# LithiumAmericas

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#### PRESENTATION DATE

October 28, 2024

## **Investment Highlights**



# **Thacker Pass Highlights**

Lithium is recognized as a critical mineral – Thacker Pass would significantly reduce the U.S. dependency on foreign suppliers

- Unique high-grade sedimentary resource, one of the largest Measured and Indicated lithium resource in the U.S.<sup>(1)</sup>
- Tier 1 jurisdiction located in a mining-friendly state in the U.S.; major permits for construction received
- ✓ General Motors strategic investment, joint venture partner and long-term offtake
- ✓ U.S. DOE ATVM Loan provides project financing at the risk-free rate<sup>(2)</sup>
- ✓ Funding for Phase 1 construction substantially de-risked with GM investments, DOE Loan and cash on hand<sup>(2)(3)</sup>
- Phase 1 total nominal production capacity of ~40 ktpa of lithium carbonate over the 40-year project life
- De-risked project execution: proven flowsheet, early works construction completed, increasing detailed engineering
- Multifaceted ESG approach; Community Benefits Agreement with Fort McDermitt Pauite and Shoshone Tribe; expected to be a low water and carbon operation
- Production from both Phase 1 and 2 can support lithium needs for up to 1.6 million electric vehicles annually<sup>(4)</sup>



<sup>(2)</sup> See the Company's news release of October 28, 2024 for more details.

<sup>(3)</sup> See the Company's news release of October 16, 2024 for more details.

(4) Assumes LCE intensity of 850 tLCE / GWh.



## **A Track Record of Executing Key Milestones**



Thacker Pass Phase 1: construction permitted, funding substantially de-risked, significant technical work completed and strong support from stakeholders

# **U.S. DOE ATVM Loan: Highly Attractive Project Financing**

Advanced Technology Vehicles Manufacturing Loan from the U.S. Department of Energy<sup>(1)(2)</sup>

Highly attractive terms across all metrics



## Quantum: \$2.26 billion

Principal: \$1.97 billion Capitalized interest during construction: \$290 million<sup>(3)</sup>



## Interest: U.S. Treasury Rate

Interest rates fixed from the date of each monthly advance for the term of the loan at the applicable longdated U.S. Treasury rate with 0% spread



**Tenor: 24 Years** From date of first draw of the DOE Loan **CRITICAL MATERIALS | ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY VEHICLES MANUFACTURING** 



<sup>(1)</sup> See the Company's news release of October 28, 2024 for more details.

<sup>(2)</sup>Other Key Terms: Customary covenants and events of defaults for a project finance loan facility; and customary conditions precedent to loan effectiveness and advances for a project finance loan facility.

<sup>(3)</sup> Based on assumed 5.2% interest rate.

## **LAC-GM Joint Venture Transaction Summary**

GM to contribute \$430 million of direct funding and provide an additional \$195 million LC Facility to be used for U.S. DOE Loan reserve requirements in exchange for a 38% asset-level ownership stake in Thacker Pass

The \$430 million of direct funding replaces GM's previously announced \$330 million Tranche 2 investment (and is in addition to GM's \$320 million 2023 Tranche 1 investment)

Lithium Americas will be the manager of Thacker Pass

In addition to its existing Thacker Pass Phase 1 Offtake Agreement, GM will enter into an additional 20-year offtake agreement for up to 38% of production volumes<sup>(2)</sup> from Phase 2 and will retain its right of first offer on the remaining balance of Phase 2 volumes



Definitions: LC Facility = letters of credit facility. <sup>(1)</sup> U.S. DOE Loan requires approximately \$195 million of reserve account funding to cover Construction Contingency, Ramp Up and Sustaining Capex reserve accounts. LAC is permitted to satisfy this funding requirement with either cash or LCs. GM is providing a \$195 million LC Facility that will satisfy the majority of the DOE reserve account requirement. <sup>(2)</sup> At market prices, subject to a discount at certain price levels. <sup>(3)</sup> \$211 million (with expenditures on capex after August 2024 being credited against and reducing this amount, along with other adjustments) to be contributed on the date of the JV closing; and the remainder to be contributed upon FID for Phase 1. As of June 30, 2024, Lithium Americas had approximately \$376 million in cash and cash equivalents. (4) DOE ATVM Loan principal is \$1.97 billion with capitalized interest during construction estimated at \$290 million.

## **Benefits of the LAC-GM JV Transaction to Lithium Americas**<sup>(1)</sup>



### Provides Combined \$625 Million of Cash and Letters of Credit for Thacker Pass

Replaces \$330 million Tranche 2 investment with \$625 million of cash and letters of credit that will be combined with \$2.3 billion U.S. DOE Loan and cash on hand to fund Thacker Pass Phase 1

### Value Enhancing for LAC Shareholders

Avoids common equity dilution and allows LAC to raise capital with a compelling transaction

### **Underscores the Strategic Importance of Thacker Pass**

At \$945 million<sup>(2)</sup> (including GM's \$320 million Tranche 1 investment), the largest investment publicly disclosed to date by a U.S. OEM in a lithium carbonate project; this transaction highlights the strategic importance of Thacker Pass in creating a domestic supply chain for critical minerals

### **Strengthens Relationship with GM**

Builds upon an already strong relationship with GM as strategic investor and long-term offtake customer

LAC's current

cash balance is

\$376 million<sup>(6)</sup>

## Impact of DOE Loan and GM JV Transaction on Thacker Pass Funding

(US\$ in millions)

Funding Status for Thacker Pass JV (Excluding LAC Corporate Overhead Funding)



(1) Phase 1 Capex of \$2,930 million includes a 15% contingency with an incremental 5% contingency included in a Construction Contingency Reserve Account, which is included in the DOE Reserve Account Funding.
 (2) DOE Reserve Account Funding includes all accounts that need to be funded during the construction period, including Construction Contingency Reserve Account, Ramp Up Reserve Account, and Sustaining Capex Account. GM is providing \$195 million LC Facility that can be utilized to satisfy DOE Reserve Account Funding. Incremental \$1 million required will be provided by cash from the JV.

<sup>(5)</sup> LAC Funding Requirement into the JV of \$440 million reflects expenditures on Phase 1 Capex through June 30, 2024. LAC funding requirement of \$387 million referenced on page 24 reflects credit for expenditures on Phase 1 Capex through August 31, 2024. LAC will continue to be credited for expenditures on Phase 1 Capex, which will reduce its funding requirement, until the date of the JV closing. LAC Funding Requirement into the JV does not include LAC corporate overhead costs, which was approximately \$9 million for the six month period ending June 30, 2024, or other LAC corporate related items (incl. interest earned on cash balance).
 <sup>(6)</sup> Cash balance as of June 30, 2024.

<sup>(3)</sup> Represents other costs incurred by the JV during construction and commissioning period, including project working capital, pre-completion OPEX during construction, and DOE financing fees & expenses; excludes corporate overhead through completion and other transaction fees & expenses. Previously disclosed \$165 million also included LAC corporate overhead costs during construction as well as project related operating costs that have since been updated.
(4) Any expenditures on Phase 1 Capex after July 1, 2024 and until the JV closing date will be credited against and reduce LAC's Funding Requirement into the JV.

## **Substantially De-Risked Project Execution for Thacker Pass**

Build out will align with construction schedule earth works completed; finalizing engineering and permitting for utilities; preparing for foundations

**Work Force** 

Hub (WFH)



contract

Thacker Pass **Plant Areas** 

**Excavation of the process** plant is ~50% complete; concrete placement forecasted to begin by mid-2025; recently awarded the Batch Plant

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**Currently 40% detailed** engineering design complete and continuing to advance detailed engineering prior to issuing full notice to proceed (FNTP)





Construction of Thacker Pass construction is expected to create approximately 1,800 direct jobs in northern Nevada

# **Unique Geology**

### **The McDermitt Caldera**

Originated from a Yellowstone complex supervolcano ~16 million years ago



### **Caldera Setting as Key Differentiator**

Post-caldera hydrothermal fluids in the vicinity of Thacker Pass altered some of the smectite to illite clay, increasing the concentration of lithium in the illitic zones



Source: Dr. Thomas R. Benson

The resulting near-surface deposit allows for a shallow open pit (<400 feet deep) that will be block mined with active reclamation to minimize environmental impact

## **Thacker Pass Project Location Benefits**



- Access to adjacent paved highways; road improvements to facilitate construction traffic completed
- Lease for transloading terminal secured; access to rail ~60 miles away in Winnemucca, adjacent to I-80 for reagent transport
- Access to hydroelectric via onsite high voltage transmission line
- Water rights acquired<sup>(1)</sup> for Phase 1 and water infrastructure completed
- Workforce Hub located in Winnemucca; a full-service housing facility for construction workers



## **Thacker Pass is Well Positioned Along the Global Cost Curve**



(1) Cost curve source: Benchmark Mineral Intelligence, Q1 2024. Based on 2024 production estimates, C3 2023 cost per tonne LCE, no by-products. Thacker Pass Phase 1 production capacity and OPEX plus royalty payment of \$519 per tonne, based on Nov 2022 Feasibility Study. Nov 2022 Feasibility Study OPEX does not include the IRA 45X tax credit, which the Company is positioned to benefit from and which would provide a 10% credit on cost of production.

(2) See the Company's Reports for full details

(3) C1 cash cost of \$6,743 per tonne operating costs in each area include labor, maintenance materials and supplies, raw materials, outside services, among others. Labor is based on a 24/7 operation.

## **Thacker Pass Utilizes Well Proven Technology and Equipment**

No novel equipment required; the flowsheet consists of standard equipment that has been proven for decades



# **Lithium Technical Development Center**

### Producing lithium carbonate samples since July 2022

- 30,000 ft<sup>2</sup> state-of-the-art laboratory and piloting facility integrating the Thacker Pass flow sheet from end-to-end
  - · Validated Thacker Pass flowsheet with all recycles in place
  - Proven production of battery-quality lithium carbonate from Thacker Pass ore via continuous-production process
  - Replicating integrated process including a full-scale hydrocyclone to mitigate scale-up issues
- Currently conducting research for continual optimization of process and beneficial use of byproducts
- ISO-9001:2015 certified













## **Developing Sustainable Lithium**

ENVIRONMENTAL	Minimizing our environmental impact	<ul> <li>On-site energy generation combined with clean hydropower electricity is expected to minimize Scope 2 carbon intensity to almost zero</li> <li>Any water withdrawn is expected to be recycled and reused an average of 7x within the production process</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Zero liquid discharge facility eliminates discharge of industrial wastewater into the environment</li> <li>Collaborating with University Nevada, Reno on potential beneficial uses and the commercial viability of our waste streams</li> </ul>
	Building collaborative and mutually beneficial relationships	<ul> <li>Community Benefits Agreement with the Fort McDermitt Paiute and Shoshone Tribe</li> <li>Signed a Project Labor Agreement with North America's Building Trades Unions for construction</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>In 2023, over 70% of new hires to support Thacker Pass are local to Nevada</li> <li>Active Community Working Group member, focused on identifying solutions that protect the safety and well-being of community members during construction and operations</li> </ul>
GOVERNANCE	A culture of honesty, integrity, respect and accountability	<ul> <li>Cleared all known regulatory and legal hurdles to advance to major construction</li> <li>Achieved ISO 90001:2015 Quality Management Systems certification at our Lithium Technical Development Center</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Formalized the Site Security Plan</li> <li>Adopted a DEI Policy, Human Rights Policy, Integrity Policy, Safety Policy, Vendor Code of Conduct and an IT and Cybersecurity Policy</li> </ul>
SAFETY	Proactive approach to safety and seek to prevent, minimize and manage health and safety risks	<ul> <li>Formalized health and safety management system in place</li> <li>'Work Safe Home Safe' program in partnership with Bechtel</li> <li>Life Saving Rules</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Established a SafeStart<sup>™</sup> Steering Committee, VelocityEHS Committee and a joint H&amp;S Committee, that includes members of safety, management and worker participation</li> </ul>

# Actively Engaging with Local Tribal and Community Members

Through years of engagement, information sharing and meetings, we have learned about the community needs and priorities



### Community Benefits Agreement with the Fort McDermitt Paiute and Shoshone Tribe

 Closest Native American tribe to Thacker Pass, ~40 miles from Thacker Pass

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### **Direct Benefit to Local Community**

 Formal stakeholder engagement process with local communities; funding a new K-8 school in Orovada



### **Creating Employment Opportunities**

- Direct employment of approximately 1,800 jobs during construction and approximately 360 permanent jobs for Phase 1 operations
- Planning job readiness training
- Cultural monitor training allowed for eleven tribe members to actively participate in critical archeological work
- In 2023, provided temporary and full-time employment opportunities to tribal members, including eight Tribe members and three Duck Valley members and one Arizona Navajo living in Fort McDermitt





"Thacker Pass will provide important economic and employment opportunities for members of our Tribe"

Larina Bell, previous Acting Chairwoman of the Fort McDermitt Paiute and Shoshone Tribe commented on the Loan

## **Top-tier Board of Directors with Deep Applicable Expertise**

Experts in strategic global operations and developing large capital projects, with deep technical and financial knowledge



## Kelvin Dushnisky, Director and Executive Chair

Extensive career history with mining companies, most recently serving as CEO and Board member of AngloGold Ashanti and prior to that 16+ years with Barrick Gold. Past Chair of the World Gold Council.



#### Jonathan Evans, Director, President and CEO

20+ years of operations and general management experience across businesses of various sizes and industry applications. Previous executive management / operations roles at FMC (lithium division), Diversitech Corp., and Arysta, General Electric.



#### Jinhee Magie, Director and Chair, Compensation and Leadership Committee

25+ years of experience in financial reporting, treasury, tax and information technology (including cybersecurity), with 15 years in the mining industry. Previously served as the CFO and SVP for Lundin Mining. Extensive experience in acquisitions, divestitures, public and private equity fundraising and public company reporting.



#### **Yuan Gao**, Lead Independent Director and Chair, Governance and Nomination Committee

Was the Vice Chairman of the board of Qinghai Taifeng Pulead Lithium-Energy Technology, a leading producer of cathodes for lithium-ion batteries, having served as President and CEO before. Previous executive management experience at Molycorp and FMC Corporation (USA).



#### Zach Kirkman, Director

Currently Deputy CFO at General Motors, leading Corporate Development, GM Ventures & Treasury teams. He is GM's nominee to the LAC Board. Extensive M&A and investing experience, from time leading corporate development teams at GM, Tesla and Apple.



#### **Philip Montgomery**, Director and Chair, Technical Committee

Extensive global experience in major capital projects. 35+ year career at BHP Group Limited and its predecessor organizations, including serving as Global Head of Group Project Management and Vice President – Projects.



## **Michael Brown**, Director and Chair, Safety and Sustainability Committee

Fellow at the Lincy Institute at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas and past Chairman of the Nevada Mining Association. Previously served in the Cabinet of Governor Sisolak of Nevada. Prior to joining the Cabinet, he spent 24 years at Barrick Gold North America, serving as President from 2015-2018.



## Fabiana Chubbs, Director and Chair, Audit and Risk Committee

20+ years of experience leading treasury and risk management functions, most recently as CFO of Eldorado Gold. Prior to her career at Eldorado, worked at PwC Canada specializing in the audit of public mining and technology companies. She also serves on the board of Royal Gold, Inc.

BOARD COMMITTEE COMPOSITE	Audit & Risk Committee	Governance & Nomination Committee	Compensation & Leadership Committee	Safety & Sustainability Committee	Technical Committee
Michael Brown*	2			$\bigstar$	
Fabiana Chubbs*	$\Rightarrow$	2			
Kelvin Dushnisky					
Jonathan Evans				2	2
Yuan Gao*		$\bigstar$	2		
Zach Kirkman				2	
Jinhee Magie*	~	2	$\bigstar$		
Philip Montgomery*			2	2	$\bigstar$
Legend:	🗙 Committee Chair	A Committee Member	*Independent Board memb	er	

# **Proven Team with a Strong Track Record**

Experienced Management team with leading technical, project development and financial expertise



#### Jonathan Evans, Director, President & CEO

20+ years of operations and general management experience across businesses of various sizes and industry applications. Previous executive management / operations roles at FMC (lithium division), Diversitech Corp., and Arysta, General Electric.



#### Pablo Mercado, Executive VP & CFO

20+ years of experience in finance and corporate development in the energy industry. Previously CFO of Enlink Midstream and Forum Energy Technologies, and former investment banker at Bank of America, UBS and Credit Suisse.

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#### Richard Gerspacher, EVP, Capital Projects

25 years of experience in developing and executing industrial and mining projects. Previously worked for Fluor Corporation, served as VP and Projects Director for a lithium project in Australia.



#### Ted Grandy, SVP, General Counsel & Corporate Secretary

20+ of experience in legal and compliance counseling within mining, including serving as the General Counsel of Barrick's copper business. Former law firm partner; holds Bachelor of Arts from Middlebury College and J.D. from the Emory University School of Law.



#### April Hashimoto, SVP, Finance & Administration

20+ years of financial experience in the mining sector including exploration, construction and operations. Previously held positions as CFO for Pembrook Copper, Pacific Rim Mining and Global Exploration & Project Development at Placer Dome.



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#### Aubree Barnum, VP, Human Resources

13+ years of experience as a human resources professional in municipal and mining industry. Previously held position as the Vice President of Human Resources for Nevada Copper.



#### Tim Crowley, VP, Government & External Affairs

30+ years of experience in public affairs and community relations, including serving as an aide to former Senator Harry Reid and Nevada Governor Bob Miller. Former President of the Nevada Mining Association.



#### Rene Leblanc, VP, Growth & Product Strategy

20 years of experience in process development, operations and battery supply chain development, 17 years in the lithium space. Experience developing the battery supply chain for Tesla and technical qualification of products & process development for FMC's Lithium Division.



#### Virginia Morgan, VP, Investor Relations & ESG

20+ years of experience in investor relations, ESG and corporate communications. Previously held positions at Capstone Mining, Goldcorp and Avalon Rare Metals.



#### Alexi Zawadzki, VP, Resource Development

20+ years of experience in developing mining and energy projects. Founded a publicly traded renewable energy company resulting in the construction and operation of two hydroelectric facilities.



#### Hugh Broadhurst, General Manager, Thacker Pass

20+ years of experience in global operations, process development and capital project implementation. Previously held positions at Rohm & Haas (Dow Chemical) and Syngenta

## **Thacker Pass: Clear Path to First Production in 2027**

Permitted and set to advance Phase 1 into major construction by year end



Thacker Pass is the most advanced lithium project in the U.S. with a clear path to production

Note: This is an illustrative timeline based on Company targets. See the Company's news release of October 16, 2024 and October 28, 2024 for more details.

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## **LAC-GM JV Transaction is Value Enhancing for LAC Shareholders**



See the Company's news release of October 16, 2024 for more details. <sup>(1)</sup> LC Facility provided by GM to the JV as part of its consideration for its equity interest and will have no interest and a maturity consistent with DOE Loan requirement that will be withdrawn once replaced with cash that is generated by Thacker Pass. <sup>(2)</sup> For illustrative purposes only. <sup>(3)</sup> Based on consensus broker estimates for LAC Net Asset Value. Assumes 234.1 million shares issued if \$625 million were raised using LAC shares based on share price of October 15, 2024.

## **General Motors is the Right Partner for Thacker Pass**

"We're pleased with the significant progress Lithium Americas is making to help GM achieve our goal to develop a resilient EV material supply chain. Sourcing critical EV raw materials, like lithium, from suppliers in the U.S., is expected to help us manage battery cell costs, deliver value to our customers and investors, and create jobs." – Jeff Morrison, SVP, Global Purchasing and Supply Chain



### History of Successful Partnership

Since the announcement of GM's \$320 million Tranche 1 Investment in January 2023, GM and LAC have worked together to progress financing and development of Thacker Pass



### **Committed to Securing a Domestic Supply Chain**

Transaction supports GM's procurement strategy of sourcing strategic raw materials, ensuring certainty of supply via domestic IRA-compliant critical materials



### Supports GM's Vision of an All-Electric Future

Thacker Pass will provide GM with IRA-compliant lithium to support the company's long-term growth in EV volume and market share

### **Best-in-Class ESG Credentials**

Industry leadership in driving increased sustainability engagement across the supply chain with clear alignment to upholding highest levels of social and environmental responsibility

### GM is investing in North American manufacturing and EV leadership

- ✓ Four GM assembly plants in North America are now building EVs
- ✓ GM is a leader in U.S. battery cell manufacturing with two joint venture plants in operation in Ohio and Tennessee and a third scheduled to open in 2027
- ✓ GM, its joint venture partners and suppliers are investing in North America capacity for EV raw material recovery and processing, as well as components
- Examples include lithium, cathode active material, drive units and motors, permanent magnets, rare earth metals and more

### GM's EV portfolio in North America is growing faster than the market

- GM has the industry's broadest EV portfolio, including affordable, long-range SUVs, the most capable and longest-range pickups, and four Cadillac EVs in the largest luxury SUV segments in North America
- ✓ GM's EV production and sales have grown sequentially each quarter in 2024, and GM is now the #2 seller of EVs in North America

## **LAC-GM JV Transaction Summary and Key Terms\***

Manager	<ul> <li>LAC to act as manager of Thacker Pass</li> </ul>
JV Contributions	<ul> <li>In exchange for a 38% interest in Thacker Pass, GM to contribute \$625 million of cash and letters of credit to the Project:         <ul> <li>\$330 million cash contribution on the date of JV closing</li> <li>\$100 million cash contribution at the time a final investment decision (FID) for Phase 1 is made (targeting by end of the year)</li> <li>\$195 million LC Facility prior to drawing on DOE Loan (see below)</li> </ul> </li> <li>LAC to be manager of JV with 62% interest and required to fund \$387 million:         <ul> <li>\$211 million (with expenditures on capex after August 2024 being credited against and reducing this amount, along with other adjustments) to be contributed on the date of the JV closing</li> <li>Remainder at FID for Phase 1</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
LC Facility	<ul> <li>GM to provide \$195 million LC Facility to the JV as part of its consideration for its equity interest that will be made available ahead of first draw of DOE Loan</li> <li>LC Facility provided by GM to the JV as part of its consideration for its equity interest will have no interest and a maturity consistent with DOE Loan requirement that will be withdrawn once replaced with cash that is generated by Thacker Pass</li> </ul>
Governance	<ul> <li>Board of Directors to be established at the JV level to oversee the Manager and approve the Project's budgets and business plans</li> <li>Both LAC and GM shall be entitled to proportionate representation on the board based upon equity interest in the JV</li> </ul>
GM Offtake	<ul> <li>GM has agreed to extend its existing offtake agreement for up to 100% of production volumes from Phase 1 of Thacker Pass to 20 years to support the expected maturity of the DOE Loan</li> <li>Upon closing of the JV, GM will enter into an additional 20-year offtake agreement for up to 38% of production volumes from Phase 2 of Thacker Pass and will retain its right of first offer on the remaining balance of Phase 2 volumes</li> </ul>

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## **Thacker Pass Phase 1 CAPEX Estimate Update**

Updated Thacker Pass Phase 1 CAPEX Estimate<sup>(1)</sup> to reflect steps taken to de-risk project execution (US\$ millions)



## Well Positioned to Benefit from Looming Lithium Supply Gap

**Global EV adoption to drive lithium demand EV Penetration Rate Expected to Increase ~85% in 2040**<sup>(1)</sup>



## Significant supply gap forecasted

**Every Known Project Needed to Meet Forecasted Demand**<sup>(2)</sup>



~85% of global lithium output is expected to be devoted to battery production in 2024<sup>(2)</sup>

(1) Rho Motion Q2 2024 forecast, passenger car and light duty BEV, PHEV and HEV vehicles

(2) Benchmark Minerals Q2 2024, weighted, excludes recycling.

## **Thacker Pass Mineral Resource and Reserve**

As reported under NI 43-101 as of November 2, 2022

#### **Mineral Reserve Estimate**

Category	Tonnage (Mt)	Average Li (ppm)	Lithium Carbonate Equivalent (LCE) (Mt)
Proven	192.9	3,180	3.3
Probable	24.4	3,010	0.4
Total Proven & Probable	217.3	3,160	3.7

#### Mineral Reserve Notes

- 1. The Qualified Person ("**QP**") who supervised the preparation of and approved disclosure for the estimate is Kevin Bahe, P.E., SME-RM.
- 2. Mineral Reserves have been converted from measured and indicated Mineral Resources within the feasibility study and have demonstrated economic viability.
- 3. Reserves presented at an 85% maximum ash content and a cut-off grade of 1.533 kg of lithium extracted per tonne run of mine feed. A sales price of \$5,400 US\$/t of Li<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> was utilized in the pit optimization resulting in the generation of the reserve pit shell in 2019. Overall slope of 27 degrees was applied. For bedrock material pit slope was set at 47 degrees. Mining and processing cost of \$57.80 per tonne of ROM feed, a processing recovery factor of 84%, and royalty cost of 1.75% were addition inputs into the pit optimization.
- 4. A life of mine plan was developed based on equipment selection, equipment rates, labor rates, and plant feed and reagent parameters. All Mineral Reserves are within the LOM plan. The LOM plan is the basis for the economic assessment within the Nov 2022 Feasibility Study, which is used to show economic viability of the Mineral Reserves.
- 5. Applied density for the ore is 1.79 t/m<sup>3</sup>.
- 6. Lithium Carbonate Equivalent is based on in-situ LCE Tons with 95% recovery factor.
- 7. Tonnages and grades have been rounded to accuracy levels deemed appropriate by the QP. Summation errors due to rounding may exist.
- 8. The reference point at which the Mineral Reserves are defined is at the point where the ore is delivered to the run-of-mine feeder.

#### **Mineral Resource Estimate**

Category	Tonnage (Mt)	Average Li (ppm)	LCE (Mt)
Measured (M)	534.7	2,450	7.0
Indicated (I)	922.5	1,850	9.1
Total M & I	1,457.2	2,070	16.1
Inferred	297.2	1,870	3.0

#### **Mineral Resource Notes**

- 1. The QP who supervised the preparation of and approved disclosure for the estimate is Benson Chow, P.G., SME-RM.
- 2. Mineral resources that are not mineral reserves do not have demonstrated economic viability.
- 3. Mineral resources are inclusive of 217.3 million metric tonnes (Mt) of mineral reserves.
- 4. Mineral resources are reported using an economic break-even formula: "Operating Cost per Resource Tonne"/"Price per Recovered Tonne Lithium" \* 10<sup>4</sup>6 = ppm Li Cutoff. "Operating Cost per Resource Tonne" = US\$88.50, "Price per Recovered Tonne Lithium" is estimated: ("Lithium Carbonate Equivalent (LCE) Price" \* 5.323 \*(1 "Royalties") \* "Recovery". Variables are "LCE Price" = US\$22,000/tonne Li<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>, "Royalties" = 1.75% and "Recovery" = 73.5%.
- 5. Presented at a cutoff grade of 1,047 parts per million (ppm) Li.
- 6. A resource economical pit shell has been derived from performing a pit optimization estimation using Vulcan software.
- 7. The conversion factor for lithium to LCE is 5.323.
- 8. Applied density for the mineralization is 1.79 t/m<sup>3</sup>.
- 9. Measured mineral resources are in blocks estimated using at least six drill holes and eighteen samples within a 262 m search radius in the horizontal plane and 5 m in the vertical direction; indicated mineral resources are in blocks estimated using at least two drill holes and six to eighteen samples within a 483 m search radius in the horizontal plane and 5 m in the vertical direction; and inferred mineral resources are blocks estimated with at least two drill holes and three to six samples within a search radius of 722 m in the horizontal plane and 5 m in the vertical plane.
- 10. Tonnages and grades have been rounded to accuracy levels deemed appropriate by the QP. Summation errors due to rounding may exist.

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## **Thacker Pass Mineral Resource and Reserve**

As reported under S-K 1300, as of December 31, 2023

#### **Mineral Reserve Estimate**

Category	Tonnage (Mt)	Average Li (ppm)	Lithium Carbonate Equivalent (LCE) (Mt)
Proven	192.9	3,180	3.3
Probable	24.4	3,010	0.4
Total Proven & Probable	217.3	3,160	3.7

#### Mineral Resource Estimate

Category	Tonnage (Mt)	Average Li (ppm)	LCE (Mt)	Metallurgical Recovery (%)
Measured (M)	325.2	1,990	3.4	73.5%
Indicated (I)	895.2	1,820	8.7	73.5%
Total M & I	1,220.4	1,860	12.1	73.5%
Inferred	297.2	1,870	3.0	73.5%

#### Mineral Reserve Notes

- The mineral reserve estimate was derived from the Thacker Pass 1300 Report with an effective date of December 31, 2022. A qualified person, Rene LeBlanc, who is an employee of the Company, has determined that mineral reserve and resource estimates and all material assumptions and information in the Thacker Pass 1300 Report, including those related to price estimates, remain current as of December 31, 2023.
- 2. Mineral reserves have been converted from measured and indicated mineral resources within the Thacker Pass 1300 Report and have demonstrated economic viability.
- 3. Reserves presented at an 85% maximum ash content and a cut-off grade of 1.533 kg of lithium extracted per tonne run of mine feed. Additionally, a 95% mining recovery factor is applied. A dilution percentage was not applied. A sales price of \$5,400 US\$/t of Li<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> was utilized in the pit optimization resulting in the generation of the reserve pit shell in 2019. Overall slope of 27 degrees was applied. For bedrock material pit slope was set at 47 degrees. Mining and processing cost of \$57.80 per tonne of ROM feed, a processing recovery factor of 84%, and royalty cost of 1.75% were addition inputs into the pit optimization.
- 4. A LOM plan was developed based on equipment selection, equipment rates, labor rates, and plant feed and reagent parameters. All mineral reserves are within the LOM plan. The LOM plan is the basis for the economic assessment within the Thacker Pass 1300 Report, which is used to show economic viability of the mineral reserves.
- 5. Applied density for the ore is 1.79 t/m3 (Section 8.4 of the Thacker Pass 1300 Report).
- 6. Lithium Carbonate Equivalent is based on in-situ LCE tonnes with 95% recovery factor.
- 7. Tonnages and grades have been rounded to accuracy levels deemed appropriate by the QP. Summation errors due to rounding may exist.
- 8. The reference point at which the mineral reserves are defined is at the point where the ore is delivered to the run-of-mine feeder.
- 9. A sales price of \$5,400 US\$/t of Li2CO3 for 40-years was utilized in the pit optimization.

#### Mineral Resource Notes

- A qualified person, Rene LeBlanc, who is an employee of the Company, has determined that all material assumptions and information in the Reports, including those related to price estimates, remain current as of December 31, 2023.
- 2. Mineral Resources that are not Mineral Reserves do not have demonstrated economic viability, and there is no certainty that all or any part of such Mineral Resources will be converted into Mineral Reserves.
- 3. Mineral Resources are in-situ and exclusive of 217.3 million Mt of Mineral Reserves.
- 4. Mineral Resources are reported using an economic break-even formula: "Operating Cost per Resource Tonne"/"Price per Recovered Tonne Lithium" \* 10^6 = ppm Li Cutoff. "Operating Cost per Resource Tonne" = \$88.50, "Price per Recovered Tonne Lithium" is estimated: ("Lithium Carbonate Equivalent (LCE) Price" \* 5.323 \*(1 "Royalties") \* "Recovery". Variables are "LCE Price" = \$22,000/tonne Li<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>, "Royalties" = 1.75% and "Metallurgical Recovery" = 73.5%. Price source: Wood Mackenzie Q2 FY2022 Long term forecast report as referenced in section 19.4 of the Thacker Pass 1300 Report.
- 5. Resources presented at a cutoff grade of 1,047 parts per million (ppm) Li.
- 6. A resource economical pit shell has been derived from performing a pit optimization estimation using Vulcan software.
- 7. The conversion factor for lithium to LCE is 5.323.
- 8. Applied density for the mineralization is 1.79 t/m<sup>3</sup> (Section 8.4 of the Thacker Pass 1300 Report).
- 9. Measured Mineral Resources are in blocks estimated using at least six drill holes and eighteen samples within a 262 m search radius in the horizontal plane and 5 m in the vertical direction; Indicated Mineral Resources are in blocks estimated using at least two drill holes and six to eighteen samples within a 483 m search radius in the horizontal plane and 5 m in the vertical direction; and Inferred Mineral Resources are blocks estimated with at least two drill holes and three to six samples within a search radius of 722 m in the horizontal plane and 5 m in the vertical plane.
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