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# APPOINTMENT OF STRATEGIC MEMBERS TO THE LITHIUM DREAM TEAM

# **Highlights**

- Appointment of the following personnel to the Lithium Universe management team:
  - Head of Mining Terry Stark
  - Head of Processing Roger Pover
  - Engineering Manager Huy Nguyen
  - Head of Lithium Carbonate Refinery John Loxton
- Appointments are considered crucial to the formation of the Québec Lithium Processing Hub strategy

Lithium Universe Limited ("Lithium Universe", the "Company" or ASX: "LU7") wishes to announce the appointment of the following key lithium industry professionals as part of the management team that will drive the aggressive development of the Québec Lithium Processing Hub (QLPH) in Canada.

## **Head of Mining - Terry Stark**



Mr Terry Stark, a veteran mining engineer, has been appointed as Head of Mining and will spearhead the mining strategy for the Apollo First to Market program. Terry was previously Managing Director of the Resources Division for Galaxy Resources Limited (GXY). Terry was responsible for all of Galaxy Resources' mineral resources assets including exploration and mine operations. Terry oversaw the Mt Cattlin construction and subsequent successful start-up. During his time at Galaxy, he established strong relationships with the Cree First Nation people for the James Bay project. The Cree is also the same First Nation group at the Apollo Lithium Project.

## **Head of Processing - Roger Pover**



Mr Roger Pover has been appointed as Head of Processing and will lead the processing and concentrating strategy for the Apollo First to Market program. Roger was previously Mt Cattlin Plant Manager who operated the Mt Cattlin operation for Galaxy Resources Limited (GXY). Roger was not only part of the commissioning and start up team but also operated the plant for many years. Roger also directed many of the optimisation modifications that were made at Mt Cattlin. Roger is also a veteran in the lithium industry, having commenced his career at Greenbushes Lithium mine in the early 1990's.

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## **Engineering Manager - Huy Nguyen**



Mr Huy Nguyen has been seconded from Mintrex to act as Lithium Universe's engineering client representative. Mintrex was the lead engineering company that designed and constructed (together with DRA Global) the Mt Cattlin Spodumene Plant.

Huy was part of the construction supervision when Mt Cattlin was built so he is experienced with not only the design but also the construction process that delivered a project that was on time and on budget. Huy is a qualified Mechanical Engineer with over 15 years' of engineering and project experience in mining, mineral processing, and construction. Huy also holds an MBA – Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology (RMIT University) and is a member of Engineer Australia (MIEAust).

# **Head of Lithium Carbonate Refinery – John Loxton**

Mr John Loxton's lithium experience commenced in 2010 with work on the Jiangsu Lithium Carbonate Plant EPCM for Galaxy Resources in China where his responsibilities initially were at a Sponsor level, and further into



the project he was Project Manager, managing the final stages of construction and commissioning. In 2019, John was engaged by Tianqi Lithium as Head of Projects for the execution of their investment in a lithium hydroxide processing plant in Kwinana, Western Australia. John managed the commissioning of the first train achieving first product in 2021 and undertook execution planning and establishing a project team for an identical second train in 2022. Mr. John Loxton is a project manager with over 45 years of experience across a diverse range of energy, industrial, process, civil, and major infrastructure projects.

Commenting on the changes, Chairman, Mr. Iggy Tan said that the appointments conclude the establishment of the pedigree of lithium professionals he dubs the "Lithium Dream Team", "The Company previously appointed lithium veteran and global lithium expert, Pat Scallan, and Dr Jingyuan Liu to the Board. Patrick Scallan is an experienced lithium veteran who successfully managed the world-class Greenbushes Mine for over 25 years. Dr. Liu, ex-Galaxy Head of Technology, played a key role in the development of the Jiangsu Lithium Carbonate Project and is a leading international expert in lithium downstream processing. We now have one of the most experienced operating lithium teams that can drive our "Québec Lithium Processing Hub" strategy.

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#### **Forward-looking Statements**

The Company wishes to remind investors that the presence of pegmatite does not necessarily equate to spodumene mineralization. Also that the presence of pegmatite and spodumene mineralization on nearby tenements does not necessarily equate to the occurrence on Lithium Universe Limited's tenements. This announcement contains forward-looking statements which are identified by words such as 'anticipates', 'forecasts', 'may', 'will', 'could', 'believes', 'estimates', 'fargets', 'expects', 'plan' or 'intends' and other similar words that involve risks and uncertainties. Indications of, and guidelines or outlook on, future earnings, distributions or financial position or performance and targets, estimates and assumptions in respect of production, prices, operating costs, results, capital expenditures, reserves and resources are also forward looking statements. These statements are based on an assessment of present economic and operating conditions, and on a number of assumptions and estimates regarding future events and actions that, while considered reasonable as at the date of this announcement and are expected to take place, are inherently subject to significant technical, business, economic, competitive, political and social uncertainties and contingencies. 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 our Company, the Directors and management. We cannot and do not give any assurance that the results, performance or achievements expressed or implied by the forward-looking statements contained in this announcement will actually occur and readers are cautioned not to place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements. These forward looking statements are subject to various risk factors that could cause actual events or results to differ materially from the events or results estimated, expressed or anticipated in these statements.

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#### About Lithium Universe Limited (ASX:LU7)

LU7's main objective is to establish itself as a prominent Lithium project builder by prioritizing swift and successful development of Lithium projects. Instead of exploring for the sake of exploration, LU7's mission is to quickly obtain a resource and construct a spodumene-producing mine in Québec, Canada. Unlike many other Lithium exploration companies, LU7 possesses the essential expertise and skill to develop and construct profitable projects. Additionally, Lithium Universe Limited has access to significant Lithium opportunities in Tier 1 mining jurisdictions in Canada and Australia.

#### **Tier 1 Lithium Inventory**



#### **Apollo Lithium Project (80%)**

Commanding a land position spanning over 240 km², Apollo is located in the same greenstone belt and only 29 kilometres south-east of the Corvette Lithium Project owned by Patriot Battery Metals (market cap of over A\$1.4 billion). Patriot's most successful drill result was a remarkable 156 meters at 2.12% Li<sub>2</sub>O at CV5. Similarly, 28 kilometres to the east, Winsome Resources Limited (market capitalization of over A\$300 million) recently announced drilling hits of 107 meters at 1.34% Li<sub>2</sub>O from 2.3 meters (AD-22-005) at their Adina Project. Apollo has 17 pegmatite outcrops reported on the tenement package. Given the exceptional results from these neighbouring projects, the Apollo Lithium Project has the potential to be equally successful.

## Adina South & Adina West Lithium Project (80%)

The project is situated in close proximity to the Adina discovery, which is owned by Winsome Resources, a Company with a Market Capitalisation of over A\$300m in the market. The Adina Project has produced a visual pegmatite intersection of over 160m in drills, lying beneath outcropping 4.89% Li<sub>2</sub>O. Recently, Winsome Resources reported successful drilling results, with AD-22-005 yielding 107m at 1.34% Li<sub>2</sub>O from 2.3m at their Adina Project. The Adina South & Adina West Lithium Project boasts one of the largest prospective land holdings near Winsome Resources Limited. Aerial satellite images have revealed similar pegmatite occurrences at the surface.

#### Margot Lake Lithium Project (80%)

The Margot Lake project is located in north-western Ontario, in the premium lithium mineral district of Ontario's Great Lakes region. The project is situated 16km southeast of Frontier Lithium's (TSX-V: FL) PAK Deposit, which contains 9.3Mt at 2.0% Li<sub>2</sub>O, and 18km away from Frontier's Spark Deposit, which contains 32.5Mt at 1.4% Li<sub>2</sub>O. The tenement contains nine confirmed and mapped pegmatites and is located in a highly competitive district due to recent major discoveries of lithium. Frontier Lithium, with a market capitalization more than CAD\$450 million, is a significant player in the region.

### Lefroy Lithium Project (100%)

Lefroy is in the mineral-rich Goldfields region of Western Australia. This strategically located project is in close proximity to the Bald Hill Lithium Mine, which has a top-quality spodumene concentrate with low levels of mica and iron, as well as significant tantalum by-product production. The Bald Hill mine has a resource of 26.5 million tonnes at 1.00% Li<sub>2</sub>O. The Lefroy project is also located near the Mt. Marion Lithium Mine, which is owned by Mineral Resources and has a market capitalization of A\$17B. Mt. Marion produces 900,000 tonnes of mixed-grade spodumene concentrate annually and is approximately 60 kilometres from the Lefroy project.

#### Voyager Rare Earth Project (80%)

The Voyager project is north tenements are positioned between ABx Group tenures, where clay-hosted rare earth elements (REE) and niobium have been discovered and hold resources of 27Mt. These areas are analogous with Ionic Adsorption Clay (IAC) deposits that have produced REE in southern China using simple leaching. ABx stated that early testwork indications show their rare earth elements are easily leached and could be concentrated at low cost, with no deleterious elements. Geological mapping of Voyager's tenures indicates the presence of various areas of clay and bauxite, which is the ideal geological environment for the occurrence of rare earth elements.

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