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# Western Lithium Commences Bulk Sampling at its Kings Valley Hectorite Clay Site in Nevada

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RENO, NEVADA--(Marketwired - July 18, 2013) - Western Lithium USA Corporation ("Western Lithium", the "Company") (TSX:WLC)(OTCQX:WLCDF) is pleased to announce that it has initiated the excavation of two bulk sampling sites at its Kings Valley hectorite clay deposit. The Company expects to sample up to five thousand tons of clay for testing and to visually inspect the clay lenses for mine planning. Hectorite clay from the bulk sampling sites will be crushed in the nearby City of Winnemucca and transported to the Company's organoclay plant site in Fernley, Nevada. The clay will be used to test the organoclay plant that is expected to be commissioned in the first quarter of 2014.

The mining permits for the Kings Valley hectorite clay deposit are expected to be received towards the end of 2013. A Preliminary Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) for the deposit was submitted to the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) for internal review on July 2, 2013. The Draft EA is tentatively scheduled for public review and comment in October 2013. The BLM has scheduled a tentative decision date in December 2013.

Western Lithium is pursuing the opportunity to be a supplier of specialty drilling additive, hectorite clay for the oil and gas industry, and in particular, to support the growth of high pressure high temperature, deep directional drilling applications. The Company is also developing its Kings Valley, Nevada lithium deposit into a strategic, scalable and reliable source of high quality lithium carbonate. The Company is positioning itself as a major U.S.-based supplier to support the rising global demand for lithium carbonate that is expected from the increased use of hybrid/electric vehicles.

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