

# QUARTERLY REPORT HIGHLIGHTS

## Strong Preliminary Feasibility for Bécancour Lithium Refinery

### The Lithium Universe Strategy

- Positive, robust Bécancour Refinery PFS even in low pricing environment
- LU7 has a counter cyclical strategy – develop project, ready for price recovery
- Closing the Lithium Conversion Gap – growth in resource and end market projects

### The Financial Modelling

- Economically viable with excellent pre-tax NPV8% of approximately US\$779M
- IRR (pre-tax) of approximately 23.5% and payback of 3.5 years based on;
- Price forecast of US\$1,170/t SC6 and US\$20,970/t for battery grade  $\text{Li}_2\text{CO}_3$
- Operating costs at around US\$3,976/tonne; capital cost estimate of US\$494 million
- Expected annual revenue of approx US\$383 million and EBITDA of around US\$147 million
- Project break even at around US\$780 /t (SC6) and around US\$14,000 per tonne  $\text{Li}_2\text{CO}_3$

### The Design

- LU7 offers a solution to worldwide lithium conversion failures and startup problems
- Using proven Jiangsu Refinery operating technology and lithium industry experience
- Producing up to 18,270 tonnes/year of green battery-grade lithium carbonate
- Smaller off-the-shelf style plant rather than large difficult-to-operate facilities
- Initial focus on lithium carbonate production – feed for LFP batteries
- Assumptions based on real operating data and experience – not new aspirant

### The Location

- Québec ideal trans-Atlantic lithium conversion centre, comparable to China
- Feedstock from Canada, Brazil and Africa – end market North America
- Critical cost benefits – cheap green power, transport mine/end market savings, US/Canada tariffs
- 95% GHG emission reduction with Hydro Québec's green energy

### Next Steps

- Offtake discussions with interested OEMs underway
- LU7 continues to progress full Definitive Feasibility Study

## LU7 forms Committee with W8BANAKI

- Formation of committee with W8banaki to progress Bécancour Lithium Refinery
- Collaboration with W8banaki to assist with site impact assessment
- W8banaki Nation traditional land custodians of Bécancour Industrial Park
- W8banaki representatives hold significant understanding of battery supply chain
- W8banaki hold years of experience collaborating with chemicals industry
- LU7 committed to a collaborative and respectful relationship

## LU7 finalises FRA and OTC Listing

- Lithium Universe quoted on the German-based FRA
- Lithium Universe quoted on US-based OTC
- Providing access to trading for US, Canadian and European investors
- Expansion to broaden investor base into diverse markets

## Strong Preliminary Feasibility for Bécancour Lithium Refinery

Lithium Universe Limited recently announced the results of its Preliminary Feasibility Study (PFS) for the Bécancour Lithium Carbonate Refinery in Québec, Canada. The PFS confirms the viability of a strong lithium conversion project, even within a below-average pricing environment. The Company plans to build a reliable, low-risk lithium conversion refinery with an annual capacity of up to 18,270 tonnes, utilizing proven expertise from the Jiangsu processing model. The facility will produce environmentally friendly, battery-grade lithium carbonate. The Company aims to establish a Canadian-based lithium chemicals business, purchasing spodumene feedstock from both domestic suppliers and international markets, including Brazil and Africa and producing a battery grade lithium carbonate product. This aligns with the Company's broader vision of contributing to the North Atlantic lithium supply chain and closing the Lithium Conversion Gap.

The project's economics are highly favourable, even with conservative price assumptions. The refinery is economically viable with a pre-tax Net Present Value (NPV) of approximately

US\$779 million, using an 8% discount rate, and a pre-tax Internal Rate of Return (IRR) of around 23.5%. The payback period is estimated at 3.5 years. The financial model is built on cautious price forecasts of US\$1,170 per tonne for spodumene concentrate (SC6) and US\$20,970 per tonne for battery-grade lithium carbonate equivalent (LCE). LU7's directors believe they have a reasonable basis for using the assumed price in the study of US\$20,970 per tonne for battery grade lithium carbonate. Key operational assumptions include 86% plant availability and 88% lithium recovery. At full production capacity, the project is expected to generate approximately US\$383 million in annual revenue, with costs totalling around US\$236 million, leading to an annual EBITDA of approximately US\$147 million and a gross margin of in the region of 38%. Post-tax, the NPV at an 8% discount rate is estimated at approximately US\$501 million. The capital cost for the project is estimated at US\$494 million, which includes a contingency of US\$68 million. The capital cost estimate is based on advanced design specifications from the Jiangsu Lithium Refinery model, ensuring robust financial planning and projection. These factors highlight the project's strong financial viability, even under conservative pricing conditions.

### Quebec Lithium Refinery Pre-Tax Cashflows

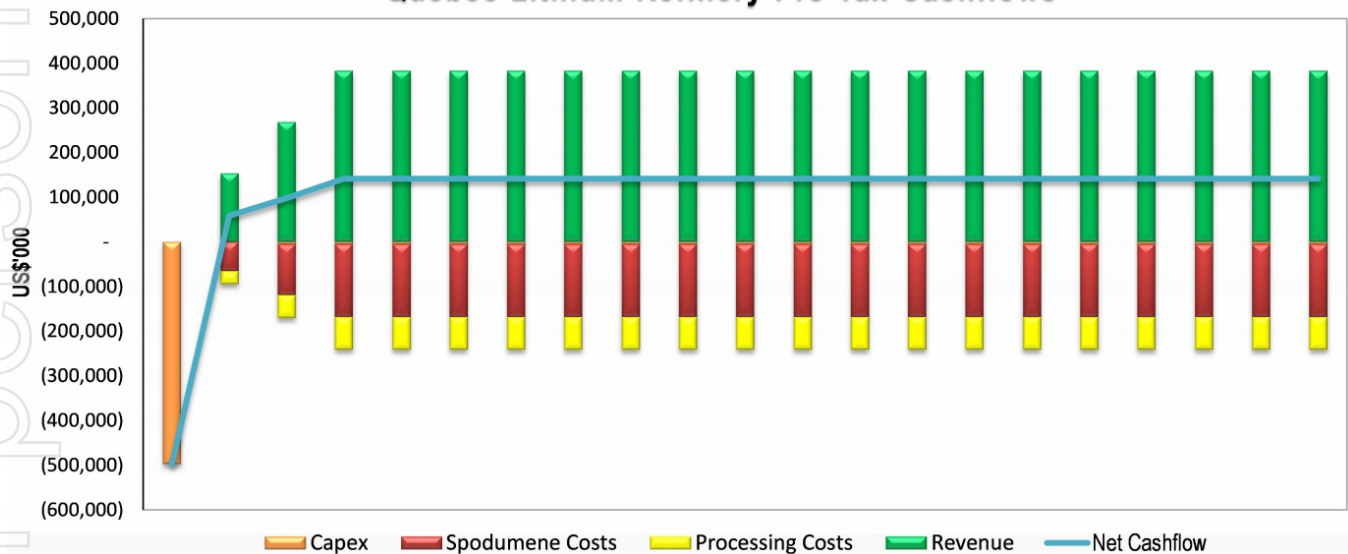


Figure 1: Lithium Universe Bécancour Refinery Estimated Pre-tax Cashflows

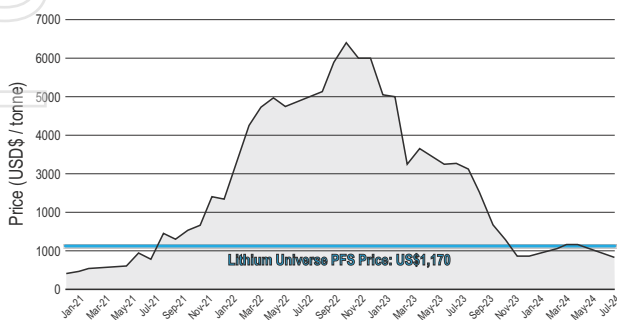


Figure 2: Spodumene SC6 historical prices vs LU7 Forecast

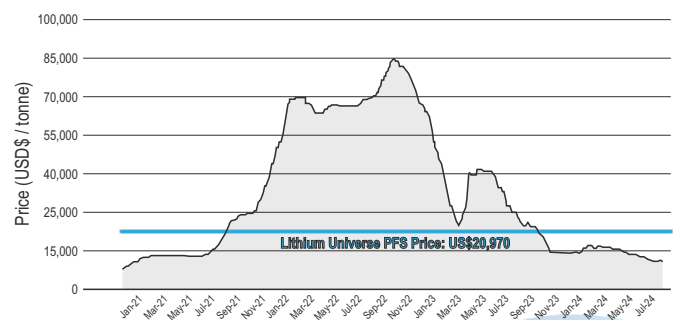


Figure 3: BG Lithium Carbonate historical prices vs LU7 Forecast



## Counter-Cyclical Strategy

Lithium Universe employs a counter-cyclical strategy, developing projects during market downturns to position for recovery. Despite recent price declines due to oversupply, the company remains confident in strong long-term lithium demand driven by EV and energy storage growth. Although

LU7 demonstrates viability even in low price environments, LU7 aims to capitalize on future price recovery and market opportunities. Despite recent supply adjustments, demand for lithium remains robust, particularly from growing EV sales in China and global Energy Storage System demand.

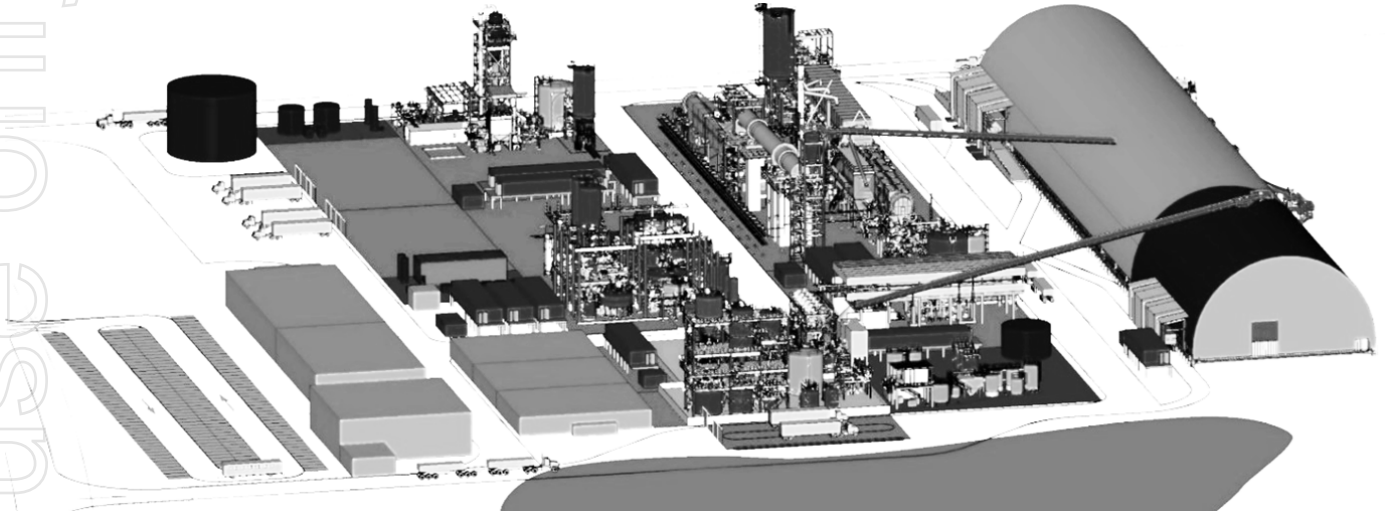
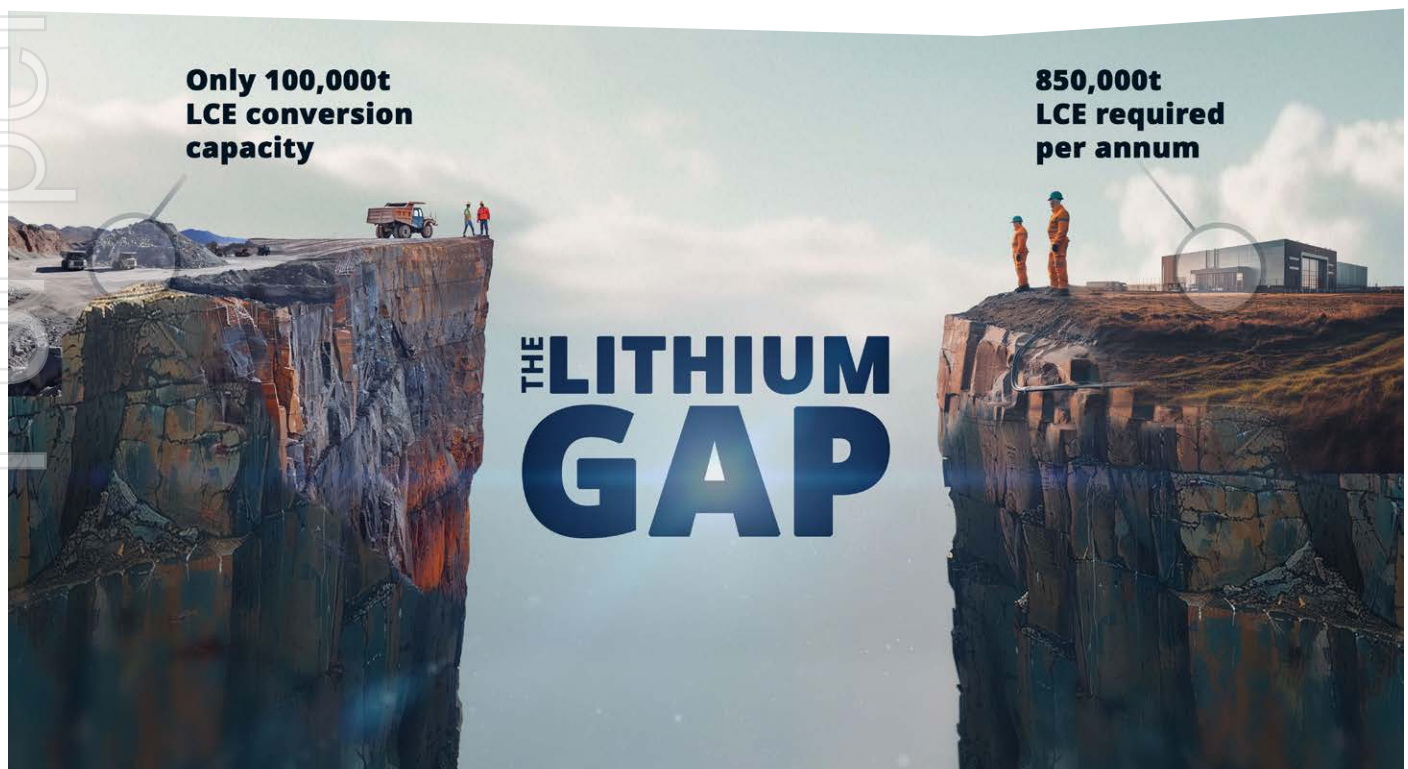


Figure 4: Model of the Lithium Universe Bécancour Lithium Refinery

## Closing the Lithium Conversion Gap

Over 90% of LFP battery manufacturing is concentrated outside North America, but the region is expanding rapidly. By 2028, nearly 1,000 GWh of capacity will be added, requiring 850,000t of LCE annually. With no current lithium converters, efforts are underway to reduce reliance on foreign supply

chains. 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. This represents the large opportunity the Company calls the Lithium Conversion Gap.



## Quebec Trans Atlantic Lithium Conversion Centre

Québec is emerging as a strategic trans-Atlantic hub for lithium conversion, benefiting from local feedstock, low-cost green energy (US\$0.026/kWh), and proximity to key lithium

regions. The US Inflation Reduction Act, European Battery Passport, and significant tariffs placed on raw material imports create opportunities for Québec to supply the growing North American market.

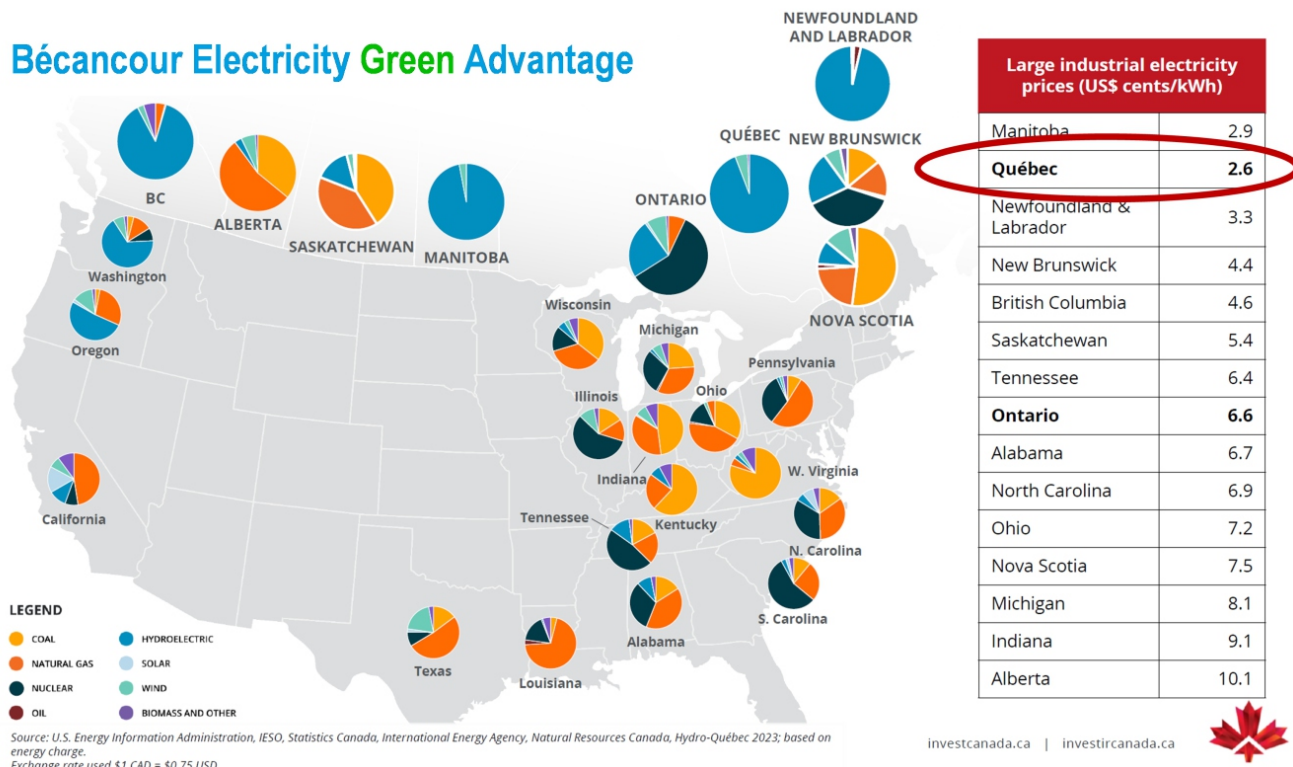


Figure 5: Electricity prices in Trans-Atlantic Region

## Technology Challenges and Failures

LU7 addresses the recurring issues faced by western lithium conversion projects worldwide, offering a robust solution to the industry's common startup problems. The North American Lithium project went bankrupt in 2015, producing only 109 tonnes of lithium carbonate despite CAD 250 million invested. Nemaska Lithium also failed after spending CAD 411 million. The Tianqi Kwinana and Albemarle Kemerton plants in Australia struggled with unproven technologies and design issues, leading to delays and cost overruns. The alkaline pressure leach process remains unreliable due to severe operational challenges.

## Replicating Jiangsu Success

In 2012, the 17,000 tpa Jiangsu Lithium Carbonate Plant, engineered by Hatch Ltd. under Iggy Tan and Dr. Jingyuan Liu, became the world's largest lithium refinery, exceeding design capacity. The Company's strategy to mitigate technology risks involves using the same flow sheet, equipment, and suppliers that were successfully implemented at the Jiangsu Lithium Carbonate Plant. By replicating this proven approach, the Company minimizes operational uncertainties and ensures reliable performance, leveraging established processes and trusted suppliers to deliver consistent results in new projects.



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Figure 6: Galaxy Jiangsu Lithium Carbonate Plant



## Lithium Dream Team

The Company is comprised of lithium industry leaders known for rapidly developing and operating Australian hard rock lithium extraction and downstream operations in China. In an emerging industry like lithium, where retaining experienced personnel is increasingly challenging, Lithium Universe has assembled a proven

expertise team, including Mr. Iggy Tan (Executive Chairman), Mr. Patrick Scallan (Non-Executive Director), Dr. Jingyuan Liu (Non-Executive Director), Mr. John Loxton (Head of Lithium Refinery), Mr. Terry Stark (Head of Mining), and Mr. Roger Pover (Head of Processing), all of whom bring extensive lithium industry expertise and experience.



## Bécancour Industrial Park

Lithium Universe has executed an option agreement on a key property within the Bécancour Waterfront Industrial Park situated on the St Lawrence River between Montreal and Québec City. The site, strategically located near a major highway and served by Canadian National Railway, offers year-round access to the Port of Bécancour, featuring a deep-water pier and multiple berths, making it ideal for the proposed Lithium Carbonate Refinery.

## Funding Strategy

Funding plans for the capital costs involve inviting one or two strategic partners to join as 49% equity partners at the project level. The Company is also in the process of appointing a debt advisor and has already initiated discussions with financial institutions. The Company will actively engage with financial institutions and government agencies to secure project financing by presenting the findings from the Preliminary Feasibility Study (PFS).

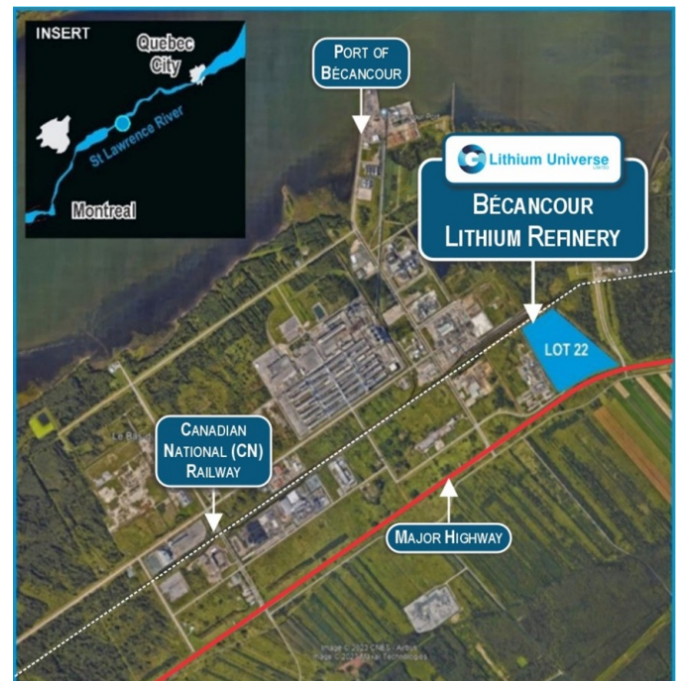


Figure 7: The Company's refinery site within the Bécancour Industrial Facility situated between Montreal and Québec City.

## Bécancour Lithium Refinery

The design of the Bécancour Lithium Carbonate Plant will be modelled after the proven Jiangsu facility, with targeted operational enhancements. The primary objective of this engineering study is to develop a comprehensive design and cost estimation for a standalone battery-grade lithium carbonate plant with an annual capacity of up to 18,270 tons per annum (tpa).

This facility will be engineered to process spodumene concentrate sourced globally. The required feedstock for the plant will be approximately 140,000 tpa at 6% LiO grade however, the plant has been designed to receive grades as low as 5% LiO. Typically, industry-supplied spodumene averages around 5.5% LiO.

**Table 1. Bécancour Lithium Refinery Key Criteria**

Inputs	Approximate Volume (t/year)
Estimated Production Battery Grade Lithium Carbonate	16,748 (5.5% Feed) - 18,270 (6% Feed)
Assumed Spodumene Feedstock at 5.5% to 6% Li <sub>2</sub> O	140,000
Steady State Recovery	88%
Steady State Availability (inc annual shutdowns)	86%
Ramp up to full rate	3 years

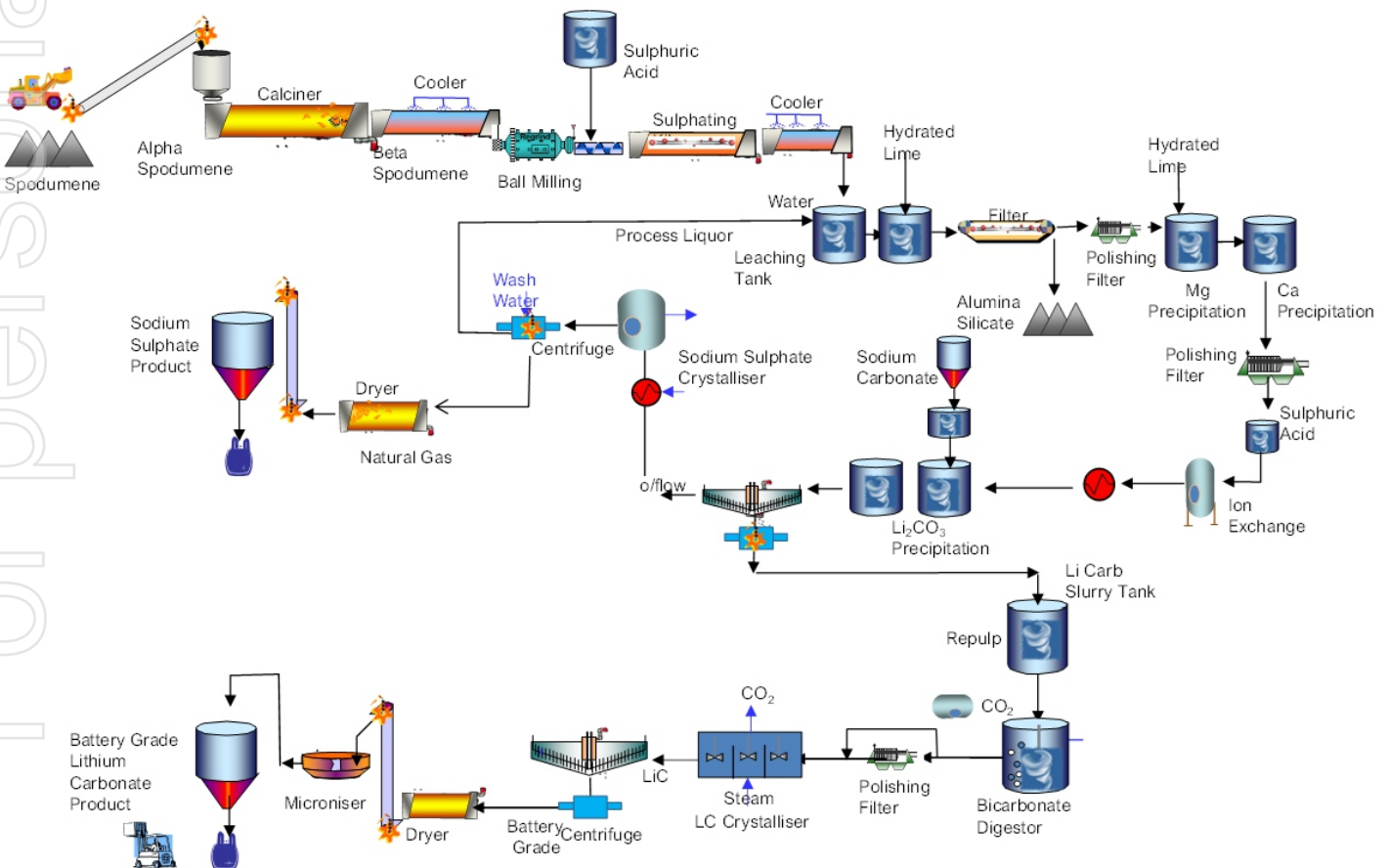


Figure 8: Lithium Universe Bécancour Process Flow Sheet

## Plant Layout

An overall site layout plan was developed where the main facilities and major pieces of equipment are identified, i.e. the spodumene feed stockpile, kilns, driers, cooler, ball mill, belt filters, process tanks and bins, reagent tanks and bins, thickeners, Area 40 and 60 process building including amenities, laboratory and office, lithium product storage, sodium sulphate storage, main substation, air compressor building and maintenance and stores. The layout defines the roads

required for delivery of raw materials and shipment of products and co-products. The main piping racks for the reticulation of utilities, reagents, process piping and electrical cable trays have been defined on the layout. All gas fired equipment such as kilns and driers are located outside of buildings to reduce risks associated with use of natural gas. Most of the plant areas are in heated buildings as part of a winterization of the process.

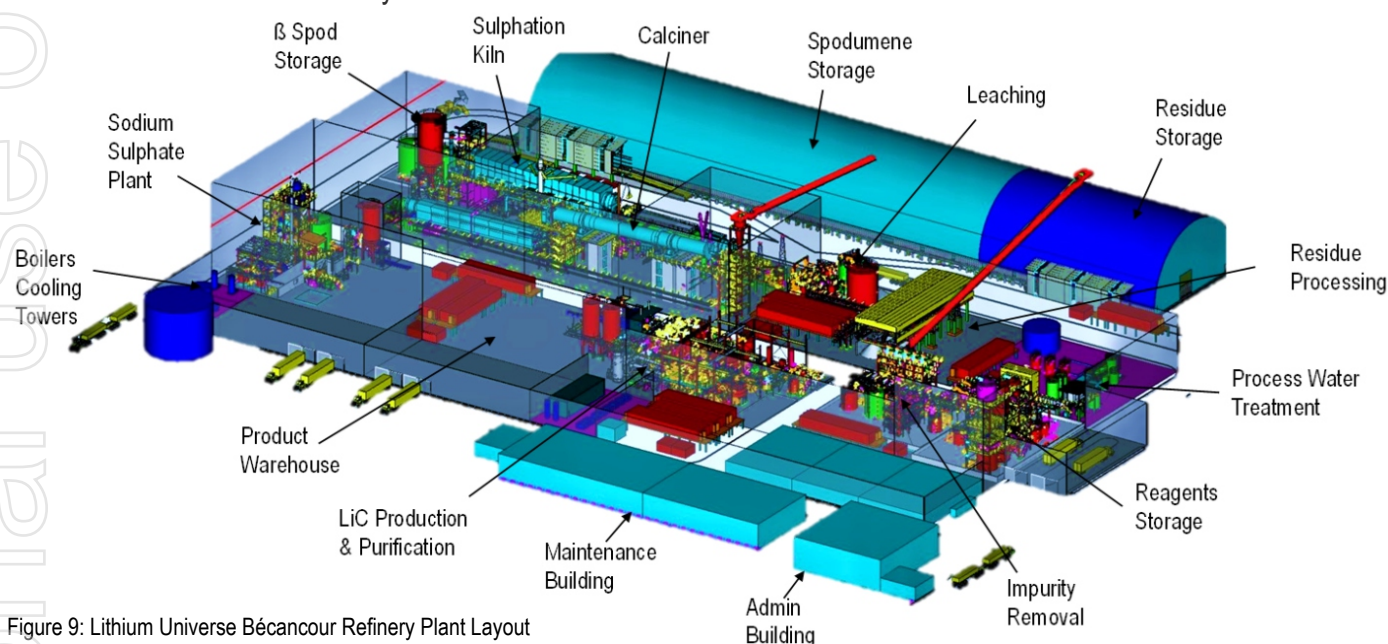


Figure 9: Lithium Universe Bécancour Refinery Plant Layout

## OPERATING COST ESTIMATE

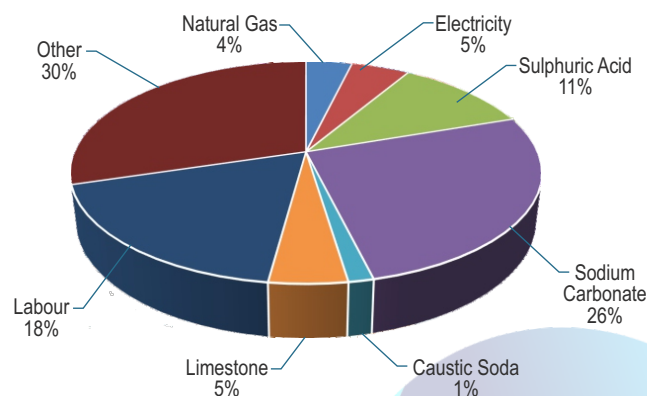
The operating cost is based on the mass balance usage of electricity, natural gas, sulphuric acid, sodium carbonate, neutralising agents, and various reagents and consumables extracted from Jiangsu operating experience.

The operating costs at the Bécancour site are approximately US\$3,976 per tonne of lithium carbonate ( $\text{Li}_2\text{CO}_3$ ) benefiting from inexpensive renewable power from Hydro Québec, costing approximately US\$0.026 per kWh. In comparison, the average operating costs in China are around US\$3,250 per tonne of  $\text{Li}_2\text{CO}_3$ , with more efficient plants often having slightly lower costs.

If you were a spodumene producer in Canada, the transportation costs to China for conversion, including port charges, ocean freight, and internal trucking, amount to approximately US\$70 per tonne of ore. This translates to about US\$600 per tonne of final lithium carbonate (LC) product, which means that the cost of converting in China stands at around US\$3,850 per

tonne of LC, compared to approximately US\$3,976 per tonne in Bécancour.

However, with the US and Canada imposing 25% tariffs on Chinese-sourced lithium chemicals starting in 2024, the effective conversion cost in China will rise to around US\$4,812 (comparison basis) per tonne of LC, while Bécancour operational estimates remain at approximately US\$3,976. This cost advantage underscores why the company believes Québec has the potential to emerge as a key conversion hub for the trans-Atlantic region.





**Table 2. Bécancour Costs vs Chinese Conversion for Canadian-sourced Spodumene**

Cost Item	Bécancour	China
Average Estimated Operating Costs	US\$3,976/t	US\$3,250/t
Estimated Transport Impact (+US\$600)	-	US\$600/t
Estimated Tariff Impact (25%)	-	US\$962/t
<b>Total Estimated Cost</b>	<b>US\$3,976/t</b>	<b>US\$4,812</b>

### Offtake Discussions

Automotive and battery companies have secured spodumene supply contracts from mines globally to ensure a steady provision of lithium chemicals for their cathode/battery plants. However, a challenge arises as they need to convert this spodumene supply in China before shipping the lithium units to their supply chains in Europe and America. This poses significant issues by way of government funding support eligibility (ie. IRA) and an increasing tariff rate imposed on the Chinese dependent supply chain in addition to a significant hurdle in establishing a dependable supply chain, particularly due to limited lithium converters in North America.

As the North American region aims to reduce reliance on Chinese suppliers, aligning with both commercial and national security objectives. The business model of Lithium Universe is straightforward: the company will seek to convert essential spodumene supply for these OEMs in Québec and ensure the availability of critical units for the North American supply chain. Pricing is likely to be based on "take or pay" agreements with the OEMs, incorporating certain risk-reducing mechanisms such as floor and ceiling prices to protect Lithium Universe. Assuming there is an established margin to guarantee Lithium Universe refinery's payback, the OEMs gain assurance and sustainability in conversion supply without Lithium Universe being exposed to price and market volatility risks.

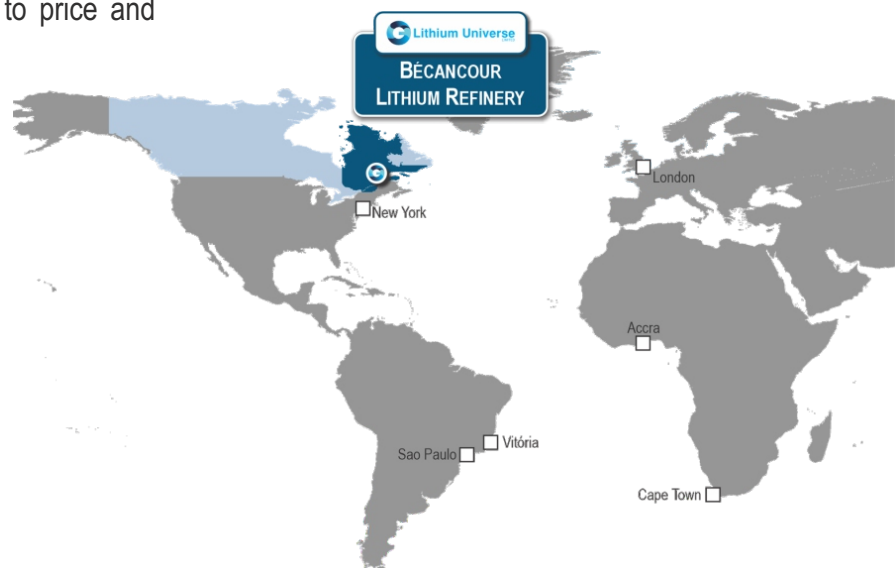
Lithium Universe has commenced discussions with OEMs, focused on establishing strategic partnerships with customers for battery-grade lithium carbonate with an emphasis on a customer base which is focused on EV demand growth in North America and Europe. Lithium Universe will concentrate this effort on these growing EV supply chains, particularly considering the growing commitments of battery manufacturing by groups such as Ford,

General Motors, Stellantis, Toyota, LGES, SK Innovation, Samsung SDI, and others.

### Next Steps

Lithium Universe Limited will embark on the definitive feasibility study (DFS) for the Bécancour lithium refinery, focusing on Front-End Engineering Design (FEED), cost analysis, and risk assessment to refine project parameters and attract investment. The Company will actively engage with financial institutions and government agencies to secure project financing by presenting the findings from the Preliminary Feasibility Study (PFS). Concurrently, LU7 will advance environmental impact assessments and the permitting process, ensuring regulatory compliance and addressing potential issues proactively. The due diligence process will be coordinated with federal and provincial authorities to obtain necessary approvals.

Discussions with strategic partners regarding offtake agreements and feedstock supply will continue to secure stable supply chains. Additionally, LU7 will conduct a comprehensive impact analysis in consultation with the local First Nation group to incorporate community feedback and promote sustainable development. These steps are essential to progressing the Bécancour project with thorough planning, strong financial backing, and robust stakeholder engagement.





### LU7 Forms Committee with W8banaki

Lithium Universe Limited announced the forming of a joint committee and collaboration with the Tribal Council representing the Abenaki Council of Odanak and the Abenaki Council of Wôlinak (W8banaki). This initiative aims to foster ongoing information exchange and mutual understanding, maintaining a strong relationship based on dialogue, collaboration, transparency, and respect.

Proud of their cultural and linguistic heritage, the W8banakiak occupied vast forested areas in what is now southern Québec, Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont, as well as parts of Massachusetts and New Brunswick, before the arrival of Europeans. The name W8banaki is a combination of the words "W8ban" (light, or dawn) and "Aki" (land), meaning "People of the Dawn". Still present and active on its ancestral territory, the population of the W8banaki Nation currently numbers more than 3,000 individuals, who are distributed mainly in Québec and Canada, as well as in the United States. The W8banaki are the traditional land owners of the Bécancour Waterfront Industrial Park (BWIP) and therefore also the Company's intended site for the proposed Bécancour Lithium Refinery.

The Company and the W8banaki Nation will form a Joint Committee which will provide a structured framework for discussions about the Company's project at Bécancour. This framework is designed to support mutually

beneficial relations and ensure that both parties are fully informed and engaged in the process. The Committee, comprising 2 representatives from each party, will serve as the primary forum for communication, manage project schedules, ensure culturally safe collaboration, and oversee compliance. The committee will seek to identify opportunities for further involvement of the community within the Company's project and coordinate impact analyses, and adopt joint emergency and safety plans.

As part of the environmental assessment process, the Company recognizes that its project will impact the Ndakina and may affect the Rights and Interests of the W8banakiak. To address these impacts, both parties will work together to identify and implement measures to accommodate them, ensuring their effectiveness through continuous monitoring. W8banakiak will actively participate in the environmental assessment process, contributing to the development of an Impact Analysis. This analysis will support the comprehensive impact study that the Company is required to prepare, taking into account the historical and current occupation of the land by W8banakiak.

Lithium Universe Limited is committed to encouraging a collaborative and respectful relationship with W8banakiak, ensuring that all concerns are addressed and that the project proceeds with the highest consideration for environmental and cultural impacts.



## LU7 Finalises FRA and OTC Listing

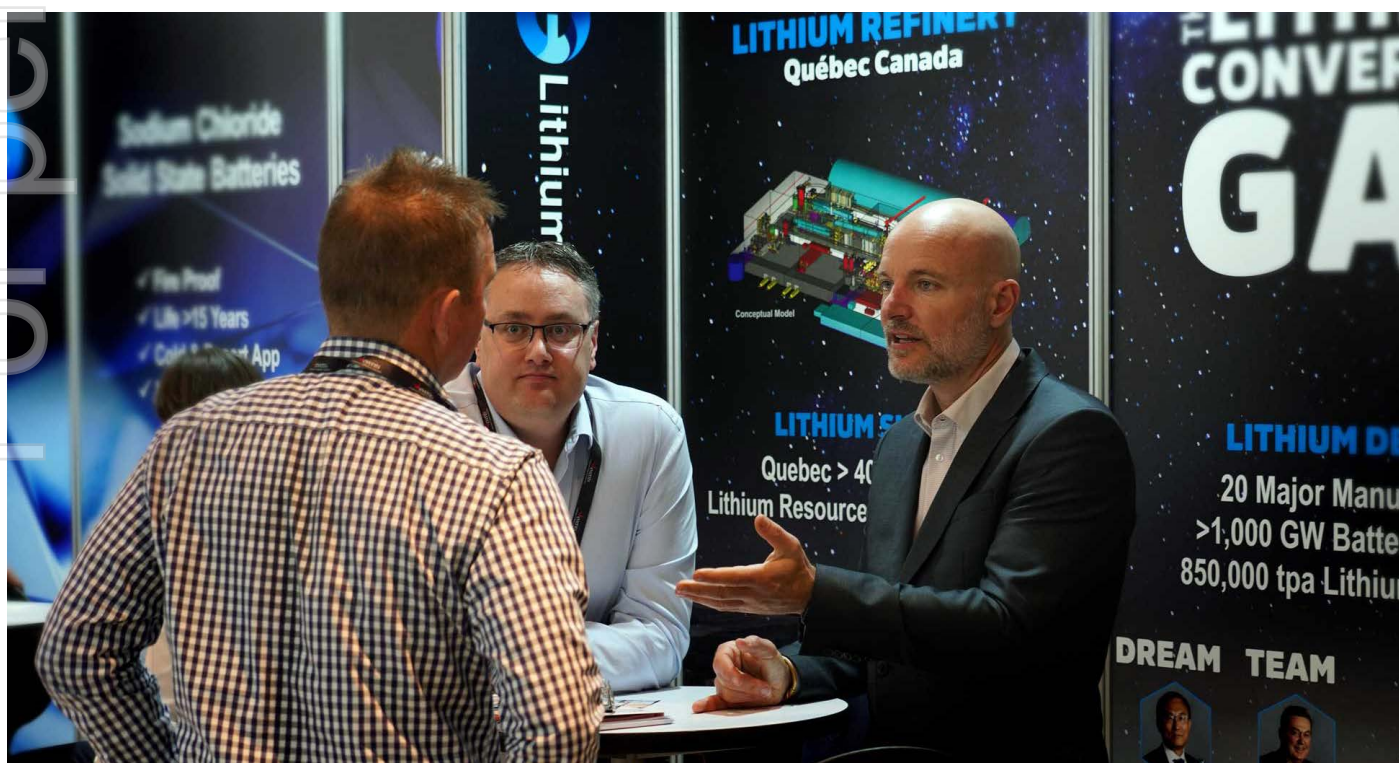
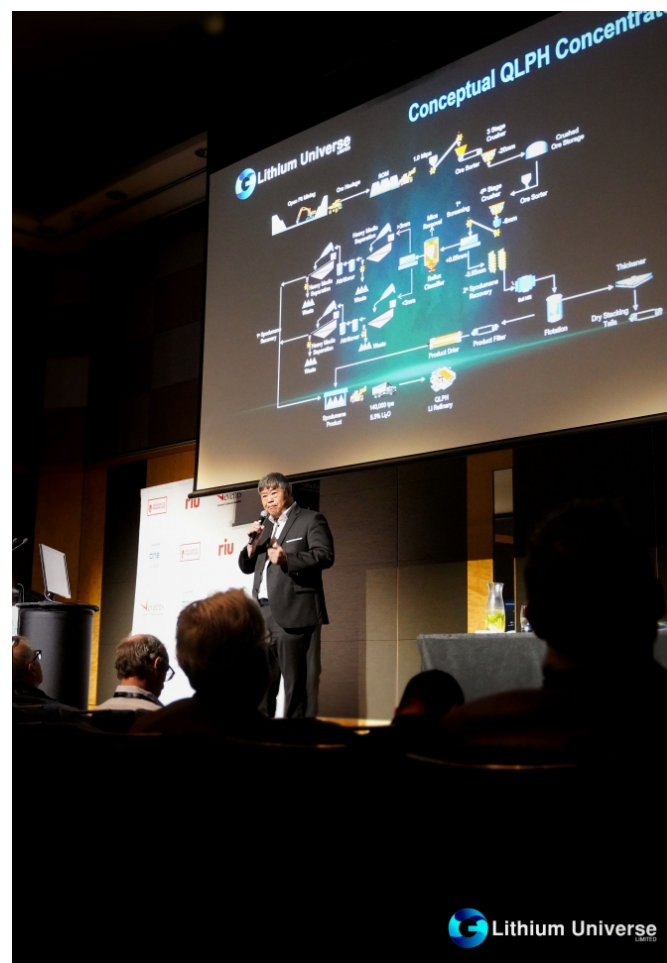
Lithium Universe Limited announced it has been officially quoted on the Frankfurt Stock Exchange (FRA) and US-based OTC Markets Group platform (OTC), allowing its securities to be readily accessed by European and North American investors.

The Company is quoted under FRA: KU00. The Frankfurt Stock Exchange (FRA), also known as the Börse Frankfurt, is one of the world's largest and most efficient trading centers for securities playing a critical role in the European and global economy. Operated by Deutsche Börse AG, the exchange, known for its high transparency, robust regulatory standards, and advanced trading technology serves as a hub for international investors and companies.

The Company is quoted under OTC: LUVSF. OTC Markets Group operates the largest trading platform in North America for over-the-counter (OTC) securities, providing transparent and efficient marketplaces for a diverse range of US and international companies. The group offers three market tiers: OTCQX, OTCQB, and Pink, catering to companies at various stages of growth and compliance levels.

Both quotations will expand our access to capital markets, enhancing our ability to raise funds from a more diverse investor base. It may also facilitate trading of our shares in local currencies and during local market hours, increasing liquidity and investor participation. This

initiative is a key part of our growth strategy, aimed at fostering long-term value for our shareholders and strengthening our presence in international markets.



# QUARTERLY REPORT

## September 2024

**Lithium Universe Limited**

**ASX: LU7**

**FRA: KU00**

**OTC: OUVSF**

ABN: 22 148 878 782

### Financial Information

(as at 30 September 2024)

Share Price:	\$0.011
Shares:	819M
Options:	219M
Performance Rights:	61M
Market Cap:	\$9.0M
Cash:	\$0.2M

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### Lithium Universe Interactive Investor Hub

Engage with Lithium Universe directly by asking questions, watch video summaries and see what other shareholders have to say, as well as past announcements.

<https://investorhub.lithiumuniverse.com/>



### Cautionary Statement

The PFS is based on the material assumptions outlined including that it has been completed in accordance with AACE Principles to a Class 5 level with a nominal level of accuracy of  $\pm 35\%$ , that the financial forecasts rely upon the purchase of third party spodumene concentrate as the feedstock for the plant. The PFS referred to in this announcement has been undertaken to assess the potential technical feasibility and economic viability of constructing and operating facilities capable of producing battery grade lithium carbonate for use in lithium-ion batteries from those units of operations and provide baseline financial metrics to consider future investment decisions.

The Preliminary Feasibility Study (PFS) is based on the material assumptions outlined below. These include assumptions about the availability of funding. While Lithium Universe considers all of the material assumptions to be based on reasonable grounds, there is no certainty that they will prove to be correct or that the range of outcomes indicated by the PFS will be achieved. To achieve the range of outcomes indicated in the PFS, funding of in the order of US\$500 million will likely be required. Investors should note that there is no certainty that Lithium Universe will be able to raise that amount of funding when needed. It is also likely that such funding may only be available on terms that may be dilutive to or otherwise affect the value of Lithium Universe's existing shares. It is also possible that Lithium Universe could pursue other 'value realisation' strategies such as a sale, partial sale or joint venture of the project. If it does, this could materially reduce the Company's proportionate ownership of the project. Given the uncertainties involved, investors should not make any investment decisions based solely on the results of the PFS.



## ASX Additional Information

The Company provides the following information pursuant to ASX listing Rule requirements:

### ASX Listing Rule 5.3.1

Exploration and Evaluation Expenditure spend during the quarter was \$22,471. Full details of the exploration activity that had been conducted by the Company during the quarter has been set out within this report.

### ASX Listing Rule 5.3.2

The Company confirms that there was no mine production and development activities for the quarter.

### ASX Listing Rule 5.3.5

Payments to related parties of the entity and their associates outlined in the Company's Appendix 5B for the quarter related to directors' fees (and inclusive of superannuation entitlements) of \$157,660.

### ASX Listing Rule 5.4.4

The Company provides the following comparison of its actual expenditure on the individual items in the "use of funds" statement in its IPO Prospectus since the date of its admission to the ASX against the estimate expenditure on those items in the "use of funds" statement in the IPO Prospectus and an explanation of any material variances.

The material variances are due to the Company only recently being admitted to the Official List of the ASX on 14 August 2023. Additionally, the Company has incurred expenditures in respect to its "Lithium Processing Hub" strategy.

Use of Funds	Estimate of the first 2 years after ASX admission <sup>1</sup> (\$)	Actual Use since admission to the ASX (\$)	Balance Remaining (\$) <sup>3,4</sup>
Exploration and Development	4,842,092	2,319,943	2,522,149
Lead Manager Fees	270,000	275,683	(5,683)
Transaction costs	311,482	330,317	(18,835)
Working capital <sup>2</sup>	1,490,000	3,987,631	(2,497,631)
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,913,574</b>	<b>6,913,574</b>	<b>-</b>

Notes to ASX Listing Rule 5.4.4 table

<sup>1</sup> Lithium Universe Limited's (ASX:LU7) Use of Funds – ASX Prospectus 21 June 2023 Item 2.3 'Proposed use of funds'

<sup>2</sup> Includes expenditures incurred in respect to the Company's "Lithium Processing Hub" strategy.

<sup>3</sup> The difference between the Company's bank balance at 30 June 2024 and the closing balance per the table above is represented by expenditures that were incurred prior to the Company's compliance listing (June 2023).

<sup>4</sup> The Company's funds raised from its IPO were depleted during the June 2024 quarter.

### ASX Listing Rule 5.3.3

In accordance with Listing Rule 5.3.3, LU7 provides the following information concerning its exploration licences. No applications were made during the quarter by the Company to acquire further licences or surrender its existing licences.

The following table lists the Company's exploration licences held at the end of the quarter, and their location:

Project	Exploration Licence	Location	Status	Ownership
Apollo <sup>1</sup>		Quebec, Canada	Granted	80%
Adina South <sup>2</sup>		Quebec, Canada	Granted	80%
Adina West <sup>3</sup>		Quebec, Canada	Granted	80%
Margot Lake <sup>4</sup>		Quebec, Canada	Granted	80%
Voyager	EL32/2022	Tasmania, Australia	Surrendered <sup>5</sup>	80%
Voyager	EL40/2022	Tasmania, Australia	Surrendered <sup>5</sup>	80%
Lefroy	E15/1876	Western Australia, Australia	Surrendered <sup>5</sup>	100%
Lefroy	E15/1877	Western Australia, Australia	Surrendered <sup>5</sup>	100%

#### Notes

<sup>1</sup> The Apollo Project comprises of 464 claims/licences, all of which are held 80% by Lithium Universe Limited. A detailed list of the claims can be found within the Company's Prospectus dated 21 June 2023.

<sup>2</sup> The Adina South Project comprises of 40 claims/licences, all of which are held 80% by Lithium Universe Limited. A detailed list of the claims can be found within the Company's Prospectus dated 21 June 2023.

<sup>3</sup> The Admina West Project comprises of 49 claims/licences, all of which are held 80% by Lithium Universe Limited. A detailed list of the claims can be found within the Company's Prospectus dated 21 June 2023.

<sup>4</sup> The Margot Lake Project comprises of 32 claims/licences, all of which are held 80% by Lithium Universe Limited. A detailed list of the claims can be found within the Company's Prospectus dated 21 June 2023.

<sup>5</sup> Notices to surrender the Lefroy and Voyager Projects were submitted to the respective government departments in late October 2024. The Company is currently awaiting confirmation from these departments regarding the completion of the surrender process.



## Appendix 5B

### Mining exploration entity or oil and gas exploration entity quarterly cash flow report

Name of entity

**LITHIUM UNIVERSE LIMITED**

ABN

Quarter ended ("current quarter")

**22 148 878 782**

**30 September 2024**

Consolidated statement of cash flows		Current quarter \$A'000	Year to date (9 months) \$A'000
<b>1.</b>	<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>		
1.1	Receipts from customers		
1.2	Payments for		
	(a) exploration & evaluation		
	(b) development		
	(c) production		
	(d) staff costs (including directors)	(422)	(1,209)
	(e) administration and corporate costs	(706)	(1,878)
1.3	Dividends received (see note 3)		
1.4	Interest received	6	15
1.5	Interest and other costs of finance paid		
1.6	Income taxes paid		
1.7	Government grants and tax incentives		
1.8	Other (provide details if material)		
<b>1.9</b>	<b>Net cash from / (used in) operating activities</b>	<b>(1,122)</b>	<b>(3,072)</b>
<b>2.</b>	<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>		
2.1	Payments to acquire or for:		
	(a) entities		
	(b) tenements (including transaction costs)		
	(c) property, plant and equipment	-	(3)
	(d) exploration & evaluation	(22)	(193)
	(e) investments		

Consolidated statement of cash flows		Current quarter \$A'000	Year to date (9 months) \$A'000
	(f) other non-current assets	(228)	(1,685)
2.2	Proceeds from the disposal of:		
	(a) entities		
	(b) tenements		
	(c) property, plant and equipment		
	(d) investments		
	(e) other non-current assets		
2.3	Cash flows from loans to other entities		
2.4	Dividends received (see note 3)		
2.5	Other		
2.6	<b>Net cash from / (used in) investing activities</b>	<b>(250)</b>	<b>(1,881)</b>

<b>3.</b>	<b>Cash flows from financing activities</b>		
3.1	Proceeds from issues of equity securities (excluding convertible debt securities)	-	4,107
3.2	Proceeds from issue of convertible debt securities		
3.3	Proceeds from exercise of options		
3.4	Transaction costs related to issues of equity securities or convertible debt securities	-	(280)
3.5	Proceeds from borrowings		
3.6	Repayment of borrowings		
3.7	Transaction costs related to loans and borrowings		
3.8	Dividends paid		
3.9	Other		
3.10	<b>Net cash from / (used in) financing activities</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3,827</b>

<b>4.</b>	<b>Net increase / (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents for the period</b>		
4.1	Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	1,607	1,361
4.2	Net cash from / (used in) operating activities (item 1.9 above)	(1,122)	(3,072)
4.3	Net cash from / (used in) investing activities (item 2.6 above)	(250)	(1,881)

Consolidated statement of cash flows		Current quarter \$A'000	Year to date (9 months) \$A'000
4.4	Net cash from / (used in) financing activities (item 3.10 above)	-	3,827
4.5	Effect of movement in exchange rates on cash held	-	-
4.6	<b>Cash and cash equivalents at end of period</b>	<b>235</b>	<b>235</b>

5.	Reconciliation of cash and cash equivalents at the end of the quarter (as shown in the consolidated statement of cash flows) to the related items in the accounts	Current quarter \$A'000	Previous quarter \$A'000
5.1	Bank balances	235	1,607
5.2	Call deposits	-	-
5.3	Bank overdrafts	-	-
5.4	Other (provide details)	-	-
5.5	<b>Cash and cash equivalents at end of quarter (should equal item 4.6 above)</b>	<b>235</b>	<b>1,607</b>

6.	Payments to related parties of the entity and their associates	Current quarter \$A'000
6.1	Aggregate amount of payments to related parties and their associates included in item 1	157
6.2	Aggregate amount of payments to related parties and their associates included in item 2	-

*Note: if any amounts are shown in items 6.1 or 6.2, your quarterly activity report must include a description of, and an explanation for, such payments.*

More information concerning the breakdown of the above payments to directors and their related parties can be found within the accompanying Quarterly Activities Report.



<b>7.</b>	<b>Financing facilities</b> <i>Note: the term "facility" includes all forms of financing arrangements available to the entity.</i> <i>Add notes as necessary for an understanding of the sources of finance available to the entity.</i>	<b>Total facility amount at quarter end \$A'000</b>	<b>Amount drawn at quarter end \$A'000</b>
7.1	Loan facilities	-	-
7.2	Credit standby arrangements	-	-
7.3	Other (please specify)	-	-
7.4	<b>Total financing facilities</b>	-	-
7.5	<b>Unused financing facilities available at quarter end</b>		-
7.6	Include in the box below a description of each facility above, including the lender, interest rate, maturity date and whether it is secured or unsecured. If any additional financing facilities have been entered into or are proposed to be entered into after quarter end, include a note providing details of those facilities as well.		

<b>8.</b>	<b>Estimated cash available for future operating activities</b>	<b>\$A'000</b>
8.1	Net cash from / (used in) operating activities (item 1.9)	(1,122)
8.2	(Payments for exploration & evaluation classified as investing activities) (item 2.1(d))	(22)
8.3	Total relevant outgoings (item 8.1 + item 8.2)	(1,144)
8.4	Cash and cash equivalents at quarter end (item 4.6)	235
8.5	Unused finance facilities available at quarter end (item 7.5)	-
8.6	Total available funding (item 8.4 + item 8.5)	235
8.7	<b>Estimated quarters of funding available (item 8.6 divided by item 8.3)</b>	0.20
<i>Note: if the entity has reported positive relevant outgoings (ie a net cash inflow) in item 8.3, answer item 8.7 as "N/A". Otherwise, a figure for the estimated quarters of funding available must be included in item 8.7.</i>		
8.8	If item 8.7 is less than 2 quarters, please provide answers to the following questions:  8.8.1 Does the entity expect that it will continue to have the current level of net operating cash flows for the time being and, if not, why not?	
<b>Answer:</b> No. Outflows are expected to reduce as during the September 2024 quarter, the Company undertook several budgeting measures which are expected to result in a reduction of outgoings for following quarter(s).		

8.8.2 Has the entity taken any steps, or does it propose to take any steps, to raise further cash to fund its operations and, if so, what are those steps and how likely does it believe that they will be successful?

Answer:

Yes. The Company has announced on 30 October 2024 the following capital raising initiatives are being undertaken:

a \$2.14 million share placement to sophisticated investors, which is to be completed in two stages. The first stage (Tranche 1) will be completed by 8 November 2024 and raise \$1.94 million (before costs). The second stage (Tranche 2) will be completed on or around 9 December 2024 (subject to shareholder approval) and will raise \$0.2 million (before costs); and

the Company announced the launch of a 1-for-ten (1:10) non-renounceable entitlement offer. The entitlement offer is expected to be completed on 29 November 2024. Should there be a full take up under the offer, this will raise \$0.98 million (before costs).

In addition, the Company's budgeting initiatives described in 8.8.1 above (as well as in the June 2024 quarter Appendix 5B) are expected to see substantial reductions in the Company's cash outgoings in the December 2024 quarter and onwards.

8.8.3 Does the entity expect to be able to continue its operations and to meet its business objectives and, if so, on what basis?

Answer: Yes, refer to the Company's response provided under item 8.8.2 above.

*Note: where item 8.7 is less than 2 quarters, all of questions 8.8.1, 8.8.2 and 8.8.3 above must be answered.*

## Compliance statement

- 1 This statement has been prepared in accordance with accounting standards and policies which comply with Listing Rule 19.11A.
- 2 This statement gives a true and fair view of the matters disclosed.

Date: **31 October 2024**

Authorised by: **The Board of Lithium Universe Limited**

(Name of body or officer authorising release – see note 4)

## Notes

1. This quarterly cash flow report and the accompanying activity report provide a basis for informing the market about the entity's activities for the past quarter, how they have been financed and the effect this has had on its cash position. An entity that wishes to disclose additional information over and above the minimum required under the Listing Rules is encouraged to do so.
2. If this quarterly cash flow report has been prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards, the definitions in, and provisions of, AASB 6: *Exploration for and Evaluation of Mineral Resources* and AASB 107: *Statement of Cash Flows* apply to this report. If this quarterly cash flow report has been prepared in accordance with other accounting standards agreed by ASX pursuant to Listing Rule 19.11A, the corresponding equivalent standards apply to this report.
3. Dividends received may be classified either as cash flows from operating activities or cash flows from investing activities, depending on the accounting policy of the entity.
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