James Bay Lithium Project

Feasibility Study and Maiden Ore Reserve

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## Creating a global lithium chemicals company

#### Our core goals underpin everything we do

#### (\$\Phi\$) Sustainability

- Safety, quality and productivity
- Sustainable, long-life assets
- Continuing the journey towards net zero emissions
- Strong commitment to human rights and local communities

#### Product Quality

- High quality battery grade production from Olaroz and targeted from Naraha and from Sal de Vida
- Merged entity expertise to optimise product quality across all assets
- Larger production base to improve flexibility and overall product reliability

#### © Customer Focus

- Broader marketing strategy deployed to a diversified customer base
- Leverage expertise and increased scale in existing joint marketing relationships
- Access to US markets through an integrated James Bay development

#### **Growth**

- Global portfolio of assets
- Highly complementary skills and knowledge
- Proven expertise in delivering projects in Argentina

#### S Cost Leadership

- Faster and cheaper learning curve across all operations
- Leverage joint management expertise to achieve cost leadership across the portfolio
- Improved bargaining power with suppliers



### **James Bay**

### A sustainable hard-rock lithium operation utilising hydro-power

#### **Highlights**

Strategically located in proximity to high-growth electric vehicle markets in North America and Europe

Long life, low cost spodumene operation

Hydro-Québec provides a low-cost, sustainable source of clean energy

High-grade, near surface mineralisation with favourable characteristics

Utilising spodumene expertise from successful operations at Mt Cattlin

2Mtpa process plant with operational flexibility to generate 6.0% Li<sub>2</sub>O

Strong relationship with the Cree Nation of Eastmain, Cree Nation Government and all stakeholders Resource & Reserves<sup>1</sup>

40.3Mt at 1.4% Li<sub>2</sub>O

Mineral Resource Estimate

37.2Mt at 1.3% Li<sub>2</sub>O

Ore Reserve

**Physicals** 

321ktpa

Annual production

19 years

5.6% Li<sub>2</sub>O

**Product quality** 

Spodumene Concentrate

**Product** 

**CAPEX & OPEX** 

USD 286 mil

Capital Costs

USD 333/t

**Operating Costs** 

**Project Economics** 

USD 1.42 bil<sup>2</sup>

45.8%

Pre-tax IRR

2.4 years

- 1. Refer to Appendix for Resource and Reserve tables
- concentrate US\$1,001/t

2 . Average selling price of 5.6% spodumene

## Quebec, Canada

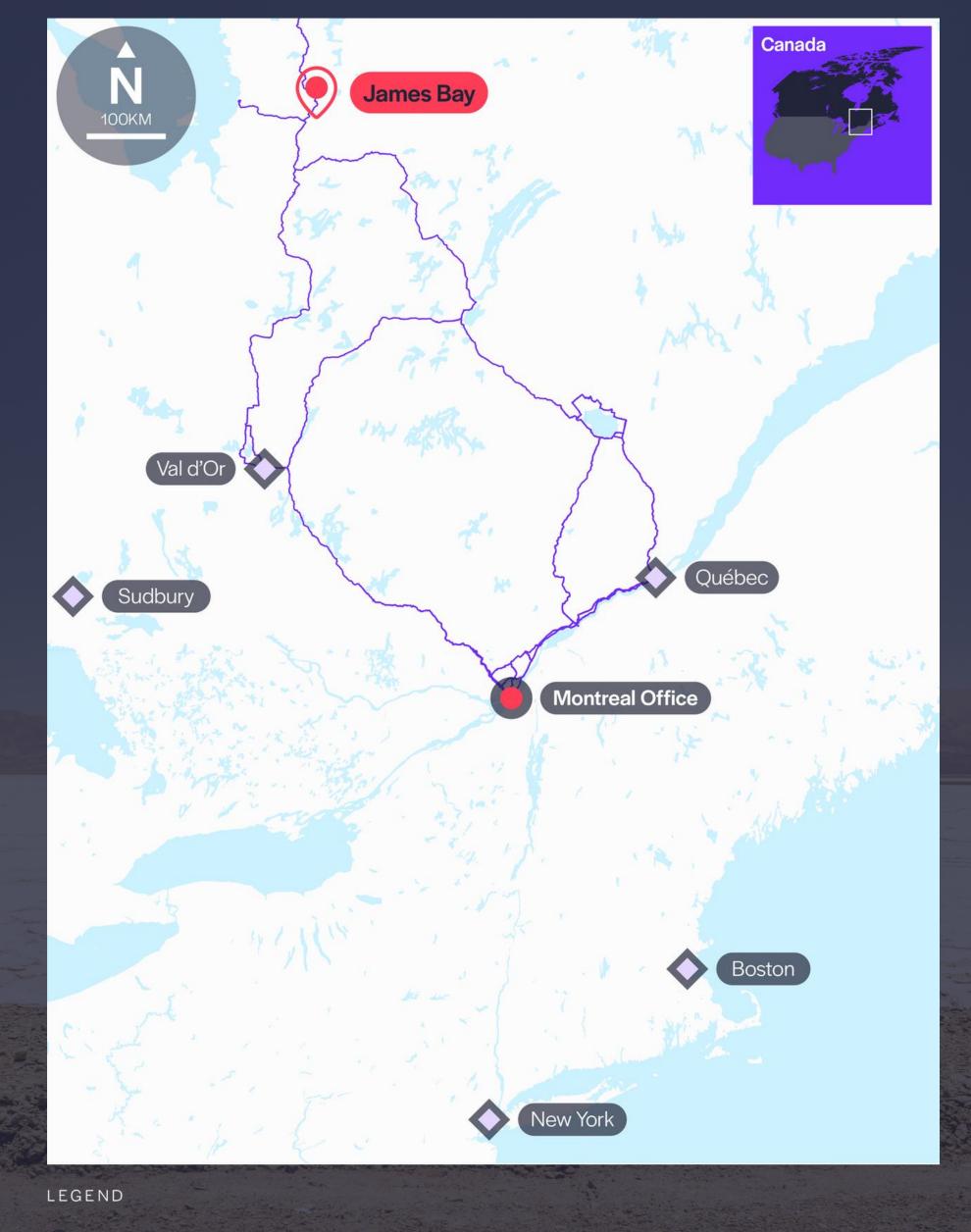
## A top-tier mining jurisdiction & emerging battery metals region

#### Highlights

- Voted 6th best mining jurisdiction in the world 2020 Fraser institute survey
- Provincial plan for the development of critical and strategic minerals
- Electricity production mostly hydro, > 99.8% renewable
- Canada has a free-trade agreement in place with USA and EU

#### **Project well supported by key infrastructure**

- Major Highway- oversized haulage trucking between site and the town of Matagami
- Major rail network product can be railed from Matagami to the port in Trois-Rivieres
- Fuel / accommodation "Relais Routier Km 381" Truck Stop located adjacent to
   Project site
- Airport Public airport located in Eastmain, 130km east from James Bay
- Grand Alliance Program Economic and infrastructure development in the region



Allkem Locations

City/Town

Road Access to Projects

## **Geology and Mineralisation**

High-grade deposit with favourable characteristics to support a low-cost operation

**Resources & Reserve** 

40.3 Mt at 1.4% Li<sub>2</sub>O<sup>1</sup>

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Maiden Ore Reserve

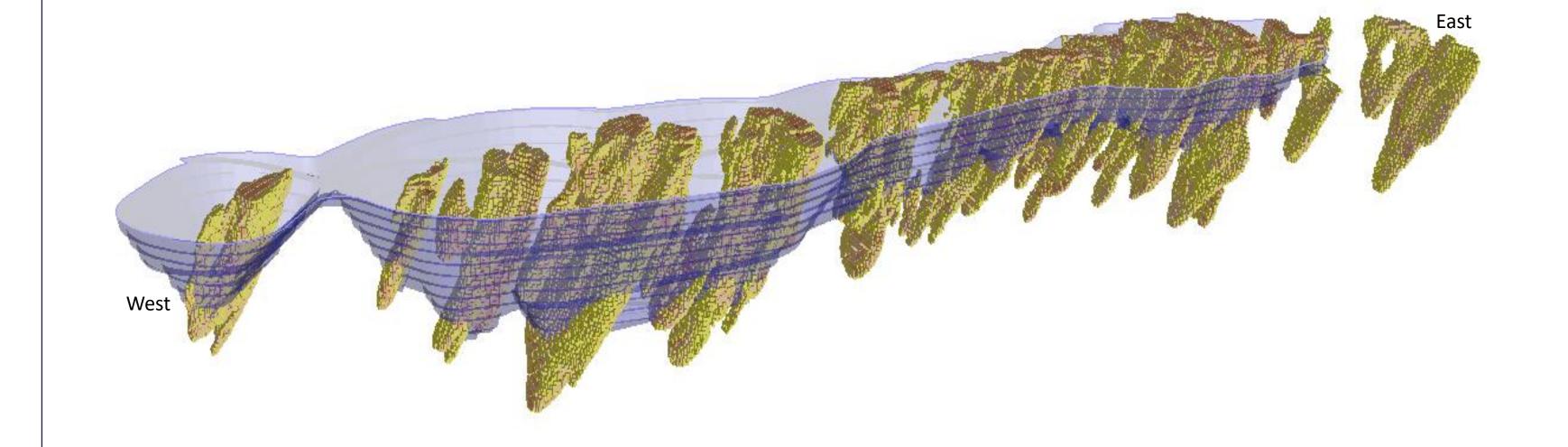
#### Mineralisation

- Outcropping, high-grade spodumene pegmatite deposit, supporting a low strip ratio open cut operation
- No basalt and low levels of lepidolite leading to higher recoveries than at Mt Cattlin
- Ore largely hosted in a metasediment, with physical properties allowing efficient recovery

#### **Exploration Upside**

- Mineralisation is open to the north and east
- Exploration targets have been identified
- Resource definition drilling expected to commence by Q1 CY22

3D model of pit design





## Mining

### Conventional open-pit operation for annual spodumene production

#### Highlights

**321ktpa Annual Production** 

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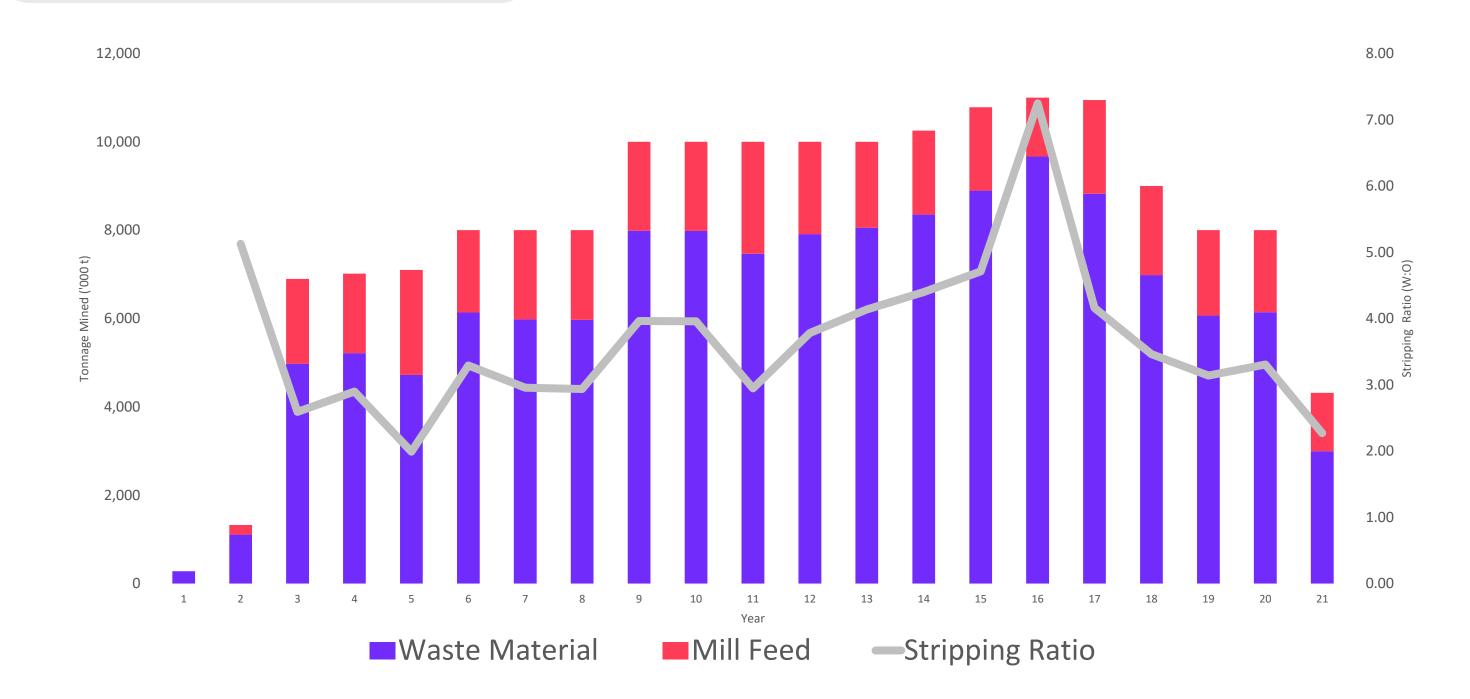
LOM Strip Ratio

#### 19 years

Mine Life

- Conventional drill and blast, excavators and haul trucks
- Preliminary pit design extends 2km with a width of 500m
- 3 pits with the deepest pit at 260m depth
- Lower strip ratio in early years with a gradual increase
- Average head grade of resource after dilution at 1.30%

#### Annual mined material and stripping ratio





### **Processing**

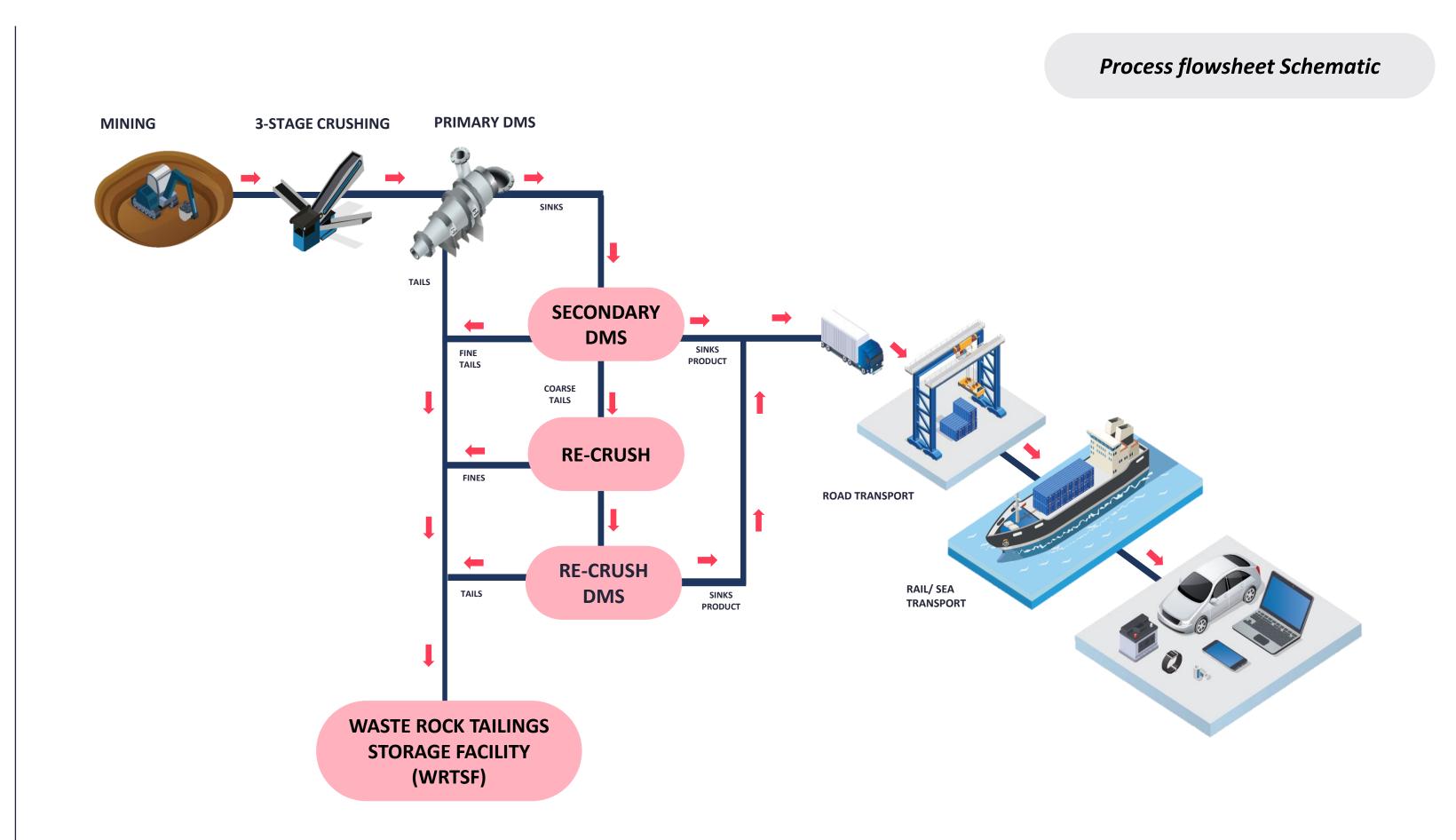
### Similar process design and flowsheet to that successfully employed at Mt Cattlin

#### **Process Flowsheet**

- 2mtpa process plant designed to produce spodumene concentrate grading 6.0% Li<sub>2</sub>O
- Operational flexibility to achieve 5.6% Li<sub>2</sub>O product grade and 70% recoveries
- Conventional 3-stage crushing followed by dense medium separation (DMS)
- Only DMS is required due to coarse crystal size, similar to Mt Cattlin

#### Final product grade

- Project economics based on producing 5.6% product grade to meet market demand
- 5.6% Li<sub>2</sub>O grade increases recoveries by 6%, tonnage by 18% and revenue by 12% at current spodumene pricing
- Ultimate flexibility retained to produce final product grade consistent with market demand





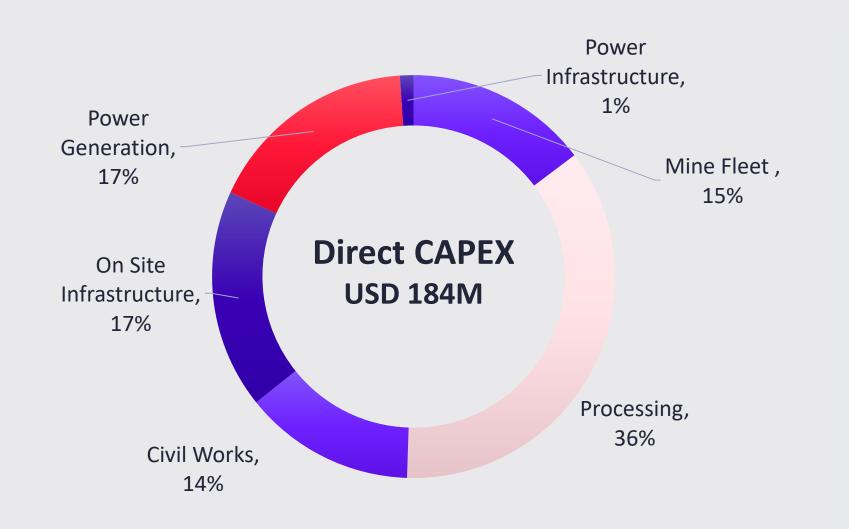
## **Project Layout**

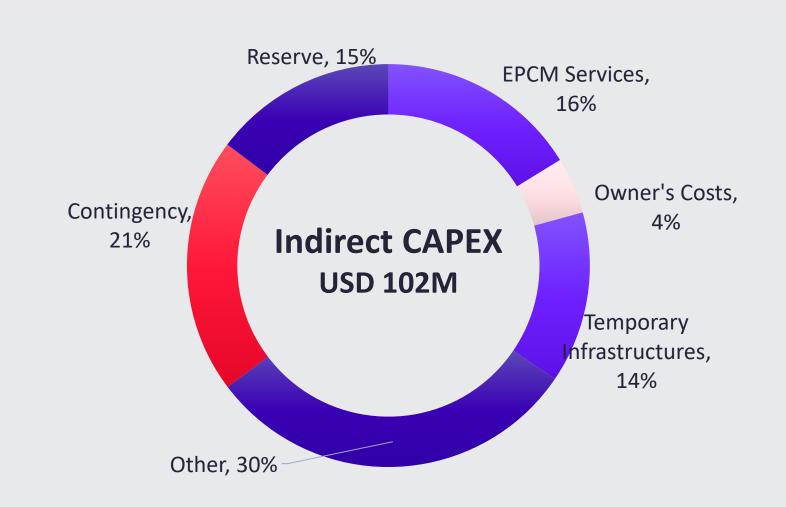
Site powered by low-carbon energy and designed to reduce footprint & environmental impacts



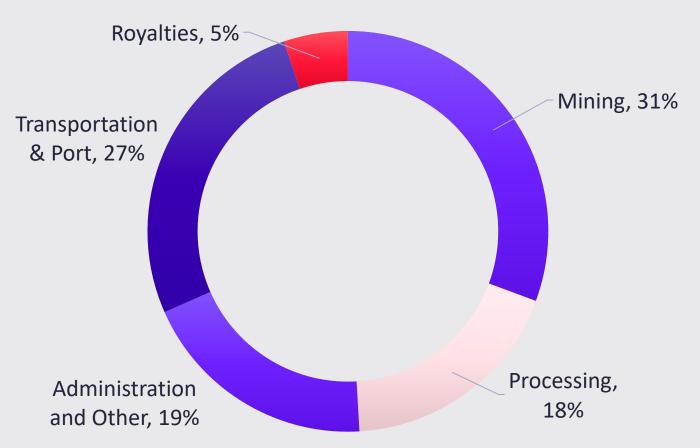
## **Capital and Operating Costs**

## Capital development cost of USD 286M





## Operating costs of USD 333/tonne



## **Key findings in the Feasibility Study includes:**

- Optimisation of the mine plan and material movements
- Automation of drilling and haulage to boost productivity
- Optimisation of power delivery to site with Hydro-Québec

#### **Key changes from the PEA include:**

- Additional environmental protection systems – USD 10M
- Inflation/market prices USD 7.5M
- Additional process equipment USD7.5M
- Power contract savings (USD 8.5M)
- Additional reserve USD 15M
- Design changes USD 9M

## Project Economics Robust financials with further upside

#### **Opportunities**

- 2.5x increase to NPV since the PEA
- Further reduction of carbon footprint
- Additional resource drilling
- Study and
   development of
   downstream
   conversion capability in
   North America

Pre-tax

Post-tax

NPV

USD 1.42 bil<sup>2</sup>

Pre-tax NPV

USD 823 mil<sup>2</sup>

Post-tax NPV

IRR

45.8%

Pre-tax IRR

35.2%

Post-tax IRR

**Payback Period** 

2.4 years

Pre-tax Payback Period

2.9 years

Post-tax Payback Period

2. Average selling price of 5.6% spodumene concentrate US\$1,001/t

### **Leading ESG Practices**

Delivering sustainable operations together with local stakeholders and environmental initiatives



## Carbon Emissions Management

**Targeting net-zero by 2035** 

- Hydro-power delivered via an 8 MW connection to the Hydro Québec power network
- This clean energy will predominantly be utilised in the processing plant, fixed infrastructure and selected mobile equipment
- Electric fleet will be considered once available and capable in a cold climate
- Targeting even lower site and transport emissions
- Investigating additional renewable energy sources for power
- Allkem will work with project partners to identify and develop further emissions reduction opportunities within the project supply chain



## Regulations & Permitting

On track and well advanced

- Environmental and Social Impact
   Assessment ("ESIA") was submitted to
   the federal and provincial authorities
   in October 2018 and was updated
   and submitted in July 2021
- Resubmission reflect optimized changes presented in the PEA and the Feasibility Study



## **Community Engagement**

Creation of ~250 full-time positions in the Eeyou Istchee/James Bay region

- Strong working relationship and regular engagement with the Cree Nation of Eastmain
- Continued engagement with the Cree Nation Government and stakeholders, including the communities of Waskaganish and Waswanipi, continue in relation to project updates



- Our long-term commitment to sustainability and transparent reporting is evident in recognition from ACSI and inclusion in the DJSI
- The Dow Jones Sustainability
   Australia Index is composed of sustainability leaders. The index represents the top 30% of companies in the S&P/ASX 200 based on long-term economic, environmental, and social criteria.

Member of

### Dow Jones Sustainability Indices

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### **Execution Strategy**

**Project Highlights** 

The next phase of engineering, procurement and construction permit preparation is progressing while continuing to detail the Project Execution Plan and contracting strategy

#### **Key focus areas for CY2022**

- Further engineering activities to finalise design, equipment and plant configurations
- Procurement for equipment, temporary installations and key contracts
- Development of sustaining initiatives for local stakeholders
- Progression of the ESIA, IBA and regulatory approvals

**CY22 and CY23 milestones** 

- Final Investment Decision Q2 CY22
- Construction expected to commence in Q3
   CY22
- Starter pit development











## Strategic Location

Québec is an attractive investment destination and in proximity to high-growth electric vehicle markets

## Long life, low cost

High-grade, near surface mineralisation with favourable characteristics

## Utilises clean energy

Hydro-Québec provides a low-cost, sustainable source of clean energy

## Spodumene expertise

Utilised from successful operations at Mt Cattlin

## Strong relationships

Cree Nation of
Eastmain, Cree
Nation Government
and local
stakeholders

# Appendix

Resource & Reserve Statement
Competent Person Statement



### James Bay: Mineral Resource Estimate and Ore Reserve

#### **Mineral Resource Estimate**

Category	Tonnage Mt	Grade % Li₂O	Contained Metal ('000) t Li <sub>2</sub> O
Indicated	40.30	1.40	564.2
Total	40.30	1.40	564.2

Note: The Mineral Resource Estimate is reported at a cut-off grade of 0.62% Li<sub>2</sub>O inside a conceptual pit shell optimised using spodumene concentrate price of USD 950/t containing 6.0% Li<sub>2</sub>O, metallurgical and process recovery of 70%, overall mining and processing costs of USD 55/t milled and overall pit slope of 50 degrees. All figures are rounded to reflect the relative accuracy of the estimates. Mineral resources are not mineral reserves and do not have demonstrated economic viability.

#### **Ore Reserve**

Category	Ore tonnage (k dmt)	Lithium grade (%Li <sub>2</sub> O)	Contained Metal ('000) t Li <sub>2</sub> O
Proven	0	0	0
Probable	37,207	1.30	483.7
Proven + Probable	37,207	1.30	483.7

- 1. Effective date of the estimate is December 2021;
- 2. Mineral Reserves are estimated using the following long-term metal prices (Li<sub>2</sub>O Conc = 950 USD/t Li<sub>2</sub>O at 6.0% Li<sub>2</sub>O) and an exchange rate of CAD/US\$ 1.33;
- 3. A minimum mining width of 5 m was used;
- 4. Cut-off grade of 0.62% Li<sub>2</sub>O;
- 5. Bulk density of ore is variable, outlined in the geological block model and average 2.7 g/t;
- 6. The average strip ratio is 3.54:1;
- 7. The average mining dilution factor is 3.0% at 0.38% Li<sub>2</sub>O.



### **Competent Person Statement**

Any information in this Presentation that relates to James Bay Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves is extracted from the ASX announcement, entitled "James Bay Lithium Project – Feasibility Study & Maiden Ore Reserve" dated 21 December 2021 which is available to view on allkem.co and www.asx.com.au. The Company confirms that it is not aware of any new information or data that materially affects the information included in the original market announcement and that all material assumptions and technical parameters underpinning the Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves in the relevant market announcement continue to apply and have not materially changed. 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 announcement.

Technical information relating to the Company's James Bay project contained in this release is derived from, and in some instances is an extract from, the technical report entitled "Feasibility Study – James Bay Lithium Project" (Technical Report) which has been reviewed and approved by James Purchase, P.Geo (G-Mining Services Inc.,) as it relates to geology, drilling, sampling, exploration, QA/QC and mineral resources: Joel Lacelle, P. Eng. (G-Mining Services Inc.); as it relates to site infrastructure and capital cost and operating cost estimate: Carl Michaud, P. Eng. (G-Mining Services Inc.); as it relates to mining methods, mining cost, financial modeling and economic analysis: Christopher Larder, Eng. (Wave International); as it relates to mineral processing and related infrastructures: Darrin Johnson, Ontario P. Eng. (Golder Associated Ltd.); as it relates to waste rock and tailings management related infrastructures: Joao Paulo Lutti, Eng. (Golder Associated Ltd); as it relates to water management infrastructures: Simon Latulippe Eng. (WSP Canada Inc.); as it relates to environmental and permitting in accordance with National Instrument 43-101 – Standards for Disclosure for Mineral Projects. The Technical Report will be filed within 45 days of this release and will be available for review under the Company's profile on SEDAR at www.sedar.com.

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