



## ASX ANNOUNCEMENT

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### **GALAN'S HMW PROJECT PHASE 1 & 2 UNAFFECTED BY PROVINCIAL COURT RULING**

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- A recent court ruling by the Court of Justice in the Province of Catamarca has temporarily halted the issuance of new environmental permits and authorizations for the Los Patos River area until the provincial government completes an environmental impact assessment that takes into consideration the cumulative impact of all projects in the area.
- The resolution relates to the use of fresh water in the south-east part of the Hombre Muerto Salar, where the Los Patos River runs. The ruling has no impact on Galan's existing and granted Phase 1 HMW permits and Environmental Impact Assessments (EIAs). Phase 1 construction continues.
- The resolution is also not expected to have any impact on Galan's HMW Phase 2 development plans or permitting process, as Galan is not planning to source water from the Los Patos River. Galan is confident that the Phase 2 permitting application process remains on track with continued strong support from both local communities and government.
- Galan's proposed HMW production process to produce a high grade lithium chloride concentrate (6% Li or 32% LCE) uses very little fresh water and considerably less water than the subsequent conversion to lithium carbonate or hydroxide, underpinning the low environmental impact of Galan's chloride strategy. Furthermore, water for the HMW Project is to be sourced directly from in situ dedicated non-potable water wells.

Galan Lithium Limited (**ASX:GLN**) (**Galan** or the **Company**) wishes to provide a response to speculation about any impact of the recent court ruling at its 100% owned Hombre Muerto West (**HMW**) lithium brine project, with lithium chloride production expected in H1 2025. Galan continues its steady 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>).

**Galan's Managing Director, Juan Pablo (JP) Vargas de la Vega, stated:**

*"We wish to confirm that a recent ruling by the Court of Justice in the Province of Catamarca, Argentina will have no impact on Galan's Phase 1 project and no expected impact on our Phase 2 development plans at Hombre Muerto West. We are not located in the area under dispute and there is no river running close by to Hombre Muerto West, that could be affected by similar rulings in the future. We are confident that this is a localised issue which may potentially impact some other projects operating on the Hombre Muerto Salar but has no impact on Galan."*

**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 (Arcadium Lithium, formerly Livent Corporation), Sal de Vida (Arcadium Lithium, formerly 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 Arcadium Lithium 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 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.

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**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:**

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

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 have not materially changed. The Company also 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.

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