

**ASX ANNOUNCEMENT**

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## **RINCON 2,000TPA Li<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> OPERATIONAL UPDATE**

### **HIGHLIGHTS**

- **95% of total development works now complete – first battery quality Li<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> product targeted during next month**
- **Commercial lithium carbonate production operations scheduled during next quarter**

Argosy Minerals Limited (ASX: **AGY**) ("**Argosy**" or "**Company**") is pleased to advise further progress at the Rincon Lithium Project, located in Salta Province, Argentina, with 95% of the total works now completed for the development of the 2,000tpa lithium carbonate production operation.

The Company remains on budget and is targeting to achieve first battery quality lithium carbonate product next month.

The 2,000tpa production operation major works comprise three main phases - being design, construction and commissioning.

- The design phase works are completed (100%);
- The construction phase works are 98% complete; and
- Plant commissioning works are 53% complete.

The construction phase comprises the process plant, equipment and associated installations, earthworks and site facilities (including additional camp development and associated site infrastructure), and expansion of the brine system (pumping station, plant settling ponds), with all residual works nearing practical completion;

- earthworks/land movements completed (100%);
- 98% of site works completed (comprising site camp/accommodation, laboratory, office, and other works);
- brine system works completed (100%) (comprising pumping station and plant settling ponds works);
- 99% of the process plant completed (comprising plant equipment acquisition, installation and plant warehouse works); and
- 95% of utilities and associated services (comprising vapour system, communication system and ancillary services works).

The commissioning phase works have progressed significantly with primary commissioning works well underway and advancing toward the fully integrated plant and systems commissioning process, with;

- 93% raw materials procurement/acquisition achieved;
- 87% operations personnel recruitment and development conducted; and
- 35% plant and equipment commissioning tests performed.

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The Company is targeting to produce battery quality lithium carbonate product whilst conducting full systems commissioning works, then complete final commissioning and production test-works, and progress to commercial scale operations scheduled during the next quarter, with ramp-up to 2,000tpa steady-state production operations to follow thereafter.

The Company is progressing toward successfully developing the 2,000tpa operation and becoming a commercial battery quality lithium carbonate producer.

Argosy Managing Director, Jerko Zuvela said ***"The Company's Puna operations team are conducting commissioning phase works whilst nearing completion of plant construction works and proceeding toward lithium carbonate production operations."***

***The Company is very excited with our progress to date and upcoming major milestones - becoming the next commercial scale lithium carbonate producer and transforming into a cashflow generator, leading to a significant near-term growth phase for the Company.***

***The lithium market continues its strong momentum with lithium carbonate prices forecast to continue around record highs into 2023 and beyond, resulting in very lucrative upcoming product sales revenues."***

Recent ongoing project development works have comprised plant equipment assembly and installation – with vacuum belt and press filters nearing completion, finalising the on-site office and laboratory works, completing the camp accommodation expansion, continued recruitment of operational staff, and delivery of first-fill process reagents in preparation for production operations.

Furthermore, the Company is progressing dry and wet commissioning tests, with commissioning completed on the boilers, cooling and water stations, and the dryer. Other key works include commissioning the mill and packing station, and completing all-inclusive plant systems commissioning.



**Figure 1. Rincon Lithium Project – 2,000tpa Operation Site Works**



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**Figures 2-3. Rincon Lithium Project – 2,000tpa Operation Site Works**



**Figures 4-5. Rincon Lithium Project – 2,000tpa Operation Site Works**



**Figures 6-7. Rincon Lithium Project – 2,000tpa Operation Site Works**



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**Figure 8. Rincon Lithium Project – 2,000tpa Operation Site Works**

**ENDS**

*This announcement has been authorised by Jerko Zuvela, the Company's Managing Director*

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### **ASX Listing Rules Compliance**

Argosy advises references to the Company's current target of producing 2,000tpa of high purity battery quality lithium carbonate product at the Rincon Lithium Project should be read subject to and clarified by the Company's current intention that the 2,000tpa production target does not extend beyond a two-year period from the Clarifying Announcement (lodged 10<sup>th</sup> February 2021, available at [www.argosyminerals.com.au](http://www.argosyminerals.com.au) and [www.asx.com](http://www.asx.com)).

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At the conclusion of the two-year period, it is the Company's current intention that, subject to feasibility, finance, market conditions and completion of development works at the Rincon Lithium Project, the Company's 10,000tpa production target will apply. The current 2,000tpa production target is intended to form a modular part of the 10,000tpa operation from its commencement.

Argosy further advises that references in this ASX release in relation to the 10,000tpa production target are extracted from the report entitled "Argosy delivers exceptional PEA results for Rincon Project" dated 28 November 2018, available at [www.argosyminerals.com.au](http://www.argosyminerals.com.au) and [www.asx.com](http://www.asx.com). Argosy confirms that it is not aware of any new information or data that materially affects the information included in the Announcement and, in the case of the Production Target, Mineral Resources or Ore Reserves contained in the Announcement, that all material assumptions and technical parameters underpinning the estimates in the PEA 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 PEA announcement.

### Reference to Previous ASX Releases:

This document refers to the following previous ASX releases:

28<sup>th</sup> Nov 2018 - Argosy delivers exceptional PEA results for Rincon Project

11<sup>th</sup> Jan 2021 - Rincon Project JORC Exploration Target

8<sup>th</sup> Feb 2021 - \$30M Placement to Fund 2,000tpa Production

10<sup>th</sup> Feb 2021 - Clarifying Announcement

## ABOUT ARGOSY MINERALS LIMITED

Argosy Minerals Limited (ASX: AGY) is an Australian company with a current 77.5% (and ultimate 90%) interest in the Rincon Lithium Project in Salta Province, Argentina and a 100% interest in the Tonopah Lithium Project in Nevada, USA.

The Company is focused on its flagship Rincon Lithium Project – potentially a game-changing proposition given its location within the world renowned "Lithium Triangle" – host to the world's largest lithium resources, and its fast-track development strategy toward production of LCE product.

Argosy is committed to building a sustainable lithium production company, highly leveraged to the forecast growth in the lithium-ion battery sector.

### Appendix 1: AGY's Argentina Project Location Map

