

## ioneer Completes A\$80 Million Placement with Strong Demand from Existing and New High Quality Institutional Investors

### Highlights

- Fully underwritten institutional placement received firm commitments to raise A\$80 million to assist in accelerating construction of the 100% owned Rhyolite Ridge Lithium-Boron Project in Nevada, USA.
- Institutional placement upsized by A\$20 million due to overwhelming demand that saw the placement significantly oversubscribed
- Strong demand from existing and new investors, including high-quality international and domestic institutions.
- BNP Paribas Energy Transition Fund, a European ESG-focused institution, to build on their existing shareholding.
- ioneer now well positioned to execute on project advancement at Rhyolite Ridge over the course of 2021, including finalisation of various offtake discussions and completion of strategic funding discussions

**Friday, 5 March 2021** – ioneer Ltd (“ioneer” or the “Company”) (ASX: INR) is pleased to announce that the Company has completed its fully underwritten institutional placement (“Placement”) as announced on 4 March 2021. The Placement saw strong demand from existing shareholders and new investors including high-quality international and domestic institutions. As a result, the Placement was upsized by A\$20 million from A\$60 million to A\$80 million.

Cornerstone investment was provided by BNP Paribas Energy Transition Fund, a European ESG-focused institution. Goldman Sachs and Ord Minnett acted as Joint Lead Managers, Bookrunners and Underwriters to the Placement. Loop Capital Markets LLC. and Stifel GMP acted as Co-Managers.

Mr. Bernard Rowe, Managing Director of ioneer, commented,

*“We are extremely pleased with the exceptionally strong reaction for our capital raising, which demonstrates the high quality of the Rhyolite Ridge Project based on the support from high quality domestic and international investor groups. Rhyolite Ridge remains the most advanced and highest quality lithium project in the US, and with these additional funds we look forward to rapidly closing out a number of key value-adding milestones over the course of 2021 as we move quickly towards production and becoming a major part in the US lithium supply chain”.*

The Placement provides funding to accelerate the development of ioneer’s 100% owned Rhyolite Ridge Lithium-Boron Project (“Project”), including:

- Advancing detailed engineering (~60% completion) and vendor engineering to construction ready status;
- Environmental, research and consulting expenses;

- Discretionary substantive pre-construction activities; and
- Working capital and general purposes.

ioneer anticipates receiving the final permits to commence construction, known as the Record of Decision ("ROD"), in the fourth quarter of 2021, with the Final Investment Decision ("FID") expected in late 2021 with construction commencing upon receipt of the final permit.

A total of 210,526,316 ordinary shares ("New Shares") will be issued under the Placement using iioneer's 15% placement capacity pursuant to ASX Listing Rule 7.1. New Shares will be issued at a fixed price of A\$0.38.

Settlement of the Placement is scheduled to occur on Tuesday, 9 March 2021, with New Shares expected to be issued and commence trading on Wednesday, 10 March 2021. New Shares issued under the Placement will rank equally with existing iioneer ordinary shares.

This ASX release has been authorised by iioneer Managing Director Bernard Rowe.

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## About iioneer

ioneer Ltd is the 100% owner of the Rhyolite Ridge Lithium-Boron Project located in Nevada, USA, the only known lithium-boron deposit in North America and one of only two known such deposits in the world. The Definitive Feasibility Study (DFS) completed in April 2020 confirmed Rhyolite Ridge as a world-class Lithium and Boron Project that is expected to become a globally significant, long-life, low-cost source of lithium and boron vital to a sustainable future.

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