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## **ASX ANNOUNCEMENT**

### **Lithium Australia progress report - Sileach™ pilot plant testing on Pilbara Minerals Limited (ASX: PLS) spodumene concentrates**

Lithium Australia NL (ASX: LIT) advised on 16 December 2016 of the commencement of a 24 hour commissioning run of the Sileach™ pilot plant for the processing of spodumene concentrates supplied by Pilbara Minerals Limited. This run was part of LIT and PLS's joint efforts toward commercialisation of Sileach™ on Pilgangoora concentrates.

The commissioning run terminated prematurely as a consequence of a hardware failure. The equipment has been repaired and pilot testing recommenced on the morning of 21 December 2016.

Further continuous piloting operations are planned for January 2017.

Managing director, Adrian Griffin said:

*"It is unfortunate a minor equipment failure interrupted the commissioning program. We are fortunate, given the time of year, ANSTO Minerals ensured that components were readily available to affect the repair which should see us complete the commissioning process before the festive season."*

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LIT is a dedicated developer of disruptive lithium extraction technologies. LIT has strategic alliances with a number of companies, potentially providing access to a diversified lithium mineral inventory. LIT aspires to create the union between resources and the best available technology and to establish a global lithium processing business.

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