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WHY PIEDMONT LITHIUM?



ELECTRIC VEHICLE SALES DRIVEN BY ECONOMICS



GLOBAL EV SALES UP 60% PER YEAR SINCE 2010

LI-ION BATTERY COSTS DOWN 85% SINCE 2010 (PACK PRICE – REAL 2018 \$/KWH)



Source: EV Reports.com

Source: Green Car Reports

IT'S NOT JUST TESLA

- Major auto companies are all-in on electric vehicles
 - 400+ new EV models coming to market by 2025
- EU CO₂ emission requirements spurring strong EV development
- Mass market vehicles coming for the first time
 - Ford to produce electric F-150 "before 2022"
 - VW ID.3 launching in 2020
 - Renault producing \$9,000 EV for Indian market



of EVs Launched by 2025





HYDROXIDE TAKING SHARE IN FAST-GROWING LITHIUM MARKET

LiOH Demand Growing 31% Per Year Thru 2030



LiOH

LiOH required in the high-nickel batteries used in longer-range vehicles

Hydroxide shortages expected by 2023

80% of the world's hydroxide is currently produced in China

North Carolina is the leading ex-China LiOH producer

Source: Benchmark Mineral Intelligence

SPODUMENE THE PREFERRED FEEDSTOCK

MAJOR AUTO COMPANIES PREFER SPODUMENE-SOURCED HYDROXIDE

"Lithium extracted from mining ... is commercially more attractive ... more stable to extract, easier to scale and generally more sustainable." VW- April 2019

"BMW signs contract with Ganfeng for sustainable lithium from mines in Australia." BMW - November 2019

SPODUMENE IS THE LOW-COST SOURCE FOR LITHIUM HYDROXIDE



Source: McKinsey & Co., costs represent indicative 2025 costs for typical South American brine operations and typical Western Australian spodumene operations.



PIEDMONT IS LOCATED IN THE USA'S AUTO ALLEY

US EV MARKET ACCELERATING AS SUPPLY CHAIN LOCALIZATION TAKES HOLD



PIEDMONT LITHIUM IS IDEALLY LOCATED IN NORTH CAROLINA



#1 STATE FOR BUSINESS

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0% STATE MINING ROYALTIES

23% CORPORATE TAX RATE

~100% PAST LITHIUM PRODUCTION

NORTH CAROLINA LOCATION PROVIDES COMPETITIVE ADVANTAGE

Low-cost operating environment

- Unparalleled infrastructure
- Low-cost power and gas

Deep lithium processing talent pool

- North Carolina has 50+ years of lithium processing experience
- Southeast USA among world's premier chemical processing regions

Low tax rates

- US has lowest corporate tax rate among major Western countries
- US does not have a Value-Added Tax (China 16%)

Proximity to major automotive markets

- USA + EU represent over 30% of world automotive sales
- Western battery supply chains are growing





TWO DEVELOPMENT SCENARIOS...



MERCHANT PROJECT

Spodumene Supply from the Market

22,700 t/y Lithium Hydroxide 25 Year Chemical Plant Life World's Lowest Cost Merchant Producer US\$714M (A\$1.1B) NPV – 26% IRR US\$149M (A\$229M) EBITDA





INTEGRATED PROJECT

Spodumene from Piedmont Mine / Concentrator

22,700 t/y Lithium Hydroxide 25 Year Mine & Chemical Plant Life World's Lowest Cost Producer US\$1.1B (A\$1.6B) NPV – 26% IRR US\$218M (A\$335M) EBITDA



... USING THE SAME FLOW SHEET...



LOW-RISK CONVENTIONAL CONVERSION TECHNOLOGY

22,720 TPY BG LIOH PRODUCTION

US\$2,371/t CONVERSION COST

24 MONTH RAMP-UP PERIOD

MINOR SOURCE PERMITTING PROCESS

...DELIVERING EXCEPTIONAL ECONOMICS

Outcomes	Unit	Merchant Project	Integrated Project
Project Life	years	25	25
Steady State LiOH Production	t/y	22,720	22,720
Steady State Spodumene Production	t/y	N/A	160,000
LiOH Cash Costs	US\$/t	\$6,689	\$3,712
Long-Term Spodumene Costs	US\$/t	\$651	\$201
Mine/Concentrator Initial Capital	US\$M	N/A	\$168
Chemical Plant Initial Capital	US\$M	\$377	\$377
Annual average EBITDA (steady-state)	US\$M/y	\$149	\$218
After Tax NPV @ 8% discount rate	US\$M	\$714	\$1,071
After Tax IRR	%	26%	26%
Payback from start of operations	У	3.34	3.23
Assumed long term LiOH price (real)	US\$/t	\$12,910	\$12,910

STRONG ECONOMICS WITH CONSERVATIVE PRICE DECK

> **22,720 t/y** BATTERY QUALITY LIOH PRODUCTION

\$3,712/t LiOH LOWEST CASH COST INTEGRATED PRODUCER

LOWEST COST MERCHANT PRODUCER

\$12,910/t CONSERVATIVE LONG-TERM PRICE ASSUMPTION

LOCATION DRIVES LOW OPERATING COSTS





MERCHANT HYDROXIDE OPPORTUNITY

Spodumene Project
Operating Spodumene Conversion Plant
Proposed Spodumene Conversion Plant

LiOH

~100% OF WORLD SPODUMENE PRODUCTION IS CURRENTLY CONVERTED IN CHINA

CHINA PRODUCES 80% OF WORLD'S LITHIUM HYDROXIDE

AS SUPPLY CHAINS LOCALIZE US AND EUROPEAN OEMS WILL SEEK ALTERNATIVE SOURCES

NORTH CAROLINA IS AN IDEAL LOCATION FOR SUCH CONVERSION

INTEGRATED BUSINESS BENEFITS FROM HIGH-GRADE RESOURCE WITH VAST UPSIDE

27.9 Mt @ 1.11% Li₂O

- 764,000 tonnes of contained LCE
- 100% of the lithium is attributable to spodumene mineralization
- Shallow open pits 74% of resource within 100m of surface and 97% within 150m
- Open along strike and at depth





OPEN ALONG STRIKE AND AT DEPTH

SHALLOW OPEN PIT QUARRYING

PURE SPODUMENE MINERALOGY

ABUNDANT CLEAN PROCESS WATER

85% RECOVERIES

BASED ON TESTWORK & 50 YEARS OF TSB PRECEDENT

USA.

 QUARTZ



















BY-PRODUCTS SERVE IMPORTANT **MARKETS WHILE** PROVIDING **IMPORTANT CREDITS TO OPERATING** COSTS



POSITIVE ESG PROFILE

	Clean Energy Product Portfolio	 Lithium fuels EVs, reducing emissions 67% vs. ICEs Quartz by-product targeted at growing solar glass market
	OEMs Prefer Hard Rock for Sustainability	 Preference for spodumene vs. brine from a sustainability perspective Brine projects under pressure due to impact on water supply
	Short Transport Distances	 20-mile SC6 transport for integrated business vs. ~5,000 from Australia to China Potential 98% reduction in 'mine-to-EV' supply chain
	Green Mining	 100% of electricity will come from low-carbon sources No toxic chemicals or tailings impoundment; electric mining fleet being evaluated
18	Social	 First-world labor and environmental practices USA safety standards Masdaq : PLL (MASX : PLL PLEDMOLTHUM

CATALYSTS TO DRIVE SHAREHOLDER VALUE

Hydroxide testwork
Permit Kings Mountain site
Build project execution team
Secure LiOH offtake agreements
Explore strategic partnerships
Definitive feasibility studies
Financing and construction



PIEDMONT LITHIUM LIMITED	ASX	Nasdaq
Shares / ADRs (1 ADR = 100 Shares)	826.3 mm	8.26 mm
Price (@ 5/22/20)	A\$0.115	US\$7.85
Market Cap (@ 5/22/20)	A\$95 mm	US\$65 mm
Cash (@ 3/31/20)	A\$14.5 mm	US\$9.0 mm

KEY SHAREHOLDERS

Australian Super	13%
Fidelity	9%
Officers and Directors	11%

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Ian Middlemas	Australia	Chairman
Keith D. Phillips	USA	CEO
Anastasios Arima	USA	Director
Jeff Armstrong	USA	Director
Jorge Beristain	USA	Director
Levi Mochkin	Australia	Director

CORPORATE SNAPSHOT

RESEARCH COVERAGE



SHARE PRICE PERFORMANCE – LAST 3 MONTHS





HIGHLY-EXPERIENCED LEADERSHIP TEAM

TECHNICAL CONSULTANTS

HATCH Hatch hatch.com	PRIMERO Primero primero.com.au	HDR hdrinc.com
Marshall Miller mma1.com	SGS sgs.com	CSA CSA csaglobal.com

LEADERSHIP TEAM



Keith Phillips, Managing Director & CEO 30+ Years Wall Street experience with JPMorgan, Merrill Lynch and Goldman Sachs



Taso Arima, *Founder and Director* 12+ years natural resource visionary executive; founder of multiple natural resource companies



Patrick Brindle, VP – Project Management 20+ years US and global engineering, procurement and construction experience



Lamont Leatherman, VP – Chief Geologist 25+ years as an exploration geologist, senior positions in BHP & Noranda in the Carolinas



David Buckley, VP – Process Engineering 25+ years lithium extraction and conversion expert, ex-FMC and Albemarle



Tim McKenna, *Government & Investor Relations* 30+ years government & investor relations, including with Rockwood Lithium and Lithium X

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