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# A\$9 million Equity Placing to contribute to the funding of the Ewoyaa Lithium Project

Atlantic Lithium Limited (AIM: ALL, ASX: A11, GSE: ALLGH, OTCQX: ALLIF, "Atlantic Lithium" or the "Company"), the Africa-focused lithium exploration and development company targeting the delivery of Ghana's first lithium mine, is pleased to announce the launch of an institutional placement ("Equity Placing") of new fully paid ordinary shares of no par value each in the Company ("New Shares") at an offer price of A\$0.23 (equivalent to 11.73 pence) per New Share ("Issue Price").

# Highlights of the Equity Placing

The Equity Placing will be undertaken by an institutional placement utilising the Company's existing share authorities, launching today, to raise a minimum of A\$9.0 million (£4.6 million/US\$6.0 million). As part of the Equity Placing, the Company reserves the ability to accept oversubscriptions for up to A\$3.0 million (£1.5 million/US\$2.0 million).

- As part of the Equity Placing, the Company has received a signed commitment letter from Assore International Holdings Limited ("Assore"), the Company's largest shareholder, to invest up to US\$5 million (A\$7.5 million/£3.9 million) through the purchase of up to 32,608,695 New Shares at the Issue Price (the "Assore Participation").
- In addition, Executive Chairman Neil Herbert, Chief Executive Officer Keith Muller, and Non-executive Director Edward Koranteng, all Directors of the Company (the "Directors"), have provided an indication to invest up to A\$290,000 in aggregate in the Equity Placing (the "Director Participation"). The Assore Participation and Director Participation are conditional on shareholder approval at the Company's upcoming Annual General Meeting ("AGM").
- Net proceeds from the Equity Placing will be used to contribute to funding the Company's flagship Ewoyaa Lithium Project ("Ewoyaa" or the "Project") in Ghana towards the Project Final Investment Decision ("Project FID") and working capital requirements.
- The Equity Placing will be undertaken at a fixed issue price of A\$0.23 (equivalent to 11.73 pence) per New Share, which represents a 11.5% discount to the last closing price of A\$0.26 on 24 October 2024 on the ASX.
- Canaccord Genuity (Australia) Limited has been appointed as Lead Manager ("Lead Manager") in connection with the Equity Placing. Wilsons Advisory & Stockbroking is acting as Co-Manager ("Co-Manager").



## **Proposed Use of Proceeds**

- Project Expenditure
  - Optimisation and technical refinement of the Ewoyaa Definitive Feasibility Study ("DFS");
  - Expenditure related to advancing the Project through the remaining permitting activities to Project FID;
  - Operational activities to achieve shovel readiness, including site preparation, relevant health and safety reports, the establishment of the Community Development Fund and the implementation of measures to manage and monitor Project impacts.

#### **Exploration**

• Exploration of the highly prospective Rubino and Agboville licences in Côte d'Ivoire, as required under the terms of the licences.

# Working capital

General working capital requirements.

#### Commenting, Neil Herbert, Executive Chairman of Atlantic Lithium, said:

"With significant recent progress made at Ewoyaa, despite having been impacted by the delay in the parliamentary ratification of the Mining Lease, this institutional Equity Placing will see the Company funded to advance the Project towards FID and shovel-readiness.

"Funds will be allocated towards the optimisation of the Ewoyaa DFS, the advancement of the Project through the key permitting and operational activities before we can break ground at the Project.

"We warmly welcome Assore's commitment to participate in the Equity Placing. As a cornerstone investor in Atlantic Lithium since its AIM listing, Assore's participation further underscores its belief in the Company achieving its goal of delivering spodumene concentrate production at Ewoyaa.

"Alongside CEO Keith Muller and Non-executive Director Edward Koranteng, I am proud to also be participating in the Equity Placing. As Directors, we believe in the importance of putting our money where our mouth is. We have done so on many occasions to date and, at such a pivotal moment for the Project, we are proud to take the opportunity to extend our belief in the Company's ambitions.

"We look forward to the completion of the Equity Placing, which will facilitate our next steps towards delivering Ghana's first lithium mine."

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## Background to the Equity Placing

On 29 June 2023, the Company published a Definitive Feasibility Study for the Ewoyaa Lithium Project ("DFS") which highlighted economic outcomes placing the Project as an industry-leading asset with a steady state production rate of 365,000 tonnes per annum ("ktpa") over a 12-year Life of Mine<sup>1</sup> and an All-in Sustaining Cost of US\$675/tonne.

The total development expenditure for the Project indicated by the DFS is estimated to be US\$185 million, of which the Company's partner, Piedmont Lithium, will sole fund the initial US\$70 million, and 50% thereafter. As previously disclosed, the Minerals Income Investment Fund ("MIIF") and the Company have agreed non-binding Heads of Terms for MIIF's planned total US\$32.9 million Strategic Investment in the Company and its Ghanaian subsidiaries. Following the completion of MIIF's US\$5 million subscription in the Company in January 2024, which constitutes Stage 1 of MIIF's Strategic Investment, the Company is currently in the process of completing Stage 2, comprising MIIF's US\$27.9m Project-level investment for a 6% contributing interest in the Project. In parallel, the Company has progressed the ongoing competitive offtake partnering process to secure funding to sufficiently cover the Company's allocation of development expenditure for the Project.

The Company has made material progress towards reaching a Final Investment Decision. The following key milestones were achieved during 2024:

- Granted a Mine Operating Permit in respect of the Project, representing the final regulatory approval required prior to commencing construction of the Project.
- Issued a Land Use Certificate, detailing the approval of the land contained within the Project's Mining Area to be rezoned for mining purposes, as required prior to commencing construction and mining activities.
- Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") environmental permit granted in respect of the Project.
- Ewoyaa Mining Lease submitted to Ghana's parliament to undergo the ratification process in order for parliament to ratify the Mining Lease.
- Completion of the Front-End Engineering Design ("FEED") package for the Project, undertaken with DRA Projects.

The Company is currently undertaking an optimisation and technical refinement of the Ewoyaa DFS whilst advancing the Project through the remaining permitting steps to Project FID. Operational activities are underway to achieve shovel-readiness and meet the requirements of the Project permits and the implementation of measures to manage and monitor Project impacts.

## **Advisers**

Canaccord Genuity (Australia) Limited is acting as Lead Manager to the Equity Placement. Wilsons Advisory & Stockbroking is acting as Co-Manager.

## **Expected Timetable of Principal Events**

The times and dates set out below are subject to change and may be adjusted by the Company in consultation with the Lead Manager. In the event of any significant changes from the below expected timetable, details of the new times and dates will be notified to Company shareholders by an announcement on a Regulatory Information Service.

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	AIM	ASX	GSE
Announcement of the Equity Placing and (on ASX only) Trading Halt	24 October 2024	25 October 2024	24 October 2024
Announcement of the results of the Equity Placing	25 October 2024	25 October 2024	25 October 2024
Trading Halt lifted and shares recommence trading on ASX	-	25 October 2024	-
Allotment and trading of new securities under the placement (Tranche 1)	30 October 2024	30 October 2024	-
Allotment and trading of new securities to Assore and	On or around 6 December 2024	On or around 6 December 2024	-

The timetable is indicative only and subject to modification at Atlantic Lithium's discretion.

# Allotment and trading

Allotment for New Shares (on ASX and AIM) will take place in two tranches:

- Tranche 1 will be the unconditional allotment of New Shares to all investors excluding Assore and the
  Directors ("Tranche 1 Shares"); admission to trading on the ASX and AIM is expected to take place on or
  around 30 October 2024.
- Tranche 2 will be the allotment of New Shares to Assore and the Directors, which is conditional on shareholder approval at the upcoming AGM ("Tranche 2 Shares"); admission to trading on the ASX and AIM is expected to take place on or around 6 December 2024.

All New Shares will be issued fully paid and will rank *pari passu* in all respects with the Company's existing Ordinary Shares, including the right to receive all dividends and other distributions declared, made or paid after the date of issue.

An application will be made to the GSE for admission to trading of the Tranche 1 and Tranche 2 Shares in due course.

#### Related Party Transactions

The proposed Assore Participation and the Director Participation will constitute related party transactions under AIM Rule 13 of the AIM Rules for Companies.

For ASX Listing Rule 10.11 purposes, the proposed Assore Participation and the Director Participation is conditional on shareholder approval to be sought at the upcoming AGM.

# **Additional Information**

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The New Shares to be issued pursuant to the Placing will not be admitted to trading on any stock exchange other than the ASX, AIM and the GSE.

Neither the content of the Company's website nor any website accessible by hyperlinks on the Company's website is incorporated in, or forms part of, this announcement.

# **Exchange Rates**

The exchange rates used in the announcement are as follows (as at 23 October 2024):

AUD - USD: 0.67
 AUD - GBP: 0.51
 USD - GBP: 0.77

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# **End Note**

## <sup>1</sup>Ore Reserves, Mineral Resources and Production Targets

The information in this announcement that relates to Exploration Results, Ore Reserves, Mineral Resources and Production Targets complies with the 2012 Edition of the Australasian Code for Reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves (JORC Code). The information in this announcement relating to Production Targets in respect of the Ewoyaa Lithium Project is extracted from the Company's announcement entitled "Ewoyaa Lithium Project Definitive Feasibility Study", dated 29 June 2023, which is available at <a href="https://www.atlanticlithium.com.au">www.atlanticlithium.com.au</a>. The Company confirms, in the case of Production Targets, that all technical parameters underpinning the Definitive Feasibility Study ("DFS") continue to apply. Material assumptions for the Project have been revised on grant of the Mining Lease for the Project, announced by the Company on 20 October 2023 in the announcement entitled, "Mining Lease Granted for Ewoyaa Lithium Project". The Company is not aware of any new information or data that materially affects the information included in this announcement, the "Ewoyaa Lithium Project Definitive Feasibility Study" announcement, dated 29 June 2023, or the "Mining Lease Granted for Ewoyaa Lithium Project" announcement, dated 20 October 2023.

Authorised for release by Amanda Harsas, Finance Director and Company Secretary, Atlantic Lithium Limited.

This announcement contains inside information for the purposes of Article 7 of the Market Abuse Regulation (EU) 596/2014 as it forms part of UK domestic law by virtue of the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018 ("MAR"), and is disclosed in accordance with the Company's obligations under Article 17 of MAR.

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Atlantic Lithium is an AIM, ASX, GSE and OTCQX-listed lithium company advancing its flagship project, the Ewoyaa Lithium Project, a significant lithium spodumene pegmatite discovery in Ghana, through to production to become the country's first lithium-producing mine.

The Definitive Feasibility Study for the Project indicates the production of 3.6Mt of spodumene concentrate over a 12-year mine life, making it one of the largest spodumene concentrate mines in the world.

The Project, which was awarded a Mining Lease in October 2023, is being developed under an earn-in agreement with Piedmont Lithium Inc.

Atlantic Lithium holds a portfolio of lithium projects within 509km<sup>2</sup> and 771km<sup>2</sup> of granted and under-application tenure across Ghana and Côte d'Ivoire respectively, which, in addition to the Project, comprises significantly under-explored, highly prospective licences.

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