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SAYONA & PIEDMONT FINALISE NAL ACQUISITION; PRODUCTION PLANS ADVANCE

Highlights

- **Sayona Québec, the subsidiary of Sayona and Piedmont Lithium, completes acquisition of North American Lithium (NAL)**
- **Green light for creation of Abitibi lithium hub, integrating Sayona's Authier and Tansim Lithium Projects with NAL to become Quebec's leading lithium producer**
- **Preparations advancing for resumption of lithium production to supply fast-growing North American battery market, including downstream processing, supporting Quebec's clean energy future.**

Emerging lithium producer Sayona Mining Limited (ASX:SYA; OTCQB:SYAXF) is advancing its growth strategy in Québec, Canada with another new milestone achieved for its Abitibi lithium hub.

Following the necessary Court and regulatory approvals, Sayona Québec (SYA:75%; PLL:25%), the subsidiary of Sayona and its strategic partner Piedmont Lithium Inc. (Nasdaq:PLL; ASX:PLL) has finalised the acquisition of North American Lithium Inc. (NAL) as per the Share Purchase Agreement announced on 30 June 2021 (refer ASX release).

The move follows a highly successful A\$45 million Placement and A\$20 million Share Purchase Plan, both of which were heavily oversubscribed (refer ASX release 23 August 2021).

Preparations are now advancing for the resumption of operations at NAL, with a scoping study underway for the profitable production of spodumene (lithium) concentrate from 2023. In addition, an evaluation of downstream processing at NAL is progressing, as per the NAL acquisition agreement.

Welcoming the handover, Sayona's Managing Director, Brett Lynch said: *"We are extremely pleased to have taken control of NAL with our joint venture partner, Piedmont. Our local team in Québec is fully*

engaged in executing our turnaround plan at NAL, including the refurbishment of its facilities and its integration with our flagship Authier Lithium Project.

“We are committed to swiftly developing a profitable and sustainable business at NAL, delivering new jobs and investment and maximising the benefits of its existing facilities to make it the centre of our Abitibi lithium hub.”

Under the Assignment Agreement and the Governance Agreement, Sayona Québec has agreed to a series of commitments to pursue the establishment of industrial spodumene conversion facilities in the Province of Québec (the **Quebec Content Undertakings**).

As part of the Quebec Content Undertakings, a feasibility study into the development of a spodumene conversion facility will be conducted within three years from the transaction’s closure. In addition, subject to certain conditions, NAL has undertaken to convert its spodumene production into lithium hydroxide or lithium carbonate within Québec from the sixth anniversary until the 10th anniversary of the closure.

Mr Lynch added: “Demand for lithium to power North America’s EV and battery storage revolution continues to accelerate. The timing is perfect and we look forward to realising this opportunity, working closely with our partner, Piedmont and all other key stakeholders including Investissement Québec, as we help drive Québec’s clean energy future.”



Figure 1: Overview of the NAL operation and its facilities

This announcement is authorised by Sayona’s Board of Directors.

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About Sayona Mining

Sayona Mining Limited is an emerging lithium producer (ASX:SYA; OTCQB:SYAXF), with projects in Québec, Canada and Western Australia.

In Québec, Sayona's assets comprise the Authier Lithium Project and its emerging Tansim Lithium Project, supported by a strategic partnership with American lithium developer Piedmont Lithium Inc. (Nasdaq:PLL; ASX:PLL). Sayona and Piedmont have also successfully undertaken the joint acquisition of North American Lithium, which hosts a former lithium mine and concentrator.

In Western Australia, the Company holds a large tenement portfolio in the Pilbara region prospective for gold and lithium. Sayona is exploring for Hemi-style gold targets in the world-class Pilbara region, while its lithium projects are subject to an earn-in agreement with Altura Mining Limited.

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