendix for reconciliation of Free Cash Flow and Normalized Stage I Free Cash Flow to the most directly comparable financial measure prepared in accordance with U.S. GAAP 3.
- Growth capex consists primarily of: (1) Stage II engineering, recommissioning, progress payments and other costs, and (2) CHP/Water treatment plant recommissioning expenses 4. 5. Deal Costs & One-Time Items consists primarily of: (1) deal-related expenses recognized in operating cash flow, (2) a payment for a one-time refund obligation, and (3) pre-merger cash royalty payments to SNR

#### FY 2020 Reported FCF to Normalized Stage I FCF Bridge



### Capitalization update

- Raised \$545.0M of gross proceeds in Business
  Combination
- Net cash balance of \$519.7M
  - \$16.3M release of surety collateral in Q4
- Shenghe Offtake Advance balance of \$71.8M
  - Reduced balance \$6.6M quarter-over-quarter from paydown via recoupment



millions, except shares and per share data	
Diluted Shares Outstanding	171,117,641
Add: TSM for outstanding warrants at \$44.09/share	8,500,430
ully Diluted Shares Outstanding	179,618,071
Share price (close 3/17)	\$44.09
Iarket Capitalization	\$ 7,919.4
(Cash)	(519.7)
Financial Debt	5.5
Shenghe Offtake Advances	71.8
Enterprise Value	\$ 7,477.0

# FY21 operating framework

- Anticipate modest volume growth for full year
- Expect consistent per unit production costs for full year
  - Fixed cost leverage partially offset by investment in headcount
- Ramp in Stage II capital costs beginning late in Q1, with the bulk of cash costs in Q3 and Q4
- Current REO pricing environment implies strong YoY and QoQ profitability growth in Q1



**Financial Overview** 

### Market environment & opportunity



- Auto OEMs sunsetting ICE (GM, Ford, Volvo)
  - 10 U.S. states have adopted California Zero-Emission Vehicle standards

  - Significant capital formation occurring with boom in U.S. EV-related financings
- MP is well-positioned to serve this market and execute on our lacksquaremission
  - Differentiated "picks and shovels" opportunity
  - Commercial and political consensus on need for resilient, domestic supply chains
- - MP expected to be the world's lowest-cost source of NdPr<sup>(1)</sup>



**Financial Overview** 

Electrification is accelerating







### Appendix



### Summary P&L

#### MP MATERIALS CORP. CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS (Unaudited)

Product sales (including sales to related parties)

Operating costs and expenses (excluding settlement charge) Settlement charge Operating income (loss) Other income (loss), net Interest expense, net Income (loss) before income taxes Income tax benefit (expense) **Net income (loss)** 

Three months ended			Year ended								
	December 31,				December 31,						
	2020		2019	2020		2019					
			(in thous	sands)							
\$	42,178	\$	21,048	\$	134,310	\$	73,411				
	34,437		19,434		102,398		81,031				
	-		-		66,615		-				
	7,741		1,614		(34,703)		(7,620)				
	(47)		164		251		4,278				
	(1,427)		(741)		(5,009)		(3,412)				
	6,267		1,037		(39,461)		(6,754)				
	17,847		-		17,636		(1)				
\$	24,114	\$	1,037	\$	(21,825)	\$	(6,755)				

### Reconciliation Net Income (Loss) to Adjusted EBITDA

#### **MP MATERIALS CORP. RECONCILIATION OF NET INCOME (LOSS) TO ADJUSTED** EBITDA

(Unaudited)

#### Net income (loss)

Adjusted for: Depreciation, depletion and amortization

Interest expense, net

Income tax expense (benefit)

Stock-based compensation expense <sup>(1)</sup>

Transaction-related costs <sup>(2)</sup>

Accretion of asset retirement and environmental obligations

Other non-recurring costs <sup>(3)</sup>

Royalty expense to SNR<sup>(4)</sup>

Settlement charge <sup>(5)</sup>

Tariff credits (6)

Other loss (income), net <sup>(7)</sup>

**Adjusted EBITDA** 

\$

Represents non-cash revenue recognized during the year ended December 31, 2020, in connection with the tariff credits received from Shenghe relating to product sales primarily from prior periods 6. 7.

Three mon		led	Year ended				
Decem	ber 31,		December 31,				
2020		2019		2020	2019		
		(in thous	ands)				
24,114	\$	1,037	\$	(21,825)	\$	(6,755)	
2,099		952		6,931		4,687	
1,427		741		5,009		3,412	
(17,847)		-		(17,636)		1	
5,014		-		5,014		-	
1,606		270		3,258		270	
564		517		2,255		2,094	
442		368		1,180		618	
498		800		2,406		1,885	
-		-		66,615		-	
-		-		(10,347)		-	
47		(164)		(251)		(4,278)	
17,964	\$	4,521	\$	42,609	\$	1,934	

Represents royalty expenses paid to SNR prior to the completion of the acquisition of Secure Natural Resources LLC ("SNR") (the "SNR Mineral Rights Acquisition"). The royalty expense to SNR eliminates in consolidation after the consummation of the Business Combination.

Primarily represents gains or losses on disposals of equipment and interest income. For the year ended December 31, 2019, we recorded a gain on sales of idle mining equipment following the acquisition of the Mountain Pass mine and processing facilities.

<sup>1.</sup> For the three months and year ended December 31, 2020, amounts reflect the grants of restricted stock and restricted stock units, which were principally issued in connection with the Business Combination Includes mainly advisory, consulting, accounting, legal expenses, and one-time employee bonuses in connection with the Business Combination 2.

<sup>3.</sup> For the years ended December 31, 2020 and 2019, includes mainly non-recurring costs for SAP implementation and one-time severance payments to certain former members of our executive team, respectively

<sup>4.</sup> 

In connection with terminating the Distribution and Marketing Agreement ("DMA") with Shenghe in June 2020, we recognized a one-time, non-cash settlement charge 5.

### Reconciliation Net Income (Loss) to Adjusted Net Income (Loss)

\$

#### MP MATERIALS CORP.

#### **RECONCILIATION OF NET INCOME (LOSS) TO ADJUSTED NET INCOME (LOSS)**

(Unaudited)

#### Net income (loss)

Adjusted for:

Depletion <sup>(1)</sup>

Stock-based compensation expense <sup>(2)</sup>

Transaction-related costs <sup>(3)</sup>

Other non-recurring costs <sup>(4)</sup>

Royalty expense to SNR<sup>(5)</sup>

Settlement charge <sup>(6)</sup>

Tariff credits <sup>(7)</sup>

Other loss (income), net <sup>(8)</sup>

Tax impact of adjustments above <sup>(9)</sup>

Release of valuation allowance <sup>(10)</sup>

Adjusted Net Income (Loss)

Principally includes the depletion associated with the mineral rights for the rare earth ores contained in the Company's mine, which were recorded in connection with the SNR Mineral Rights Acquisition at fair value as of the date of the Business Combination, resulting in a significant step-up of the carrying amount of the asset 1. For the three months and year ended December 31, 2020, amounts reflect the grants of restricted stock and restricted stock units in connection with the Business Combination 2. 3. Includes mainly advisory, consulting, accounting, legal expenses, and one-time employee bonuses in connection with the Business Combination

4. For the years ended December 31, 2020 and 2019, includes mainly non-recurring costs for SAP implementation and one-time severance payments to certain former members of our executive team, respectively Represents royalty expenses paid to SNR prior to the completion of the SNR Mineral Rights Acquisition. The royalty expense to SNR eliminates in consolidation after the consummation of the Business Combination. 5. 6. In connection with terminating the DMA with Shenghe in June 2020, we recognized a one-time, non-cash settlement charge

Represents non-cash revenue recognized during the year ended December 31, 2020, in connection with the tariff credits received from Shenghe relating to product sales primarily from prior periods 7. Primarily represents gains or losses on disposals of equipment and interest income. For the year ended December 31, 2019, we recorded a gain on sales of idle mining equipment following the acquisition of the Mountain Pass mine and processing facilities. 8.

Tax impact of adjustments is calculated by applying the annual effective tax rate, excluding the impact of discrete tax costs and benefits, to each adjusted effective tax rates used were 25.0% and 27.3% for the three months and years ended December 31, 2020 and 2019, respectively. 9.

10. Reflects the one-time impact of the release of the majority of our valuation allowance

Three mont	Three months ended			Year ended			
December 31,			December 31,				
2020		2019		2020	2019		
		(in thous	ands)				
24,114	\$	1,037	\$	(21,825)	\$	(6,755)	
1,875		29		1,961		114	
5,014		-		5,014		-	
1,606		270		3,258		270	
442		368		1,180		618	
498		800		2,406		1,885	
-		-		66,615		-	
-		-		(10,347)		-	
47		(164)		(251)		(4,278)	
(2,368)		(355)		(17,438)		379	
(9,333)		-		(9,333)		_	
21,895	\$	1,985	\$	21,240	\$	(7,767)	

### FY20 Cash Flow Bridge<sup>(1)</sup>



- 1. All figures in millions
- Defined as net cash provided by operating activities plus the reduction in the Shenghe Offtake balance. See Slide 19 for a reconciliation to the most comparable metric prepared in accordance with U.S. GAAP. 2.
- 3. Deal Costs & One-Time Items consists primarily of: (1) deal-related expenses recognized in operating cash flow, (2) a payment for a one-time refund obligation, and (3) pre-merger cash royalty payments to SNR

### Reconciliations Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities to **Non-GAAP Financial Measures**

MP MATERIALS CORP. **RECONCILIATION OF NET CASH PROVIDED BY OPERATING** ACTIVITIES TO FREE CASH FLOW, NORMALIZED STAGE I FREE CASH FLOW, AND ADJUSTED OPERATING CASH FLOWS (Unaudited)

Net cash provided by operating activities Additions of property, plant and equipment **Free Cash Flow** Adjusted for:

Revenue recognized in exchange for debt Growth capital expenditures Deal costs and one-time items **Normalized Stage I Free Cash Flow** 

#### Net cash provided by operating activities

Revenue recognized in exchange for debt **Adjusted Operating Cash Flows** 

	December 31, 2020				
	(in thousands)				
S	\$	3,277			
		(22,370)			
		(19,093)			
principal reduction <sup>(1)</sup>		21,312			
		20,248			
		11,517			
	\$	33,984			
5	\$	3,277			
principal reduction <sup>(1)</sup>		21,312			
	\$	24,589			

Year ended

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### KPI – Realized Price **Reconciliation and Calculation**

#### **MP MATERIALS CORP. RECONCILIATION OF GAAP PRODUCT SALES TO**

NON-GAAP TOTAL VALUE REALIZED (Unaudited)	Three months ended December 31,				Year ended December 31,				
		2020	2019		2020			2019	
			(in the	ousands, unles	s other	wise stated)			
Product Sales	\$	42,178	\$	21,048	\$	134,310	\$	73,411	
Adjusted for:									
Shenghe Implied Discount <sup>(1)</sup>		-		(516)		3,664		1,882	
Other <sup>(2)</sup>		(180)		(79)		(10,960)		(394)	
Total Value Realized	\$	41,998	\$	20,453	\$	127,014	\$	74,899	
Total Value Realized	\$	41,998	\$	20,453	\$	127,014	\$	74,899	
Divided by:									
REO Sales Volume (in MTs)		10,320		8,561		38,367		26,821	
Realized Price per REO MT (in dollars) <sup>(3)</sup>	\$	4,070	\$	2,389	\$	3,311	\$	2,793	

1. Shenghe Implied Discount represents the difference between the contractual amount realized by Shenghe and the amount of deferred revenue we recognized

2. Includes mainly the net impact of a tariff rebate from Shenghe due to the retroactive effect of lifting of a Chinese tariff in 2020 and sales of PhosFix stockpiles in 2019

3. May not recompute as presented due to rounding

### **KPI – Production Cost Reconciliation and Calculation**

#### **MP MATERIALS CORP. RECONCILIATION OF GAAP COST OF SALES TO**

NON-GAAP PRODUCTION COSTS (Unaudited)	Three months ended December 31,				Year ended December 31,			
	2020		2019		2020		2019	
			(in the	ousands, unles	ss otherv	vise stated)		
Cost of sales <sup>(1)</sup>	\$	18,841	\$	16,228	\$	63,798	\$	61,261
Adjusted for:								
Costs attributable to sales of stockpiles		(40)		(74)		(446)		(374)
Stock-based compensation expense (2)		(277)		-		(277)		-
Shipping and freight		(2,124)		(2,441)		(8,220)		(7,793)
Production Costs	\$	16,400	\$	13,713	\$	54,855	\$	53,094
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Production Costs	\$	16,400	\$	13,713	\$	54,855	\$	53,094
<i>Divided by:</i> REO Sales Volume (in MTs)		10,320		8,561		38,367		26,821
Production Cost per REO MT (in dollars) (3)	\$	1,589	\$	1,602	\$	1,430	\$	1,980

2. Pertains only to the amount of stock-based compensation expense included in cost of sales (as opposed to general and administrative expenses)

3. May not recompute as presented due to rounding

<sup>1.</sup> Excluding depreciation, depletion and amortization