



# LEADING THE CHARGE IN AUSTRALIAN RARE EARTH CLAYS

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ASX: WC1

#### **MAJOR PROJECTS**

Salazar, WA - Rare Earth Elements Nevada, USA - Lithium Hermit Hill, NT - Lithium Bulla Park, NSW - Copper

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#### **CAPITAL STRUCTURE**

Ordinary Shares	97.13m
Options (unlisted)	20.7m
Market Cap (undiluted)	\$7.4m
Share Price (16/10/23)	\$0.076

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## **NEVADA LITHIUM PROJECT UPDATE**

### **Highlights**

- Maiden drilling at Nevada Lithium Project to commence end of October 2023
- Settlement of claimed confidentiality breach

West Cobar Metals Limited (ASX:WC1) ("West Cobar", "the Company") is pleased to provide an update on activities at its mineral exploration project in Nevada, USA.

Drilling at the Company's lithium claystone project near Tonopah in Nevada, USA is scheduled to commence around the end of October due to drill rig availability.

West Cobar's Nevada Lithium Project, close to the mining town of Tonopah, consists of the Montezuma Well and Big Smoky Valley claims areas which are within a district of known large-scale sedimentary-hosted lithium claystone deposits such as TLC (American Lithium), Tonopah Flats (American Battery Technology Company), Rhyolite Ridge (Ioneer Limited) and Clayton Valley (Century Lithium) (See Figure 1).

At the Montezuma Well Project, five RC holes will test for claystone-hosted lithium mineralisation west of American Lithium Corporation's TLC deposit and 2.5km north of American Battery Technology's recently announced Tonopah Flats discovery.

The Big Smoky Valley Project is located 30km south-west of the TLC deposit, 30km north-east of Ioneer's Rhyolite Ridge deposit and 20km north of Silver Peak. Six RC holes will test for shallow lithium-in-claystone mineralisation.

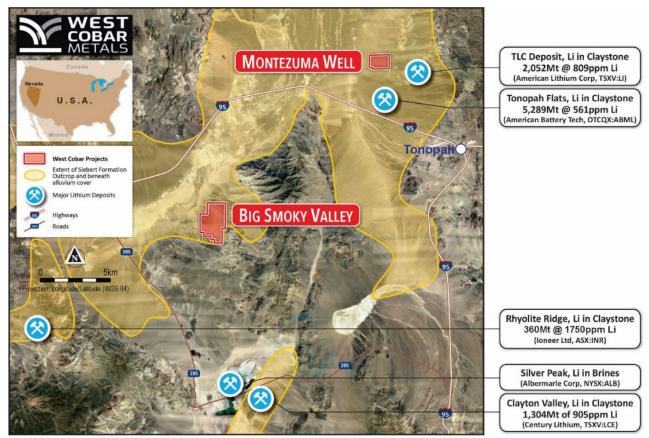


Figure 1 – Location of West Cobar's claims and major discovered lithium deposits in the Tonopah district of southern Nevada  $^{1,2,3,4,5}$ 

### **Settlement of Confidentiality Breach Claim**

Further to the ASX announcement dated 26 June 2023, the Company has executed an agreement for a full release of all current and potential claims against the Company and WC1 Nevada Lithium LLC from Nedeel LLC, Kryptonite LLC and GF Global LLC (together "NVR") in respect to an alleged breach of the confidentiality agreements entered into between the Company and NVR.

In consideration for the release, the Company has agreed to issue to NVR, subject to shareholder approval, the following securities ("Consideration Securities"):

- 1.5 million fully paid ordinary shares in the Company ("WC1 Shares") (which will be subject to voluntary escrow for 6 months from the date of issue);

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> American Lithium Corp, March 2023, Tonopah Lithium Claims Project NI 43-101 Technical Report – Preliminary Economic Assessment.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> https://americanlithiumcorp.com/tlc-lithium-project/#mineralization (February 2023)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> American Battery Technology, February 2023, Technical Report Summary for the Tonopah Flats Lithium Project

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Ioneer Ltd, ASX release 26 April 2023, 'Mineral Resource increases by 168% to 3.4Lt LCE'

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Cypress Development (now Century Lithium), 43-101 Technical Report, Clayton Valley Project, August 2020 (amended March 2021)



- 3.0 million unquoted options exercisable into WC1 Shares at an exercise price of \$0.20, expiring 31 July 2027; and
- 2.5 million performance rights convertible into WC1 Shares on completion by the Company on or before 31 August 2025 of exploratory drilling on its Nevada claims which result in a single intercept of 20 meters true width having an average grade of lithium equal to or greater than 700 ppm.

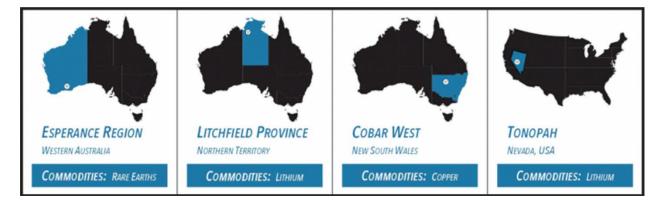
The Company will seek shareholder approval to issue the Consideration Securities at its upcoming annual general meeting.

### **About West Cobar Metals**

West Cobar Metals Limited is an exploration and development company with a critical mineral project portfolio spanning Tier-1 mining jurisdictions.

West Cobar is progressing the development of its flagship Salazar Rare Earths Project in WA and is exploring for lithium in the Northern Territory and Nevada, USA and copper in NSW.

The Company is led by a high-calibre board and management team with a strong track record and excellent mix of skills including significant rare earths, legal and project development experience.



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This ASX announcement has been approved by the Board of West Cobar Metals Limited.

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The Australasian Code for Reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves (the 'JORC Code') sets out minimum standards, recommendations and guidelines for Public Reporting in Australasia of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves.

The information contained in this announcement that relates to the exploration information at West Cobar's projects fairly reflects information compiled by Mr David Pascoe, who is Head of Technical and Exploration of West Cobar Metals Limited and a Member of the Australian Institute of Geoscientists. Mr Pascoe 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 'Australasian Code for Reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves'. Mr Pascoe consents to the inclusion in this announcement of the matters based on his information in the form and context in which it appears.