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# Arkansas Legislation Delivers Major Boost to Pantera Lithium's US Strategy

*The passage of SB568 is a major validation of Pantera's strategic position in the Smackover Formation—one of the most prospective and commercially viable lithium brine basins in North America.*

## Key Highlights:

- **Bill SB568 delivers significant fiscal and regulatory incentives for lithium companies in the state of Arkansas<sup>1</sup>**
- **Exempts lithium development activities from sales and use tax, reducing future project costs.**
- **Demonstrates strong government support for exploration/extraction and processing and refining industries.**
- **Exemption from severance tax for new brine units established after 1 January 2023, will remain in effect until June 30, 2033.**

Pantera Lithium Limited (**ASX: PFE**) ("**Pantera**" or the "**Company**") is pleased to advise that the Arkansas Senate has introduced Senate Bill 568 ("**SB568**"), landmark legislation that delivers significant fiscal and regulatory incentives for lithium resource development within the state. The Bill is currently under consideration in the Arkansas Senate and requires both the Senate and the House to approved, followed by Governor Sarah Huckabee-Sanders.

## **Pantera Chairman & CEO Barnaby Egerton-Warburton commented:**

"Senate Bill 568 sends a clear signal that Arkansas is open for business when it comes to critical minerals. For Pantera, this legislation de-risks our operational and fiscal outlook and demonstrates strong state-level backing for lithium development. We commend Arkansas lawmakers for recognising the strategic importance of lithium and taking decisive steps to build out a secure domestic supply chain."

1. <https://arkleg.state.ar.us/Bills/Detail?id=SB568&chamber=Senate&ddBienniumSession=2025%2F2025R>

### **Key Provisions of SB568**

- Sales and Use Tax Exemptions for lithium exploration, development, processing, and recycling
- Modernisation of severance tax laws to incorporate lithium as a critical mineral
- Alignment with broader U.S. federal initiatives for battery material security and domestic supply chains

### **Advantage for Pantera Lithium**

- Pantera's current and future operations stand to benefit materially from this legislation, which lowers the cost of development and strengthens the economic profile of lithium projects in Arkansas. In particular, SB568:
- Enhances project economics through CAPEX and OPEX relief
- Positions Pantera competitively alongside Tier-1 entrants such as ExxonMobil (NYSE: XOM) and Standard Lithium (NYSE: SLI)

### **Next Steps for the Pantera Lithium Brine Project**

With a validated geological model and six strategic drilling locations identified, Pantera is poised to commence:

- Discussions with potential strategic partners.
- Well surface location negotiations.
- Finalising all drill permitting approvals.
- Rig contracting for up to three initial wells.
- High-impact drilling program to commence.

This release is authorised by the Board of Directors of Pantera Lithium Limited.

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### **ABOUT PANTERA MINERALS**

Pantera Lithium Limited (ASX:**PFE**) is a forward-looking lithium brine exploration and development company focused on developing high-grade lithium brine resources in the Smackover Formation, Southwest Arkansas. The Company is dedicated to leveraging advanced subsurface modelling and strategic partnerships to establish a leading position in the U.S. lithium supply chain.