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- 100% of material included in the PEA proposed mining schedules for all cases is included within Indicated Mineral Resources.
- Process and engineering works for the PEA were developed to support capital and operating estimates (and following AUSIMM Guidelines for this study level), and given the preliminary and confidential
  nature of the plant information, the capital cost margin of error is ±50% on the 'factored cases' estimated figures and operating cost is ±35%. Key assumptions that the PEA are based on are outlined in the
  body of this announcement. Argosy has concluded it has a reasonable basis for providing the forward-looking statements in this announcement.
- The Mineral Resources information in this report is extracted from the report entitled "Argosy Upgrades Lithium Rincon Lithium Project JORC resource" dated 13 November 2018 available at www.argosyminerals.com.au and <a href="https://www.asx.com">www.asx.com</a>. Argosy confirms that it is not aware of any new information or data that materially affects the information included in the original market announcement and, in the case of Mineral Resources or Ore Reserves, that all material assumptions and technical parameters underpinning the estimates in the relevant market announcement continue to apply and have not materially changed. Argosy confirms that the form and context in which the Competent Person's findings are presented have not been materially modified from the original market announcement.
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# **Investment Snapshot**



Capital	I Structure

1,014,502,141 Issued shares

Share price<sup>1</sup> A\$0.07

Market cap<sup>1</sup> A\$70M

#### **Listed Options**

39,334,670 Issued options

Exercise price A\$0.20

31 March 2022 Expiry date

**AGYO** Code

#### **Board & Management**

Non-Executive Chairman Alexander Molyneux

Jerko Zuvela

Ranko Matic

Mal Randall

Pablo Alurralde

Managing Director

Non-Executive Director

Non-Executive Director

President Puna Mining S.A.

#### **AGY Share Price Performance (AGY:ASX)**



**Average Daily Trading Volume:** 

2.5m shares

**Average Daily Trading Value:** 

\$514,000



# **Investment Highlights**

- Rincon Lithium Project located in the world-class "Lithium Triangle" in Salta Province, Argentina
- Focussed on becoming the next lithium carbonate producer in South America
- Successful fast-track lithium development strategy
  - Industrial scale pilot plant constructed, 38 hectares of evaporation ponds, JORC Resource & PEA completed
- Sector-leading lithium processing expertise Pablo Alurralde +30years industry experience and 15 years for a major international lithium producer
  - Produced 99.5% battery grade lithium carbonate product at Rincon Lithium Project
  - Lithium hydroxide (LiOH) processing works confirm 56.84% LiOH content value
- Exceptional PEA results with an IRR of 53%, Pre-tax NPV of US\$399m and average annual pre-tax cashflows of ~US\$74m over the life of mine
- Executed an initial off-take arrangement with Mitsubishi RtM
- Recent successful raise of A\$9.1m via an oversubscribed entitlement offer





## **Fast-track Development Gaining Momentum**

Next phase to commercial scale production confirmed with exceptional PEA Results



### Argosy continues to build on achievements

2017 - 2018

#### **Locking in Value**

- Constructed industrial-scale pilot plant and producing LCE Product
- Constructed 38 Ha of lithium brine evaporation ponds
- First LCE product produced May 2018
- First battery quality LCE Product produced August 2018
- Completed 21 well drilling program
- Additional strategic land acquisitions landholding now ~2,794.4 Ha
- Upgraded JORC Resource 245,120 tonnes of contained LCE Product
- Finalised PEA with exceptional results

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### **Securing Strategic Position**

- Signed JV Agreement for up to 90% of Rincon Project
- Partnership with lithium expert Pablo Alurralde
- Established experienced Board
- Set up local subsidiary Puna Mining S.A.

2019

#### **Revenue Generation**

- Executed initial sales agreement with Mitsubishi RtM
- Secure project funding to enable significant increase in production scale
- Finalise commercial off-take agreement(s)
- Continue to develop strategic partnerships





## Rincon Development Update – Industrial Scale Pilot Plant



- Sales Agreement executed with Mitsubishi RtM in March 2019 to sell up to 100tpa LCE Product
- Preparatory works now underway for commencement of continuous operations from the Industrial Scale Pilot Plant, including
  - Employment and training of operational staff underway
  - Sourcing and procurement of chemical reagents
- LCE production to commence from mid-2019
- Flexibility in the Sales Agreement to extend the terms of the contract by mutual agreement for additional deliveries
- Operation of the Industrial Scale Pilot Plant will further validate costs structure and chemical process for the commercial scale operation
- Revenue generation whilst progressing development works toward commercial scale operations

Pablo commented "I am delighted we now have the opportunity to prove our chemical process experience in delivering material to Mitsubishi RtM. I look forward to the next steps in the growth of this development and producing LCE Product on a larger scale in the future."



### **Rincon Development Update**

#### <u>Commercial Scale Development – 10,000tpa</u>

- PEA completed for the Rincon Project in November 2018
- PEA results confirmed Rincon as a low cost, long life asset, generating attractive returns
- Primary focus to secure funding for the development of ~10,000tpa LCE production operation
  - Argosy continues to engage with potential strategic groups and off-takers for a CAPEX funding solution
  - Pursuing traditional project funding in parallel
  - Permitting process has begun for ~10,000tpa production operation

#### **Fast-Track Development**

- Progressing alternative production strategies in parallel, to expedite revenue generation
- Modular construction approach provides opportunity to pursue fast-track production options
- Analysis underway for a ~2,000tpa plant, including discussions with potential product off-take groups
- Submitted regulatory documents and permitting applications for the development of initial ~2,000tpa commercial operation module lithium carbonate processing plant and associated operations
- 38 hectares of lithium brine evaporation ponds constructed, operational and producing concentrated lithium brine
- Key benefits of ~2,000tpa plant further de-risks the Project and expedites Argosy's path to revenue generation



## **Commercial Scale Development**

#### **PEA Outcomes**

- PEA completed on base case ~10,000tpa plant (with scope for increase to 15,000tpa)
- Base case PEA resulted in a pre-tax NPV (10% discount rate) of US\$399m and an IRR of 53%
- Forecast Capex of US\$141m including 15% contingency of US\$18.4m. Major capex items include process equipment of US\$39.9m, installation US\$20m and evaporation ponds US\$44.2m
  - Capital cost estimated values based on current operational data and actual costs from the industrial scale pilot plant and evaporation ponds construction experience
  - Capital costs are not so large to be prohibitive for potential development
- 2.1 year payback
- 16.5 year mine life, with ability to extend with deeper drilling





## **Commercial Scale Development**

#### **PEA Outcomes**

- Total Estimated Operating Cost US\$4,645/t in the lower end of industry cost curve. Opportunity exists for price reduction on a per-unit basis for the non-fixed operating cost items with increasing production rates
- Average annual pre-tax free cash flow over life-of-mine
   ~US\$74m, EBITDA margin 61%
- Based on successful industrial scale pilot plant processing works, Argosy has greater transparency on total costs
- Permitting process has begun for ~10,000tpa production operation

Argosy is the only new lithium brine developer to have recently constructed an industrial scale pilot plant with successful proof of chemical process to produce 99.5% battery grade lithium carbonate

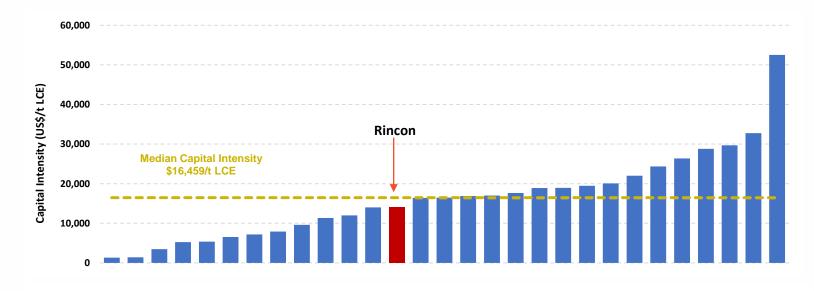


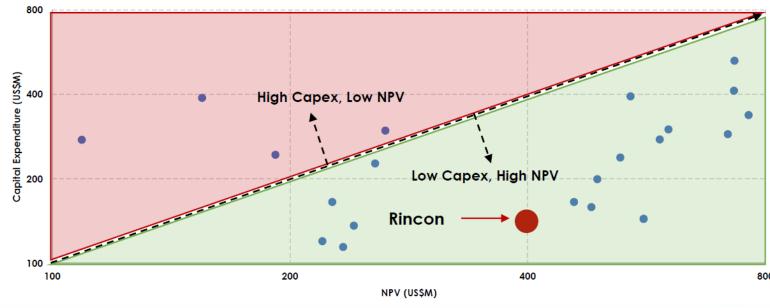


### Rincon Project - A Stand Out Lithium Asset

# Rincon PEA delivers world-class project economics

- Low Capex and low capital intensity
- The modelled NPV is ~3x the anticipated initial capital outlay
- Strong IRR of 53% and a short payback period of 2.1 years
- Expected to fall in the lower quartiles of the global lithium cash cost curve

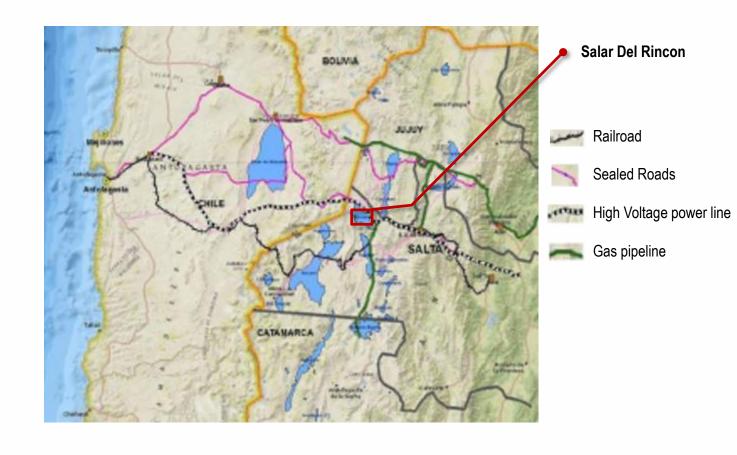




### Rincon Project: Location and Infrastructure

Rincon lies close to infrastructure in Salta Province, a prolific mining jurisdiction

- The Project lies within Salta Province, ~3,700m ASL, serviced by city of Salta with population of ~600,000
- The Puna region is known for its high evaporation rates, given UV is very high, predominant clear skies and minimal rainfall
- High quality regional and site infrastructure will facilitate project development, with road, rail, port facilities
- Power line adjacent to Project area with transformer approximately 7km to NE
- Railway siding located at Pocitos approximately 20km

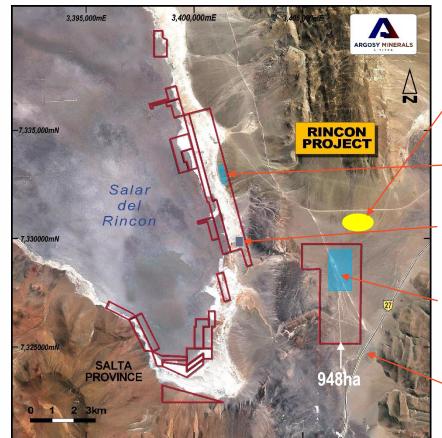




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- The Project ideally located to nearby infrastructure
- Commercial scale (~300ha) evaporation ponds to be constructed ~3km from production wells and process plant
- Project area located adjacent to highway and gas pipeline
- Approximately 20km NE is the industrial town of Olacapato, providing services and accommodation
- New solar field currently under construction by European consortium provides option for power generation source
- An abundance of nearby potential energy sources and transport options



Solar Field under construction

Existing ~38ha evaporation ponds

Proposed process plant site

Proposed Evaporation ponds

Highway & gas pipeline



## **Fast-Track Development**

### ~2,000tpa Li<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> Production Strategy



- Argosy has the opportunity to expedite production to produce ~2,000tpa LCE Product
  - 38 hectares of evaporation ponds already constructed
  - Chemical process to produce 99.5% battery grade LCE Product proven, tested and operational via industrial scale pilot plant
  - Permitting for ~2,000tpa plant submitted
  - Construction period ~12 months
- Significantly less capital outlay evaporation ponds already funded
- Key benefits of a ~2,000tpa plant include:
  - Enable Argosy to further validate chemical process scalability and commence initial commercial production
  - Expedited production construction period ~12 months vs extended timeframe for ~10,000tpa LCE operation
  - Expedite the timeline to revenue generation vs ~10,000tpa production strategy
  - Further de-risks Project with significantly smaller capital outlay
  - Reduce funding risk/requirement for expansion to commercial scale operation
- Able to add operational modules for future production capacity increase up to ~10,000tpa operation



# **Development Highlights**





PEA base case scenario<sup>1</sup> delivers exceptional returns

- Pre tax NPV US\$399M (A\$554M)
- IRR 53%

Project has the ability to generate strong average annual cash flows – c. US\$74M (A\$102M)

Long life asset - 16.5 years with a short 2.1 year payback

Cash cost of production at the low end industry cost curve

Ability to fast-track development and build a ~2,000tpa plant

The PEA confirms Rincon Lithium Project to be a low cost, highly attractive investment, ready to be upsized to commercial scale





## **Argosy – A New Lithium Producer**





#### **Exceptional PEA results for the Rincon Project**

- Estimated operating costs at the low end of the industry cost curve
- Ability to generate exceptional annual cash flows under all lithium price outlook scenarios
- Long asset life >16years (to 100m resource depth), with ability to extend via deeper drilling

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- High level of confidence in chemical process and construction costs
- V
- Development options now open for production of Li<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> or LiOH widening potential off-take pool
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- Mitsubishi RtM off-take validates technical process and credibility as a legitimate producer
- V
- Permit applications submitted for ~2,000tpa plant with approvals pending, whilst applications process for ~10,000tpa commercial scale operation have commenced
- V
- Company fully funded for the medium term
- V
- Positioned to continue fast-track development of Rincon





# **Appendix – Top 20 Shareholder Register**

### Top Holders Grouped Report

Argosy Minerals Limited

Security Class(es): AGY - ORDINARY FULLY PAID SHARES

Display Top: 20



Position	Holder Name	Holding	%IC
1	MR JERKO PETER ZUVELA <jakkz a="" c="" discretionary=""></jakkz>	47,155,759	4.65%
2	DIHNA NADA ZUVELA <dnz a="" c="" discretionary=""></dnz>	32,277,469	3.18%
3	MR STEVEN MARIN ZUVELA <taez a="" c=""></taez>	25,964,731	2.56%
4	MR ALEXANDER ALAN MOLYNEUX	25,250,000	2.49%
5	CAVALIER RESOURCES PTY LTD <the a="" c="" cavalier=""></the>	23,437,102	2.31%
6	CITICORP NOMINEES PTY LIMITED	18,766,177	1.85%
7	VELVET BAY HOLDINGS PTY LTD <the a="" bay="" c="" velvet=""></the>	18,686,245	1.84%
8	OSF NOMINEES PTY LTD <frederickson a="" c="" fund="" super=""></frederickson>	16,660,011	1.64%
9	PETER VANDA RESOURCES PTY LTD < JOHN A ZAMBONI FAMILY A/C>	15,988,188	1.58%
10	JOHN ANTHONY ZAMBONI	12,118,440	1.19%
11	BNP PARIBAS NOMINEES PTY LTD <ib au="" drp="" noms="" retailclient=""></ib>	11,460,875	1.13%
12	MR RODNEY RONALD CHATFIELD & MS JOAN MCCONNON <rod a="" c="" chatfield="" f="" s=""></rod>	11,342,819	1.12%
13	MR JERKO PETER ZUVELA	11,122,990	1.10%
13	MRS ANITA DRAGANA ZUVELA	11,122,990	1.10%
14	MR STEVEN CAMARDA <s a="" c=""></s>	10,161,474	1.00%
15	MR WEIMIN CHEN	9,995,298	0.99%
16	MR JAMES ANTHONY MORLEY & MS YUKARI TAKAHASHI <morley a="" c="" superfund=""></morley>	9,788,000	0.96%
17	LIGHTHOUSE HOLDINGS WA PTY LTD <the a="" c="" lighthouse=""></the>	9,600,000	0.95%
18	MR BRIAN ANTHONY SIEMSEN	8,628,150	0.85%
19	SUNLIGHT BAY HOLDINGS PTY LTD <the a="" bay="" c="" sunlight=""></the>	8,533,333	0.84%
20	NEPTUNE FISHING CO PTY LTD <camarda a="" c="" fund="" super=""></camarda>	8,122,474	0.80%
	Total	346,182,525	34.12%
	Total issued capital - selected security class(es)	1,014,502,141	100.00%



## **Appendix – Argentina Open for business**

Positive macro-economic developments underpin strong growth outlook

- Investment Friendly tax regime, no need to negotiate separate fiscal agreements:
  - Corporate income tax at the rate of 30% from 1 January 2018, reducing to 25% from 1 January 2020
  - 30 year tax stabilisation
  - VAT is set at 21%, with some capital items attracting a lower rate of 10.5%.
     Reimbursement for imported capital assets & services
  - Depreciation: On all capital expenditure and pre-production costs at an accelerated rate over 3 years
  - Import and export duties are 0%
- Mineral rights and regulatory approvals controlled by Provinces
- All approvals/permits granted to date expeditiously by Salta Province government departments
- Positive meetings with President Macri and Salta Province government officials - <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FSdHmL5oayU">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FSdHmL5oayU</a> (enable English subtitles by settings > subtitles > auto Translate > English)





# **Appendix – Industrial Scale Pilot Plant**











