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Western Lithium Orders Lead Time Items to Start Construction of Hectatone(TM) Drilling Additive Plant

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RENO, NEVADA--(Marketwired - June 13, 2013) - Western Lithium USA Corporation ("Western Lithium", the "Company") (TSX:WLC)(OTCQX:WLCDF) is pleased to announce that it has ordered major pieces of equipment consisting of extruders and dryers for a total expenditure of approximately US$1.5 million. The equipment is expected to be fabricated and ready to deliver to Nevada in the fall of 2013. Other capital items that remain to complete the plant construction mainly consist of tanks, piping, utility and building upgrades.

The Company is currently finalizing details to locate the plant at an established industrial site location in Nevada. In addition, test mining has been contracted to commence in mid-July, and the ore will be crushed at a contractor's location in Winnemucca, Nevada before being transported to the plant site. The hectorite clay mined from Western Lithium's Kings Valley Clay Mine will be processed to produce organoclays (Hectatone(TM) products) that are used as viscosifiers in drilling fluids, a key part of the oil and gas deep drilling process. Hectorite's main advantage lies in its thermal stability, which makes it a superior product to bentonite for high pressure and high temperature drilling applications. The Company expects that it can meet its target of initial Hectatone(TM) production in the first quarter of 2014.

"With the purchase of these lead time items, we are maintaining our timeline to commission the Hectatone(TM) plant in early 2014," said Western Lithium's CEO, Jay Chmelauskas. "We are now watching closely major developments in the energy sector that would increase demand for our high temperature stable Hectatone(TM) products such as the advancement of the ultra-deep Libra prospect off the coast of Brazil, new concessions that are being auctioned on the outer continental shelf of the US Gulf Coast, shale gas development in China, and even natural gas prices in the USA, as higher prices are expected to result in more shale gas drilling."

Western Lithium is pursuing the opportunity to be a supplier of the 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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