

The Next Significant Lithium Producer in Brazil's "Lithium Valley"

Advancing a long-life, low-cost project with near-term production of high-quality lithium concentrate to support the global EV and battery supply chains.

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The mineral resource estimate for Outro Lado was prepared by Maxime Dupere, P.Geo., M.Sc., and Faisal Sayeed, P.Geo of SGS, each a Qualified Person as defined by NI 43-101, with an effective date of June 24, 2023. The supporting Technical Report can be found on SEDAR+ under the Company's issuer profile and on the Company's website (www.lithiumionic.com).

The mineral resource estimate and preliminary economic assessment for Bandeira was prepared by Carlos José Evangelista Silva (MAIG Membership Number 7868), and Guilherme Gomides Ferreira (MAIG Membership Number: 7586), each from GE21 and a Qualified Person as defined by NI 43-101.

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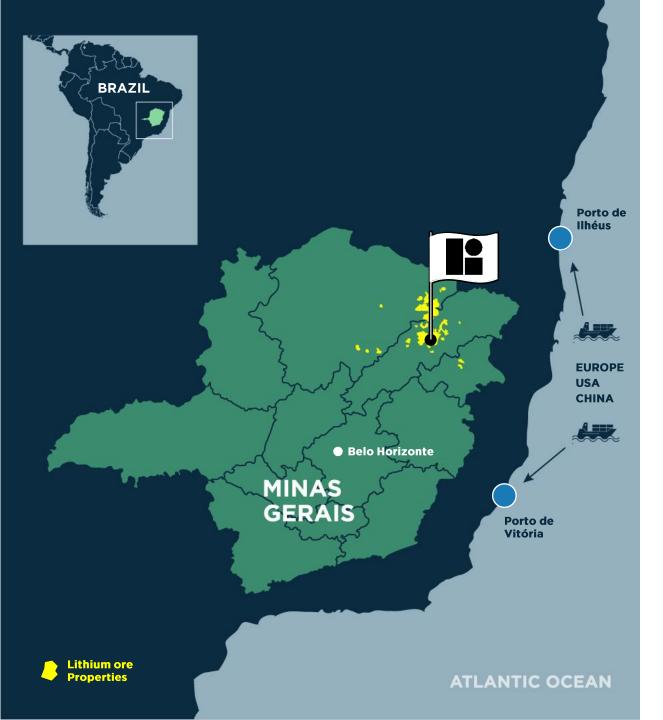
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Near-term production of high-quality lithium concentrate to support the global EV and battery supply chains.



## WHY LITHIUM IONIC?





### PROLIFIC LITHIUM DISTRICT

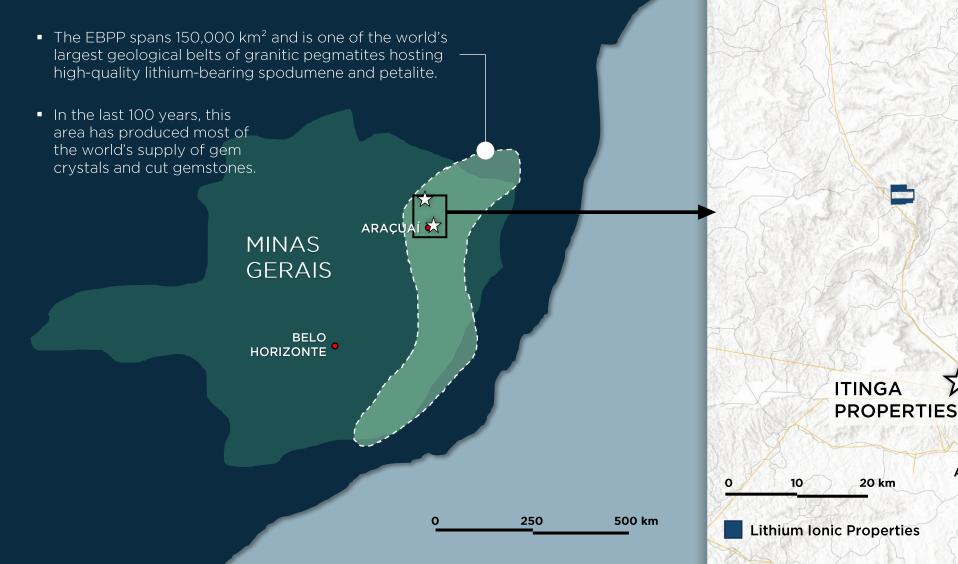
#### A REGION THAT IS EMERGING AS A GLOBALLY SIGNIFICANT HARD-ROCK LITHIUM-PRODUCING DISTRICT

 Minas Gerais ("General Mining"): A traditional mining jurisdiction with a highly efficient and expeditious permitting process

#### SIGNIFICANT EFFORT BY GOVERNMENT TO REDUCE BUREAUCRACY IN THE MINING SECTOR

- **Unrestricted Trade:** In July 2022, Brazil issued a presidential decree allowing unrestricted trade of any products containing lithium
- Launch of "Lithium Valley Brazil" in May 2023: Initiative launched by the state government of Minas Gerais and other municipal government agencies aimed at streamlining and facilitating lithium development and production to position it as a key global player in the lithium supply chain.

### EASTERN BRAZILIAN PEGMATITE **PROVINCE (EBPP)**



SALINAS PROPERTIES

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20 km

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SALINAS

**Our ITINGA and SALINAS** lithium properties cover 14,182 hectares in NE Minas Gerais, in a district that is quickly emerging as a worldclass hard-rock lithium district.

## INFRASTRUCTURE

Favourable mining and transport infrastructure, hydroelectric power, water and easy access to foreign markets via nearby port access.



### HYDROELECTRIC POWER & NEARBY POWERLINES

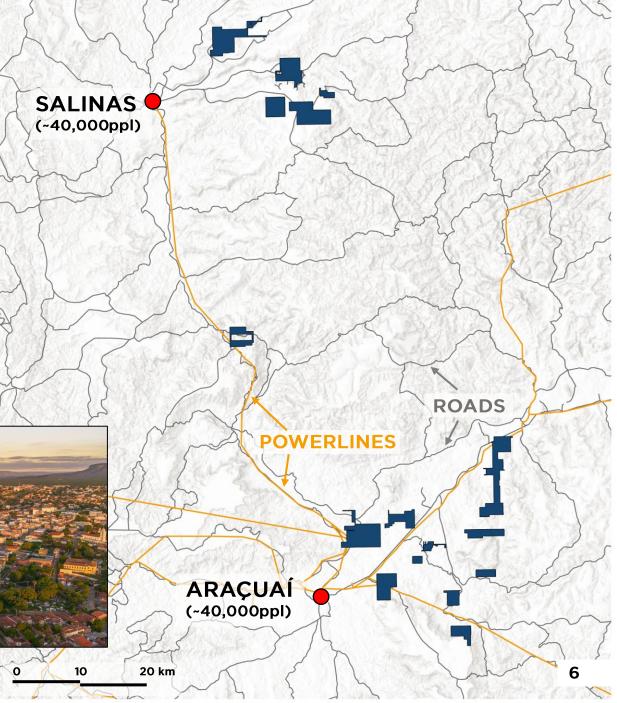


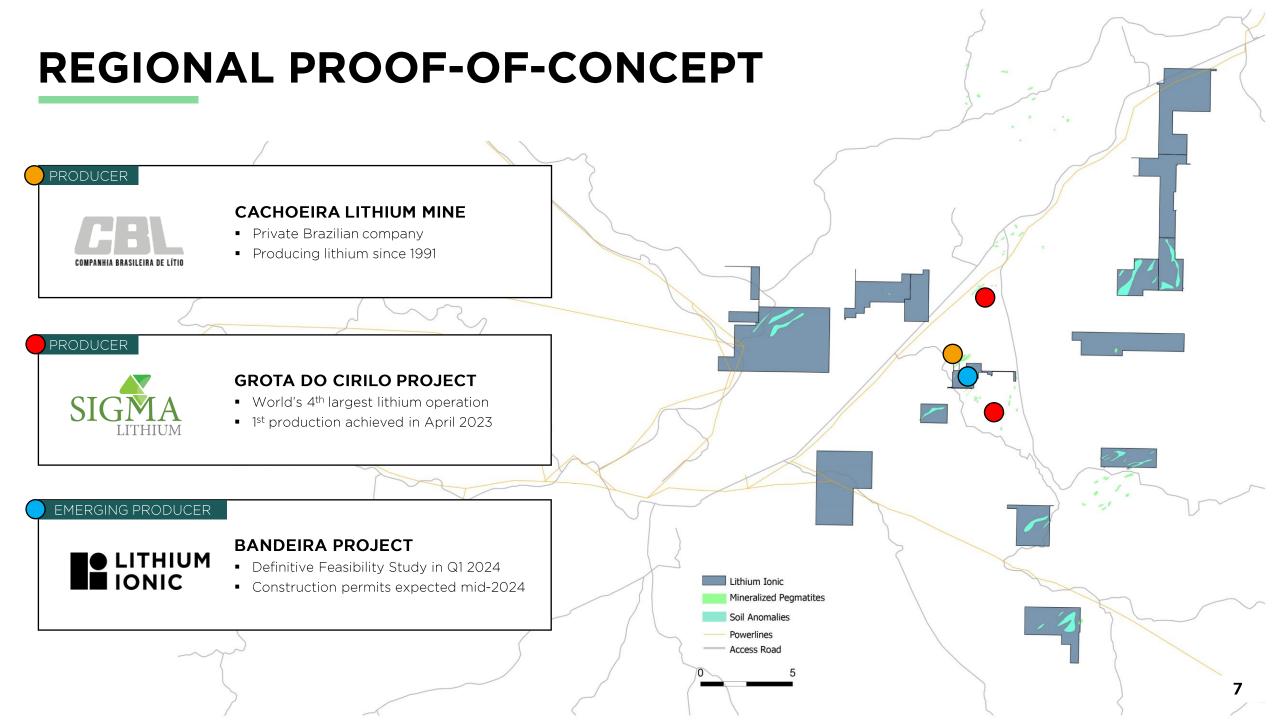














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BANDEIRA Drilling Site

## **CAPITAL STRUCTURE**

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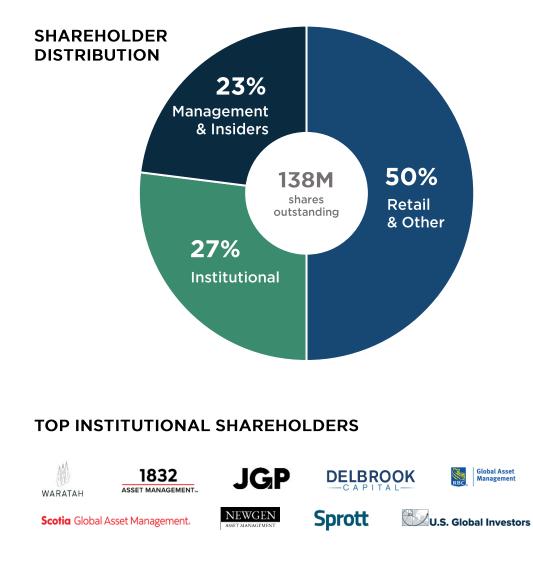
Market Capitalization	~C\$140 million
52-week High/Low	C\$3.05/C\$0.93
Share Price (02/21/24)	C\$1.02

**Cash Position** 

~\$10 million

#### ANALYST COVERAGE:

CLARUS SECURITIES INC.	Varun Arora
BMO 😂	Greg Jones
STIFEL COMP	Cole McGill
Cgy/ Canaccord Genuity	Katie Lachapelle
<b>Desjardins</b>	Frederic Tremblay



## **EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP TEAM**



#### Blake Hylands CEO. Director

Professional Geoscientist with 13 years of international experience in advanced and early-stage exploration (gold, base metals, iron ore). Cofounder of Troilus Gold where he led the technical team to the discovery of +8Moz AuEq gold in Quebec. Extensive capital markets, corporate development and community relations experience.

#### Helio Diniz President, Director

+40 years of experience in the mining sector. Former Managing Director Brazil for Xstrata (Glencore) where he discovered the Araguaia Nickel Deposit (+100Mt, 1.5% Ni). Began his career with GENCOR South Africa: Sao Bento gold mine. Brazil (AngloGold Ashanti). Founder of Falcon Metais and HDX Consultoria to identify/explore and develop mining opportunities in Brazil. Founded and developed several companies for the F&M Group, incl: Brazil Potash (current Managing Director), Aguia Metala (potash), Belo Sun (gold) and Irati (oil shale).



#### Paulo Misk

#### COO

Mining engineer with +38 years of experience in the operational management of several multinational mining companies. He held several executive and operational roles at Largo Inc. (2014-2023), including President & COO, and CEO & director where he led the production commissioning and operations of its Maracás Menchen Mine, and led several expansion projects, including the company's battery business. Former Head of Niobium and Phosphate Operations at Anglo American. 10 years at AMG, most recently as Operational Director where he was responsible for the Tantalum and Niobium division and overall mining activities in Brazil, including the development of its Mibra lithium mine located in MG State.

#### Mike Westendorf VP Technical Services

Professional engineer with over 15 years of diversified experience in mining operations, capital projects, engineering, and corporate development. Most recently acted as Director of Operational Excellence for Copper Mountain Mining Corp. (now Hudbay Minerals), where he led initiatives to improve production, execute capital upgrades, and reduce costs at the Copper Mountain Mine, Canada. Here, he also acted as Production Manager, overseeing the development of their Eva Copper Project in Australia, and Director of Metallurgy, supporting resource expansions and development.

### CFO



### Tom Olesinski

+25 years of finance and executive management experience. Former forensic accountant for BDO Dunwoody. Former Director of Finance and Operations for Cossette Communication Group, CEO and CFO at Havas Media Canada, and COO and CFO for Brainrider. Current board member of

Troilus Gold Corp.

#### Carlos Costa VP Exploration

~40 years of experience; 29 yrs in base metals, gold and PGE exploration throughout Brazil. Managed several exploration programs, from regional grassroots to bankable feasibility studies. 10 yrs experience in mine geology, including underground and open pit operations. Former Country Manager Brazil for Emerita; Led exploration programs for Belo Sun, Xstrata, Falconbridge; with experience at Vale and BP Mineração (British Petroleum Group).





PhD Geology graduate specializing in igneous petrology with +10 years of experience in research. Founder of Neolit Minerals (2020), where he has been directly involved in all corporate and exploration activities, including analyses and interpretation of geological data, particularly geochemical results, field work and contract negotiations. Former archaeologist who was involved in rescue archaeology projects associated with the development of mining sites in Brazil.

#### Damian Lopez Corporate Secretary

Corporate securities lawyer with +15 years experience working as a legal consultant to various TSX and TSXV listed companies. Previously worked as a securities and merger & acquisitions lawyer at a large Toronto corporate legal firm, where he worked on a variety of corporate and commercial transactions.



Broad experience in mining and other industries

#### Blake Hylands Patrizia Ferrarese

Helio Diniz Michael Shuh

David Gower Juliana Sprott Lawrence Guy Ian Pritchard



### MINERAL RESOURCE ESTIMATES OUTRO LADO: JUNE 2023 BANDEIRA: OCT 2023



OUTRO LADO

M&I: **13.72Mt grading 1.40% Li<sub>2</sub>O** Inferred: **15.79Mt grading 1.34% Li<sub>2</sub>O**  M&I: 2.97Mt grading 1.46% Li₂O Inferred: 0.42Mt grading 1.48% Li₂O

### TOTAL

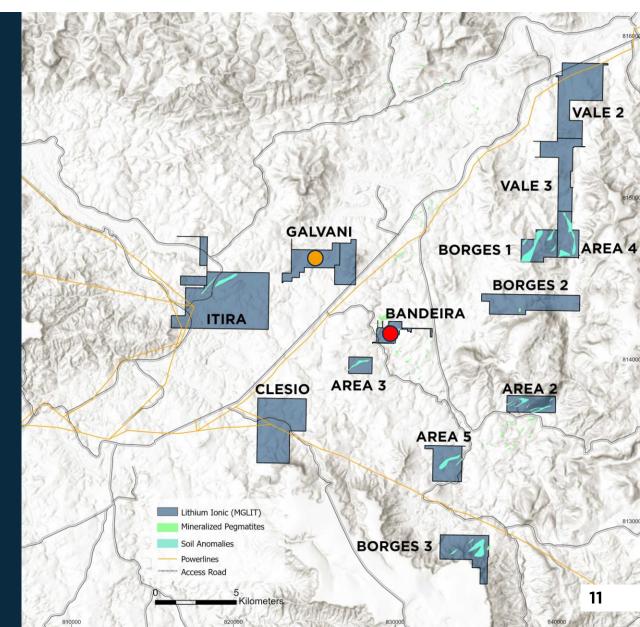
#### Measured & Indicated:

**16.69Mt grading 1.41% Li<sub>2</sub>O** (582,098t LCE)

Inferred: **16.21Mt grading 1.34% Li₂O** (538,486t LCE)

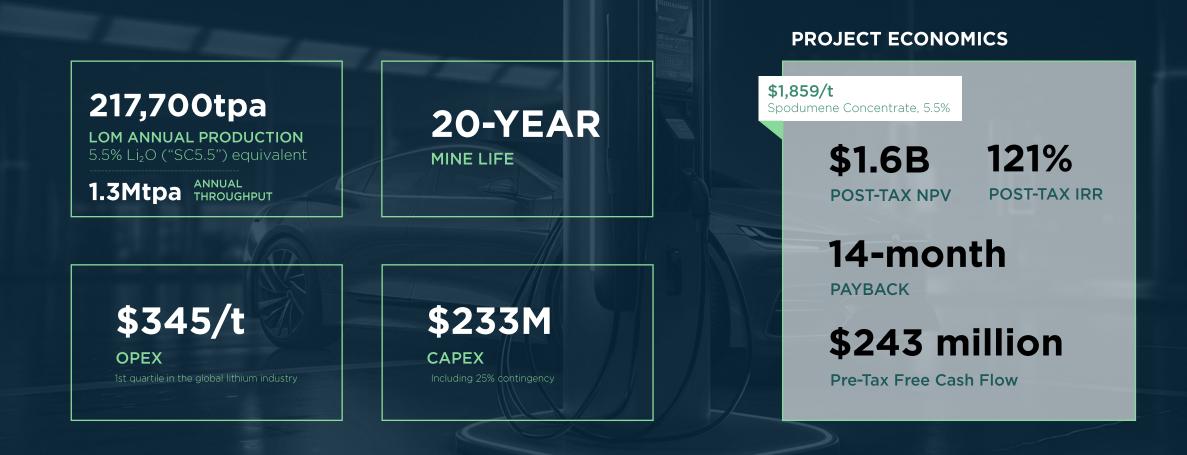
Outro Lado MRE: See MRE slide in Appendix for further detail, or the press release dated June 27, 2023

• Bandeira MRE: See MRE slide in Appendix for further detail, or the press release dated October 19, 2023



### BANDEIRA PEA HIGHLIGHTS

Small footprint underground mine producing high-quality, low-cost lithium concentrate



## **CAPEX & OPEX**

### **OPEX**

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Total	\$349/t
SG&A	\$23/t
Processing + Tailings Handling	\$68/t
Mining	\$258/t

Transportation costs to customer \$120/t destination



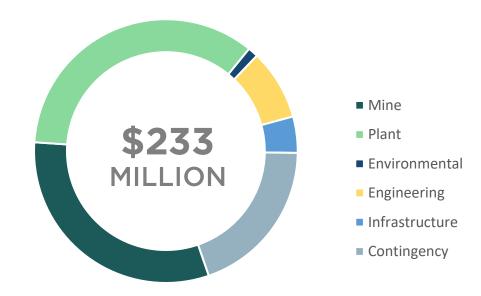
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■ SG&A

Processing + Tailings Handling

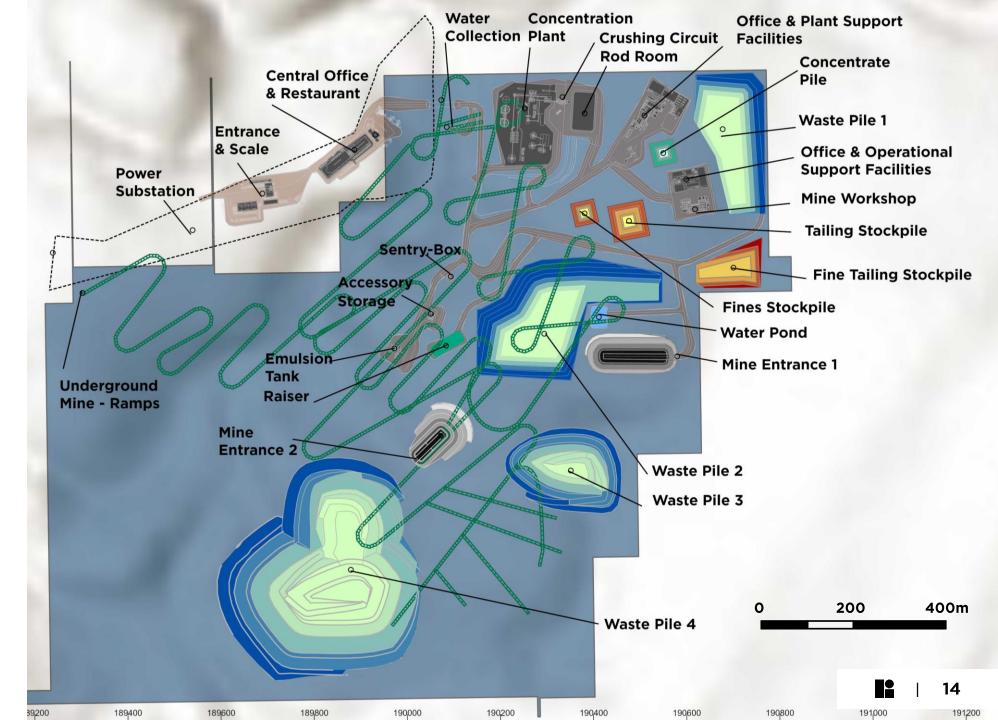
### CAPEX

Contingency (25%)	\$10.3M \$46.6M
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Infrastructure & Others	
Engineering	\$20.0M
Environmental	\$2.9M
Plant	\$80.5M
Mine (Development + Equipment + Pre-Production)	\$72.5M



### SITE LAYOUT

- Simple processing circuit with minimal land-use footprint
- Low-cost and simple DMS (Dense Media Separation) operation



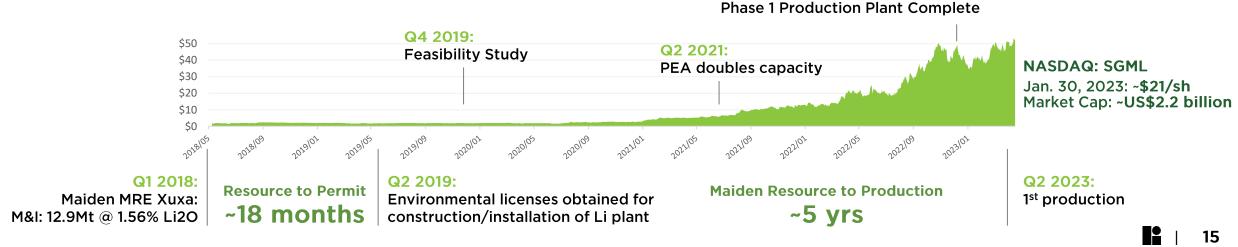
## **BLUEPRINT NEXT DOOR: SIGMA LITHIUM CORP.**

- Sigma is the world's 4th largest lithium operation and the largest hard rock lithium deposit in the Americas
- Bandeira is located within ~4km
- Rapid Scale Expansion
   Bandeira covers only 1% its largely unexplored 14,182ha land package
- Strong potential to repeat and improve on Sigma's fast permitting timeline
  - Maiden Resource to Permit: <u>18 months</u>
  - Maiden Resource to Production: 5 years
- Sigma's current market cap of ~US\$2.2B provides compelling valuation goal post



Q4 2022:

### **EXPEDITIOUS PERMITTING PROCESS IN MINAS GERAIS**



## HARD ROCK LITHIUM PEER BENCHMARKING

LTH STRONG RE-RATING POTENTIAL WITH SIGMA AS PRIMARY COMPARABLE LOCATED WITHIN SAME LITHIUM BASIN IN BRAZIL

	Explo	orers	Developers				Emerging Producers									
	Lithium Ionic Re-Rating Potential						•	\$1,467								
EV / Resource (C\$/t LCE)	NA	\$331	\$51	\$89	\$170	\$210	\$260	\$265	\$391	\$195	\$252	\$280	\$432	\$895	\$909	
				Lithium Ionic Re-Rating Potential \$5,301						\$5,301	\$4,273					
Market Cap (C\$M)		\$1,328								\$2,388						
	\$404	ψ1, <b>320</b>	\$430	\$220	\$201	\$318	\$270	\$122	\$602		\$764	\$896	\$362	\$664		
Company	Atlas	Patriot	Leo	Frontier	Lithium Ionic	Global Lithium	Atlantic	Rock Tech	Latin Resources	AVZ	Sayona	Piedmont	Critical	Core	Liontown	Sigma
Project Name	Minas Gerais	CV5	Goulamina	PAK	Bandeira	Marble, Manna	Ewoyaa	Georgia, Guben	Salinas	Manono	Multiple	Multiple	Rose	Finniss	Kathleen	GDC
Ent. Value (C\$M)	\$405	\$1,271	\$365	\$193	\$170	\$265	\$256	\$88	\$578	\$2,386	\$696	\$761	\$331	\$549	\$5,129	\$4,259
Location	Brazil	Quebec	Mali	Ontario	Brazil	Australia	Ghana	Ontario, Germany	Brazil	DRC (Congo)	Quebec	USA, Ghana	Quebec	Australia	Australia	Brazil
Туре	SC	SC	SC	SC, Int.	SC	SC	SC	SC, Conv.	SC	SC	SC	SC, Int.	SC	SC	SC	SC
Resource (LCE Kt)	NA	3,835	7,161	2,165	998	1,258	986	331	1,477	12,265	2,764	2,723	766	613	5,643	2,904
Grade (Li2O %)	NA	1.42%	1.37%	1.50%	1.38%	1.00%	1.24%	0.90%	1.32%	1.65%	1.16%	1.13%	0.91%	1.31%	1.34%	1.43%
Full-Run Annual Production (Ktpa LCE)	NA	NA	123	23	30	33	52	15	83	104	38	91	29	24	98	37 (Ph1); 104 (Ph1+2+3)
Opex (US\$/t SPO)	NA	NA	\$213	\$399	\$349	\$638	\$622	\$669	\$379	\$211	\$304	\$421	\$484	\$352	\$319	\$290
Post-Tax NPV8% (US\$M)	NA	NA	\$2,900	\$1,739	\$1,600	\$1,960	\$1,498	\$146	\$2,520	\$1,028	\$164	\$2,041	\$1,915	\$119	\$3,066	\$15,289
Post-Tax IRR (%)	NA	NA	83%	24%	122%	103%	105%	36%	132%	33%	34%	27%	82%	47%	57%	1,273%

Source: Company disclosures, Refinitiv, market data as of Oct 17, 2023

Notes: Project economics based on most recently published technical studies. Global Lithium based on Manna Scoping Study, Piedmont based on Carolina Lithium FS, Sayona based on Authier FS. Opex includes mining, processing and G&A and excludes royalties and transport costs.

## **BANDEIRA EXPLORATION**

### DRILL HIGHLIGHTS

(MAY 2022 - JANUARY 2024)

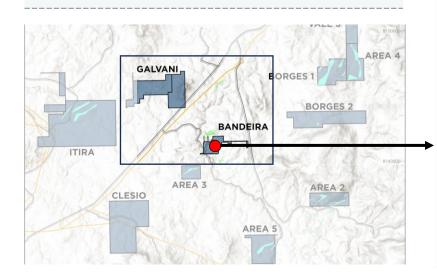
### OCT 2023 MINERAL RESOURCE ESTIMATE

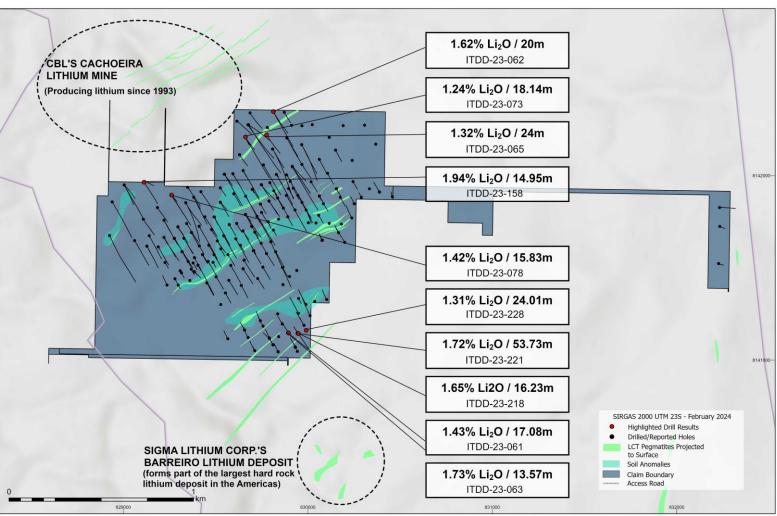
#### M&I:

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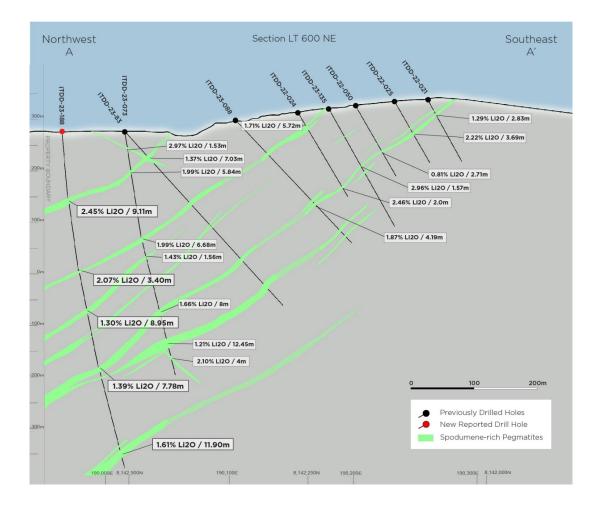
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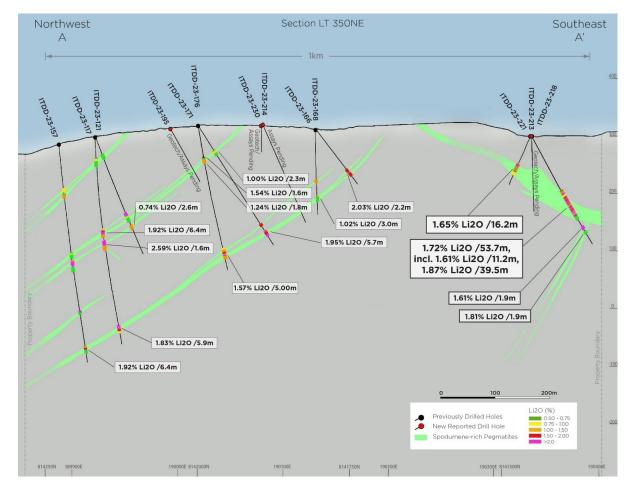
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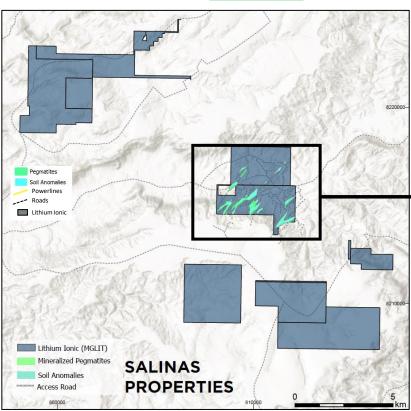
### **BANDEIRA : TYPICAL CROSS SECTIONS**

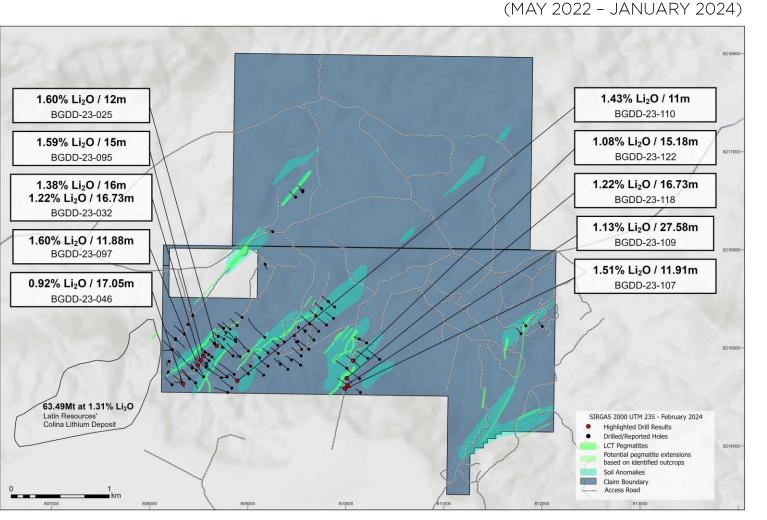




## SALINAS PROPERTIES

- Acquired in March 2023
- ~25,000m drilled since May 2022
- Initial NI 43-101 Mineral Resource Estimate expected in early 2024



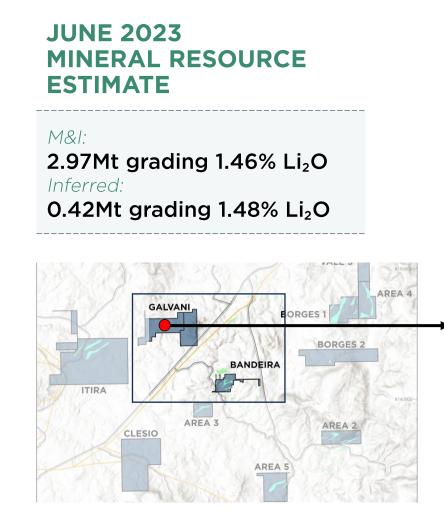


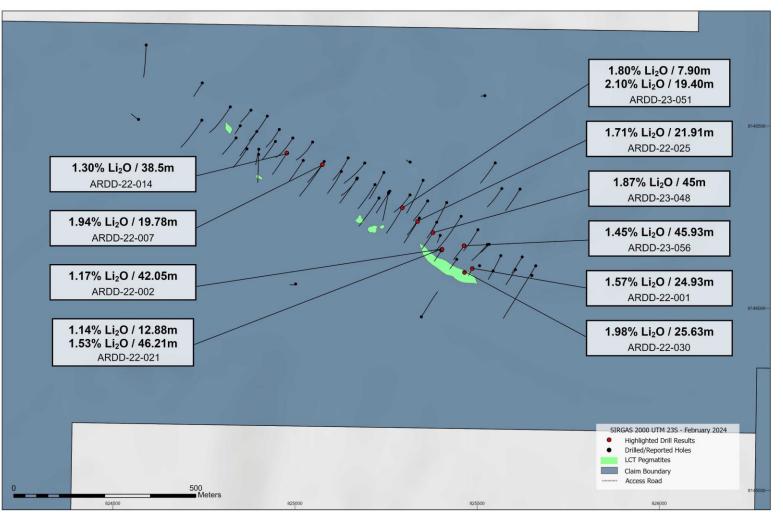
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### **OUTRO LADO DEPOSIT**

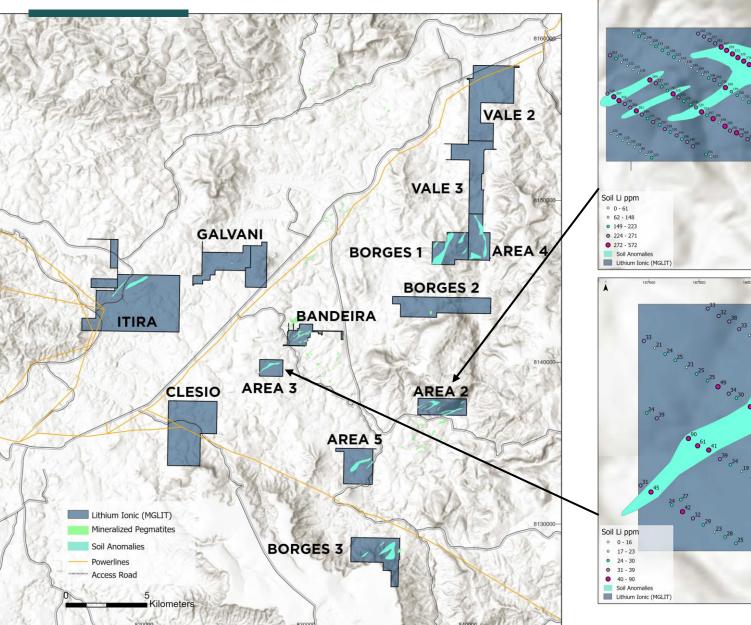
DRILL HIGHLIGHTS

(JULY 2022 - APRIL 2024)





## **REGIONAL POTENTIAL**



**AREA 2 AREA 3** 

Significant regional soil anomalies have yet to be drilled

### LTH PROJECTS GRANTED PRIORITY STATUS MOU SIGNED WITH INVEST MINAS

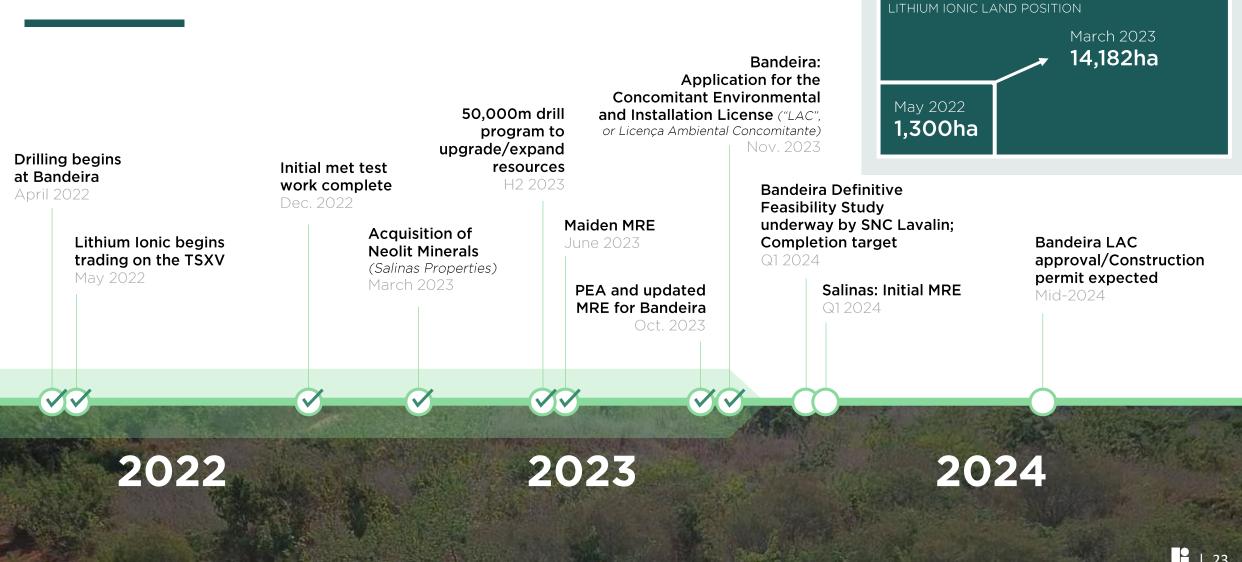
#### JULY 2023:

- MOU signed with Invest Minas (State Economic Department of Minas Gerais and the Minas Gerais Integrated Development Institute), mutually supporting the development of the battery materials sector in the region.
- Lithium Ionic's Itinga and Salinas lithium projects are granted priority status by the state of Minas Gerais regional government bodies, facilitating support and acceleration of approvals and licensing through the development process.
- Invest Minas to support and prioritize Lithium Ionic from the exploration to operational stages, including environmental licensing and regulatory approvals.



### **PROJECT TIMELINE & UPCOMING CATALYSTS**

Lithium Ionic continues to assess and consolidate prospective lithium properties in the "Lithium Valley" of Brazil



## **ESG & SAFETY AT LITHIUM IONIC**



#### Implementation in Q2 2023

Annual ESG Scorecard ensures accurate reporting to governmental and international sustainability agencies. The scorecard's outcomes serve as a foundational benchmark, allowing systematic evaluation and enhancement of our ESG performance throughout the project.



#### **Committed to transparent and responsible resource management**

In Q4 2023, Lithium Ionic commenced IRMA's Mine Measure self-assessment for its project. This assessment will guide future ESG programming and alignment with IRMA's best-standard practices.

The IRMA Ready-Standard draft framework is tailored for exploration and mining companies, offering a self-assessment tool to gauge operational practices against IRMA's Responsible Mining Standards.

#### **ESG & Safety at Lithium Ionic: Initiatives and Milestones**

- ✓ Inaugural Sustainability Report published Q1 2024
- ✓ 100% Renewable hydroelectricity at admin offices + secured partnership for hydroelectricity at Bandeira site
- ✓ Corporate policies in place -
- ✓ Ongoing work safety dialogue on site
- ✓ Internal Materiality Assessment completed in Q4 2023
  - Community infrastructure projects and donations



### **OUR VISION & GUIDING PRINCIPLES**

We are committed to help decarbonize the fuel and energy industry through the production of high-quality commercial grade lithium



## LITHIUM IONIC OPPORTUNITY





### THANK YOU

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### Hole ITDD-23-065 **1.32% Li<sub>2</sub>O over 24m, incl. 2.12% Li<sub>2</sub>O over 8m from 354.2m to 378.2m**



## MINERAL RESOURCE ESTIMATES

### BANDEIRA MRE (OCTOBER 2023)

Category	Resource (tonnes)	Grade (% Li2O)	Contained LCE (t)
Measured	2,000,000	1.40	69,226
Indicated	11,720,000	1.40	405,666
Measured + Indicated	13,720,000	1.40	474,892
Inferred	15,790,000	1.34	523,118

1. The spodumene pegmatite domains were modeled using composites with Li2O grades greater than 0.3%

2. The mineral resource estimates were prepared in accordance with the CIM Standards, and the CIM Guidelines, using geostatistical and/or

classical methods, plus economic and mining parameters appropriate to the deposit.

3. Mineral Resources are not ore reserves and are not demonstrably economically recoverable.

- 4. Grades reported using dry density.
- 5. The effective date of the MRE was October 11, 2023.

6. The MRE numbers provided have been rounded to the estimate relative precision. Values cannot be added due to rounding.

- 7. The MRE is delimited by Lithium Ionic Bandeira Target Claims (ANM).
- 8. The MRE was estimated using ordinary kriging in  $12m \times 12m \times 4m$  blocks.
- 9. The MRE report table was produced in Leapfrog Geo software.
- 10. The reported MRE only contains fresh rock domains.
- 11. The MRE was restricted by grade shell using 0.5% Li2O cut-off.

### OUTRO LADO MRE (JUNE 2023)

Deposit / Cut-Off Grade	Category	Resource (tonnes)	Grade (% Li2O)	Contained LCE (t)
Outro Lado	Measured	2,577,915	1.47	93,691
(Galvani)	Indicated	393,370	1.43	13,908
Underground	Measured + Indicated	2,971,285	1.46	107,599
(0.8% Li2O)	Inferred	415,767	1.48	15,168

- 1. The results from the pit optimization are used solely for the purpose of testing the "reasonable prospects for economic extraction" by an open pit and do not represent an attempt to estimate mineral reserves. There are no mineral reserves on the Project. The results are used as a guide to assist in the preparation of a Mineral Resource statement and to select an appropriate resource reporting cut-off grade.
- 2. Mineral resources which are not mineral reserves do not have demonstrated economic viability. An Inferred Mineral Resources has a lower level of confidence than that applying to a Measured and Indicated Resources and must not be converted to Mineral Reserves. It is reasonably expected that most of the Inferred Mineral Resources could be upgraded to Indicated Mineral Resources with continued exploration.
- 3. The estimate of Mineral Resources may be materially affected by environmental, permitting, legal, title, taxation, socio-political, marketing or other relevant issues.
- 4. The effective date of the MRE is June 24, 2023.
- 5. All figures are rounded to reflect the relative accuracy of the estimate and numbers may not add due to rounding.

## **INITIAL METALLURGICAL RESULTS**

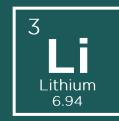
Initial metallurgical tests carried out on two-20 kgs samples obtained from drill core at its Outro Lado (Galvani Claims) and Bandeira targets.

#### **RESULT HIGHLIGHTS** (DECEMBER 2022)

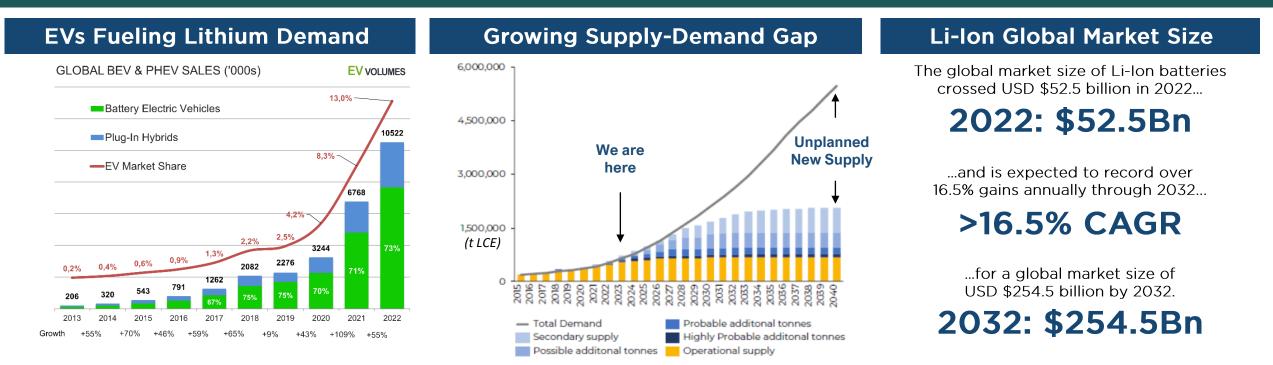
- Excellent lithium recoveries of 77.99% (Bandeira) and 82.52% (Galvani) achieved with Heavy Liquid Separation (HLS) gravity separation tests, producing a high-quality lithium concentrate of 6%, with low iron content of 0.24% and 0.51%, respectively.
- Head grade samples of 1.62% Li2O for Bandeira and 1.69% Li2O for Galvani, reflecting average exploration drilling grades obtained over the last year.
- Further metallurgical test work underway by SGS Geosol



## WHY LITHIUM?



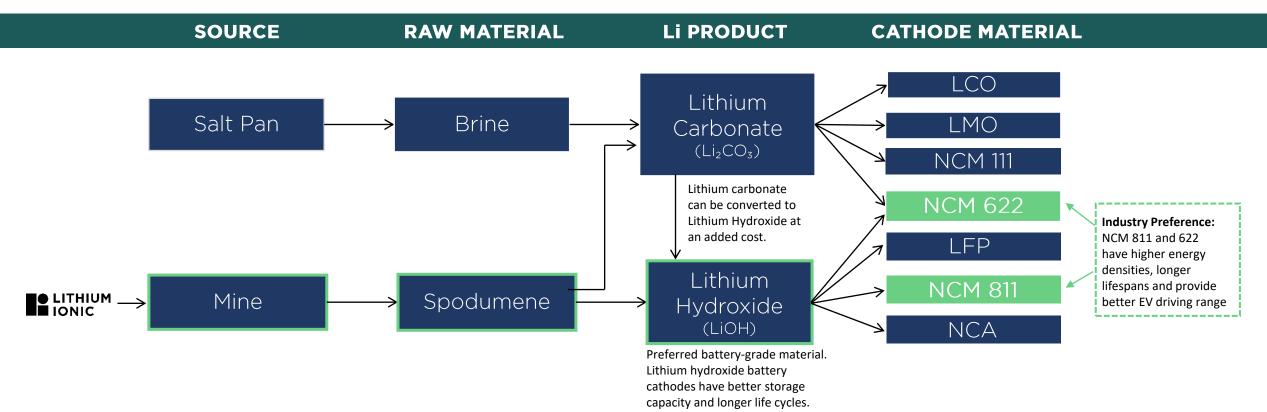
The lightest metal and a key component in rechargeable batteries. Lithium is crucial to the energy storage sector and to the global energy transition.



Sources: Benchmark Minerals Intelligence; <u>https://www.ev-volumes.com/</u> <u>https://insights.fastmarkets.com/why-there-is-still-time-to-avoid-a-lithium-supply-crunch-final/</u> <u>https://www.kitco.com/news/2021-11-26/Global-lithium-demand-to-more-than-double-between-2020-and-2023-while-supply-may-fall-short-report.html</u> <u>https://www.aminsights.com/industry-analysis/lithium-ion-battery-market#:~:text=Industry%20Statistics,(Li%2Dion)%20batteries</u>

## SPODUMENE ("HARD-ROCK") VS. BRINE

- Lithium supply originates in two main forms: "brines" or "hard rock"
- Both occur naturally in the earth, but use different extraction methods
- Lithium Ionic's lithium deposits are hosted in hard rock spodumene



## **INCREASING LITHIUM DEMAND**

## The transition to green energy has made lithium one of the most sought-after metals.

- The price of lithium carbonate (LCE), the raw material used in lithium-ion batteries, soared in 2022 from a 5-year avg. of ~\$14,000/t to +\$80,000/t.
- According to Benchmark Minerals Intelligence, demand for LCE is set to increase to 2.4Mt in 2030, compared with around 600,000t in 2022.

#### As of Jan. 4, 2024: Lithium Carbonate: US\$13,537/t Spodumene Concentrate: US\$1,060/t

#### **Surging Industry Demand**

Major advancements in lithium-ion battery technology in the last 10 years have made them cheaper and more effective.



**Electric Vehicles** EV sales to experience

a compound annual growth rate of 40% per year through 2025<sub>2</sub>



Renewable Energy Renewables are expected to witness an estimated CAGR of 13.8% from 2020 to 2027 owing to the advancements in solar PV and wind energy systems<sub>3</sub>



#### **Industrial Equipment**

The global Lithium Battery Manufacturing Equipment market is valued at \$5Bn in 2020 is expected to reach \$12Bn by the end of 2026, growing at a CAGR of 14.0% during 2021-20265



#### **Consumer Electronics**

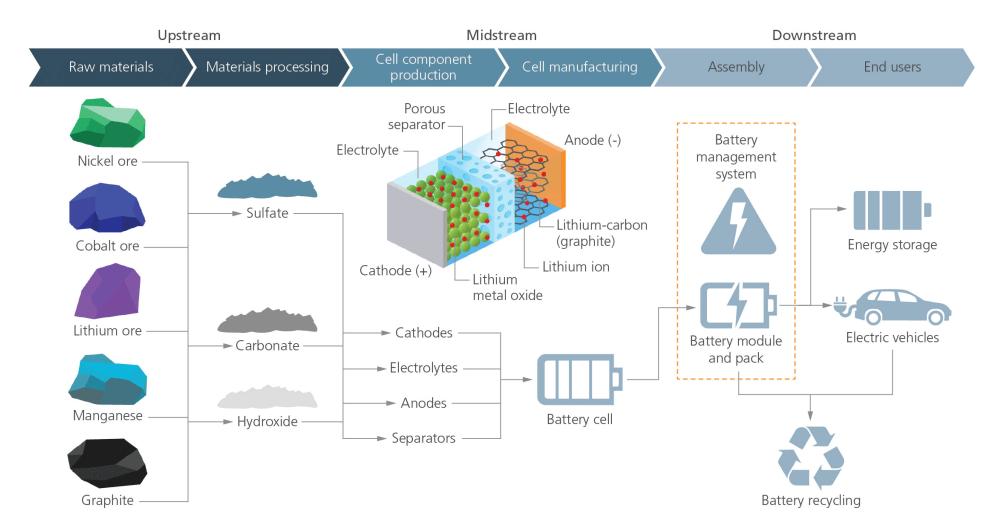
Revenue is expected to show an annual growth rate from 2021-2025 of 6.80%, resulting in a market volume of US\$974Bn by 20254

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## LITHIUM SUPPLY CHAIN



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