## ASX / MEDIA ANNOUNCEMENT



28 April 2021

# Letter of Intent for Product Offtake Signed with Global Trading Company

- Bisley is a multinational marketer and distributor of quality industrial raw materials to the ANZ region, South East Asia, the Middle East, the U.S & Canada
- Bisley is established in global markets across Lepidico's product suite including lithium chemicals, agricultural chemicals and construction chemicals
- Letter of Intent signed for Lepidico to supply Bisley with products from the Phase 1 Project with an initial focus on lithium hydroxide, SOP and amorphous silica with specific market segments and geographies to be defined
- The Bisley lithium hydroxide market focus will be industrial applications for a volume up to 2,000 tpa. SOP and amorphous silica volumes are to be defined
- Bisley's focus is to target long-term strategic growth markets and customers for Phase 1 products, minimise logistics costs and create synergies between the supplier and the customer

**Lepidico Ltd (ASX:LPD) ("Lepidico" or "Company")** is pleased to announce that it has entered into a non-binding Letter of Intent (LOI) with Bisley & Company Pty Ltd (Bisley) for supply of lithium hydroxide, sulphate of potash (SOP) and amorphous silica, as well as other products from the Company's planned Phase 1 Project. Bisley is a well-established distributor of many of the products that Lepidico will produce from the Phase 1 chemical plant in Abu Dhabi, with a focus on the Middle East, Asia Pacific and North America.

Bisley has a global network of customers and strategically located offices in Sydney, Dubai, Houston USA, Bangkok, Jakarta, Kuala Lumpur and Singapore and is well placed to market up to 2,000tpa of lithium hydroxide into industrial markets. Bisley has current positions in key agricultural and construction markets for SOP and amorphous silica. The target volumes, market segments and geographies for SOP and amorphous silica are to be defined.

Lepidico's Managing Director, Joe Walsh said, "Lepidico is excited about working with Bisley and establishing a mutually rewarding long-term relationship. Bisley's business provides an excellent fit with Lepidico's geographic footprint and product mix along with the strategic growth markets for

LEPIDICO LTD ABN 99 008 894 442

ASX: LPD

23 Belmont Avenue Belmont WA 6104

PO Box 330 Belmont WA 6984

Phone: + 61 8 9363 7800 Email: <u>info@lepidico.com</u> these products. The approach to identify and realise supplier-customer synergy is expected to bring additional benefits. The relationship with Bisley fits with the Company's lithium marketing strategy to supply industrial users and lithium-ion battery supply chain manufacturers via direct sales agreements, with a smaller proportion of output allocated to other industrial users and spot market sales via agency agreement to broaden the customer base. This approach is designed to both manage offtake risk and establish a customer base that will support Lepidico's longer term growth plans for a Phase 2 Project. This strategy also contemplates a U.S. supply nexus to support the debt funding envisaged under the formal Mandate with International Development Finance Corporation".

## **About Bisley**

Headquartered in Australia, Bisley has regional offices in the United States, the United Arab Emirates, Singapore, Indonesia, Malaysia and Thailand. Bisley is a multinational marketer and distributor of quality industrial raw materials focused on the ANZ region, South East Asia, the Middle East, the US and Canada. Its products range from fine chemicals for highly specialised applications, to bulk raw materials delivered in shiploads to major regional manufacturers. Bisley's business traverses a broad range of industries including construction, grease & lubricants, water treatment, plastics, agrichemicals, aquaculture, food additives, oil & gas, steel, aluminium, refractories and ceramics. Bisley's goal is to provide a complete package of technically outstanding products, supported by proficient, responsive staff and first-class logistics.

#### **Further Information**

For further information, please contact

Joe Walsh Managing Director Lepidico Ltd Tel: +1 647 272 5347 David Waterhouse Waterhouse IR

Tel: +61(0)3 9670 5008

Email: info@lepidico.com Website: www.lepidico.com

#### About Lepidico Ltd

Lepidico Ltd is an ASX-listed Company focused on exploration, development and production of lithium chemicals. Lepidico owns the technology to a metallurgical processes that have successfully produced lithium carbonate from non-conventional sources, specifically lithium-rich mica minerals including lepidolite and zinnwaldite. The L-Max® Process has the potential to complement the lithium market by adding low-cost lithium carbonate supply from alternative sources. More recently Lepidico has added LOH-Max® to its technology base, which produces lithium hydroxide from lithium sulphate without by-product sodium sulphate. The Company has completed a Definitive Feasibility Study for a nominal 5,000 tonne per annum Lithium Hydroxide Monohydrate capacity Phase 1 lithium chemical plant, targeting commercial production for 2023. The Project incorporates the Company's proprietary L-Max® and LOH-Max® technologies into the chemical conversion plant design. Feed to the Phase 1 Plant is planned to be sourced from the Karibib Project in Namibia, 80% owned by Lepidico, where a predominantly Measured and Indicated Mineral Resource of 11.87 Mt grading 0.45% Li<sub>2</sub>O, (including Measured Resources of 2.20 Mt @ 0.57% Li<sub>2</sub>O, Indicated Resources of 6.73 Mt @ 0.39% Li<sub>2</sub>O and Inferred Resources of 2.94 Mt @ 0.50%, at a 0.15% Li<sub>2</sub>O cut-off) is estimated. (ASX announcement of 12 March 2021). Ore Reserves total 6.72 Mt @ 0.46% Li<sub>2</sub>O, 2.26% rubidium, 2.02% potassium and 320ppm caesium (ASX announcement of 28 May 2020).

### Forward-looking Statements

All statements other than statements of historical fact included in this release including, without limitation, statements regarding future plans and objectives of Lepidico, are forward-looking statements. Forward-looking statements can be identified by words such as "anticipate", "believe", "could", "estimate", "expect", "future", "intend", "may", "opportunity", "plan", "potential", "project", "seek", "will" and other similar words that involve risks and uncertainties. These statements are based on an assessment of present economic and operating conditions, and on a number of assumptions regarding future events and actions that are expected to take place. Such forward-looking statements are not guarantees of future performance and involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties, assumptions and other important factors, many of which are beyond the control of the Company, its directors and management of Lepidico that could cause Lepidico's actual results to differ materially from the results expressed or anticipated in these statements.

The Company cannot and does not give any assurance that the results, performance or achievements expressed or implied by the forward-looking statements contained in this release will actually occur and investors are cautioned not to place any reliance on these forward-looking statements. Lepidico does not undertake to update or revise forward-looking statements, or to publish prospective financial information in the future, regardless of whether new information, future events or any other factors affect the information contained in this release, except where required by applicable law and stock exchange listing requirements.