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Lepidico Ltd Conference Attendances

Lepidico Ltd (ASX:LPD) ("Lepidico" or "Company") would like to thank all the companies and organisations that are giving us the opportunity to share the Lepidico story.

It is a busy few weeks with upcoming conference opportunities that Lepidico will be attending:

- PDAC Conference on 8-11 March, 2021
- Mine Africa conference on 9-10 March, 2021; and
- Virtual 33rd Annual Roth conference on 15-17 March, 2021.

We look forward to bringing more news to the market, as we work to advance the Phase 1 Project into development.

The attached presentation will be available on the Company's website.

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About Lepidico Ltd

Lepidico Ltd is an ASX-listed Company focused on exploration, development and production of lithium chemicals. Lepidico owns the technology to a metallurgical process that has successfully produced lithium carbonate from non-conventional sources, specifically lithium-rich mica minerals including lepidolite and zinnwaldite. The L-Max[®] Process has the potential to complement the lithium market by adding low-cost lithium carbonate supply from alternative sources. More recently Lepidico has added LOH-Max[®] to its technology base, which produces lithium hydroxide from lithium sulphate without by-product sodium sulphate. The Company has completed a Definitive Feasibility Study for a nominal 5,000 tonne per annum Lithium Carbonate Equivalent (LCE) capacity Phase 1 lithium chemical plant, targeting commercial production for 2023. The Project incorporate the Company's proprietary L-Max[®] and LOH-Max[®] technologies into the chemical conversion plant design. Feed to the Phase 1 Plant is planned to be sourced from the Karibib Project in Namibia, 80% owned by Lepidico where a predominantly Measured and Indicated Mineral Resource of 11.24 Mt grading 0.43% Li₂O, (including Measured Resources of 2.20 Mt @ 0.57% Li₂O, Indicated Resources of 6.66 Mt @ 0.38% Li₂O and Inferred Resources of 2.37 Mt @ 0.43%, at a 0.15% Li₂O potassium and 320ppm caesium (ASX announcement of 28 May 2020).

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Corporate Opuale – PDA

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The information in this report that relates to the Helikon 1 and Rubicon Ore Reserve estimates is extracted from an ASX Announcement dated 28 May 2020 ("Definitive Feasibility Study Delivers Compelling Phase 1 Project Results") and was completed in accordance with the guidelines of 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 announcement and that all material assumptions and technical parameters underpinning the Mineral Resource estimates in the relevant market announcement continue to apply and have not materially changed. The Company confirms that the form and context in which the Competent Person's findings are represented have not been materially modified from the original market announcement.

The information in this report that relates to the Rubicon and Helikon 1 Mineral Resource estimates is extracted from an ASX Announcement dated 30 January 2020 ("Updated Mineral Resource Estimates for Helikon 1 and Rubicon") and was completed in accordance with the guidelines of 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 announcement and that all material assumptions and technical parameters underpinning the Mineral Resource estimates in the relevant market announcement continue to apply and have not materially changed. The Company confirms that the form and context in which the Competent Person's findings are represented have not been materially modified from the original market announcement.

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Corporate Strategy

To develop a sustainable vertically integrated lithium business that commercialises proprietary technologies and provides above average returns from mine to battery grade lithium chemical production.



Sustainable Development Overview



Unique Source of Critical Minerals 6.7Mt of reserves of 0.46% Li₂O, 0.23% Rb, 320 ppm Cs & 2%K



Completed Feasibility Study US\$221M NPV; 31% IRR



Cost Competitive C1 cash cost ~ US\$1,600/t LCE



Proprietary Process Technologies Production of battery grade lithium hydroxide and valuable by-products



Approvals in Place



Mining Licence and all construction permits in place



Lithium Pricing

Lithium prices rising as EV adoption accelerates with supply-demand deficits forecast from 2022-2023



Experience Management Track record in project development and sustainable production



Strong ESG Credentials Low carbon intensity with no TSF required and opportunity of zerowaste chemical plant



Debt Financing Formal mandate signed with U.S. Development Finance Corporation



Offtake Discussions Discussions with 6 prospective LiOH customers and 4 Cs & Rb consumers



Strategic Collaboration First technology licence sold to Cornish Lithium Ltd



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L-Max[®] – the conversion solution for Li-mica minerals

- Patents Australia, Europe, Japan & US patent protection received; The Australian Patent Office declared L-Max[®] to be "novel, inventive, industry applicable and patentable"
- L-Max[®] efficiently leaches and refines lithium from less contested mineral sources, lithium micas and phosphates
- L-Max[®] utilises common use, inexpensive reagents, is energy efficient & has straightforward OH&S characteristics
- L-Max[®] utilises conventional equipment & operates at atmospheric pressure and modest temperature
- High value by-products, Cs and Rb; and bulk by-products potassium sulphate fertiliser (SOP), amorphous silica and gypsum residue; with zero-waste potential
- Scalable technology: scoping study design parameters for a larger Phase 2 Plant indicates significant reduction in already competitive capital intensity¹: US\$10,500/t after credits @ 20,000tpa LCE



Lepidolite K(Li,Al,Rb,Cs)₃(Al,Si)₄O₁₀(F,OH)₂



Amblygonite (Li,Na)AIPO₄(F,OH)



Zinnwaldite KLiFeAl(AlSi₃)0₁₀(OH,F)₂

6 ¹ Capital intensity is the measure of pre-production capital per tonne of annual lithium carbonate equivalent plus by-products adjusted to lithium hydroxide equivalent LEPIDICO

LOH-Max[®] - enhanced solution for LiOH.H₂O from mined sources¹

- Patent provisional patent lodged early 2019; national patent phase started August 2020
- Application in mined lithium sources that employ sulfur-based chemistry in conversion; includes Spodumene
- Recovery +4% to c. 91% versus conventional Spodumene process; +1,000tpa
 LiOH at nominal 20,000tpa rate



- CapEx US\$52M reduction (14%) on 20,000tpa LCE reference case Spodumene converter on simplified flowsheet
- OpEx reduced by US\$8M pa versus reference Spodumene converter case on lower power and reagent consumption
- CO₂ intensity reduced on lower energy intensity and lower logistics CO₂ footprint
- Value enhanced by +US\$100M per 20,000tpa LiOH.H₂O over 10-years
- Waste benign gypsum/alunite waste
- Risk reduced as sodium sulphate not produced; a potential fatal flaw for conventional plants if disposal required
- **Ownership** 100% owned by Lepidico; royalty sharing arrangement with original developers for third party licenses



^{7 &}lt;sup>1</sup> ASX Announcement: LOH-Max[®] process technology acquisition & improvements, 29 October 2020

Lepidico's clean-tech processes have broader application within the lithium industry

- Strategic collaboration with Cornish Lithium Ltd to commercialise the L-Max[®] and LOH-Max[®] technologies on zinnwaldite and polylithionite mica mineralisations sourced from the St Austell granite, UK
- Geothermal power generation in Cornwall coupled with the benefits of Lepidico's technologies should allow for the production of some of the lowest environmental impact chemical products in the industry
- Cornish Lithium acquired a process technology licence in December 2020, including a pilot plant design package and certain technical plant data for the consideration of C\$4 million
- Cornish lithium transaction represents Lepidico's first meaningful technology licence revenue
- Lepidico expects to negotiate further technology licences in calendar 2021, with a focus on LOH-Max[®] for application in spodumene converters



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Geothermal power, Cornwall



- Fully permitted Project under Granted 68km² Mining Licence
- Water extraction licence & 85% recycling of process water
- Brownfield re-development of Rubicon & Helikon mines
- Construction of new small scale
 60,000tpa concentrator
- Direct access to excellent existing regional infrastructure
- New 25km line for grid power
- +1,000km² land position prospective for lithium, caesium, rubidium & gold





Reserves & Resources : Unique source of Critical Minerals

Ore Reserve Estimate¹ Rubicon & Helikon 1 deposits

Reserve Category	Tonnes (M)	Li ₂ O (%)	Rb (T)	Cs (ppm)	Ta (ppm)	K (%)
Proved	1.93	0.59	0.28	410	50	2.10
Probable	4.79	0.41	0.21	290	40	1.99
Total Reserves	6.79	0.46	0.23	320	50	2.02

Mineral Resource Estimate¹ 0.15% cut-off for Rubicon & Helikon 1

Deposit	Resource Category	Tonnes (M)	Li ₂ O (%)	Rb (T)	Cs (ppm)	Ta (ppm)	K (%)
	Measured	2.20	0.57	0.27	389	51	2.14
Rubicon & Helikon 1	Indicated	6.66	0.38	0.22	274	42	2.06
	Inferred	0.17	0.70	0.29	1100	150	2.18
	Total	9.04	0.43	0.23	318	46	2.08
Helikon 2 [#]	Inferred	0.216	0.56				
Helikon 3 [#]	Inferred	0.295	0.48				
Helikon 4 [#]	Inferred	1.510	0.38				
Helikon 5 [#]	Inferred	0.179	0.31				
	Measured	2.20	0.57	0.27	389	51	2.14
Global	Indicated	6.66	0.38	0.22	274	42	2.06
	Inferred	2.37	0.43				
	Total	11.24	0.43				

- JORC Code (2012) compliant Ore Reserve estimate for lithium, rubidium, caesium & potassium
- 76% conversion of Measured & Indicated Resources to Reserves for a 14-year project life
- Inferred Resource potential supports expansion potential or Phase 2 Project development
- Mineral Resource estimates in progress for lepidolite surface stockpiles
- Ore exposed at surface and deposits pre-stripped by historical mining
- Strip ratio just 0.5 to 1 for the first 2 years and 3.8 to 1 Life of Mine
- Most mine development work complete including haul road to Helikon 1 & water supply

¹ ASX Announcement: Definitive Feasibility Study Delivers Compelling Phase 1 Project Results, 28 May 2020

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Karibib Concentrator – conventional flotation, small footprint



Phase 1 Project Schematic



Phase 1 Chemical Conversion Plant – Abu Dhabi

- Located in Khalifa Port Free Trade Zone, Abu Dhabi
- Existing infrastructure available through "plug and play" approach
- Abu Dhabi ESIA complete and construction permit in place

Phase 1 Project Definitive Feasibility Study

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Construction Cost of US\$139M	Post Tax NPV ₈ of US\$221M NPV ₀ of US\$521M IRR of 31%	Project Payback (from start of production) 3 years	Operating Costs (by-product LCE basis) C1 Cash Cost US\$/t 1,656 ASIC US\$/t3,221	Average Annual Free Cash Flow ² (post ramp-up) US\$49M
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Lithium Hydroxide Production ¹ 4,879 tpa	Rubidium Sulphate Production ¹ 1,542 tpa	Caesium Formate Production ¹ 246 tpa	Total LCE Production 7,060 tpa	Project Life 14 years

¹ High value products at steady state operation. ²Cash flows based on Benchmark Mineral Intelligence Q1 2020 LiOH price forecast.

Capital Cost Summary

Competitive capital intensity: US\$17,400/t LCE after by-product credits; US\$27,900/t before credits

Pre-production Capital	\$M
Karibib Project	37.9
Chemical Plant	85.1
Contingency (13%)	16.0
Total Pre-production	139.0
Working capital	16.0
Leasing value	5.5

Chemical Plant Pre-production Capital

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Chemical Plant direct = EPCM = Support Buildings = Owner's Costs = Contingency

Karibib Project Pre-production Capital

Sustaining Capital – Life of Project	\$M
Karibib Project	14.2
Chemical Plant	8.7
Acid Plant	15.6
Total Sustaining	38.5

Life of Mine Production

Low All in Sustaining Costs

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Lepidico's LiOH to satisfy supply chain ESG needs

Battery chemical sustainability & traceability drive to intensify

- Carbon intensity 5-7t/t CO₂/LiOH.H₂O (Scope 1 & 2 est) similar to brine & lower than spodumene sourced chemicals
- Other emissions & pollutants negligible; main emission low grade steam
- Water intensity 50-60L/kg, 30% Namibia/70% UAE, with 85% of concentrator water recycled
- Land use intensity c. 800 Ha on predominantly industrial land; mine closure plan to return land to agricultural use
- Biodiversity ESIA identifies no material impacts at Karibib; UAE operations located within designated industrial park
- Industrial waste generation no TSF required, benign mine and concentrator waste co-disposed, no sodium sulphate generated from converter, opportunity for zero-waste chemical plant
- Social impacts creation of 115 direct jobs and +800 indirect in Namibia; 119 jobs in UAE; no relocation requirement

Transitioning to Development & Implementation

Permitting

- Karibib Project ESIA completed; aligned with Equator Principles & IFC Performance Standards.
- Karibib Project fully permitted
- Abu Dhabi ESIA complete, environmental permit to construct granted

Construction

- EPCM tender process
 closed January 2021 for
 both the Karibib
 concentrator and Abu
 Dhabi chemical plant:
 EPCM contract award
 scheduled for March
 2021 quarter
- Phase 1 early services and FEED programmes to start June 2021 quarter

Offtake

- Lithium hydroxide monohydrate offtake; discussions with 6 prospective customers;
- Samples being analysed
- NDAs with 4 prospective customers of caesium and rubidium; constructive discussions progressing

Finance

- Lion's Head Global Partners (LHGP) advising on debt finance from Development Financing Institutions (DFIs) and commercial lenders; due diligences ongoing
- Mandate letter signed with the U.S. International Development Finance Corporation (DFC); due diligence commencing for DFC debt financing of the Phase 1 Namibian operations and working capital

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