

30 October 2024

## LU7 TO RAISE \$2.14M IN PLACEMENT AND LAUNCH OF ENTITLEMENT OFFER OF \$1.02M FOR BÉCANCOUR LITHIUM REFINERY DFS

### Highlights

- Binding commitments received to raise \$2.14 million
- Launch of pro-rata Non-Renounceable Entitlement Offer to raise \$1.02 million
- Issue price of the Placement and Entitlement Offer is \$0.0125 per share
- A total of \$3.16 million in capital raising
- Participants in Placement and Entitlement Offer to receive free attaching options
- On the basis of 1 option for every 1 share issued with exercise price of \$0.03 and expiry date of 12 January 2026
- Tranche 2 Shares and all Options to be issued under the Placement are subject to shareholder approval
- Funds will mainly be used to complete the Bécancour Lithium Refinery DFS
- Maintains momentum, closer to establishing a lithium refinery in Bécancour

Lithium Universe Limited (referred to as "Lithium Universe" or the "Company," ASX: "LU7") is pleased to announce the following:

### Placement

The Company has received binding commitments from sophisticated and professional investors pursuant to a placement to raise \$2.14 million by the issue of 171,320,000 fully paid shares ("Shares") at an issue price of \$0.0125 per Share ("Placement"). The Placement is to be undertaken in two tranches:

- Tranche 1: issuing 155,320,000 Shares raising \$1,941,500; and
- Tranche 2: issuing 16,000,000 Shares and raising \$200,000, to be approved at a shareholders meeting, expected to be 9 December 2024 ("Shareholders Meeting").

The issue date of the Tranche 1 Placement Shares is to take place on 8 November 2024.

Participants in the Placement will also receive, subject to shareholder approval (to be undertaken at the Shareholders Meeting), free attaching options on the basis of one (1) option for every one (1) share issued, with each option having an exercise price of \$0.03 and expiry date of 12 January 2026 (“Options”). The Company intends to list the Options as soon as possible. The issue of the Tranche 1 Placement Shares will be made out of the Company’s existing placement capacity under Listing Rule 7.1 and 7.1A.

Included in the Tranche 2 Placement is an amount of \$90,000 from Iggy Tan, Patrick Scallan and Gernot Abl. The share issues will also be subject to shareholder approval at the forthcoming shareholders meeting.

The Placement was jointly managed by SP Corporate Advisory (Joint Lead Manager), Ignite Equity (Joint Lead Manager), and GBA Capital (Co-Manager). The costs associated with the Placement was a 6% fee on all funds raised.

Executive Chairman, Mr Iggy Tan stated *“We are pleased with the outcome of the Placement in a challenging market, which reaffirms support for the Company’s strategy to complete the Definitive Feasibility Study for the Bécancour Lithium Refinery. On September 30, 2024, the Company reached a significant milestone, having released the positive and robust Preliminary Feasibility Study, displaying strong fundamentals despite the current low lithium pricing environment.*

*The Company is highly committed to our shareholders, and I am pleased we can offer them the same investment terms extended to sophisticated and professional investors. The Board and Management Team remains dedicated to engaging with our existing shareholders and delivering against our strategy. If fully subscribed, proceeds from the Placement and Entitlement Offer will strengthen our balance sheet, bringing us closer to establishing an operational lithium conversion plant in Bécancour, Québec.”*

## **Entitlement Offer**

### **Overview**

The Company also intends to undertake a non-renounceable Entitlement Offer of 1 Share for every 10 Shares held by Eligible Shareholders (defined below) at the same issue price as the Placement of \$0.0125, to raise up to approximately \$1.024 million (“Entitlement Offer”). Participants in the entitlement offer will also receive free attaching Options (on a 1 for 1 basis), which also will be listed. Full details of the Entitlement Offer (including the record date and eligibility requirements) will be set out in the Prospectus expected to be lodged with the ASIC on or about 30 October 2024.

### **Other key details for the Entitlement Offer are:**

#### *Eligible Shareholders and Applying for Shares under the Entitlement Offer*

The Entitlement Offer will be open to all eligible shareholders who have a registered address within Australia, New Zealand, Germany, Hong Kong, Switzerland, the United Kingdom and Singapore and who hold shares on the record date (Eligible Shareholders), and is proposed to close on Friday 22 November 2024 (unless otherwise extended by the Board). All Shares issued will rank equally with existing Shares on issue and the Company will apply for quotation of the new Shares and Options issued pursuant to the Entitlement Offer.

A personalised Entitlement and Acceptance Form will be sent to eligible shareholders shortly after the record date.

### **Timetable**

Below is the Entitlement Offer timetable, unless otherwise varied by the Company:

<b>ACTION</b>	<b>DATE</b>
Announcement of Placement, Entitlement Offer & Appendix 3B lodged with ASX	Tuesday, 29 October 2024
Lodgement of Prospectus with ASIC & ASX	Wednesday, 30 October 2024
Ex date	Monday, 4 November 2024
Record Date for determining Entitlements	Tuesday, 5 November 2024
Offer opening date, Prospectus sent out to Shareholders and Company announces this has been completed	Friday, 8 November 2024
Last day to extend the Closing Date of Offers	Tuesday, 19 November 2024
Closing Date of Offers as at 5:00pm*	Friday, 22 November 2024
Securities quoted on a deferred settlement basis	Monday, 25 November 2024
Issue date and lodgement of Appendix 2A with ASX applying for quotation of the Securities	Friday, 29 November 2024
Quotation of Securities issued under the Offers*	Friday, 29 November 2024

### **Underwriting**

The Entitlement Offer will not be underwritten.

### **Shortfall**

The Entitlement Offer will include a shortfall facility under which Eligible Shareholders that have taken up their full entitlement under the Entitlement Offer and other non-related third party investors identified by the Directors can apply to take up Shares (and attaching Options) that were not applied for by Eligible Shareholder under the Entitlement Offer ("Shortfall Entitlement Offer"). The Shortfall Entitlement Offer will be a separate offer made pursuant to the Prospectus and will remain open for up to three (3) months following the Closing Date. The securities issued under the Shortfall Entitlement Offer will have the same terms as those issued under the Entitlement Offer.

### **Use of funds**

The expected use of funds from the Placement and the Entitlement Offer are as follows:

DFS for Bécancour Lithium Refinery and detailed design	\$2.0m
Land option costs for the property at Bécancour	\$0.3m
Exploration	\$0.2m
Corporate, working capital and offer costs	\$0.7m
<b>Total Use of Funds</b>	<b>\$3.2m</b>

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## Authorisation

Authorised by the Chairman of Lithium Universe Limited

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## Forward-looking Statements

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## ABOUT LITHIUM UNIVERSE LIMITED (ASX:LU7)

Lithium Universe is dedicated to closing the 'Lithium Conversion Gap' in North America by developing a mine-to-battery-grade lithium carbonate strategy in Québec, Canada. Our mission is to support the supply chain needs of original equipment manufacturers (OEMs), particularly in the automotive sector, by converting spodumene supply into lithium chemicals for EV battery plants North America.

Our business model focuses on converting spodumene supplies under "take or pay" agreements with OEMs. These agreements include protective pricing mechanisms, such as floor and ceiling prices, to ensure stable margins and mitigate market volatility. This approach guarantees our LU7 refinery's payback while providing OEMs with a reliable and sustainable supply of lithium chemicals.

### THE LITHIUM CONVERSION GAP

North America anticipates a surge in battery manufacturing, with over 20 major manufacturers planning to deploy an estimated 1,000GW of battery capacity. The Company estimates that 850,000t of LCE per annum will be required to satisfy demand in North America by 2028.

Spodumene concentrate needs to be converted to battery-grade lithium carbonate or hydroxide to be used in the production of cathode materials for lithium batteries. Currently, there are no operational converters in North America and the Company estimates only 100,000t of LCE hard rock converters are slated for construction in the region by 2028. The region seeks to decrease dependence on Chinese lithium converters, aligning with both commercial and national security goals to onshore the lithium battery supply chain in North America.



### PROVEN LITHIUM EXPERTISE

The Company is comprised of lithium industry leaders known as the 'Lithium Dream Team', who are known for rapidly developing and operating hard rock lithium extraction and downstream operations across Australia and China. The Company's Chairman, Iggy Tan, is considered a pioneer in the modern lithium industry; spearheading Galaxy Resources, Iggy Tan built the first large-scale vertically integrated mine-to-refinery project including the 1 million tpa Mt Cattlin Spodumene Project and the downstream 17,000 tpa Jiangsu Lithium Carbonate Refinery. Patrick Scallan, Director, is a seasoned veteran of the lithium industry with over 25 years of managing the world-class Greenbushes Mine including production expansion from 200ktpa to 1.4mtpa during his tenure. Dr Jingyuan Liu is a world-leading technical expert in downstream lithium processing having consulted for over 25 different refinery operations over the world having previously managed the construction and commissioning of the Jiangsu Lithium Refinery for Galaxy.



Mr Terry Stark, who previously served as the General Manager of Operations for both Mt Cattlin and James Bay projects; Mr Roger Pover, with extensive experience as Plant Manager at Greenbushes and Mt Cattlin. John Loxton, who was involved in the construction of Jiangsu Lithium Carbonate Plant for Hatch Engineering and John Sobolewski, former CFO and Co Sec of Galaxy Resources, assumes the role of Chief Financial Officer at Lithium Universe.

### PROVEN LITHIUM TECHNOLOGY

The Jiangsu Lithium Carbonate Plant, initially designed to produce 17,000 tpa of battery-grade lithium carbonate, has set a global benchmark for lithium refineries by incorporating advanced Western continuous process control techniques. The plant has surpassed its design capacity, now producing 20,000 tpa of high-quality battery-grade lithium carbonate. Remarkably, it achieved steady-state quality within two years of groundbreaking. Building on this success, Lithium Universe plans to replicate the Jiangsu plant's design, utilizing the same suppliers, equipment, and engineering firm to mitigate risks. Hatch Limited, the engineering company behind the original Jiangsu plant, has been contracted to conduct the Definitive Feasibility Study (DFS) for the Company's Bécancour Lithium Refinery.