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# Zero Carbon Lithium®



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#### **COMPETENT PERSON STATEMENT**

The information in this report that relates to Mineral Resources is extracted from the ASX announcement made by Vulcan on the 31 August 2020, which is available on www.v-er.com. The information in this presentation that relates to the Scoping Study for the Vulcan Lithium Project is extracted from the ASX announcement "Positive Scoping Study – Vulcan Zero Carbon Lithium Project", released on the 21st of February 2020 which is available on www.v-er.com. The Company confirms that it is not aware of any new information or data that materially affects the information included in the original market announcements and that all material assumptions and technical parameters underpinning the estimates in the relevant market announcements continue to apply and have not materially changed. The Company confirms that the form and context in which the Competent Person's findings are presented have not been materially modified from the original market announcements.



### Vulcan – Zero Carbon Lithium®



High Carbon Footprint Of Existing Supply Chain



China Dominates Supply Chain Zero Production in EU





Largest Lithium Resource In Europe



Rapidly Advancing Lithium Project



Agreement with German Geothermal Operator



Team of World Leading Experts



Project Financially Supported by the EU

### Why Vulcan?

#### **I.ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT**

We exist to decarbonize the currently high carbon production footprint of lithium-ion batteries used in electric vehicles by producing a world-first **Zero Carbon Lithium®** hydroxide product from our geothermal lithium brine project in the Upper Rhine Valley, Germany.

Lithium is a critical resource for batteries and electric vehicles.

To fully electrify our cars with lithium-ion batteries, we need lithium.

Using the current main source of producing and refining lithium, from hard-rock mines, will emit approximately 1.05 billion tonnes\* of CO<sub>2</sub> to fully electrify the world's passenger vehicles.

## 1.05 Billion Tonnes

 $CO_{2}$ 

Approximate emissions from producing and refining lithium from hard-rock mines That's equivalent to the annual emissions of the UK, France and Italy combined



### **Environmental concerns**

#### I.ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

Lithium extraction in South America **evaporates** large quantities of water in one of the driest places on earth. This stresses the environment and local communities.

Hard rock mines for lithium are unpopular. Once you mine it, the rock has to be **roasted with fossil fuels** to produce lithium hydroxide. This is very CO2-intensive.



### **Europe: fastest growing lithium market**

#### II. EUROPE

More investment into EV in **Europe** than in China.

**Europe is fastest** growing **lithium-ion battery** production center in the **world** the fastest growing market for **lithium hydroxide**.

It has **ZERO local supply** of lithium hydroxide to feed this demand.

80% of global supply is controlled by China.

Linked to two main concerns:

- Supply chain risk
- Environmental impact

### 🛞 go to zero

"Volkswagen's delivery promise: C0<sub>2</sub>-neutral production including supply chain"

Volkswagen Presentation, ID Insights, Sustainable Mobility, 2019





Compiled industry data based on cell and cathode production forecasts

Benchmark Mineral Intelligence

### We scoured the globe to find the right project

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#### **III. OUR PROJECT**

We had the lithium expertise to know that Zero Carbon Lithium® production was possible using modern extraction methods, provided a deep geothermal brine reservoir could be found that had the following geological conditions:

# Renewable heat; High lithium grades; High brine flow rate.

Our research showed that this could be done in just two places:

The Upper Rhine Valley in Germany, and
The Salton Sea in California

We chose Germany and Europe.

For details on lithium grades, see Appendices

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LITHIUM CONCENTRATION

IN BRINE (MG/L LI)

### Largest in Europe

#### **III. OUR PROJECT**

We used our geological expertise to pick out the best areas in the Upper Rhine Valley for sub-surface lithium grade and potential flow rate. We secured exclusive rights to these areas:

- Very large license package >800km<sup>2</sup>
- 6 licenses: 3 exploration permits granted
- Largest lithium resource in Europe: 16.19Mt LCE

#### **CONTAINED LITHIUM (JORC RESOURCE, MT LCE)**







Image shows resources collated from companies at different stages of development as detailed in Appendix 3, with Vulcan Lithium Project which is a mixture of Indicated and Inferred Mineral Resources as per VUL ASX announcement 12/11/2020. The Company is not aware of any new information or data that materially affects the information included in the announcement.

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### Location: centre of fastest growing lithium market



### A dual revenue renewable project

#### **III. OUR PROJECT**



### **Commercially mature technologies combined**

#### **III. OUR PROJECT**

Our process replicates existing operations taking place commercially across the world. What is unique about us is the combination of those different steps.

Binary Cycle Geothermal Plant

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- Hundreds of geothermal energy plants running globally.
- **37** deep geothermal energy plants in operation in **Germany.**
- **Upper Rhine Valley** well-known area for successful geothermal operations.
- Team of **leading experts** in developing and permitting geothermal plants.



- Direct Lithium Extraction commercially used for decades.
- Now operating in China & Argentina accounting for >10% of global lithium production.
- Adsorbent-type DLE technologies commercially available from several suppliers.
- We've achieved >90% lithium recoveries from initial test work.





- Conversion of lithium chloride to lithium hydroxide is an industrystandard route.
- There are operational plants worldwide doing this.



### **Our Zero Carbon Lithium® process**



- Hot brine is extracted from the ground and generates steam that powers turbines and produces renewable electricity.
  They are standard geothermal production wells successfully implemented for decades.
  We divert the brine flow and extract lithium from the solution with a Direct Lithium
  - Extraction (DLE) process. Commercially used for decades (Argentina) & successfully tested in the US and elsewhere.

Once the lithium has been extracted, the brine is reinjected in the ground.
No evaporation losses, only takes a few hours, not dependent on weather.

- Lithium chloride is sent to the lithium refining plant which will be converted LiCl to battery quality LiOH.
  Water is recycled, no toxic wastes, no gases are emitted, heat and power from the
- geothermal plant, no fossil fuels are burned.Expected to have a very low Opex.



### **Project structure**



Note: figures will be disclosed in the PFS

### **Carbon intensity**

#### IV. OUR ZERO CARBON ADVANTAGE

Roskill

Vulcan

ZERO CARBON FOOTPRINT

**Geothermal Brine** 

MINVIRO

*"CO2 emissions from lithium production set to triple by 2025"* 



### Vulcan to offset CO2 penalties for automakers

#### IV. OUR ZERO CARBON ADVANTAGE

CO<sub>2</sub> Emissions Linked to Lithium Production



Average Battery Pack: 50KWh, Average LCE per KWh: 0.9kg, Average LCE consumption per EV: 45kg, Vulcan: -5.3t of CO2 per ton of LiOH, Average Hard Rock operation with Chinese Converter: 15t of CO2 per ton of LiOH

Penalties currently only target vehicles' emissions but not their supply chain.

This is likely to change shortly with new EU legislation and lead to **heavy penalties** if carmakers are not sourcing greener raw materials.

Vulcan's Zero Carbon Lithium<sup>®</sup> offers a **negative carbon footprint** that will help automakers to reach their sustainability targets by **offsetting CO<sub>2</sub>** generated by the rest of their supply chain.



### **Cost advantage of geothermal lithium brines**

#### IV. OUR ZERO CARBON ADVANTAGE

If you're producing battery-quality lithium hydroxide chemicals, the price environment is strong. Lithium hydroxide is currently selling for around US\$11-14,000/t. It is widely tipped to rise even from here due to looming deficits.

#### LiOH Asia Weighted Average Price



Average Asia Import Price 🗕 – • Average Asia Import Price Quarterly —— Benchmark Minerals LiOH CIF Asia

Brine projects are the lowest cost method of lithium hydroxide production, typically around US\$5-7,000/t. (Source: Canaccord).

Our added advantages:

- Free heat to drive our process
- Low reagents consumption
- Short distance to market
- Premium product
- We also sell energy

Germany has a **fixed price** of €0.25c/kWh for the renewable electricity we can produce.

We plan to have **two revenue** streams: lithium and energy.

They de-risk and complement each other.



### The Vulcan Zero Carbon Lithium<sup>®</sup> team: board

#### V. TEAM & TIMELINE

Lithium, Renewable Energy & Project Finance Experience



Dr. Francis Wedin

#### MANAGING DIRECTOR & FOUNDER-CEO

- Founder of Vulcan Zero Carbon Lithium<sup>™</sup> Project. Lithium industry executive since 2014. Previously **Executive Director of ASX**listed Exore Resources Ltd.
- Three discoveries of JORC Lithium Resources on two continents including Lynas Find, now part of Pilbara Minerals' Pilgangoora Project in production (ASX:PLS).
- Management & Executive experience in resources sector on four continents; bilingual; dual Swedish & Australian nationality.
- PhD & BSc (Hons) in **Exploration Geology & MBA** in Renewable Energy.



#### **CO-FOUNDER & EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR -GEOTHERMAL EXPERT**

- CEO of Geothermal Group Germany GmbH and GeoThermal Engineering GmbH (GeoT). Co- Founder of Vulcan Zero Carbon Lithium<sup>™</sup> Project.
- Successful geothermal project development & permitting in Germany and worldwide.
- Widespread political, investor and industry network in Germany and Europe.
- Based in Karlsruhe, local to the project area in the Upper Rhine Valley.



Gavin Rezos

#### **CHAIR – INVESTMENT BANKING EXPERT**

- Executive Chair/CEO positions of two companies that grew from start-ups to the ASX 300. Extensive international investment banking experience.
- Investment banking Director of HSBC with senior multiregional roles in investment banking, legal and compliance functions.
- Currently Chair of Resource and Energy Group and principal of Viaticus Capital.
- Previously Non-Executive Director of Iluka Resources, Alexium International Group and Rowing Australia.



Ranya Alkadamani

#### **NON-EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR – COMMUNICATIONS EXPERT**

- Founder of Impact Group International. A communications strategist, focused on amplifying the work of companies that have a positive social or environmental impact.
- Experience in working across media markets and for high profile people, including one of Australia's leading philanthropists, Andrew Forrest and Australia's then Foreign Minister and former Prime Minister, Kevin Rudd.
- Was personally behind the global launches of the Walk Free Global Slavery Index, which reached more than 1 billion people.



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#### **CFO / COMPANY SECRETARY**

- Chartered Accountant and Chartered Secretary with +20 years experience.
- Experience in financial and commercial management including in corporate governance, debt and capital raising, tax planning, risk management, treasury management, insurance, corporate acquisitions and divestment and farm in/farm out transactions.
- BComm degree from Curtin University, a Grad Dip in **Applied Corporate Governance** from the Governance Institute of Australia and a Grad Cert of Applied Finance and Investment from the Securities Institute of Australia

### Management, technical team & consultants

#### V. TEAM & TIMELINE

World-Renowned Geological, Chemical & Engineering Expertise



Dr Katharina Gerber

#### LITHUM PROJECT MANAGER

- Awarded her PhD on lithium chemistry magna cum laude (with great distinction) at the University of Bonn.
- Most recently focused on lithium extraction from geothermal brine at the California Energy Commission (CEC). Participates in "California Lithium Valley" initiative.
- Prior to joining the CEC, she conducted research developing and characterizing new electrode materials for lithium-ion batteries.
- Unique combination of expertise in lithium chemistry and lithium extraction from geothermal brine.



Chemical engineering expert part of Vulcan's team in Karlsruhe. 25 years' experience in chemical process innovation and industrial scale-up across a range of industries.

Dr. Thomas

Aicher

- Awarded a PhD and MSc in Chemical Engineering from the world-renowned Karlsruhe Institute of Technology (KIT), Dr. Aicher was also a visiting scientist at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT).
- Dr. Aicher was Head of Group at Fraunhofer Institute, one of the most prestigious organizations of applied sciences in Europe, and Process Engineer at Fortune 500 engineering company Fluor Inc.





DEVELOPMENT

Commission.

to E-mobility.

Vincent Ledoux Pedailles

**VICE PRESIDENT – BUSINESS** 

• Previously Executive Director at

led the project to become the

first to secure EU funding.

Infinity Lithium, where Vincent

Vincent was also appointed as a

Lithium Expert by the European

• Previously worked at IHS Markit

battery materials research team

supply chain from raw materials

where he led the lithium and

covering the entire industry's

Earlier in his career, he worked

for Talison Lithium located in

for Roskill, an international

consulting company

Perth, Australia. He also worked

metals & minerals research and

• Mr Ledoux-Pedailles is a regular

speaker at various industry

events across the world





Alex Grant



Thorsten Weimann

#### ELECTROMIBILITY EXPERT

- Ex-direct report to Elon Musk
- 10 years' experience at Tesla
- Ex-Telsa Director for **Central Europe**
- Launched Tesla S. 3. X and Roadster
- Ex-Automobili Pininfarina Chief Sales Officer: Launched Electric Hyper-car
- Experience in the Auto industry including BMW Porsche and Kia

#### **DLE TECHNOLOGY EXPERT**

 Co-founded Lilac Solutions, one of the world's leading direct lithium extraction technology companies, which raised \$20M from Bill Gates's Breakthrough **Energy Ventures.** 

#### **GEOTHERMAL PLANT** ENGINEERING EXPERT

 Expert in geothermal and drilling technology, with more than 25 years of professional experience.

Elke Zimmermann **GEOLOGIST** Dr. Michael Kraml SENIOR GEOCHEMIST Dr. Jens Grimmer SENIOR GEOLOGIST Tobias Hochschild SENIOR GEOLOGIST Dr. John Reinecker SENIOR GEOLOGIST Prof. Dr. Gerald Ziegenbalg CHEMICAL PROCESSING **EXPERT** 

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APEX Geoscience Ltd.

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## Vulcan financially supported by the EU

#### V. TEAM & TIMELINE

May '20: Agreement signed with EU-backed body to launch Vulcan Zero Carbon Lithium® Project.

EIT InnoEnergy will marshal its ecosystem and significant EU-wide resources to launch the Zero Carbon Lithium<sup>™</sup> Project forward:

**Securing project funding,** including the use of applicable **EU, national or regional grant schemes**, and liaising with EU project finance and development banks.

Driving relationships with European lithium offtakers, aimed at entering into of binding offtake agreements.

Obtaining and fast-tracking necessary licenses.

All services are entirely success-based, with no upfront cost to Vulcan.







### Where to from here?

#### V. TEAM & TIMELINE



Zero Carbon Lithium<sup>®</sup>

### Share price & capital structure

#### V. TEAM & TIMELINE

#### ASX : VUL

Shares on Issue	74,492,285		
Options (28.5c expiring in January 2021)	7,265,386		
Performance Milestone Shares*	8,800,000		
Performance Rights*	12,500,000		
Market Capitalization at \$1.99 (undiluted)	~\$148M		
Enterprise Value at \$1.99 (undiluted)	~\$143M		
Cash Position	~\$5.1M		
Top 20 Shareholders	~51%		
Management (undiluted)	~ <b>21</b> %		



#### Frankfurt: 6K0

\*Refer ASX Announcement 10 July 2019 for further details.



### Vulcan summary: best-in-class for the 2020s

WORLD'S 1ST & **ONLY ZERO-CARBON LITHIUM®** PROCESS 1 **Purpose-built** 

process to be

uniquely

- Zero Carbon. **Co-generation** of geothermal energy from production wells will power lithium extraction.
- Negative CO<sub>2</sub>/t LiOH  $H_2O$ , **decarbonising** the grid while producing lithium. compared with ~15 tonnes CO<sub>2</sub> for hard-rock.

**STUDY: DUAL** REVENUE POTENTIAL (2)

POSITIVE

SCOPING

- First of its kind study completed with international team of independent experts.
- Principal revenue potential from
- quality LiOH H<sub>2</sub>O chemicals into

geothermal

generation,

benefits from

Feed-in-Tariff.

power

- selling **battery**-
- the European
- market. Secondary revenue potential from planned renewable

#### **EU BACKING FOR PROJECTS** 3

- Agreement signed in May '20 with EU-backed EIT InnoEnergy
- EIT InnoEnergy will marshal its ecosystem and significant EU-
- wide resources to launch the Zero Carbon Lithium® **Project forward** 
  - Assistance with securing funding and streamlining
  - project permitting.

#### • JORC Mineral Resource Estimate 16.19 **Million Tonnes** LCE Indicated &

Inferred.

**One of the largest** lithium resources in the world.

**SIZE & QUALITY:** 

EUROPE'S

LARGEST

RESOURCE

LITHIUM

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- High Li grades for geothermal brine which has readily available
- heat & power. • Large enough
  - to be **Europe's** primary source of battery-quality lithium hydroxide.

#### **CENTRE OF** FASTEST GROWING MARKET 5

LOCATION

- EU fastest growing lithium market in the world. Unprecedented demand forecast
- from growth in EVs.
- Located in Germany, in the **centre of** the industry.
- Zero local supply of battery quality lithium

hydroxide.

Removes dependence on **China** for this designated Critical

#### LOCAL **PARTNERS & INFRASTRUCTURE** ACCESS 6

- MoU with German geothermal operator
- Allows for access to producing wells to advance pilot processing.
- Potential for fast-track to production from existing

THE RIGHT **TEAM FOR THE JOB** (7)

#### LITHIUM PROJECT 8

- Expert multidisciplinary team local to project area in Germany.
- Decades of experience in developing & permitting geothermal brine
- projects. International project finance. lithium market & direct lithium extraction

processing

expertise

 Maiden Resource & Scoping Study completed in **just five** months.

RAPIDLY

**ADVANCING** 

- Pre-Feasibility Study Under Way.
- Targeting short-term production start. in line with lithium supply-demand inflection point.





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# APPENDIX

### Appendix 1: proud members of a leading-edge industry





### **Appendix 2: information for slide 16**

	Company	Code		Project		Stage Resource		tegory	Brine M3/Re- source Tonnes	Resource Grade	Contained LCE Tonnes	Information Source
	Lithium Americas	NYSE:LAC	Caucha NYSE:LAC ership.		Cauchari-Olaroz, Chile (50% own- ership. Thacker Pass not Included)		Measured, Indicated & Inferred		7.8 x 109 M3	592 mg/l Li	24.6	Resource Statement 7 May 2019
	AVZ Minerals Ltd.	ls ASX:AVZ		Manobo (60% ownership)		Development	t Measured, Indicated & Inferred		400 Mt	1.65% Li20	16.3	Company Presentation "Australia 2020"
	Galaxy Resources Ltd.	d. ASX:GXY		Sal de Vida (Mt Cattlin not included)		Development	Measured, Indicated & Inferred		18.1 x 108 M3	753mg/l Li	7.2	Feasibility Study Report August 2016
	Pilbara Minerals Ltd.	als ASX:PLS		ilgangoora		Production	Measured, Indic	cated & Inferred	223.2 Mt	1.27% Li20	6.9	Resource Statement 30 June 2019
	Orocobre Ltd.	rocobre Ltd. ASX:ORE		alar de Olaroz		Production Measured & In-		licated	1.8 x 109 M3	690 mg/l Li	6.4	Company Presentation 5 May 2014
	Company	Co	ode	Project	Stage	Resource Category		Brine M3/Re- source Tonnes	Resource Grade (Li20)	Contained LCE Tonnes	Information Source	
European Metal		etals ASX:EMH		Cinovec	PFS Complete	Indicated & Inferred		695.9	95.9 0.42		Corporate Presentation Released 20 November 2018	
	Rio Tinto	ASX	(:RIO	Jadar	PFS Underway	Indicated & Inferred		135.7	1.86	6.24	Corporate Presentation Released 21 March 2018	
Infinity Lithium		ASX	ASX:INF San Jose PFS Complete Indicated & Inferred		rred	111.3	0.61	1.68	ASX Announcement Released 21 March 2018			
	Savannah Resou	rces AIN	/I: SAV	Barroso	DFS Underway	Measured, Indicated & Inferred		27.0	1.00	0.71	Corporate Presentation Released May 2019	
	European Lithiur	m ASX	K:EUR	Wolfsburg	PFS Complete	Measured, Indicated & Inferred		10.98	1.00	0.27	Corporate Presentation Released May 2019	



### **Appendix 3: decarbonisation potential calculations**

**Decarbonisation potential for Zero Carbon Lithium process:** Based on 50 kWh average lithiumion battery size, with average of 0.9 kg LCE/kWh across different cathode chemistries. Total 1.4B vehicles in use worldwide (carsguide.com.au), 308m vehicles in Europe (acea.be), and 415 GWh of lithium-ion battery cell production in Europe, mostly for EVs, by 2029 (Benchmark Mineral Intelligence). Carbon footprint per tonne of LiOH production from hard-rock mining calculated as 15t CO<sub>2</sub> per tonne LiOH (The CO<sub>2</sub> Impact of the 2020s Battery Quality Lithium Hydroxide Supply Chain, Minviro Ltd.)



#### 6 million tonnes

For EU lithium annual demand by 2028 – potential footprint of lithium production

Equivalent to annual emissions of Cyprus



#### 231 million tonnes

Full electrification of EU cars – potential footprint of lithium production

Equivalent to annual emissions of Spain



#### 1.05 billion tonnes

Full electrification of world cars – potential footprint of lithium production

Equivalent to annual emissions of France, Italy, UK combined.



### Appendix 4: The fossil-nuclear era in Europe coming to an end



### **Appendix 5: A perfect fit for the European Green Deal**



### **Appendix 6:DLE Geothermal: a better way**

DLE technologies paired with geothermal brines have a number of major advantages compared to South American brines, including:

**1.** Extraction rate and efficiency **does not depend on weather.** 

2. Up to 90% lithium extraction compared to 30-50% for evaporation pond systems.

**3. Lead time** to production is hours or days instead of months for brine ponds.

4. The concentration of **Mg**, **Ca**, **and SO4** in the brine matters less than for evaporative processes.

**5.** Ability to produce **consistent chemical product** for battery industry.

6. Loss of water from brine is eliminated.

7. No need for natural gas, solution is already hot and heat & power from geothermal plant.

8. Minimal footprint required for processing compared to evaporation ponds so brine remains in its undisturbed natural state.

# Lithium exploitation is drying out the world's driest desert

The Atacama Desert in Chile, the world's driest desert, is gradually losing its last water resources. Indigenous communities have been sounding the alarm for several years and are now being strengthened by scientific research and environmental organisations. Cause of this dehydration? Lithium mining.

https://catapa.be/en/lithium-exploitation-is-drying-out-the-worlds-driest-desert/



### **Appendix 7: aligned with UN Sustainable Development Goals**





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