

A GROWING WAVE OF SUSTAINABLE LITHIUM SUPPLY:

ADSORPTION-TYPE
DIRECT LITHIUM EXTRACTION (DLE)



ZERO CARBON LITHIUM™ PROJECT

ADSORPTION-TYPE DIRECT LITHIUM EXTRACTION (A-DLE)

- Advantages of adsorption-type DLE (A-DLE)
- Commercial growth of lithium adsorption
- How the process works
- Differences to legacy lithium production methods
- Differences to novel, non-commercial DLE methods
- VULSORB®: Vulcan's proprietary sorbent
- Summary of Vulcan's activities to de-risk A-DLE on Upper Rhine Valley Brine Field (URVBF) brine
- Vulcan's LEOP and LEP plants: optimisation and full commercial
- A-DLE: potential to significantly lower lithium's footprint
- FAQs



ADVANTAGES OF ADSORPTION-TYPE DIRECT LITHIUM EXTRACTION (A-DLE)

Track record

✓ Global, multi-decade commercial precedent in the lithium industry

Low operating cost

- ✓ Water is used to recover the lithium from the sorbent no acid requirement means lower operating cost and less waste
- ✓ Requires heat to work, so lowers operating cost and saves energy when applied to naturally heated sub-surface brines

Reduces environmental impact

- ✓ Highly selective for Li with >90% extraction efficiency, reduces or removes the need for legacy-method large scale evaporation ponds
- ✓ Salinity/heat and water driven process, reduces/removes the need for large quantities of chemical reagents used in legacy lithium production methods

Product quality

Produces very pure product relative to hard rock and evaporative lithium, an advantage in the battery electric vehicle industry, which has very high product quality standards



COMMERCIAL GROWTH OF ADSORPTION-TYPE DLE1

adsorption-type DLE by FMC (now

Livent) in Argentina: 1996

LCE A WAVE OF SUSTAINABLE LITHIUM SUPPLY IS BUILDING t/p.a. Vulcan (EU) targeting phased ramp up of 500,000 **Zero Carbon Lithium™ Project New DLE** entrants ZERO CARBON LITHIUM™ from 0&G and mining industries Multiple new commercial projects built in late 2010s in Qinghai province, China slb 250,000 Driving the innovation SUNRESIN **E**xonMobil Invention of aluminate-based adsorbent for Direct Lithium 100,000 ▲ ALBEMARLE **Extraction by Dow (now Dupont): 1970s** 2020 2030 1970s 1990s 2010 KOCH INDUSTRIES INC eramet 🛂 Livent RioTinto Start of commercial use of Livent starts to build increased **Koch Industries/ Compass Minerals Eramet and Rio Tinto are in**

to shortly start producing in the US

construction and will start

producing from DLE shortly

DLE capacity, announces 2

further phases

A WAVE OF SUSTAINABLE LITHIUM SUPPLY IS BUILDING...

THE "NEW NORMAL"

A-DLE used commercially to produce lithium since 1996, rapidly increasing production

- ✓ **Livent**, formerly FMC, and a global Top 3 lithium producer, has used A-DLE in its commercial lithium operations in Argentina for >25 years. Now increasing production by over 400%.¹
- ✓ Growth of five new Chinese producers in late 2010s, when lithium market started to grow linked to EVs: Lanke Lithium, Zangge Mining, Jintai Lithium, Minmetals Salt Lake, Jwell New Materials.

New players entering the market in '24-'26, including from the mining industry

- French company **Eramet** (market capitalisation ~ EUR 2.5 billion) is building an adsorption-type DLE project in Argentina for a 24,000 tpa LCE capacity, using a proprietary alumina-based adsorbent. The first tonnes of production are slated for 2024.²
- In Europe, dual Australian and Frankfurt-listed **Vulcan Energy** (market capitalisation ~ A\$800m) has been developing its Zero Carbon Lithium™ Project since 2018 and is now ready to move into the execution phase, using its own, proprietary alumina-based adsorbent. Targeting start of production by end of 2025, and ramping up production during 2026, with 24,000 tpa LCE capacity for Phase One.³
- ✓ US company **Compass Minerals** (market cap ~ US\$1.6 billion) in construction for first commercial adsorbent-type DLE plant in Utah, targeting start of production in 2025, using Energysource Minerals' adsorbent, backed by Koch Industries.⁴
- Australian company **Rio Tinto** (market capitalisation ~ A\$167 billion) moving into the construction phase of a lithium adsorption project in Argentina, Rincon, using a proprietary adsorbent, having conducted pilot testwork since acquiring the project in 2022 for US\$825m.⁵
- SQM announced that it plans to spend \$1.5 billion on desalination and DLE to improve lithium production in Chile. The project would help increase lithium production capacity by more than 60% from 2021 levels, the company says.⁶
- ✓ **Albemarle** has also announced that it is entering the DLE space, starting in Arkansas from existing bromine operations.⁷

















[[]https://livent.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/07/Livent_2022_SustainabilityReport_English.pdf] Market capitalization is calculated as ~4.1B US\$ at 09/08/2023

²[https://www.eramet.com/en/eramine-world-class-lithium-production-project] Market capitalization is calculated as ~2.2B € at 09/08/2023

³[https://www.investi.com.gu/api/announcements/vul/e617fca6-6d4.pdf] Market capitalization is calculated as ~660m A\$ at 09/08/2023

^{4[}https://www.compassminerals.com/what-we-do/lithium] Market capitalization is calculated as ~ 1.59B US\$ at 09/08/2023

[[]https://www.riotinto.com/news/releases/2022/Rio-Tinto-completes-acquisition-of-Rincon-lithium-project] Market capitalization is calculated as ~162.36B A\$ at 09/08/2023

^{6[}https://cen.acs.org/energy/energy-storage-/Lithium-firms-hope-direct-extraction/100/web/2022/12] Market capitalization is calculated as ~ 18.9B US\$ \$ at 09/08/2023

[[]https://www.reuters.com/markets/commodities/albemarle-jumps-into-global-race-reinvent-lithium-production-2023-08-03/] Market capitalization is calculated as ~ 22.96B US\$ \$ at 09/08/2023

AN EMERGING TREND WITH SUBSTANTIAL POSITIVE IMPACT

Goldman Sachs:

"the implementation of Direct Lithium Extraction (DLE) technologies has the potential to significantly increase the supply of lithium from brine projects (much like shale did for oil), nearly doubling lithium production on higher recoveries and improving project returns, though with the added bonus of offering ESG/sustainability benefits, while also widening rather than steepening the lithium cost curve... We prefer briners to miners"

McKinsey & Co:

"the world needs abundant, low-cost lithium to have an energy transition, and DLE has the potential to meet that goal" ²

...NOW WITH THE OIL AND GAS INDUSTRY BEHIND IT

The next wave: Big Oil into Big Lithium?

- ✓ Adsorption-type DLE has synergies with and similarities to integrated oil and gas projects, including piping networks, "upstream" and "downstream" integration. Notable trend of oil and gas majors starting to invest in the space.
- Exxon Mobil Corp (MC: US\$ 431 billion), has acquired an adsorption-type DLE project in the Smackover Formation of Arkansas.¹
- ✓ Koch Industries (private, revenue US\$115 billion), invested US\$252m into adsorption-type DLE with Compass Minerals International (CMP.N) in Utah starting in 2025 (offtake w/ Ford).²
- ✓ Occidental Petroleum Corp (market capitalisation US\$57 billion) has also entered the space, having acquired adsorption-type DLE technology.³
- ✓ **SLB**, formerly **Schlumberger**, (market capitalisation US\$82 billion), is expanding into adsorption-type DLE in Nevada. "The fact that you can have a completely domestic brine resource that is now economic is an enormous driver for DLE."⁴
- Chevron Corp (market capitalisation US\$295 billion) has also just announced it is exploring opportunities to enter the space, noting that "extracting lithium fits with the "core capabilities" of a company like Chevron that has deep experience producing oil and gas."5









https://www.energyintel.com/00000189-9db8-d6e5-adab-9dbc9caa0000] Market capitalization is calculated as ~431B US\$ at 09/08/2023

^{1/4} https://www.mining-technology.com/news/compass-koch-lithium/] private, revenue 2022 115B US\$ at 09/08/2023

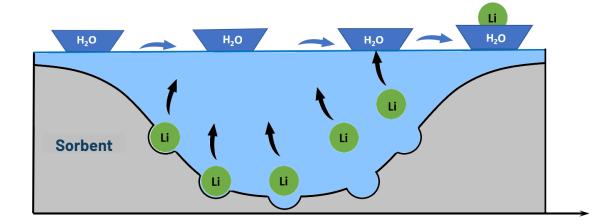
Inttps://www.ft.com/content/7616a9f4-e0db-4d61-b189-9e81ddd8137b] Market capitalization is calculated as ~56.4B US\$ at 09/08/2023

^{4[}https://www.slb.com/news-and-insights/newsroom/press-release/2021/pr-2021-0318-sne-lithium-extraction-plant-nevada] Market capitalization is calculated as ~83.2B US\$ at 09/08/2023 [https://www.mining.com/web/chevron-considers-lithium-production-in-latest-ev-bet-by-big-oil/] Market capitalization is calculated as ~305.5B US\$ at 09/08/2023

HOW THE ADSORPTION-TYPE DIRECT LITHIUM EXTRACTION PROCESS WORKS

- Brine has a high salinity it contains ions of various sizes and electric charges.
- Water molecules surrounding the ions make up a hydration shell.
- Small lithium ions require a double hydration shell to stabilise their electric charge in the solution.
- In brines with high salinity this is not possible due to the competition for water molecules with the other ions.
- Thus, lithium chloride adsorbs to the surface of the sorbent material.
- During loading, lithium chloride is adsorbed on the sorbent while all the other ions stay in the brine.

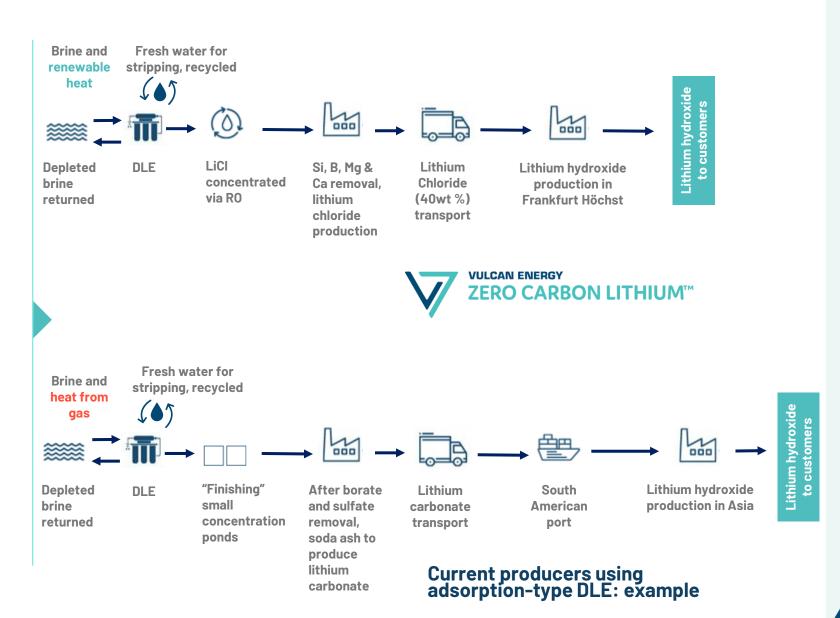
Step 2



- When the loaded sorbent is washed with water, an excess of free water molecules becomes available to the lithium ions.
- Formation of a double hydration shell is an energetically favoured process, which drives the desorption of the lithium chloride from the surface of the sorbent material.
- This process is called elution and the collected wash water that contains the lithium chloride is called the eluate.
- Eluate has a high concentration of lithium chloride and low concentration of impurities, enabling conversion to lithium hydroxide.

DECARBONISING DLE: COMPARISON WITH CURRENT DLE PRODUCTION

- Adsorption-type DLE needs heated brine to work.
- Current DLE producers use gas to heat the brine. Vulcan uses geothermal brine that is already naturally heated. Excess heat is used to generate renewable energy.
- Vulcan uses process equipment to concentrate lithium, instead of concentration ponds. This speeds up production time and reduces water usage. Incumbent producers are also switching to process equipment concentration.
- Vulcan's proximity to lithium hydroxide conversion also reduces carbon footprint, relative to current producers.



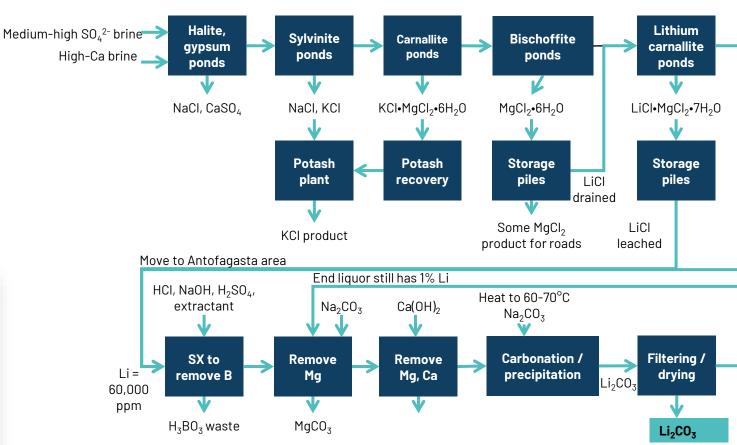
DIFFERENCES WITH LEGACY LITHIUM BRINE PRODUCTION METHODS

Legacy method:

- Use of evaporation ponds, high water consumption and lengthy (18 month) process vulnerable to climate/weather disruption
- Low lithium recovery, extent depends on Mg/Li ratio
- Complex process, multiple precipitation steps
- Significant chemical reagent consumption, and therefore large CO₂ footprint



Generalised evaporation type flow sheet



Main disadvantages

DIFFERENCES BETWEEN ADSORPTION-TYPE DLE AND NOVEL, NON-COMMERCIAL DLE METHODS

Main advantages

Adsorption-type Direct Lithium	LiCI-2AI(OH) ₃ , nH2O Many form factors	 YEARS, EXPONENTIAL GROWTH IN PR Water is used to recover the lithium from the sorbent – no chemical reagents required Global and multi-decade commercial precedent No acid requirement means long sorbent life Highly selective for Li with >90% extraction efficiency Works well with heated brines 	 Usually requires temperatures > 50°C (not a disadvantage if brine is already hot) Lower eluate LiCl concentration than IX, requires more reverse osmosis to separate and recycle water
 STILL IN DEV	ELOPMENT/R&D PH	ASEHigh capacity and therefore high concentration of Li in	 Needs large amounts of base and acid to work, increases OPEX and waste formation Some IX material are attacked during desorption. Degrade



DLE method

Material

	lon Exchange	LiFePO ₄	the eluate.	•	Some IX material are attacked during desorption. Degrade in acidic conditions
		Li ₂ TiO ₃			
	Solvent Extraction	Organic solvents	High concentrations of lithium can be achieved in the extraction solution. Continuous.	•	Organic solvents are challenging environmentally
				•	Fire risk with high temperature brines
				•	Expensive relative to other technologies, potentially larger CAPEX for first fill
	Membranes	MOFs, IX or LiCl·2Al(OH) $_3$ in polymers	 No contact between brine and extractant, fewer impurities and continuous 	•	In their technological infancy, fouling, lack of stability in geothermal brines. Needs pretreatment



In-house A-DLE intellectual property

- ✓ Vulcan has developed its own proprietary sorbent, VULSORB®, which it has been manufacturing in Germany and France.
- ✓ VULSORB®, belongs to the lithium extraction adsorbent family which has been developed and used by different companies in multiple project around the world over the past 25 years.
- ✓ VULSORB®, offers higher lithium capacity than other lithium aluminate intercalate sorbents available on the market, based on Vulcan's test work on Upper Rhine Valley Brine.
- ✓ VULSORB®, can be used with other brines, both in Europe and globally.



SUMMARY OF VULCAN'S ACTIVITIES TO DE-RISK A-DLE ON UPPER RHINE VALLEY BRINE FIELD (URVBF) BRINE

Standard approach for applying known metals extraction process to a mineral resource



Technology selected



Applicability to geochemistry confirmed in laboratory



Engineering parameters determined and optimised using pilot-scale processing test work. Feasibility study.



Commercial plant build and operation

- ✓ Technology selected in scoping work 2018-2020
- √ 3 years of in-house laboratory testwork successfully completed '21-'23
- ✓ Technology de-risked on our brine chemistry (i.e., salinity, Li content, chemical composition, temperature), at multiple well sites
- ✓ Pilot plant operational since '21. Lithium hydroxide "better than battery grade" already produced.
- √ 1000s of cycles, and 10,000s of hours of stable successful operation
- ✓ Data from pilot plants used to optimise and complete engineering design for Definitive Feasibility Study and Bridging Phase

Ready to move into execution, build and operation of commercial plant





NEW LITHIUM EXTRACTION PLANT (LEP)

- In-house designed Lithium Extraction Optimisation Plant (LEOP)
 near completion, planned to start operation second half of 2023 to
 train staff in pre-commercial environment prior to start of
 commercial production for targeted operational readiness in late
 2025
- Optimisation plant also built to start sending significant volume of product to offtakers for pre-qualifications
- Once operational, this plant intends to produce the first tonnes of domestically produced lithium chemicals in Europe

Phase One commercial: adsorption-type LEP

- To be constructed next to new Phase One geothermal plant
- Total targeted capacity to be 24,000tpa LHM equivalent in LiCl form
- From the LEP, LiCl concentrate solution will be transported to the CLP
- Modular build allows for further phased development across other phases in URVBF
- Targeting Phase One SOP in late '25, ramping up during '26



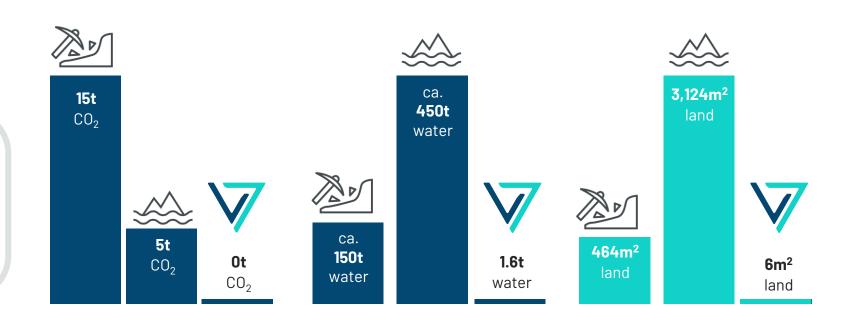


Top: construction of Lithium Extraction Optimisation Plant (LEOP)
Bottom: Planned new commercial Phase One geothermal and LEP development.

A-DLE: POTENTIAL TO SIGNIFICANTLY LOWER LITHIUM'S FOOTPRINT

Engineered to have industry-leading environmental performance

A-DLE can draw on naturally occurring, renewable geothermal energy to power the lithium extraction process and create a renewable energy by-product. This uses **no fossil fuels** in the process, requires **very little water** and has a **tiny land footprint**.



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- 1. Industry peer data generated from Minviro Life Cycle Assessment (see Vulcan ASX announcement, 4 August 2021)
- 2. Vulcan Energy's DFS, 13 February 2023
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Hard rock mining

~ 60% of world lithium production



Evaporation ponds

~ 40% of world lithium production



FAQS

Q: "I have read that DLE is not commercially proven, why is this?"

A: This is a common misunderstanding, as "DLE" is an umbrella term, which refers to more than one kind of technology. DLE using an aluminate-type adsorbent, like Vulcan is doing, is proven, has been used commercially for decades in the lithium industry, and can be used on most brines where salinity and heat is present. Now that the lithium industry is growing and sustainability is becoming a much bigger issue, its use is increasing very guickly.

It is the novel DLE methods that are being tested by academic researchers and start-ups that are not commercially proven, such as titanium/manganese-based ion exchange materials, and membranes. Stakeholders beware: not all "DLE" is the same.

Q: "Why are there research projects into DLE, if it is already proven?"

A: There have been a spate of government-funded research projects worldwide into novel, unproven types of "DLE". The industry should support R&D into new lithium extraction technologies where the brines are not amenable to adsorption-type DLE (A-DLE). However, where brine conditions are amenable to A-DLE, there is no pressing need for further research into novel technologies.

Q: "I have heard that adsorption-type DLE is water-intensive. Is it environmentally friendly?"

A: A strength of A-DLE is that it uses very little chemical reagents, and the main inputs are heat, brine and water. The sorbent needs to be "washed" with water to desorb the lithium from the sorbent. If simple recycles are built into the process design, this water can be reused again and again, resulting in a tiny water footprint. So yes, if done right, A-DLE is a low water use as well as low carbon way of producing lithium for electric vehicles.

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APPENDIX 1: DLE PRODUCTION/PLANNED PRODUCTION DATA

Location	Source	DLE data	
China	https://www.seplite.com/company.html https://www.seetao.com/details/159795.html https://www.seplite.com/sunresin-s-4000t-a-jintai-salt-lake-lithium-extraction-project-put-into-operation.html	Lanke Lithium 20 kt/p.a. 2017 Minmetals Slat 30 kt/p.a. 2022 Zangge Lithium 20 kt/p.a. 2018 Jewll New Materials 10kt/p.a. 2022 Jintai Lithium 7 kt/p.a. 2019 Guoneng Mining 3 kt/p.a. 2017	
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