### **ASX ANNOUNCEMENT**

4 September 2023



### CONFERENCE CALL PRESENTATION AND REPLAY

Leo Lithium Limited (ASX: LLL) (**Leo Lithium** or the **Company**) advises that a recording of the conference call held today, Monday 4 September at 9am AWST (Perth time)/11am AEST (Sydney / Melbourne time) is now available at -

http://www.openbriefing.com/OB/5298.aspx

A copy of the presentation given during the call is also attached to this announcement.

This announcement has been approved for release to the ASX by the Managing Director.

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Leo Lithium (ASX: LLL) is developing the world-class Goulamina Lithium Project (Goulamina) in Mali. Goulamina represents the next lithium project of significant scale to enter production. The hard rock lithium project will be the first of its kind in West Africa. Construction is underway, and first production is targeted for H1 2024.

Globally significant project: Forecast spodumene concentrate production of 506ktpa increasing up to 831ktpa under Stage 2<sup>1</sup> positions Goulamina amongst the world's largest spodumene projects.

Development underway and substantially funded: One of a limited number of lithium development projects globally which are substantially funded. Ganfeng have provided US\$130 million in equity funding and a US\$40 million debt facility into the JV.

Large-scale, high-grade orebody: World-class, high grade hard rock lithium deposit with a Mineral Resource of 211.0 Mt at 1.37% Li<sub>2</sub>O and Ore Reserve of 52 Mt at 1.51% Li<sub>2</sub>O (1.9 Mt LCE)<sup>2</sup>.

Quality product: High quality spodumene concentrate with test work validating 6% Li<sub>2</sub>O with low impurities and having been successfully converted to battery grade lithium hydroxide.

World-class partner: Project being developed in 50/50<sup>3</sup> partnership with Ganfeng, the world's largest lithium chemical producer by production capacity, providing funding, offtake and operational support to de-risk development.

Decarbonisation thematic: Providing an essential raw material to the lithium-ion battery value chain for a clean energy future.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Based on first 5 years of steady state Stage 2 production. <sup>2</sup> On a 100% basis. <sup>3</sup> Moving to 45:55 on completion of the Equity Investment Agreement



### Mineral Resources

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# **Conference Call**

**Managing Director Simon Hay** 

**Non Executive Chairman Rick Crabb** 

4 September 2023

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# **LEO LITHIUM - A COMPELLING INVESTMENT**



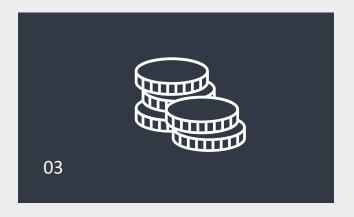
Goulamina Project in Mali - an emerging large scale producer



Amongst the world's largest spodumene projects with a 211 Mt resource



Excellent financial metrics with NPV of US\$2.9 billion<sup>1</sup>



Well funded equity & debt
from Ganfeng,
construction
underway

# **GOULAMINA ON SCHEDULE**

## Following discussions with Mali Government



### **Government engagement**

- Correspondence received from the Ministry of Mines in July on various matters, including:
  - Direct shipping ore (DSO)
  - Status of the Government free carry stake
  - Overall progress of Goulamina Lithium Project
  - Firefinch / Morila Gold Mine



# **Direct Shipped Ore (DSO)**

## **Outcome of discussions**



### **DSO Suspension**

- The Ministry of Mines directed Leo Lithium to suspend Goulamina DSO operations
- Prior guidance on 2023 and 2024 DSO production and sales withdrawn
- DSO opportunity was not considered in Leo Lithium's feasibility studies
- Suspension of DSO does not delay any aspect of the spodumene project - mining continues
- First spodumene concentrate production remains on schedule for Q2, 2024
- No mining lease risk nor finance risk to the Project
- Company submitted additional information on DSO industry Government engagement continues



**Starter pit** 

# **Government relations**

# LEO CONTRACTOR LITHIUM LTD

# **Ongoing Dialogue with the Government of Mali**

### Free carry stake

- Standard Govt 10% free carry stake: process commenced with submission of initial documentation
- As previously outlined, Govt has the right to acquire up to a 20% interest

### **Government import and duties**

- Since mid-July 2023, the Govt's actions have not been consistent with the Project's exemptions from import duties and taxes for the importation of equipment. Leo Lithium did not receive any communication of this change
- LMSA has paid ~ US\$4.0 million in import duties and taxes and if the matter is not resolved, it expects to pay a further US\$16.1 million this quarter. Total exposure for unplanned import duties and taxes is US\$45-50 million
- Leo Lithium is attempting to resolve this matter with the Government

### Firefinch / Morila Gold Mine

Leo Lithium and Ganfeng have no connection with the Morila Gold Mine - and the Company is not considering any
future involvement in Morila

# **Continued support from Ganfeng**

# Leo Lithium remains well funded for future growth



### **Sound financial footing**

- Strong ties with Ganfeng, China's largest lithium producer
- Cooperation Agreement fully executed and is set to create numerous new growth channels for Leo Lithium
- Ganfeng continues to be fully supportive of the Company's approach in Mali and is actively assisting on the ground
- Investment changed from placement in LLL to a direct investment into MLBV, the holding company for the Goulamina Project
- Leo retains 45%, Ganfeng to move to 55% on completion
- Goulamina is well funded with draw down of the Ganfeng debt facility about to commence



Leo and Ganfeng reps inspecting Ganfeng's new lithium hydroxide converter at Fengcheng, Jiangxi in May 2023

# **Project progress**

### And on schedule

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- Construction and mining advance
- Significant progress made in the June quarter including production of first run of mine ore
- Mining contractor, Corica Mining Services, continues activities on site with mined material stockpiled at site
- Project progress is ~35% complete at the end of July and is expected to accelerate in the coming months
- An intensive construction phase is planned in H2 2023, with over 1,200 staff currently employed on site
- Anticipate further positive developments with the latest Mineral Resource setting the foundation for an updated Ore Reserve estimate this month
- Continue engagement with the Ministry of Mines and advance the Goulamina Lithium Project



Ball mill site (top), primary crusher and ROM wall (below)



# LEO LITHIUM A COMPELLING INVESTMENT

- √ Large scale, high grade
- ✓ Outstanding financials
- ✓ Funding secured
- ✓ Ganfeng Lithium JV partner
- ✓ Mali Govt. support
- ✓ Construction underway
- ✓ On budget & schedule

Very undervalued vs peers

# Corporate Strategy 5 year plan Near term catalysts



			Timeframe
\$	EXECUTE STAGE 1	• First spodumene product mid-2024	2023-24
	DEVELOP STAGE 2	<ul> <li>Upgrade resource &amp; reserve</li> <li>Expand Stage 2 capacity</li> <li>Stage 2 scoping study →FFED phase</li> </ul>	2023-25
∘-→○	DOWNSTREAM	<ul><li>Commence Downstream study</li><li>Early-stage discussions underway</li></ul>	2023+
	GROWTH	<ul> <li>Exploration with a lithium focus</li> <li>Greenfields, farm-ins, M&amp;A</li> <li>Africa, Australia, The Americas</li> </ul>	2023+

