

# Drilling Underway at Lithium Targets in Brazil's Lithium Valley

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Lightning Minerals (L1M or the Company) is pleased to report that Energold Drilling S.A. has begun drilling at the Company's Esperança lithium project in the Lithium Valley region of Minas Gerais, Brazil. Drilling is targeting spodumene pegmatites discovered at Esperança project in November 2024 (ASX Announcement 18 November 2024 and ASX Announcement 17 January 2025).

## HIGHLIGHTS

- **Up to 2,000m of drilling to test spodumene within pegmatites at the Esperança lithium project has begun**
- **Drilling to focus on identified N-E trending pegmatites with proven spodumene and elevated lithium in soil anomalies**
- **Energold Drilling S.A. will complete drilling. Highly experienced in lithium exploration in the Lithium Valley region of Minas Gerais**

Lightning Minerals Managing Director Alex Biggs said, "Drilling has begun at Esperança which is a great step forward for the Company in the execution of its exploration plans in Brazil. We have always known that the Lithium Valley is highly prospective and with a clear initial target at Esperança we're excited about the potential for our projects and the Company moving forwards. Esperança is our priority one target but we are continuing works at both our Caraíbas and Canabrava projects where multiple lithium targets have been identified. Plans are underway for drilling programs at Caraíbas later in 2025. We wish our team a safe and productive drilling campaign and we look forward to updating the market on our progress in due course".

## Drilling Begins at Esperança Project

A diamond drill program for up to 2,000m has begun at the Company's Esperança lithium project this week focusing on lithium targets identified in November 2024 (ASX Announcement 18 November 2024) and proven spodumene in pegmatites (ASX Announcement 17 January 2025).

The program is designed to test for the potential of pegmatites beneath those already identified at and near surface, which are highly weathered. The drill program will be conducted utilising Energold's specialist modular drill rigs which minimise clearing requirements, environmental impacts and allow for flexibility in drilling. This is important as drill plans may change as further information on the target area is understood as the drill program advances.

## Ongoing Works in Brazil

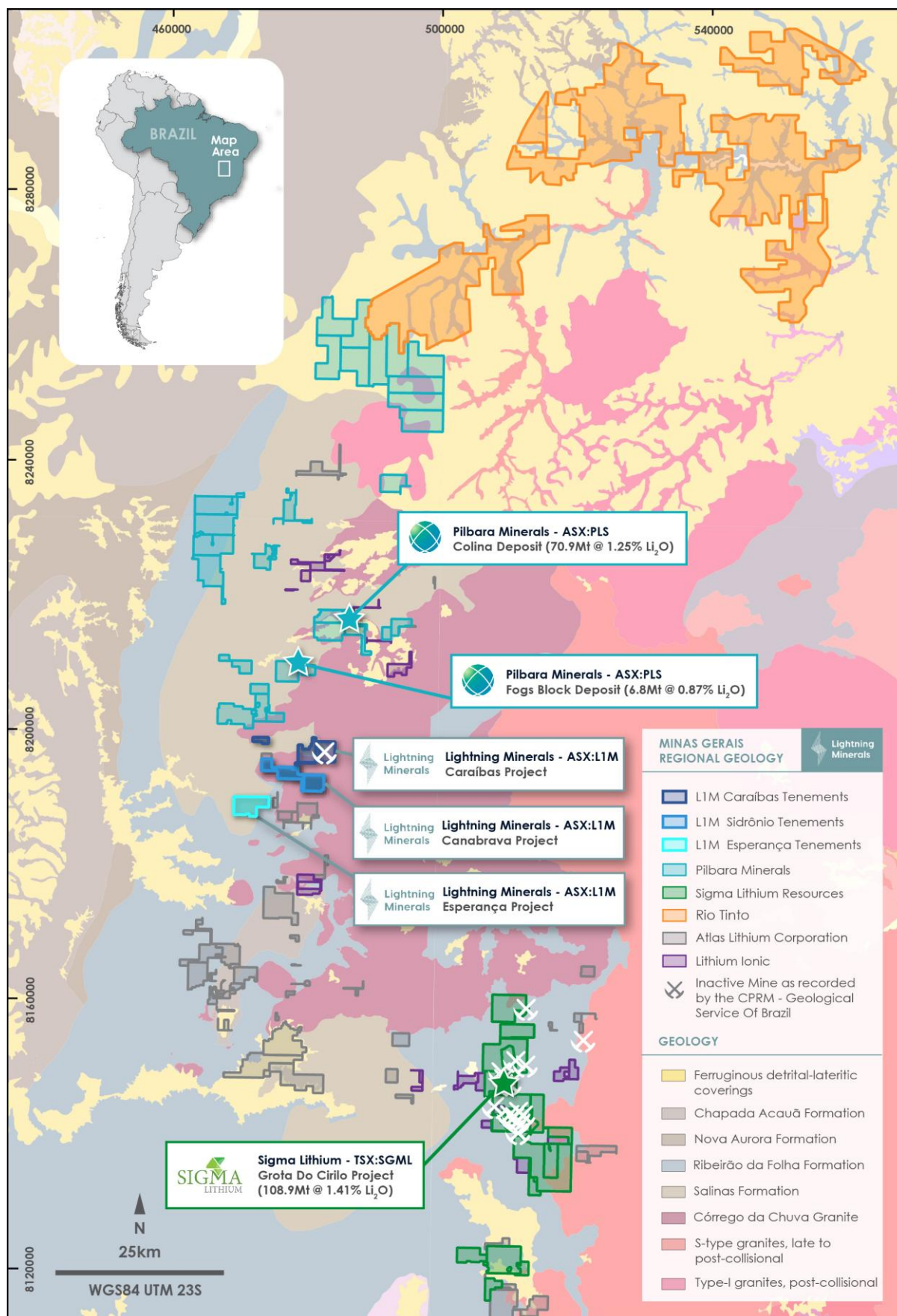
In parallel to the Company's inaugural drill program at the Esperança project ground reconnaissance is continuing at both the Caraíbas and Canabrava projects where lithium in soil anomalism up to 429ppm Lithium and 320ppm Lithium have been identified respectively (ASX Announcement 17 January 2025). Drill targeting is being evaluated across multiple target areas with plans for further drilling later in 2025.

*Figure 1: Energold drill rig on site at the Esperança project*

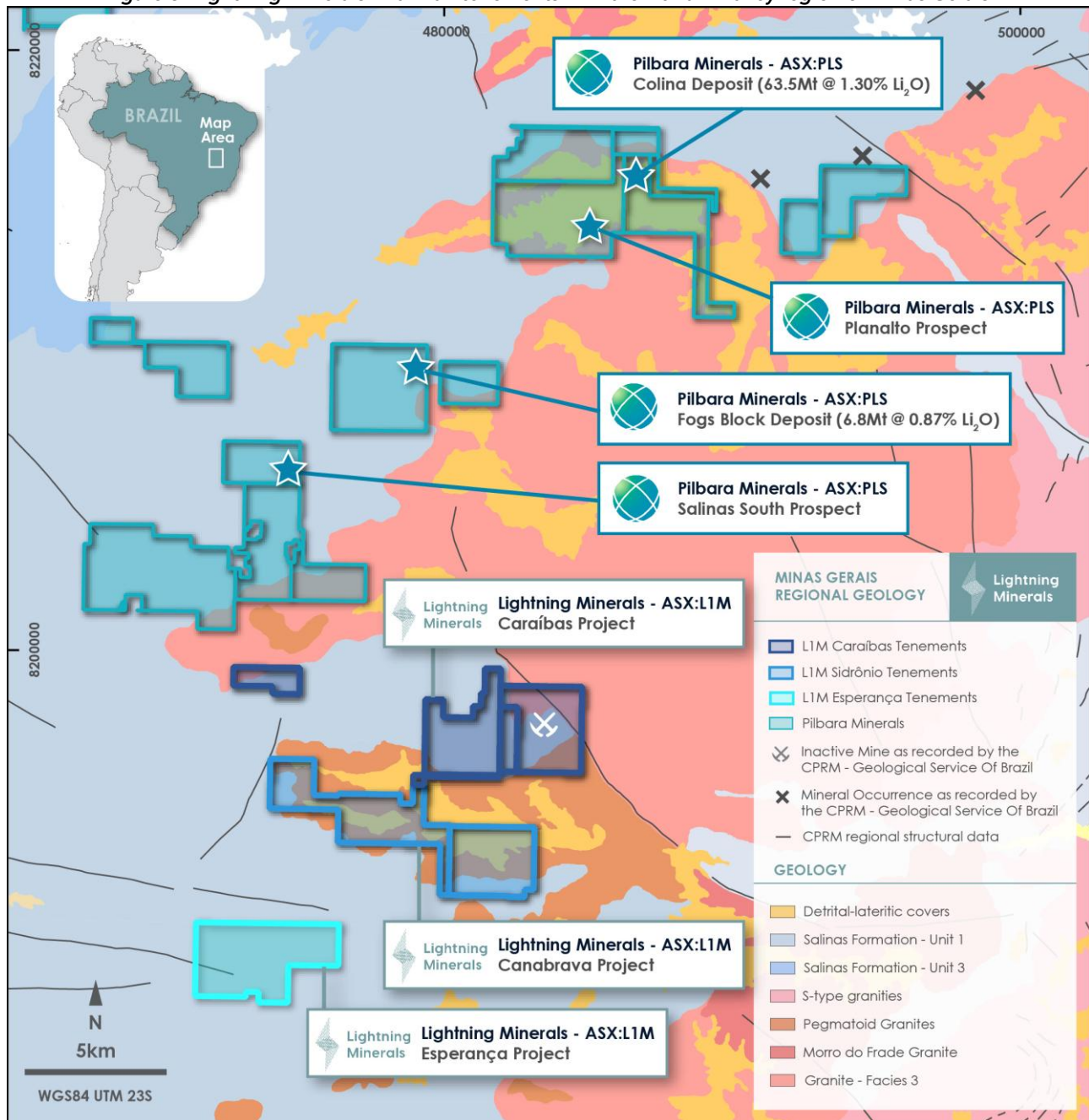




Figure 2: Lightning Minerals' tenements in the Lithium Valley region of Minas Gerais (Regional location)



**Figure 3: Lightning Minerals' Brazilian tenements in the Lithium Valley region of Minas Gerais**



**Approved for release by the Board of Directors**

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## ABOUT LIGHTNING MINERALS

Lightning Minerals is a mineral exploration company, listed on the Australian Securities Exchange (ASX:L1M) and focused on the exploration of critical minerals and lithium at its tenements across Western Australia. The acquisition of the Caraibas, Canabrava and Esperança lithium projects in Minas Gerais, Brazil are potentially transformational to the Company's success in the lithium sector. The Company also owns the Dundas project in the prolific Dundas region of Western Australia, the Dalmás and Hiver lithium projects in Quebec, Canada, another significant and evolving lithium region globally. The Company also holds other projects in Western Australia which include Mt Bartle and Mailman Hill which are prospective for base metals and critical minerals.

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## COMPETENT PERSONS STATEMENT

The information contained herein that relates to exploration results is based on information compiled or reviewed by Mr Jarrod Woodland, who is a Competent Person and a member of the Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy. Mr Woodland is a full-time employee of the Company. Mr Woodland has sufficient experience which is relevant to the style of mineralisation and types of deposit under consideration and to the activity which he is undertaking to qualify as a Competent Persons as defined in the 2012 Edition of the 'Australasian Code for Reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves'. Mr Woodland consents to the inclusion of his name in the matters based on the information in the form and context in which it appears. Mr Woodland holds options in Lightning Minerals.

## REFERENCES TO PREVIOUS ANNOUNCEMENTS

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