

# MARKET ANNOUNCEMENT

## Holes 4 and 5 Encounter Significant Intersections of Conductive Brines at Solaroz Lithium Project

### SUMMARY

- The fourth and fifth drillholes (SOZDD004 and SOZDD005) of the maiden 10 hole drilling programme at the Solaroz Lithium Brine Project have **intersected conductive brines in the upper aquifer and the targeted “Deep Sand Unit” (in the lower aquifer)** in the northern central section of the Salar de Olaroz basin (Olaroz Salar)
- Drillhole SOZDD004 highlights include a current total of **210 metres of conductive brines** (across the upper and lower aquifers) to date (with drilling ongoing):
  - Significant **158 metre intersection of conductive brines** encountered across the upper aquifer, from a depth of 120 to 278 metres.
  - Massive halite (salt unit) layer of 42 metres encountered, from 278 to 332 metres.
  - Beneath the halite layer, drilling has entered the targeted Deep Sand Unit (lower aquifer), intersecting **52 metres of conductive brines** from 332 to 384 metres (to the depth of the last packer sample taken to date), with a current hole depth of ~400 metres.
- Drillhole SOZDD005 highlights include a current total of **201.5 metres of conductive brines** (across the upper and lower aquifers) to date (with drilling ongoing):
  - Significant **163 metre intersection of conductive brines** encountered across the upper aquifer, from a depth of 110 to 273 metres.
  - Massive halite layer of 39 metres encountered, from 273 to 312 metres.
  - Beneath the halite layer, drilling has entered the Deep Sand Unit, intersecting **38.5 metres of conductive brines** from 312 to 350.5 metres (to the depth of the last packer sample taken to date), with a current hole depth of ~360 metres.
- In both Holes 4 and 5, conductive brines are generally increasing in conductivity and density at depth, as drilling progresses into the Deep Sand Unit. Full assay results will be released upon the completion of each hole and geo-physical logging.
- Results are similar to those reported in the first and third holes (SOZDD001 and SOZDD003) at Solaroz, further supporting the potential for the widespread occurrence of lithium brines across significant portions of the 12,000 hectare concessions held by Lithium Energy at Solaroz. Assays are still pending for the second hole (SOZDD002).
- A third drill rig has been engaged to further accelerate the drilling programme as Lithium Energy advances towards defining a maiden JORC mineral resource of lithium at Solaroz.



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Lithium Energy Limited (ASX:LEL) (**Lithium Energy** or **Company**) is pleased to confirm that significant intersections of conductive brines have been encountered at the fourth (SOZDD004) and fifth (SOZDD005) drill holes currently being drilled at the Company's highly prospective flagship Solaroz Lithium Brine Project in Argentina, in the heart of South America's world renowned Lithium Triangle (**Solaroz**).

These positive results follow the significant lithium discoveries made at the first (SOZDD001, located on Mario Angel concession)<sup>1</sup> and third (SOZDD003, located on Chico I concession)<sup>2</sup> drill holes at Solaroz. Assays are still pending for the second hole in the programme, SOZDD002 (located on Chico V concession).

William Johnson, Executive Chairman:

*Encountering further substantial intersections of conductive brines in our fourth and fifth drill holes is very encouraging, following the significant lithium discoveries already made at Solaroz.*

*Drilling in both holes is continuing to advance with the aim to drill to basement and to determine the thickness of the Deep Sand Unit in the lower aquifer.*

*As we approach the halfway point in the initial 10 hole drilling programme and given the highly favourable results from drilling to date, we have sourced and engaged a third drill rig, which will commence drilling in May 2023.*

*Having three drill rigs operating concurrently will significantly accelerate the completion of the remaining drillholes in the programme and the definition of the Company's maiden JORC lithium mineral resource at Solaroz.*

Drilling at SOZDD004 (Chico I concession, see Figure 3) has intersected **158 metres of conductive brines** across the upper aquifer, from a depth of 120 to 278 metres in mostly uniform brine hosting sandstone units and fine gravels. At 278 metre depth, drilling encountered a halite (salt unit) layer, before transitioning into conductive brines in the targeted Deep Sand Unit (in the lower aquifer) at 332 metres.

In the Deep Sand Unit, **52 metres of conductive brines** from 332 to 384 metres (being the depth of the last packer sample taken to date) have so far been encountered with a current hole depth of ~400 metres. Drilling is continuing in the Deep Sand Unit, still in brine hosting sandstone units and fine gravels.

Geophysics indicates a target hole depth (for SOZDD004) to basement of approximately 530 to 580 metres.

Refer also Figure 4 (lithology Stratigraphy of SOZDD004) and Table 1 (Results of Field Testing of Packer Samples at SOZDD004).

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1 Refer LEL ASX Announcement dated 10 March 2023: Positive Specific Yields and Significant Averaged Lithium Concentrations in SOZDD001 at Solaroz Lithium Brine Project

2 Refer LEL ASX Announcement dated 14 March 2023: Further Significant Lithium Discovery Extends Mineralisation at Solaroz Lithium Brine Project



*Figure 1: Diamond Drill Rig at SOZDD004 (Chico I Concession)*

Drilling at SOZDD005 (Chico VI concession, see Figure 3), has intersected **163 metres of conductive brines** across the upper aquifer, from a depth of 110 to 273 metres in mostly uniform brine hosting sandstone units and fine gravels. At 273 metre depth, drilling encountered a halite layer, before transitioning into conductive brines in the Deep Sand Unit at 312 metres.

In the Deep Sand Unit, **38.5 metres of conductive brines** from 312 to 350.5metres (being the depth of the last packer sample taken to date) have so far been encountered with a current hole depth of ~360 metres. Drilling is continuing in the Deep Sand Unit, still in brine hosting sandstone units and fine gravels.

Geophysics indicates a target hole depth (for SOZDD005) to basement of approximately 480 to 530 metres.

Refer also Figure 5 (lithology stratigraphy of SOZDD005) and Table 2 (Results of Field Testing of Packer Samples at SOZDD005).

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Figure 2: Diamond Drill Rig at SOZDD005, Chico VI Concession on Olaroz Salar

Conductive brines are continuing to be encountered (with generally increasing conductivity and density) as drilling progresses in the Deep Sand Unit at both SOZDD004 and SOZDD005 (refer Tables 1 and 2 respectively).

Lithium Energy notes that drilling at SOZDD004 and SOZDD005 encountered a halite layer (at 278 and 283 metres respectively) at a similar depth to the halite layer encountered in the third drill hole (SOZDD003, at 283 metres)<sup>2</sup> and the fractured shale layer encountered in the second hole (SOZDD002, at 293 metres)<sup>3</sup>.

These results, when taken together with the interpretation of previously conducted geophysics (and other results from holes SOZDD001<sup>1</sup>, SOZDD002<sup>3</sup> and SOZDD003<sup>2</sup>), support the potential for widespread continuity of lithium mineralisation in the upper aquifer in the northern central section of the Salar de Olaroz basin (**Olaroz Salar**) (refer also Figure 3), with the continuity and extent of lithium mineralisation in the Deep Sand Unit across the Solaroz Concessions still to be determined.

Drill hole SOZDD002 (on Chico V concession) was the second hole drilled at Solaroz. Whilst packer samples were taken at this hole during drilling (and which encountered significant intersections of conductive brines<sup>4</sup>), inconsistencies were observed in a number of reported assays due to potential contamination of samples with fresh water/drilling fluids at the time of sampling.

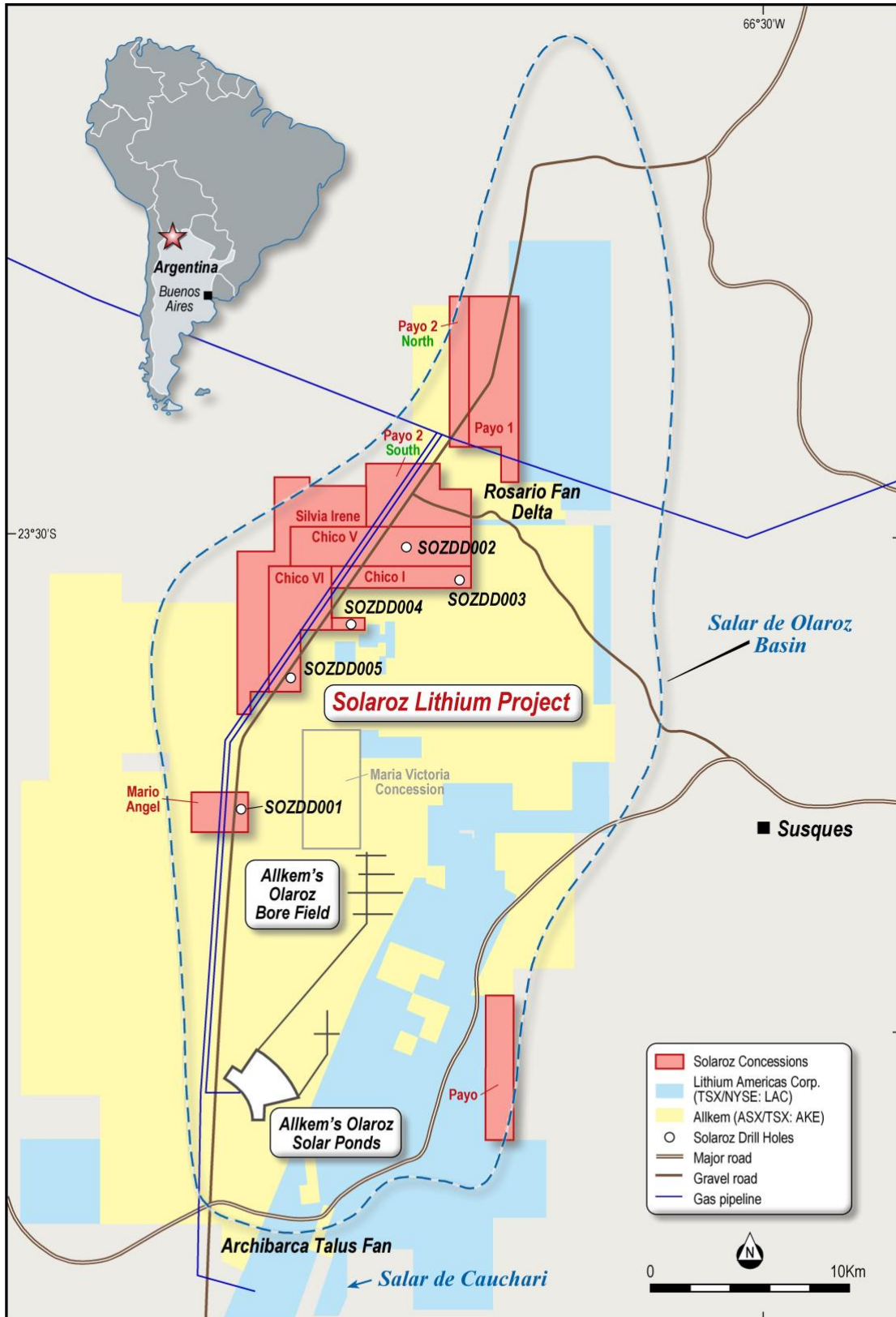
The Company is therefore planning to take further brine samples (using airlift and pumping) to test for chemical composition (i.e. Lithium, Potassium, Magnesium concentrations) at a local laboratory (in Argentina) and upon conclusion of the Company's review of these assay results and the results of core samples (currently being analysed at a laboratory in the US), lithium concentration levels and related data for SOZDD002 will be released in due course. The Company has revised sampling procedures with its drilling contractors to minimise the risk of such contamination happening in the future.

<sup>3</sup> Refer LEL ASX Announcement dated 31 January 2023: Drilling Continues to Encounter Significant Intersections of Highly Conductive Brines at Solaroz Lithium Project

<sup>4</sup> Refer LEL ASX Announcements dated 31 January 2023: Drilling Continues to Encounter Significant Intersections of Highly Conductive Brines at Solaroz Lithium Project and 27 February 2023: Drilling Continues to Advance at Solaroz Lithium Brine Project

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**Solaroz Lithium Project, Argentina**  
**Solaroz Concessions Location Plan**

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Figure 3: Solaroz Drill Hole Locations within Solaroz Concessions in Olaroz Salar (Adjacent to Allkem and Lithium Americas Concessions)

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**ABOUT LITHIUM ENERGY LIMITED (ASX:LEL)**

Lithium Energy Limited is an ASX listed battery minerals company which is developing its flagship Solaroz Lithium Brine Project in Argentina and the Burke Graphite Project in Queensland. The Solaroz Lithium Project (LEL:90%) comprises 12,000 hectares of highly prospective lithium mineral concessions located strategically within the Salar de Olaroz Basin in South America's "Lithium Triangle" in north-west Argentina. The Solaroz Lithium Project is directly adjacent to or principally surrounded by mineral concessions being developed into production by Allkem Limited (ASX/TSX:AKE) and Lithium Americas Corporation (TSX/NYSE:LAC). The Burke Graphite Project (LEL:100%) contains a high grade graphite deposit and presents an opportunity to participate in the anticipated growth in demand for graphite and graphite related products.

**JORC CODE COMPETENT PERSON'S STATEMENTS**

The information in this document that relates to Exploration Results (in relation to field analysis of brine samples taken from drillholes SOZDD004 and SOZDD005 at the Solaroz Lithium Brine Project, Argentina) are based on, and fairly represents, information and supporting documentation prepared by Mr Peter Smith, BSc (Geophysics) (Sydney) AIG ASEG. Mr Smith is a Member of the Australian Institute of Geoscientists (**AIG**) and an Executive Director of the Company. Mr Smith has the requisite experience which is relevant to the style of mineralisation and type of deposit under consideration and to the activity which he is undertaking to qualify as a Competent Person as defined in the 2012 Edition of the 'Australasian Code for Reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves' (the **JORC Code**). Mr Smith consents to the inclusion in this document of the matters based on his information in the form and context in which it appears.

The information in this document that relates to other Exploration Results and Exploration Targets in relation to the Solaroz Lithium Brine Project is extracted from the following ASX market announcements made by Lithium Energy dated:

- 14 March 2023 entitled "Further Significant Lithium Discovery Extends Mineralisation at Solaroz Lithium Brine Project"
- 10 March 2023 entitled "Positive Specific Yields and Significant Averaged Lithium Concentrations in SOZDD001 at Solaroz Lithium Brine Project"
- 27 February 2023 entitled "Drilling Continues to Advance at Solaroz Lithium Brine Project"
- 31 January 2023 entitled "Drilling Continues to Encounter Significant Intersections of Highly Conductive Brines at Solaroz Lithium Project"
- 14 December 2022 entitled "Intersections of Conductive Brines Encountered in Further Drillholes at Solaroz Lithium Project in Argentina"
- 16 November 2022 entitled "Drilling Completed at Maiden Drillhole at Solaroz Lithium Brine Project"
- 1 November 2022 entitled "Further Significant Lithium Concentrations Encountered in Maiden Drillhole at Solaroz Lithium Brine Project"
- 19 October 2022 entitled "Major Lithium Discovery Confirmed In First Drillhole of Maiden Programme at the Solaroz Lithium Brine Project"
- 5 October 2022 entitled "Significant Intersection of Highly Conductive Brines in Maiden Drillhole at Solaroz Lithium Brine Project"
- 18 August 2022 entitled "Highly Encouraging Geophysics Paves Way for Commencement of Drill Testing of Brines at Solaroz"
- 9 May 2022 entitled "Geophysics Expanded Across all Concessions to Refine Drill Targets at Solaroz Lithium Project"
- 8 June 2021 entitled "Substantial Lithium Exploration Target Identified at the Solaroz Project in Argentina"

The information in the original announcements is based on, and fairly represents, information and supporting documentation prepared and compiled by Mr Peter Smith (BSc (Geophysics) (Sydney) AIG ASEG). Mr Smith is a Member of the AIG and a Director of the Company. Mr Smith has the requisite experience which is relevant to the style of mineralisation and type of deposit under consideration and to the activity which he is undertaking to qualify as a Competent Person as defined in the JORC Code. 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 (referred to above). The Company 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 (referred to above).

### FORWARD LOOKING STATEMENTS

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**JORC CODE (2012 EDITION) - CHECKLIST OF ASSESSMENT AND REPORTING CRITERIA FOR EXPLORATION RESULTS**

**Section 1 Sampling Techniques and Data**

(Criteria in this section apply to all succeeding sections)

Criteria	Explanation	Comments
Sampling techniques	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nature and quality of sampling (e.g. cut channels, random chips, or specific specialised industry standard measurement tools appropriate to the minerals under investigation, such as down hole gamma sondes, or XRF instruments, etc.). These examples should not be taken as limiting the broad meaning of sampling.</li> <li>Include reference to measures taken to ensure sample representivity and the appropriate calibration of any measurement tools or systems used</li> <li>Aspects of the determination of mineralisation that are material to the Public report. In cases where 'industry standard' work has been done this would be relatively simple (e.g. 'reverse circulation drilling was used to obtain 1m samples from which 3kg was pulverised to produce a 30g charge for fire assay'). In other cases more explanation may be required, such as where there is coarse gold that has inherent sampling problems. Unusual commodities or mineralisation types (e.g. submarine nodules) may warrant disclosure of detailed information.</li> </ul>	<p>The pre-collar from surface was drilled using Tricone drilling method, and chips were logged as collected, to a depth of 60m, this being the pre-collar depth.</p> <p>The pre-collar was then cemented in and HQ Core drilled.</p> <p>Core recovery from the HQ was carefully measured by comparing the measured core to the core runs, and then a total recovery per section determined.</p> <p>HQ Drill core sampling was undertaken to obtain representative samples of the stratigraphy and sediments that host brine.</p> <p>Water/brine samples were taken from target intervals, using Double and Single Packer sampling (depending on the condition of the drillhole) where brine is collected by purging isolated sections of the hole of all fluid for a total of ~1500L to minimize the possibility of contamination by drilling fluid. The hole was then allowed time to re-fill with ground water, where a sample for laboratory analysis is collected (~1.5L).</p> <p>The casing lining each hole ensures contamination with water from higher levels in the borehole is likely prevented. Samples were taken from the relevant section based upon geological logging and conductivity testing of water.</p> <p>Conductivity and Density tests are taken with a field portable High Range Hanna multi parameter meter.</p> <p>Testing of the chemical composition (including Lithium, Potassium, Magnesium concentrations) of brines will be undertaken at a local laboratory in Argentina.</p> <p>At drillhole SOZDD004 - water/brine samples have been collected from various intervals, as outlined in Table 1, which also reports the field results of these packer samples.</p> <p>At drillhole SOZDD005 - water/brine samples have been collected from various intervals, as outlined in Table 2, which also reports the field results of these packer samples.</p>
Drilling techniques	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Drill type (e.g. core, reverse circulation, open-hole hammer, rotary air blast, auger, Bangka, sonic etc.) and details (e.g. core diameter, triple or standard tube, depth of diamond tails, face-sampling bit or other type, whether core is oriented and if so, by what method etc.).</li> </ul>	<p>The pre-collar from surface was drilled using Tricone drilling method; chips were logged as collected, to a depth of approximately 35m (for SOZDD004) and approximately 45m (for SOZDD0035), these being the pre-collar depths for each hole.</p> <p>The pre-collar was then isolated and drilling continued in HQ Core.</p> <p>Core recovery from the HQ was carefully measured by comparing the measured core to the core runs, and then a total recovery per section determined.</p> <p>HQ Drill core sampling was undertaken to obtain representative samples of the stratigraphy and sediments that host brine.</p>

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Drill sample recovery	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Method of recording and assessing core and chip sample recoveries and results assessed</li> <li>Measurements taken to maximise sample recovery and ensure representative nature of the samples.</li> <li>Whether a relationship exists between sample recovery and grade and whether sample bias may have occurred due to preferential loss/gain of fine/coarse material.</li> </ul>	Core recovery from the HQ was carefully measured by comparing the measured core to the core runs, and then a total recovery per section determined.
Logging	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Whether core and chip samples have been geologically and geotechnically logged to a level of detail to support appropriate Mineral Resource estimation, mining studies and metallurgical studies.</li> <li>Whether logging is qualitative or quantitative in nature. Core (or costean, channel etc.) photography.</li> <li>The total length and percentage of the relevant intersections logged</li> </ul>	<p>Lithium Energy has geologists at each drillhole site logging the drill core 24/7.</p> <p>The core is logged by a senior geologist and contract geologists (who are overseen by the senior geologist). The senior geologist also supervises the taking of samples for laboratory analysis.</p> <p>Logging is both qualitative and quantitative in nature. The relative proportions of different lithologies which have a direct bearing on the overall porosity, contained and potentially extractable brine are noted, as are more qualitative characteristics such as the sedimentary facies. Cores are photographed.</p>
Sub-sampling techniques and sample preparation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If core, whether cut or sawn and whether quarter, half or all core taken.</li> <li>If non-core, whether riffles, tube sampled, rotary split, etc. and whether sampled wet or dry.</li> <li>For all sample types, quality and appropriateness of the sample preparation technique.</li> <li>Quality control procedures adopted for all sub-sampling stages to maximise representivity of samples.</li> <li>Measures taken to ensure that the sampling is representative of the in situ material collected, including for instance results for field duplicate/second-half sampling.</li> <li>Whether sample sizes are appropriate to the grain size of the material being sampled.</li> </ul>	Water/brine samples were collected by purging isolated sections of each hole of all fluid in each hole, to minimize the possibility of contamination by drilling fluid, then allowing the hole to re-fill with ground water. Samples were then taken from the relevant section.
Quality of assay data and laboratory tests	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The nature, quality and appropriateness of the assaying and laboratory procedures used and whether the technique is considered partial or total.</li> <li>For geophysical tools, spectrometers, handheld XRF instruments, etc., the parameters used in determining the analysis including instrument make and model, reading times, calibrations factors applied and their derivation, etc.</li> <li>Nature of quality control procedures adopted (e.g. standards, blanks, duplicates, external laboratory checks)</li> </ul>	<p>Samples are (to be, where applicable) transported to reputable industry standard laboratories for various test work.</p> <p>Testing of the chemical composition (including Lithium, Potassium, Magnesium concentrations) of brines (from packer samples) are being undertaken at a local laboratory in Argentina.</p> <p>The results of assays for holes SOZDD004 and SOZDD005 are pending completion, collation and interpretation and drilling is still on-going (to basement/hole depth), at each drillhole.</p>

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	<i>and whether acceptable levels of accuracy (i.e. lack of bias) and precision have been established.</i>	
Verification of sampling and assaying	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The verification of significant intersections by either independent or alternative company personnel.</li> <li>The use of twinned holes</li> <li>Documentation of primary data, data entry procedures, data verification, data storage (physically and electronic) protocols.</li> <li>Discuss any adjustment to assay data.</li> </ul>	<p>Field duplicates, standards and blanks will be used to monitor potential contamination of samples and the repeatability of analyses.</p> <p>Duplicate and blank samples are planned to be sent to the laboratories in due course as unique samples (blind duplicates)</p>
Location of data points	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Accuracy and quality of surveys used to locate drill holes (collar and down-hole surveys), trenches, mine workings and other locations used in Mineral Resources estimation.</li> <li>Specification of the grid system used.</li> <li>Quality and adequacy of topographic control.</li> </ul>	<p>Locations are positioned using modern Garmin handheld GPS units with an accuracy of +/- 5m.</p> <p>The grid system used is : POSGAR 94, Argentina Zone 3.</p> <p>Topographic control was obtained by handheld GPS units and the topography is mostly flat with very little relief.</p>
Data spacing and distribution	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Data spacing for reporting of Exploration Results.</li> <li>Whether the data spacing and distribution is sufficient to establish the degree of geological and grade continuity appropriate for the Mineral Reserve and Ore Reserve estimation procedure(s) and classifications applied.</li> <li>Whether sample compositing has been applied.</li> </ul>	Water/brine samples were collected within isolated sections of each hole based upon the results of geological logging.
Orientation of data in relation to geological structure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Whether the orientation of sampling achieves unbiased sampling of possible structures and the extent to which this is known, considering the deposit type.</li> <li>If the relationship between the drilling orientation and the orientation of key mineralised structures is considered to have introduced a sampling bias, this should be assessed and reported if material.</li> </ul>	The brine concentrations being explored for generally occur as sub-horizontal layers and lenses hosted by conglomerate, gravel, sand, salt, silt and/or clay. Vertical diamond drilling is ideal for understanding this horizontal stratigraphy and the nature of the sub-surface brine bearing aquifers
Sample security	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The measures taken to ensure sample security.</li> </ul>	<p>Data was recorded and processed by trusted employees and contractors and overseen by senior management ensuring the data was not manipulated or altered.</p> <p>Samples are transported from each drill site to secure storage at the site camp on a daily basis.</p>
Audits or reviews	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The results of and audits or reviews of sampling techniques and data.</li> </ul>	No audits or reviews have been conducted to date. The drilling campaign is at an early stage, (with 3 holes drilled to date and 2 holes in progress, out of an initial 10 hole programme) however, the Company's independent Competent Person (in respect of the potential delineation of a JORC Mineral Resource in the future) has approved the procedures to date and visited the site to review first-hand the drilling practice and all logging, sampling, QA/QC controls and data management.

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**Section 2 Reporting of Exploration Results**

(Criteria listed in the preceding section also apply to this section)

Criteria	Explanation	Comments
Mineral tenement and land tenure status	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Type, reference name/number, location and ownership including agreements or material issues with third parties such as joint ventures, partnerships, overriding royalties, native title interest, historical sites, wilderness or national park and environmental settings.</li> <li>The security of the tenure held at the time of reporting along with any known impediments to obtaining a licence to operate in the area.</li> </ul>	<p>The Solaroz Lithium Brine Project comprises 8 concessions totalling approximately 12,000 hectares (<b>Solaroz Concessions</b>) located in the Jujuy Province in northern Argentina:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mario Angel – File N°1707-S-2011 (542.92ha)</li> <li>Payo – File N°1514-M-2010 (987.62ha)</li> <li>Payo 1 – File N°1516-M-2010 (1973.24ha)</li> <li>Payo 2 – File N°1515-M-2010 (2192.63ha)</li> <li>Chico I – File N°1229-M-2009 (835.24ha)</li> <li>Chico V – File N°1312-M-2009 (1800ha)</li> <li>Chico VI – File N°1313-M-2009 (1400.18ha)</li> <li>Silvia Irene, File N°1706-S-2011 (2348.13ha)</li> </ol> <p>The Company has a 90% shareholding in Solaroz S.A. (formerly Hananta S.A.), an Argentine company which, in turn, owns the Solaroz Concessions - refer also to the Company's ASX announcement dated 31 October 2022 entitled "Early Exercise of Option to Acquire Solaroz Lithium Brine Project Concessions".</p>
Exploration done by other parties	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Acknowledgement and appraisal of exploration by other parties.</li> </ul>	<p>Extensive open file drilling, geochemistry, geophysical and development work from exploration to development, and operating mine have been carried out by Alkem Limited (ASX/TSX:AKE) (formerly Orocobre Limited) (<b>Allkem</b> or <b>Orocobre</b>) and Lithium Americas Corporation (TSX/NYSE:LAC) (<b>Lithium Americas</b>).</p> <p>The Company has reviewed the relevant open file published documents and images relating to the Salar de Olaroz and from this review made its interpretations relating to the Company's Solaroz Concessions.</p> <p>The published data upon which the geological model for the Company's Solaroz Project has been developed includes the following works:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Houston, J., Gunn, M., Technical Report on the Salar De Olaroz Lithium-Potash Project, Jujuy Province, Argentina. NI 43-101 report prepared for Orocobre Limited, 13 May 2011</li> <li>Orocobre Limited ASX/TSX Announcement dated 23 October 2014 entitled "Olaroz Project - Large Exploration Target Defined Beneath Current Resource"</li> <li>Reidel, F., Technical Report on Cauchari JV Project – Updated Mineral Resource Estimate, prepared for Advantage Lithium Corporation, 19 April 2019</li> <li>Orocobre Limited ASX/TSX Announcement dated 10 January 2019 entitled "Cauchari Drilling Update – Phase III Drilling Complete"</li> <li>Burga, E. et al, Technical Report - Updated Feasibility Study and Mineral Reserve Estimation to support 40,000 tpa Lithium Carbonate Production at the Cauchari-Olaroz Salars, Jujuy Province, Argentina, prepared for Lithium Americas Corporation, 30 September 2020</li> <li>Salfity Geological Consultants Map for Salar de Olaroz</li> </ul>

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<p><i>Geology</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>Deposit type, geological settings and style of mineralisation.</i></li> </ul>	<p>The Salar de Olaroz originated as a structurally bounded, closed basin during the late Paleogene-Early Neogene. During much of the Miocene it appears to have slowly filled with medium to coarse grained alluvial fans and talus slopes eroded from the surrounding mountain ranges. As accommodation space was filled the sediments became progressively finer grained, braidplain, sandflat, playa and fluvial architectures are noted in the Upper Miocene and Pliocene. As the climate became more arid during the Pliocene evaporitic deposits first appeared. Normal faulting created additional accommodation space probably initiated at this time too. The lowest drilled sediments indicate an arid climate with abundant halite. These Units are probably Pleistocene in age and are likely contiguous with the lowest drilled and reported sediments in the Salar de Olaroz originated as a structurally bounded, closed basin during the late Paleogene-Early Neogene.</p> <p>During much of the Miocene it appears to have slowly filled with medium to coarse grained alluvial fans and talus slopes eroded from the surrounding mountain ranges. As accommodation space was filled the sediments became progressively finer grained, braidplain, sandflat, playa and fluvial architectures are noted in the Upper Miocene and Pliocene. As the climate became more arid during the Pliocene evaporitic deposits first appeared. Normal faulting created additional accommodation space probably initiated at this time too. The lowest drilled sediments indicate an arid climate with abundant halite. These Units are probably Pleistocene in age and are likely contiguous with the lowest drilled and reported sediments in the Salar de Cauchari to the south, suggesting the two basins operated as a continuous hydrologic entity at that stage. Succeeding Units suggest continued subsidence in the center of the basin, with a climate that was variable, but never as arid as during period dominated by the 'Deep Sand Unit' and abundant Halite development. Influx of water and sediment is primarily from the Rosario catchment at the north of Salar de Olaroz.</p> <p>At depth a thick highly porous sandstone aquifer has been intersected in both the Salar de Cauchari (by Lithium Americas) and the Salar de Olaroz (by Orocobre). Due to its depth the aquifer has only been intersected in a few holes, as of the 23 October 2014 Orocobre announcement.</p> <p>The significance of the 'Deep Sand Unit' is that "Sands of this type have free draining porosity of between 20 and 25% based on previous testwork, and the sand unit could hold significant volumes of lithium-bearing brine which could be added to the resource base by future drilling" (per Orocobre's 23 October 2014 announcement).</p>
<p><i>Drill hole Information</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>A summary of all information material for the understanding of the exploration results including a tabulation of the following information for all Material drill holes:</i></li> <li><i>Easting and northing of the drill hole collar</i></li> </ul>	<p>Drillhole ID: SOZDD004:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Easting: 3427663 E (POSGAR Zone 3 East)</li> <li>Northing: 7419410N (POSGAR Zone 3 North)</li> <li>Vertical hole</li> <li>Progress hole depth is ~400m</li> <li>Drilling is on-going (to basement/hole depth)</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Elevation or RL (Reduced level-elevation above sea level in metres) and the drill hole collar</li> <li>Dip and azimuth of the hole</li> <li>Down hole length and interception depth</li> <li>Hole length</li> <li>If the exclusion of this information is justified on the basis that the information is not Material and this exclusion does not detract from the understanding of the report, the Competent Person should clearly explain why this is the case.</li> </ul>	<p>Drillhole ID: SOZDD005:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Easting: 3425076 E (POSGAR Zone 3 East)</li> <li>Northing: 7416791 N (POSGAR Zone 3 North)</li> <li>Vertical hole</li> <li>Progress hole depth is ~360m</li> <li>Drilling is on-going (to basement/hole depth)</li> </ul>
Data aggregation methods	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In reporting Exploration results, weighing averaging techniques, maximum and/or minimum grade truncations (e.g. cutting of high grades) and cut-off grades are usually material and should be stated.</li> <li>Where aggregate intercepts incorporate short lengths of high grade results and longer lengths of low grade results, the procedure used for such aggregation should be stated and some typical examples of such aggregations should be shown in detail.</li> <li>The assumptions used for any reporting of metal equivalent values should be clearly stated.</li> </ul>	In relation to the field testing of brine samples, the Company has not undertaken data aggregation and hence no aggregation methods have been carried out.
Relationship between mineralisation widths and intercept lengths	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>These relationships are particularly important in the reporting of Exploration Results.</li> <li>If the geometry of the mineralisation with respect to the drill hole angle is known, its nature should be reported.</li> <li>If it is not known and only the down hole lengths are reported, there should be a clear statement to this effect (e.g. 'down hole length, true width not known')</li> </ul>	It is assumed that the brine layers lie sub-horizontal and, given that the drillhole is vertical, that any intercepted thicknesses of brine layers would be of true thickness.
Diagrams	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Appropriate maps and sections (with scales) and tabulations of intercepts would be included for any significant discovery being reported. These should include, but not be limited to plan view of drill hole collar locations and appropriate sectional views.</li> </ul>	<p>The lithology stratigraphy and results of field testing of Packer Sampling at Drillhole SOZDD004 to a current progress depth of ~400m is presented in Figure 4 and Table 1 respectively.</p> <p>The lithology stratigraphy and results of field testing of Packer Sampling at Drillhole SOZDD005 to a current progress depth of ~360m is presented in Figure 5 and Table 2 respectively.</p>
Balanced reporting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Where comprehensive reporting of all Exploration Results is not practicable, representative reporting of both low and high grades and/or widths should be practiced to avoid misleading</li> </ul>	<p>Historical and open file reports have been collated and are consistent across numerous companies and the Company has no reason to doubt the balanced reporting of the various technical open file reports.</p> <p>The results in this announcement are from the initial</p>

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	<i>reporting of Exploration Results.</i>	stages of the fourth (SOZDD004) and fifth SOZDD004) drillholes drilled by the Company on the Solaroz Concessions. 5
Other substantive exploration data	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Other exploration data, if meaningful and material, should be reported including (but not limited to): geological observations, geophysical survey results, geochemical survey results, bulk samples – size and method of treatment; metallurgical test results; bulk density, groundwater, geotechnical and rock characteristics; potential deleterious or containing substances.</li> </ul>	<p>As part of the review of exploration results in the Olaroz Salar, the Company has analysed a number of Gravity and AMT surveys conducted by Orocobre, some of which were undertaken over or closely adjacent to the Solaroz Concessions. The proximity of these surveys has been very useful and highly encouraging for the Company to develop in greater detail an exploration outline for the Solaroz Concessions. The Gravity Line surveys undertaken by Orocobre were conducted principally to determine the depth below surface to the basement rock in the Olaroz Salar, which practically sets the lowest depth limit to which lithium-rich brines could be encountered in the basin. The AMT Line surveys (which measure resistivity) were conducted to identify the interfaces between fresh water and the more conductive brines, facilitating the identification of the location and extent of potentially lithium-rich brines occurring above the basement rock.</p> <p>The Company has undertaken its own geophysics programme across all the Solaroz Concessions, comprising:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Passive seismic surveys, to determine the depth of the underlying basement rock (i.e. the theoretical limit of potential lithium mineralisation) underneath the concessions; and</li> <li>Transient Electromagnetic geophysics (<b>TEM</b>), to identify the location and thickness of potential lithium-hosting conductive brines underneath the Solaroz Concessions.</li> </ul> <p>Further details are in the Company’s ASX announcement dated 18 August 2022 entitled "Highly Encouraging Geophysics Paves Way for Commencement of Drill Testing of Brines at Solaroz".</p> <p>The TEM survey lines undertaken across the Solaroz Concessions (also identified) are also shown in Figure 2 of the Company’s ASX announcement dated 16 November 2022 entitled “Drilling Completed at Maiden Drillhole at Solaroz Lithium Brine Project”.</p> <p>The (field and assay) results of packer sampling and geophysical hole logging at the first drillhole (SOZDD001, located on the Mario Angel concession) at Solaroz has been previously announced – refer to the Company’s ASX announcement dated 10 March 2023 entitled “Positive Specific Yields and Significant Averaged Lithium Concentrations in SOZDD001 at Solaroz Lithium Brine Project”.</p> <p>The (field and assay) results of packer sampling and geophysical hole logging at the third drillhole (SOZDD003, located on the Chico I concession) at Solaroz has been previously announced – refer to the Company’s ASX announcement dated 14 March 2023 entitled “Further Significant Lithium Discovery Extends Mineralisation at Solaroz Lithium Brine Project”.</p> <p>The (field) results of initial packer sampling at the second drillhole (SOZDD002, located on the Chico V concession) at Solaroz has been previously announced – refer to the Company’s ASX announcement dated 31 January 2023 entitled "Drilling Continues to Encounter Significant</p>

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Further work	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>The nature and scale of planned further work (e.g. tests for lateral extensions or depth extensions or large-scale step- out drilling).</i></li> <li><i>Diagrams clearly highlighting the areas of possible extensions, including the main geological interpretations and future drilling areas, providing this information is not commercially sensitive.</i></li> </ul>	<p>Intersections of Highly Conductive Brines at Solaroz Lithium Project"</p> <p>A major exploration programme is underway comprising the comprehensive interpretation and modelling of results from completed geophysical surveys (passive seismic and TEM surveys) and a significant (rotary and diamond) drilling programme, aimed at locating potentially lithium bearing brines of economic interest, obtaining preliminary information related to the hydrogeological and geochemical characteristics of the brine rich aquifer that comprises the Olaroz Salar underneath the Solaroz Concessions, and delineating a maiden JORC Mineral Resource.</p> <p>5 holes have been drilled to date - SOZDD001 (on the Mario Angel concession), SOZDD002 (on the Chico V concession), SOZDD003 (on the Chico I concession), SOZDD004 (on the Chico I concession) and SOZDD005 (on the Chico VI concession) – out of a planned 10 hole drilling campaign to assess the distribution and geochemistry of the brine and to obtain data related to basic physical parameters of the different hydrogeological units underneath the Solaroz Concessions.</p> <p>The location of these 5 drill holes are also shown in Figure 3.</p> <p>In addition to the above works, the Company will be undertaking an assessment of relevant mine economic criteria to assist in developing a pathway to the completion of feasibility study(s), including the delineation of a maiden JORC Mineral Resource.</p>

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**Table 1 : Results of Field Testing of Packer Samples at Drillhole SOZDD004**

Zones	Intersection Samples	Hole Depth Range		Conductivity (mS/cm)	pH	TDS (g/l)	Flow Rate (l/min)	Density (g/ml)
		From (m)	To (m)					
Fresh to Brackish Zone	1	91	100	169	7.5	84.4	14.3	1.1
	2	111	120	208	7.2	104	14.3	1.146
Upper Aquifer	3	121	144	218	7.0	108.5	50	1.157
	4	145	168	214	7.0	107.1	14.3	1.16
	5	168	192	219.7	6.95	110	40	1.16
	6	193	216	223.5	6.8	111.8	33	1.17
	7	241	264.5	214.3	6.71	107.3	33	1.17
	8	265	287.5	219.5	6.85	110.3	22	1.187
Halite (Salt Unit) Layer	9	288	312	220	7.15	110	25	1.85
Deep Sand Unit (Lower Aquifer)	10	313	336	223	7.28	112.2	15.4	1.194
	11	337	360	212.7	6.8	106.4	20	1.2
	12	360	384	221	6.84	111.3	15.4	1.21
Drilling continuing ahead in brines with current depth at ~400m; further packer samples to be collected								

**Notes:**

- (1) A tri-cone pre-collar has been isolated at a drill hole depth of ~35 metres, to separate the fresh/brackish water and to prevent dilution with the sampling and assaying of the deeper brines.
- (2) Sampling of encountered brines were conducted by the use of single packers; additional sampling via double packers may be undertaken after the completion of drilling to basement/hole depth.
- (3) Testing of brines were undertaken in the field.

**Table 2 : Results of Field Testing of Packer Samples at Drillhole SOZDD005**

Zones	Intersection Samples	Hole Depth Range		Conductivity (mS/cm)	pH	TDS (g/l)	Flow Rate (l/min)	Density (g/ml)
		From (m)	To (m)					
Fresh to Brackish Zone	1	86.5	110.5	194.7	6.8	97.4	20	1.134
	2	110	134.5	218.6	6.7	109.8	11	1.16
Upper Aquifer	3	134	158.5	219	6.75	109.7	13.3	1.165
	4	158.5	182.5	220.3	6.77	110.2	18.2	1.17
	5	182.5	206.5	222.5	6.75	111.0	8	1.17
	6	230.50	254.5	226	6.72	113	11.1	1.18
	7	254	278	225	6.6	113.1	7.9	1.19
Halite (Salt Unit) Layer	8	278.5	302.5	232.4	6.42	116.3	2.7	1.195
Deep Sand Unit (Lower Aquifer)	9	302.5	326	231.5	6.9	115.8	7	>1.2
	10	326.5	350.5	221	6.7	111.1	10	>1.2
Drilling continuing ahead in brines with current depth at ~360m; further packer samples to be collected								

**Notes:**

- (1) A tri-cone pre-collar has been isolated at a drill hole depth of ~45 metres, to separate the fresh/brackish water and to prevent dilution with the sampling and assaying of the deeper brines.
- (2) Sampling of encountered brines were conducted by the use of single packers; additional sampling via double packers may be undertaken after the completion of drilling to basement/hole.
- (3) Testing of brines were undertaken in the field.

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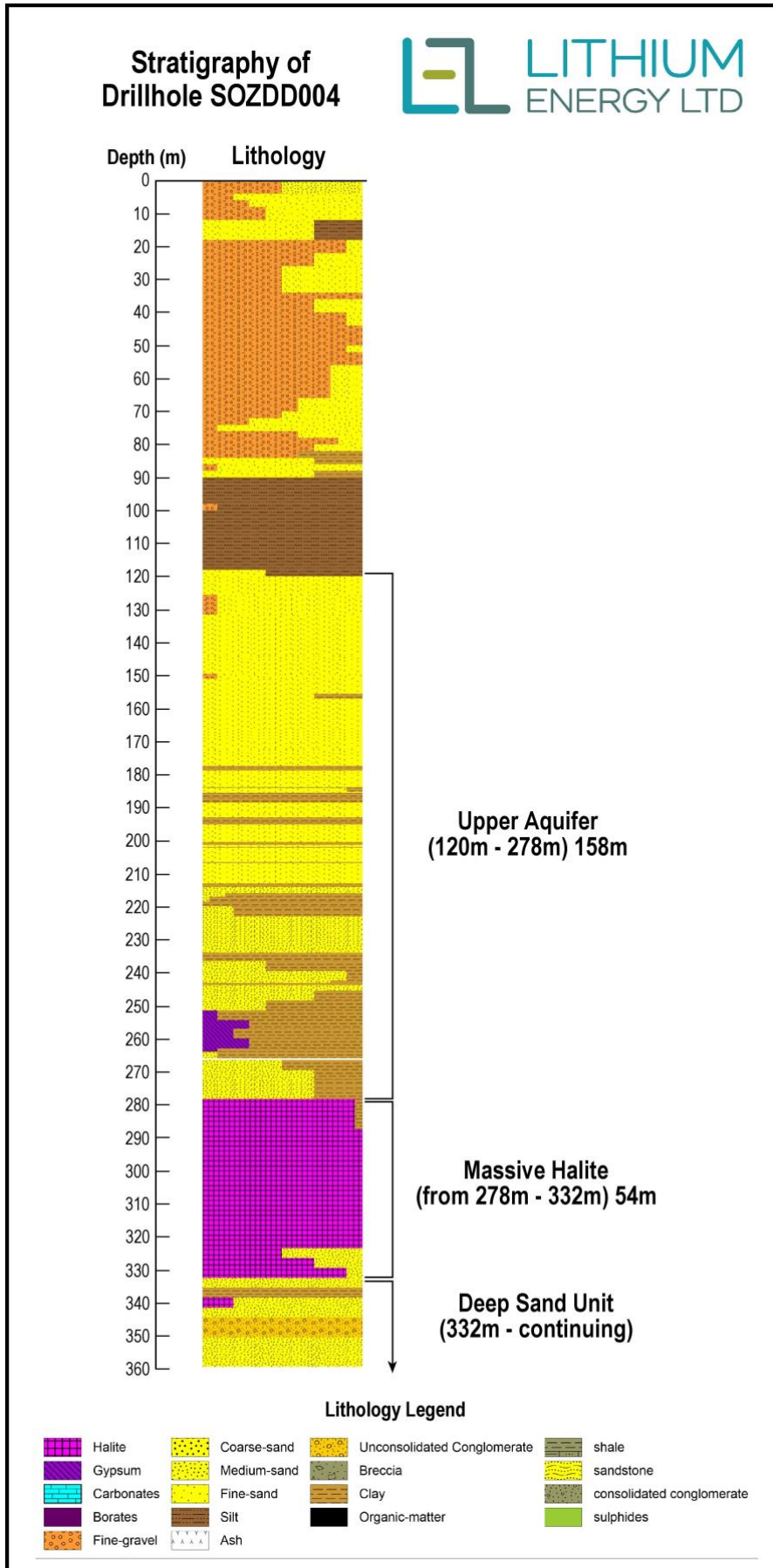


Figure 4: Drillhole (SOZDD004) Stratigraphy to a depth of ~360 metres

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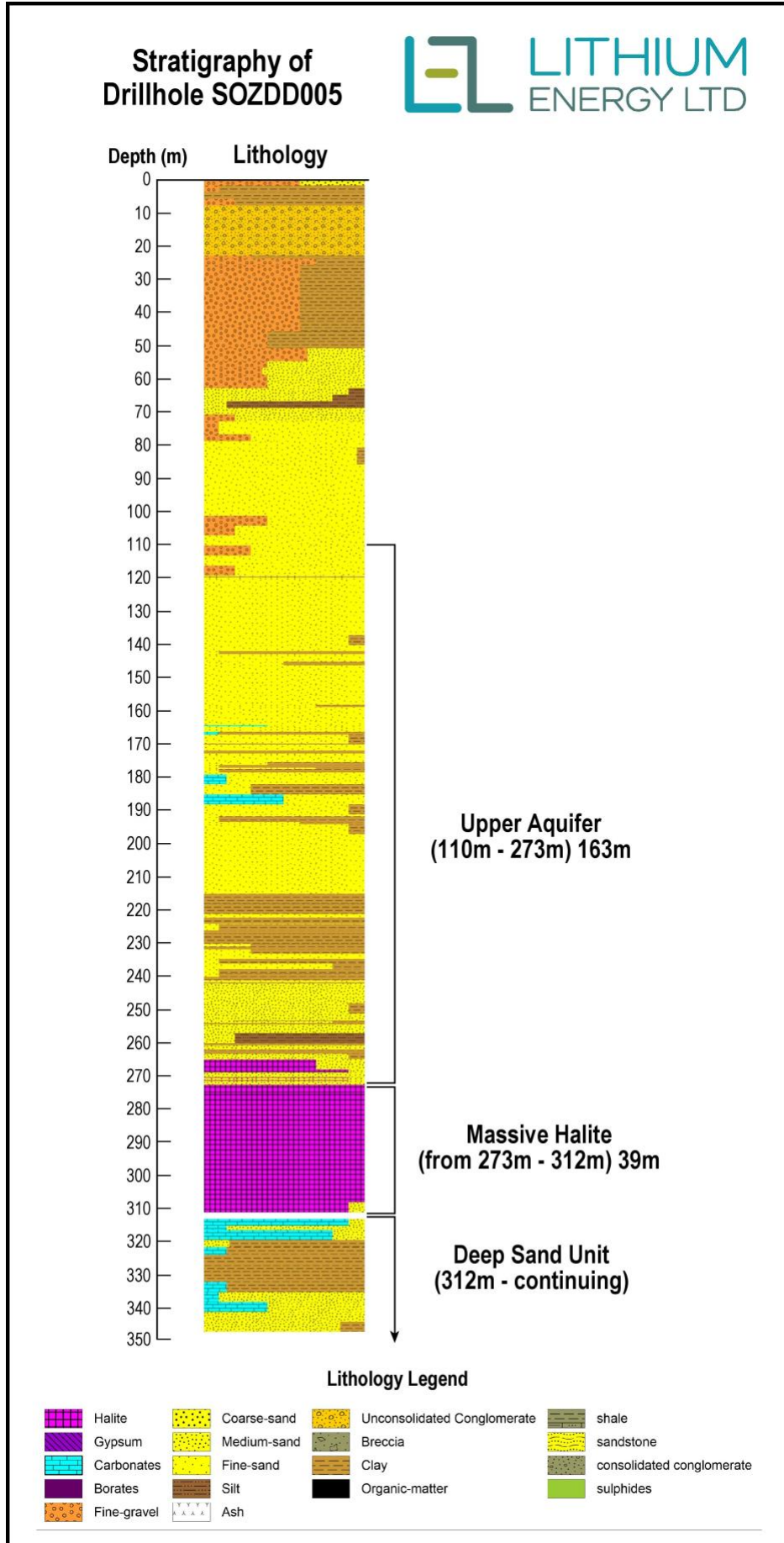


Figure 5: Drillhole (SOZDD005) Stratigraphy to a depth of ~350 metres