

# The World's Best-Located Lithium Business

Company Presentation – April 2018

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# **Investment Highlights**

Ideal Location	<ul> <li>World's primary source for lithium from 1950s – 1980s</li> <li>Proximity to downstream processing</li> </ul>
Superior Infrastructure	<ul> <li>Abundant utility and transportation infrastructure</li> <li>Proximity to major population centers</li> </ul>
World-Class	<ul> <li>Large Scale / High Grade</li> <li>Low Capital and Operating Costs</li> </ul>
Integrated Business	<ul> <li>Mining and concentration</li> <li>Conversion to lithium carbonate / hydroxide</li> </ul>
Fast-track to Production	<ul> <li>Scoping Study in Q3 2018</li> <li>Permit submittals beginning Q4 2018</li> </ul>
Unique Strategic Value	<ul> <li>US asset, US management, US listing</li> <li>Only US spodumene project</li> </ul>
Thriving Sector	<ul> <li>Demand growing dramatically</li> <li>Supply constrained by project delays</li> </ul>



# **Company Overview**



# **Corporate Structure**

Piedmont Lithium Limited		AUD	ASX: PLL		\$16 n	nillion S	enior manageme appointments	ent
Shares outstanding	554.0 mm	0.25		comm	nenced	Phase 3 drilling commenced	Scoping S commen	tudy ced
Options outstanding (ex. prices A\$0.05-A\$0.35)	83.7 mm	0.20	CEO appoint	ment			My _	Project Update
Share price (ASX:PLL @ Apr 6, 2018)	A\$0.140	0.15	No Pie	ame change to edmont Lithium		www.	<u>۲</u>	MW
ADR price <sup>1</sup> (OTC-Nasdaq: PLLLY @ Apr 6, 2018)	US\$11.40	0.15	~					V
Market capitalization (@ Apr 6, 2018)	A\$77.5 mm	0.10	^/	UNV UV				
<b>Cash</b> (@ Dec 31, 2017)	A\$15.0 mm	0.05	July 2017	Sept 2017	Nov 20	)17 Jan :	2018 M	ar 2018

Key Shareholders		
Directors		1 <b>4</b> .1%
AustralianSuper Pty Ltd		6.7%
Research Coverage		
Foster Stockbroking	Spec. Buy	<b>A\$0.30</b> (PLL)
Roth Capital Partners	Buy	US\$23.00 (PLLLY)

<b>Board of Direc</b>	tors
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Keith D. Phillips	USA	<b>Managing Director</b>
Anastasios Arima	USA	<b>Executive Director</b>
Jorge Beristain <sup>2</sup>	USA	Director
Levi Mochkin	Australia	Director
Mark Pearce	Australia	Director



## Location, Location, Location

Back to the Future in the Cradle of the Lithium Industry



### **Ideal location**

- 2<sup>nd</sup> ranked US state for business
- A 'right to work' state
- No state mining royalties

### Historic producing region

- Famous Carolina Tin-Spodumene Belt
- World's primary source for lithium from the 1950s to 1980s
- Home to the <u>only</u> two historic US spodumene mines and the <u>only</u> two significant US lithium processing plants







## North Carolina – The Cradle of the Lithium Industry





### **Superior Infrastructure**

### Abundant Utility Infrastructure

Major Transportation Infrastructure

Proximity to Major Population Centers







**High Voltage Power** connected to nuclear, gas and coal baseload generation results in very low cost delivered power

**Major Natural Gas Pipelines** originating from the shale gas fields of the USA results in very low cost delivered natural gas prices

**Readily Available Water and Sewage Infrastructure** with no requirement to build pipeline or treatment facilities for personnel results in low costs

**Major Highways** with one of the largest state highway systems in the USA connects the region to low cost access to supplies and materials

**Major Class I Rail** connects the region to low cost access to supplies, materials and potential export ports in North and South Carolina (~320km in distance)

**Charlotte Douglas International Airport** the USA's 6<sup>th</sup> largest, connects the region to the national and international community

**Highly Skilled Labor Force** at a low cost with a depth of knowledge in chemical and lithium processing/manufacturing

**Readily Available Industrial Services** within the region at a low cost

**Readily Available Health and Safety Services** within the region meaning no need for construction and operation of these services



## Superior Infrastructure





# North Carolina Cost Advantage

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		North Carolina	Western Australia	Northern Quebec	China
	Labor				
ing	Diesel				
Mir	Service Infrastructure				
	Camp & Fly-in / Fly-out				Australian Purchased
sing	Reagents				+US\$800 per tonne fob Australia
Ces	Power		$\bigcirc$		
: Pro	Labor				
Ore	Camp & Fly-in / Fly-out				
Freight	Transportation Distance	Minimal <20km	+500 km	+500 km	+3,000 km
n/ ate g	Natural Gas				
ersio entro essin	Power				
anve ance roce	Reagents				
D C C C	Chemical Industry Labor				
_ e	Royalties & Taxes				
isca igim	Government Support	Critical US Mineral	No	Yes	Yes
F Re	US Strategic Location	Independent US Project	No	No	No
	Most Competitive	Least Competitive			



# **Recent Accomplishments**



# **Accomplishments Since November Financing**

Land Package Increased 68%	<ul> <li>Three core exploration targets</li> <li>Sites identified for concentrate and downstream plants</li> </ul>
Aggressive Drilling	<ul> <li>Completed Phase 2 and &gt;70% through 20,000m Phase 3</li> <li>Targets prioritized for new properties</li> </ul>
Project Team Enhanced	<ul> <li>Executive appointments</li> <li>Technical consultants retained</li> </ul>
Scoping Study Commenced	<ul> <li>Integrated approach</li> <li>Mine, concentrator and conversion plant all in NC</li> </ul>
Met and Permitting Work Underway	<ul> <li>High-grade concentrate with low-iron</li> <li>Permitting efforts commenced in December 2017</li> </ul>
US Listing Imminent	<ul> <li>Will be only 2<sup>nd</sup> US-listed lithium junior</li> <li>Continue to trade on ASX under symbol PLL</li> </ul>



### **Recent Accomplishments – Land Package Increased by 68%**



### 3 exploration areas

- Core 530 acre northern package
- 151 acre central tract
- 245 acre Sunnyside property

### Infrastructure Sites Identified

- Concentrate plant to be sited immediately west of core acreage
- On-trend conversion plant site identified

### **Targeting Land Consolidation**

 Ongoing discussions with most major landowners on the TSB



# Recent Accomplishments - Project Team Enhanced

### Management Team – North Carolina Office

#### **Patrick Brindle**

#### VP - Project Management

18+ years developing US and global mining operations, processing plants and materials handling projects, including EPC projects in North Carolina. Formerly VP of Engineering for DRA Taggart.

#### **David Buckley**

#### VP – Process Engineering

25+ year veteran of the lithium business, including senior positions with FMC and Albemarle. Extensive experience in lithium extraction and downstream conversion to lithium chemicals.

#### **Bruce Czachor**

VP - General Counsel

Former partner of Shearman & Sterling with 30 years of corporate governance, financing and M&A experience, including extensive work in the mining sector and with initial US listings.

#### Lamont Leatherman

Co-Founder and VP – Geology

Exploration geologist with +25 years of experience. Former project geologist for BHP and Noranda. Extensive experience with lithium bearing pegmatites.

### Consultants



#### Scoping Study Lead (Australia & Canada)

Overall Project Management, concentrator process and infrastructure design and test work program management



#### Resource Geology & Mining (Australia & Canada)

Resource geology, mining design and exploration data management and QA/QC



Analytical Test Work (Canada)

Assays and Qemscan analysis



#### Minerals Research Laboratory (North Carolina)

Pilot plant, spodumene flotation optimization and DMS test work



**Permitting** (North Carolina)

Critical issues analysis and permit application preparation



Analytical Test Work (Colorado)

Analytical work in support of NS State and comminution test work



### **Recent Accomplishments – Extensive Drilling In-Progress**

Phase 3 Infill Drilling Largely Complete – Exploration Drilling Commencing



### 530-acre core property

- 4km strike length
- >28,000m drilled to date
- High-grade lithium in 90% of holes
- Open at depth and along strike
- Exploration Target of 10-15mm tonnes at a grade of 1.00% to 1.25% Li<sub>2</sub>O
- Note: The potential quantity and grade of this Exploration Target is conceptual in nature, there has been insufficient exploration to estimate a Mineral Resource and it is uncertain if further exploration will result in the estimation of a Mineral Resource
- Maiden Mineral Resource Q2 2018



# Schematic Long Section – Updated for Phase 3 Drilling

1.4km strike length – open along strike and at depth





# Recent Accomplishments – Metallurgical Work Underway

### Positive Initial Concentrate Test Results

Grade >6.0% Li<sub>2</sub>O

Iron content <1.0% Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>

Preliminary Spodumene Flotation Bench Test Results								
Parameter	Bench Flotation Tests with Magnetics Removal							
Head Grade (% Li2O)	1.19-1.27							
Final Concentrate Grade (% Li <sub>2</sub> O)	6.28 - 6.35							
Final Concentrate Iron Content (% Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> )	0.66 - 0.69							
Scavenger Tailings Grade (% Li2O)	0.04							

Concentrator Test Work Schedule	2018											
Task	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Νον	Dec
Flotation Bench Test Work												
Heavy Liquids Bench Test Work												
Comminution Bench Test Work												
Ore Sorting Bench Test Work												
Bench Test Work Completion												
Ore Sorting Pilot Test												
Flotation Pilot Test Work												
Phase 1 Pilot Test Work Completion												



# **Recent Accomplishments – Permitting Work Underway**

### **Constructive North Carolina Permitting Process**

- HDR Engineering completed Critical Issues Analysis Q1 2018
- Baseline environmental surveys and monitoring are in-process
- Permit applications to be submitted in Q4 2018

Preliminary Mine Permitting Timetable	2018			2019																				
Task	J	F	Μ	Α	Μ	J	J	Α	S	0	Ν	D	J	F	Μ	Α	Μ	J	J	Α	S	0	Ν	D
Critical Issues Analysis																								
Stream and Wetland Delineation																								
Threatened and Endangered Species Survey																								
Baseline Surface Water Sampling																								
Groundwater Sampling and Analysis																								
Mine Permitting Design																								
Permit Application Preparation																								
Permit Review And Approval Process																								



# Illustrative Project Timeline

Illustrative Project Schedule													
Mine Concentrator Development	2018				20	19		2020					
Task	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	
Permitting													
Testwork													
Scoping													
Pre-Feasibility													
Feasibility													
Construction and Commissioning													
Conversion Plant Development		20	18			20	19		2020				
Task	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	
Land Acquistion													
Permitting													
Testwork													
Scoping													
Pre-Feasibility													
Feasibility													



# Significant Valuation Upside

### Key milestones for re-rating

- Land consolidation
- Drilling results
- Metallurgical testing
- Maiden Resource
- Scoping Study
- Lithium and by-product offtake
- Permits



Market Cap (US\$mm)



1,093

916

# **Lithium Battery Revolution**

Market Factors Driving Lithium Battery Demand



# **EV Revolution is Accelerating**

### "GM believes the future is all-electric." Mark Reuss – Chief of Product Development

### **Recent company announcements**

- Ford investing \$11bb to develop 40 EVs by 2022
- Mercedes will electrify entire lineup by 2022
- VW \$84bb to bring 300 new EVs to mkt by 2030
- Dyson investing £2.2bb to develop EV by 2020
- Nissan goal to sell 1mm EVs per year in 2022
- Volvo all new models will be EVs from 2019
- Harley Davidson first electric motorcycle in 2019

### **Recent country announcements**

- China 100% EV exp. 2030
- Norway 100% EV by 2025
- Netherlands 100% EV by 2025
- India 100% EVs by 2030
- UK + France 100% EV by 2040
- Oxford, England 100% EV by 2020







### Grid Storage Market Potentially 'Larger and Faster' than EVs



Solar adding new energy at 20x the rate of Evs

90% of grid battery installation is Li-ion

Saudi Arabia, SoftBank Plan the World's Largest Solar Project

"The World's Biggest Solar Project Comes with a Batteries Included Sticker"

#### **Over The Top**

SoftBank-Saudi solar vision dwarfs other planned PV projects

Country	Name	Capacity	Status
Saudi Arabia	SoftBank Solar Project	200GW	MOU Signed
Australia	Solar Choice Bulli Creek PV Plant	2GW	Announced
Greece	Helios PV Plant Phase 1	2GW	Permitted
U.S.	Capital Dynamics Nevada PV Portfolio	1.3GW	Under construction
U.A.E.	Marubeni JinkoSolar and ADWEA Sweihan PV Plant	1.18GW	Under construction
China	EverRich Energy Wuwei PV Plant	1GW	Announced

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#### **Exploration Target**

The Exploration Target for the Piedmont Lithium project is based on the actual results of Piedmont's 2017 drill programs. A total of 122 holes for 16,492 metres were completed at the Project and to-date 38 spodumene bearing pegmatite bodies have been identified. From these drill holes approximately 5,100 samples have been submitted for analysis to the SGS laboratory in Lakefield, Ontario, the Bureau Veritas laboratory in Reno, Nevada and the ACME laboratory in Vancouver, BC, using either multi-acid digestion or peroxide fusion with ICP analytical techniques for lithium.

The spodumene bearing pegmatites were interpreted using cross sections spaced at 40m to 80m and then modelled in 3D using Micromine software. The pegmatites are well constrained by drilling but at this stage drill data density is insufficient to estimate a Mineral Resource. The modelling indicates a total volume for the pegmatite bodies of approximately 7.5 million cubic meters.

To determine potential tonnage and grade ranges at the deposit, Li<sub>2</sub>O assay values and density values from drilling have been applied to the 3D model. The 1,410 analytical results that fall within the modelled pegmatite bodies have an average grade of 1.04% Li<sub>2</sub>O. The assay data was previously summarised by drill hole when first announced, together with the relevant JORC Table 1 information (refer to previous ASX announcements dated 1 December 2017, 2 November 2017, 27 September 2017, 23 May 2017, 3 April 2017, and 18 October 2016).

By reviewing the average grade of sample populations above conceptual cut off values, and applying their relative proportions to the modelled volume, a range of Li<sub>2</sub>O grades and tonnages are estimated.

For the 75% of assays that are above a 0.4 % Li<sub>2</sub>O cut off, an average grade of 1.10 % Li<sub>2</sub>O is estimated. For the 50% of assays that are above a 0.8 % Li<sub>2</sub>O cut off, an average grade of 1.25 % Li<sub>2</sub>O is estimated. Applying these assay frequency proportions to the model results in estimated volume that ranges from 3.8 million cubic meters to 5.6 million cubic meters for spodumene bearing pegmatite with economically interesting grades. A density value of 2.7 g/cm3 is applied to derive tonnage values. The density value is derived from measurements taken from selected drill core at SGS Labs, Lakefield, Ontario.

Using the above methodology an Exploration Target of between 10 to 15 million tonnes at a grade of between 1.00% and 1.25% Li<sub>2</sub>O is approximated for the Piedmont Lithium Project deposit. The potential quantity and grade of this Exploration Target is conceptual in nature, there has been insufficient exploration to estimate a Mineral Resource and it is uncertain if further exploration will result in the estimation of a Mineral Resource.

#### **Competent Persons Statements**

The information in this presentation that relates to Exploration Results is extracted from the Company's ASX announcements dated 9 April 2018 entitled 'Piedmont Announces Positive Initial Metallurgical Results and Sets Development Timeline', 4 April 2018 entitled 'Further High Grade Lithium High-Grade Lithium, 15 March 2018 entitled 'Piedmont Continues to Define High Grade Lithium', 1 December 2017 entitled 'Further High-Grade Assays Continue to Extend Mineralization', 2 November 2017 entitled 'Dirlling Confirms Further High-Grade Lithium Project', 32 May 2017 entitled 'Phase 1 Dirlling Confirms Four Major High Grade Lithium Coridors at the Piedmont Lithium Project', 3 April 2017 entitled 'New Dirlling Results Confirm Further High Grade Lithium Mineralisation of Piedmont Lithium Project', and 18 October 2016 entitled 'Previous Drilling Confirms High Grade Lithium Mineralisation' which are available to view on the Company's website at www.piedmontlithium.com. The information in the original ASX announcements that related to Exploration Results was based on, and fairly represents, information compiled by Mr Lamont Leatherman, a Competent Person who is a Registered Member of the 'Society for Mining, Metallurgy and Exploration', a 'Recognised Professional Organisation' (RPO). Mr Leatherman is a consultant to the Company. Mr Leatherman has sufficient experience that is relevant to the style of mineralization and to the activity being undertaken 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 information in this presentation that relates to the Exploration Target is extracted from the Company's ASX announcement dated 13 December 2017 entitled 'Comprehensive Drilling Program Commences at the Piedmont Lithium Project' which is available to view on the Company's website at www.piedmontlithium.com. The information in the original ASX announcement that related to the Exploration Target was based on, and fairly represents, information compiled by Mr Leon McGarry, a Competent Person who is a Professional Geoscientist (P.Geo.) and registered member of the 'Association of Professional Geoscientists of Ontario' (APGO no. 2348), a 'Recognized Professional Organization' (RPO). Mr McGarry is a Senior Resource Geologist and full-time employee at CSA Global Geoscience Canada Ltd. Mr McGarry has sufficient experience which is relevant to the style of mineralization 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 Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves'.

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