

# ASX RELEASE

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# LITHIUM DRILLING UNDERWAY AT RIO GRANDE SUR

## HIGHLIGHTS

- Diamond drilling preparation and associated works have commenced at the Rio Grande Sur Lithium Project in Argentina.
- Program currently underway to target resource growth at the existing inferred JORC resource of 251.3kt LCE @ 351mg/Li<sup>1</sup>.
- Geophysical surveys shows high conductivity zones to depths of 250-500m below the current resource which are highly prospective for lithium brines.
- Drilling permit applications for the Stage 2 program at the northern prospect of the Rio Grande Sur Project are in progress.

Pursuit Minerals Ltd (ASX: **PUR**) ("**PUR**", "**Pursuit**" or the "Company") is pleased to provide the following update on the commencement of exploration drilling activities at the Rio Grande Sur Lithium Project following the recent granting of environmental permits and commissioning of drill rigs.

### 2024 Stage 1 Drilling Program Underway

The initial phase of the drilling programme has now commenced on site at the Rio Grande Sur Project with earthworks and mobilisation of rigs underway.



Figure 1 – Front end loader preparing roads and drilling platforms at the Rio Grande Sur Project in Salta, Argentina.



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The drilling contractor and operations crew have mobilised, and pre-drilling preparations are underway with works including drilling platform construction as well as road clearing and construction currently being completed at both the Maria Magdelena and Sal Rio II tenements. The drilling crew and geological team are expected to mobilise in the current week to join the crew on site once camp preparations are complete. At this juncture, the drilling of DDH-1 at Maria Magdelena will commence.



Figure 2 – Equipment trucks carrying front end loaders and initial drilling supplies arrive at Rio Grande Sur.

The maiden drilling program will comprise an initial 4 diamond drill holes at the Salar tenements per Figure 3, with a pumping well to also be drilled following initial results from the first 2 holes to be drilled at Sal Rio II and Maria Magdelena. The drilling is anticipated to reach depths of 500-600m below surface, significantly deeper than the existing defined JORC mineral resource depth.

Each hole is anticipated to take approximately 1 month to complete with the program length. Pursuit is targeting a material resource upgrade in 2024 which will build on the recent maiden resource defined at the Rio Grande Sur Project.<sup>1</sup>

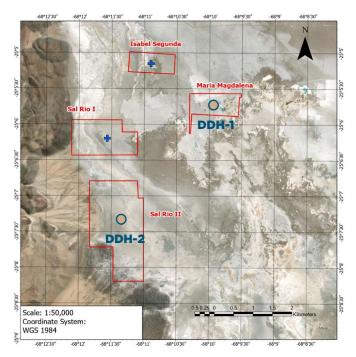


Figure 3 – Proposed locations for Stage 1 Drilling program



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> See PUR ASX announcement 25 October 2023





Figure 4 – Diamond Drill Rig being prepared at Pursuit's warehouse facility in Salta.

In relation to the advancement of the Stage 1 Drilling campaign, Pursuit Managing Director & CEO, Aaron Revelle, said:

"We expect these upcoming results to cement the Rio Grande Sur Project as a significant high grade pre-production lithium project. With the first hole set to be drilled following the initial maiden JORC inferred resource, we believe that there is great potential for significant upside to be uncovered. The current round of drilling will target the known lithium brine mineralisation identified from historical drilling in addition to our own geophysical surveys carried out in 2023.

"Whilst the Lithium market has been subdued over the end of 2023 and start of 2024, Lithium brine projects remain robust, profitable and attractive in these market conditions. Lithium brine projects continue to be profitable with Lithium Carbonate prices at \$8,000-\$12,000 USD per tonne. With marginal high-cost production now coming out of the market, we expect prices to rebound over the medium to long term as high-cost supply becomes unprofitable and withdraws from the market.

"We continue to progress with permitting for our stage 2 drilling program in the north of the Rio Grande Sur Project which we hope to commence later in 2024, in addition to works at our Lithium Carbonate Pilot Plant which remains on track to commence operations in the first half of 2024."

This release was approved by the Board.

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#### Competent Person's Statement

Statements contained in this announcement relating to exploration results, are based on, and fairly represents, information and supporting documentation prepared by Dr. Brian Luinstra, BSc honours (Geology), PhD (Earth Sciences), MAIG, PGeo (Ontario). Dr Luinstra is a Principal Consultant of SRK Consulting (Australasia) Pty Ltd and a consultant to the Company. Dr. Luinstra has sufficient relevant experience in relation to the mineralisation style being reported on to qualify as a Competent Person for reporting exploration results, as defined in the Australian Code for Reporting of Identified Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves (JORC) Code 2012. Mr Luinstra consents to the use of this information in this announcement in the form and context in which it appears. Mr Luinstra confirms that the information in this announcement provided under listing rules 5.12.2 to 5.12.7 is an accurate presentation of the available data and studies for the material mining project.

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