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**SEEKING ALPHA FROM SUSTAINABLE LITHIUM:**  
**Fastmarkets Lithium Supply & Markets Conference**  
AUTUMN 2021



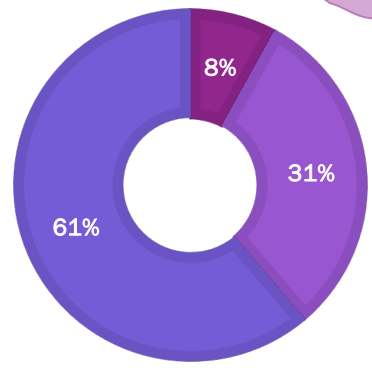
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# EQUITY FUNDAMENTALS: VERTICALLY INTEGRATED FROM MINE TO LITHIUM CHEMICAL

Lepidico is an elegant investment solution for the complex battery materials market, ideal for those seeking alpha from the rapidly rising - but yet-to-peak - lithium prices.

<b>Market</b>
ASX
<b>Ticker</b>
LPD
<b>Market Cap</b>
A\$172m (share price A2.8c) (at 17 September 2021)
<b>Cash</b>
A\$14.7m (no debt) (at 30 June 2021)



- Board and Management
- Top 40 Public shareholders
- Balance



# INVESTMENT CASE: ALL THE LITHIUM UPSIDE, LESS RISK & COMPLEXITY

## TIGHTENING CONDITIONS, HIGHER PRICES

*“...the (lithium) market is set to face structural issues from 2021 onwards. Without significant supply-side developments, chemical availability poses a major bottleneck risk to battery production growth. We expect higher price levels to incentivise further investments by late-2021.”*

Benchmark Mineral Intelligence (BMI)

Despite market conditions, achieving alpha from equities in the sector is increasingly complex. Traditional lithium businesses are at risk from rapidly evolving battery tech, tightening ESG requirements, security of supply and long-term margin expectations. Whilst a slew of start-ups are making big claims, most are touting early stage technologies. We exist substantially outside this complex landscape.

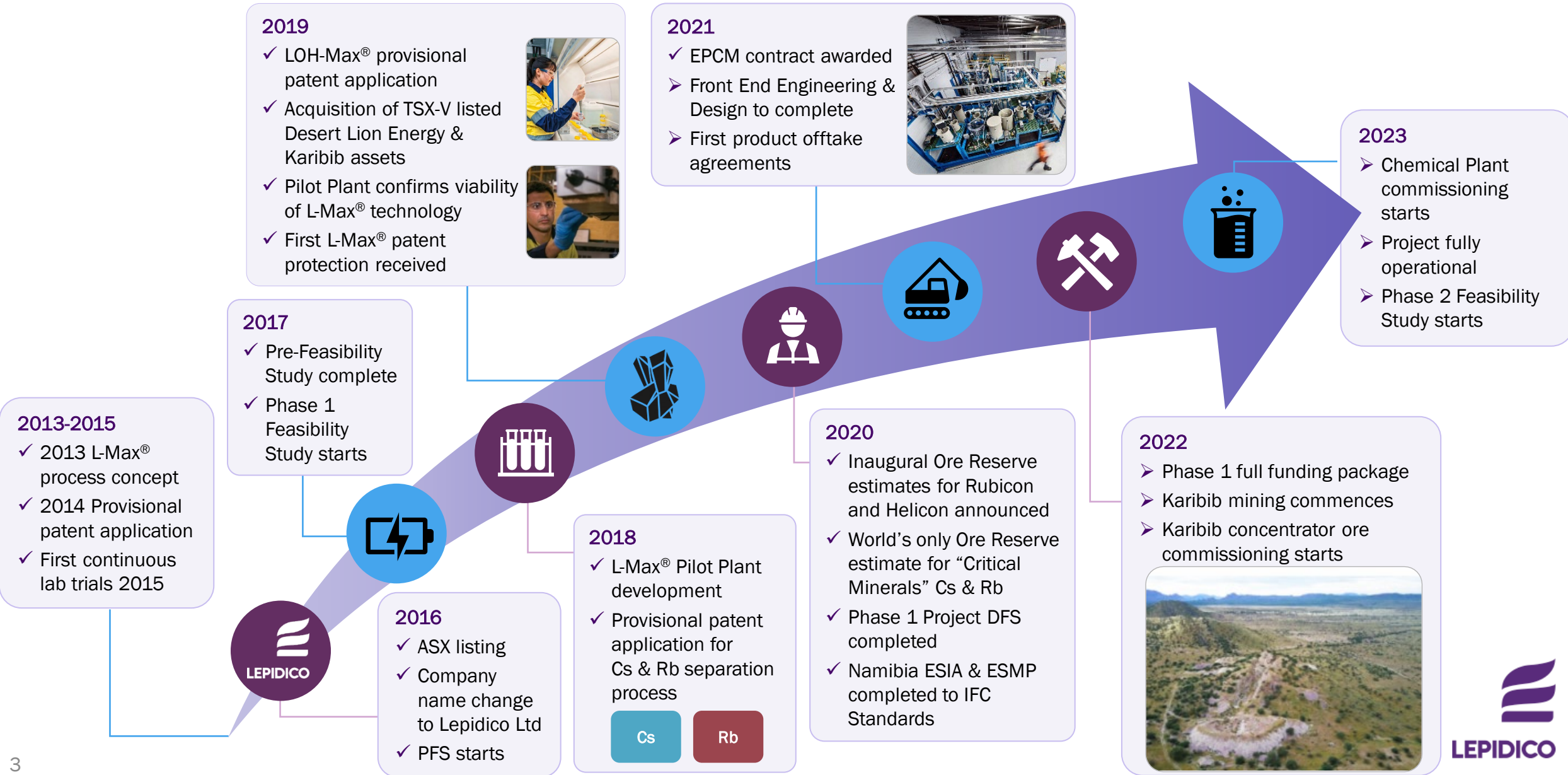


Our tech-focused, ESG-led business model is pilot-proven, flexible, scalable and poised for its first lithium deliveries from mineral supply that is relatively uncontested.

We can also be considered a tech play, with others licencing our IP.



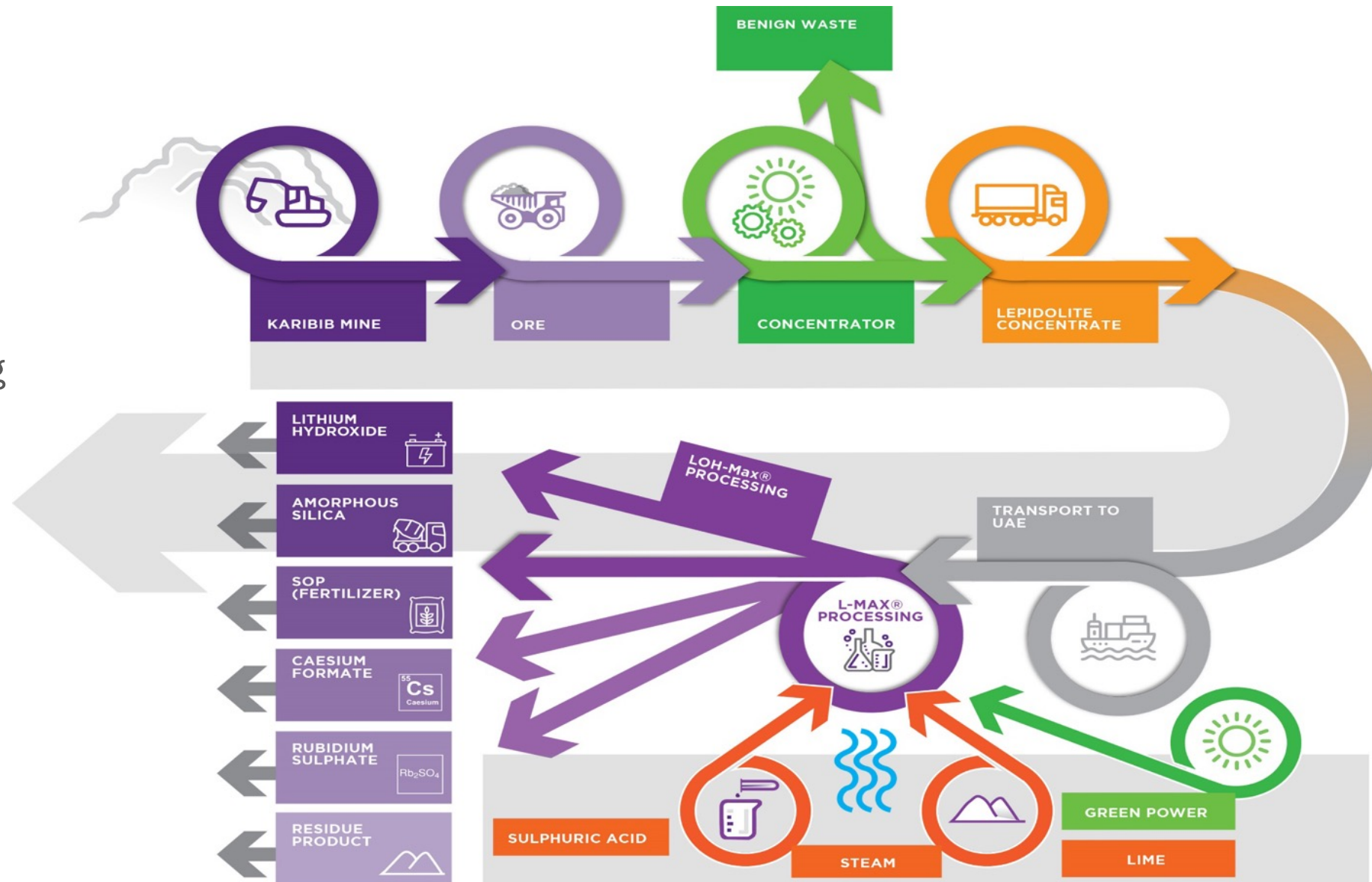
# Corporate Timeline



# THIS IS WHAT WE DO: FROM MINE TO MARKETPLACE

When operations come on stream in 2023, lithium mica ore mined and concentrated in Namibia will be shipped as concentrate for processing in the UAE.

Our patented technologies transform the concentrate into lithium hydroxide - or carbonate - as well as in-demand strategic chemicals caesium and rubidium - and other saleable outputs.



# TRANSITIONING TO PRODUCTION: PROGRESS POISED TO DELIVER



**Critical Minerals Confirmed**  
We have 6.7Mt in Reserves of lithium, caesium, rubidium & potassium



**Feasibility Study**  
Competitive costs and enhanced margins from by-product revenues



**Pilot Proven Technologies**  
Our patented L-MAX and LOH-MAX processes produce high quality chemicals hydro-metallurgically



**Approvals in Place**  
Mining Licence and all environmental permits to construct in place



**Pricing cycles**  
Lithium prices continue to rise. Supply deficits forecast this year.



**Experienced Management**  
Track record in project development and sustainable production



**Strong ESG Credentials**  
CO<sub>2</sub>, water and land use intensities low, and we aim to make these best-in-class



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



**Offtake Discussions**  
Advanced discussions with LiOH customers and 4 caesium consumers



**Strategic Collaboration**  
First technology licence sold to Cornish Lithium Ltd



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# OUR TECHNOLOGIES



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# L-Max<sup>®</sup> – the conversion solution for Li-mica minerals

- **Innovation:** efficiently leaches and refines lithium from less contested lithium micas and phosphates
- **Sustainable operations:** utilises common, inexpensive reagents, is energy efficient & has straightforward OH&S characteristics, It also utilises conventional equipment & operates at atmospheric pressures and modest temperatures
- **High value:** As well as the caesium and rubidium by-products, L-Max<sup>®</sup> also delivers potassium sulphate fertiliser (SOP), amorphous silica and gypsum residue; with zero-waste potential
- **Scalable:** A larger Phase 2 Plant is expected to reduce already competitive capital intensity<sup>1</sup>: US\$10,500/t after credits @ 20,000tpa LCE

**Patents:** Australia, Europe, Japan & US patent protection received.

The Australian Patent Office declared L-Max<sup>®</sup> to be “novel, inventive, industry applicable and patentable”



**Amblygonite**  
 $(\text{Li,Na})\text{AlPO}_4(\text{F,OH})$



**Lepidolite**  
 $\text{K}(\text{Li,Al,Rb,Cs})_3(\text{Al,Si})_4\text{O}_{10}(\text{F,OH})_2$



**Zinnwaldite**  
 $\text{KLiFeAl}(\text{AlSi}_3)\text{O}_{10}(\text{OH,F})_2$



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<sup>7</sup> <sup>1</sup> Capital intensity is the measure of pre-production capital per tonne of annual lithium carbonate equivalent plus by-products adjusted to lithium hydroxide equivalent



# LOH-Max<sup>®</sup> - a more sustainable Lithium Hydroxide solution<sup>1</sup>

- **Patent** – provisional patent lodged early 2019; national patent phase started August 2020
- **Broad application** – in lithium mineral conversion that employs sulfur-based chemistry; includes Spodumene
- **Recovery enhanced** – +4% versus conventional Spodumene process; +1,000tpa LiOH at nominal 20,000tpa rate
- **CapEx reduced** – by US\$52M (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
- **CO<sub>2</sub> reduced** – lower Scope 1, 2 and 3 emissions versus conventional processing
- **Value enhanced** – by +US\$100M per 20,000tpa LiOH.H<sub>2</sub>O 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



<sup>1</sup> ASX Announcement: LOH-Max<sup>®</sup> process technology acquisition & improvements, 29 October 2020

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# OUR PHASE 1 PROJECT

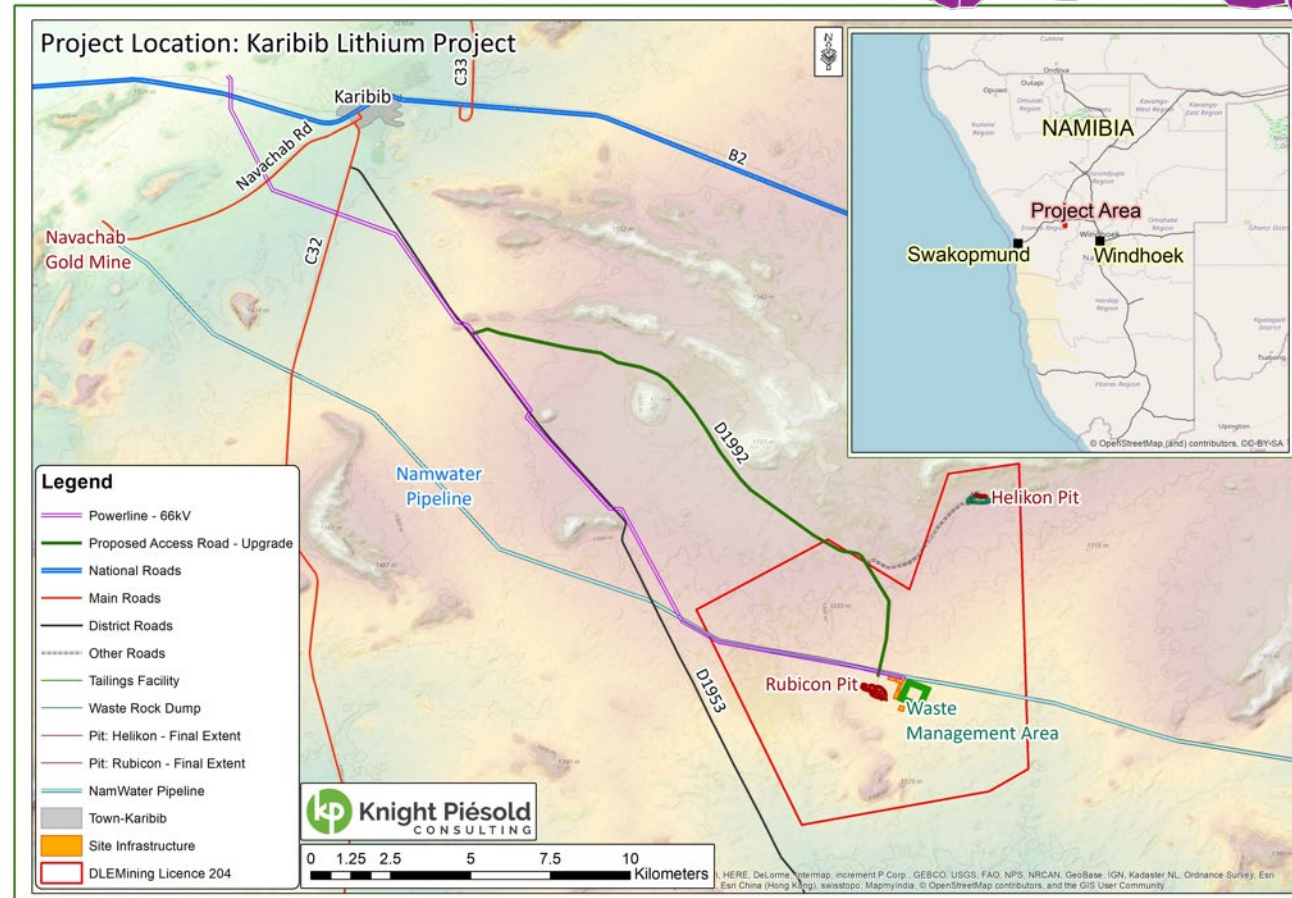


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# Karibib Project, Namibia

- Brownfield re-development of Rubicon & Helikon mines
- Fully permitted: Granted 68km<sup>2</sup> Mining Licence
- Water extraction licence given - 85% of process water will be recycled
- Construction of new small-scale 60,000tpa concentrator
- Direct access to excellent existing regional infrastructure
- New 25km line for grid power
- +1,000km<sup>2</sup> land position prospective for lithium, caesium, rubidium & gold



Drilling began May 2021 to test 3 priority lithium pegmatite targets: objective is to expand Mineral Resource base to extend Phase 1 life & support the Phase 2 Project Scoping Study

# Reserves & Resources : Unique source of Critical Minerals

## Ore Reserve Estimate<sup>1</sup> Rubicon & Helikon 1 deposits

Reserve Category	Tonnes (M)	Li <sub>2</sub> O (%)	Rb (%)	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
<b>Total Reserves</b>	<b>6.79</b>	<b>0.46</b>	<b>0.23</b>	<b>320</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>2.02</b>

- 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

## Karibib Project Global Mineral Resources<sup>2</sup>

Deposit	Resource Category	Tonnes (M)	Li <sub>2</sub> O (%)	Rb (%)	Cs (ppm)	Ta (ppm)	K (%)	Cut-off (% Li <sub>2</sub> O)
Rubicon & Helikon 1 <sup>3</sup>	Measured	2.2	0.56	0.27	389	51	2.14	0.15
	Indicated	6.66	0.38	0.20	274	42	2.07	0.15
	Inferred	0.17	0.7	0.29	1100	150	2.18	0.15
Helikon 2, 3, 4 & 5 <sup>4</sup>	Inferred	2.2	0.41					0.20
Rubicon tailings <sup>5</sup>	Indicated	0.07	0.99	0.42	538	60		0.00
Rubicon & Helikon stockpiles <sup>5</sup>	Inferred	0.57	0.79					0.00
Global	Measured	2.2	0.57	0.27	389	51	2.14	
	Indicated	6.73	0.39	0.21	277	42		
	Inferred	2.94	0.5					
	<b>Total</b>	<b>11.87</b>	<b>0.45</b>					

<sup>1</sup> ASX Announcement: DFS Delivers Compelling Phase 1 Project Results, 28 May 2020

<sup>2</sup> Resources are inclusive of Ore Reserves

<sup>3</sup> ASX announcement dated 30 January 2020: Updated Mineral Resource Estimates for Helikon 1 and Rubicon

<sup>4</sup> ASX announcement dated 16 July 2019: Drilling starts at the Karibib Lithium Project

<sup>5</sup> ASX announcement dated 12 March 2021: Karibib Mineral Resources Expanded

# Karibib Concentrator – conventional flotation, small footprint

- Lycopodium started EPCM works May 2021
- FEED to complete November 2021
- Construction March quarter 2022
- Mining December quarter 2022
- Concentrator commissioning late 2022



# Phase 1 Chemical Conversion Plant – Abu Dhabi

- Lycopodium started EPCM works May 2021
- FEED to complete November 2021
- Construction June quarter 2022
- Chemical plant commissioning second half 2022

- Located in Khalifa Port Free Trade Zone, Abu Dhabi
- Existing infrastructure available through “plug and play” approach
- Abu Dhabi ESIA complete and environmental permit to construct in place

# Phase 1 Project Definitive Feasibility Study<sup>1</sup>



Construction Cost of  
**US\$139M**



Post Tax  
NPV<sub>8</sub> of US\$221M  
NPV<sub>0</sub> of US\$521M  
IRR of 31%



Project Payback  
(from start of production)

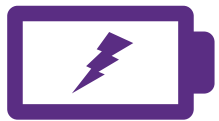
**3 years**



Operating Costs  
(by-product LCE basis)  
C1 Cash Cost US\$/t 1,656  
ASIC US\$/t3,221



Average Annual  
Free Cash Flow<sup>3</sup>  
(post ramp-up)  
**US\$49M**



Lithium Hydroxide  
Production<sup>2</sup>  
**4,879 tpa**



Sulfate of Potash  
Production<sup>2</sup>  
**12,000 tpa**



Caesium Sulfate  
Production<sup>2</sup>  
**240 tpa**



Total LCE  
All Products<sup>2</sup>  
**7,060 tpa**



Project Life  
**14 years**

<sup>1</sup> ASX Announcement 28 May 2020: DFS delivers compelling Phase 1 Project results.

<sup>2</sup> By-products at steady state operation.

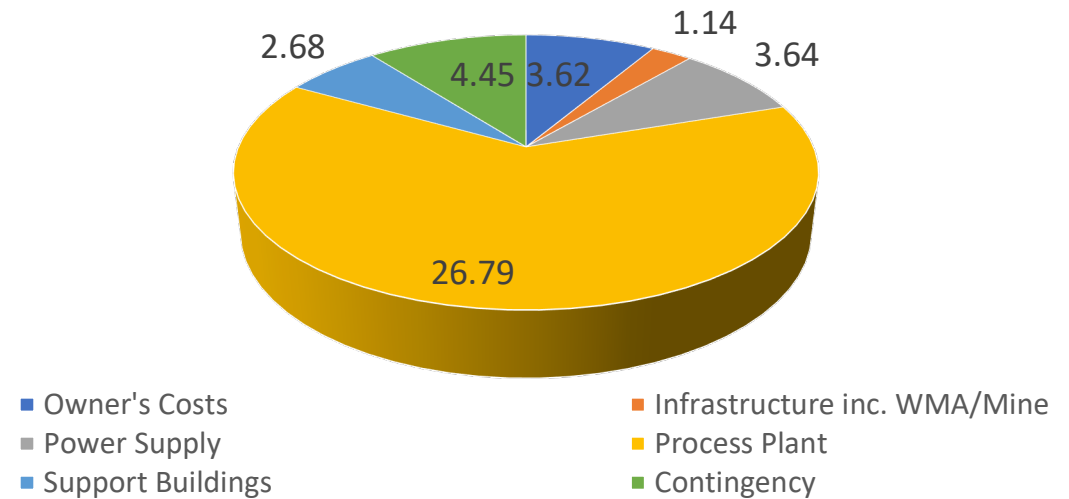
<sup>3</sup> Cash flows based on Benchmark Mineral Intelligence Q1 2020 LiOH price forecast (US\$12,910/t long term).

# Capital Cost Summary

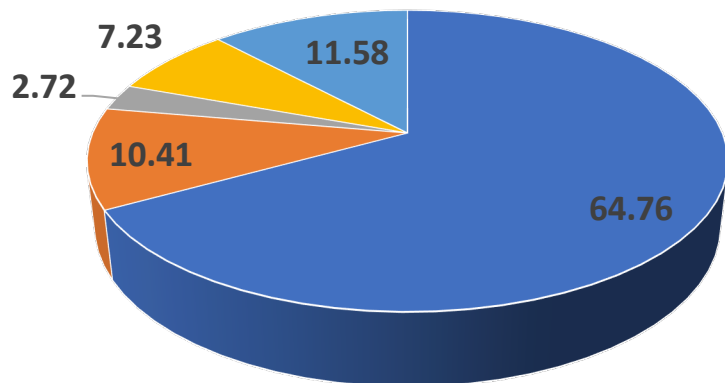
Competitive capital intensity: US\$17,400/t LCE after by-product credits; US\$27,900/t before credits

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

Karibib Project Pre-production Capital



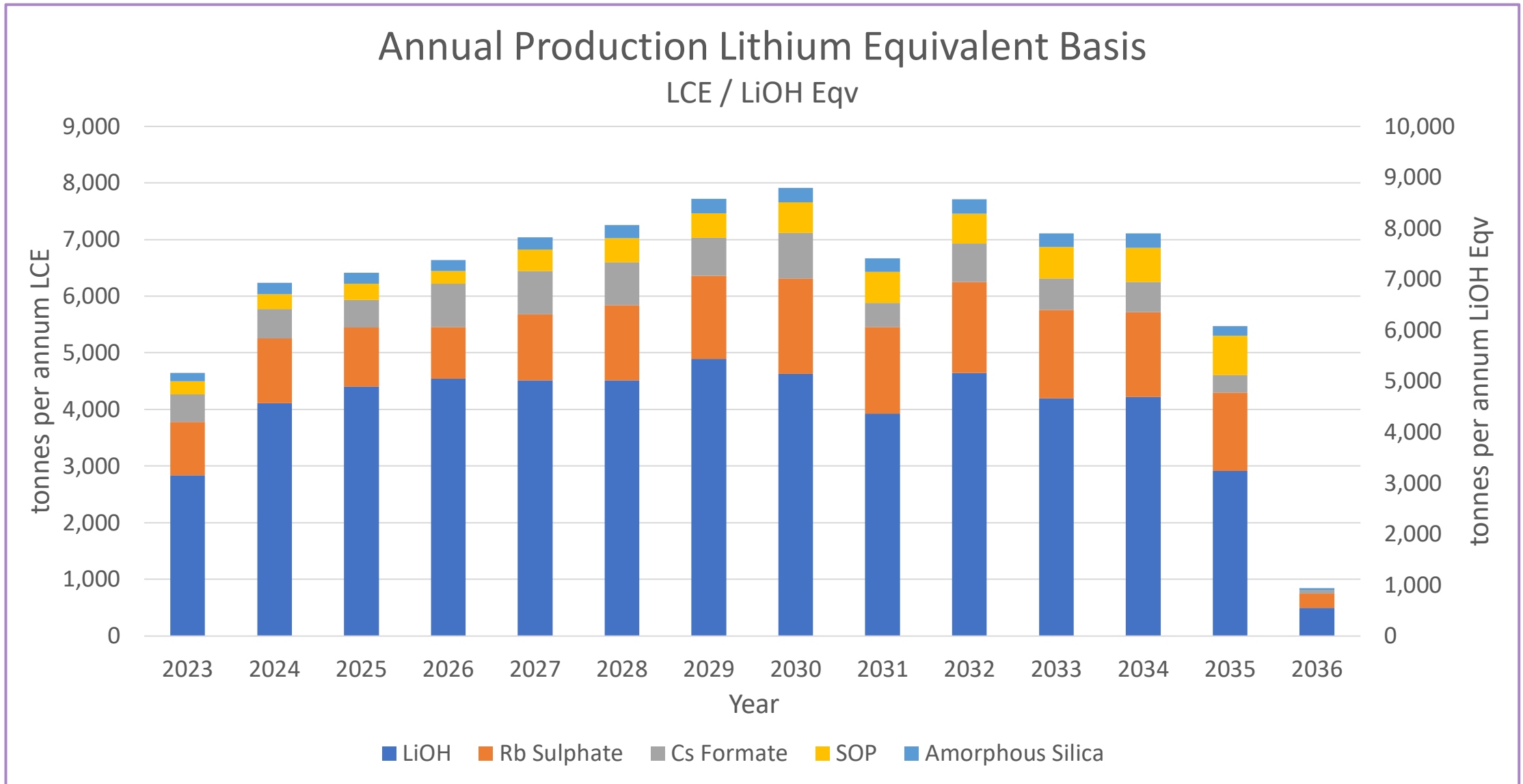
Chemical Plant Pre-production Capital



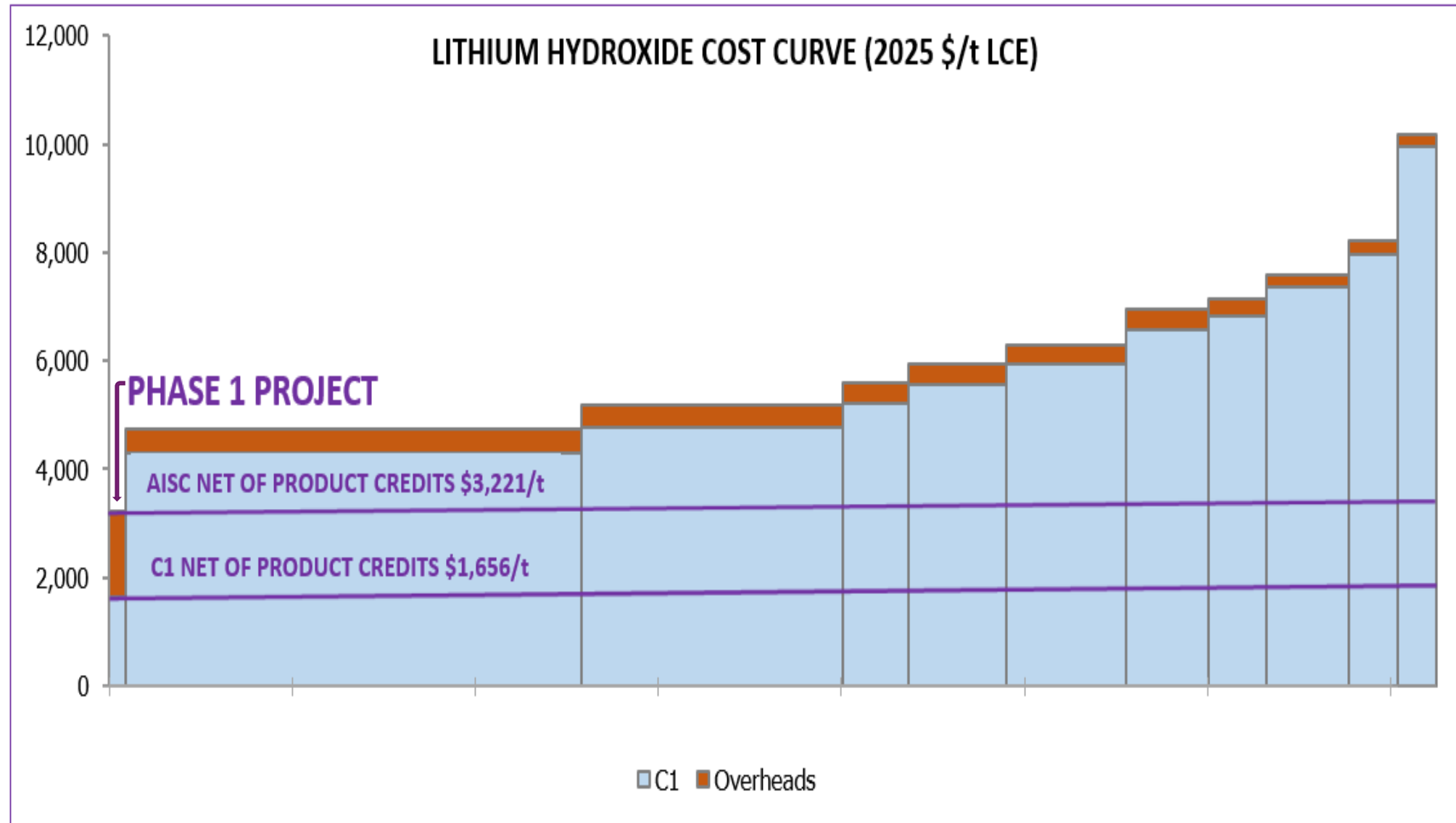
Sustaining Capital – Life of Project	\$M
Karibib Project	14.2
Chemical Plant	8.7
Acid Plant	15.6
<b>Total Sustaining</b>	<b>38.5</b>



# Life of Mine Production



# Low All in Sustaining Costs



Source: Benchmark Mineral Intelligence for industry data; Lepidico for Phase 1 Project data

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# ESG



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# Environmental stewardship

- **Competitive carbon intensity** – GHD reported “low” chemical plant emissions intensity vs other LiOH plants; 8.8tCO<sub>2</sub>-e/t LiOH.H<sub>2</sub>O (10.0tCO<sub>2</sub>-e/t LCE) for integrated project Scope 1 & 2 emissions – 90% in chemical plant, 10% mine & concentrator; renewable power and green hydrogen can lower emissions to just 3.0tCO<sub>2</sub>-e/t LCE
- **Other emissions & pollutants** – negligible
- **Water intensity** – 33m<sup>3</sup>/t LCE, 44% allocation to LiOH; 20% Namibia/80% UAE for first 5 years, with 85% of concentrator water recycled
- **Land use intensity** – 962Ha integrated project on predominantly industrial land; mine closure plan to return land to agricultural use; Category B designation
- **Biodiversity** – ESIA identifies no material impacts at Karibib & UAE operations are located within a 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 Responsibility & Governance

## Health & Safety

- Lost Time Injury & Total Recordable Incidents Frequency Rates 0 > zero harm
- More than 118,000 hours worked with no Recordable Incidents since records began in 2016



## Social

- Creation of 115 direct jobs and +800 indirect jobs in Namibia
- 119 new direct jobs in the UAE
- No relocation requirement
- Water supply to local farmers
- Medical equipment donation



## Governance

- Experienced Board of Directors with complementary skills
- Sustainability & best practice ESG integrated with strategic planning
- Diversity Committee established
- Risk register including a residual risk rating for all actions and controls



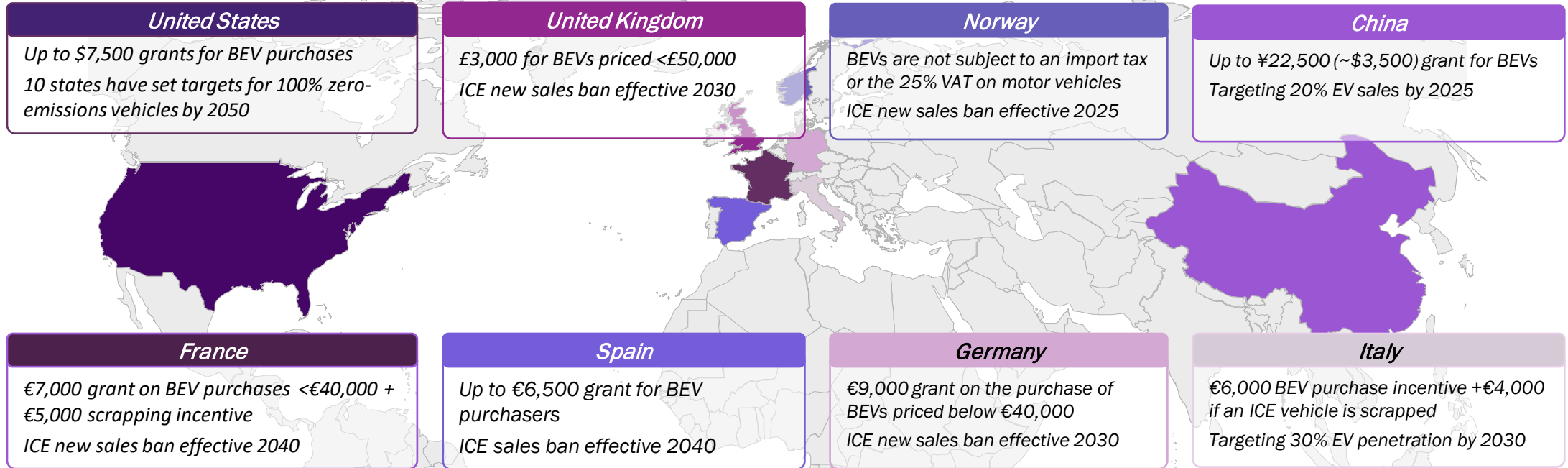
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# LITHIUM MARKET

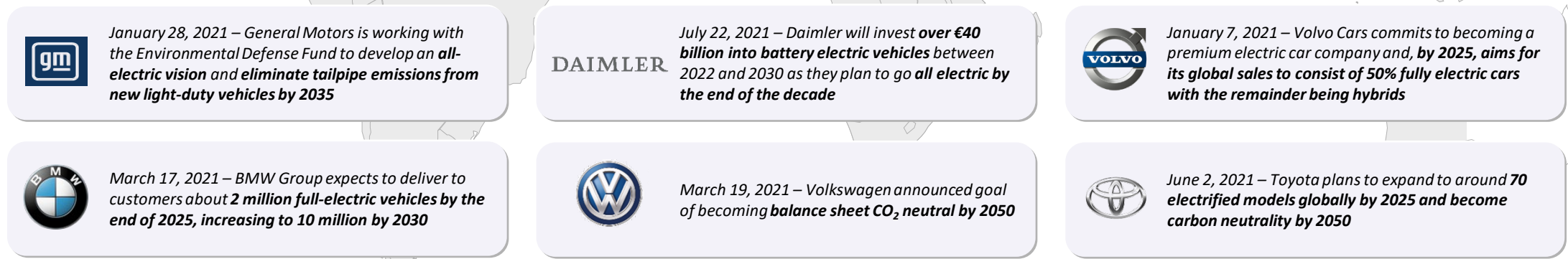


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# Push & Pull Policies Are Creating Tailwinds for Electric Vehicles...



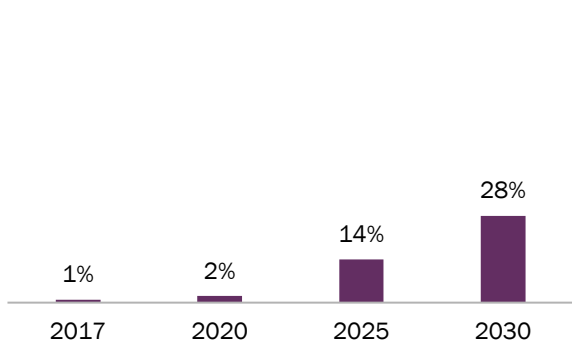
## Automotive Manufacturers Have Identified Electric Vehicle Targets



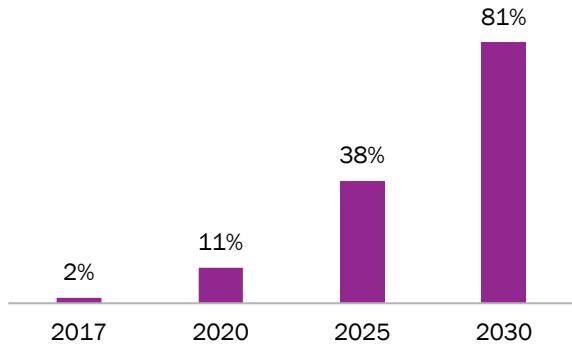
# ...Driving Significant Ramp-Up in Electric Vehicle Penetration Globally

Electric Vehicle Penetration

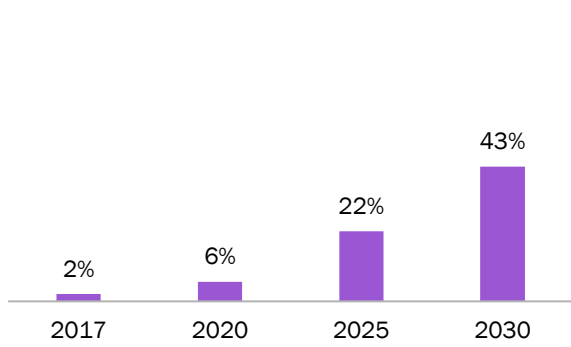
## North America



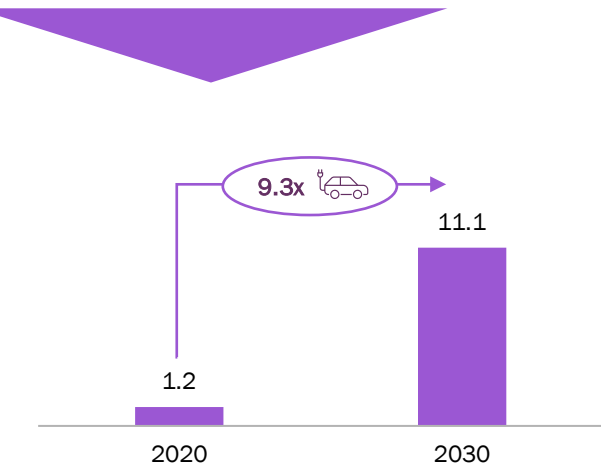
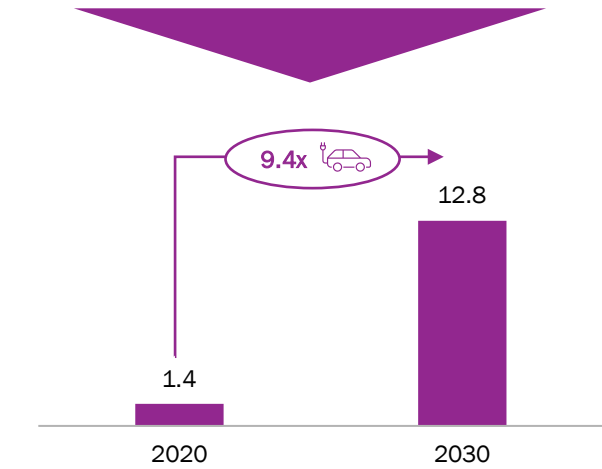
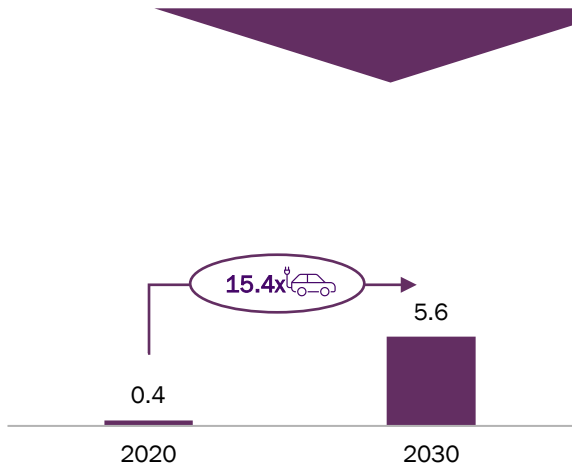
## Europe



## China



Electric Vehicle Sales (millions)



Secular Changes in EV Adoption Will Transform Demand for Battery Materials

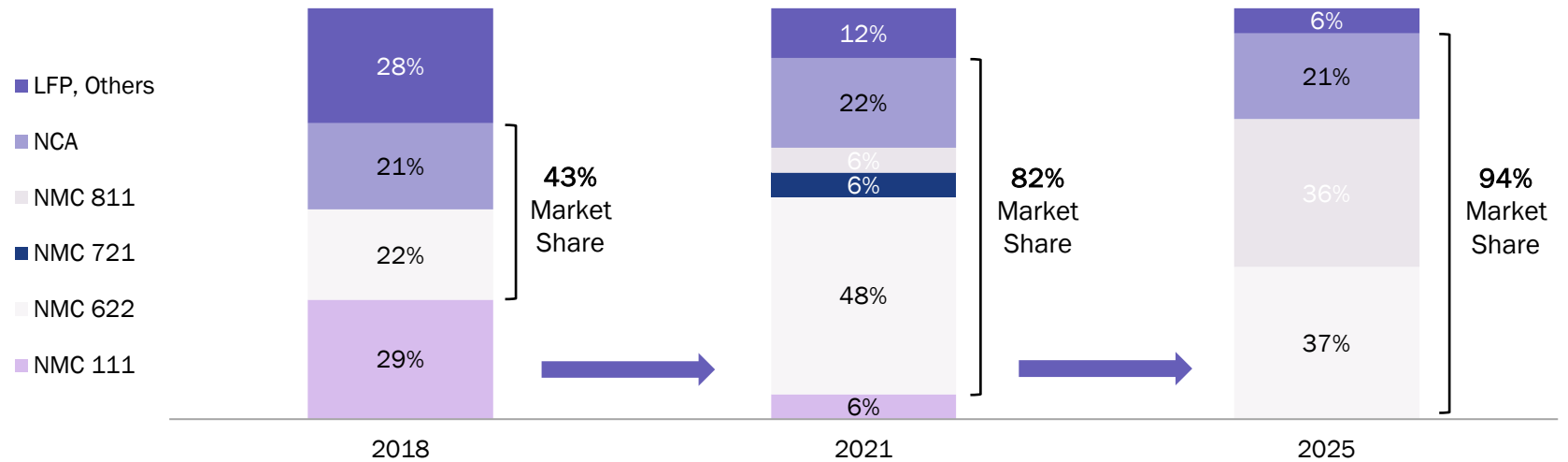


# Lithium Is THE Critical Component

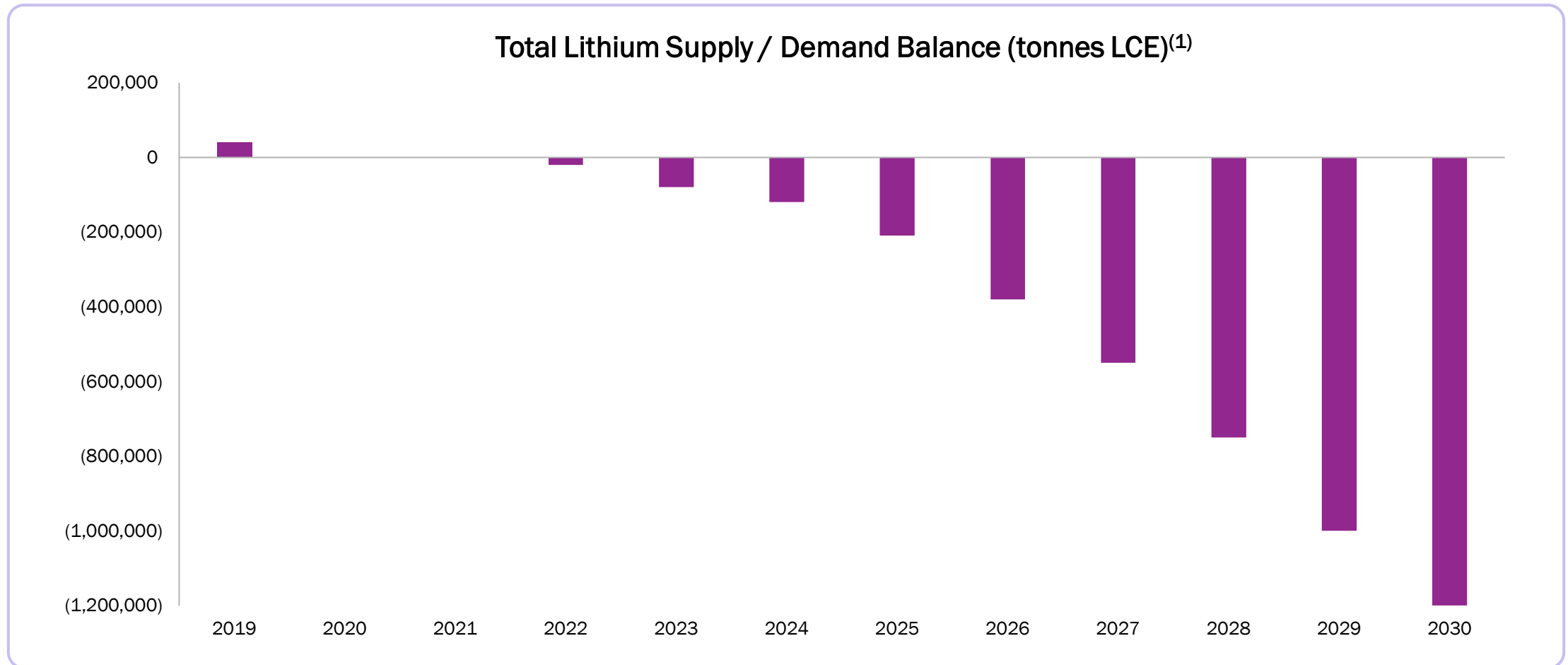
*Lithium Is the Constant Input Across All Types of EV Batteries*

Cathode Material	Lithium	Copper	Nickel	Manganese	Cobalt	Graphite
NCA	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓
NCA+	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓
NMC 333	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
NMC 532	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
NMC 622	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
NMC 811	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
LFP	✓	✓				✓
LMO	✓	✓		✓		✓

*LiOH expected to take dominant share (90%+) in lithium battery cathode chemistries by 2025*

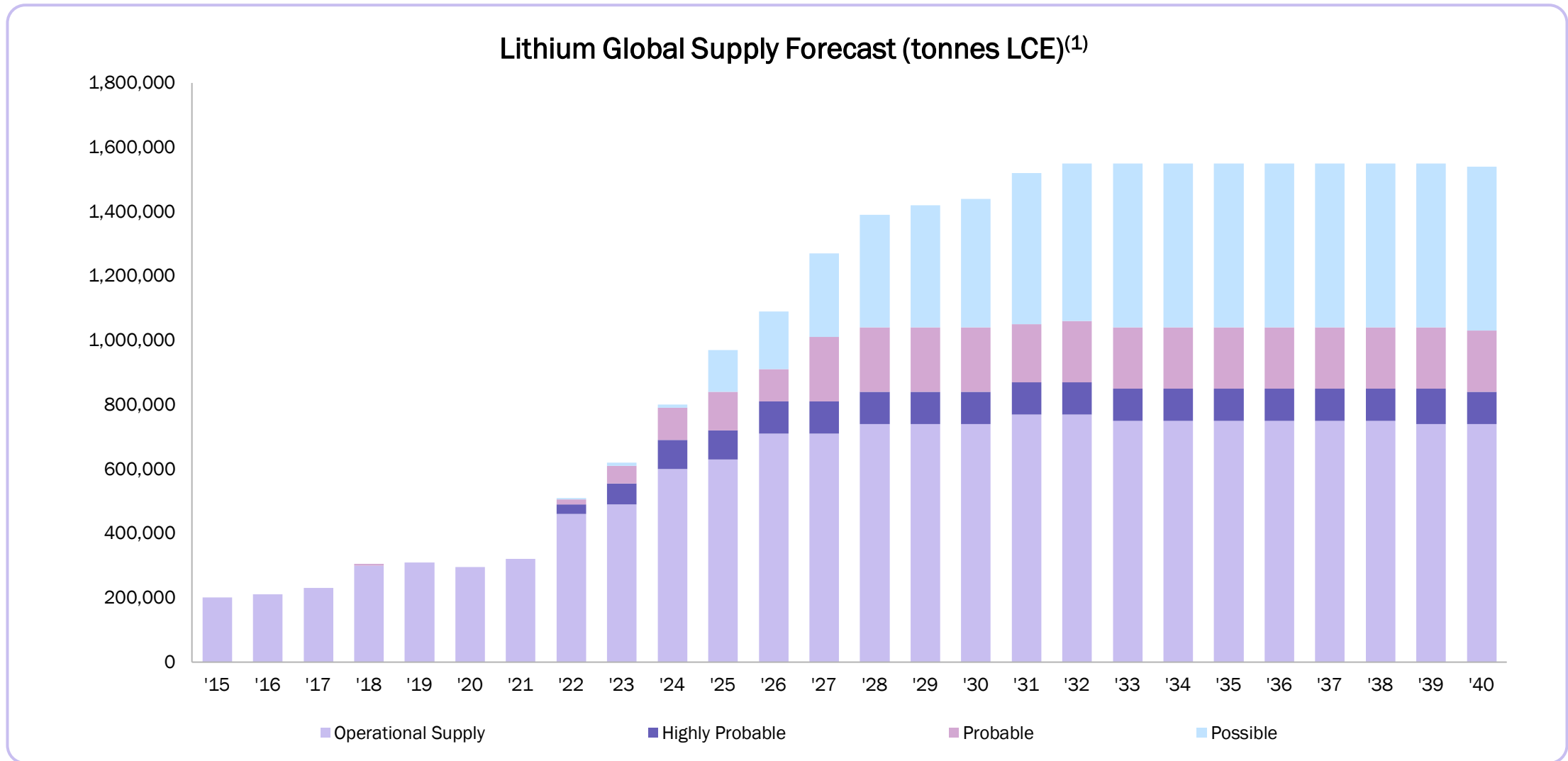


# Strong Fundamentals...



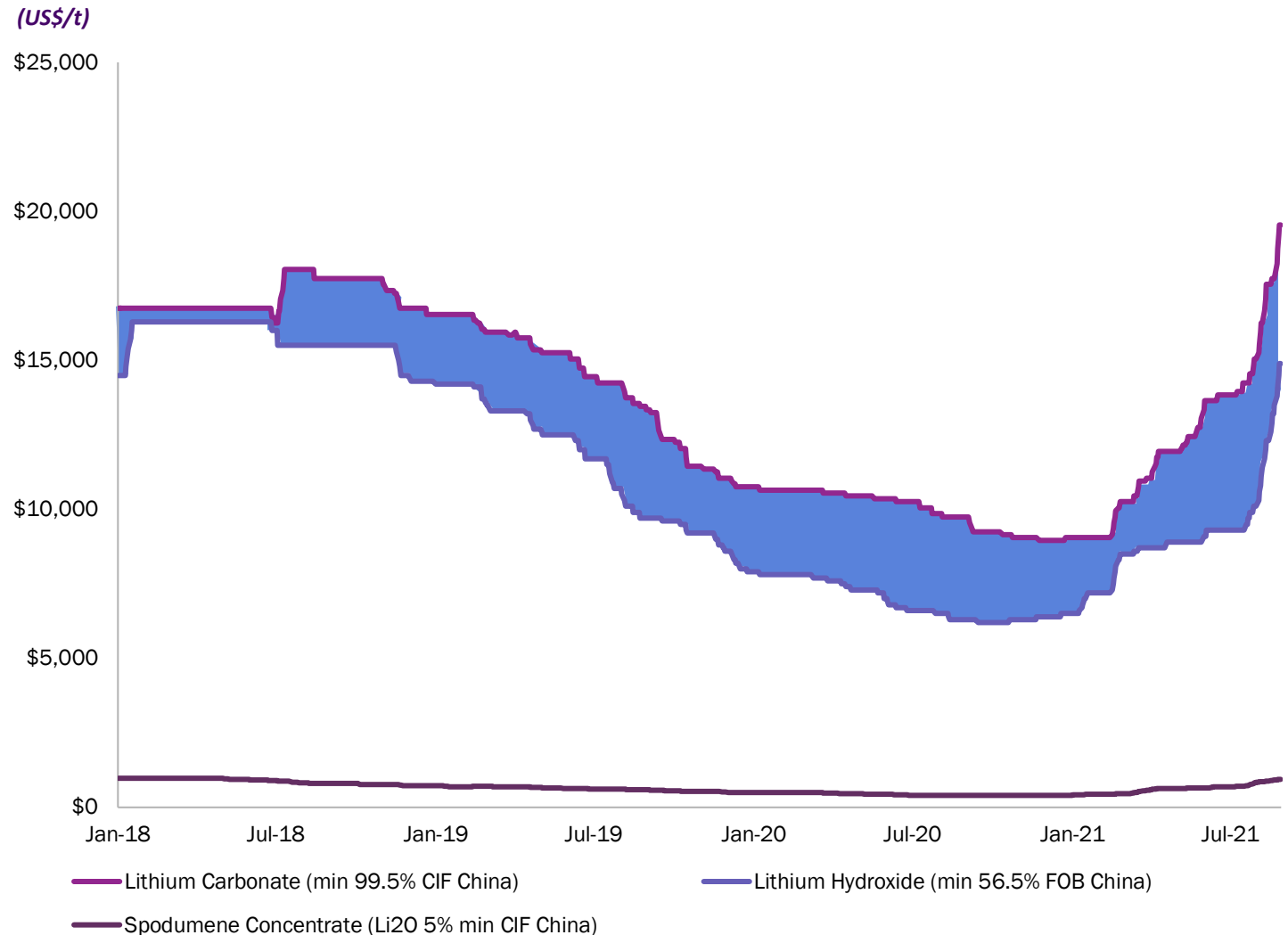
*The market for lithium chemicals is forecasted to be in a supply deficit from 2022 onwards*

# ...Underpinned by Project Uncertainty and Long Lead-times



# Lithium Industry Pricing Mechanisms

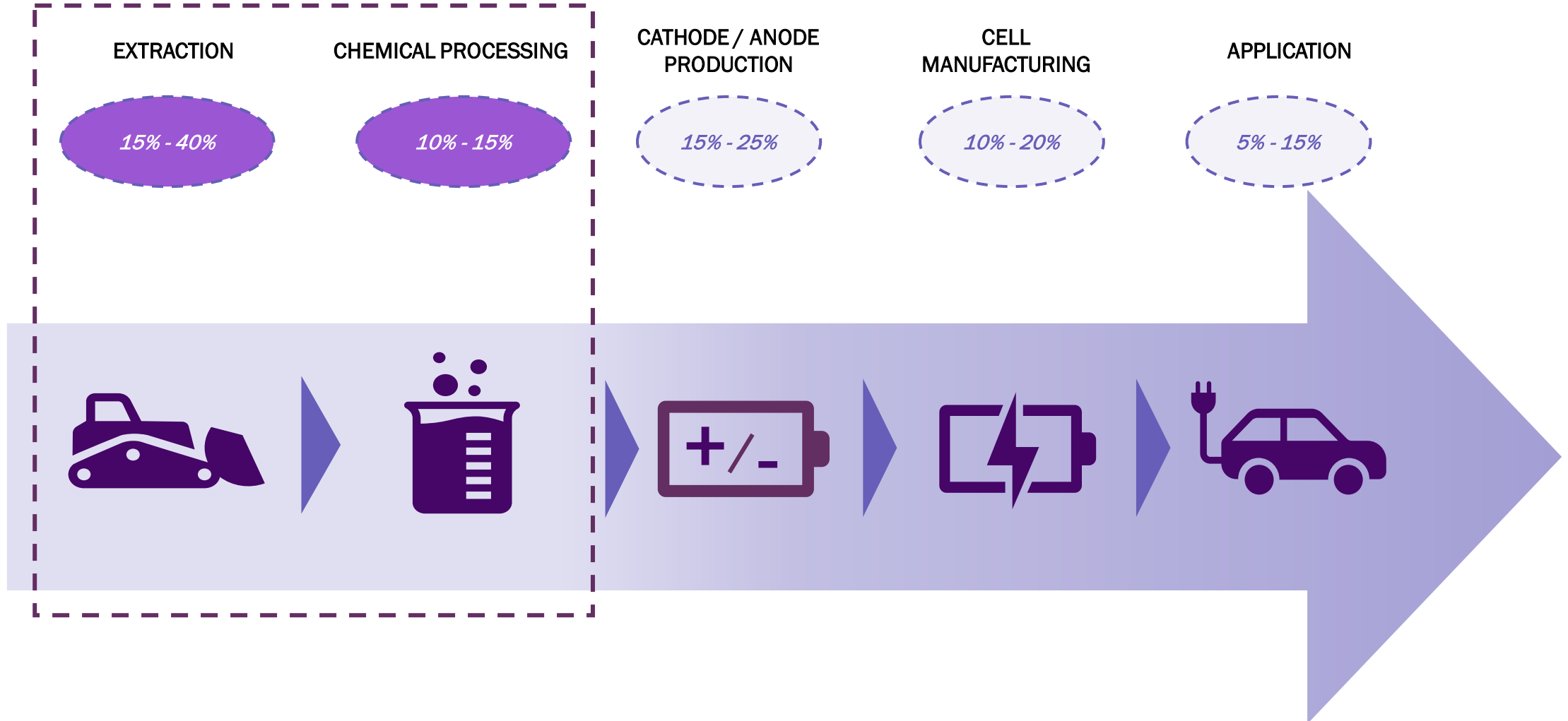
- Since beginning of 2021, prices of both lithium hydroxide and lithium carbonate have continued to rise back to almost 2018 levels
- Primarily driven by the sharp surge in domestic Chinese lithium carbonate market
- Similarly prices for most battery raw materials were maintained at historically high levels compared to the past 2-year period
- Continued strong demand growth into H2 2021 is expected to maintain elevated prices



# Lithium Supply Chain

*Lepidico's value chain focus*

*Typical Project IRR*



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# IN SUMMARY



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# Lepidico's Transition to Construction & Operations

## Permitting

- Karibib Project ESIA completed; aligned with Equator Principles & IFC Performance Standards.
- Karibib Project fully permitted for mines and concentrator
- Abu Dhabi ESIA complete; aligned with Equator Principles & IFC Performance Standards
- Environmental permit to construct the chemical plant at KIZAD granted

## Construction

- EPCM contract award to Lycopodium; works started May 2021
- Phase 1 early services, early works and FEED fully funded & on schedule for November 2021 completion
- Construction to start February 2022 subject to finance
- Commissioning to start Q4 2023 for chemical production Q4 2023

## Offtake

- Lithium hydroxide offtake discussions well advanced with multiple consumers in the EV supply chain
- Constructive discussions with 4 prospective customers of caesium; higher specification products confirmed
- Marketing of bulk by-products, SOP, silica & gypsum residue, in UAE resumed September 2021

## Finance

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



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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.

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