ASX Announcement



# Fieldwork Discovers 85 New Pegmatite Outcrops Along-trend from Root Bay

Significant breakthrough in Pioneer Lithium's maiden exploration program with discovery of an extensive pegmatite swarm along the Central Corridor.

## Highlights

- 85 new pegmatites discovered by Pioneer Lithium's field teams along the Central Corridor in the south-eastern portion of Project area, adjacent to Green Technology Metals' (ASX: GT1) Root Bay pegmatite system.
- Outcrops up to 10m wide and exposed over lengths of up to 140m have been discovered.
- Outcrops typically display fractionation indicators and accessory minerals associated with LCT (Lithium-Caesium-Tantalum) pegmatites.
- Field work continues in the eastern portion of the project area, adjacent to Green Technology Metals' (ASX:GT1) Root Bay pegmatite system.

Pioneer Lithium Limited (ASX Code: **PLN**) ('**Pioneer Lithium**' or '**the Company**') is pleased to report further significant progress from the recently commenced maiden exploration program at the Company's 90%-owned Root Lake Lithium Project in Ontario, Canada with the discovery of a significant pegmatite swarm within the Central Corridor.

#### Commenting on the continued success at Root Lake, Pioneer Lithium CEO, Clinton Booth, said:

"With the extensive clearing and good accessibility in this Central Corridor, our expectations for the potential discovery of large pegmatite outcrops have well and truly been exceeded. We are looking forward to the team completing the fieldwork campaign in the coming week as they move eastwards towards GT1's Root Bay discovery."

#### Continued Success at Root Lake

The ongoing Autumn Fieldwork Program, being completed in conjunction with experienced lithium geological consultants Coast Mountain Geological Ltd. (`**CMG**'), has identified 85 new pegmatite outcrops during prospecting activities along the Central Corridor in the south-eastern portion of the Root Lake Project area.

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The discovery of this extensive pegmatite swarm could represent a continuation of the Root Bay pegmatite system (Inferred Resource 8.1Mt @ 1.32% Li<sub>2</sub>O)<sup>1</sup> held by Green Technology Metals (ASX:GT1) and the recently announced Root Bay West spodumene discovery<sup>2</sup>, which is being actively explored.

Prospecting activities across the Central Corridor have been helped by the presence of only a thin veneer of overburden, assisting with quick identification of new outcrops. The pegmatite outcrops discovered by the Company's field teams are generally white in colour, are up to 10m wide and are exposed over lengths of up to 140m, with larger outcrops encountered standing as ridges above surrounding metavolcanic-sedimentary host rocks.

Mineral assemblages observed in the field include medium to coarse-grained crystals of potassium feldspar, albite, quartz, and muscovite. Widespread tourmaline, as well as minor occurrences of other accessory minerals fluorapatite, garnet and beryl, which are commonly associated with LCT (Lithium-Caesium-Tantalum) pegmatites and indicators of granite fractionation, have also been identified.

CMG personnel are continuing the process of systemically selecting grab samples and conducting lithogeochemical channel sampling, with samples to be submitted for assaying once the fieldwork program has been completed.



*Figure 1. Map of the Root Lake Project showing the location of pegmatite outcrops identified in proximity to the Central Corridor (outcrops depicted by green dots).* 

 <sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> For full details of The Root Lithium Project Mineral Resource Estimate, see GT1 ASX releases dated 19 April 2023 & 7 June 2023.
 <sup>2</sup> For full details of The Root Bay West spodumene discovery and recent drill results, see GT1 ASX releases dated 26 June 2023, 4 July 2023, 7 August 2023 & 14 September 2023.





Figure 2. Examples of the outcropping pegmatite ridges discovered in the Central Corridor.



#### About the Root Lake Project

The Root Lake Project comprises 94 claims totalling 1,927ha, located within the eastern Superior Province straddling the Sydney Lake-Lake St. Joseph Fault, an east-west trending, steeply dipping brittle-ductile shear zone that defines the boundary between the Uchi and English River Sub-provinces.

Several S-Type, peraluminous granitic plutons hosting lithium and other rare-metal mineralised pegmatites have been discovered in proximity to the Sydney Lake-Lake St. Joseph Fault, including Green Technology Metals' McCombe, Morrison and Root Bay deposits (Root Lake Pegmatite Group), all of which are situated within 5km of the Root Lake Project.



For more information on Pioneer Lithium, refer to the Company's website at: <u>www.pioneerlithium.com.au</u>.

This announcement has been authorised for release by the Board.

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#### Competent Person Statement

The information in this Report that relates to new exploration results for the Root Lake Lithium Project is based on, and fairly represents, information and supporting documentation compiled and reviewed by Mr Nigel Broomham (BSc (Hons) Geology & Resource Economics) who is a Member of the Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy (AusIMM) and holds a Professional Certificate in JORC Code Reporting. Mr Broomham is a Non-Executive Director of Pioneer Lithium. Mr Broomham has sufficient experience which is relevant to the style of mineralisation and type of deposit under consideration and to the activity which he is undertaking to qualify as a Competent Person as defined in the 2012 Edition of the Joint Ore Reserves Committee (JORC) "Australasian Code for Reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves". Mr Broomham consents to the inclusion in this report of the matters based on information in the form and context in which they appear. Mr Broomham holds securities in the Company.

#### Compliance statement

The previous exploration results for the Root Lake Project referred to in this announcement were first reported in accordance with ASX Listing Rule 5.7 in the Company's prospectus dated 3 August 2023, which was announced on the ASX market announcements platform on 26 September 2023 and ASX announcements dated 10 October 2023 and are available to view on <u>www.pioneerlithium.com.au</u> and <u>www.asx.com.au</u>. Pioneer Lithium is not aware of any new information or data that materially affects the information included in the prospectus. The presence of pegmatite rock does not necessarily indicate the presence of lithium, caesium, tantalum (LCT) mineralisation. Laboratory chemical assays are required to determine the grade of mineralisation.

#### Forward-looking statements

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## JORC Code, 2012 Edition – Table 1

## Section 1 Sampling Techniques and Data

(Criteria in this section apply to all succeeding sections.)

Criteria	JORC Code explanation	Commentary
<i>Sampling</i> <i>techniques</i>	<ul> <li>Nature and quality of sampling (eg cut channels, random chips, or specific specialised industry standard measurement tools appropriate to the minerals under investigation, such as down hole gamma sondes, or handheld XRF instruments, etc). These examples should not be taken as limiting the broad meaning of sampling.</li> <li>Include reference to measures taken to ensure sample representivity and the appropriate calibration of any measurement tools or systems used.</li> <li>Aspects of the determination of mineralisation that are Material to the Public Report.</li> <li>In cases where 'industry standard' work has been done this would be relatively simple (eg 'reverse circulation drilling was used to obtain 1 m samples from which 3 kg was pulverised to produce a 30 g charge for fire assay'). In other cases more explanation may be required, such as where there is coarse gold that has inherent sampling problems. Unusual commodities or mineralisation types (eg submarine nodules) may warrant disclosure of detailed information.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Initial rock chip sampling of observed pegmatite outcrops is currently being undertaken.</li> <li>Further targeted lithogeochemical channel sampling will be undertaken.</li> <li>No results have been received to date – all samples collected are to be submitted for assaying to AGAT Laboratories Ltd in Thunder Bay, Ontario and results will be reported once received.</li> </ul>
Drilling techniques	<ul> <li>Drill type (eg core, reverse circulation, open-hole hammer, rotary air blast, auger, Bangka, sonic, etc) and details (eg core diameter, triple or standard tube, depth of diamond tails, face-sampling bit or other type, whether core is oriented and if so, by what method, etc).</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>No drilling has been conducted and no drill assays are being reported in this announcement.</li> </ul>
Drill sample recovery	<ul> <li>Method of recording and assessing core and chip sample recoveries and results assessed.</li> <li>Measures taken to maximise sample recovery and ensure representative nature of the samples.</li> <li>Whether a relationship exists between sample recovery and grade and whether sample bias may have occurred due to preferential loss/gain of fine/coarse material.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>No drilling has been conducted and no drill assays are being reported in this announcement.</li> </ul>
Logging	<ul> <li>Whether core and chip samples have been geologically and geotechnically logged to a level of detail to support appropriate Mineral Resource estimation, mining studies and metallurgical studies.</li> <li>Whether logging is qualitative or quantitative in nature. Core (or costean, channel, etc) photography.</li> <li>The total length and percentage of the relevant intersections logged.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>No drilling has been conducted and no drill assays are being reported in this announcement.</li> </ul>
Sub-sampling techniques	• <i>If core, whether cut or sawn and whether quarter, half or all core taken.</i>	<ul> <li>Initial rock chip sampling of observed pegmatite outcrops is</li> </ul>



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and sample preparation	<ul> <li>If non-core, whether riffled, tube sampled, rotary split, etc and whether sampled wet or dry.</li> <li>For all sample types, the nature, quality and appropriateness of the sample preparation technique.</li> <li>Quality control procedures adopted for all subsampling stages to maximise representivity of samples.</li> <li>Measures taken to ensure that the sampling is representative of the in situ material collected, including for instance results for field duplicate/second-half sampling.</li> <li>Whether sample sizes are appropriate to the grain size of the material being sampled.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>currently being undertaken and has not been finalised at the time of writing.</li> <li>Locations of newly discovered pegmatites in this announcement referred to in the included map are shown in Table 2 (co-ordinates in NAD83/UTM Zone 15N).</li> </ul>
Quality of assay data and laboratory tests	<ul> <li>The nature, quality and appropriateness of the assaying and laboratory procedures used and whether the technique is considered partial or total.</li> <li>For geophysical tools, spectrometers, handheld XRF instruments, etc, the parameters used in determining the analysis including instrument make and model, reading times, calibrations factors applied and their derivation, etc.</li> <li>Nature of quality control procedures adopted (eg standards, blanks, duplicates, external laboratory checks) and precision have been established.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>No assay data is being reported.</li> <li>Both rock chip and lithogeochemical channel samples are to be dispatched to AGAT Laboratories Ltd in Thunder Bay, Ontario on the conclusion of the fieldwork program.</li> <li>AGAT Laboratories Ltd will utilise standards and blanks as part of their QA/QC protocols.</li> </ul>
<i>Verification of sampling and assaying</i>	<ul> <li>The verification of significant intersections by either independent or alternative company personnel.</li> <li>The use of twinned holes.</li> <li>Documentation of primary data, data entry procedures, data verification, data storage (physical and electronic) protocols.</li> <li>Discuss any adjustment to assay data.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>All data generated from the fieldwork program has been uploaded into the company's data storage.</li> <li>Data has been checked by personnel from CMG and Pioneer Lithium.</li> </ul>
<i>Location of data points</i>	<ul> <li>Accuracy and quality of surveys used to locate drill holes (collar and down-hole surveys), trenches, mine workings and other locations used in Mineral Resource estimation.</li> <li>Specification of the grid system used.</li> <li>Quality and adequacy of topographic control.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>All field data is being collected utilising a handheld GPS, a standard tool for early-stage reconnaissance exploration.</li> <li>The grid datum is NAD83/UTM Zone 15N.</li> </ul>
<i>Data spacing and distribution</i>	<ul> <li>Data spacing for reporting of Exploration Results.</li> <li>Whether the data spacing and distribution is sufficient to establish the degree of geological and grade continuity appropriate for the Mineral Resource and Ore Reserve estimation procedure(s) and classifications applied.</li> <li>Whether sample compositing has been applied.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Not applicable to early-stage reconnaissance exploration.</li> </ul>
<i>Orientation of data in relation to geological structure</i>	<ul> <li>Whether the orientation of sampling achieves unbiased sampling of possible structures and the extent to which this is known, considering the deposit type.</li> <li>If the relationship between the drilling orientation and the orientation of key mineralised structures is considered to have introduced a sampling bias, this should be assessed and reported if material.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Not applicable to early-stage reconnaissance exploration.</li> </ul>



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Sample security	• The measures taken to ensure sample security.	• All samples collected are being held onsite at CMG's exploration camp. Samples are stored within numbered sealed bags and labelled by field personnel.
Audits or reviews	• The results of any audits or reviews of sampling techniques and data.	<ul> <li>No audits or reviews have been undertaken.</li> </ul>

### Section 2 Reporting of Exploration Results

(Criteria in this section apply to all succeeding sections.)

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<i>Mineral</i> <i>tenement and</i> <i>land tenure</i> <i>status</i>	<ul> <li>Type, reference name/number, location and ownership including agreements or material issues with third parties such as joint ventures, partnerships, overriding royalties, native title interests, historical sites, wilderness or national park and environmental settings.</li> <li>The security of the tenure held at the time of reporting along with any known impediments to obtaining a licence to operate in the area.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Pioneer Lithium acquired a 90% interest in the Root Lake claims, with Rockex Mining retaining a 10% interest.</li> <li>The Root Lake Project consists of 94 claims totalling 1,927ha (Please refer to the company prospectus dated 3 August 2023 for a full list of the claims that make up the Root Lake Project).</li> <li>All cell claims are in good standing.</li> </ul>
Exploration done by other parties	Acknowledgment and appraisal of exploration by other parties.	<ul> <li>Regional exploration for lithium commenced in the 1950s, but minimal exploration within the Root Lake claims has been conducted since.</li> <li>In 1956, Consolidated Morrison Explorations Ltd explored and drilled in proximity to the Morrison showing, with three holes completed immediately to the northwest of the Root Lake claims. Lithium assays were reported for two holes and included intercepts 2m @ 2.83% Li<sub>2</sub>O and 5m @ 1.86% Li<sub>2</sub>O.</li> <li>In 1957, Capital Lithium Mines Ltd drilled five holes within the Root Lake claims, targeting the Root Lake South showing. Pegmatites were identified in logging, but no lithium assays were reported.</li> <li>In 2011, Geo Data Solutions GDS Inc. on behalf of Rockex Ltd. flew a high-resolution helicopter-borne aeromagnetic</li> </ul>



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		survey over the Root Lake claims.
Geology	<ul> <li>Deposit type, geological setting and style of mineralisation.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>The Root Lake claims are located within the Superior Province, along the Sydney Lake-Lake St. Joseph Fault, a regionally extensive east-west trending, steeply dipping brittle ductile shear zone that marks the boundary between the Uchi and English River Subprovinces.</li> <li>The northern portion of the Root Lake claims is underlain by rocks of the Uchi Subprovince, which predominantly consists of metavolcanic units and numerous granitoid batholiths.</li> <li>The southern portion of the Root Lake claims is underlain by rocks of the English River Subprovince, which predominantly consists of metavolcanic units and numerous granitoid batholiths.</li> <li>The southern portion of the Root Lake claims is underlain by rocks of the English River Subprovince, which consists of metamorphosed clastic and chemical metasedimentary units and numerous granitoid batholiths.</li> <li>Several S-Type peraluminous granitic plutons hosting lithium and other rare-metal mineralised pegmatites have been discovered in proximity to the Sydney Lake-Lake St. Joseph Fault, hosted within the adjacent mafic metavolcanics of the Uchi Subprovince and metasediments of the English River Subprovince.</li> </ul>
Drill hole Information	<ul> <li>A summary of all information material to the understanding of the exploration results including a tabulation of the following information for all Material drill holes: <ul> <li>easting and northing of the drill hole collar</li> <li>elevation or RL (Reduced Level – elevation above sea level in metres) of the drill hole collar</li> <li>dip and azimuth of the hole</li> <li>down hole length and interception depth</li> <li>hole length.</li> </ul> </li> <li>If the exclusion of this information is justified on the basis that the information is not Material and this exclusion does not detract from the understanding of the report, the Competent Person should clearly explain why this is the case.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>No drilling has been conducted or reported to date.</li> <li>No relevant data has been excluded from this announcement.</li> </ul>



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Data aggregation methods	<ul> <li>In reporting Exploration Results, weighting averaging techniques, maximum and/or minimum grade truncations (eg cutting of high grades) and cut-off grades are usually Material and should be stated.</li> <li>Where aggregate intercepts incorporate short lengths of high grade results and longer lengths of low grade results, the procedure used for such aggregation should be stated and some typical examples of such aggregations should be shown in detail.</li> <li>The assumptions used for any reporting of metal equivalent values should be clearly stated.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>No drilling has been conducted and no drill assays are being reported.</li> <li>No metal equivalent values are being reported.</li> </ul>
Relationship between mineralisation widths and intercept lengths	<ul> <li>These relationships are particularly important in the reporting of Exploration Results.</li> <li>If the geometry of the mineralisation with respect to the drill hole angle is known, its nature should be reported.</li> <li>If it is not known and only the down hole lengths are reported, there should be a clear statement to this effect (eg 'down hole length, true width not known').</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>No drilling has been conducted and no drill assays are being reported.</li> </ul>
Diagrams	• Appropriate maps and sections (with scales) and tabulations of intercepts should be included for any significant discovery being reported These should include, but not be limited to a plan view of drill hole collar locations and appropriate sectional views.	• Appropriate maps and figures have been included in this announcement.
<i>Balanced</i> <i>reporting</i>	• Where comprehensive reporting of all Exploration Results is not practicable, representative reporting of both low and high grades and/or widths should be practiced to avoid misleading reporting of Exploration Results.	<ul> <li>All relevant and material exploration data has been included in the announcement.</li> <li>A summary of historical exploration activities is included in the Independent Geologists Report within the company prospectus dated 3 August 2023 (See Annexure C).</li> </ul>
<i>Other substantive exploration data</i>	<ul> <li>Other exploration data, if meaningful and material, should be reported including (but not limited to): geological observations; geophysical survey results; geochemical survey results; bulk samples – size and method of treatment; metallurgical test results; bulk density, groundwater, geotechnical and rock characteristics; potential deleterious or contaminating substances.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>All relevant and material exploration data has been included in the announcement.</li> <li>A summary of historical exploration activities is included in the Independent Geologists Report within the company prospectus dated 3 August 2023 (See Annexure C).</li> </ul>
Further work	<ul> <li>The nature and scale of planned further work (eg tests for lateral extensions or depth extensions or large-scale step-out drilling).</li> <li>Diagrams clearly highlighting the areas of possible extensions, including the main geological interpretations and future drilling areas, provided this information is not commercially sensitive.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Further work planned at Root Lake may include, but not be limited to, prospecting, geological mapping, structural interpretation, rock chip sampling, geophysics surveys and drilling.</li> </ul>



Location ID	Easting	Northing
AGRL23-008	596226	5640334
AGRL23-018	596038	5640355
AGRL23-027	595738	5640651
AGRL23-037	595495	5640734
AGRL23-041	596079	5641115
AGRL23-042	596129	5641085
AGRL23-045	595828	5640977
AGRL23-046	595861	5640998
AGRL23-047	595801	5640859
AGRL23-048	595801	5640859
AGRL23-050	596803	5639821
AGRL23-051	597026	5639886
AGRL23-052	597238	5639682
AGRL23-053	597111	5639762
JMRL23-027	595489	5640774
JMRL23-028	595568	5640766
JMRL23-029	595684	5640828
JMRL23-035	596286	5641356
JMRL23-042	595629	5640884
JMRL23-043	595627	5640909
JMRL23-050	595658	5640746
JSRL23-006	595458	5640691
JSRL23-008	595461	5640939
JSRL23-011	595509	5640997
JSRL23-012	594495	5641542
JSRL23-014	594282	5641572
JSRL23-015	595413	5640449
JSRL23-017	595340	5640412
JSRL23-020	596514	5640483
JSRL23-021	596480	5640430
NSRL23-006	596183	5640447
NSRL23-007	596201	5640393
NSRL23-015	595608	5640709
NSRL23-018	596120	5641130
NSRL23-019	596092	5641076
NSRL23-020	595915	5641047
NSRL23-021	595910	5640997
NSRL23-024	596996	5639734
RKRL23-056	596596	5641753
RKRL23-091	596338	5641462
RKRL23-100	596558	5641308
RKRL23-101	596571	5641317
RKRL23-109	596182	5641231

## Table 2 – Pegmatite outcrops mapped in the Central Corridor at the Root Lake Project.

Location ID	Easting	Northing
RKRL23-116	596632	5641427
RKRL23-117	596186	5641191
SPRL23-009	596744	5641097
SPRL23-011	596689	5641318
SPRL23-012	596613	5641238
SPRL23-013	596633	5641185
SPRL23-014	596605	5641171
SPRL23-015	596597	5641170
SPRL23-017	596530	5641232
SPRL23-019	596547	5641269
SPRL23-020	596409	5641470
SPRL23-023	596486	5641276
SPRL23-024	596496	5641290
SPRL23-026	596472	5641239
SPRL23-027	596495	5641192
SPRL23-028	596507	5641185
SPRL23-029	596581	5641119
SPRL23-178	595274	5640330
SPRL23-181	595428	5640907
SPRL23-183B	595690	5640793
SPRL23-188	595828	5640385
SPRL23-191	596148	5641324
SPRL23-198	598054	5641648
SPRL23-207	596560	5641023
SPRL23-214	596478	5641129
SPRL23-218	596086	5640384
SPRL23-220	596387	5640508
SPRL23-221	596503	5640568
SPRL23-222	596261	5641173
SPRL23-223	596233	5641160
SPRL23-224	596168	5641102
SPRL23-225	596385	5640363
SPRL23-236	596146	5640495
SPRL23-238	596132	5640499
SPRL23-243	596130	5640403
SPRL23-257	595631	5640763
SPRL23-259	595622	5640797
SPRL23-262	596126	5641142