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# Anson Prospective Customer Confirms High Purity Li Sample

## Highlights:

- Feedback received on Li<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> sample delivered to China cathode producer
- The selected prospective customer supplies cathodes to a number of battery manufacturers in China
- Purity exceeds specification provided by Anson's prospective customer
- Confirms low impurities, tight particle size distribution and low water content
- Progressing with production of 20kgs sample for further testing by prospective customers

Anson Resources Limited (Anson) has received feedback on testing performed on a lithium carbonate ( $Li_2CO_3$ ) sample delivered to a prospective customer in China. The prospective customer is a cathode manufacturer which supplies a number of battery manufacturers.

The Li<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> sample was produced using conventional chemical pre-treatment, ion exchange and carbonated with soda ash to produce lithium carbonate from the purified lithium chloride eluate with no bicarbonation step for purification. The lithium carbonate was then washed with deionized water, dried, and micronized using a jet mill to produce the sample according to a battery quality particle size distribution (PSD) provided by Anson's prospective customer. See the announcement on 3 June 2019 for details.

This testing completes the first stage of a testing program, with further testing to be performed on samples produced from Anson's planned on-site pilot plant.

## Comparison of Chemical Composition to Typical Cathode Purchasing Specifications:

The  $Li_2CO_3$  sample meets all of the strict impurity specifications of Anson's prospective customer.

Table 1 below presents a comparison of the assay of Anson's sample performed by SGS Laboratories in Lakefield, Ontario, and Applied Technical Services in Marietta, Georgia compared to a typical battery quality lithium carbonate specification compiled by Anson using public information<sup>1</sup> as well as to the results assayed by Anson's prospective customer.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Based on review by Anson of public specifications from Albemarle, Orocobre, FMC, and others.



| Component                           | Analysis<br>Method          | Anson Lithium<br>Carbonate<br>Sample Assay<br>Results | Typical Li <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub><br>Specification<br>for Cathode<br>Purchasing | Anson's<br>Prospective<br>Customer's<br>Sample Assay<br>Results |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------|---|---|---|
|                                     | ppm unless otherwise stated |   |   | tated   |
| Li <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub> (%) | Acidimetric<br>Titration    | 99.9%   | >99.5%  | 99.7%   |
| AI                                  | ICP-AES                     | 3   | 5   |   |
| В                                   | ICP-AES                     | < 4 (BDL)   | 10  |   |
| Ca                                  | ICP-AES                     | < 9 (BDL)   | 50  | 2   |
| Cr                                  | ICP-AES                     | < 1 (BDL)   | 5   |   |
| Cu                                  | ICP-AES                     | < 1 (BDL)   | 5   | 1   |
| Fe                                  | ICP-AES                     | 3   | 5   | 4   |
| К                                   | ICP-AES                     | < 10 (BDL)  | 10  | 10  |
| Mg                                  | ICP-AES                     | 4   | 50  | 3   |
| Mn                                  | ICP-AES                     | < 0.5 (BDL)   | 10  | 1   |
| Na                                  | ICP-AES                     | 55  | 200   | 45  |
| Ni                                  | ICP-AES                     | < 6 (BDL)   | 5   | 0   |
| Pb                                  | ICP-AES                     | < 20 (BDL)  | 5   |   |
| Sr                                  | ICP-AES                     | 1   | 5   |   |
| Ti                                  | ICP-AES                     | 1   | 5   |   |
| Zn                                  | ICP-AES                     | < 7 (BDL)   | 5   | 1   |
| CI                                  | Argentometric<br>Titration  | 0.2   | 100   | 1   |
| SO4                                 | ICP-AES                     | < 10 (BDL)  | 500   | 5   |
| H2O                                 | Karl Fischer<br>Titration   | 0.06%   | < 0.20%   | 0.02%   |
| Ignition Loss                       | 500F for 30<br>min          | 0.10%   | 0.40%   |   |

 Table 1: Chemical Composition of Anson's Battery Quality Lithium Carbonate Sample (BDL = below detection limit)

Most key elements in the SGS assay of the Anson  $Li_2CO_3$  sample are below the detection limit of the ICP-AES (inductively coupled plasma atomic emission spectroscopy) instrument, and the ones that are above the detection limit do not exceed typical battery quality lithium carbonate specifications, which are shown in the column second from the right in Table 1. This was confirmed by Anson's prospective customer.

The  $Li_2CO_3$  sample exceeds the specifications provided by Anson's prospective customer for all elements in the specification.

## 20kg Sample:

Anson is progressing with the production of a further sample of  $\sim$ 20kg of Li<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> using ion exchange equipment planned to be used in Anson's planned on-site pilot plant. This will not



only provide the opportunity for additional prospective customers to perform initial testing, but also provide further feedback on the expected performance of ion exchange equipment planned to be used in the on-site pilot plant.

Design and engineering work required for the Lilac Solution Inc's extraction process for the equipment to be used in the pilot plant has recently been completed (*see announcement 14 November 2018*). One module of the extraction equipment will be used in the production of the 20 kg sample. Data collected during the production of the 20kgs sample will be used to finalise the design of the extraction process in the pilot plant.

Brine has commenced being processed through the module and it is expected that the 20kgs sample will be completed in October 2019 following which it will be sent to prospective customers for further test work.

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#### About the Paradox Brine Project

Anson is targeting lithium rich brines in the deepest part of the Paradox Basin in close proximity to Moab, Utah. The location of Anson's claims within the Paradox Basin is shown below:

