

#### **ASX AND MEDIA RELEASE**

**NOVA MINERALS LIMITED** 

ASX: NVA FSE: QM3

Nova Minerals Limited is an Australian domiciled mineral resources exploration and development company with North American focus.

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#### INCORPORATION OF WHOLLY OWNED SUBSIDIARY

The directors of Nova Minerals Limited (**Nova** or **Company**) (ASX: NVA, FSE: QM3) are pleased to announce that the company has incorporated a wholly own subsidiary "**Snow Lake Resources Ltd.**" with supporting operating and holding companies in Manitoba, Canada to hold title to the assets and fast track development of the Thompson Brothers Lithium Project and the wholly owned adjoining Crowduck project claims. The incorporation allows Nova to take advantage of corporate tax benefits with the upcoming works planned.

Attached is a presentation for Snow Lake Resources Ltd., incorporating information from previous ASX announcements for the Thompson Brothers Lithium Project and the adjoining Crowduck claims.

#### About Nova Minerals Limited (ASX: NVA, FSE: QM3):

#### Thompson Bros. Lithium Project

Nova Minerals Limited own the rights to earn up to 80% ownership interest of the Thompson Bros. Lithium Project from Ashburton Ventures Inc. by financing their commitments relating to their Option Agreement with Strider Resources Ltd.

The project is well advanced and in the process of defining a Maiden resource estimation, the projects current exploration target is 9.0Mt to 13.0Mt with a grade range of between 1.30%  $\rm Li_2O$  and 1.70%  $\rm Li_2O$  and first demonstration sample of spodumene concentrate; this allows a fast track approach to take the project to potential production.

#### Alaskan Project Portfolio

Nova Minerals Limited owns the rights to earn up to 85% ownership interest of the Alaskan Project Portfolio from AKCM (AUST) Pty Ltd. by financing their commitments relating to their JV Agreement.

The Alaskan project portfolio range from more advanced exploration projects with ore grade drill intersections to brownfield tenements. The most advanced projects are the Estelle gold-copper project, a district scale project with a 1.1 - 2.3 million ounce gold exploration target, the Chip-Loy nickel, copper, cobalt, silver project, the Bowser creek silver, zinc, lead project which the US government has spent in excess of \$7m on this project historically and the Windy Fork REE project.

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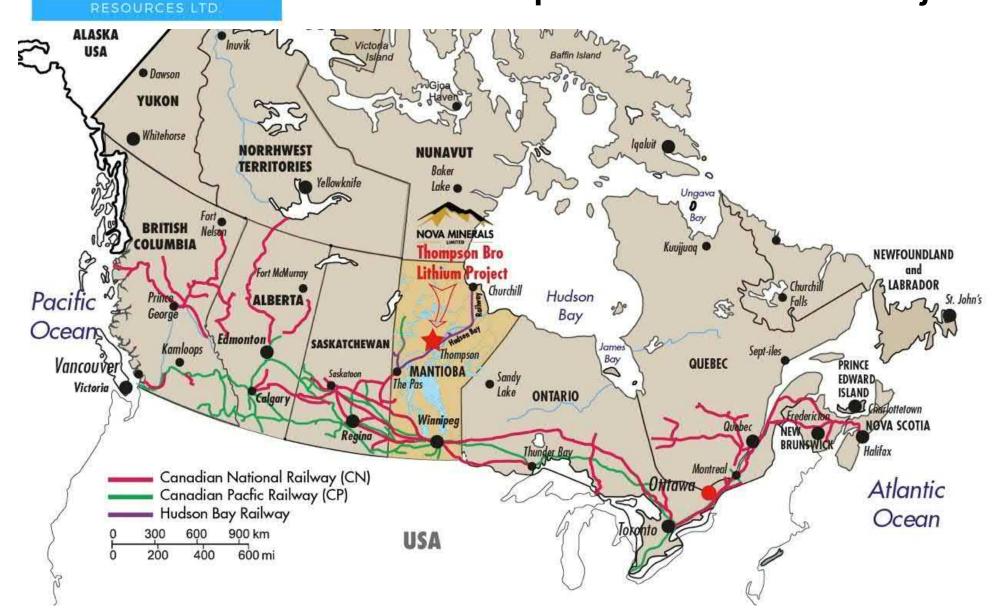
**Project Presentation** 

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## Our project - Thompson Bros. Lithium Project





#### **Stable Juristiction**

- Canada ranked number one for mining investment by the Fraser Institute (2017).
- Manitoba was ranked number two for mining investment by the Fraser Institute (2016).
- Nearby community of Snow Lake is mining friendly, with a long history of extractive industries.
- The Tanco Mine in southeast Manitoba is one of two North American rare metal mines where lithium has been produced historically.

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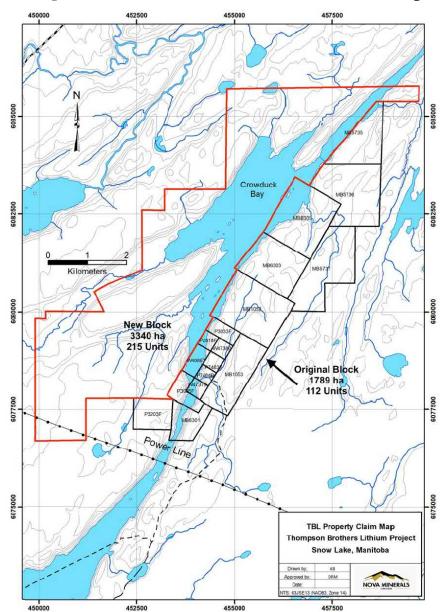


## Large and Growing Land Position

- The original claim block totaled 1789 ha with the new block adding an additional 3440 ha.\*
- This brings the total landholding in the region to 5229 ha.
- Landholding remains relatively unexplored with the main historic activity being focused at the Thompson Brothers Pegmatite and the Sherritt Gordon Pegmatite.

**Total Landholding in the Region of 5229 Hectares** 

### Our project -Thompson Bros. Lithium Project





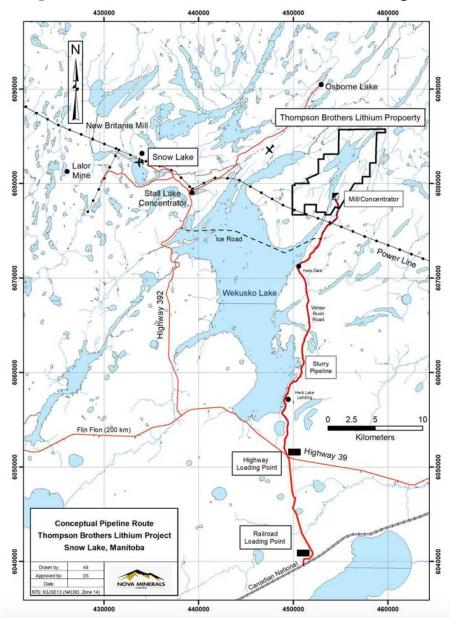
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### **Nearby Infrastructure**

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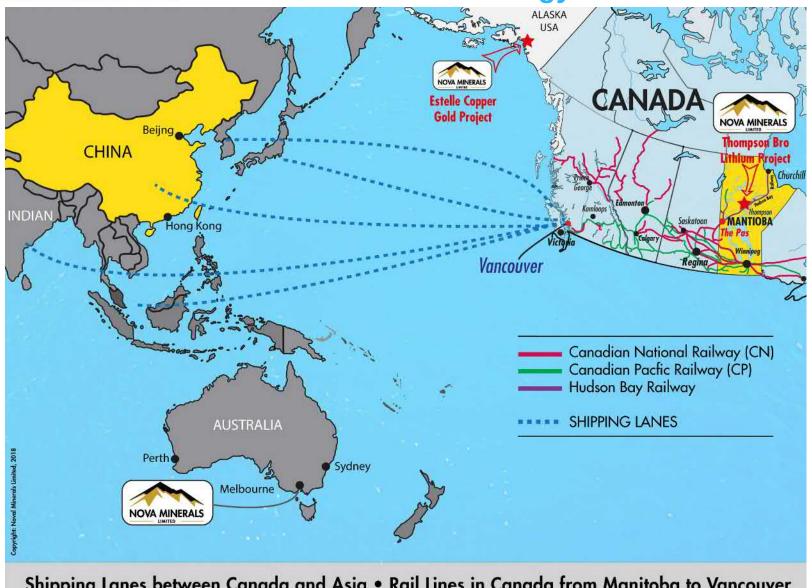
- Powerline ~ Onsite
- Railway ~ 35km
- Road ~ 11km
- Airstrip ~ 5km

**Conceptual Slurry Pipeline Solution to Road and Rail** 





### **Mine to Market Strategy**



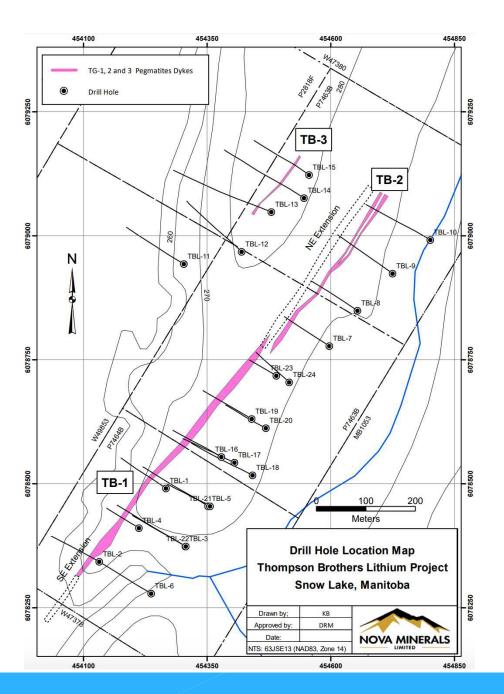
Shipping Lanes between Canada and Asia • Rail Lines in Canada from Manitoba to Vancouver

**Our Potential** 

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## We Have Only Scratched The Surface

- Snow Lake Resources is on course to deliver additional discovery and to add significant tonnes
- For the southern section (area drilled to date)
   of the Thompson Brothers project\*, the
   Company has determined an exploration target
   of 9.0Mt to 13.0Mt with a grade range of
   between 1.30 % Li2O and 1.70% Li2O\*\*
- Initial metallurgical test work demonstrates the project can produce a concentrate material of 6.37% Li2O\*\*\* using standard metallurgical laboratory test techniques.



<sup>\*</sup>Right to earn up to 80% project interest by financing option commitments of Progressive Planet Solutions Inc. (TSXV: PLAN), formerly Ashburton Ventures Ltd (TSXV: ABR)

<sup>\*\*</sup>ASX Release 12 April, 2018

<sup>\*\*\*</sup>ASX Release 7th and 13th June, 2018



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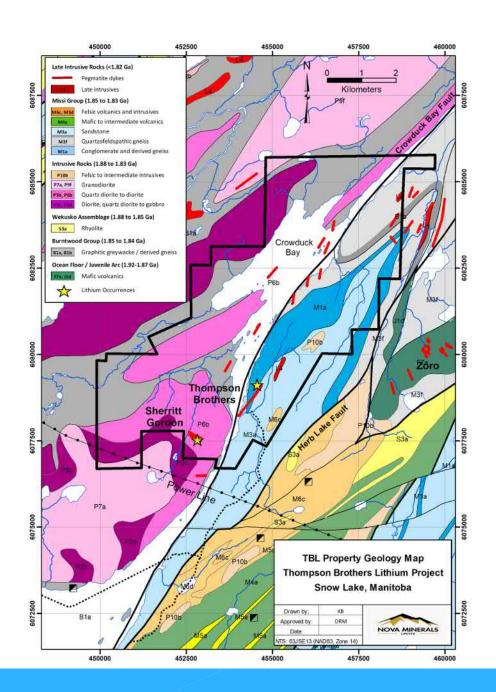
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### **Regional Geology**

- Snow lake Resources Lithium project hosts several identified pegmatite dykes with highgrade lithium found to date.
- Historical drilling on Thompson Bros. Lithium project indicated a historic "reserve" (Snow Lake Resources does not treat the historical estimate as current mineral resources or mineral reserves as defined by NI 43-101).

### Significant Opportunity to Boost Lithium Tonnages on the Combined Property

\*These estimates are historical estimates and are not reported in accordance with the JORC Code. A competent person has not done sufficient work to classify the historical estimates as mineral resources and/or reserves in accordance with the JORC Code. It is uncertain that following evaluation and/or further exploration work that the historical estimates will be able to be reported as mineral resources or ore reserves in accordance with the JORC Code.





#### **6.37% Li2O Concentrate**

- Initial metallurgical test work demonstrates the project can produce a concentrate material of 6.37% Li2O\* using standard metallurgical laboratory test techniques.
- A small head assay sample was taken for feed analysis. The results of the head assay returned a value of 1.40% Li2O. The remaining was ground to 100% passing 300 µm and used for the processing tests. The major processing technique is flotation in mechanical flotation cell. *This Li2O grade of the residual concentrate was 6.37%*.

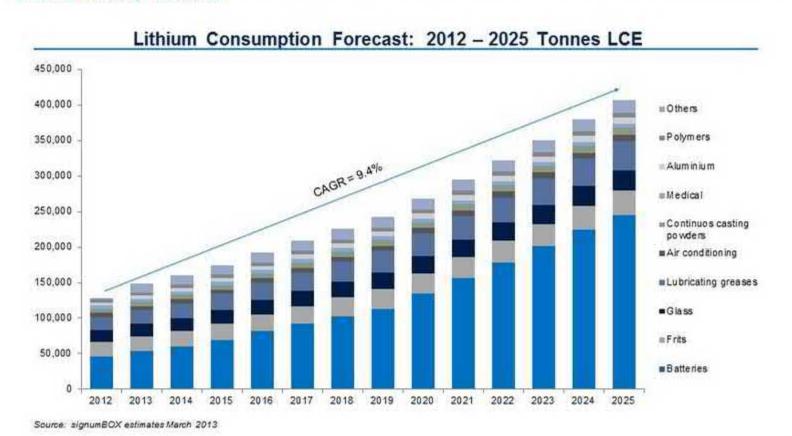






## Soaring Demand for the light metal has meant that the global lithium supply chain has had to grow nearly exponentially to keep up.

Lithium consumption is estimated to exceed 400,000 tonnes by 2025, driven by lithium battery demand





#### **Our Market - Demand**

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### **EV Revolution is Accelerating**

| Company announcements |                                      | <b>Government policies</b> |                                   |
|-----------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------------|
|                       | \$84bb - 300 new EVs to mkt by 2030  | *)                         | 100% EV – expected 2030           |
| Mercedes-Benz         | Will electrify entire lineup by 2022 |                            | 100% EV by 2025                   |
|                       | 100% EVs by 2030                     |                            | 100% EV by 2025                   |
| Ford                  | \$11bb to develop 40 EVs by 2022     |                            | 100% EV by 2030                   |
| <u>GM</u>             | 20 new EVs by 2022                   | •                          | 100% EVs by 2030                  |
| Audi                  | 800,000 EVs per year by 2025         |                            | 100% EV by 2040                   |
| VOIAVO                | All new models will be EVs from 2019 |                            | \$7,500 rebate + sales tax relief |



#### **Our Market - Demand**

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#### **The Next Wave - Batteries in Everything**

#### Mass Transit Buses



- Buses cause 40x the impact of cars
- China moving to 100% ebuses
- Shenzen has world's largest bus fleet and is now 100% electric

Freight
Short and Long Haul



- Lower Total Cost of Ownership
  - 60% less maintenance
  - 70% less fuel
- Focused on local deliveries
- Major orders from Walmart, Pepsi, UPS, FedEx, DHL, Sysco...

**Energy Storage Renewable Energy** 

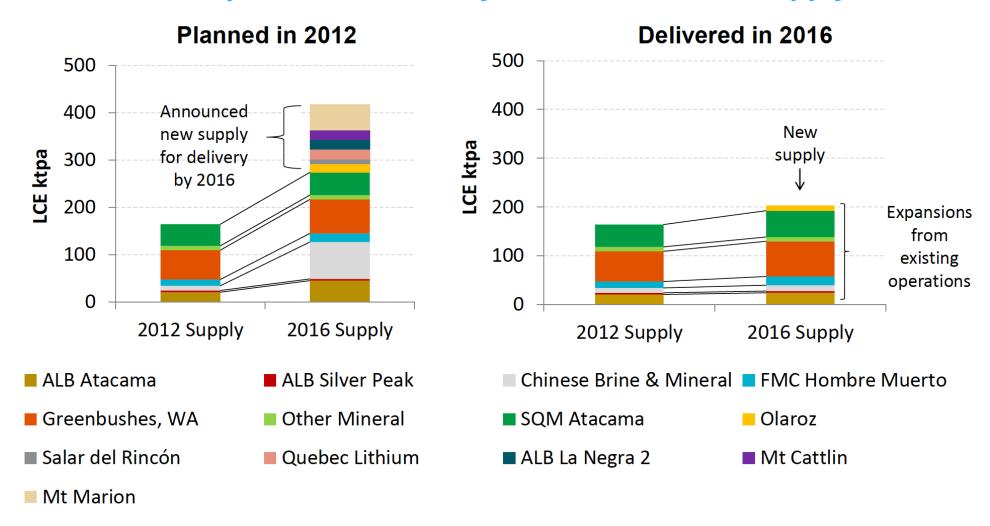


- Solar adding new energy at 20x the rate of EVs
- >90% of grid installations using Liion batteries





#### What is expected is not always delivered on the supply side



Sources: Company Reports, USGS, Roskill, Industrial Minerals





### **Important Milestones to Drive The Project**

|   | Completed | Completed By | Start By  |
|---|-----------|--------------|-----------|
| Resource estimation drilling                          | /         |              |           |
| Search for commercially exploitable resourece         | 1         |              |           |
| Commencement of meturllurgical studies                | ✓         |              |           |
| Competent Person Report – Initial Resource            |           | August 2018  |           |
| Infill and resource expansion drilling                |           |              | Q4, 2018  |
| Updated Resource Estimation                           |           |              | Q2, 2019  |
| Pre-Feasibility study (PFS)                           |           |              | Q3, 2019  |
| Preperation of Mining permits and licence application |           |              | Q4, 2019  |
| Project financing*                                    |           |              | Q4, 2019  |
| Construction of Infrastructure and plant*             |           |              | 2020/2021 |
| Plant commisioning*                                   |           |              | 2020/2021 |
| Commercial operations begins*                         |           |              | 2020/2021 |
| *Subject to permits and approval timing               |           |              |           |

Snow Lake Resources Ltd - A Emerging Lithium Developer in a Premier mining Jurisdiction

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