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## **RINCON 2,000TPA Li<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> OPERATIONAL UPDATE**

### **HIGHLIGHTS**

- **98% of 2,000tpa operational development works complete – with plant commissioning works 90% complete**
- **Primary lithium carbonate product successfully being produced during current commissioning and production test-works**
- **Continuous lithium carbonate production operations scheduled during next quarter**
- **Lithium carbonate prices recently trading at US\$78,000/t (CIF North Asia, S&P Platts)**

Argosy Minerals Limited (ASX: **AGY**) ("**Argosy**" or "**Company**") is pleased to advise further progress at the Rincon Lithium Project, located in Salta Province, Argentina, with 98% of the total works completed for the development of the 2,000tpa lithium carbonate production operation, including current commissioning works at 90% completion.

The Company is currently conducting commissioning and production test-works to produce battery quality lithium carbonate product. Current plant commissioning works have successfully produced primary lithium carbonate product, which is undergoing processing via multiple stages to ultimately produce battery quality lithium carbonate product.



**Figures 1-3. Rincon Lithium Project – 2,000tpa Operation Commissioning Works**

The 2,000tpa production operation major works comprise three main phases - being design, construction and commissioning.

- The design phase works are completed (100%);
- The construction phase works are 99% complete; and
- Plant commissioning works are 90% complete.

The construction phase comprises the process plant, equipment and associated installations, earthworks and site facilities (including additional camp development and associated site infrastructure), and expansion of the brine system (pumping station, plant settling ponds), with all construction works at effective practical completion;

- earthworks/land movements completed (100%);

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- site works completed (100%) (comprising site camp/accommodation, laboratory, office, and other works);
- brine system works completed (100%) (comprising pumping station and plant settling ponds works);
- 99% of the process plant completed (comprising plant equipment acquisition, installation and plant warehouse works); and
- 96% of utilities and associated services (comprising vapour system, communication system and ancillary services works).

The overall commissioning phase works have advanced toward full integration of plant and systems commissioning, producing primary lithium product, and preparing for production of battery quality lithium carbonate, with;

- 93% raw materials procurement/acquisition achieved;
- 100% completion of operations personnel recruitment and development; and
- 85% plant and equipment commissioning tests performed.

Argosy Managing Director, Jerko Zuvela said **"The Company's 2,000tpa operational development works at Rincon are nearing completion of commissioning works and advancing towards commencing continuous production operations and producing battery quality lithium carbonate product.**

**The Company is targeting to become the 2<sup>nd</sup> ASX listed commercial scale lithium carbonate producer, transforming into a cashflow generator and leading to a significant near-term growth phase for the Company.**

**The lithium market and lithium carbonate prices are forecast to continue around record highs into 2023 and beyond, resulting in very lucrative upcoming product sales revenues."**

The Company's key operational focus is completing current commissioning and production test-works, and progress toward commencing continuous lithium carbonate production operations during the next quarter. The Company's target is to progress ramp-up works and achieve steady-state production operations by end of H1-CY2023.

The Company's aim is to ensure the final phase commissioning works are successfully completed to establish efficient steady-state production operations for the longer term. The Company is not compromising on ensuring quality outcomes of the final stages of commissioning works to achieve 100% effective production operations and become a successful commercial battery quality lithium carbonate producer during 2023.

Argosy is well positioned to take advantage of current and near-term lithium prices via the 2,000tpa production operations, with the S&P Platts lithium carbonate price CIF North Asia recently trading at US\$78,000/t, whilst the Benchmark Mineral Intelligence lithium carbonate (minimum 99.5% Battery Grade) price EXW China recently trading at CNY569,000/t (US\$79,650/t at USD/CNY 7.14).



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**Figure 4. Rincon Lithium Project – 2,000tpa Operations Site**



**Figures 5-7. Rincon Lithium Project – 2,000tpa Operation Commissioning Works**



**Figures 8-9. Rincon Lithium Project – 2,000tpa Operation Commissioning Works**



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**Figure 10. Rincon Lithium Project – 2,000tpa Operations Site**

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*This announcement has been authorised by Jerko Zuvela, the Company's Managing Director*

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### ASX Listing Rules Compliance

Argosy advises references to the Company's current target of producing 2,000tpa of high purity battery quality lithium carbonate product at the Rincon Lithium Project should be read subject to and clarified by the Company's current intention that the 2,000tpa production target does not extend beyond a two-year period from the Clarifying Announcement (lodged 10<sup>th</sup> February 2021, available at [www.argosyminerals.com.au](http://www.argosyminerals.com.au) and [www.asx.com](http://www.asx.com)).

At the conclusion of the two-year period, it is the Company's current intention that, subject to feasibility, finance, market conditions and completion of development works at the Rincon Lithium Project, the Company's 10,000tpa production target will apply. The current 2,000tpa production target is intended to form a modular part of the 10,000tpa operation from its commencement.

Argosy further advises that references in this ASX release in relation to the 10,000tpa production target are extracted from the report entitled "Argosy delivers exceptional PEA results for Rincon Project" dated 28 November 2018, available at [www.argosyminerals.com.au](http://www.argosyminerals.com.au) and [www.asx.com](http://www.asx.com). Argosy confirms that it is not aware of any new information or data that materially affects the information included in the Announcement and, in the case of the Production Target, Mineral Resources or Ore Reserves contained in the Announcement, that all material assumptions and technical parameters underpinning the estimates in the PEA announcement continue to apply and have not materially changed. Argosy confirms that the form and context in which the Competent Person's findings are presented have not been materially modified from the PEA announcement.

### Reference to Previous ASX Releases:

This document refers to the following previous ASX releases:

28<sup>th</sup> Nov 2018 - Argosy delivers exceptional PEA results for Rincon Project

11<sup>th</sup> Jan 2021 - Rincon Project JORC Exploration Target

8<sup>th</sup> Feb 2021 - \$30M Placement to Fund 2,000tpa Production

10<sup>th</sup> Feb 2021 - Clarifying Announcement

## ABOUT ARGOSY MINERALS LIMITED

Argosy Minerals Limited (ASX: AGY) is an Australian company with a current 77.5% (and ultimate 90%) interest in the Rincon Lithium Project in Salta Province, Argentina and a 100% interest in the Tonopah Lithium Project in Nevada, USA.

The Company is focused on its flagship Rincon Lithium Project – potentially a game-changing proposition given its location within the world renowned "Lithium Triangle" – host to the world's largest lithium resources, and its fast-track development strategy toward production of LCE product.

Argosy is committed to building a sustainable lithium production company, highly leveraged to the forecast growth in the lithium-ion battery sector.

### Appendix 1: AGY's Argentina Project Location Map

