



## ASX ANNOUNCEMENT

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# HMW PROJECT UPDATE – POND 1 LINER INSTALLATION UNDERWAY

### Highlights:

- **Pond 1 earthworks almost complete**
- **Pond 1 liner installation commenced (5% completion)**
- **Fill of pond 1 in Q1, 2024; evaporation process to commence this summer, this is the first major step of the long-term production schedule**
- **Pond 2 earthworks construction underway (10% completion)**
- **9 production wells now constructed (and ongoing); Phase 1 production only requires 6 wells**
- **HMW Project is a tier one project that will produce a premium high grade lithium chloride (LiCl) concentrate of 6% Li, comparable to 13% Li<sub>2</sub>O or 32% Lithium Carbonate Equivalent (LCE) in H1 2025**
- **Low all-in sustaining costs; HMW in the 1st quartile of lithium industry's cost curve with an initial reserve estimate of 40 years**
- **Updated resource estimate due in Q1 2025**
- **Glencore site visit being planned as part of due diligence**

Galan Lithium Limited (**ASX:GLN**) (**Galan** or the **Company**) is pleased to provide a further update on the progress of construction activities at its 100% owned Hombre Muerto West (**HMW**) Phase 1 lithium brine project, with lithium chloride production expected in H1 2025. The above demonstrates Galan's continued activity and progress in advancing its low cost, high grade HMW project to production in a timely manner.

As previously announced, the HMW project was separated into four production phases. The initial Phase 1 Definitive Feasibility Study (DFS) focused on the production of 5.4ktpa LCE of a lithium chloride concentrate by H1 2025, as governed by the approved production permits. The Phase 2 DFS targets 21ktpa LCE of a lithium chloride concentrate in 2026, followed by Phase 3 production of 40ktpa LCE by 2028 and finally a Phase 4 production target of 60ktpa LCE by 2030. Phase 4 will include lithium brine sourced from both HMW and Galan's other 100% owned project in Argentina, Candelas. The very positive Phase 2 DFS results were announced on 3 October 2023 (<https://wcsecure.weblink.com.au/pdf/GLN/02720109.pdf>).

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Galan’s Managing Director, Juan Pablo (JP) Vargas de la Vega, commented:

*“The commencement of the installation of liners for Pond 1 is another tick in the box for the HMW Phase 1 construction team. The team continues to push forward on all fronts as it aims to validate Galan’s low-cost, low-risk lithium chloride development strategy to become the next lithium producer in Argentina in H1 2025.”*



**Liner installation process**



**Liner installation commencement**

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*Overall progression of liner installation on Pond 1*

The brine well field is located in the same area as the HMW ponds system. The wells field for Phases 1 and 2 are exclusively located in the Rana de Sal, Del Condor, Deceo III, Pata Pila, Casa del Inca III & IV, and Santa Barbara XXIV mining tenements. The HMW Project also has several tenements (including Catalina) with great potential to further increase the quantity and quality of the brine resources, which may result in additional production.

In total, there are 23 production wells required for Phases 1 and 2. Ongoing drilling to date, shows that Galan has completed nine (9) wells with only six (6) being required for phase 1 production.

**The Galan Board has authorised this release.**

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#### **About Galan**

Galan Lithium Limited (ASX:GLN) is an ASX-listed lithium exploration and development business. Galan's flagship assets comprise two world-class lithium brine projects, HMW and Candelas, located on the Hombre Muerto Salar in Argentina, within South America's 'lithium triangle'. Hombre Muerto is proven to host lithium brine deposition of the highest grade and lowest impurity levels within Argentina. It is home to the established El Fenix lithium operation (Livent Corporation) and the Sal de Vida (Allkem) and Sal de Oro (POSCO) lithium projects. Galan is also exploring at Greenbushes South in Western Australia, approximately 3 km south of the Tier 1 Greenbushes Lithium Mine.

**Hombre Muerto West (HMW):** A ~16 km by 1-5 km region on the west coast of Hombre Muerto Salar neighbouring Livent Corp. to the east. HMW is currently comprised of twenty one mining tenements. Geophysics and drilling at HMW demonstrated significant potential of a deep basin. In May 2023 an updated Mineral Resource estimate was delivered totalling 6.6 Mt of LCE. In November 2023, a binding offtake and financing agreement (pending due diligence) for Phase 1 production was signed with Glencore plc.

**Candelas:** A ~15 km long by 3-5 km wide valley-filled channel which project geophysics and drilling have indicated the potential to host a substantial volume of brine and over which a maiden resource estimated 685 kt LCE (Oct 2019). Furthermore, Candelas has the potential to provide a substantial amount of processing water by treating its low-grade brines with reverse osmosis, this is to avoid using surface river water from Los Patos River.

**Greenbushes South Lithium Project:** Galan now owns 100% of the mining tenement package that makes up the Greenbushes South Project that covers a total area of approximately 315 km<sup>2</sup>. The project is located ~250 km south of Perth in Western Australia. These mining tenements are located along the trace of the geological structure, the Donnybrook-Bridgetown Shear Zone that hosts the emplacement of the lithium-bearing pegmatite at Greenbushes. Part of the mining tenure is only 3 km to the south of the Greenbushes mine.

#### Resources (May 2023)

Resource Category	Brine Vol. (Mm <sup>3</sup> )	In situ Li (Kt)	Avg. Li (mg/l)	LCE (Kt)	Avg. K (mg/l)	In situ K (Kt)	KCl Equiv. (Kt)
<b>Hombre Muerto West:</b>							
Measured	1,020	890	873	4,737	7,638	7,782	14,841
Indicated	205	185	904	986	7,733	1,585	3,022
Inferred	182	161	887	859	7,644	1,391	2,653
HMW Total	1,407	1,237	880	6,582	7,653	10,758	20,516
<b>Candelas North (*)</b>							
Indicated	196	129	672	685	5,193	1,734	3,307
<b>Galan's Total Resource Inventory</b>							
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>1,603</b>	<b>1,366</b>	<b>852</b>	<b>7,267</b>	<b>7,793</b>	<b>12,492</b>	<b>23,823</b>

Notes:

1. No cut-off grade applied to the updated Mineral Resource Estimate as minimum assays values are above expected economic concentrations (Li 620 mg/L).
2. Specific yield (SY) values used are as follows: Sand – 23.9%, Gravel – 21.7%, Breccia – 8%, Debris – 12%, Fractured rock – 6%, and Halite – 3%.
3. The conversion for LCE = Li x 5.3228, and KCl = K x 1.907.
4. There may be minor discrepancies in the above table due to rounding.
5. (\*) The Candelas North Mineral Resource Statement was announced on 1 October 2019.
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**Competent Persons Statement 1**

*The information contained herein that relates to exploration results and geology is based on information compiled or reviewed by Dr Luke Milan, who has consulted to the Company. Dr Milan is a Member of the Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy and has sufficient experience which is relevant to the style of mineralisation and types of deposit under consideration and to the activity which they are undertaking to qualify as a Competent Persons as defined in the 2012 Edition of the 'Australasian Code for Reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves'. Dr Milan consents to the inclusion of his name in the matters based on the information in the form and context in which it appears.*

**Competent Persons Statement 2**

*The information contained herein that relates to the Mineral Resource estimation approach at Candelas and Hombre Muerto West was compiled by Dr Michael Cunningham. Dr Cunningham is an Associate Principal Consultant of SRK Consulting (Australasia) Pty Ltd. He has sufficient experience relevant to the assessment of this style of mineralisation to qualify as a Competent Person as defined by the 'Australasian Code for Reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves – The JORC Code (2012)'. Dr Cunningham consents to the inclusion in this report of the matters based on his information in the form and context in which it appears.*

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