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#### Technical Information

Scientific and technical information in this presentation about the Caucharí-Olaroz Project and the Thacker Pass Project has been reviewed and approved by Rene LeBlanc, the Company's Chief Technical Officer and a non-independent qualified person under NI 43-101 and select information has been reviewed and approved by certain of the qualified persons listed in the Company's recent press release. Further information about the Caucharí-Olaroz Project, Jujuy Province, Argentina" dated March 31, 2019 available on SEDAR, which report will be updated by a new 43-101 compliant technical report within 45 days of the Company's recent press release. Further information about the Thacker Pass, including a description of data verification and QA/QC programs, is available in the NI 43-101 technical report of Lithium Americas effective August 1, 2018 entitled "Technical Report on the Pre-Feasibility Study for the Thacker Pass Project, Humbold County, Nevada, USA", available on SEDAR.

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In respect of the information provided on the Slide titled "Cauchari-Olaroz against other NI 43-101 complaint resource estimates from other source since any claim provided a comparison of Cauchari-Olaroz against other NI 43-101 complaint resources within South America as of April 1, 2019. The Company expressly disclaims any liability from producing such disclosure and does not make any claim to the accuracy of such estimates. There may be additional resources that are larger or smaller than the Company's mineral resource estimates but which are undiscovered, or are owned by companies who are not subject to NI 43-101 and therefore do not provide accurate comparisons, or that these select mineral resource estimates have since been updated and such updates are unavailable to the Company. This table does not provide any of such comparables.



## LITHIUM AMERICAS - OVERVIEW

Focused on advancing two world-class lithium projects to production

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#### Developing the 40,000 tpa Caucharí-Olaroz lithium project in Argentina

Caucharí-Olaroz in Jujuy, Argentina.

 LAC is partnered in a 50 / 50 JV with Ganfeng Lithium to jointly build and operate the Caucharí-Olaroz lithium project.



# **Lithium** Americas

Construction underway with first production targeted by early 2021

• Over 700 employees and contractors mobilized at

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# Caucharí-Olaroz fully-funded to production with 40% of \$565M capital costs spent or committed<sup>1</sup>

 LAC has \$221 million in available credit and loan facilities to fully-fund remaining 50% share of Caucharí-Olaroz.



#### Defined second large-scale and low-cost project in Nevada, USA

 Completed 2018 pre-feasibility study (PFS) highlighting Thacker Pass' competitive costs (\$4,088/t before by-product credits) and scale for the largest known lithium resource in the United States.



# Assembled team with the leading technical, financial and project execution experience in the lithium industry

• Jon Evans was appointed as President and CEO in May 2019. Prior to joining LAC in 2018, Jon was head of FMC Inc.'s lithium division for 5 years.

<sup>1</sup> Includes \$105 million spent by June 30, 2019.

**Lithium**Americas TSX: LAC NYSE: LAC

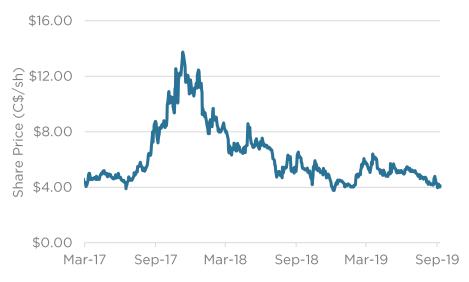
Caucharí-Olaroz

Jujuy

#### **CAPITAL STRUCTURE**

#### Lithium Americas commenced trading on NYSE under the symbol "LAC" in 2018

#### **Share Price (TSX:LAC)**



Symbol	TSX / NYSE: LAC	
Shares Outstanding	88.9 million	
52 Week Range	C\$3.74 - C\$6.43	
Share Price <sup>1</sup>	C\$4.11	
Average Daily Volume <sup>2</sup>	0.5 million (30-day average)	
Market Cap <sup>1</sup>	\$280 million (C\$365 million)	
Cash	\$40 million <sup>4</sup> (\$221 million available credit)	
Debt <sup>5</sup>	\$86 million	

Adjusted for 5:1 share consolidation on November 8, 2017

Largest Shareholders	Ganfeng Lithium – 16.9% Bangchak – 15.8% Management & Directors³ – 12.2%	
Research Coverage	Cormark Securities National Bank Financial Eight Capital Canaccord Genuity ROTH Jefferies BMO	

All figures in US dollars as of June 30, 2019 unless otherwise noted <sup>1</sup> Calculated based on TSX closing share price on September 27, 2019.

<sup>2</sup> Includes TSX and NYSE.

<sup>4</sup> Includes proceeds of \$8.9M loan repayment to LAC as part of the \$160M Project investment by Ganfeng Lithium.

 $^{\rm 5}$  Debt includes \$84M drawn from the senior facility and \$2M of other borrowings.

Source: Thomson Reuters, Bloomberg, Company Reports

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Management and Directors include interest from Geologic Resource Partners and exclude strategic investment by Ganfeng Lithium and Bangchak.

#### THE SENIOR MANAGEMENT TEAM

Assembled management team with the leading technical, financial and project execution experience in the lithium industry



Jon Evans, President / CEO 20+ years in management, including head of FMC Corp. Lithium Division



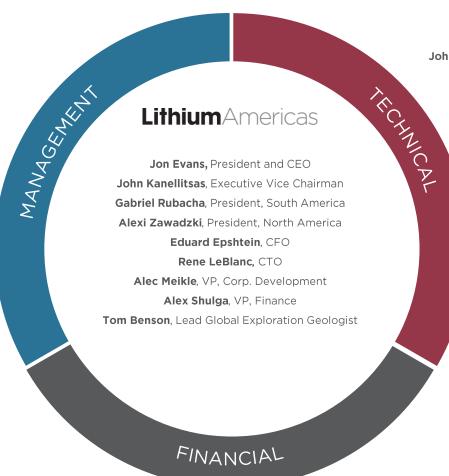
Gabriel Rubacha, President, South America

25+ years in management and project execution



Eduard
Epshtein,
CFO

CPA with 20+
years
experience in
financial
management
and
administration



**John Kanellitsas,** Executive Vice Chairman

25+ years of business / finance experience



**Alexi Zawadzki,** President, North America

20+ years of business experience in resource development and construction



Rene LeBlanc, CTO

10+ years of lithium process engineering at FMC Corp. and Tesla Corp.





# CAUCHARÍ-OLAROZ LITHIUM PROJECT

Construction underway on a 40,000 tpa lithium project in Jujuy, Argentina

#### √ Completed 40,000 tpa DFS

 DFS plan and \$565M budgeted capital cost approved by LAC and Ganfeng Lithium

#### √ Lowered capital intensity

• 60% increase in production capacity from 25,000 tpa DFS with 33% increase in capital costs

#### ✓ Optimized process to improve product quality

 Process optimizations designed to consistently achieve more stringent low impurity specifications of battery material customers

#### √ Construction underway with production targeted by early 2021

- Mechanical completion targeted by end of 2020
- 40% of capital costs spent or committed in contracts and purchase orders

## √ Fully-funded to production

 LAC expects to fully-fund its share of Minera Exar from undrawn credit and loan facilities

CHILE Cauchari-Olaroz Atacama (SQM and Albemarle) **Antofagasta** Jujuy Port Salta ARGENTINA Paved Road Rail Road ......

For more information, including timing of full 43-101 technical report, see LAC press release dated September 30, 2019

BOLIVIA

#### **LOCATION & INFRASTRUCTURE**



#### Caucharí-Olaroz is located on a paved highway with access to power, gas and water

#### Located on an international paved highway in northwestern Argentina

- 270 km from capital of Jujuy Province (San Salvador de Jujuy)
- 530 km from port of Antofagasta, Chile
- Average elevation of 3,950 m

#### Property area covers over 60,000 ha

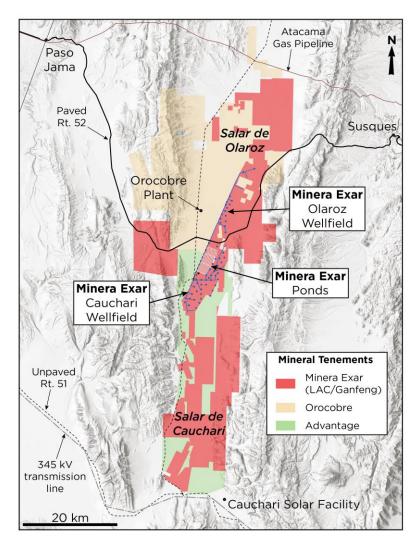
 Under exploration and development by Minera Exar since 2009

#### Access to gas, power and required infrastructure

- High-pressure natural gas pipeline within 52 km
- 345 kv transmission line within 60 km
- 300 MW Caucharí solar project immediately to the south

#### Adjacent to Orocobre Ltd's Olaroz lithium project in the same basin

 Olaroz lithium project has been in operations since 2015



#### SITE LAYOUT



#### Project will include all facilities necessary to produce battery-quality lithium carbonate at site

#### Construction camp with capacity for up to 554 employees and contractors

- Total accommodation capacity is expected to reach more than 800 people
- Permanent camp under construction with capacity for 360 people

#### Facilities on site support construction and development activities

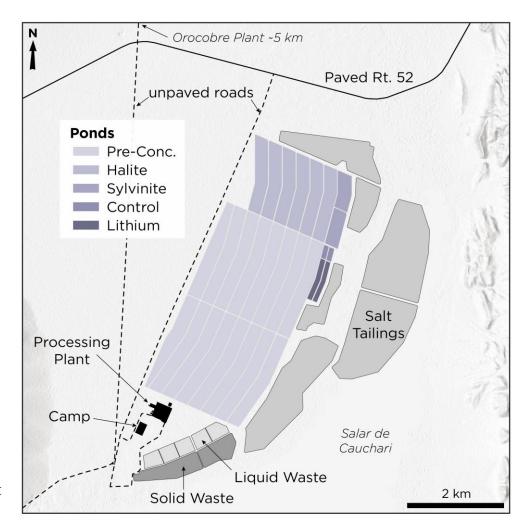
 Include modular offices, storage buildings, pilot plant and laboratory, contractors' facilities

#### Off-site infrastructure to provide sufficient gas and power

- Nearby gas pipeline with excess capacity
- New 33kV line to connect to nearby transmission line

#### Permits in place to begin production

 Update submitted to provincial government reflect increased production scale in DFS



#### SOLAR EVAPORATION PONDS



#### Pond construction underway on 12 km<sup>2</sup> of solar evaporation ponds

#### 40 production wells at startup

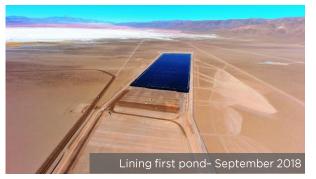
- 13 production wells complete
- Additional wells added in first five years (reserve wells)

#### Pond system consisting of 28 evaporation ponds covering 12 km<sup>2</sup> (1,200 ha)

- Pond construction 60% complete
- 16 pre-concentration ponds (4 complete and operating)
- 6 halite ponds
- 6 small ponds for sylvinite, control and lithium production

#### Conventional solar evaporation with salt harvesting

- As brine concentrates, the salt precipitates in the pond purifying the brine
- Salt will then be harvested freeing up pond area
- Potential in the future to recover entrapped brine (yield) optimization not considered in DFS assumptions)







#### **CONVENTIONAL BRINE PROCESS**



#### Optimized process expected to produce consistent and low impurity battery-quality lithium carbonate

#### **Production Wells**

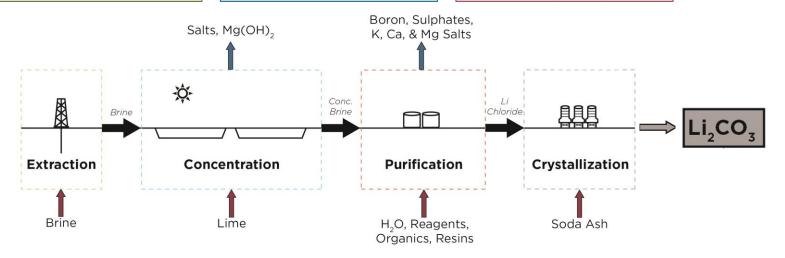
- •40 wells (at start-up)
- •13 wells completed

#### Liming

- ■6 halite ponds
- Add lime (Ca(OH)2) to increase pH and precipitate magnesium (Mg(OH)2) and sulfates

#### **Purification**

- Tenova SX unit to remove B
- Process optimized and tested by LAC, Minera Exar and Ganfeng
  - Use reagents to remove most remaining impurities



#### **Pre-Concentration**

- ■16 evaporation ponds (874 ha)
- ■90% of halite (NaCl) crystalizes
- ■70-80% reduction in volume

#### Salt Harvesting

- ■Remove precipitate in ponds
- Potential to recover trapped lithium and improve yield

#### Carbonation

- •Add soda ash to cystallizer to produce high purity and consistent Li2CO3
- •Final product is washed, dried, micronized and packaged

#### **ENVIRONMENTAL & SOCIOECONOMIC IMPACT**



#### Developing Caucharí-Olaroz to be one of the most environmentally responsible sources of lithium

#### Community Engagement

- Focus to deliver social, cultural and environmental initiatives
- 800+ local workforce in Jujuy Province during construction period
- Working with communities since 2009 with community benefit agreements signed with all six nearby communities

#### Environmental Responsibility

- Primary source of energy is solar evaporation (low carbon footprint)
- Relatively low fresh water consumption process using non-potable water as source water

#### Economic Impact

- 360 operations phase jobs with over 800 direct employees and contractors during construction period
- Over \$4 billion (\$114 million per year) in provincial and federal taxes expected of during production period





#### **CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE**



#### The DFS construction schedule targets first production by early 2021

Commenced detailed engineering.
Expansion of camp.
Drilling campaign.
Early works construction.
Stage 1 development commenced.

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2016

Ganfeng \$160M project investment to form 50/50 JV.
Commence plant construction.

2020

First production.

2017

LAC and SQM enter a 50/50 JV to develop Cauchari-Olaroz together.

Started pond construction.

2019

2021
Mechanical completion.

Begin filling ponds.

Detailed engineering for the processing plant.

LAC and Ganfeng enter a new 62.5/37.5 JV.





2018



# CAUCHARÍ-OLAROZ 40,000 TPA FEASIBILITY STUDY



The 40,000 tpa DFS succeeds the 25,000 tpa DFS released in 2017

	40,000 TPA DFS	
Average production	40,000 tpa battery-grade Li <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>	
Project life	40 years	
Proven & probable reserves	3.6 million tonnes of LCE at 607 mg/L Li (unadjusted for 53.7% yield)	
Construction capital costs <sup>(1)</sup>	\$565 million	
Operating costs	\$3,576 / t Li <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>	
Lithium carbonate price	\$12,000/t battery-grade Li <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>	
Average EBITDA <sup>(2)</sup>	\$307 million	
After-Tax Economics(1)(2)	\$1,330 million NPV <sub>10%</sub>	

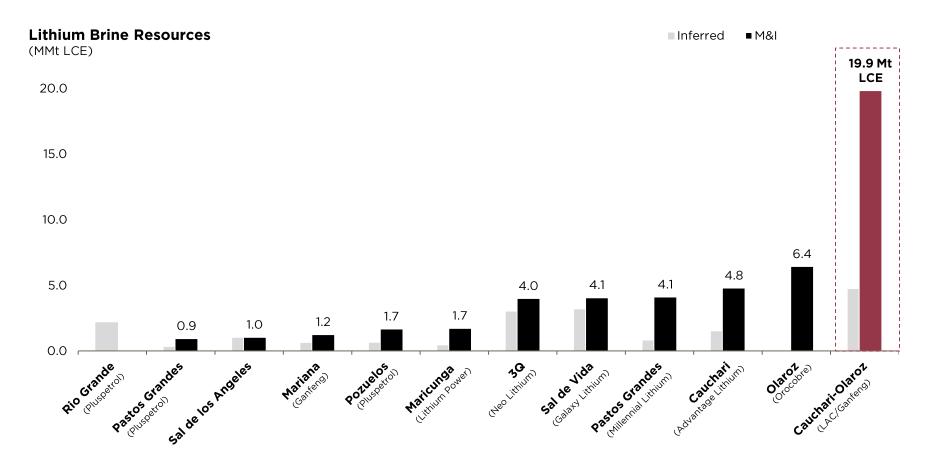
<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Total capital costs of \$565 million include \$105 million in capital costs sunk as of June 30, 2019 excluded from NPV.

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### **UPDATED RESOURCE & RESERVE**



Caucharí-Olaroz is the largest known NI 43-101 brine resource in development in South America



For more information, including timing of full 43-101 technical report, see LAC press release dated September 30, 2019. With the exception of the Olaroz project (which is NI 43-101 compliant as of the date of the resource shown above, but is no longer obligated to report to Canadian standards), non-NI 43-101 resources are not included as comparables.



#### **CAPITAL COSTS**



Wells and

Caucharí-Olaroz 40,000 tpa DFS results in a 33% higher capex with a 60% increase in production compared to the 25,000 tpa DFS

			Piping
(US\$ millions)	25,000 TPA DFS	40,000 TPA DFS	Contingency 3% 13% Evaporation Ponds
Wells and Piping	\$14.8	\$61.4	Indirect Cost 9%
Evaporation Ponds	\$129.1	\$145.9	S425M Off-site Services 10% 25ktpa DFS
Lithium Carbonate Plant	\$121.5	\$155.3	On-Site Infrastructure
On-Site Infrastructure	\$26.3	\$75.6	6%  Lithium Carbonate Plant 29%
Off-site Services	\$41.3	\$20.4	Contingency Wells and Piping
Indirect Cost	\$37.0	\$67.0	Indirect Cost 12% Evaporation Ponds 26%
Total Costs	\$370.0	\$525.8	Off-site Services 4% \$565M
Contingencies	\$55.0	\$39.1	On-Site Infrastructure 13%
Total Capital Costs	<b>\$425 million</b> (\$17,000/tpa LCE)	<b>\$565 million</b> (\$14,125/tpa LCE)	Lithium Carbonate Plant
		Lower contin	gency reflects close to 27%

40% spent or committed as well as firm

quotations for supply of major equipment

## **OPERATING COSTS**



Operating costs (+824/t for reagents) reflect process optimizations designed to consistently achieve more stringent low impurity specifications of battery material customers

	25,000 TPA DFS	40,000 TPA DFS
Reagents	\$991 (40%)	<b>\$1,815</b> (51%)
Maintenance	\$210 (8%)	<b>\$302</b> (8%)
Electric Power	\$187 (7%)	<b>\$222</b> (6%)
Pond Harvesting & Tailing Management	\$345 (14%)	<b>\$369</b> (10%)
Water Treatment System	\$38 (2%)	<b>\$41</b> (1%)
Natural Gas	\$85 (3%)	<b>\$145</b> (4%)
Manpower	\$166 (7%)	<b>\$283</b> (8%)
Catering, Security & Third Party Services	\$97 (4%)	<b>\$61</b> (2%)
Consumables	\$51 (2%)	<b>\$53</b> (1%)
Diesel	\$69 (3%)	<b>\$17</b> (0%)
Product Transportation	\$170 (7%)	<b>\$127</b> (4%)
G&A	\$86 (3%)	<b>\$141</b> (4%)

**Total Operating Costs** \$2,495/t \$3,576/t

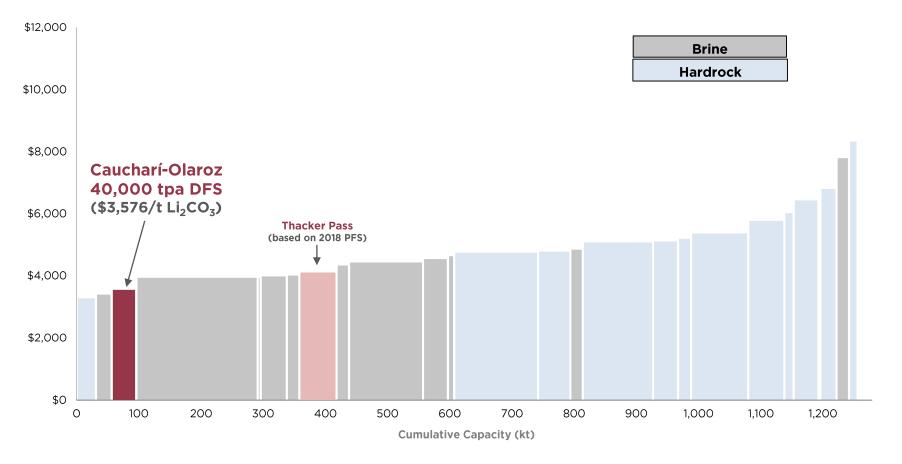
# **OPERATING COSTS (CONT.)**



Caucharí-Olaroz operating costs (\$3,576/t) for battery-quality lithium carbonate are expected to be at low-end of the cost curve

#### **Operating Cost**

(\$/tpa LCE, 2025 inc. existing and potential new capacity)



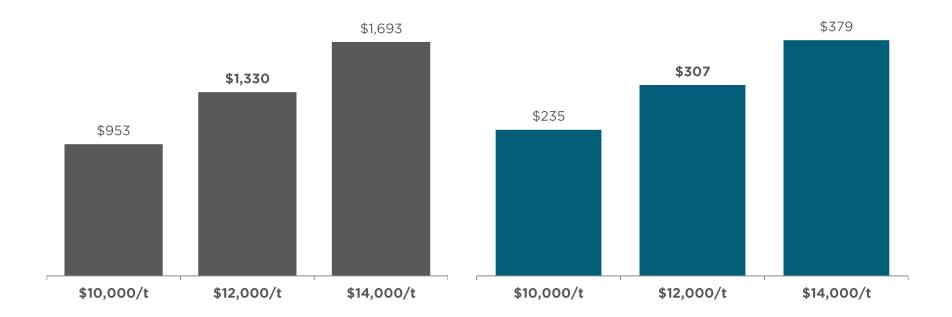
Source: Street Research including Caucharí-Olaroz DFS and Thacker Pass (before by-product credits). Includes CORFO royalty assuming price of \$10,000/t of lithium carbonate For more information, including timing of full 43-101 technical report, see LAC press release dated September 30, 2019

#### PROJECT ECONOMICS



Results of the 40,000 tpa DFS highlight the Project's anticipated strong economic results even in challenging market conditions

After-Tax NPV(1)(2) (\$ million, 10% discount rate) Average EBITDA<sup>(2)</sup> (\$ million)



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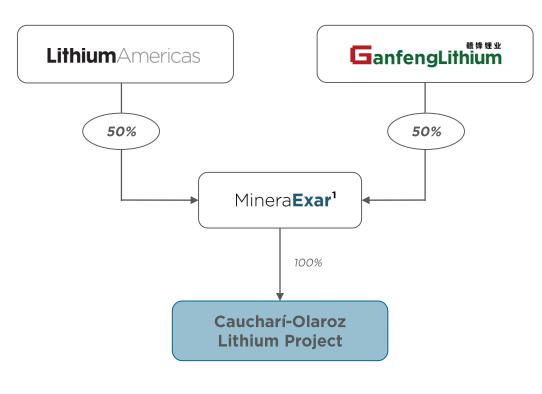
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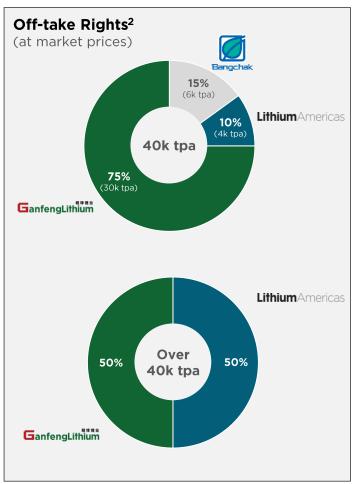
#### **CAPITAL STRUCTURE**



Caucharí-Olaroz is operated by Minera Exar - a 50/50 JV owned by Lithium Americas and Ganfeng Lithium

#### **Ownership Structure**





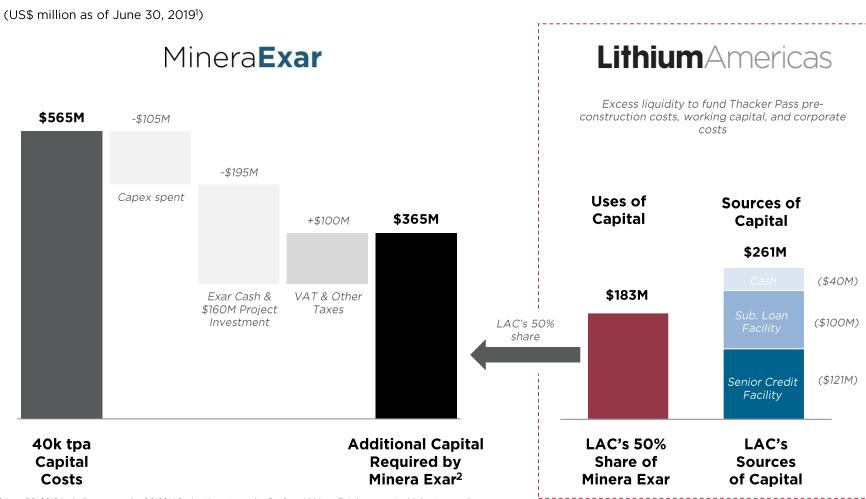
<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Jujuy Energía y Minería Sociedad del Estado (JEMSE), a Jujuy government owned company, has a conditional right to an 8.5% interest in Minera Exar

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>Includes Ganfeng's direct 50% interest and off-take rights to LAC's material

#### **FULLY-FUNDED TO PRODUCTION**



Lithium Americas expects to fully-fund its share of Minera Exar from undrawn credit and loan facilities



<sup>1</sup>As of June 30, 2019 including proceeds of \$160M Project investment by Ganfeng Lithium. Totals may not add due to rounding. <sup>2</sup> Estimated before working capital and operating costs.



#### THACKER PASS LITHIUM PROJECT

Advancing the largest-known lithium resource in the United States

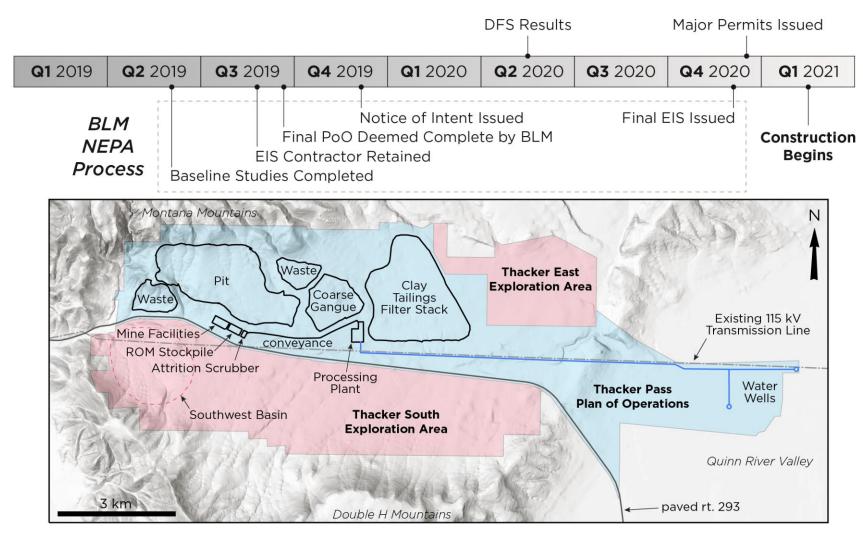
- 100% owned by Lithium Nevada Corp.
  - A wholly-owned subsidiary of Lithium Americas
- Nearby infrastructure:
  - Located near the mining town of Winnemucca
  - Water rights expected to exceed Phase 1 production needs
  - Adjacent to paved highway / high voltage transmission line
  - ~60 miles to rail main line
- Long-term mining contract with North American Coal
  - Provide mine engineering, construction, operation and reclamation services as well as certain equipment (up to \$50M)
- Produced over 3,000 kg of lithium sulfate solution
  - Process testing facility in Reno, Nevada demonstrated production of high-purity lithium sulfate from Thacker Pass ore
- Definitive Feasibility Study (DFS) underway
  - DFS expected by mid-2020 Phase 1 (targeting 20,000 tpa LCE) of lithium carbonate or lithium hydroxide
- All major permits anticipated by end of 2020
  - Permitting on schedule with Plan of Operations deemed complete by the BLM
- Evaluating financing options, including potential joint venture partners to develop Phase 1 of Thacker Pass



#### PERMITTING SCHEDULE



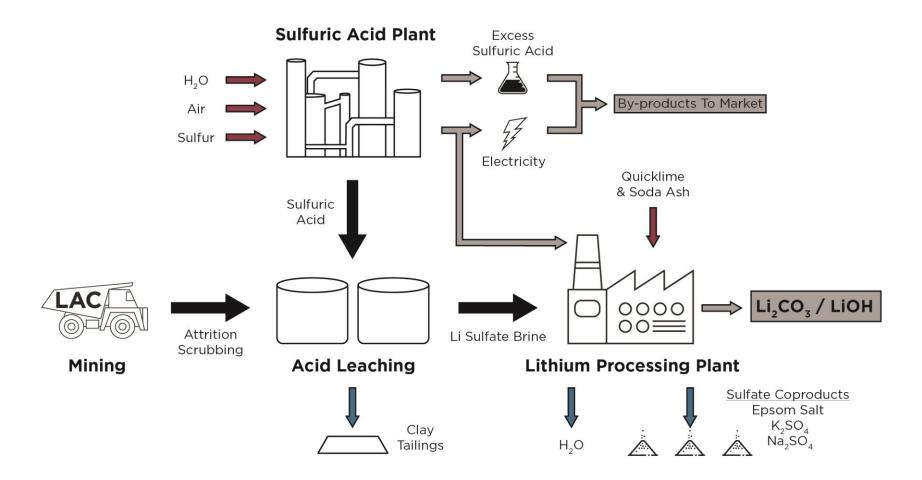
With the Plan of Operations was deemed complete by the BLM in September 2019, the Company anticipates all majors permits by the end of 2020



#### **PROCESS FLOWSHEET**



Thacker Pass' flowsheet applies a simple acid leaching process used in the phosphate industry

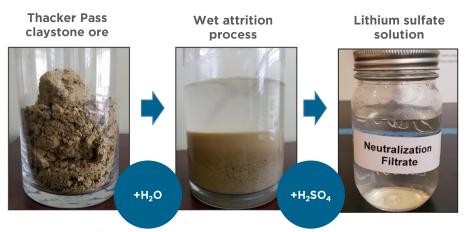


#### PROCESS TESTING FACILITY



Produced over 3,000 kg of high-quality lithium sulfate solution at the process testing facility in Reno

- Process optimization focused on reducing acid consumption
  - Added hydrocyclone to remove coarse material with relatively low lithium content
  - Demonstrated over 25% increase in lithium concentration as a result of ganuge removal compared to 2018 DFS lower acid consumption per tonne LCE
- Engaged third-party vendor to engineer and design lithium carbonate and lithium hydroxide evaporator and crystallizer
  - Samples to be provided to potential customers and partners





#### COMMERCIAL AGREEMENTS



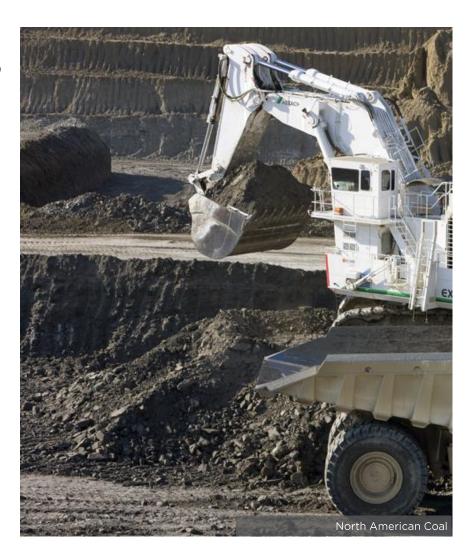
Partnered with North American Coal, TIC and others to leverage experience and de-risk execution

#### **North American Coal**

- Partnered with a subsidiary of NACCO Industries, Inc. (NYSE: NC) and The North American Coal Corporation in a long-term mining contract
  - Over 100 years of mining experience including constructing 5 surface mines in last 9 years
  - One of the best safety records in the industry
- Design and construct the mine and associated mine infrastructure
  - Provides up to \$50 million to procure all mobile mining equipment required for Phase 1 operations
  - During development, provides engineering services related primarily to mine design and permitting and \$3.5 million in funding (\$1 million received to date)

#### The Industrial Company (TIC)

- Entered into a design and build contract with TIC, a division of Kiewit
  - TIC to complete key aspects of the definitive feasibility study, with an option to expand to the role as prime contractor for the plant



#### **DEVELOPMENT SCHEDULE**



The Company anticipates the start of Phase 1 construction in early 2021

Updated resource estimate the largest Li deposit in North America. Submit Mine Plan of Operations to BLM and commence EIS process. Completed PFS. Completed process testing. Initiated baseline surveys. Complete DFS. 2017 2019 2021 2023 2016 2018 2020 2022 Completed 2017 exploration program. Begin Phase 1 construction. Completed 2018 exploration program. Commence engineering design Commissioning and towards construction. Phase 1 production. Process Testing Facility Complete.







