



SORBIE BORNHOLM OUR APPROACH & RECENT CASE STUDIES

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GREG KOFFORD

- Sorbie Bornholm Founder & CEO
- 35 years of experience in global capital markets
- Founded Sorbie Bornholm in 2019 to provide supportive, longer-term capital that rewards growth
- Architect of the Sorbie-Strategy which has been in use for over 20 years
- Career Highlights
 - \rightarrow Family Office of Les Alexander
 - → Family Office of The Bass Brothers
 - → Co-founded Lanstead Capital LP, predecessor to Sorbie
- Education
 - → MBA from Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT)
 - \rightarrow BS from the University of Utah



"The best investments are a partnership. I created the Sorbie-Strategy to reward companies that have interesting stories, strong management teams, and aggressive boards that will execute on a clear vision.

My experience makes me acutely aware of the ingredients for a successful investment strategy – and I've used that experience to assist a large number of companies to gain access to capital to help them achieve their vision."

1. Executive Summary (Cont.)



SORBIE BORNHOLM

- UK based institutional investor
- Global firm with offices in UK, US, and Australia
- More than \$300m to deploy across all sectors
- 20 year track record of supporting companies to grow value with unique investment style
- **OUR APPROACH *** Sorbie has a partnership approach that:
 - \rightarrow Aligns investment and project timelines;
 - → Provides ongoing capital support;
 - → Shares upside to align interests between investor and Companies;
 - → Supports Company management to deliver value; and
 - \rightarrow Creates a stable environment for Companies by exiting responsibly.
 - Allows Companies to develop in a more certain environment

"Our extensive experience allows us to invest in most industries – and to focus on providing supportive, longer term capital that rewards company growth." Greq Kofford, Sorbie Founder & CEO







2. Common Dilemmas

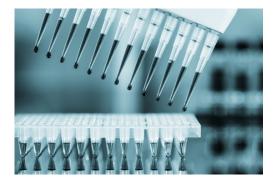


COMMON DILEMMAS OF MICRO, SMALL & MID-CAP COMPANIES

A great project but...

- A retail-focused share register
- Lack of institutional support
- A mismatch between investors' investment horizon and project timelines
- Equity raisings forced to be priced at a large discount to Market
- Current shareholders either unable or unwilling to support ongoing capital raisings
- Traditional capital raisings generally require a large amount of management time, taking the focus off running the business

Solution: Ensure better alignment between investors and the Company.











Sorbie partners with Companies they invest in to help them grow value by:

Aligning Investment & Project Timelines

PARTNERSHIP APPROACH

- → Sorbie are medium to longer term investors.
- → This creates certainty and stability which forms a better environment for management teams to grow value.
- Providing Ongoing Capital Support
 - → Sorbie regularly supports ongoing equity capital raisings where management teams have delivered on their objectives.





Partnership Approach

Sharing Upside

- → Sorbie shares the upside in their investment with the Company to incentivize growth.
- \rightarrow This helps to align the interests of Companies and shareholders.

Supporting Company Management

- → Sorbie does not request board representation and does not have restrictive covenants on future capital raisings.
- → Historically, Sorbie has supported existing management teams on various contentious issues.

Exiting Responsibly

→ Sorbie works with Companies and their brokers to exit a position responsibly, and often cross stock off -market.

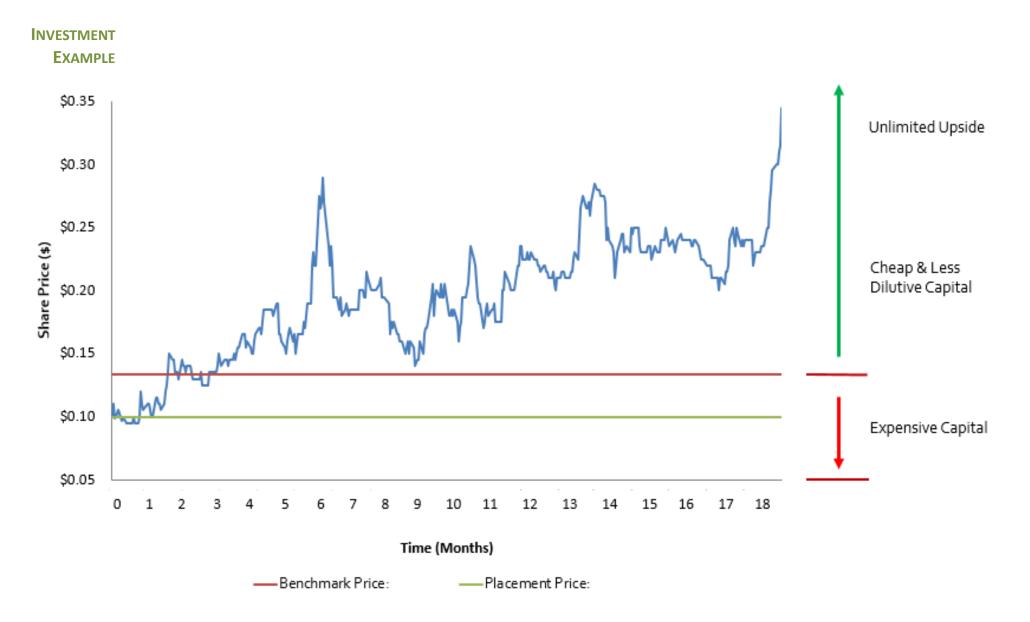






3. Our Approach (Cont.)





"The Cheapest and Least Dilutive Capital for Growth Companies..." Greg Kofford, Sorbie Founder & CEO

4. Structure Comparisons



At first glance, the Sorbie-Strategy has similarities to other types of financing structures, but key differences make it uniquely one of a kind.

STRUCTURES FOR COMPARISON:

Traditional Equity

The issuer receives all proceeds and all shares are issued at once. Traditional equity is typically the most conservative type of financing. During a bear market and for undervalued companies, traditional equity creates unwanted dilution.

At-The-Market (ATM)

→ The issuer receives proceeds as the selling agent or broker sells shares in the open market. An ATM has many potential problems for issuers, including unknown dilution and being subject to trading volume.

Convertible Debt with Floating Conversion Price

→ Commonly referred to as a death spiral. This is a version of convertible bonds where the conversion price is not fixed, and that can cause problems for the issuer.

Arrangement for Future Sale of Shares

→ Another form of a death spiral. The cash received by the company is not tied to a fixed quantity of shares. Quantity of shares to be issued is not fixed for a specific amount of capital raised but based on a to be determined future price. Shares issued in a given period of time are usually a function of trading volume

4. Structure Comparisons - Summary



	Sorbie Bornholm	Traditional Equity	At-The-Market (ATM)	Floorless Convert	Arrangement for Future Sale of Shares
Shares are fully paid for up front	\checkmark	\checkmark	Placement agent must sell shares to generate placement proceeds	\checkmark	At discretion of issuer*
Share purchase price is fixed and known	\checkmark	\checkmark	×	×	×
Quantity of shares issued is fixed and known	\checkmark	\checkmark	×	×	×
No ongoing costs	\checkmark	\checkmark	Often required	Sometimes required	Sometimes required
Dilution is fixed and known	\checkmark	\checkmark	×	Dilution is potentially unlimited	Dilution is potentially unlimited
Proceeds not subject to trading volume	\checkmark	\checkmark	×	×	×
Responsible Exit	\checkmark	P Variable depending on the investor	Placement agent must sell shares to generate all placement proceeds	Potentially leads to death spiral	Potentially leads to death spiral
Access to additional cash without issuing additional shares	\checkmark	×	×	×	×
Issuer's access to cash is:	Monthly	Up front	Periodically	Up front	At discretion of issuer* *(subject to a myriad of conditions related to trading volume, price, etc.)

4. Structure Comparisons - Traditional Equity



TRADITIONAL EQUITY

SIMILARITIES

- Like a traditional equity raise, Sorbie purchases all shares up front
- Quantity of shares issued is fixed, known and issued at outset
- No ongoing costs
- Heavy dilution if stock price is low
- Good for working capital and ongoing expenditures over the medium to longer term

SORBIE BORNHOLM P How the Sorbie-Strategy differs from traditional equity:

DIFFERENCES

- → As share price grows, the company has access to additional cash without issuing any additional shares to Sorbie
- → Dilution similar to traditional equity but company receives additional cash as stock price rises
- → No prospectus required
- → Not suited for big upfront expenditures such as an acquisition or construction

"For companies that are undervalued, especially in a bear market, the Sorbie-Strategy is actually better than a traditional equity raise. This is because companies receive additional cash as their share price grows, without ever issuing additional shares. With the Sorbie-Strategy, dilution is known while the upside potential is unlimited."







4. Structure Comparisons - ATM



The Sorbie-Strategy is similar to an ATM, but with a few key differences.

OVERVIEW

ATM An "at-the-market" or ATM placement is based on the selling agent or broker selling the shares in the open market. The issuer receives proceeds as the selling agent sells shares in the open market.

Typically, the cash flow to the issuer is in discrete amounts spread out over several months. If the share price rises the issuer will receive more cash for a given quantity of shares and when the share price is lower the company will receive less cash for a give quantity of shares.

"Similar to an ATM, the Sorbie-Strategy allows companies to sell shares at a future price. But there are some key differences so that the Sorbie-Strategy eliminates many of the potential issues companies otherwise must navigate with an ATM."





4. Structure Comparisons - ATM (Cont.)



Potential Issues with ATM

Capital is raised but...

- Placement Proceeds subject to trading volume. If trading volume is insufficient, then desired amount of capital may not be achieved
- Placement agent must sell shares to generate all placement proceeds
- Placement usually suspended when issuer has material non-public information
- ATMs tend to be smaller than traditional follow-on offerings
- Ongoing costs associated with the maintenance of an ATM program, which could be substantial if the issuer is not making ATM offerings consistently
- P Dilution is not known until ATM has ended
- Prospectus, with associated costs, is usually required
- Must be publicly announced prior to commencing, which often has a negative effect on share price
- Upon disclosure, hedge funds often short the stock expecting to cover the short at a lower price from the placement agent

The Sorbie-Strategy addresses each of these potential issues.







4. Structure Comparisons - ATM (Cont.)



AT-THE-MARKET

SIMILARITIES

- Like the ATM, the cash received in the Sorbie-Strategy is based on the prevailing market price.
- Both provide the issuer more cash when the stock price is high and less cash when the stock price is lower.
- The cash flow to the issuer from the Sorbie-Strategy provides the issuer discrete amounts on a monthly basis, as does an ATM.

SORBIE BORNHOLM DIFFERENCES

- How the Sorbie-Strategy eliminates potential issues with ATM:
 - \rightarrow Trading volume is not applicable
 - \rightarrow No sales of securities required
 - \rightarrow Issuer having material non-public information is not applicable
 - → Sized similar to traditional follow-on offerings
 - \rightarrow No ongoing costs
 - → Quantity of shares issued is fixed, known and issued at outset
 - → No prospectus required
 - → Sorbie exits responsibly to prevent potential downward pressure on stock price

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The Sorbie-Strategy is an investment in equity combined with a sharing agreement.

FLOORLESS
A version of convertible debt that can cause problems for a company is when the conversion price is not fixed or is adjusted to a future market related price. This is often referred to as a death spiral, a floorless convert, or convertible debt with a floating conversion price. One example would be a conversion at the lower of preset conversion price or the market price of the stock at the time of conversion. This potentially could lead to unlimited dilution.

Another version is a **plain bond with warrants**. If the warrants have a variable conversion price or resetting conversion price then this can also lead to potentially unlimited dilution. A third version is **straight debt that can be paid off at the company's option with shares**. While appearing more benign than a convertible, the reality is that for a company that is pre-cashflow or that cash flow will not generate sufficient cash in time to pay off the debt, the net effect can be potentially unlimited dilution.

On the above examples, the price used for conversion or exercise is usually designed to give the holder an additional advantage in using a low price such as "lowest best bid during valuation period" or "lowest price traded during valuation period" or "day with lowest VWAP during valuation period", then an **additional discount** is applied to this already low price. There is a **clear incentive for the holder to push down the share price during the valuation period**. Because of this, the purveyors of the above generally are only concerned with trading volume, rather than company performance, fundamentals, and strength of management team.

Convertible debt with a floating conversion price often leads to unlimited dilution. With the Sorbie-Strategy, the placement price, benchmark price, and number of shares issued are fixed and known from the outset.



ARRANGEMENT

FOR FUTURE **ISSUANCE OF**

OVERVIEW

Typically in an arrangement for a future issuance of shares the company receives a given quantity of capital and agrees to **issues shares** for that capital in the future **based on the future price of the stock**. There is a fee paid in stock for the commitment to buy the shares. When the issuance of shares is at the discretion of the company **SHARES** then there are usually **limits** on the **quantity** of shares issued at any one time, the **frequency** of which company can issue the shares and there is also usually a limit based on **trading volume** in the shares. The company typically has to give the holder a notice, then a valuation period begins so the holder has plenty of time to position for the new issuance of shares.

The price used for issuance of the shares is usually designed to give the holder an additional advantage in using a low price such as "lowest best bid during valuation period" or "lowest price traded during valuation period" or "day with lowest VWAP during valuation period", then an **additional discount** is applied to this already low price. There is a clear incentive for the holder to push down the share price during the valuation period. Because there is no fixed and known price at the outset, the holder has a financial incentive during the pricing period to push the shares as low as possible to receive as many shares as possible for the capital. Additionally, the providers of the above typically focus solely on trading volume, and not on a company's vision, management, or prospects.

An arrangement for future issuance of shares often leads to unlimited dilution and downward pressure on the stock price. With the Sorbie-Strategy, the placement price, benchmark price, and number of shares issued are fixed and known from the outset. This aligns investors and management to grow the share price.

4. Structure Comparisons – Floorless Converts & Arrangement for Future Issuance of Shares



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- How the Sorbie-Strategy eliminates a potential death spiral:
- DIFFERENCES
- → Issue price is fixed so Sorbie has a fixed and known cost of shares
- \rightarrow Quantity of shares issued is fixed, known and issued at outset
- → No additional shares issued to Sorbie, ever, so dilution is known
- → When stock price appreciates, Sorbie provides extra cash without receiving any additional shares
- → Sorbie uses a 20 day VWAP with no additional discount
- → Benchmark price is fixed and known at outset
- → There is no financial incentive for Sorbie to push stock price down
- → Sorbie takes an active interest in due diligence prior to investing, and does regular check-in with portfolio companies after

"At a glance it may seem like structural components have similarities; however, death spiral structures are the opposite of the Sorbie-Strategy. A death spiral incentivizes downward pressure on the stock price in order to get more shares and avoid paying more cash. The Sorbie-Strategy never requires companies to issue additional shares, so our investment position only grows if the stock price appreciates."







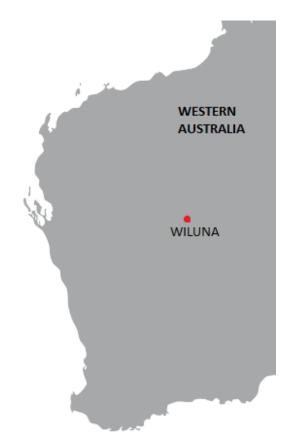


Supporting Blackham to Deliver Value with the Sorbie-Strategy

BLACKHAMBlackham Resources Ltd (ASX:BLK) is a Western Australian gold mining Company.OVERVIEWBlackham's flagship project, Matilda, contained JORC resources of 63Mt @ 3.2 g/t
for 6.4 Moz of gold. The Company's Wiluna project has produced over 4 million
ounces of gold to date.

In March 2014, Blackham acquired a gold processing plant and extensive infrastructure immediately adjacent to its Wiluna project, unlocking the value of Wiluna. In June and October 2014, Mr. Kofford led an investment for a total of \$3.6 million using the Sorbie-Strategy*, funding the development of Wiluna – and remained a shareholder for over 3 years, which saw the company into production.

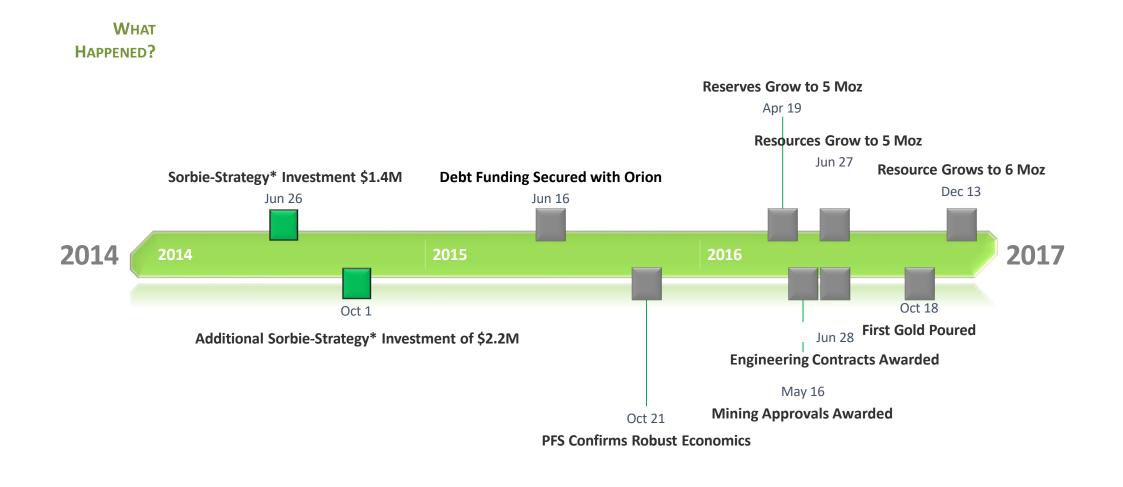
"...Blackham demonstrated a strong investment thesis and a clear path to production..." Greg Kofford, Sorbie Founder & CEO





5. Case Study: Blackham Resources Ltd (Cont.)





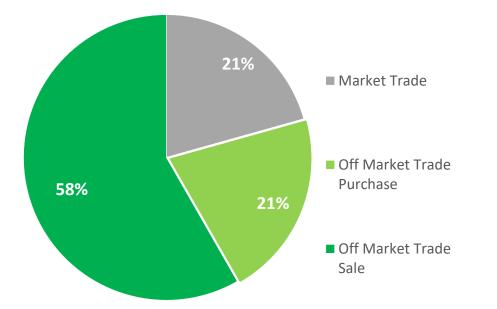
Remained shareholders in Blackham for over 3 years.

5. Case Study: Blackham Resources Ltd (Cont.)



HOW BLACKHAM WAS SUPPORTED

- \$3.6M invested via two separate placements to support Blackham's push towards production.
- Introductions to brokers that facilitated a \$38.5 million debt package to see Blackham into production.
- Remained an investor in Blackham for over 3 years.
- Exited Blackham position responsibly by crossing a large portion of it's position off market.



Exiting Responsibly - How Sorbie Exits Positions

"...We believe a partnership approach is the key to value creation..." Greg Kofford, Sorbie Founder & CEO

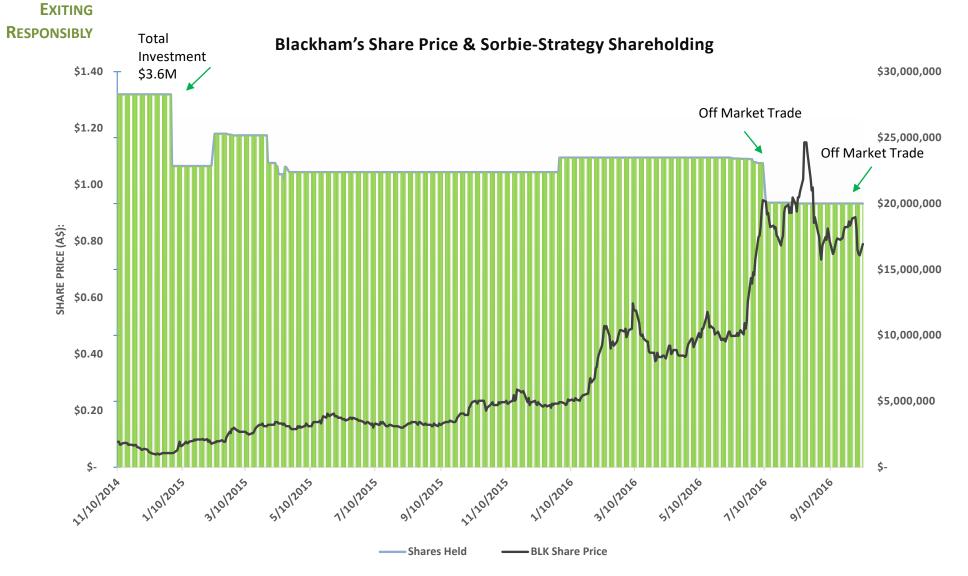






5. Case Study: Blackham Resources Ltd (Cont.)





"This graph demonstrates that Sorbie is a longer term, supportive shareholder..."

Greg Kofford, Sorbie Founder & CEO

Shareholding:

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6. Track Record of Support

SORBIE-STRATEGY TRACK RECORD

Since inception over 20 years ago, the Sorbie-Strategy has been used to:

- Invest over \$200 Million on the ASX, CSE, and LSE;
 - \rightarrow Sorbie has up to \$300 Million to invest this year.
- Complete over 50 deals;
 - \rightarrow Sorbie is frequently a cornerstone investor with no restrictions on future capital raises.
- Provide ongoing capital support to Companies that have P delivered on their objectives.
 - \rightarrow More than 50% of Sorbie-Strategy deals were follow-on investments.

At Sorbie, we are proud to be supporting listed micro, small and mid-cap companies to grow value.











RECENT TRANSACTIONS

Some recent Sorbie-Strategy transactions include:

ightarrow \$300,000 equity investment in Ashley Gold Corp.	(Oct-23)
ightarrow \$600,000 follow-on equity investment in Tocvan Ventures Corp.	(Apr-23)
ightarrow \$3,800,000 equity investment in Bee Vectoring Technologies	(Jul-22)
ightarrow \$5,000,000 equity investment in Tocvan Ventures Corp.	(Jun-22)
ightarrow \$2,400,000 equity investment in Sixth Wave Innovations, Inc.	(Mar-22)



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