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## **OVERVIEW: SONORA LITHIUM PROJECT**

AIM listed company focused on building a 35,000 tpa lithium carbonate operation at Sonora in Mexico



#### **Large Lithium Deposit**

8.8 Mt of LCE resources at Sonora, open-pit mining \* with ~250 year resource life



### **Experienced Management**

**Ganfeng Lithium Partnership** 

Track record in mine development and production

investment at Sonora project level

LOS ANGELES

NOGALES

**CUAYMAS** 

SONORA

HERMOSILLO

SDNDRA

LITHIUM



#### **Completed Feasibility Study**

\$1.25B NPV; 26% IRR \*



#### **Cost Competitive**

~\$4,000/t operating cost \* among the lowest in the industry



### **Conventional Processing**

4 years of ongoing battery grade (99.9%) lithium carbonate production from Pilot Plant with testwork ongoing for lithium hydroxide product



#### **Approvals in Place\***

MIA/EIS permits received. Land acquisition completed. Water licence permits granted.



#### **Lithium Pricing**

Low prices in the short term will lead to a reduced investment pipeline, which in turn will lead to an even more dramatic undersupply situation down the line and much higher prices annually\*\*\*



#### **Other Strategic Partnerships**

Stage 2

10 year Off-take agreement and equity partnership with Japanese trading group Hanwa for 50% initial 10 years of Stage 1 production

Initial cornerstone 29.99% investment by leading producer

Long term 50% off-take for Stage 1 and 75% off-take for

Ganfeng Lithium at PLC corporate level and 22.5%

• \$150 million debt finance facility from RK Mine Finance available in 3 tranches subject to CPs

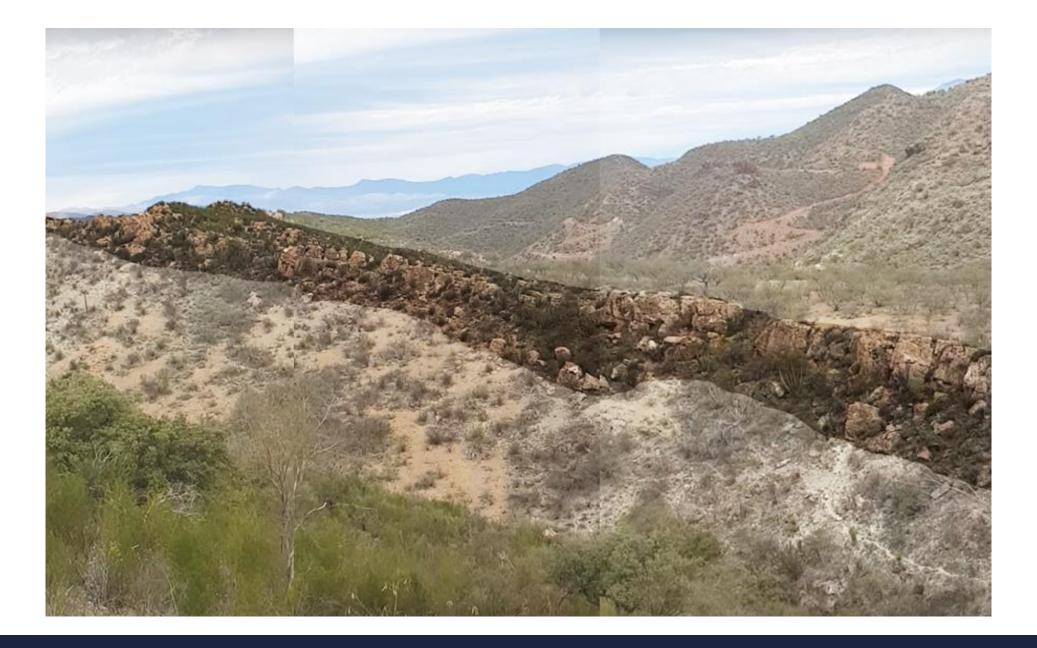


#### **Rapidly Growing Market**

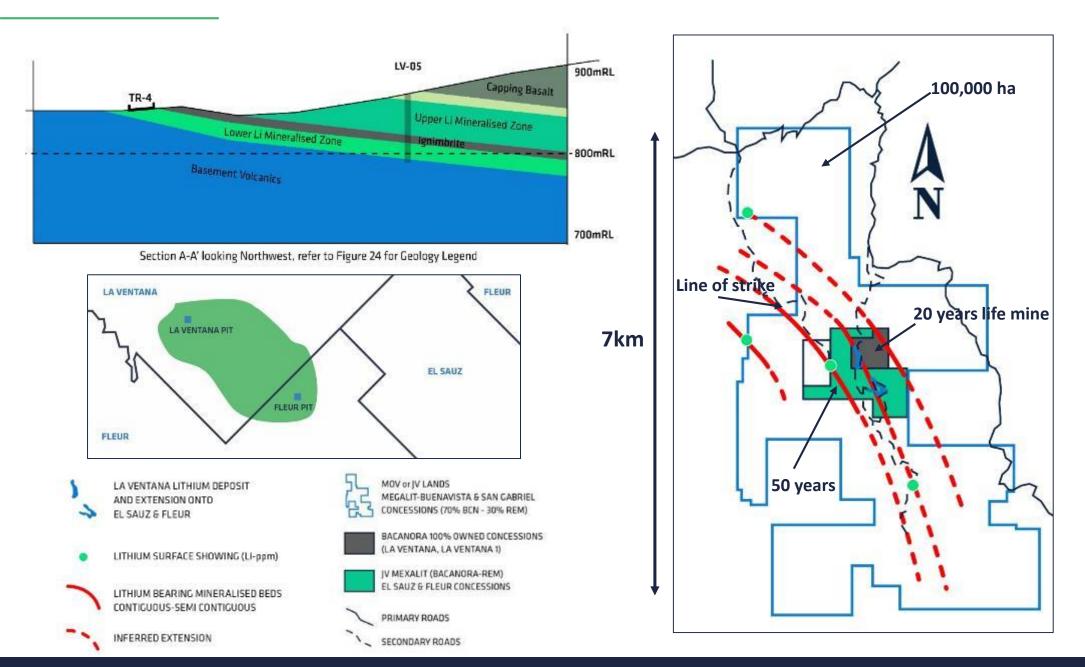
Lithium supply has to increase at a 19% CAGR over the next 6 years to meet 2025 demand. Even at the height of the market, the industry only managed to grow by 11% per year, on average, from 2015-2018\*\*



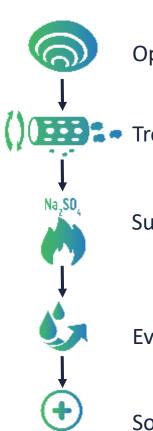
## **OUTCROPPING LITHIUM DEPOSITS - COMBINED WIDTH OVER 40 METRES**



## **SONORA LEASES – EXPLORATION UPSIDE**



# CONVENTIONAL PROCESSING ROUTE TESTED FOR 4 YEARS WITH PILOT PLANT IN MEXICO PRODUCING 99.9% LITHIUM



Na<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>

Open-pit mining

Trommel and screen

Sulphate (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>) roast to produce Li<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>

Evaporation and precipitation

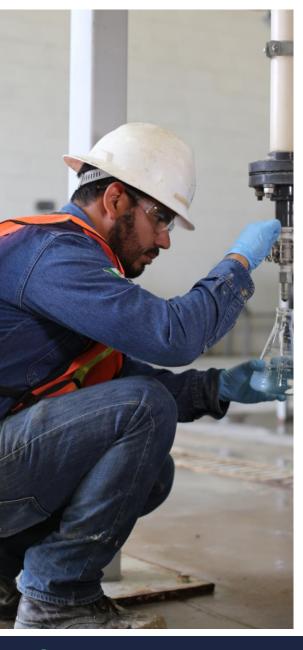
Soda Ash (Na<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> ) addition

SX and IX purification

99.9% Li<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> product & LiOH testwork



## **FEASIBILITY STUDY IN NUMBERS**



Stage 1

**Initial Construction Capital Cost of** 

\$420M

Pre-tax

NPV8 of \$1.25B

NPV<sub>0</sub> of **\$3.4B** (based on \$11,000/t Li<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> )

**Pre-tax IRR** 

**26%** 

Simple Payback Stage 1

(years)

Source: See Full Feasibility Numbers in Appendix

**Av. Operating costs** 

>4,000 \$/t Li<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>

(~3,500/t net of K<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> credits)

**Post Tax** 

NPV8 of **\$802M** 

NPV0 of **\$2.37B** 

(based on \$11,000/t Li<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>)

**Post-tax IRR** 

21%

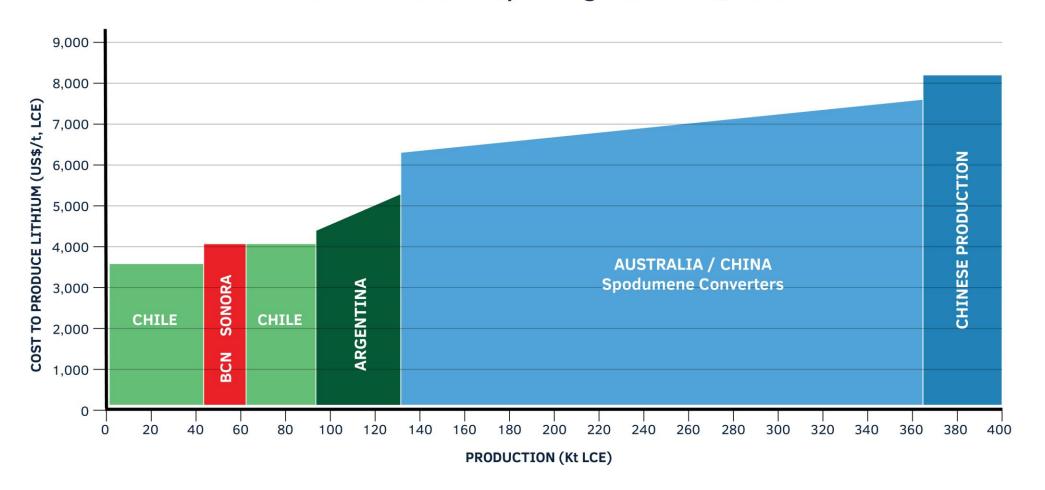
K<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> production

**Up to 30,000 tpa** 

## PEER ANALYSIS: ESTIMATED INDUSTRY COST CURVE POST 2025

Favourable position on cost curve

## **Lithium Producers Operating Cost Curve, 2020**



Source:(\*Canaccord April 2018, BCN 43-101)