

ASX Announcement
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Birimian enters into MOU with large Chinese lithium battery manufacturer

- ❖ **Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) entered with A\$3.6B Hong Kong listed lithium battery manufacturer Far East First New Energy Co**
- ❖ **Agreement is in line with China trend of growing spodumene demand driving vertical integration in the lithium sector**
- ❖ **MOU further supports development of exciting, high grade, bulk tonnage Bougouni Lithium Project**

Birimian Limited (ASX:BGS; "Birimian" and "Company") advises that it has entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with a leading Chinese lithium battery manufacturer Far East First New Energy Co ("First Battery").

Under the terms of the non-binding MoU, both parties have committed to work to establish cooperation with respect to mine development and potential financing, commencing with an offtake for up to the lower of 200,000 tons per annum ("tpa") OR 25% of total annual production of +6% spodumene concentrate.

First Battery is a subsidiary of Hong Kong listed company Far East Smarter Energy Co Ltd (capitalised at over 18 billion RMB ~ AUD3.6 billion). The company employs over 3000 people, making lithium batteries for applications from power tools and electronics to large energy storage systems and electric vehicle lithium ion batteries.

Birimian continues to progress discussions with other parties interested in securing supply of chemical grade lithium concentrate, as well as companies interested in developing strategic relationships on the project level.

Birimian continues to advance its high-grade, bulk tonnage, Bougouni Lithium Project in Mali. Second phase drilling is now underway to extend and upgrade the current 15.5Mt @ 1.48% Li₂O resource (for 229,000 tonnes contained Li₂O). Project evaluation studies are well advanced to define preliminary data associated with mining, processing and capital costs, as part of the Project's scoping study.

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