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VESTING OF PERFORMANCE RIGHTS

Lithium Universe Limited ("**Lithium Universe**", the "**Company**" or ASX: "**LU7**") is pleased to confirm the vesting of 17,000,000 Class B performance rights granted to various directors and key management personnel under the Company's employee incentive plan, adopted on 18 July 2023 (**Performance Rights**).

The Company confirms that the relevant vesting condition concerning the Performance Rights has been satisfied upon the Company announcing the completion of a Definitive Feasibility Study for a 16,000 tpa multi-purpose battery grade lithium carbonate refinery (refer to the Company's ASX announcement released on 17 February 2025).

These Performance Rights can now be converted into fully paid ordinary shares (**Shares**) in the Company at the election of the holder at any time prior to their expiry date of 12 July 2029. The Company will notify ASX of the issue of Shares upon exercise of vested Performance Rights.

Notice of vesting has been provided to the relevant Performance Rights holders.

Authorised by the Chairman of Lithium Universe Limited



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ABOUT LITHIUM UNIVERSE LIMITED

Lithium Universe Limited (ASX: LU7) is a forward-thinking company on a mission to close the "Lithium Conversion Gap" in North America and revolutionize the photovoltaic (PV) solar panel recycling sector. The company is dedicated to securing the future of green energy by addressing two major strategic initiatives: the development of a green, battery-grade lithium carbonate refinery in Québec, Canada, and pioneering the recycling of valuable metals, including silver, from discarded solar panels.

Lithium Strategy: Closing the Lithium Conversion Gap

Lithium Universe is at the forefront of efforts to meet the growing demand for lithium in North America. As electric vehicle (EV) battery manufacturers prepare to deploy an estimated 1,000 GW of battery capacity by 2028, the need for lithium is expected to rise dramatically. However, with only a fraction of the required lithium conversion capacity in North America, LU7 is determined to play a pivotal role in reducing dependence on foreign supply chains. The company is building a green, battery-grade lithium carbonate refinery in Bécancour, Québec, leveraging the proven technology developed at the Jiangsu Lithium Carbonate Plant. This refinery will produce up to 18,270 tonnes per year of lithium carbonate, focusing initially on the production of lithium carbonate for lithium iron phosphate (LFP) batteries. The refinery's smaller, off-the-shelf plant model ensures efficient operations and timely implementation, positioning LU7 as a key player in the emerging North American lithium market. With a strong leadership team, including industry pioneers like Chairman Iggy Tan, LU7 is well-positioned to deliver this transformative project. The company's strategy is counter-cyclical, designed to build through the market downturn and benefit from the inevitable recovery, ensuring sustained exposure to the growing lithium demand.

PV Solar Panel Recycling Strategy: Silver Extraction

As the global demand for solar energy expands, the issue of solar panel waste has grown exponentially. With an estimated 60–78 million tonnes of solar panel waste expected by 2050, the need for efficient recycling solutions is more critical than ever. Lithium Universe has responded by acquiring the Microwave Joule Heating Technology (MJHT) from Macquarie University, a groundbreaking innovation for extracting valuable metals from discarded PV solar panels. The company's first focus is on the recovery of silver, a critical component in solar panel manufacturing. Silver's excellent electrical conductivity makes it indispensable in photovoltaic cells, where it forms the electrical contacts for electricity flow. The technology developed by LU7 enhances the extraction of silver, silicon, gallium, and indium, addressing a major gap in the recycling industry. With the price of silver soaring due to increasing demand in solar and electronics, LU7's efforts in silver recovery are timely and essential for sustaining the global clean energy supply chain. This breakthrough technology significantly reduces the environmental impact of solar panel waste by offering a more efficient, cost-effective, and environmentally friendly recycling solution. As the company progresses, it plans to expand its focus to other critical metals like copper and indium, ultimately contributing to the global circular economy.

Lithium Universe is committed to ensuring that both its lithium and PV solar recycling strategies help meet the world's growing demand for clean energy, while offering a sustainable solution to the challenges of resource scarcity and waste management.