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# THE GLOBAL LEADER IN LITHIUM MICA PROCESSING

Corporate Update: Shaw & Partners Resources Conference

February 2022



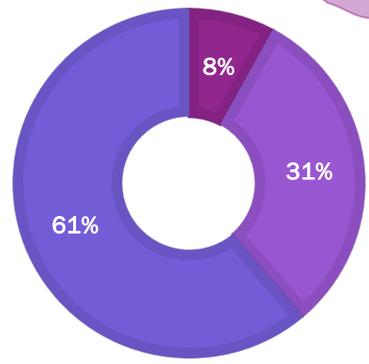
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# THE FUNDAMENTALS: VERTICALLY INTEGRATED FROM MINE TO LITHIUM CHEMICAL

Lepidico's tech-focused, pilot-proven, ESG-led business model delivers lithium from far less contested mineral sources, with first delivery due in late 2023

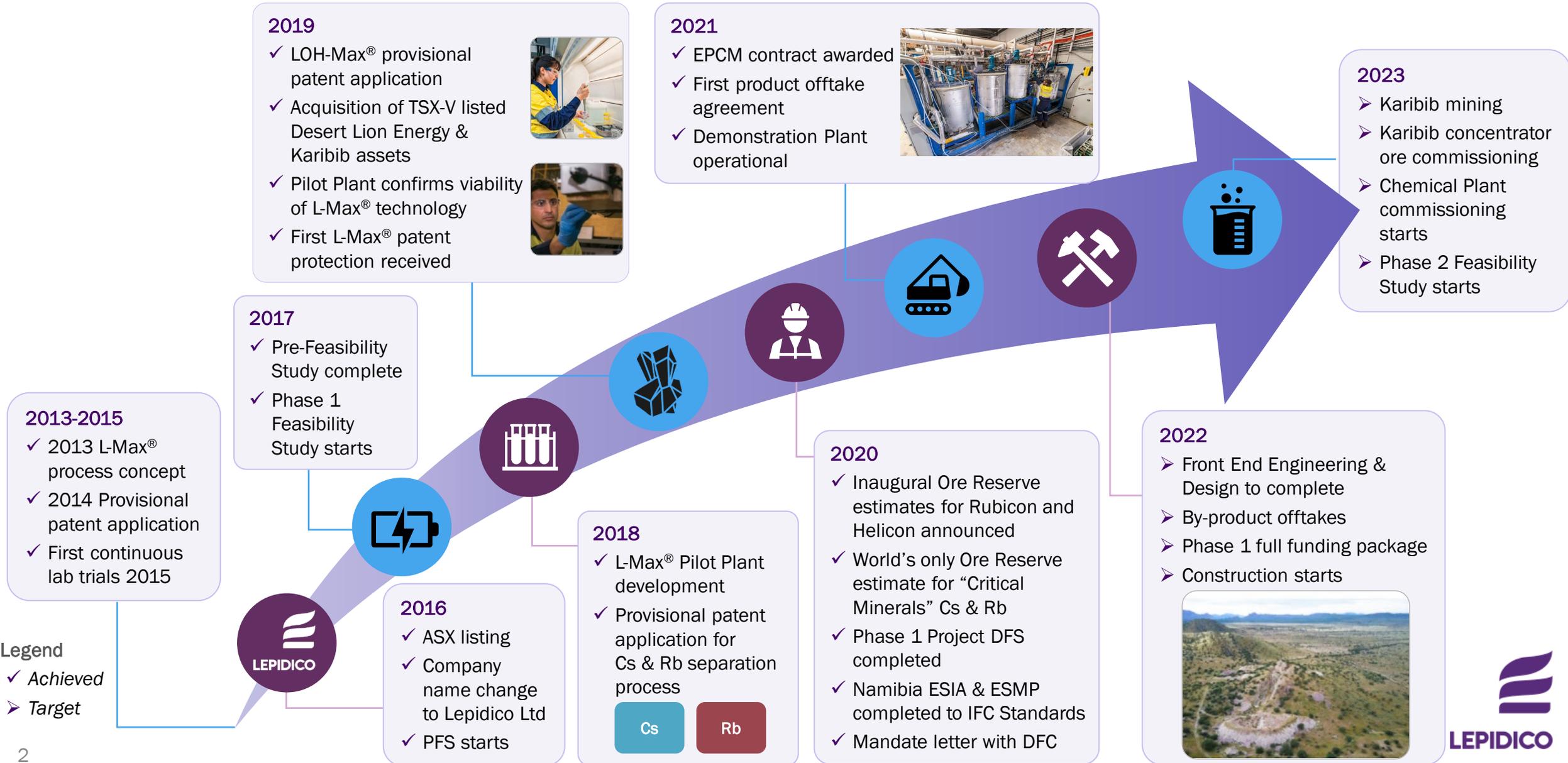
<b>Market</b>
ASX
<b>Ticker</b>
LPD
<b>Market Cap</b>
A\$237m (share price A3.8c) (at 1 February 2022)
<b>Cash</b>
A\$10.4m (no debt) (at 31 December 2021)



- Board and Management
- Top 40 Public shareholders
- Balance



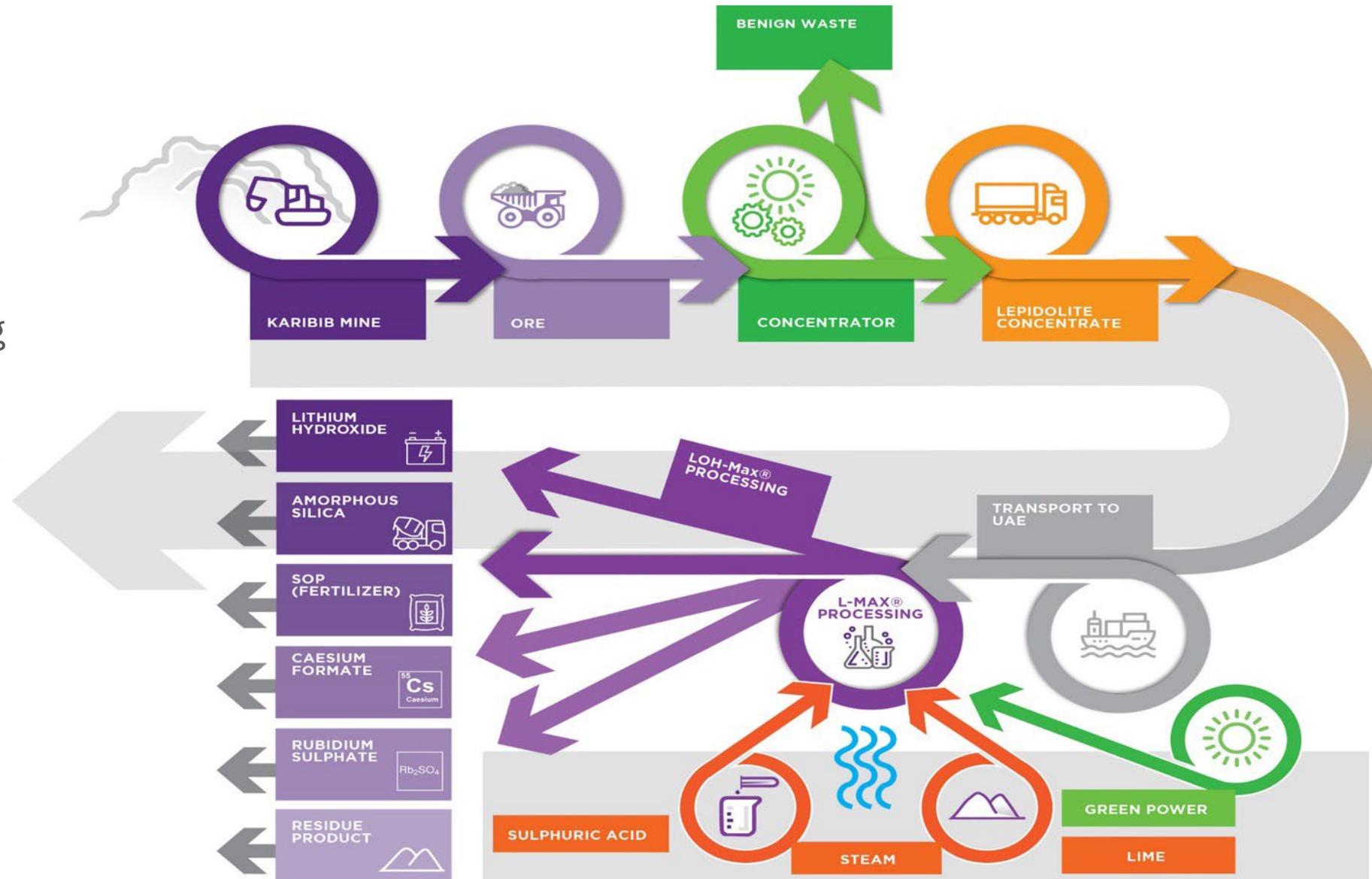
# Corporate Timeline



# THIS IS WHAT WE DO: FROM MINE TO MARKET – a low carbon value chain

When operations come on stream in 2023, lithium mica ore mined and concentrated in Namibia will be shipped as concentrate for processing in the UAE.

Our patented technologies transform the concentrate into lithium hydroxide - or carbonate - as well as in-demand strategic chemicals, caesium and SOP - and other saleable outputs.



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# OUR TECHNOLOGIES & ESG



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# L-Max<sup>®</sup> – the conversion solution for Li-mica minerals

- **Innovation:** efficiently leaches and refines lithium from less contested lithium micas and phosphates
- **Patents:** Australia, Europe, Japan & US patent protection received for this Lepidico owned technology
- **Sustainable:** utilises common use, inexpensive reagents; conventional equipment; operates at atmospheric pressure and modest temperatures; is energy efficient; and has modest emissions
- **High value:** as well as caesium-rubidium by-products, L-Max<sup>®</sup> also delivers potassium sulphate fertiliser (SOP), amorphous silica and gypsum residues; with zero-solid waste potential
- **Scalable:** Pilot proven; Demonstration Plant now operational; scale up to 5,000tpa LCE Phase 1 c.200 to 1; larger Phase 2 Plant 10,000 to 20,000tpa



# LOH-Max<sup>®</sup> - a more sustainable Lithium Hydroxide solution<sup>1</sup>

- **Patent** – provisional patent lodged early 2019; international patent phase started August 2020; national and regional phases started September 2021
- **Broad application** – in lithium mineral conversion that employs sulfur-based chemistry; includes Spodumene
- **Recovery enhanced** – +4% versus conventional Spodumene process; +1,000tpa LiOH at nominal 20,000tpa rate
- **CapEx reduced** – by US\$52M (14%) on 20,000tpa LCE reference case Spodumene converter on simplified flowsheet
- **OpEx reduced** – by US\$8M pa versus reference Spodumene converter case on lower power and reagent consumption
- **CO<sub>2</sub> reduced** – lower Scope 1, 2 and 3 emissions versus conventional processing
- **Value enhanced** – by +US\$100M per 20,000tpa LiOH.H<sub>2</sub>O over 10-years
- **Waste** – benign gypsum/alunite waste
- **Risk reduced** – sodium sulphate not produced; a potential fatal flaw for conventional plants if disposal required
- **Ownership** – 100% owned by Lepidico; royalty sharing arrangement with original developers for third party licenses



<sup>1</sup> ASX Announcement: LOH-Max<sup>®</sup> process technology acquisition & improvements, 29 October 2020

# Caesium - a much needed new supply source

- **Market** – c.1,000-1,200tpa globally on a Cs metal basis
- **Pollucite** – global Reserves of this traditional source of Cs materially depleted in 2018-19; lepidolite is the next best source of Cs
- **Deficit** – consumers advise 1 of just 2 size producers is ceasing Cs chemical production in 2022, leaving a single supplier; a c.40% deficit looms
- **Sustainable applications** – Cs based catalysts used in chemical manufacture; reduce melting point & therefore energy consumption & enhances yields
- **Patents** – provisional patent lodged 2018 for Cs & Rb extraction process from mica minerals, national phase started 2020; Cs-Rb-K ternary catalyst material refining process provisional patent lodged 2021
- **Cs chemicals** – sulphate, hydroxide and carbonate represent a large part of the industrial market; Lepidico's proprietary processes refine  $\text{Cs}_2\text{SO}_4$ , which can be converted to  $\text{CsOH}$  & in turn  $\text{Cs}_2\text{CO}_3$  via  $\text{CO}_2$  sequestration
- **Sustainable processes** – an L-Max<sup>®</sup> residue stream is the feed for these hydrometallurgical processes which employ conventional equipment, operate at atmospheric pressure and low temperature



# Environmental excellence through technology

- **Competitive carbon intensity** – GHD reported “low” chemical plant emissions intensity vs other LiOH plants; 8.8tCO<sub>2</sub>-e/t LiOH.H<sub>2</sub>O (10.0tCO<sub>2</sub>-e/t LCE) for integrated project Scope 1 & 2 emissions – 90% in chemical plant, 10% mine & concentrator; renewable power and green hydrogen can lower emissions to just 3.0tCO<sub>2</sub>-e/t LCE
- **Other emissions & pollutants** – negligible
- **Water intensity** – 33m<sup>3</sup>/t LCE, 44% allocation to LiOH; 20% Namibia/80% UAE for first 5 years, with 85% of concentrator water recycled
- **Land use intensity** – 962Ha integrated project on predominantly industrial land; mine closure plan to return land to agricultural use; Category B designation
- **Biodiversity** – ESIA identifies no material impacts at Karibib & UAE operations are located within a designated industrial park
- **Industrial waste generation** – no TSF required, benign mine and concentrator waste co-disposed; no sodium sulphate generated from converter; & opportunity for zero solid waste chemical plant





# Social Responsibility & Governance

## Health & Safety

- Lost Time Injury & Total Recordable Incidents Frequency Rates 0 > zero harm
- More than 118,000 hours worked with no Recordable Incidents since records began in 2016



## Social

- Creation of 115 direct jobs and +800 indirect jobs in Namibia
- 119 new direct jobs in the UAE
- No relocation requirement
- Water supply to local farmers
- Medical equipment donation



## Governance

- Experienced Board of Directors with complementary skills
- Sustainability & best practice ESG integrated with strategic planning
- Diversity Committee established
- Risk register including a residual risk rating for all actions and controls



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# OUR PHASE 1 PROJECT

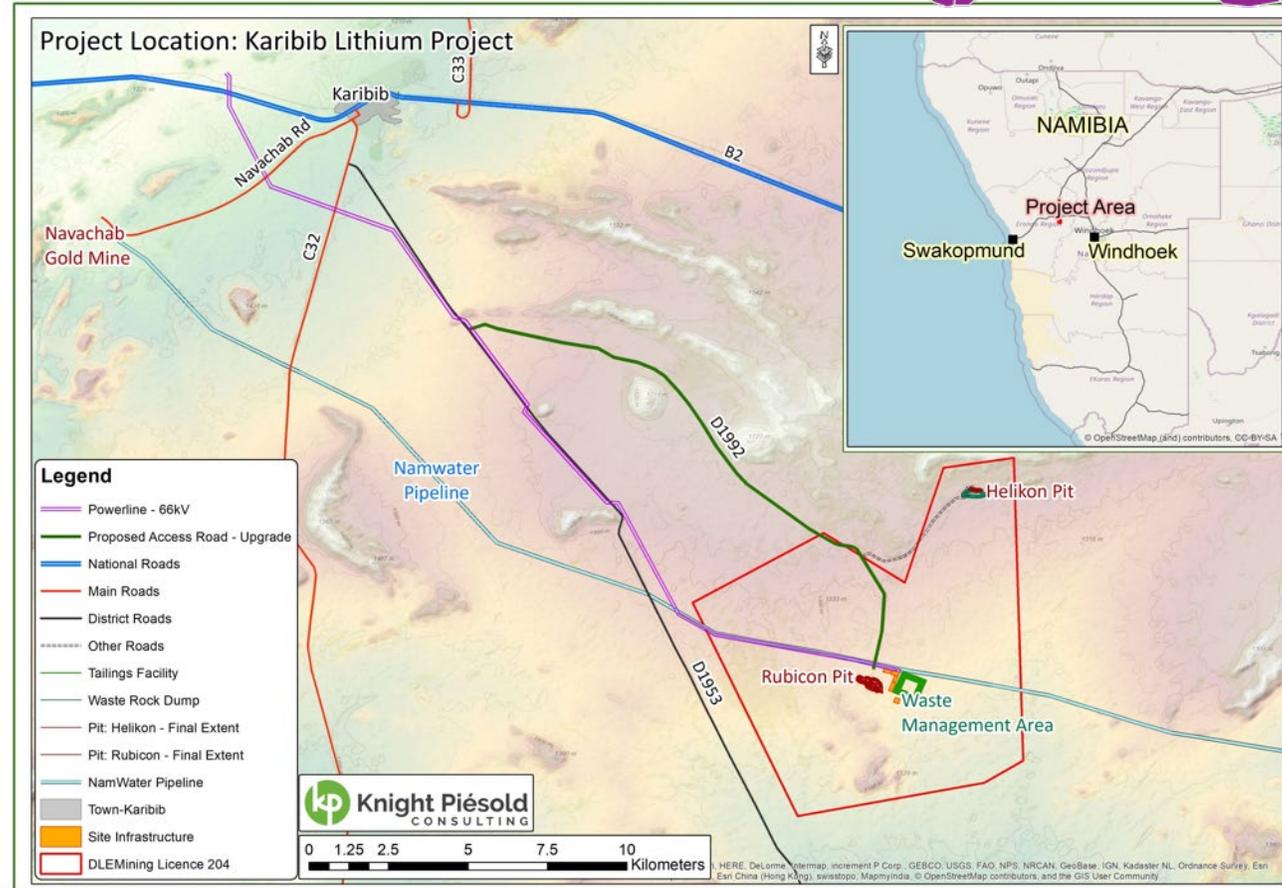


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# Karibib Project, Namibia

- Brownfield re-development of Rubicon & Helikon mines
- Fully permitted: Granted 68km<sup>2</sup> Mining Licence
- Water extraction licence given - 85% of process water will be recycled
- Construction of new small-scale 60,000tpa concentrator
- Direct access to excellent existing regional infrastructure
- New 25km line for grid power
- +1,000km<sup>2</sup> land position prospective for lithium, caesium, rubidium & gold



Exploration: Mineral Resource expansion drill programs resumed January 2022, to extend Phase 1 life & support the Phase 2 Project Scoping Study

# RESERVES & RESOURCES: Unique source of Critical Minerals

## Ore Reserve Estimate<sup>1</sup> Rubicon & Helikon 1 deposits

Reserve Category	Tonnes (M)	Li <sub>2</sub> O (%)	Rb (%)	Cs (ppm)	Ta (ppm)	K (%)
Proved	1.93	0.59	0.28	410	50	2.10
Probable	4.79	0.41	0.21	290	40	1.99
<b>Total Reserves</b>	<b>6.79</b>	<b>0.46</b>	<b>0.23</b>	<b>320</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>2.02</b>

- JORC Code (2012) compliant Ore Reserve estimate for lithium, rubidium, caesium & potassium
- 76% conversion of Measured & Indicated Resources to Reserves for a 14-year project life
- Inferred Resource potential supports expansion potential or Phase 2 Project development
- Ore exposed at surface and deposits pre-stripped by historical mining
- Strip ratio just 0.5 to 1 for the first 2 years and 3.8 to 1 Life of Mine
- Most mine development work complete including haul road to Helikon 1 & water supply

## Karibib Project Global Mineral Resources<sup>2</sup>

Deposit	Resource Category	Tonnes (M)	Li <sub>2</sub> O (%)	Rb (%)	Cs (ppm)	Ta (ppm)	K (%)	Cut-off (% Li <sub>2</sub> O)
Rubicon & Helikon 1 <sup>3</sup>	Measured	2.2	0.56	0.27	389	51	2.14	0.15
	Indicated	6.66	0.38	0.20	274	42	2.07	0.15
	Inferred	0.17	0.7	0.29	1100	150	2.18	0.15
Helikon 2, 3, 4 & 5 <sup>4</sup>	Inferred	2.2	0.41					0.20
Rubicon tailings <sup>5</sup>	Indicated	0.07	0.99	0.42	538	60		0.00
Rubicon & Helikon stockpiles <sup>5</sup>	Inferred	0.57	0.79					0.00
Global	Measured	2.2	0.57	0.27	389	51	2.14	
	Indicated	6.73	0.39	0.21	277	42		
	Inferred	2.94	0.5					
	<b>Total</b>	<b>11.87</b>	<b>0.45</b>					

<sup>1</sup> ASX Announcement: DFS Delivers Compelling Phase 1 Project Results, 28 May 2020

<sup>2</sup> Resources are inclusive of Ore Reserves

<sup>3</sup> ASX announcement dated 30 January 2020: Updated Mineral Resource Estimates for Helikon 1 and Rubicon

<sup>4</sup> ASX announcement dated 16 July 2019: Drilling starts at the Karibib Lithium Project

<sup>5</sup> ASX announcement dated 12 March 2021: Karibib Mineral Resources Expanded

# Karibib Concentrator – conventional flotation, small footprint

- Lycopodium started EPCM works May 2021
- FEED to complete March Quarter 2022
- Site works start June quarter 2022
- Mining first half 2023
- Concentrator commissioning mid-2023



# Phase 1 Chemical Conversion Plant – Abu Dhabi

- Lycopodium started EPCM works May 2021
- 25 year land lease agreement October 2021
- FEED to complete June Quarter 2022
- Construction start September quarter 2022
- Chemical plant commissioning first half 2024

- Located in Khalifa Port Free Trade Zone, Abu Dhabi – no corporate tax and duties; 100% foreign ownership allowed
- Existing infrastructure available through “plug and play” approach
- Abu Dhabi ESIA complete and environmental permit to construct in place
- 25-year land lease agreement signed

# Phase 1 Project Definitive Feasibility Study<sup>1</sup>



**Construction Cost**  
(Inc. 13% contingency)  
**US\$139M**



**Post Tax**  
**NPV<sub>8</sub> of US\$221M**  
**NPV<sub>0</sub> of US\$521M**  
**IRR of 31%**



**Project Payback**  
(from start of production)  
**3 years**



**Operating Costs**  
(by-product LCE basis)  
**C1 Cash Cost US\$/t 1,656**  
**ASIC US\$/t3,221**



**Average Annual**  
**Free Cash Flow<sup>3</sup>**  
(post ramp-up)  
**US\$49M**



**Lithium Hydroxide**  
**Production<sup>2</sup>**  
**4,879 tpa**



**Sulfate of Potash**  
**Production<sup>2</sup>**  
**12,000 tpa**



**Caesium Sulfate**  
**Production<sup>2</sup>**  
**240 tpa**



**Total LCE**  
**All Products<sup>2</sup>**  
**7,060 tpa**



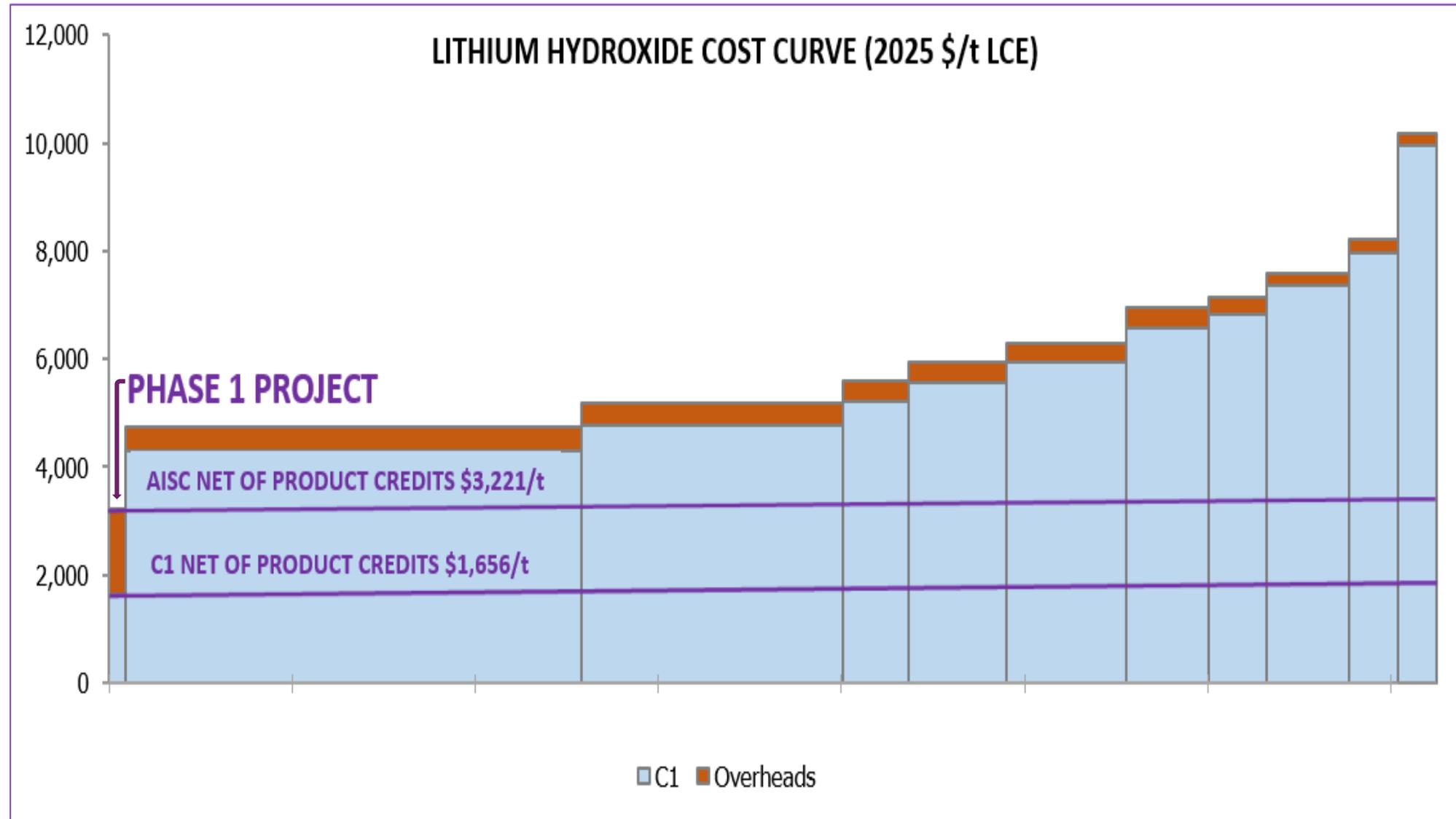
**Project Life**  
**14 years**

<sup>1</sup> ASX Announcement 28 May 2020: DFS delivers compelling Phase 1 Project results.

<sup>2</sup> By-products at steady state operation expressed as a salt.

<sup>3</sup> Cash flows based on Benchmark Mineral Intelligence Q1 2020 LiOH price forecast (US\$12,910/t long term).

# Low All in Sustaining Costs



Source: Benchmark Mineral Intelligence for industry data; Lepidico for Phase 1 Project data



# Finance & Offtakes

- **Lithium Hydroxide** – binding term sheet signed December 2021 with Traxys for 35,000t over 7 years, includes sales-marketing, trade finance and logistics
- **Caesium** – binding term sheets being negotiated with multiple consumers for sulphate, with Traxys as agent
- **Bulk Products** – Commercial Manager, UAE appointed for regional product sales
- **Testing** – samples of all products have been dispatched for customer assessment; Demonstration Plant being run now to generate additional samples & for product development
- **Debt Finance** – formal mandate signed with the U.S. International Development Finance Corporation for Karibib; commercial lenders engaged for UAE debt; due diligence advanced; commitments targeted first-half 2022
- **Strategic Partner** – under evaluation
- **Prepayment/Streaming** – under evaluation



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# IN SUMMARY



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# TRANSITIONING TO PRODUCTION: PROGRESS POISED TO DELIVER



## Critical Minerals

We have 6.7Mt in Reserves containing lithium, caesium & rubidium



## Feasibility Study Complete

Competitive costs and enhanced margins from by-product revenues



## Demo-Plant Proven Technologies

Our patented L-MAX<sup>®</sup> and LOH-MAX<sup>®</sup> processes produce high quality chemicals hydro-metallurgically



## Strong ESG Credentials

CO<sub>2</sub>, water and land use intensities low, & we aim to make these best-in-class



## Strategic Collaboration

First technology licence sold to Cornish Lithium Ltd



## Experienced Management

Track record in project development, & sustainable operation



## Key Phase 1 Approvals in Place

Mining Licence, all environmental permits to construct & land lease secured



## Debt Financing

Formal mandate signed with U.S. Development Finance Corp; due diligence well advanced



## Offtake Commitments

Binding agreement for LiOH; caesium commitments 2022; SOP strong demand



## Development Work Started May 2021

Lycopodium EPCM contractor, FEED well advanced, target construction start mid-2022



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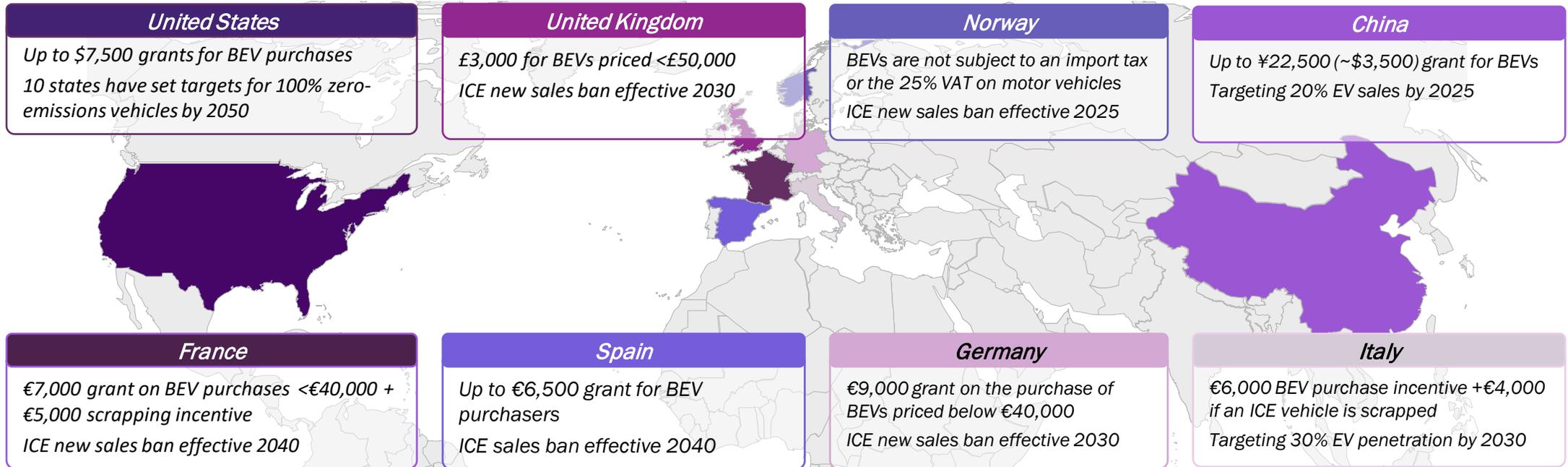
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# LITHIUM MARKET

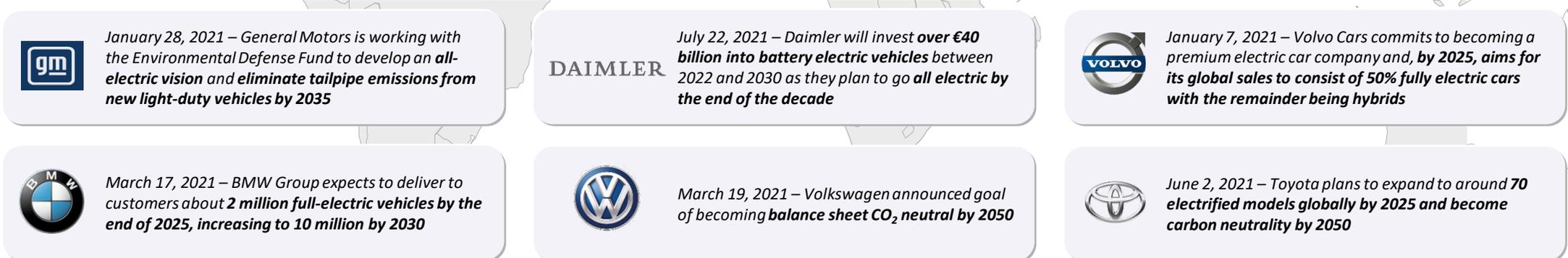


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# Push & Pull Policies Are Creating Tailwinds for Electric Vehicles...



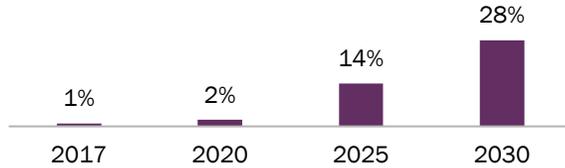
## Automotive Manufacturers Have Identified Electric Vehicle Targets



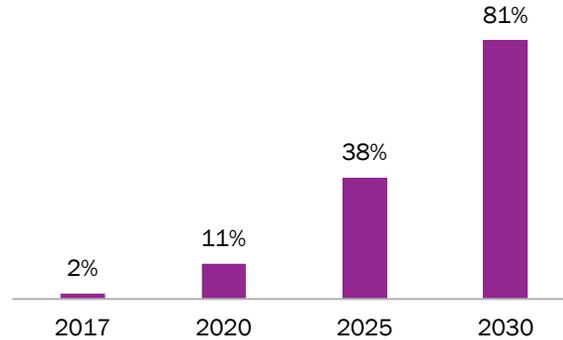
# ...Driving Significant Ramp-Up in Electric Vehicle Penetration Globally

Electric Vehicle Penetration

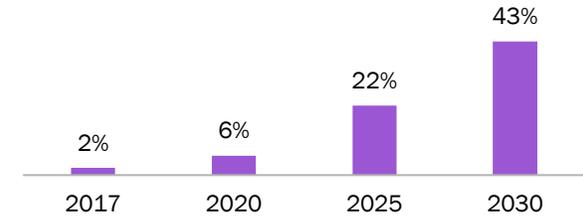
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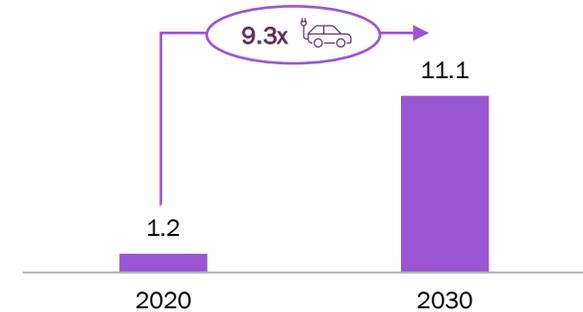
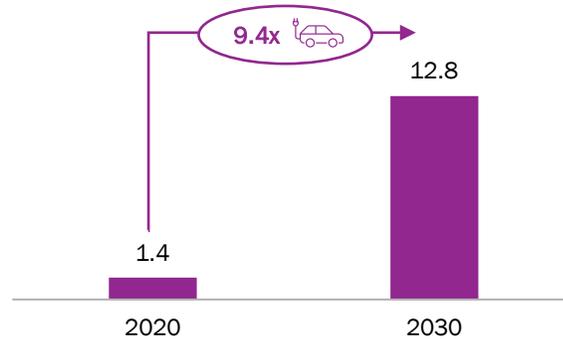
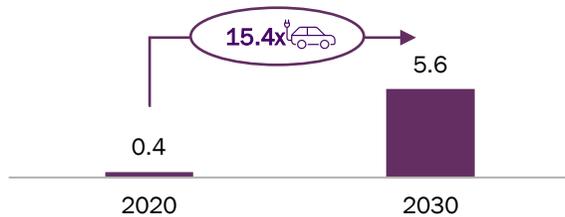
Europe



China



Electric Vehicle Sales (millions)



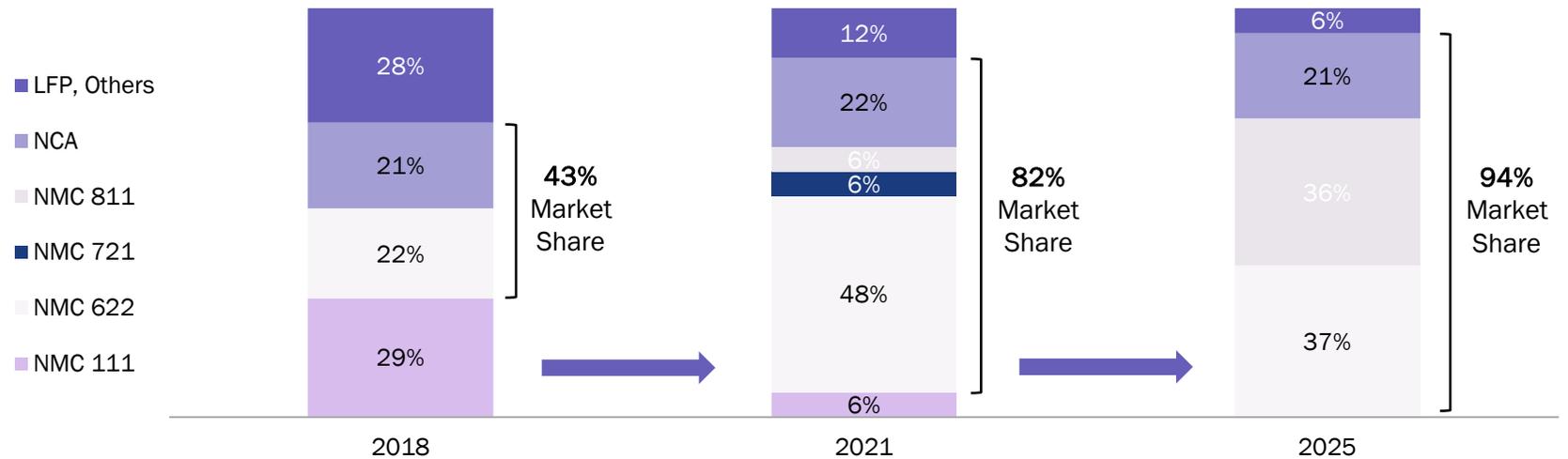
Secular Changes in EV Adoption Will Transform Demand for Battery Materials

# Lithium Is THE Critical Component

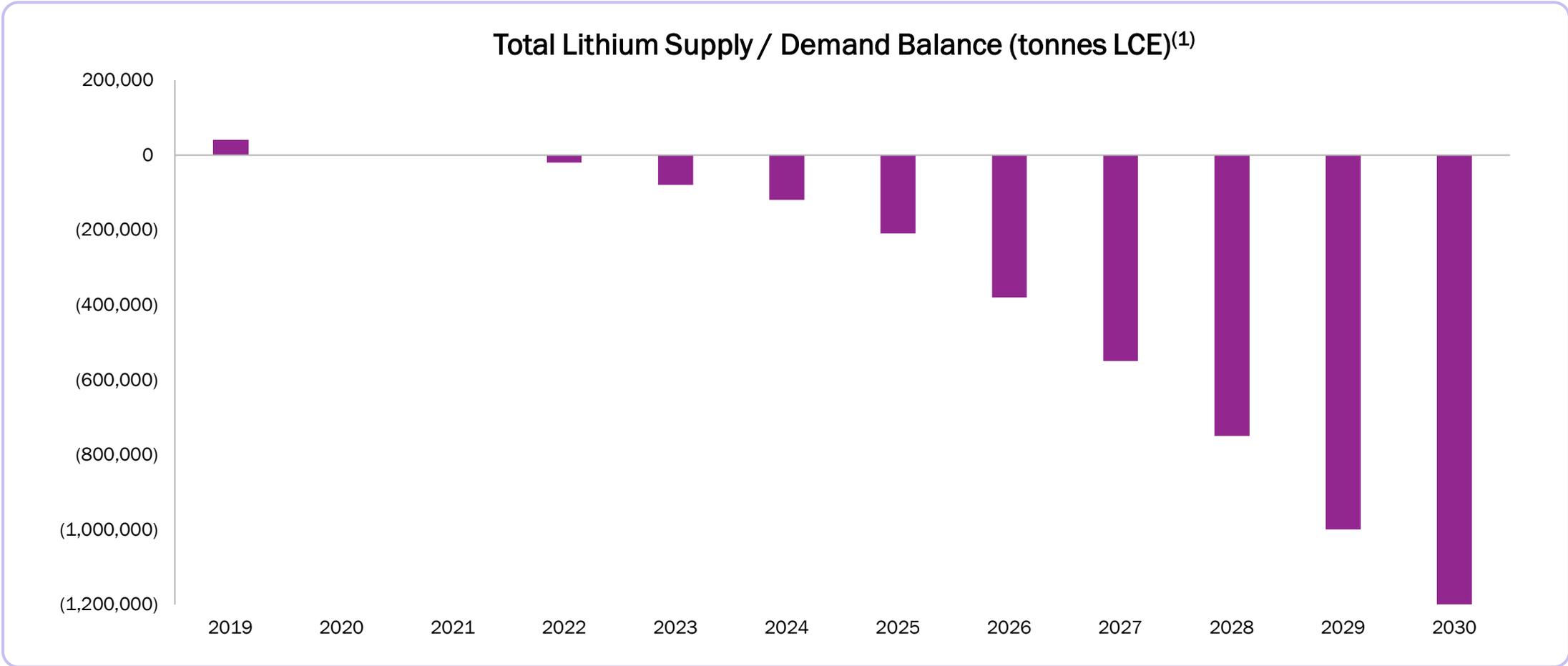
*Lithium Is the Constant Input Across All Types of EV Batteries*

Cathode Material	Lithium	Copper	Nickel	Manganese	Cobalt	Graphite
NCA	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓
NCA+	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓
NMC 333	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
NMC 532	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
NMC 622	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
NMC 811	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
LFP	✓	✓				✓
LMO	✓	✓		✓		✓

*LiOH expected to take dominant share (90%+) in lithium battery cathode chemistries by 2025*



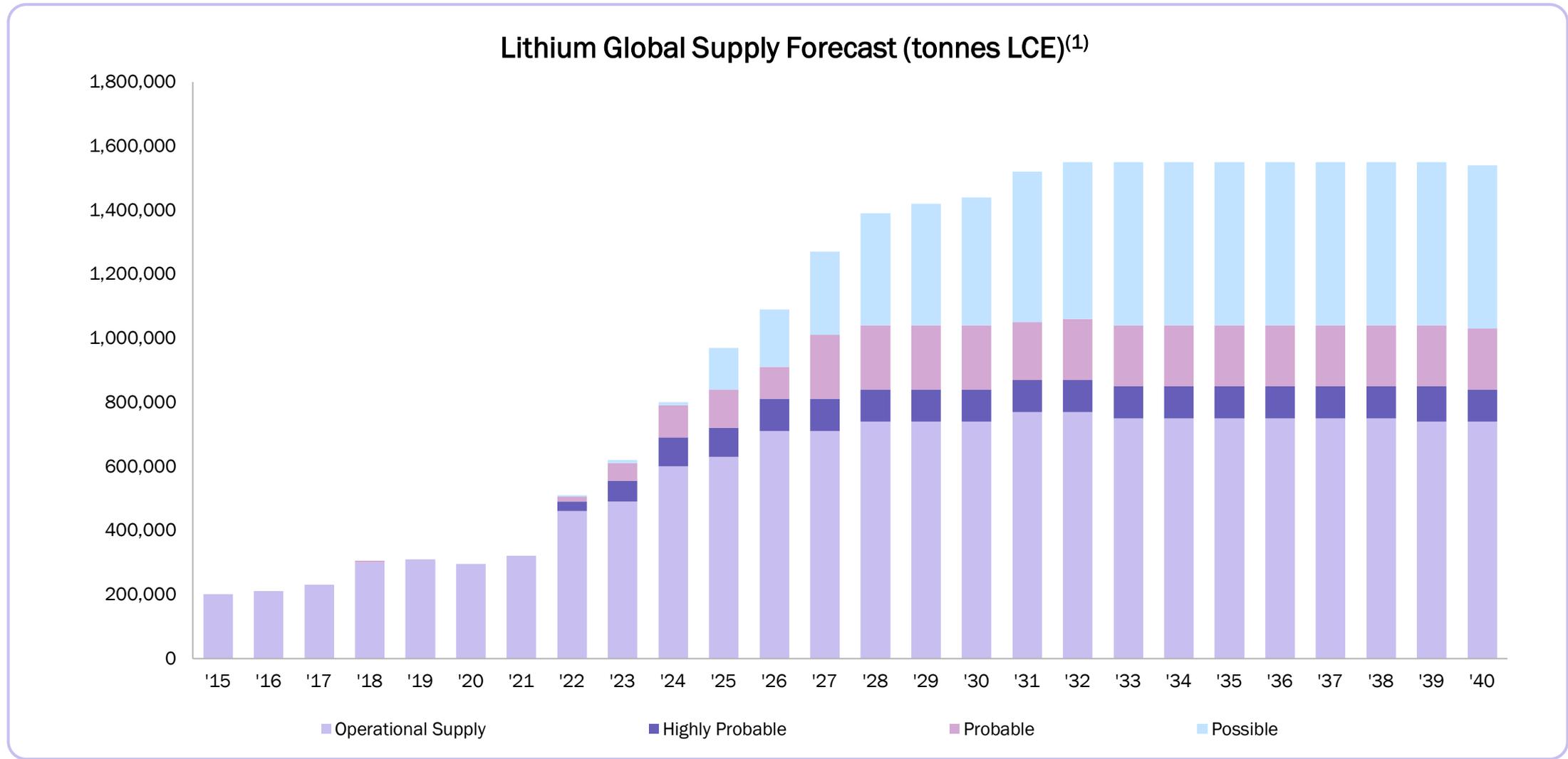
# Strong Fundamentals...



*The market for lithium chemicals is forecasted to be in a supply deficit from 2022 onwards*

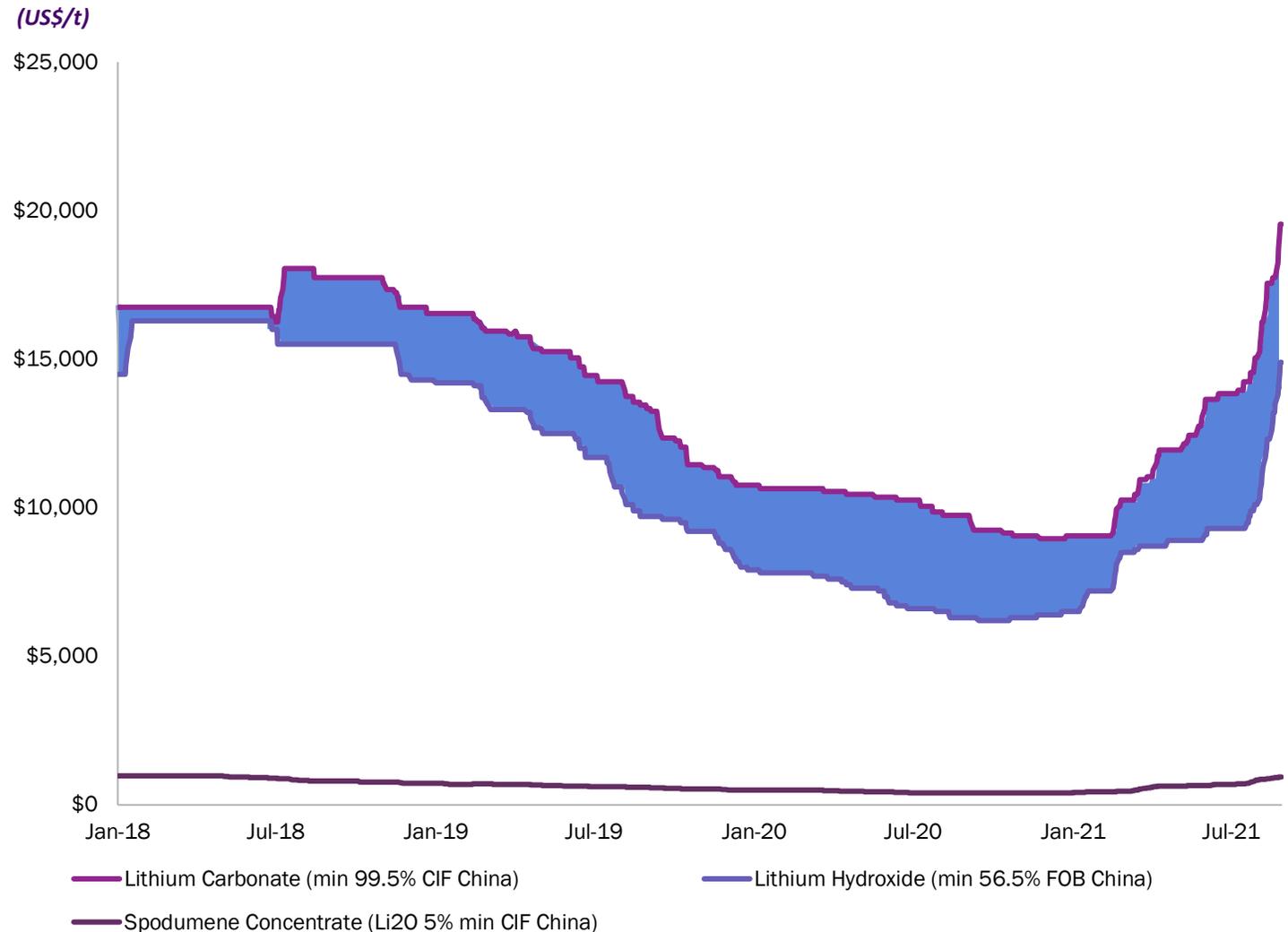
(1) Source: Benchmark Mineral Index.

# ...Underpinned by Project Uncertainty and Long Lead-times

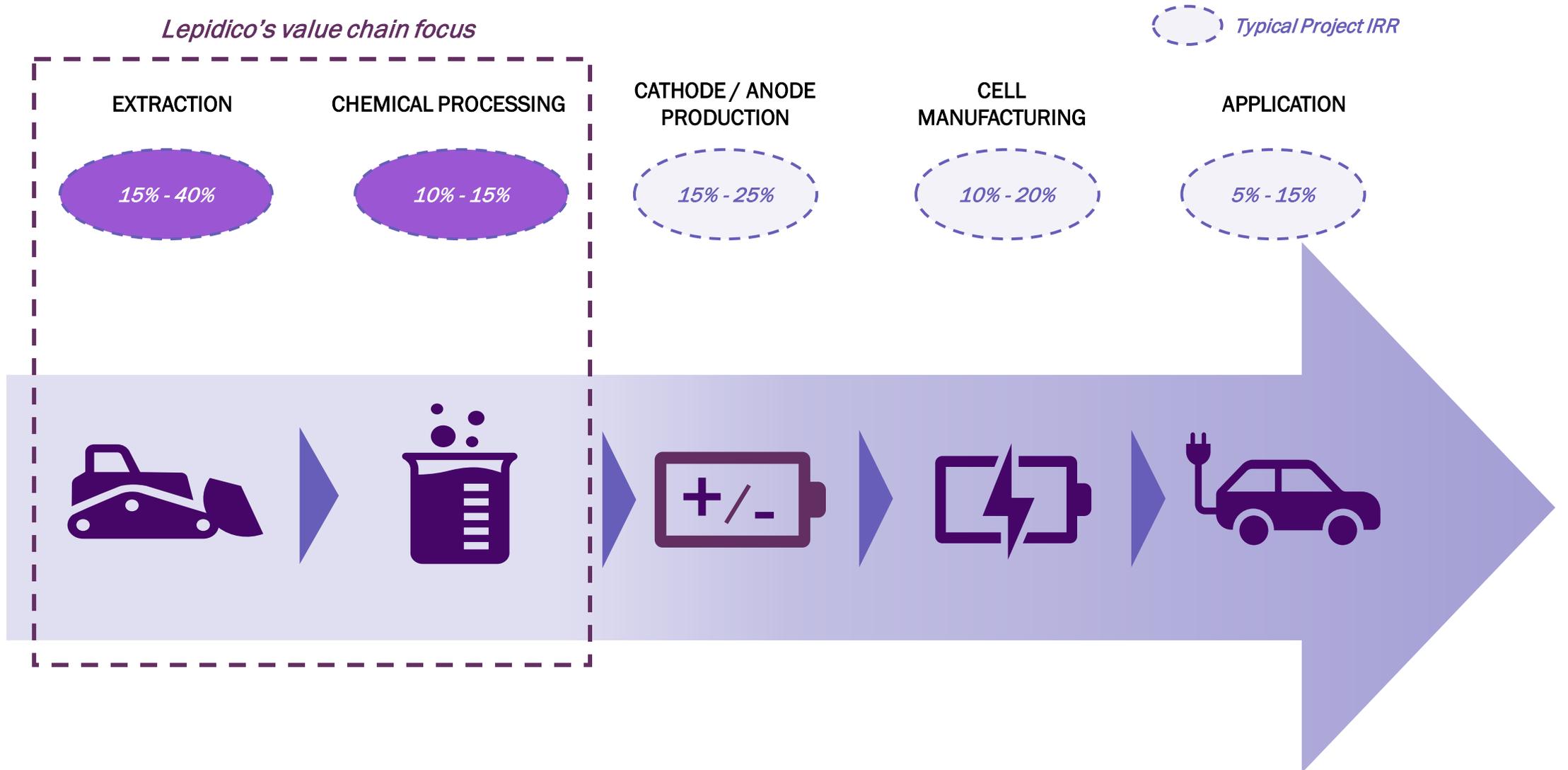


# Lithium Industry Pricing Mechanisms

- Since beginning of 2021, prices of both lithium hydroxide and lithium carbonate have continued to rise back to almost 2018 levels
- Primarily driven by the sharp surge in domestic Chinese lithium carbonate market
- Similarly prices for most battery raw materials were maintained at historically high levels compared to the past 2-year period
- Continued strong demand growth into H2 2021 is expected to maintain elevated prices



# Lithium Supply Chain



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