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Further information about the LANXESS Property ("LANXESS") Project, including a description of key assumptions, parameters, methods and risks, is available in the NI 43-101 technical report titled "Preliminary Economic Assessment of LANXESS Smackover Project", dated August 1, 2019 ("LANXESS PEA"), available under the Company's SEDAR profile.

Further information about the South West Arkansas ("SWA") Project, including a description of key assumptions, parameters, methods and risks, is available in the NI 43-101 technical report titled "Standard Lithium Ltd. Preliminary Economic Assessment of SW Arkansas Lithium Project" dated November 20, 2021 (the "South West Arkansas PEA"), available under the Company's SEDAR profile.

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### The New Standard for Lithium Production in the U.S.

Standard Lithium is leading the new wave of U.S. lithium production with a comprehensive approach to project development utilizing a fully integrated direct lithium extraction process to unlock the critical mineral resource needed for the energy transition.

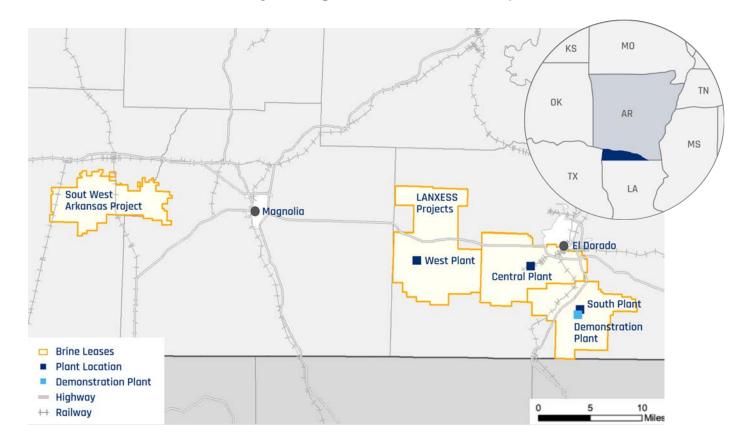
Total Resource <sup>(1)</sup>	4.3
	Mt LCE
Unitized Acreage	<b>186k</b> Acres
Run-rate Production <sup>(2)</sup>	50
	ktpa LCE
Demonstration Plant in Operation	2+
	Years

Marquee Partners





#### **Asset Base on the Country's Largest Lithium Brine Aquifer**



- Lanxess Preliminary Economic Assessment August 2019 SWA Preliminary Economic Assessment November 2021
- 2. Run-rate based on maximum production per facility see press release dated September 7, 2022



### **Building America's Next-Generation Lithium Supplier**

Setting a new Standard for environmentally sustainable and strategically located lithium production in the U.S.



#### **Massive Demand for Lithium**

- Demand: >6x growth 2020A to 2030E (1)
- Expected supply deficit over the next decade



### Strategically Located with Social License to Operate

- Near the "Electric Mobility Manufacturing Corridor"
- Business-friendly state & an existing social license on the brownfield location



#### **Premier Asset Base**

- The Smackover Formation has the highest identified grade lithium in brine in the U.S. and the potential for multi-decade growth
- 60+ years of commercial brine processing



#### **DLE: Proven Technology**

- Technology developed to fit the resource
- 8,000+ hours testing and proving out the technology at a demonstration plant



### Projects with Robust Economics

- One brownfield and one greenfield project, with \$3B NPV and 4.3 Mt LCE resource (2)
- First project has much of the required infrastructure already in place



#### **Strong Team and Partners**

- Strong leadership team with toptier project management and skilled workforce
- Best-in-class partnerships with Koch Strategic Platforms and LANXESS



### Environmentally Friendly and Sustainable

- Small footprint compared to evaporation ponds & hard rock mining operations
- Carbon capture utilization & sequestration potential

<sup>2.</sup> Lanxess Preliminary Economic Assessment August 2019; SWA Preliminary Economic Assessment November 2021



<sup>1.</sup> Benchmark Minerals Intelligence Q2 2022 Forecast

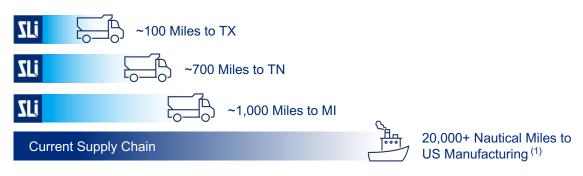
### **Arkansas: In Proximity to the Electric Mobility Manufacturing Corridor**

Localizing supply and leveraging a century of energy production, plus decades of brine processing infrastructure

#### **Significant Community and Stakeholder Support**

- Home to North America's largest brine processing industry
- Significant existing infrastructure
- Low-cost power and water resources
- Most chemical reagents produced regionally
- Social license, stakeholder support for extractive industries
- Existing work force & deep talent pool

#### **Localizing Supply Near Electric Mobility Corridor**



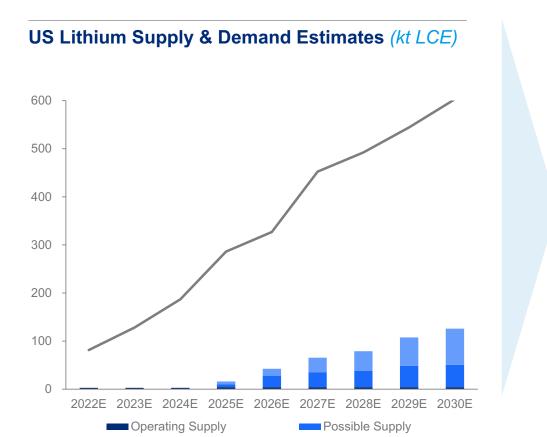
1. Assumes mining location in western South America or Australia, refining in China, cathode production in Korea, and OEM destination in the U.S.

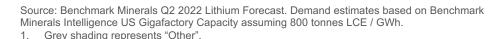


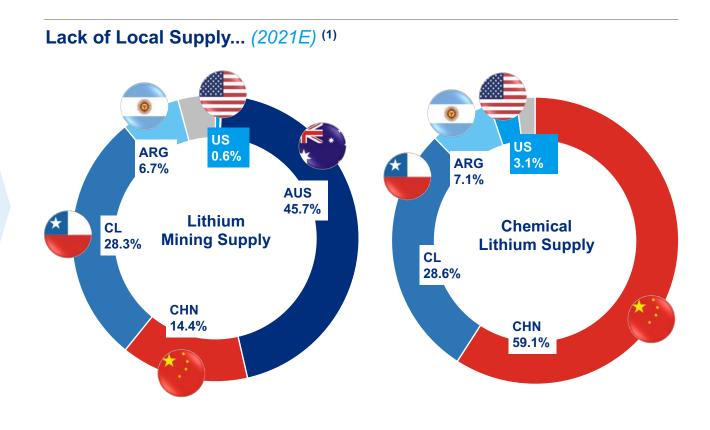


### **United States: Facing an Extreme Lithium Supply Shortfall**

New EV tax credit rules in the Inflation Reduction Act of 2022 (IRA) are expected to both deepen the supply deficit and significantly increase lithium extraction and refining capital spending







- Today's lithium travels ~20,000 miles from resource to end user
- The new **Standard** will travel < 1,000 miles to end user

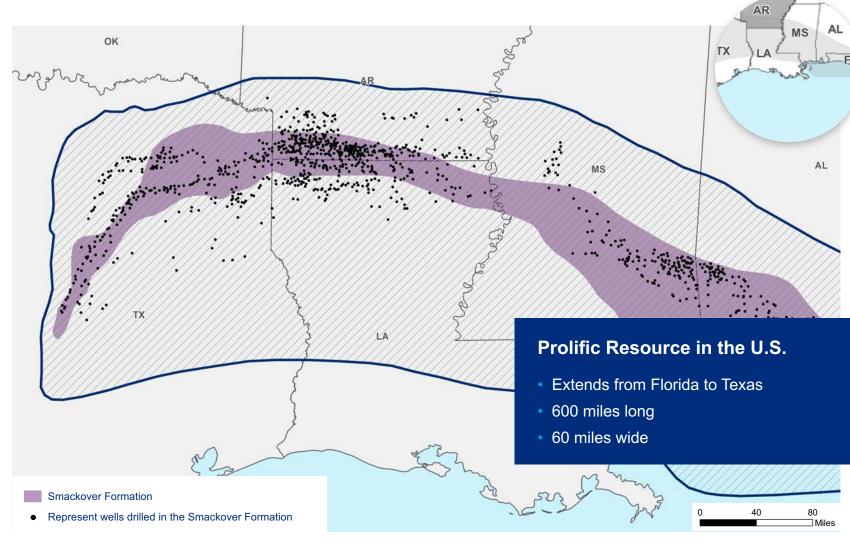


### **Smackover Formation: One of the World's Largest Brine Aquifers**

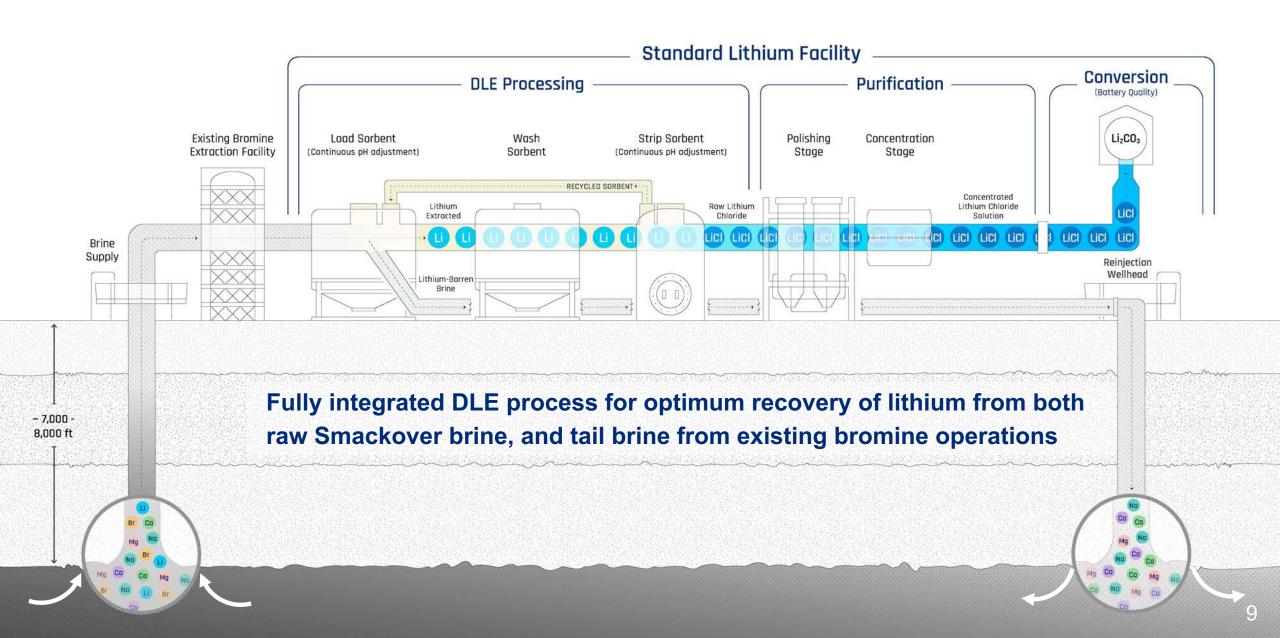
Productive bromine operations and elevated lithium concentrations make the Smackover a promising lithium production powerhouse with room to scale

#### **Smackover Advantage:**

- Extensive, porous and permeable limestone aquifer hosts huge volumes of mineral rich brine and can take large reinjection volumes
- Geological data from thousands of wells demonstrates formation homogeneity in thickness, continuity and lithium chemistry
- One of the world's largest sources of bromine, a mature regulatory framework with 60 years of commercial brine operations, and 8+ billion gallons of brine pumped, processed and reinjected annually
- Brine has elevated lithium concentrations, typically ranging from 150-500mg/L



### **Proven Technology: The Technology to Unlock the Resource Base**



### **DLE:** The Benefits & Results Speak for Themselves

DLE technology is the key to unlocking a globally significant Smackover lithium resource



Scalable, modular, highly automated process



**Efficient, not weather dependent, fast** – hours not months, higher recovery, higher purity than solar evaporation ponds



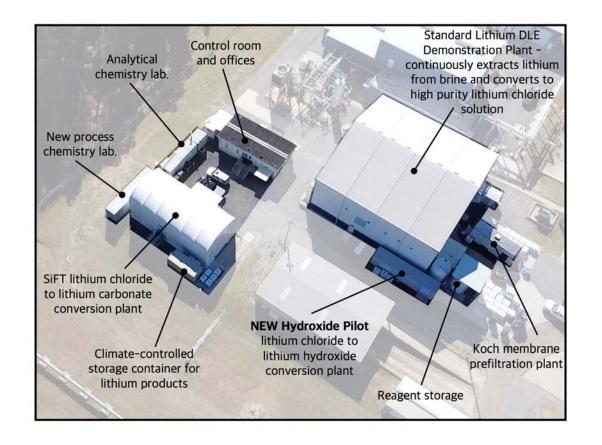
**Smaller environmental footprint** – dozens of acres vs. thousands with evaporation ponds / hard rock mining



**Faster to market** – bolt-on process leverages the existing infrastructure of North America's largest brine processing operations



**Most advanced DLE technology** – industrial scale precommercial demonstration plant installed at the project



### **Arkansas Projects: Overview**

SLI's has numerous Smackover assets to bring to market

#### **First Phase Projects**

#### **LANXESS South Plant**



#### **Key Operating Metrics:**

- Production: ~5-6,000 TPA BQ Li2CO3
- Ownership: LANXESS has option to acquire between 30 and 49%
- **Upcoming milestones: FEED and** DFS underway, expected completion 1H'23

#### **South West Arkansas Project**



#### **Key Operating Metrics:**

Production: ~30,000 TPA BQ LiOH

Ownership: 100% SLI

**Upcoming milestones:** NI43-101 Pre-Feasibility Study underway, expected completion 1H'23

#### **Next Phase Projects**

#### **LANXESS South Plant Expansion**



Target ~5,750 TPA BQ Li<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>



Target~8,000 TPA BQ Li<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>

#### **LANXESS Central Plant**



Target~3,000 TPA BQ Li<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>

### **Expansion Program**



**Exploration and Drilling Underway** 

### **Arkansas Projects: Existing Infrastructure Reduces Risk**

First phase is a 'brownfield' project leveraging existing commercial brine operations to fast-track production; scale achieved through 'greenfield' projects with large resource potential

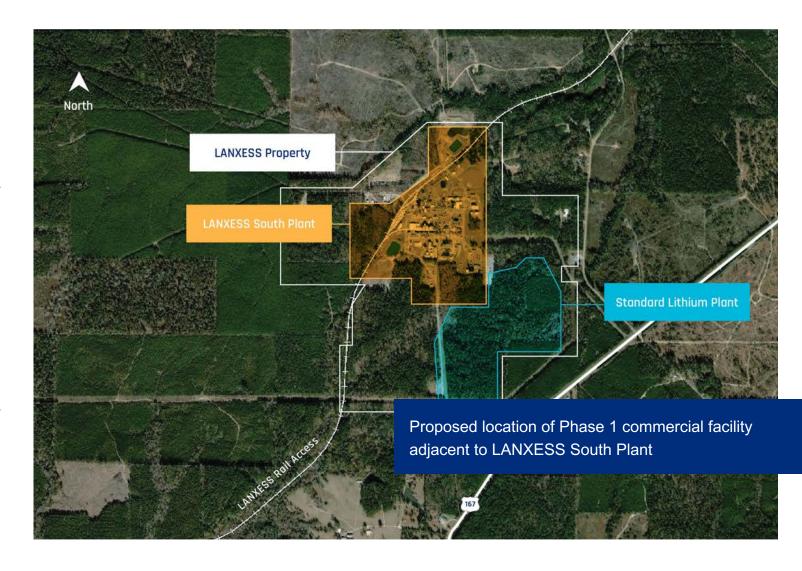
#### **Access to Existing Resources**

- Brine Supply & Disposal Network
- Electricity
- Fresh Water
- Natural Gas

- Paved Highway
- Rail
- Skilled Labor

#### Project has local support and license to operate:

- Not subject to local planning and zoning ordinances
- Union County does not regulate industrial siting and construction





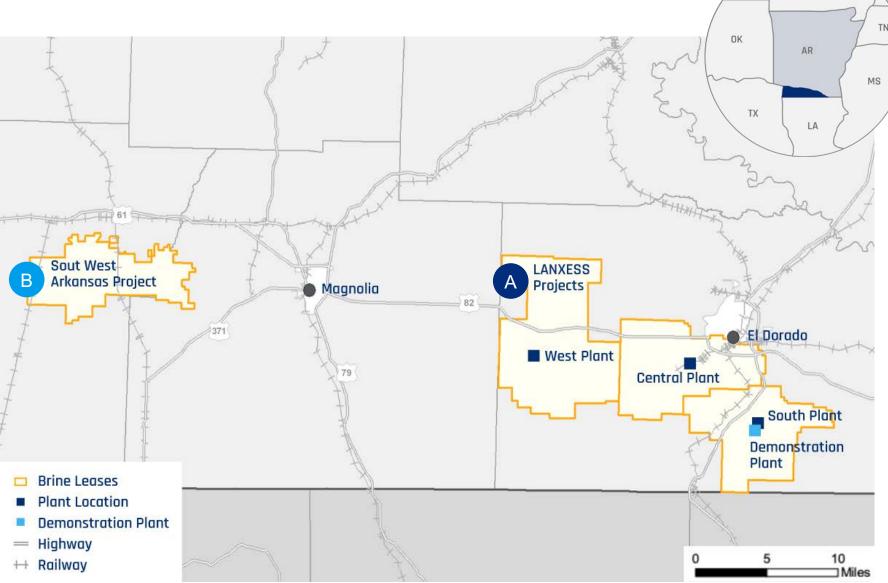


### **Arkansas Projects: SLI Asset Map**

**Currently developing two projects in Southern Arkansas:** 

A LANXESS Project 3.1 Mt<sup>(1)</sup> LCE

SWA Project 1.2 Mt<sup>(1)</sup> LCE



LANXESS Preliminary Economic Assessment August 2019.

<sup>2.</sup> SWA Preliminary Economic Assessment November 2021.



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### **LANXESS Project: Overview**

One of the industry's most advanced projects to develop, leveraging significant infrastructure, and active existing large-scale brine extraction, processing, and brine reinjection

#### **Overview**

- DLE demonstration plant operating at South Plant since May 2020
- Finalized MOU with LANXESS for a phased commercial development including offtake arrangements
- DFS & Full FEED Study for Phase 1A underway

Permitted Brine Processing Plants	3
Gallons of Annual Brine Production	4B+
Acres of Operating Unitized Brine Leases	150K+
Miles of Existing Pipeline	200+
Indicated Resource <sup>(1)</sup>	3.1Mt

AR MS TX LA **Central Plant West Plant** South Plant
Demonstration Plant Supply Well Highway **ARKANSAS** Brine Leases LOUISIANA Injection Well Railroads ■ Plant Location ■ Demonstration Plant

LANXESS Preliminary Economic Assessment August 2019.





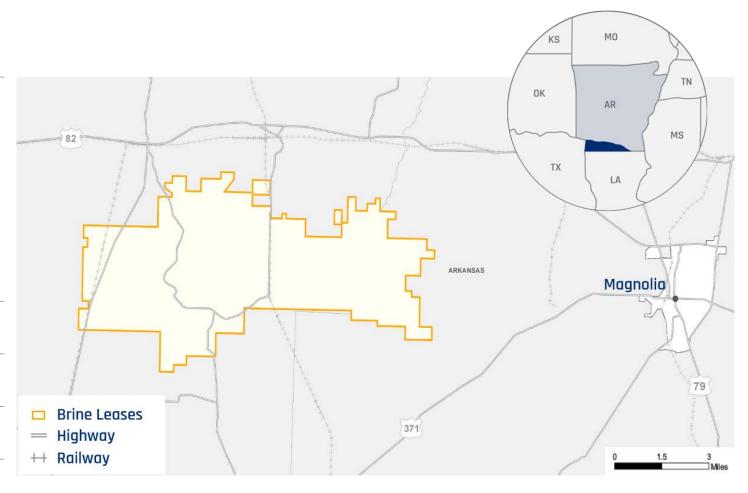
### **South West Arkansas Project: Overview**

Greenfield project to add battery-quality LiOH supply to Standard's asset base

#### **Overview**

- Approximately 25 miles west of the LANXESS Project
- Well understood geology with extensive data including 2,444 wells drilled in the general South West Arkansas Property area
- Significant existing infrastructure including road, rail, power and water
- Preliminary Feasibility Study is underway

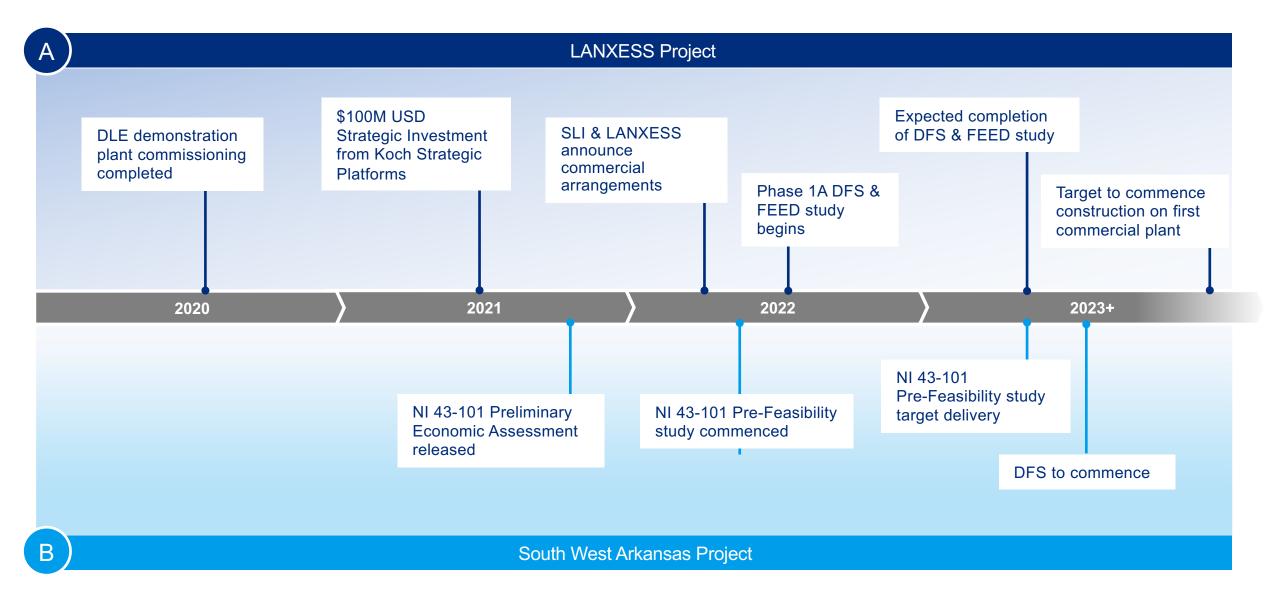
Wells Providing Subsurface Data in the Area of Interest	2,444
Acres of Unitized Brine Leases <sup>(1)</sup>	36K+
Inferred Resources <sup>(1)</sup>	1.2Mt
Tonnes of Annual LiOH Production <sup>(1)</sup>	~30.0k



<sup>1.</sup> SWA Preliminary Economic Assessment November 2021.



### **Arkansas Projects: Summary Timeline**



### **Strategic Smackover Resource Expansion Program**





### **US Government: Funding Opportunities**

The coming lithium shortfall prompted the US government to provide several financing opportunities to help fund domestic lithium projects. Standard Lithium is exploring these opportunities to lower cost of capital and boost projected cash flow (1)

#### **Department of Energy**

 The Loans Programs Office has ~\$18B in available funding to provide low-cost debt capital for fuel-efficient vehicle and eligible component manufacturing in the US through its Advanced Technology Vehicles Manufacturing ("ATVM") Loan Program

#### **Defense Production Act (DPA)**

- Authorizes the President to ensure the availability of domestic sources to meet United States' defense, essential civilian, and homeland security requirements
- President Biden issued a
   Determination to add lithium, nickel, cobalt, graphite and manganese to the critical minerals list
- Total funding for current DPA actions of ~\$3.6B FY22-FY27

#### Inflation Reduction Act

- The IRA is a historic investment in climate policy by the US Government primarily through the Tax Code
- Credits for domestic manufacturing and mining that Standard Lithium is contemplating are:
  - Advanced Energy Project Credit under Section 48C (allocation increased by \$10B)
  - Advanced Manufacturing Production Credit under Section 45X









Company forecasts do not assume any of these benefits.



# **Aqualung:** Carbon Capture and Sequestration Technology Enhances Opportunity

**Additional** 

**Strategic Partners** 

In Recent \$10M Equity Raise

New technology has potential for significant sustainability benefits across the entire project fairway

- Minimize CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from future operations and related supply-chain activities
- Project-sourced CO<sub>2</sub> utilized to optimize flowsheet, reduce reagent costs
- CO<sub>2</sub> sourced from large regional emitters may be permanently sequestered by the Company as part of normal brine reinjection activities.
- Aim to make the Gulf Coast region an industry leading producer of sustainable lithium chemicals

Objective		<ul> <li>Core membrane technology is the culmination of over 20 years of research from Norwegian University of Science and Technology (NTNU)</li> </ul>	
		<ul> <li>Demonstrated, both in lab and at pilot scale, superior properties with regards to permeability, selectivity, and safety</li> <li>In the process of providing proof of commercial concept via pilot units across numerous assets with varying CO2 concentration levels from 4% to 20%</li> </ul>	
Partners	aqualung	Standard	
	Carbon Capture Technology	Utilization of CO <sub>2</sub> in Lithium Production and Brine Operations	

GLOBAL SHIP LEASE

Golar LNG



### **Project Advantages: Clear Path to Commercializing**

### **Construction**

- ✓ First project has brownfield benefits
- Stage construction allows for operational flexibility and lower initial capital costs

### Workforce

- ✓ 20+ workforce currently in place with demonstration plant experience
- Local college provides new talent with a bromine brine processing education program

### March Infrastructure

- Existing infrastructure lowers cost and decreases time to first production
- ✓ 200 miles of existing pipeline, established rail, cheap power, and abundant water

### Permits

- ✓ Ordinary permitting requirement
- ✓ Clear path to obtaining permits



### **Technology**

- Integrated, proven DLE technology optimized for recovery from Smackover brine
- √ 8,000+ hours of operation at industrial-scale demonstration plant

# Brine Extraction & Reinjection

- Moderate brine temperatures making it operationally superior to geothermal brines
- √ 60+ years of reinjecting brine into aquifer



## **Thank You**

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