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The Scoping Study referred to in this presentation has been undertaken to determine the potential viability of the Integrated Project comprising a Mine/Concentrator and Chemical Plant constructed in North Carolina, USA and to reach a decision to proceed with more definitive studies. The Scoping Study for the Integrated Project has been prepared to an intended accuracy level of ±25%. The results should not be considered a profit forecast or production forecast.

The Scoping Study is a preliminary technical and economic study of the potential viability of the Integrated Project. In accordance with the ASX Listing Rules, the Company advises it is based on low-level technical and economic assessments that are not sufficient to support the estimation of Ore Reserves. Further evaluation work including infill drilling and appropriate studies are required before Piedmont will be able to estimate any Ore Reserves or to provide any assurance of an economic development case.

Approximately 53% of the total production targets are in the Indicated Mineral Resource category with 47% in the Inferred Mineral Resource category. 100% of the production target in years 1-3 is in the Indicated Mineral Resource category. The Company has concluded that it has reasonable grounds for disclosing a production target which includes an amount of Inferred Mineral Resource. However, there is a low level of geological confidence associated with Inferred Mineral Resources and there is no certainty that further exploration work (including infill drilling) on the Piedmont deposit will result in the determination of additional Indicated Mineral Resources or that the production target itself will be realized.

The Scoping Study is based on the material assumptions outlined elsewhere in the Company's announcement "Chemical Plant PFS Demonstrates Exceptional Economics and Optionality of USA Location" released to the ASX on May 26, 2020. These include assumptions about the availability of funding. While Piedmont considers all the material assumptions to be based on reasonable grounds, there is no certainty that they will prove to be correct or that the range of outcomes indicated by the Scoping Study will be achieved.

To achieve the range outcomes indicated in the Scoping Study, additional funding will likely be required. Investors should note that there is no certainty that Piedmont will be able to raise funding when needed. It is also possible that such funding may only be available on terms that dilute or otherwise affect the value of the Piedmont's existing shares. It is also possible that Piedmont could pursue other 'value realization' strategies such as sale, partial sale, or joint venture of the Integrated Project. If it does, this could materially reduce Piedmont's proportionate ownership of the Integrated Project.

The Company has concluded it has a reasonable basis for providing the forward-looking statements included in this presentation and believes that it has a reasonable basis to expect it will be able to fund the development of the Integrated Project. Given the uncertainties involved, investors should not make any investment decisions based solely on the results of the Scoping Study.

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On June 25, 2019 the Company announced an updated Mineral Resource Estimate ("MRE") prepared by independent consultants CSA Global Pty Ltd ("CSA Global") in accordance with JORC Code (2012 Edition). The total Mineral Resources for reported by Piedmont for its Core and Central properties located within the TSB are 27.9 Mt grading at 1.11% Li2O.

#### Piedmont Mineral Resource Estimate (0.4% cut-off)

Resource Category	Core property		Central property		Total			
	Tonnes (Mt)	Grade (Li <sub>2</sub> 0%)	Tonnes (Mt)	Grade (Li <sub>2</sub> 0%)	Tonnes (Mt)	Grade (Li <sub>2</sub> 0%)	Li <sub>2</sub> O (t)	LCE (t)
Indicated	12.5	1.13	1.41	1.38	13.9	1.16	161,000	398,000
Inferred	12.6	1.04	1.39	1.29	14.0	1.06	148,000	366,000
Total	25.1	1.09	2.80	1.34	27.9	1.11	309,000	764,000



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### **Competent Persons Statements**

The information in this presentation that relates to Exploration Results, Mineral Resources, Metallurgical Testwork Results, Concentrator Process Design, Concentrator Capital Costs, Concentrator Operating Costs, Mining Engineering and Mining Schedule was extracted from our ASX announcement dated May 26, 2020 which is available to view on the Company's website at <u>www.piedmontlithium.com</u>.

The information in this presentation that relates to Exploration Targets and Mineral Resources is extracted from the Company's ASX announcements dated June 25, 2019, April 24, 2019, and September 6, 2018 which are available to view on the Company's website at <u>www.piedmontlithium.com</u>.

Piedmont confirms that: a) it is not aware of any new information or data that materially affects the information included in the original ASX announcement; b) all material assumptions and technical parameters underpinning Mineral Resources, Production Targets, and related forecast financial information derived from Production Targets included in the original ASX announcement continue to apply and have not materially changed; and c) the form and context in which the relevant Competent Persons' findings are presented in this report have not been materially modified from the original ASX announcement.

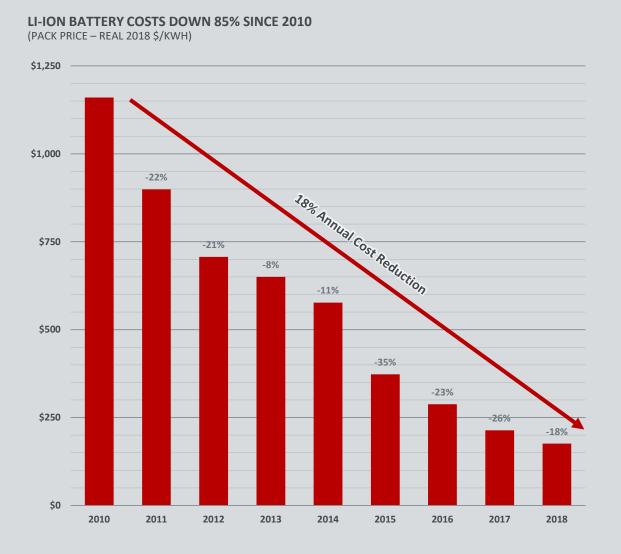


## AMERICA'S ONLY CONVENTIONAL LITHIUM PROJECT

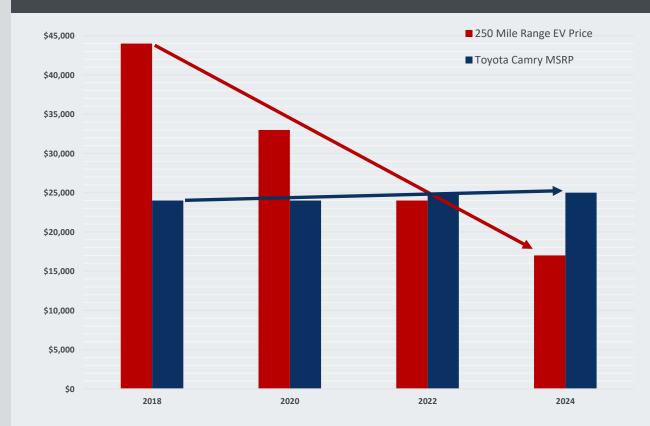
<ul> <li>Lithium hydroxide (LiOH) is required for long-range batteries favored by western OEMs</li> <li>31% CAGR for LiOH demand as EV penetration expected to reach 28% by 2030 (Benchmark Mineral Intelligence)</li> <li>Piedmont plans to produce LiOH from spodumene, the feedstock preferred by major OEMs</li> <li>Piedmont offers a USA alternative to China's current dominance of the LiOH market</li> </ul>		
<ul> <li>Control of over 2,100 acres on the Carolina Tin-Spodumene Belt (TSB) 25 miles west of Charlotte, NC</li> <li>North Carolina is the cradle of the lithium industry with 50+ years of lithium processing</li> <li>Outstanding infrastructure, low operating costs and proximity to major automotive plants</li> </ul>		
<ul> <li>Company founded in 2016 – first-mover land package on the TSB</li> <li>55,000 meters core drilling; large mineral resource</li> <li>Section 404 permit for Mine / Concentrator granted November 2019</li> <li>Recently completed Merchant Prefeasibility Study (PFS) and Integrated Scoping Study</li> </ul>		
<ul> <li>Merchant – producing LiOH from spodumene purchased from global suppliers</li> <li>Integrated – producing LiOH from spodumene produced by Piedmont</li> </ul>		
<ul> <li>Merchant PFS estimated NPV of \$714M and IRR of 26% for initial estimated capex of \$377M</li> <li>Integrated Scoping Study estimated NPV of \$1.1B and IRR of 26% for initial estimated capex of \$545M</li> <li>World's lowest cost producer vs. relevant peers in either scenario (Roskill)</li> </ul>		
<ul> <li>Trading at discount to peers and M&amp;A transactions</li> <li>Upcoming catalysts leading to two definitive feasibility studies should close value gap</li> </ul>		



## **ELECTRIC VEHICLE SALES DRIVEN BY ECONOMICS**



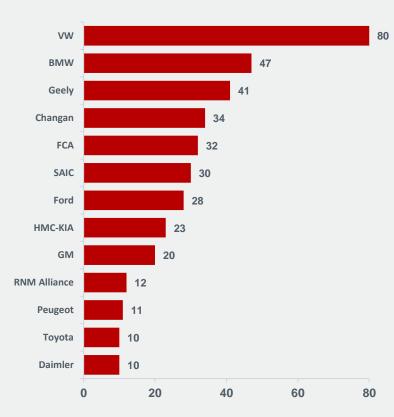
- 1. EVs are superior vehicles they are smoother, quieter and faster
- EVs reduce greenhouse gas emissions by two-thirds relative to internal combustion 2. vehicles (Wood Mackenzie)
- 3. EVs offer lower 'total cost of ownership' ("TCO"); significantly less expensive to fuel and maintain
- 4. EV:ICE purchase price parity is approaching; Tesla has already achieved this with the Model 3

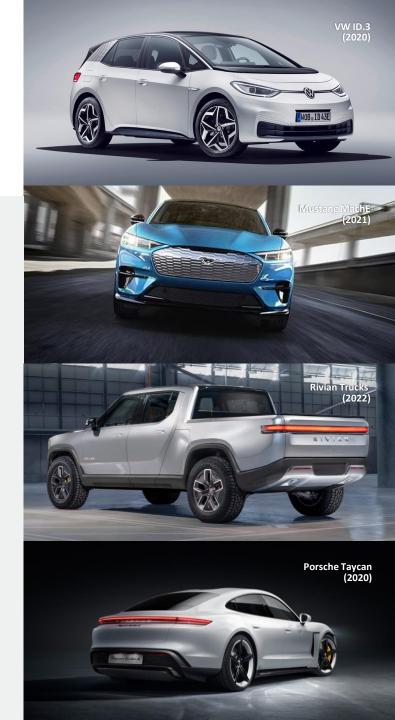


# **IT'S NOT JUST TESLA**

- Major auto companies are all-in on electric vehicles
  - 400+ new EV models coming to market by 2025
- EU CO<sub>2</sub> 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

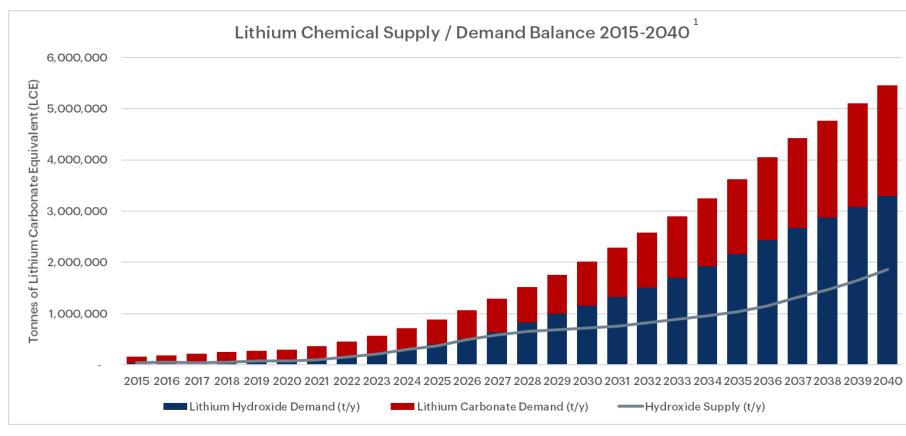
### # of EVs Launched by 2025





# HYDROXIDE TAKING SHARE IN FAST-GROWING LITHIUM MARKET

LiOH Demand Growing 31% Per Year Thru 2030<sup>1</sup>



1: Source - Benchmark Mineral Intelligence

LiOH

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

### LiOH shortages expected by 2023<sup>1</sup>

Most of the world's lithium hydroxide is currently produced in China

North Carolina is the leading ex-China LiOH producer

# **SPODUMENE THE PREFERRED FEEDSTOCK**

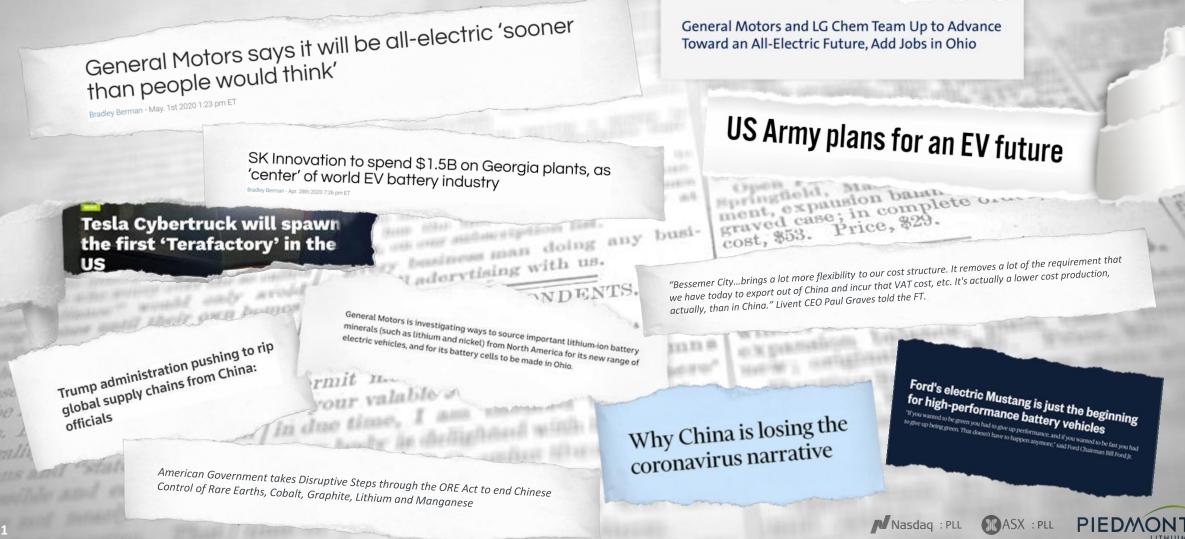
"Lithium extracted from **mining** ... is **commercially more attractive** ... more stable to extract, easier to scale and generally **more sustainable**." *VW – April 2019* 

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

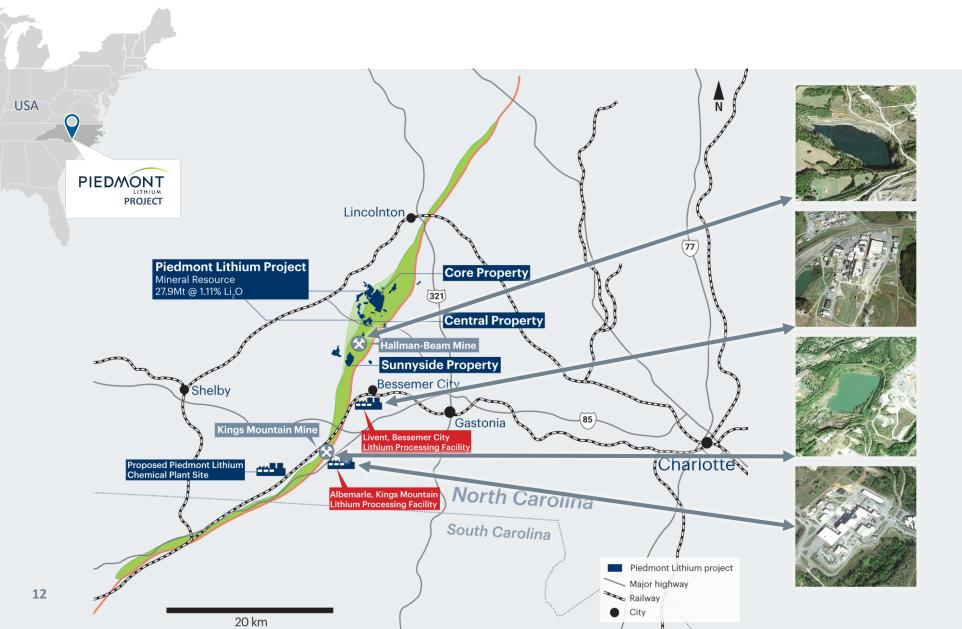


# PIEDMONT IS LOCATED IN THE USA'S AUTO ALLEY

# US EV MARKET ACCELERATING AS SUPPLY CHAIN LOCALIZATION TAKES HOLD



## **FAVORABLE LOCATION IN NORTH CAROLINA**



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**#1** STATE FOR BUSINESS 2019 (FORBES<sup>1</sup>)

> 0% STATE MINING ROYALTIES

23% CORPORATE TAX RATE

**~100%** PAST LITHIUM PRODUCTION

<u>Source https://www.forbes.com/best-states-forbusiness/list/#tab:overall</u>

# **TWO POSSIBLE DEVELOPMENT SCENARIOS**



MERCHANT PROJECT

Spodumene Supply from the Market

Nameplate capacity of 22,700 t/y LiOH

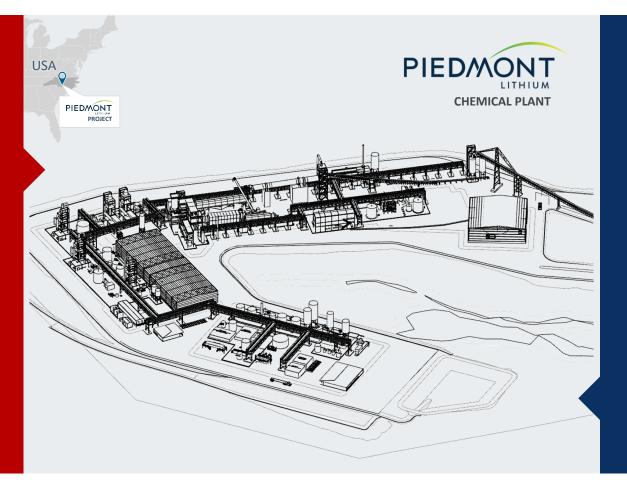
25 Year Chemical Plant Life

World's Lowest Cost Merchant Producer (Roskill<sup>2</sup>)

\$714M NPV - 26% IRR<sup>1</sup>

\$149M run rate EBITDA<sup>1</sup>

Initial Capex – \$377M<sup>1</sup>





**INTEGRATED PROJECT** 

### Spodumene from Piedmont Mine / Concentrator

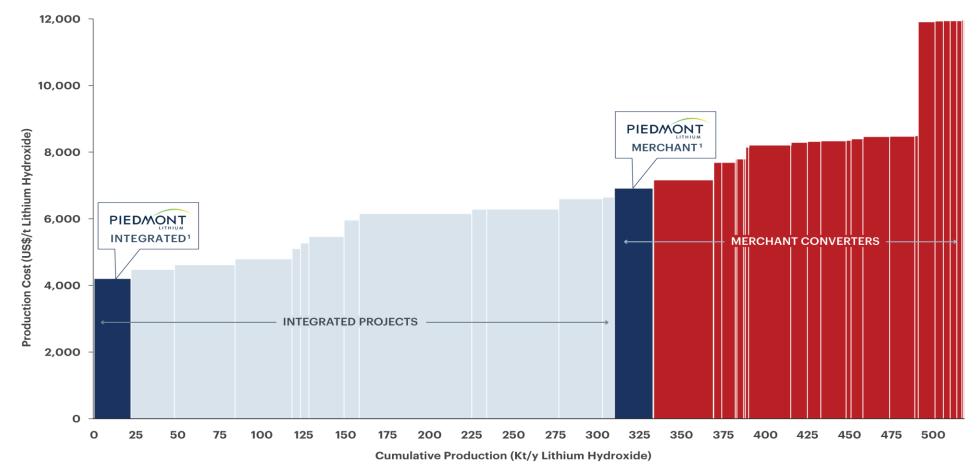
Nameplate capacity of 22,700 t/y LiOH 25 Year Mine & Chemical Plant Life World's Lowest Cost Producer (*Roskill*<sup>2</sup>) \$1.1B NPV – 26% IRR<sup>1</sup> \$218M run rate EBITDA<sup>1</sup> Initial Capex - \$545M<sup>1</sup>

1. Source: Estimated values previously announced in Company announcement "Chemical Plant PFS Demonstrates Exceptional Economics and Optionality of USA Location" dated May 26, 2020

2. Based on Roskill's forecasted 2028 all-in sustaining cost curve for lithium hydroxide production



# NORTH CAROLINA LOCATION DRIVES LOW PRODUCTION COSTS



1. Source: All-in sustaining cost estimates previously announced in Company Announcement "Chemical Plant PFS Demonstrates Exception Economics and Optionality of USA Location" dated May 26, 2020 and from Roskill 2028 All-In Sustaining Cost Curve (Roskill)



## THE MERCHANT SPODUMENE-TO-HYDROXIDE OPPORTUNITY

A PIEDMONT X Spodumene Project Operating Spodumene Conversion Plant Proposed Spodumene Conversion Plant

LiOH

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

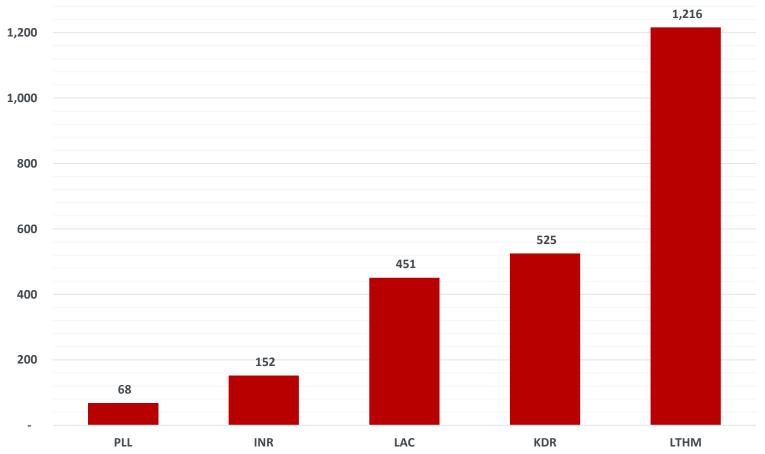
CHINA PRODUCES MOST OF THE WORLD'S LITHIUM HYDROXIDE

US AND EUROPEAN AUTO COMPANIES SEEKING TO LOCALIZE SUPPLY CHAINS

NORTH CAROLINA IS AN IDEAL LOCATION FOR MERCHANT CONVERSION

# **CATALYSTS TO DRIVE SHAREHOLDER VALUE**





Notes: Market caps as of 6/5/20; KDR represents M&A transaction values.



# CORPORATE SNAPSHOT

PIEDMONT LITHIUM LIMITED	MASX ASX	Nasdaq
Shares / ADRs (1 ADR = 100 Shares)	826.3 mm	8.26 mm
Price (@ 6/5/20)	A\$0.13	US\$8.26
Market Cap (@ 6/5/20)	A\$107 mm	US\$68 mm
Cash (@ 3/31/20)	A\$14.5 mm	US\$9.0 mm
Employee Stock Options – 63.8mm at weighted average exercise price of A\$0.18		

### **KEY SHAREHOLDERS**

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

### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

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

### LEADERSHIP TEAM

**Keith Phillips** 

President & CEO

Goldman Sachs
Patrick Brindle

experience

30+ years Wall Street experience

with JPMorgan, Merrill Lynch &

VP – Project Management







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

20+ years US and global engineering,

procurement and construction



#### Tim McKenna Government Relations 30+ years government relations, including with Rockwood Lithium and Lithium X



### Greg Swan

Albemarle

Corporate Secretary 15+ years accounting and governance experience with public companies

### TECHNICAL CONSULTANTS



1: Beginning from July 1, 2020

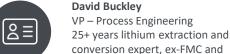


### Founder and Director Visionary natural resources entrepreneur; founder of multiple companies



### Austin Devaney VP – Sales & Marketing<sup>1</sup>

Lithium industry veteran; head of sales and customer excellence for Albemarle

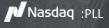








# **BACKGROUND INFORMATION**





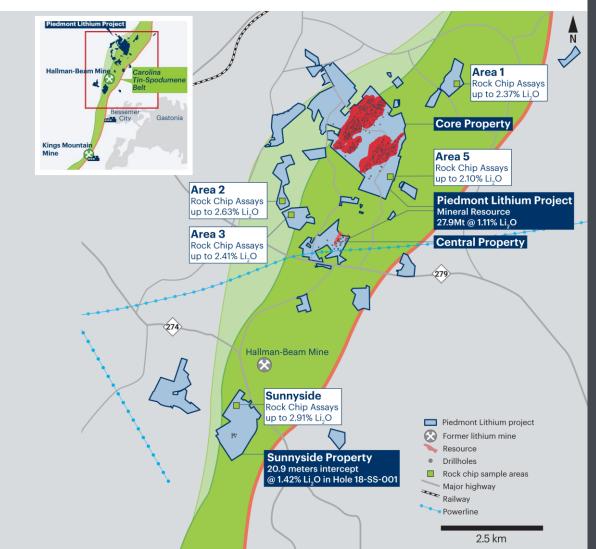
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## INTEGRATED BUSINESS BENEFITS FROM HIGH-GRADE RESOURCE WITH UPSIDE

Mineral Resources 27.9 Mt @ 1.11% Li<sub>2</sub>O

- 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



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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

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 QUARTZ

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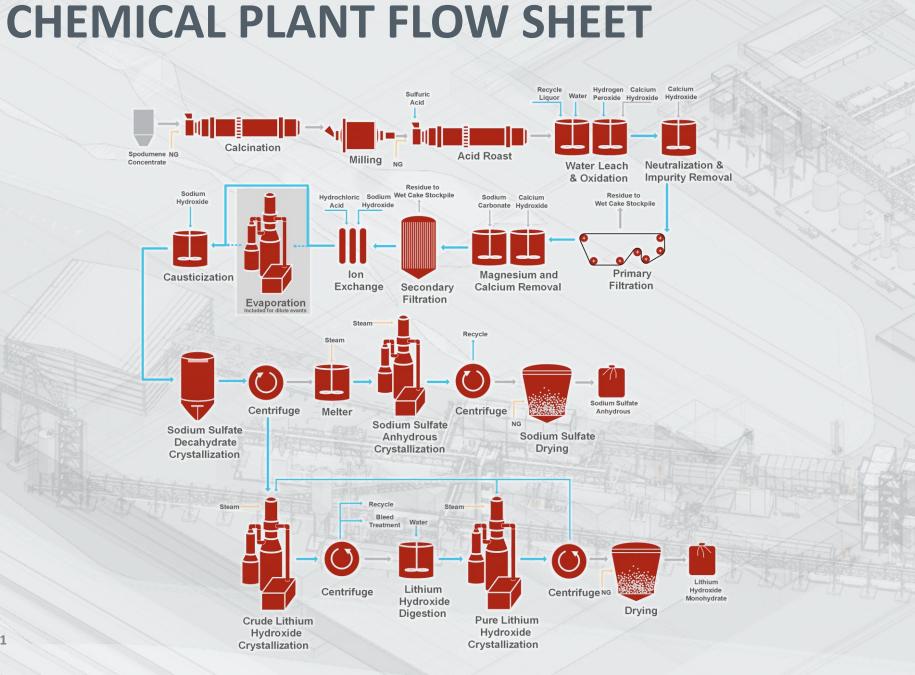






**BY-PRODUCTS SERVE IMPORTANT MARKETS WHILE** PROVIDING **IMPORTANT CREDITS TO OPERATING COSTS** 





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LOW-RISK CONVENTIONAL CONVERSION TECHNOLOGY

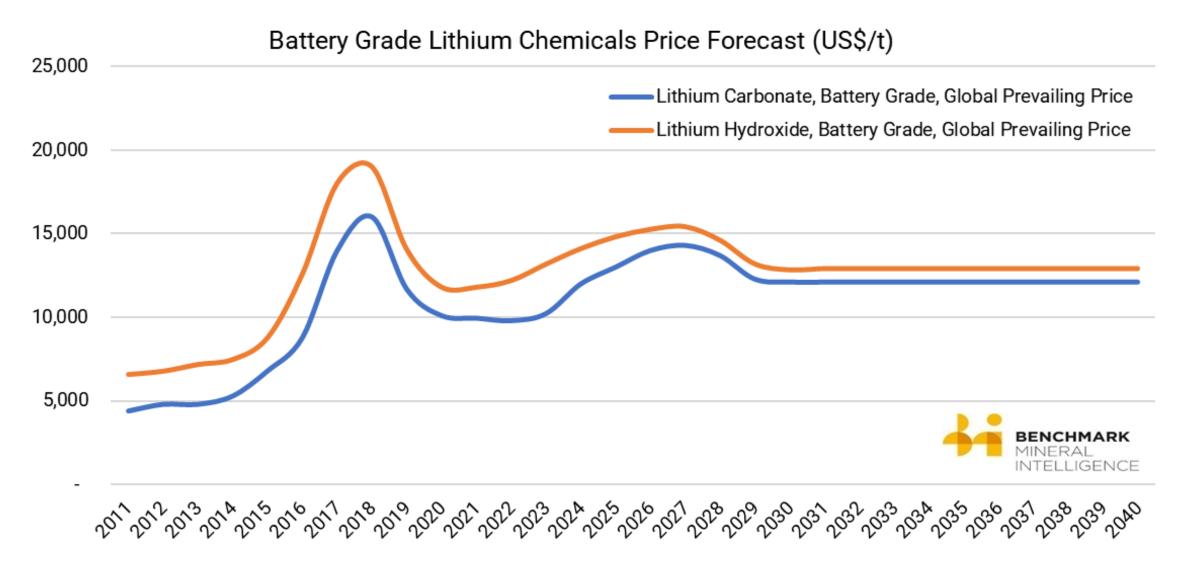
**22,720 TPY** BG LIOH PRODUCTION

US\$2,371/t CONVERSION COST

24 MONTH RAMP-UP PERIOD

### **MINOR SOURCE** AIR PERMITTING PROCESS

# **LITHIUM PRICES**





# LiOH



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