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MARKET ANNOUNCEMENT

Presentation at Paydirt's 2022 Battery Minerals Conference

Lithium Energy Limited (ASX:LEL) (**Lithium Energy** or the **Company**) is pleased to announce its participation at Paydirt's 2022 Battery Minerals Conference, held on 6 and 7 April 2022 in Perth, Western Australia.

Executive Chairman, William Johnson, will be presenting on 7 April 2021 at 1:55 pm (AWST).

A copy of Lithium Energy's presentation is attached.

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ABOUT LITHIUM ENERGY LIMITED (ASX:LEL)

Lithium Energy Limited is an ASX listed battery minerals company which is developing its flagship Solaroz Lithium Brine Project in Argentina and the Burke Graphite Project in Queensland. The Solaroz Lithium Project (LEL:90%) comprises 12,000 hectares of highly prospective lithium mineral tenements located strategically within the Salar de Olaroz Basin in South America's "Lithium Triangle" in north-west Argentina. The Solaroz Lithium Project is directly adjacent to or principally surrounded by mineral tenements being developed into production by Allkem Limited (ASX/TSX:AKE) (formerly Orocobre Limited) and Lithium Americas Corporation (TSX/NYSE:LAC). The Burke Graphite Project (LEL:100%) contains a high grade graphite deposit and presents an opportunity to participate in the anticipated growth in demand for graphite and graphite related products. LEL was spun out of Strike Resources Limited (ASX:SRK) via a \$9 million IPO; Strike remains a major (43%) shareholder of the Company.



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ASX:LEL

Lithium Energy - One of the Best Performing IPO's of 2021



Fully Paid Ordinary Shares 80,010,000

Options (ex. Price: \$0.30, \$1.39) 17,500,000

Market Capitalisation (@ \$1.00) \$80 Million

Cash (as at 31 March 2022) \$7.1 Million

IPO Issue Price: 0.20



Unique exposure to the two most important ingredients for Lithium-ion batteries: **Lithium** and **Graphite**

LITHIUM



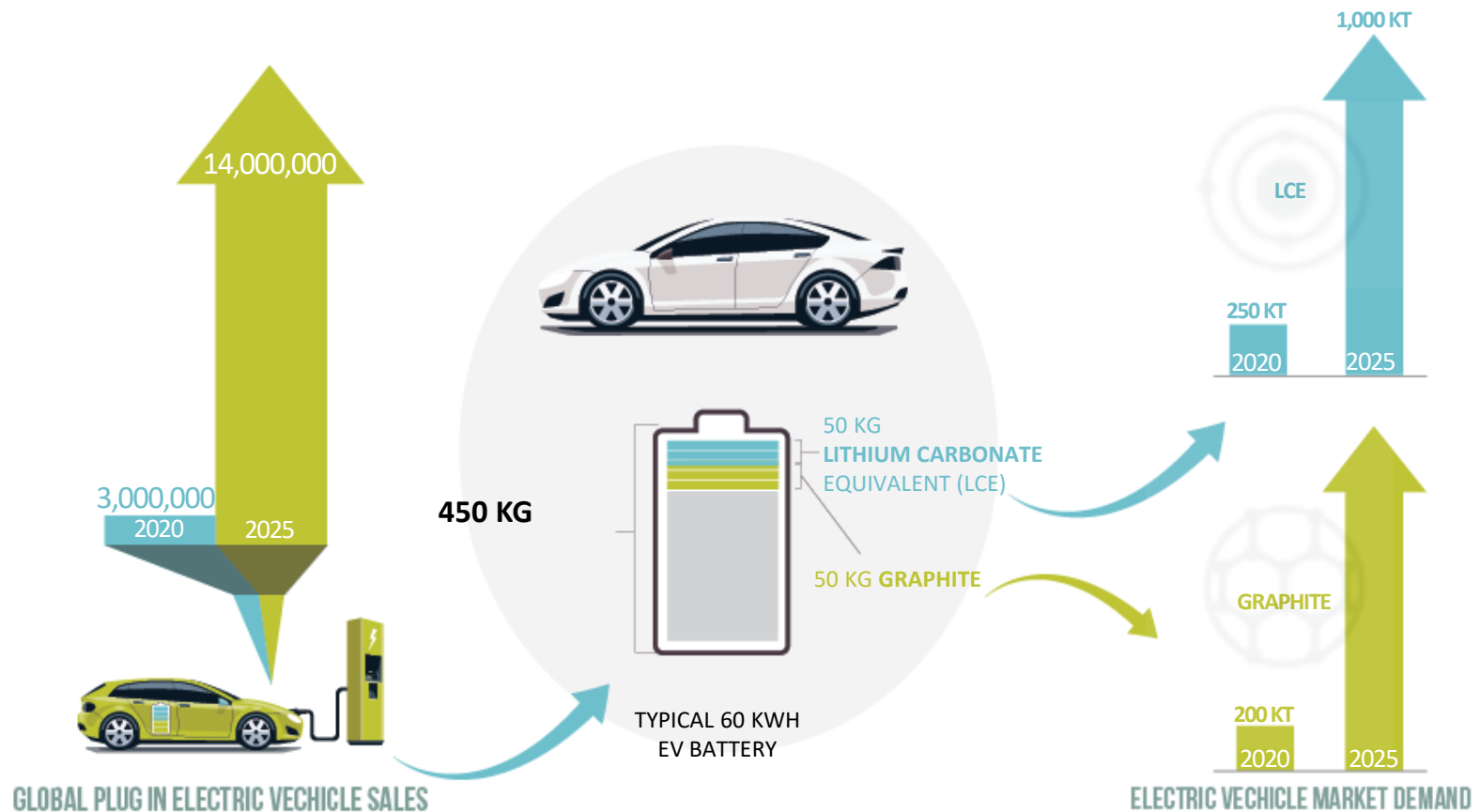
- Adjacent to and in same lithium brine basin as Allkem's (ASX/TSX:AKE) lithium production project (AKE Mkt. Cap: A\$8.55 Billion) and Lithium Americas Corporation (NYSE/TSX:LAC)
- Large tenement package (12,000 ha)
- Argentine Lithium Brine projects among lowest on global cost curve

GRAPHITE



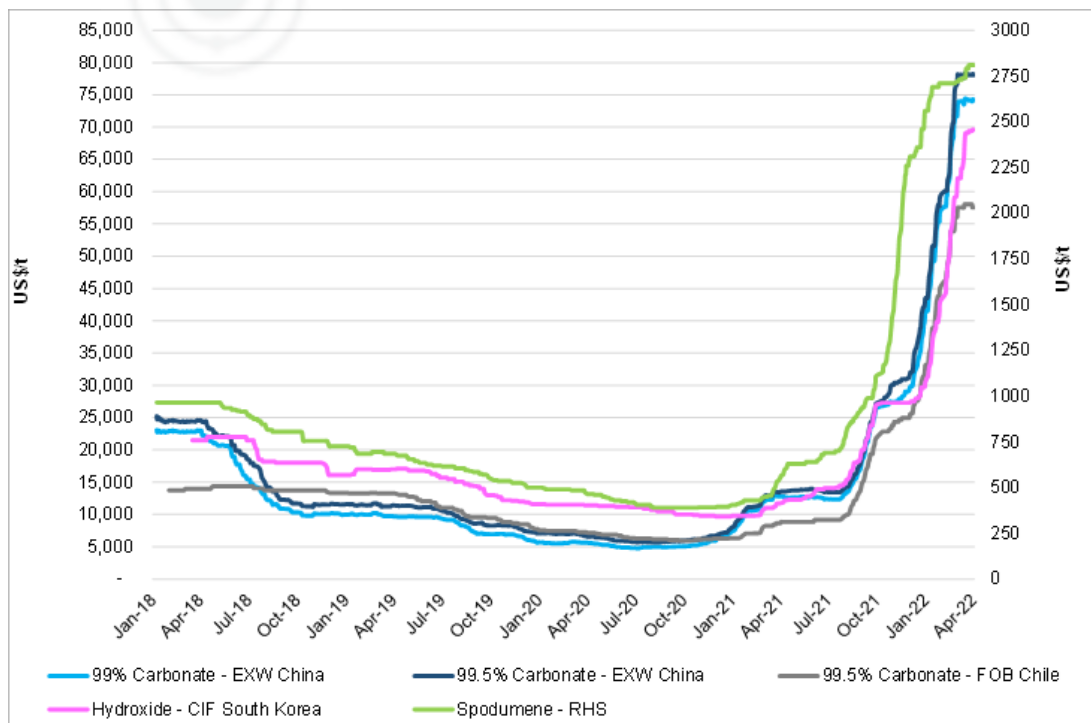
- High grade flake graphite deposit in low risk jurisdiction
- Favourable testwork results for EV applications – further test work planned
- Potential downstream anode production opportunities – proximity to emerging Townsville Battery Hub
- Significant Exploration upside

Growth in electric vehicle (EV) sales is leading to substantial increase in demand for **Lithium** & **Graphite**



Source: Bloomberg NEF; Allkem

Lithium Prices have increased dramatically since late 2020



Source: Asian Metal

Factors driving the increase in LCE pricing include:

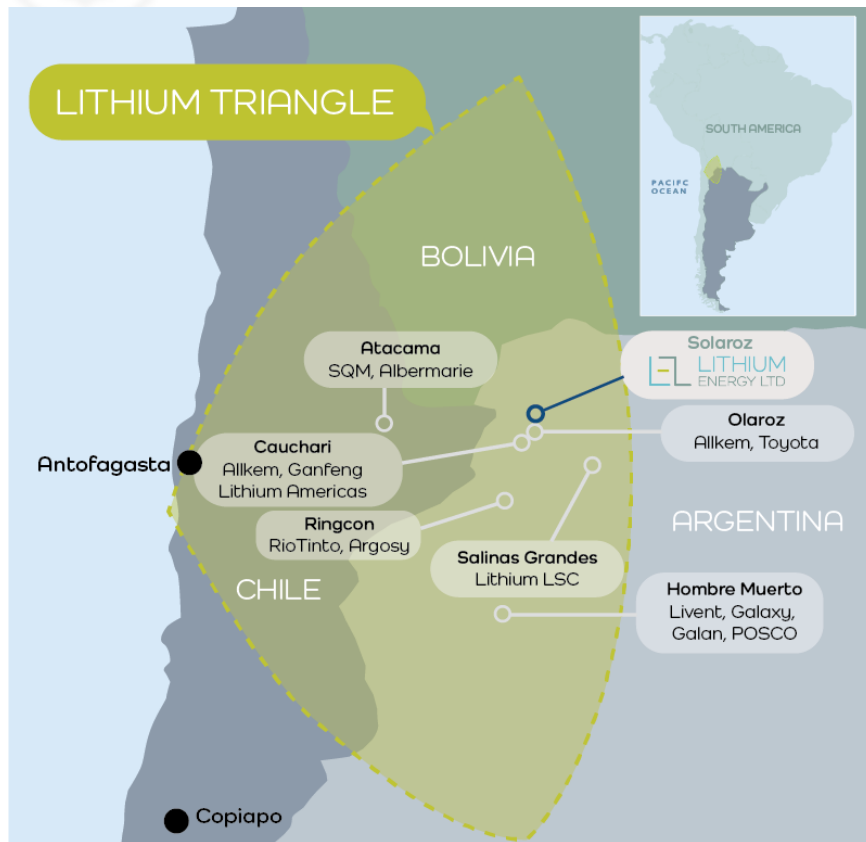
- Rising global demand for EVs.
- European government subsidies – 1/3 of all new European passenger car sales are now ‘alternatively’ powered.
- China has invested \$60 Billion to support EV industry, targeting transition to all electric/hybrid by 2035.
- US Government to build 500,000 charging stations.
- Supply deficit due to lack of investment in new mines.



Solaroz Lithium Brine Project

Located within the Salar de Olaroz Basin in South America's 'Lithium' Triangle in north-west Argentina, the Solaroz Lithium Project (**Solaroz**) comprises 12,000 hectares of highly prospective lithium mineral tenements.

Solaroz is located in the prolific 'Lithium Triangle' in Argentina



- World's largest reserves of lithium are found in the **Lithium Triangle**.
- Argentina is the world's third largest producer of lithium after Australia and Chile.
- Solaroz is located in an extremely prospective part of the Lithium Triangle.
- Most of the world's lithium supply currently comes from brine projects.
- Lithium Brine projects from Argentina are among the **lowest** on the LCE¹ cost curve.

¹ Lithium Carbonate Equivalent

Lithium Brine Projects have **significant advantages** when compared to hard rock lithium



Operating costs are lower | Simple production process | More Environmentally Friendly

Lithium Carbonate Production Process



Pump lithium brine
from the salar¹



Solar evaporation to concentrate
Lithium brine in shallow ponds



Process concentrated
lithium brine in a plant



Ship lithium
carbonate

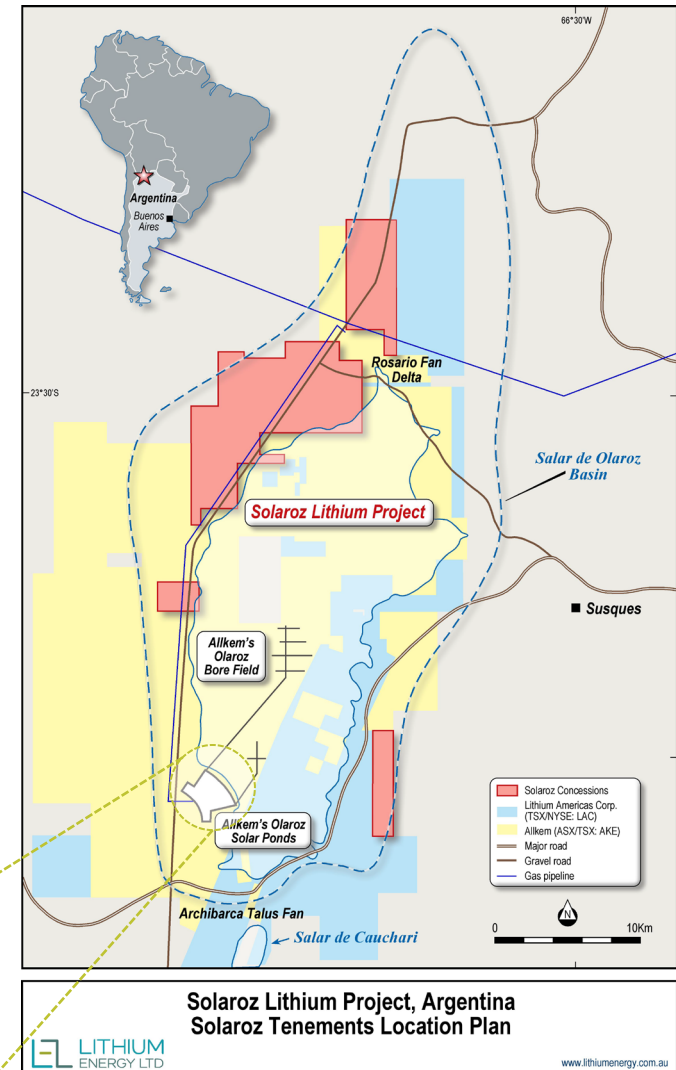
¹ Salt flat

Solaroz (LEL 90%¹) is located in a highly prospective location

- **12,000 Hectares** of tenements adjacent to Allkem (ASX/TSX:AKE, Mkt.Cap. ~A\$8.55 Billion) (formerly Orocobre Limited) and Lithium Americas Corporation (NYSE/TSX:LAC, Mkt.Cap ~US\$4.64 Billion).
- AKE (Salar de Jujuy JV with Toyota Tsusho Corp.) is already a low cost, high margin producer of Lithium Carbonate from the Salar de Olaroz basin.
- LAC first production from Olaroz-Cauchari (40,000tpa) scheduled for 2022 (US\$500M invested to date), with planned expansion to 60,000tpa by 2025.
- Highly favourable climatic conditions to support brine evaporation - low rainfall, high evaporation.
- Supporting infrastructure (gas, roads etc.)



¹ 10% owned by Hanaq (Argentina)

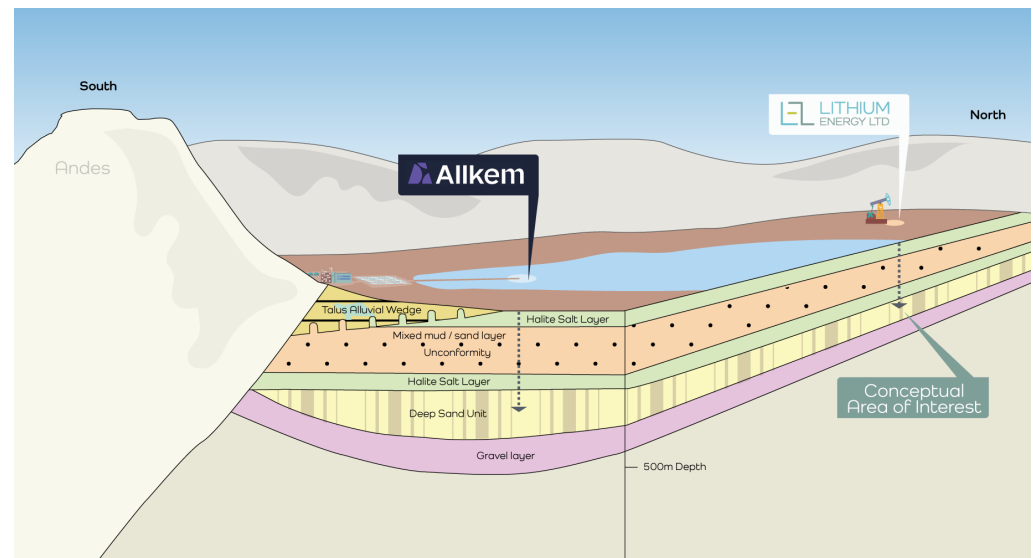


Exploration Target of 1.5 to 8.7 Million Tonnes of LCE @ 500 – 700mg/L Li for Solaroz¹



The Exploration Target's potential quantity and grade is conceptual in nature, there has been insufficient exploration to estimate a Mineral Resource, and it is uncertain if further exploration will result in the estimation of a Mineral Resource

- Substantial Exploration Target demonstrates world class potential of Solaroz
- Detailed conceptual geological model for Solaroz now established, providing pathway to delineation of a mineral resource and project advancement
- Recent Resource Upgrade by AKE² in neighbouring tenements within the same Salar de Olaroz Basin provides further support of Exploration Target.



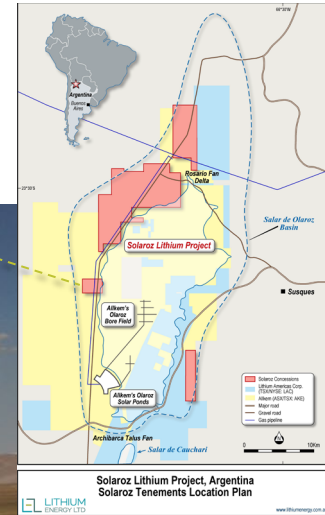
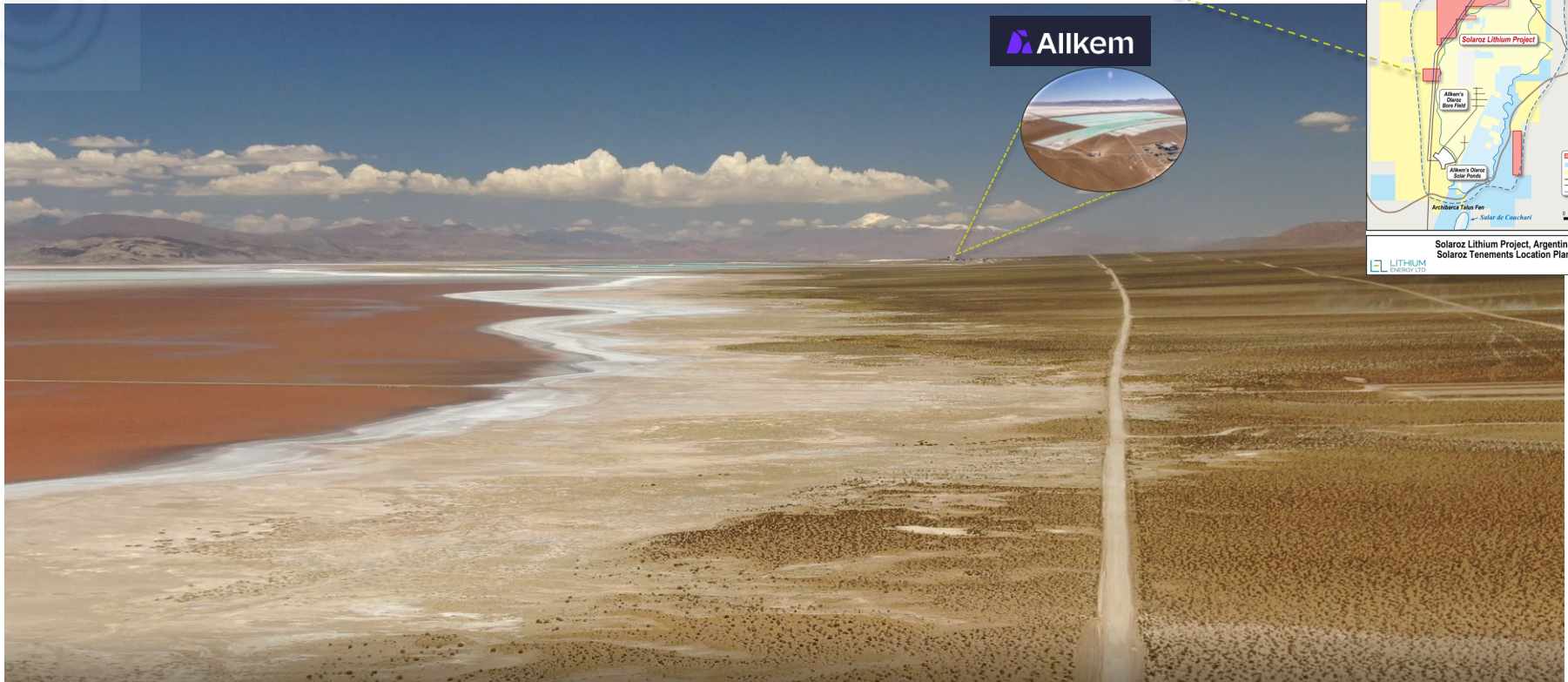
¹ LEL's ASX Announcement dated 8 June 2021: [Substantial Lithium Exploration Target Identified at the Solaroz Project in Argentina](#)

² AKE's ASX Announcement dated 4 April 2022: [Olaroz resource upgraded 2.5x to 16.2 million tonnes LCE – Confirmation of strong project economics for Olaroz stage 2](#)

The majority of the **Solaroz** tenements are located within 20km of Allkem's northern bore field and **within same Salar (Basin)**



Photo taken here,
looking south



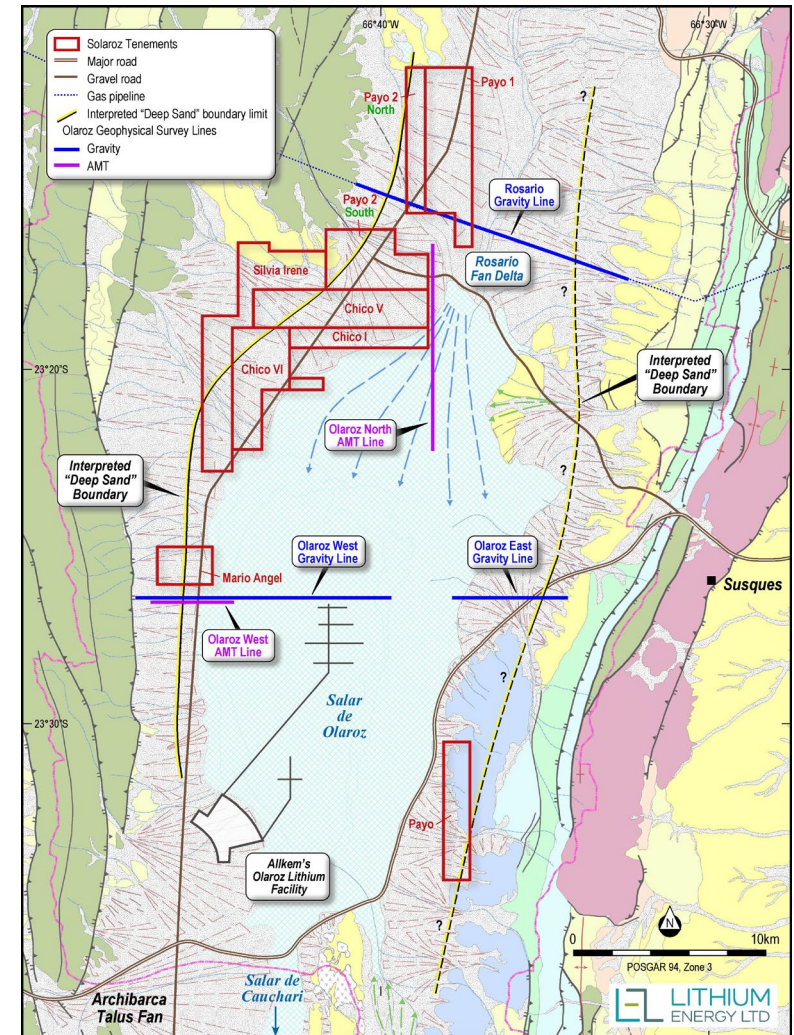
Interpretation of historical exploration highlights Solaroz prospectivity



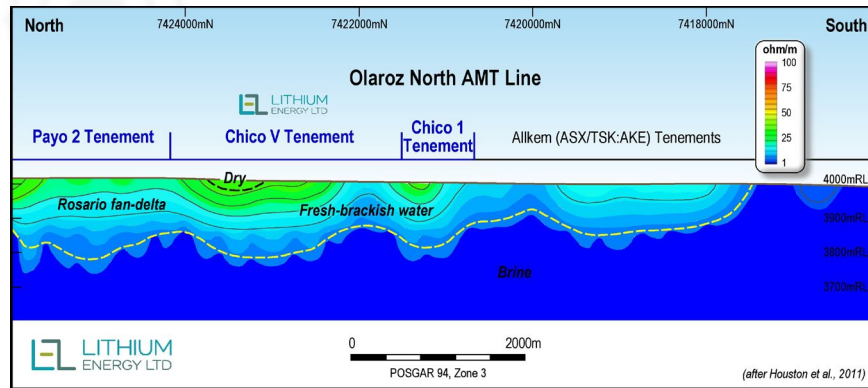
- Historical Gravity and Audio-frequency Magnetotellurics (AMT) Surveys conducted by Allkem¹ intersect or are adjacent to Solaroz tenements
 - Gravity readings assist in providing thickness of Salar sediments, and structural breaks associated with bounding faults
 - AMT and Electrical soundings, provide depth to conductive saline rich units
- Interpretation of these historical results indicates that the major lithium rich “Deep Sand Unit” targeted by Allkem extends under Solaroz tenements

¹ Refer Allkem Reports (available from www.allkem.co):

- Technical Report on the Salar De Olaroz Lithium-Potash Project, 31 January 2011 &
- Olaroz Project Large Exploration Target Defined Beneath Current Resource, 23 October 2014.
- AKE's ASX Announcement dated 4 April 2022: Olaroz resource upgraded 2.5x to 16.2 million tonnes LCE – Confirmation of strong project economics for Olaroz stage 2

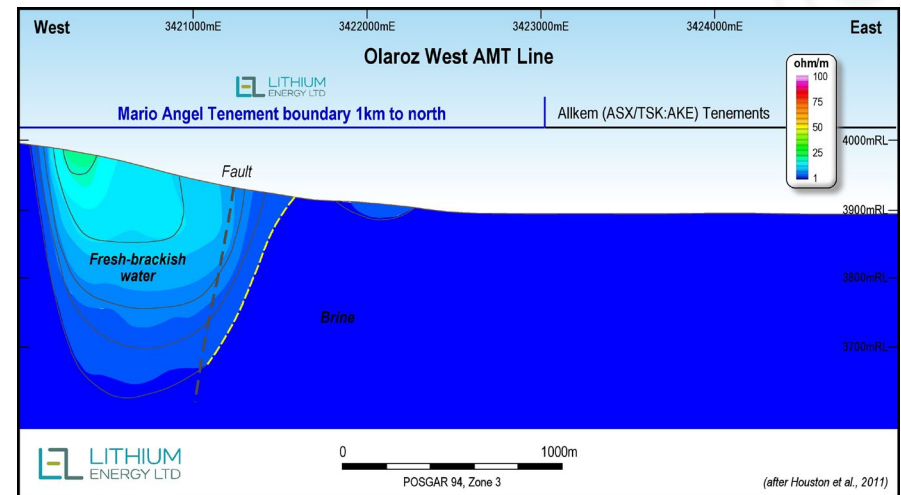


AMT Surveys in particular demonstrate potential for Lithium rich brine to extend under Solaroz tenements



- Interpretation of North AMT Surveys shows conductive brines extending underneath Payo and Chico tenements

- Interpretation West AMT Survey shows conductive brines extending underneath Mario Angel tenement



Next Steps for Solaroz



- Environmental approvals for 2 year work programme already received from local (Jujuy) Mining Authority for 2 out of 8 Solaroz tenements - final 6 approvals are pending.



- Exploration programme to include:
 - **Mapping, sampling and geophysics** (including Passive Seismic) to validate geological model, and select targets for drilling.



- **Drilling** programme to confirm geometry of Olaroz basin underlying Solaroz, brine chemistry (lithium concentration etc.) and aquifer yield (porosity, flow rates etc.).



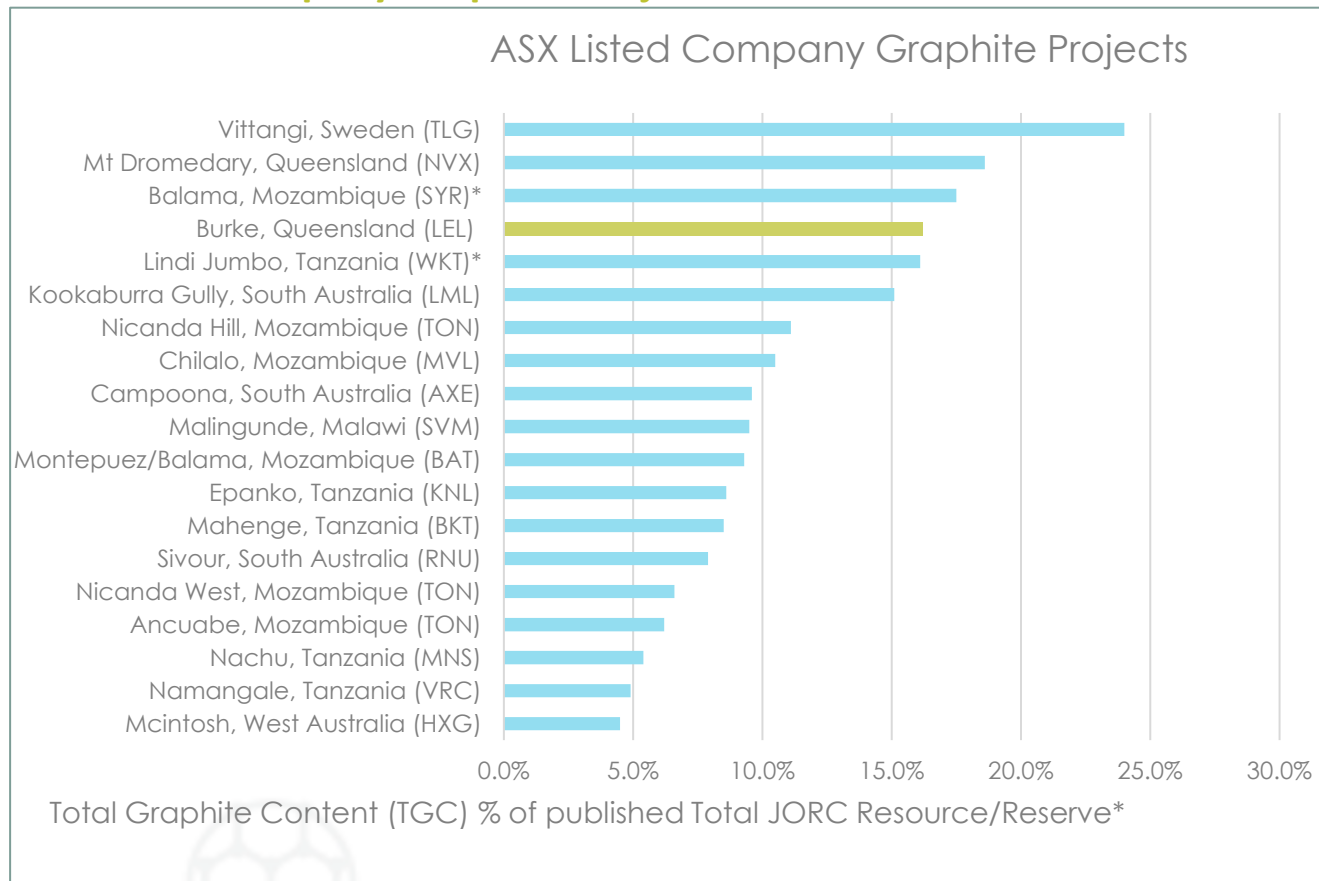
Burke Graphite Project

Located in Queensland the Burke Graphite Project is one of the highest-grade graphite deposits globally, with confirmed potential for Graphite and Graphene production suitable for use in lithium-ion batteries.

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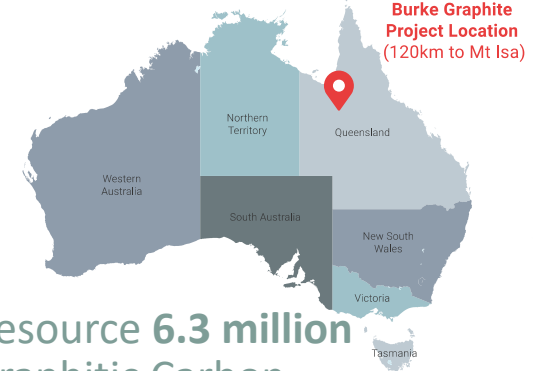


ASX Listed Company Graphite Projects

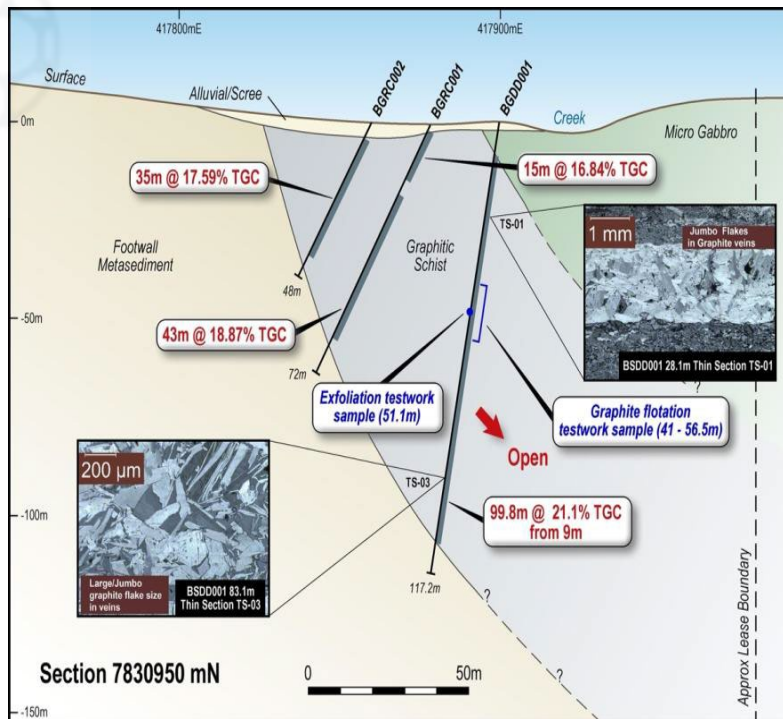


Total Graphite Content (TGC) % of published Total JORC Resource/Reserve
Source: company announcements

Burke Graphite Deposit (LEL 100%), Queensland, Australia



One of the world's highest-grade deposits of flake graphite



Burke Graphite Project, Queensland, Australia



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- JORC Inferred Mineral Resource **6.3 million tonnes @ 16.0%** Total Graphitic Carbon (TGC) for **1,000,000 tonnes** of contained graphite¹.
- Includes **2.3 million tonnes @ 20.6% TGC** (with a TGC cut-off grade of 18%) for **464,000 tonnes** of contained graphite.
- CSIRO testwork has confirmed suitability for use in lithium-ion batteries.
- Graphene production capability demonstrated
- Favourable jurisdiction, simple mining (shallow open pit) and good logistics.
- Further exploration potential at nearby **Corella** prospect.

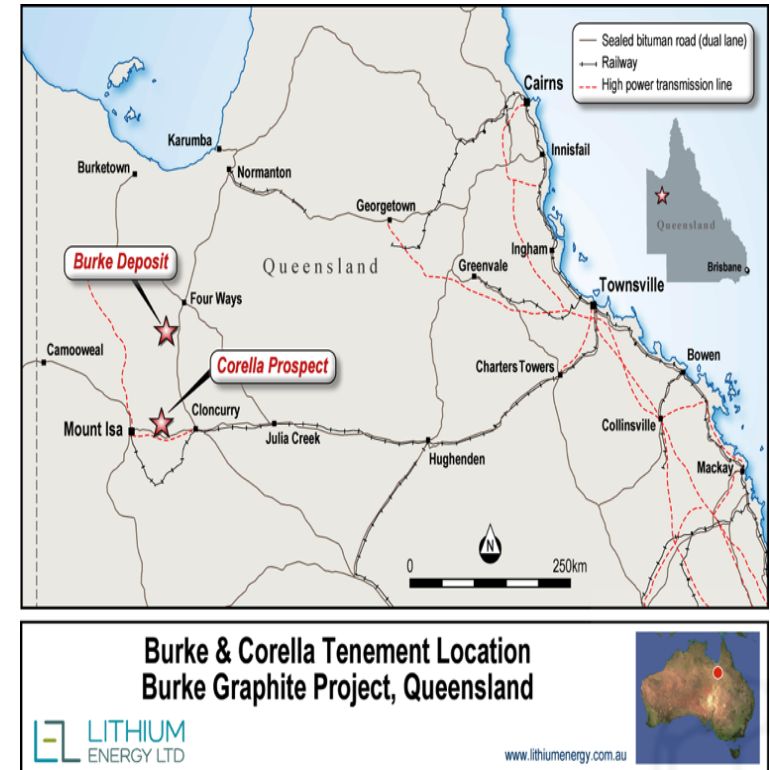
¹ Refer Strike Resources Limited (ASX:SRK) ASX Announcement 13 November 2017: Maiden Mineral Resource Estimate Confirms Burke Project as one of the Worlds Highest Grade Natural Graphite Deposits

Purified Spherical Graphite opportunity

Burke Graphite



- Purified Spherical Graphite (PSG) is used as anode material for lithium-ion batteries
- The demand for PSG is set to increase ten-fold over the next decade.
- Most PSG comes from China using highly toxic ingredients for purification
- Opportunity exists for meeting expected demand growth from environmentally sustainable PSG production from Australia.
- Australia has strong technical capabilities together with a range of Government funded initiatives such as the Future Battery Industries Cooperative Research Centre (CRC)
- Burke Deposit is ideally located close to Townsville, where Townsville Energy Chemicals Hub (TECH) is being considered as a center for battery production.



Next Steps for Burke Graphite

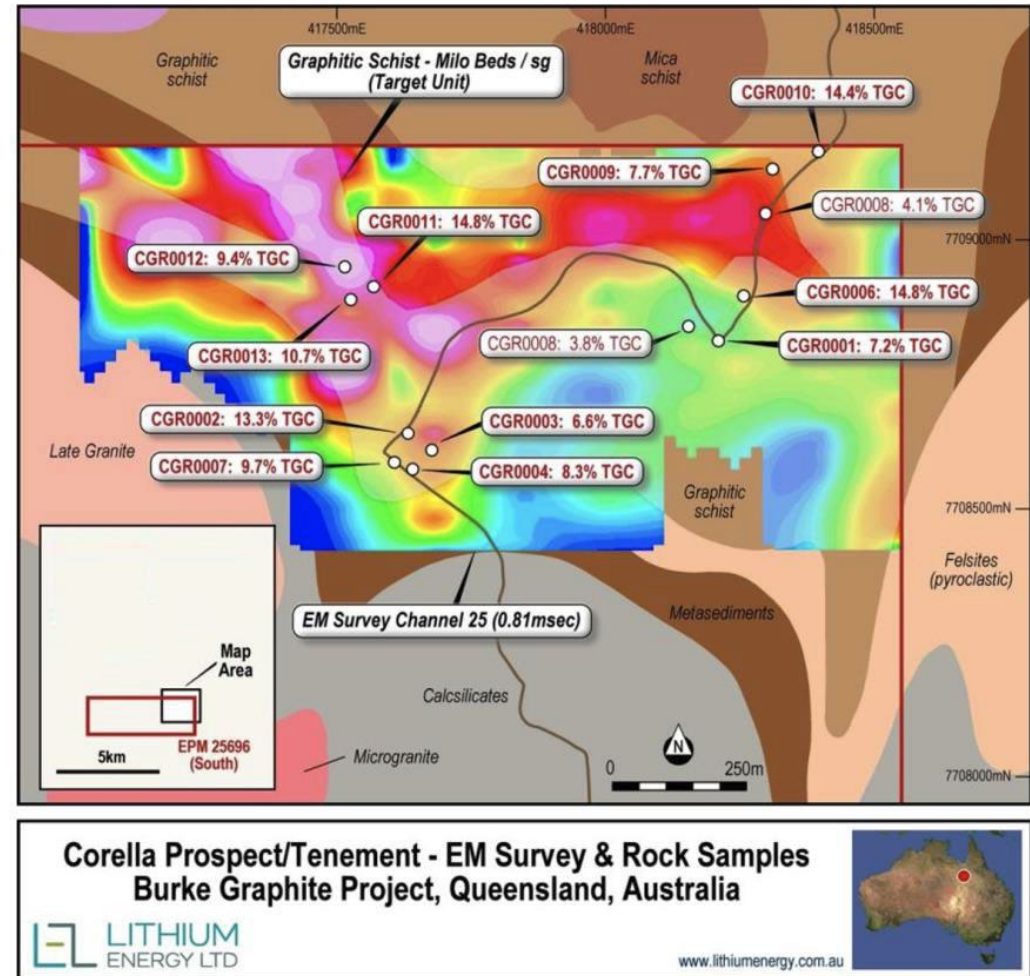


Testwork and Studies

- Further testwork by CSIRO and others to provide samples to potential off-take partners
- Studies for PSG manufacturing facility

Exploration – Corella Prospect

- High Grade Graphite occurs from surface sampling at Corella prospect
- Graphite outcrops in a flat lying synform, with low strip ratio potential.
- Shallow drilling planned to provide indication of thickness, and to provide samples for Metallurgy



Lithium Energy Limited has a highly experienced Board with strong Leadership, Technical and Commercial skills



Chairman - William Johnson

MA (Oxon), MBA, MAICD

Mr Johnson holds a Masters degree in Engineering Science from Oxford University, England and a Masters Degree in Business Administration from Victoria University in Wellington, New Zealand. His 30+ year business career includes mineral exploration and investment experience in North Africa, Australia, Peru, Chile, Argentina, Saudi Arabia, Oman and Indonesia. Mr Johnson has 15 years experience of operating in Latin America, is a highly experienced public company director and has considerable depth of experience in business strategy, investment analysis, finance and execution.



Director – Peter Smith

BSc (UniSyd), AIG, ASEG

Mr Smith is a geophysicist with 30 years' experience in mineral exploration having worked for Normandy, Pasminco, BHP Billiton and several junior mining companies. He has held senior exploration manager roles, including Regional Exploration Manager Australia for Cliffs Natural Resources. Reflecting his diverse experience, Mr Smith has worked on projects in Africa, Australia, Philippines, Pakistan, USA and Peru. More importantly, he has managed projects through exploration, development then leading to production. Mr Smith is a qualified Competent Person and has memberships with the Australian Society of Exploration Geophysicists and Australian Institute of Geoscientists (AIG). He obtained a Bachelor of Science from the University of Sydney.



Company Secretary- Mr Victor Ho

BCom, LLB (Western Australia), CTA

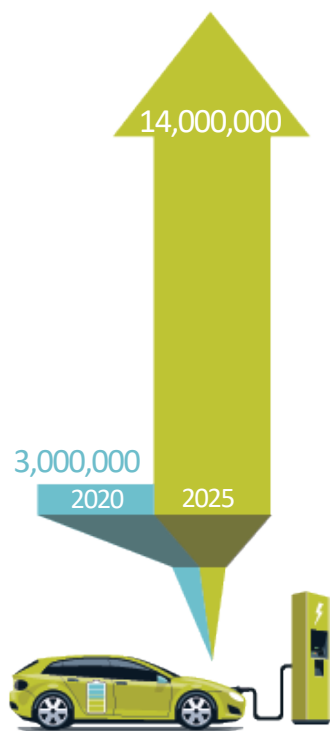
Victor Ho has been in Executive roles with a number of ASX-listed companies across the investments, resources and technology sectors over the past 22 years. Mr Ho is a Chartered Tax Adviser (CTA) and previously had 9 years' experience in the taxation profession with the Australian Tax Office (ATO) and in a specialist tax law firm. Mr Ho has been actively involved in the structuring and execution of many corporate, M&A and international (in South America, Indonesia and the Middle East) joint venture transactions, capital raisings and capital management initiatives and has extensive experience in public company administration, corporations' law and ASX compliance and investor/shareholder relations.

Director- Mr Farooq Khan

Bjuris, LLB (Western Australia)

Farooq Khan is a qualified lawyer having previously practised principally in the field of corporate law. Mr Khan has extensive experience in the securities industry, capital markets and the executive management of ASX-listed companies. In particular, Mr Khan has guided the establishment and growth of a number of public listed companies in the investment, mining and financial services sector. He has considerable experience in the fields of capital raisings, mergers and acquisitions and investments

Summary – Lithium Energy is well positioned and funded to take advantage of **forecast global growth** in demand for key battery minerals



GLOBAL PLUG IN ELECTRIC VEHICLE SALES

Lithium

- Solaroz offers significant upside potential, given its location next to Allkem's producing project – a great address!
- Exploration program to test geological model and define exploration target

Graphite/Graphene

- Key component on EV batteries (anode)
- Burke graphite is a high-quality resource well located in low sovereign risk jurisdiction close to emerging Townsville battery hub

People

- Strong technical capability (*Peter Smith*) and proven leadership with extensive Latin American and commercial experience (*Chairman - William Johnson, Director - Farooq Khan, Company Secretary & CFO - Victor Ho*).

Uniquely positioned and ready for the global energy transformation



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JORC CODE COMPETENT PERSON'S STATEMENTS

JORC Code (2012) Competent Person Statement – Solaroz Lithium Project (Argentina)

The information in this release that relates to Exploration Targets and Exploration Results in relation to the Solaroz Lithium Project is extracted from the following ASX market announcements made by Lithium Energy dated:

- [8 June 2021 entitled "Substantial Lithium Exploration Target Identified at the Solaroz Project in Argentina"](#)
- [26 May 2021 entitled "Geophysical Data Supports Highly Encouraging Exploration Potential for Solaroz"](#)

The information in the original announcements is based on, and fairly represents, information and supporting documentation prepared and compiled by Mr Peter Smith (BSc (Geophysics) (Sydney) AIG ASEG). Mr Smith is a Member of the Australian Institute of Geoscientists (AIG) and a Director of the Company. Mr Smith has the requisite experience which is relevant to the style of mineralisation and type of deposit under consideration and to the activity which he is undertaking to qualify as a Competent Person as defined in the 2012 Edition of the 'Australasian Code for Reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves' (the JORC Code). The Company confirms that it is not aware of any new information or data that materially affects the information included in the original market announcements (referred to above). The Company confirms that the form and context in which the Competent Person's findings are presented have not been materially modified from the original market announcements (referred to above).

JORC Code (2012) Competent Person Statement - Burke Graphite Project (Queensland)

The Competent Persons named below have been previously engaged by Strike Resources Limited (ASX:SRK) (Strike), the former parent company of Lithium Energy Limited (and subsidiaries) that hold the interests in the Burke Graphite Project. Lithium Energy Limited was spun out of Strike into a new ASX listing in May 2021.

- (a) The information in this release that relates to Mineral Resources in relation to the Burke Graphite Project is extracted from the following ASX market announcement made by Strike dated:

- [13 November 2017 entitled "Maiden Mineral Resource Estimate Confirms Burke Project as One of the World's Highest-Grade Natural Graphite Deposits"](#).

The information in the original announcement (including the CSA Global MRE Technical Summary in Annexure A) that relates to these Mineral Resources is based on information compiled by Mr Grant Louw under the direction and supervision of Dr Andrew Scogings. Dr Scogings takes overall responsibility for this information. At the time of the Mineral Resource estimation, Dr Scogings and Mr Louw were employees of CSA Global Pty Ltd, who had been engaged by Strike to provide Mineral Resource estimate services. Dr Scogings is a Member of AIG (and at the time of the Mineral Resource estimation, also a member of the Australian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy (AusIMM)) and has sufficient experience which is relevant to the style of mineralisation and type of deposit under consideration and to the activity which he is undertaking to qualify as a Competent Person as defined in the 2012 Edition of the JORC Code. The Company confirms that it is not aware of any new information or data that materially affects the information included in the original market announcement (referred to above). The Company confirms that the form and context in which the Competent Person's findings are presented have not been materially modified from the original market announcement (referred to above).

JORC CODE COMPETENT PERSON'S STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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- [16 October 2017 entitled "Test-work confirms the potential suitability of Burke graphite for lithium-ion battery usage and Graphene production"](#).
- [13 November 2017 entitled "Maiden Mineral Resource Estimate Confirms Burke Project as One of the World's Highest-Grade Natural Graphite Deposits"](#).

The information in the original announcements that relates to these metallurgical test work matters is based on, and fairly represents, information and supporting documentation prepared by Mr Peter Adamini, BSc (Mineral Science and Chemistry), who is a Member of AusIMM. Mr Adamini is a full-time employee of Independent Metallurgical Operations Pty Ltd, who had been engaged by Strike to provide metallurgical consulting services. Mr Adamini has the requisite experience which is relevant to the style of mineralisation and type of deposit under consideration and to the activity which he is undertaking to qualify as a Competent Person as defined in the JORC Code (2012). The Company confirms that it is not aware of any new information or data that materially affects the information included in the original market announcements (referred to above). The Company confirms that the form and context in which the Competent Person's findings are presented have not been materially modified from the original market announcements (referred to above).

(c) The information in this release that relates to Exploration Results in relation to the Burke Graphite Project is extracted from the following ASX market announcements released by:

(i) Lithium Energy dated:

- [27 September 2021 entitled "High Grade Burke Graphite to be Optimised for Lithium Battery Application"](#)
- [9 July 2021 entitled "Graphene from Burke Graphite Project Opens Up Significant Lithium-Ion Battery Opportunity"](#).

(ii) Strike dated:

- [21 April 2017 entitled "Jumbo Flake Graphite Confirmed at Burke Graphite Project, Queensland"](#).
- [13 June 2017 entitled "Extended Intersections of High-Grade Graphite Encountered at Burke Graphite Project"](#).
- [21 June 2017 entitled "Further High-Grade Intersection Encountered at Burke Graphite Project"](#).
- [16 October 2017 entitled "Test-work confirms the potential suitability of Burke graphite for lithium-ion battery usage and Graphene production"](#).
- [13 November 2017 entitled "Maiden Mineral Resource Estimate Confirms Burke Project as One of the World's Highest-Grade Natural Graphite Deposits"](#).
- [26 June 2018 entitled "Burke Graphite Project – New Target Area Identified from Ground Electro-Magnetic Surveys"](#).

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Strike's ASX Announcements may be viewed and downloaded from the Company's website: www.strikeresources.com.au or the ASX website: www.asx.com.au under ASX code "SRK".