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## Lithium mineralisation from soil sampling confirmed at Carvers

### Highlights.

Sampling highlights the prospectivity of the Carvers Project at North Big Smoky

54% of assays with grades of 100 ppm lithium in central west of deposit

Cascade Drilling has commenced four-hole Sonic Core Drilling Program

### Overview

Morella Corporation Limited (**ASX: 1MC** “Morella” or “the Company”) is pleased to advise that the soil sampling program completed at the North Big Smokey Carvers Lithium Project (Carvers) in May 2023 has identified further zones of elevated lithium grades across the western extension of the project area. In conjunction with the recent surface sampling the Company has engaged Las Vegas based Cascade Drilling LP to undertake a series of sonic core holes in order to test sediments up to 200 metres in depth.

#### Morella Managing Director, James Brown said:

*“Building upon the previous encouraging soil sample results<sup>1</sup>, Morella extended the soil sampling program to complete the coverage of its total claim holding at Carvers. The results, once again, show elevated lithium grades including 54% of assays with grades of 100 ppm lithium or more.*

*Combined with the positive outcomes from the previous Passive Seismic and Magnetotelluric surveys and the MT survey result<sup>2</sup>, these findings instil great confidence that Carvers will be a key part of our development future”.*

#### The Carvers Project

Carvers is located 135 kilometres from Tonopah, and is accessible via Highway 376 in Nevada, USA (see Figure 1) and comprises 388 placer claims. Morella entered into an earn-in agreement with Lithium Corporation in 2022, whereby Morella has the right to earn a 60% interest in the project, with options to acquire 100% interest.

<sup>1</sup> Refer to ASX announcement “Lithium mineralisation confirmed in North Big Smoky soil sampling results”, released on 17<sup>th</sup> January 2023

<sup>2</sup> Refer to ASX Announcement “Magnetotelluric surveys completed at the North Big Smoky Lithium Project” released on 1 May 2023

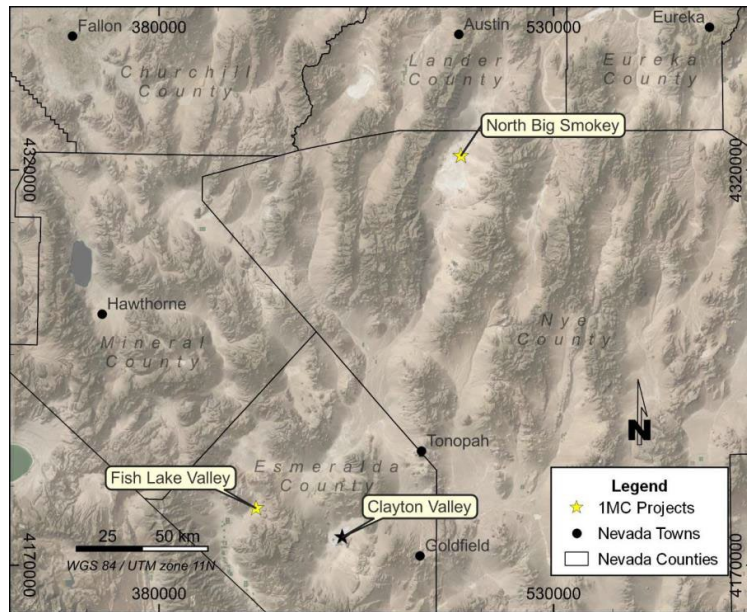


Figure 1: Location of North Big Smokey

### Recent Sampling Program and Results

In May 2023, a 375-auger-hole program was executed with the goal of gaining a better understanding of the distribution of lithium in the soils across the western extension of the Carvers project area. Holes (up to 0.92m total depth) were completed and detailed information on the sample locations and depth can be found in Appendix 1.

Mineralogical and geochemical samples were sent for assaying to Paragon Geochemical in Sparks, Nevada, a certified laboratory. Figure 2 shows the auger sampling method.



Figure 2 – Auger Sampling



As seen in Figure 3, results in the central west part of Carvers show elevated lithium assays up to 271 ppm with over 54% of the assays with grades of 100 ppm lithium or more. This is an extension of the elevated results from the previous soil sampling program in the eastern part of the project area.

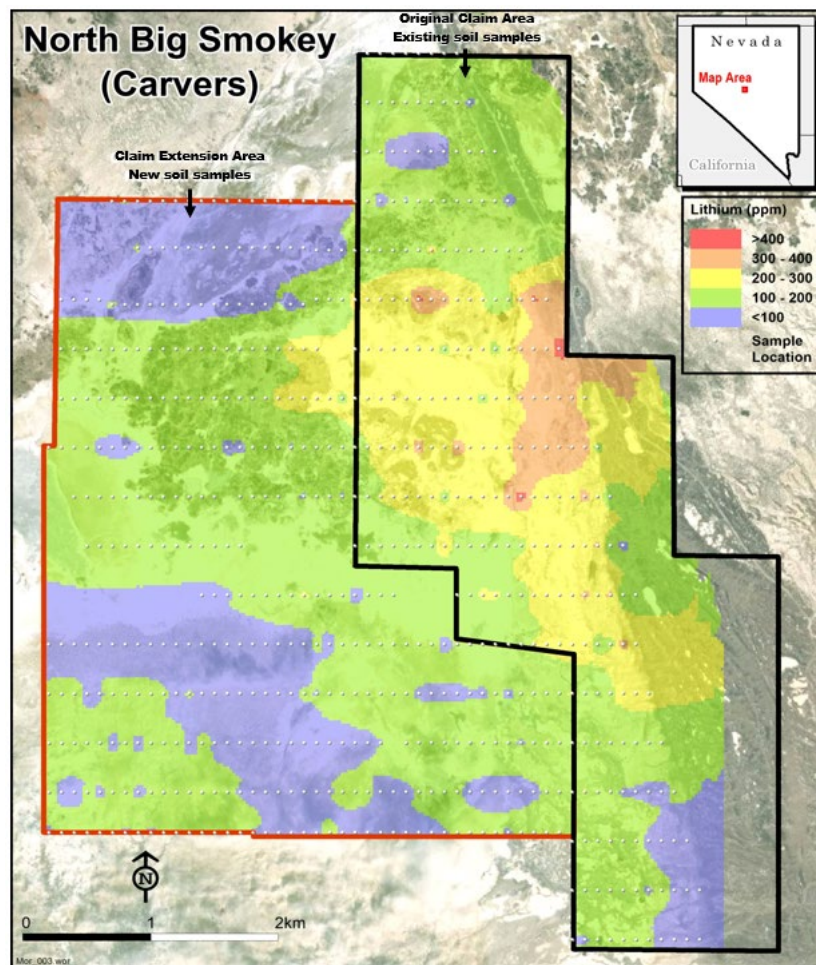


Figure 3: Plan View of results

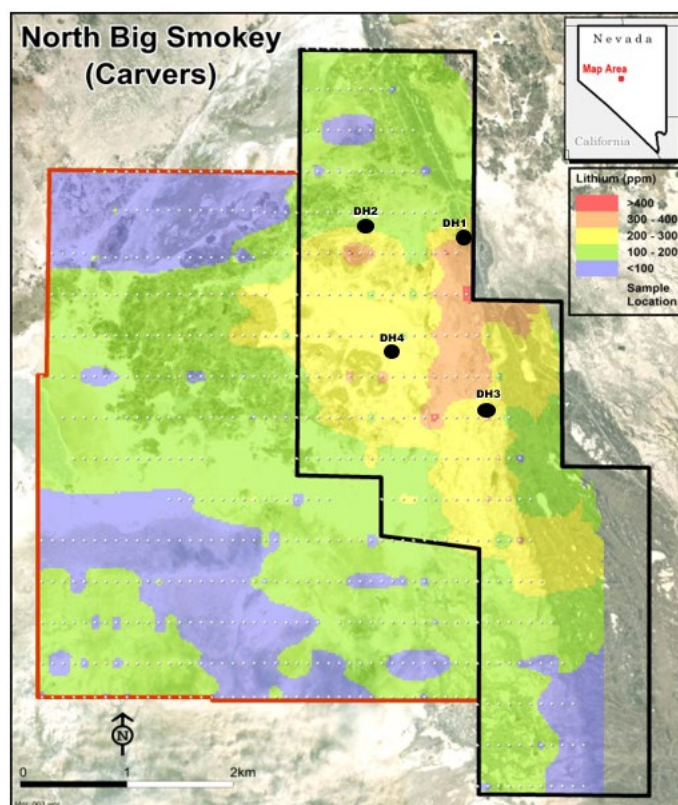
### Drilling to test shallow stratigraphy

On the back of the soil sampling results in January from the eastern part of the project area, a sonic core drill hole program was designed to test the stratigraphy and geology. These holes will assist in the assessment of the potential lithium mineralisation as well as the geology encountered so that the future deep hole programs at Carvers can be designed.

Drilling commenced on 7 June 2023 with Cascade Drilling L.P. engaged to carry out the four-hole Sonic Core Program – see Figure 4 and the drillhole layout in Figure 5.



Figure 4: Sonic rig drilling at DH1



## Future Work

The future work planned for Carvers is:

- Reflective seismic to determine the subsurface structure and any faulting which will assist with designing the deep hole program.
- Selecting drilling method, based on shallow hole results and reflective seismic work.
- Design and implement a deep hole program targeting the magnetotelluric anomalies.

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**Competent Person's Statement** The information in this report that relates to Exploration Results is based on information compiled by Mr Chris Grove, who is a Member of the Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy and is a Principal Geologist employed by Measured Group Pty Ltd. Mr Chris Grove has sufficient experience that is relevant to the style of mineralisation and type of deposit under consideration and to the activity being undertaken to qualify as a Competent Person as defined in the 2012 Edition of the 'Australasian Code for Reporting of Mineral Resources'. Mr Chris Grove consents to the inclusion in the report of the matters based on his information in the form and context in which it appears.

## APPENDIX 1

### SAMPLE LOCATIONS AND RESULTS

SAMPID	EAST	NORTH	Depth (Inches)	Li (ppm)
843758	493126	4327755	24	74
843759	493026	4327755	24	77
843760	492926	4327755	18	76
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843762	492726	4327755	14	100
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843764	492526	4327755	16	81
843765	492426	4327755	16	75
843766	492326	4327755	18	68
843767	492226	4327755	10	92
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843769	492026	4327755	16	73
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843771	491826	4327755	14	71
843772	491726	4327755	14	79
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843779	491626	4327375	18	77
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843782	491926	4327375	16	80
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843784	492126	4327375	24	86
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843786	492326	4327375	16	81
843787	492426	4327375	18	83
843788	492526	4327375	18	71
843789	492626	4327375	16	84
843790	492726	4327375	12	82
843791	492826	4327375	24	61
843792	492926	4327355	24	56
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843794	493126	4327355	24	78
843796	493126	4326955	24	110
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843801	492526	4326915	18	92
843802	492426	4326915	14	86

SAMPID	EAST	NORTH	Depth (Inches)	Li (ppm)
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843825	491426	4325755	16	79
843826	491526	4325755	16	96
843827	491626	4325755	24	126
843828	491726	4325755	14	101
843829	491826	4325755	16	119
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843834	492326	4325755	14	91
843836	492426	4325755	24	103
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SAMPID	EAST	NORTH	Depth (Inches)	Li (ppm)
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SAMPID	EAST	NORTH	Depth (Inches)	Li (ppm)
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843982	493026	4323355	24	81
843983	493126	4323355	24	81
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843985	493326	4323355	18	86
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843987	493626	4323355	18	164
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SAMPID	EAST	NORTH	Depth (Inches)	Li (ppm)
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844041	491526	4322625	12	106
844042	491426	4322625	16	93
844043	491326	4322625	8	120
844044	491226	4322625	8	108
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SAMPID	EAST	NORTH	Depth (Inches)	Li (ppm)
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844054	491326	4322955	8	118
844056	491426	4322955	10	108
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844062	492026	4322955	8	120
844063	492126	4322955	6	127
844064	492226	4322955	8	112
844065	492326	4322955	14	95
844066	492426	4322955	10	92
844067	492526	4322955	18	92
844068	492626	4322955	16	81
844069	492726	4322955	18	83
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844071	492926	4322955	10	96
844072	493026	4322955	14	99
844073	493126	4322955	10	115
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844092	494426	4323755	15	84

SAMPID	EAST	NORTH	Depth (Inches)	Li (ppm)
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844098	493926	4323755	17	91
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844105	493226	4323755	10	100
844106	493126	4323755	18	141
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844129	491826	4324155	18	50
844130	491926	4324155	18	52
844131	492026	4324155	18	54
844132	492126	4324155	18	56
844133	492226	4324155	17	61
844134	492326	4324155	18	57
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844137	492526	4324155	18	59
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SAMPID	EAST	NORTH	Depth (Inches)	Li (ppm)
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844141	492926	4324155	10	128
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844143	493126	4324155	16	198
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844154	494226	4324155	18	118

## JORC CODE, 2012 EDITION – TABLE 1

### Section 1 Sampling Techniques and Data

(Criteria in this section apply to all succeeding sections.)

Criteria	JORC Code explanation	Commentary
<b>Sampling techniques</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nature and quality of sampling (e.g. cut channels, random chips, or specific specialised industry standard measurement tools appropriate to the minerals under investigation, such as down hole gamma sondes, or handheld XRF instruments, etc). These examples should not be taken as limiting the broad meaning of sampling.</li> <li>Include reference to measures taken to ensure sample representivity and the appropriate calibration of any measurement tools or systems used.</li> <li>Aspects of the determination of mineralisation that are Material to the Public Report.</li> <li>In cases where 'industry standard' work has been done this would be relatively simple (e.g. 'reverse circulation drilling was used to obtain 1 m samples from which 3 kg was pulverised to produce a 30 g charge for fire assay'). In other cases more explanation may be required, such as where there is coarse gold that has inherent sampling problems. Unusual commodities or mineralisation types (e.g. submarine nodules) may warrant disclosure of detailed information.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The North Big Smokey project was sampled by collecting rock chip samples from 2-inch (50.8 mm) diameter stainless steel auger drilling.</li> <li>Auger drill hole rock chip samples were collected in a bucket collection system that allowed the material to be extracted and deposited directly into a 5-gallon plastic bucket. Once the material was deposited into the bucket, it was then transferred into a sample bag marked with the sample number.</li> <li>The sampler attempted to collect each sample from the greatest depth possible. The auger allowed for a maximum sample depth of 36 inches (0.92 m). However, most samples were collected from much shallower depths. This was due to several factors, including encountering a horizon of impenetrable caliche (calcrete) or excessive moisture and/or meteoric water. The sample depths are provided in Appendix 1.</li> </ul> <p>All intervals were sampled.</p>
<b>Drilling techniques</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Drill type (e.g. core, reverse circulation, open-hole hammer, rotary air blast, auger, Bangka, sonic, etc) and details (e.g. core diameter, triple or standard tube, depth of diamond tails, face-sampling bit or other type, whether core is oriented and if so, by what method, etc).</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The North Big Smokey project was sampled by collecting rock chip samples from 2-inch (50.8 mm) diameter stainless steel auger drilling.</li> </ul>
<b>Drill sample recovery</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Method of recording and assessing core and chip sample recoveries and results assessed.</li> <li>Measures taken to maximise sample recovery and ensure representative nature of the samples.</li> <li>Whether a relationship exists between sample recovery and grade and whether sample bias may have occurred due to preferential loss/gain of fine/coarse material.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No loss of sample recovery or quality was noted during drilling.</li> <li>Appropriate use of downhole pressure kept the Auger drill cuttings dry.</li> <li>Samples are considered to be representative of the drilled intervals.</li> <li>Sample bias was not introduced during the sampling.</li> </ul>
<b>Logging</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Whether core and chip samples have been geologically and geotechnically logged to a level of detail to support appropriate Mineral Resource estimation, mining studies &amp; metallurgical studies.</li> <li>Whether logging is qualitative or quantitative in nature. Core (or costean, channel, etc) photography.</li> <li>The total length and percentage of the relevant intersections logged.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The auger samples have not been geologically logged</li> </ul>
<b>Sub-sampling techniques and sample preparation</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If core, whether cut or sawn and whether quarter, half or all core taken.</li> <li>If non-core, whether riffled, tube sampled, rotary split, etc and whether sampled wet or dry.</li> <li>For all sample types, the nature, quality and appropriateness of the sample preparation technique.</li> <li>Quality control procedures adopted for all sub-sampling stages to maximise representivity of samples.</li> <li>Measures taken to ensure that the sampling is representative of the in-situ material collected, including</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Samples were collected at the time of drilling via a bucket.</li> <li>Sampling of cuttings was carried out following industry standards.</li> <li>Auger samples were normally dry. If water was present, it was expelled (if possible) from the hole before a sample was collected.</li> <li>Random duplicate samples for analyses were collected from selected intervals to assist QA/QC assessment work.</li> </ul>

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	<p><i>for instance results for field duplicate/second-half sampling.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>Whether sample sizes are appropriate to the grain size of the material being sampled.</i></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The grain size of the material being sampled could not be determined from the recovered drill chips.</li> </ul>
<b>Quality of assay data and laboratory tests</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>The nature, quality and appropriateness of the assaying and laboratory procedures used and whether the technique is considered partial or total.</i></li> <li><i>For geophysical tools, spectrometers, handheld XRF instruments, etc, the parameters used in determining the analysis including instrument make and model, reading times, calibrations factors applied and their derivation, etc.</i></li> <li><i>Nature of quality control procedures adopted (e.g. standards, blanks, duplicates, external laboratory checks) and whether acceptable levels of accuracy (i.e. lack of bias) and precision have been established.</i></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mineralogical and geochemical assay samples were dispatched to Paragon Geochemical in Sparks, Nevada, a certified laboratory.</li> <li>Appropriate sampling methods were adopted.</li> <li>No handheld tools were used.</li> <li>Sample duplicates, blanks, and Certified Reference Material (CRM) are used for QA/QC purposes.</li> <li>No external laboratory checks have been completed at this stage.</li> </ul>
<b>Verification of sampling and assaying</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>The verification of significant intersections by either independent or alternative company personnel.</i></li> <li><i>The use of twinned holes.</i></li> <li><i>Documentation of primary data, data entry procedures, data verification, and data storage (physical and electronic) protocols.</i></li> <li><i>Discuss any adjustment to assay data.</i></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No external verification has yet been completed.</li> <li>No twinned holes were drilled.</li> <li>All completed Auger holes were logged.</li> <li>Assay data was provided by the laboratory as certified data files, once completed.</li> <li>Data listing, lithology and sample numbers were recorded. Data validation was completed.</li> </ul>
<b>Location of data points</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>Accuracy and quality of surveys used to locate drill holes (collar and down-hole surveys), trenches, mine workings and other locations used in Mineral Resource estimation.</i></li> <li><i>Specification of the grid system used.</i></li> <li><i>Quality and adequacy of topographic control.</i></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The drill hole collars were surveyed by Morella personnel using a handheld GPS unit (with an error of +/- 5 m).</li> <li>The Grid System used was UTM 11.</li> <li>The level of topographic control offered by a handheld GPS was considered sufficient for the work undertaken.</li> </ul>
<b>Data spacing and distribution</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>Data spacing for reporting of Exploration Results.</i></li> <li><i>Whether the data spacing and distribution is sufficient to establish the degree of geological and grade continuity appropriate for the Mineral Resource and Ore Reserve estimation procedure(s) and classifications applied.</i></li> <li><i>Whether sample compositing has been applied.</i></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There was a predetermined grid spacing used for the sampling.</li> <li>No Mineral Resource or Ore Reserve Estimates have been completed.</li> <li>Full-depth drill hole chip samples were prepared for sample submission.</li> <li>No sample compositing was applied.</li> </ul>
<b>Orientation of data in relation to geological structure</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>Whether the orientation of sampling achieves unbiased sampling of possible structures and the extent to which this is known, considering the deposit type.</i></li> <li><i>If the relationship between the drilling orientation and the orientation of key mineralised structures is considered to have introduced a sampling bias, this should be assessed and reported if material.</i></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Drilling was carried out over an area of the project and was not considered to be biased.</li> </ul>
<b>Sample security</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>The measures taken to ensure sample security.</i></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The chain of custody for sampling procedures and sample analysis was managed by the Rig Geologists during drilling.</li> <li>Industry standard sample security and storage were undertaken.</li> </ul>
<b>Audits or reviews</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>The results of any audits or reviews of sampling techniques and data.</i></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No audits or reviews of the data have been conducted at this stage.</li> </ul>

## Section 2 Reporting of Exploration Results

(Criteria listed in the preceding section also apply to this section.)

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<b>Mineral tenement and land tenure status</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Type, reference name/number, location and ownership including agreements or material issues with third parties such as joint ventures, partnerships, overriding royalties, native title interests, historical sites, wilderness or national park and environmental settings.</li><li>The security of the tenure held at the time of reporting along with any known impediments to obtaining a licence to operate in the area.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>The North Big Smokey Carvers Project is located in Nevada, USA and comprises 388 existing claims over an area of ~28.8km<sup>2</sup></li><li>The tenements are held by Lithium Corporation, Morella entered into an earn-in agreement with Lithium Corporation in 2022, whereby Morella has the right to earn a 60% interest in the project, with options to acquire 100% interest.</li><li>The claims are in good standing, with payments up to date with the US Bureau of Land Management.</li><li>There are no known impediments to maintaining the claims and operating in the area.</li></ul> <table><thead><tr><th>Tenement ID</th><th>Location</th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td>NV105765895 - NV105766072</td><td>Nevada USA</td></tr><tr><td>NV105818558 - NV105818767</td><td>Nevada USA</td></tr></tbody></table>	Tenement ID	Location	NV105765895 - NV105766072	Nevada USA	NV105818558 - NV105818767	Nevada USA
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<b>Exploration done by other parties</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Acknowledgment and appraisal of exploration by other parties.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>First-pass lithium exploration work has been conducted at North Big Smoky over the past 10 years. A reconnaissance sediment sampling program determined that the clayey sediments in the valley host anomalous lithium mineralization. The sediment sampling was followed by a short gravity geophysical survey, claim staking and sub-surface brine sampling.</li></ul>						
<b>Geology</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Deposit type, geological setting and style of mineralisation.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>The Big Smoky Valley is a Tertiary through Quaternary unconsolidated sediment-filled basin, with geothermal fluids common in range bounding faults, and/or faults within the basin. The basin is filled with sediment weathered from the bounding Toiyabe and Toquima Ranges.</li></ul>						
<b>Drill hole Information</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>A summary of all information material to the understanding of the exploration results including a tabulation of the following information for all Material drill holes:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>easting and northing of the drill hole collar</li><li>elevation or RL (Reduced Level – elevation above sea level in metres) of the drill hole collar</li><li>dip and azimuth of the hole</li><li>down hole length and interception depth</li><li>hole length.</li></ul></li><li>If the exclusion of this information is justified on the basis that the information is not Material and this exclusion does not detract from the understanding of the report, the Competent Person should clearly explain why this is the case.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Morella completed Auger drilling at North Big Smokey.</li><li>375 Auger drill holes were drilled, to a maximum sample depth of 36 inches (0.92 m).</li><li>Relevant drill hole information has been provided in this release (see Appendix 1).</li><li>No information has been excluded.</li></ul>						
<b>Data aggregation methods</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>In reporting Exploration Results, weighting averaging techniques, maximum and/or minimum grade truncations (e.g. cutting of high grades) and cut-off grades are usually Material and should be stated.</li><li>Where aggregate intercepts incorporate short lengths of high grade results and longer lengths of low grade results, the procedure used for such aggregation should</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>No metal equivalent values have been included.</li><li>The aggregate intercepts are representative and do not contain large lengths of low-grade results.</li></ul>						



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	<p><i>be stated and some typical examples of such aggregations should be shown in detail.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>The assumptions used for any reporting of metal equivalent values should be clearly stated.</i></li> </ul>	
<b>Relationship between mineralisation widths and intercept lengths</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>These relationships are particularly important in the reporting of Exploration Results.</i></li> <li><i>If the geometry of the mineralisation with respect to the drill hole angle is known, its nature should be reported.</i></li> <li><i>If it is not known and only the down hole lengths are reported, there should be a clear statement to this effect (e.g. 'down hole length, true width not known').</i></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There is insufficient data for a relationship between mineralisation widths and intercept lengths to be reported.</li> <li>The true width of the mineralisation is not known, only downhole length is reported.</li> </ul>
<b>Diagrams</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>Appropriate maps and sections (with scales) and tabulations of intercepts should be included for any significant discovery being reported. These should include, but not be limited to a plan view of drill hole collar locations and appropriate sectional views.</i></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Appropriate information has been included in this release.</li> </ul>
<b>Balanced reporting</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>Where comprehensive reporting of all Exploration Results is not practicable, representative reporting of both low and high grades and/or widths should be practiced to avoid misleading reporting of Exploration Results.</i></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Balanced reporting has been completed.</li> </ul>
<b>Other substantive exploration data</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>Other exploration data, if meaningful and material, should be reported including (but not limited to): geological observations; geophysical survey results; geochemical survey results; bulk samples – size and method of treatment; metallurgical test results; bulk density, groundwater, geotechnical and rock characteristics; potential deleterious or contaminating substances.</i></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No other exploration data to report.</li> </ul>
<b>Further work</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>The nature and scale of planned further work (e.g. tests for lateral extensions or depth extensions or large-scale step-out drilling).</i></li> <li><i>Diagrams clearly highlighting the areas of possible extensions, including the main geological interpretations and future drilling areas, provided this information is not commercially sensitive.</i></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Further work will be planned once the mineralogical study and geochemical assay results are evaluated.</li> </ul>