

# CLEAN HIGH PURITY LITHIUM

## Efficient Clean Technology

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RESOURCES

**CLEANER LITHIUM**  
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## Key Demands: Cathode/Battery Maker & EV Demand

- **#1 High Purity Battery Materials - to avoid performance issues** –  
Low impurities are being sought in battery materials to ensure reliable battery performance
- High quality provided consistently and scalable as demand increases
- **#2 Responsibly Sourced, Traceable, Sustainable Battery Materials** -  
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- **#3 Low Cost Structure** - To deliver affordable batteries for electric vehicles

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## **Solution to EV & Cathode/Battery Maker Demand**

### **Twin Demand – Consistently high purity & more sustainable**

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- **Lake/Lilac Solution –** High purity/low impurity consistently; Cost Competitive; Scalable; Small environmental footprint; Returns 99% brine to source; Low water usage

## Clean Technology – No Mining – High Purity

- **Clean Technology – Direct Extraction by Partner, Lilac Solutions** – Efficient lithium separation from brine; backed by Bill Gates-led Breakthrough Energy fund
- **High Purity Lithium** - 99.97% purity battery quality lithium carbonate: Kachi Project
- **Responsibly Sourced; Sustainable; ESG** – Returns 99% brine to source
- **Demonstrated Path to Production – Kachi Project**  
Successful pilot plant module; Small scale-up to production; Cost-competitive; Large project
- **Major Discount to Project Value:** Trading at 2-4% of NPV vs 10-40% of peers



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# Why High Purity? Growing Demand

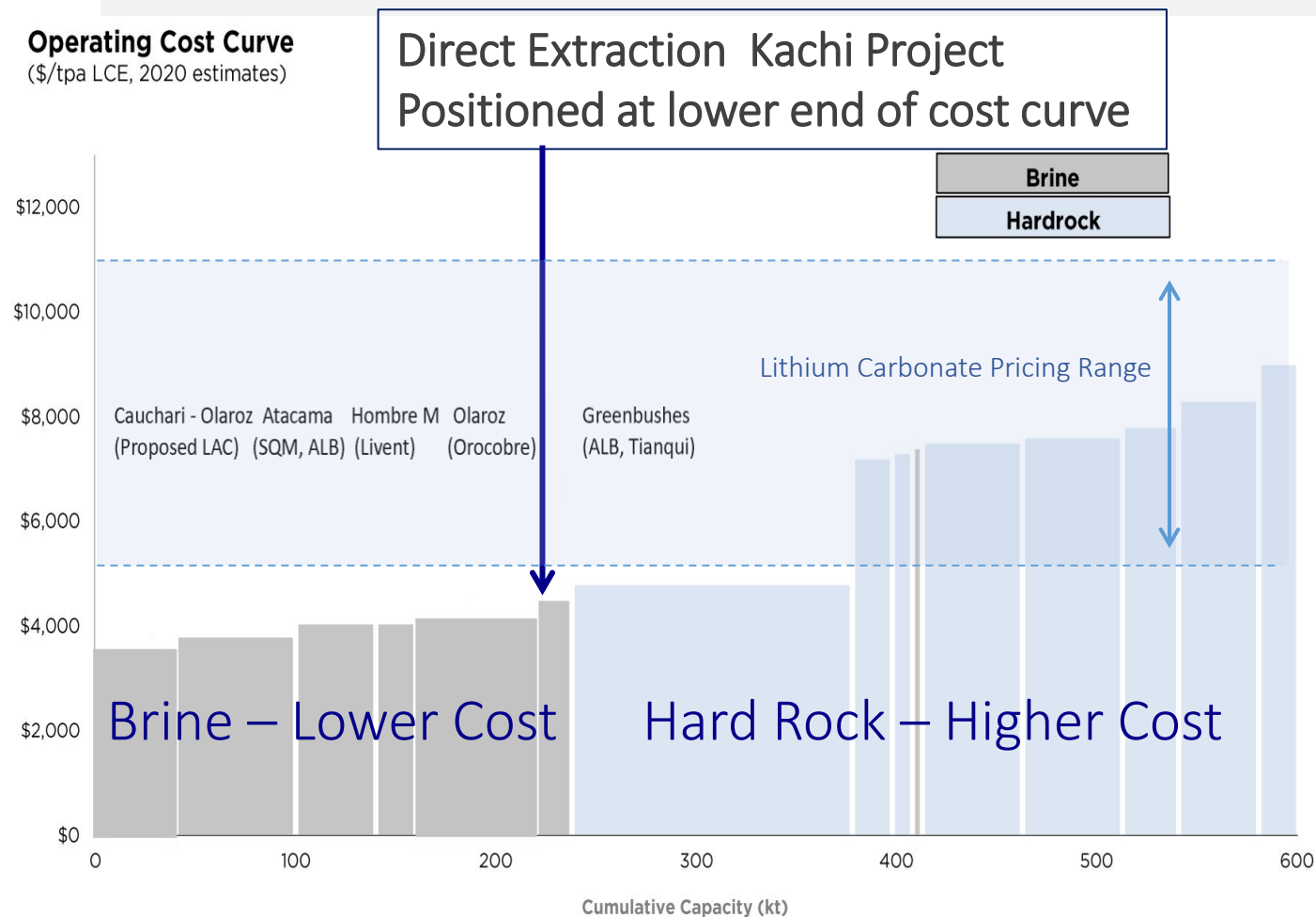
## 99.97% Purity Lithium Carbonate Produced from Kachi project brines

### After processing in Lilac direct extraction pilot module

- Battery Grade considered to be 99.5%
- Kachi samples have very low impurities (60x less than 99.5% battery grade)
- Battery market demands low impurity products (to avoid reprocessing)
- Lake benefits from simple flowsheet; cost – competitive

# Why Low Impurities? Premium Pricing & Cost Competitive

**Operating Cost Curve**  
(\$/tpa LCE, 2020 estimates)



Chemical Component	Actual (wt%)	Target
Lithium (Li)	99.97	99.5 Min
Sodium (Na)	0.0011	0.025 Max
Magnesium (Mg)	<0.001	0.008 Max
Calcium (Ca)	<0.001	0.005 Max
Potassium (K)	0.0049	0.005 Max
Sulphur (S)	<0.01	0.01 SO4 Max
Aluminum (Al)	<0.001	0.001 Max
Iron (Fe)	<0.001	0.001 Max
Silicon (Si)	<0.001 *	0.005 Max
Boron (B)	<0.001	0.005 Max

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Source: Street research including Cauchari-Olaroz DFS and Thacker Pass (before by-product credits). Includes CORFO royalty assuming price of \$9,000/t of lithium carbonate

Lithium Americas (LAC:TSX-V)  
Information Nov 2019

Source: LKE announcements 20/10/2020, 14/01/2020

# Why Sustainable Lithium? In demand

## Electric Vehicle Makers want more sustainable battery materials in EV's

- **Electric Vehicle Makers, EU Seek More Sustainable Lithium –**  
Volkswagen, Daimler, BMW, EU want more responsible sourcing of battery materials (Reuters)
- **Direct extraction is not mining and avoids water politics -**  
Delivers a solution for EV & battery demand – 1. High purity battery materials to avoid performance issues; 2. Battery materials sourced more responsibly and sustainable
- **Lilac backed by high profile successful investors –**  
Lilac supported by Bill Gates-led Breakthrough fund, MIT's The Engine Fund
- **Growth in ESG Investing (Environmental Social Governance) –**  
ESG investment is focus of 33% of all US funds under management in Nov 2020



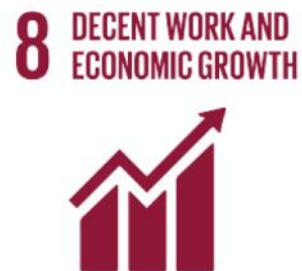
# Sustainable Lithium.

## ESG Targets for the Future – EU, UN

EU



UN



UNGP  
United Nations Guiding Principles  
on Business and Human Rights  
  
SDGs  
Sustainable Development Goals

# Why Direct extraction? Clean, Efficient

Re-engineered well-known technology in water treatment

No Evaporation or Mining

- Efficient – just lithium removed from brine
- Faster – days not months or years
- Higher recoveries than evaporation
- High purity – because only lithium removed
- Cost competitive and scalable
- Environmentally friendly - small footprint
- Returns brine to source; no change to chemistry



# Direct extraction. Ion Exchange Process Lilac Solutions

**Disruptive Technology** (3 hrs to 30-60,000ppm vs 1-2 years)

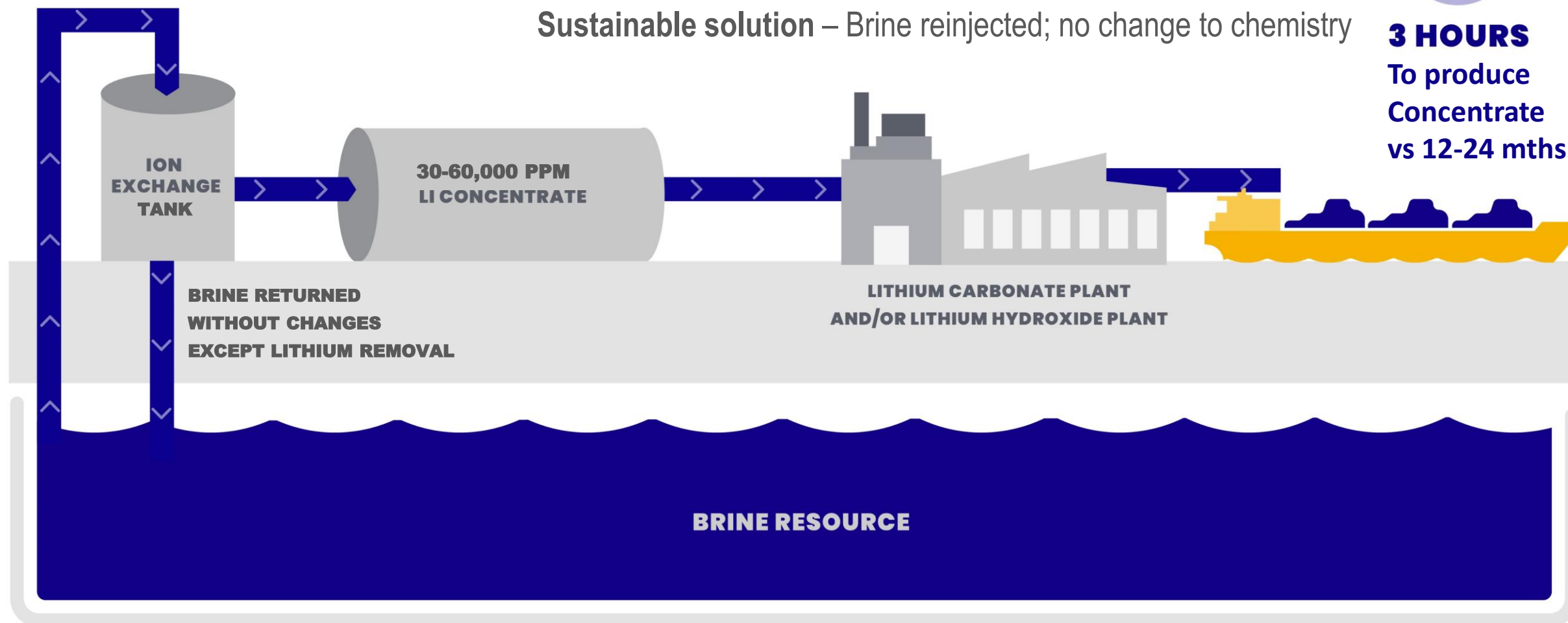
**Saves time and money** - Faster production. Recoveries doubled

**Lower impurities** – Higher purity as only lithium is extracted.

**Sustainable solution** – Brine reinjected; no change to chemistry



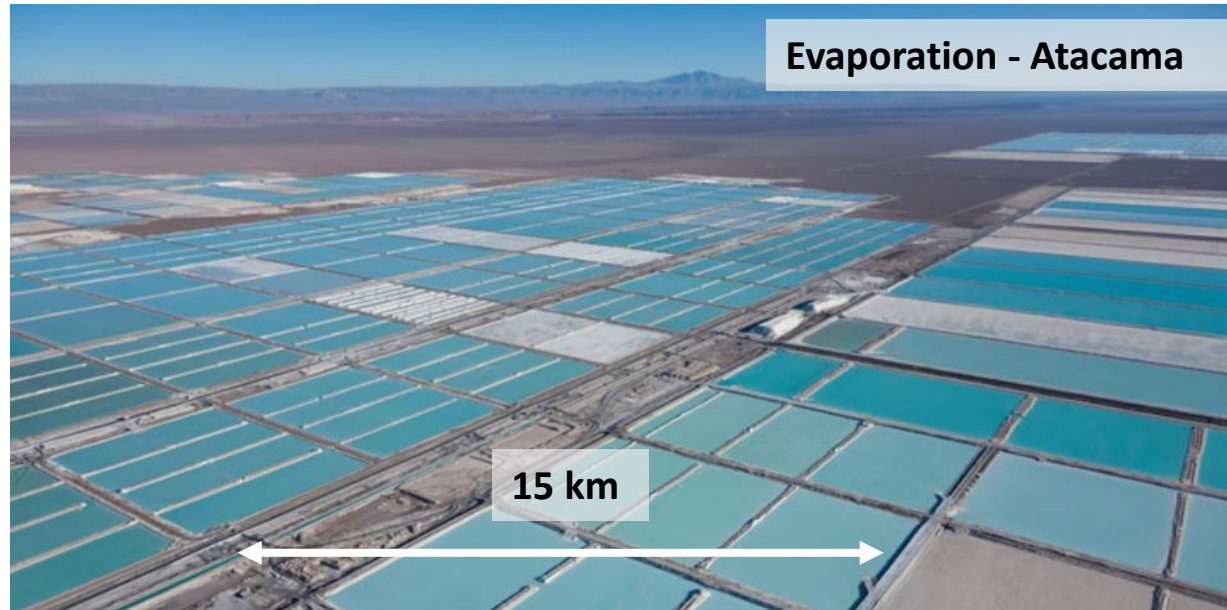
**3 HOURS**  
To produce  
Concentrate  
vs 12-24 mths





# Why Direct extraction? Small Environmental Footprint

Lilac Direct Extraction Footprint vs Brine Evaporation Ponds (Atacama) and Hard Rock Mining (Greenbushes)



Direct Extraction:  
Returns  
brine to source

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# High Purity Lithium Process – Simple

**Pumping Brines - Kachi**



**Direct Extraction Lithium Chloride – Lilac Pilot Plant Module**



**Lithium Carbonate - Hazen**



**Cathode/ Battery - Novonix**



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# De-Risked Processing; Simple Production Scale-up

## Direct Extraction Lithium – Lilac Pilot Plant Module



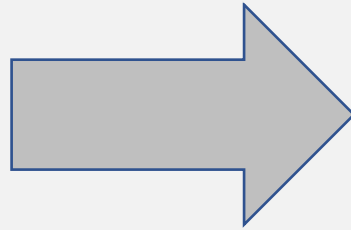
**Pilot  
1-2 modules**

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**Pilot to  
Production**



## Direct Extraction Lithium – Lilac Production Scale



**Production Scale  
50+ modules**

*Modules here are not an example of the actual modules*

## Prime Location – Large Producers.

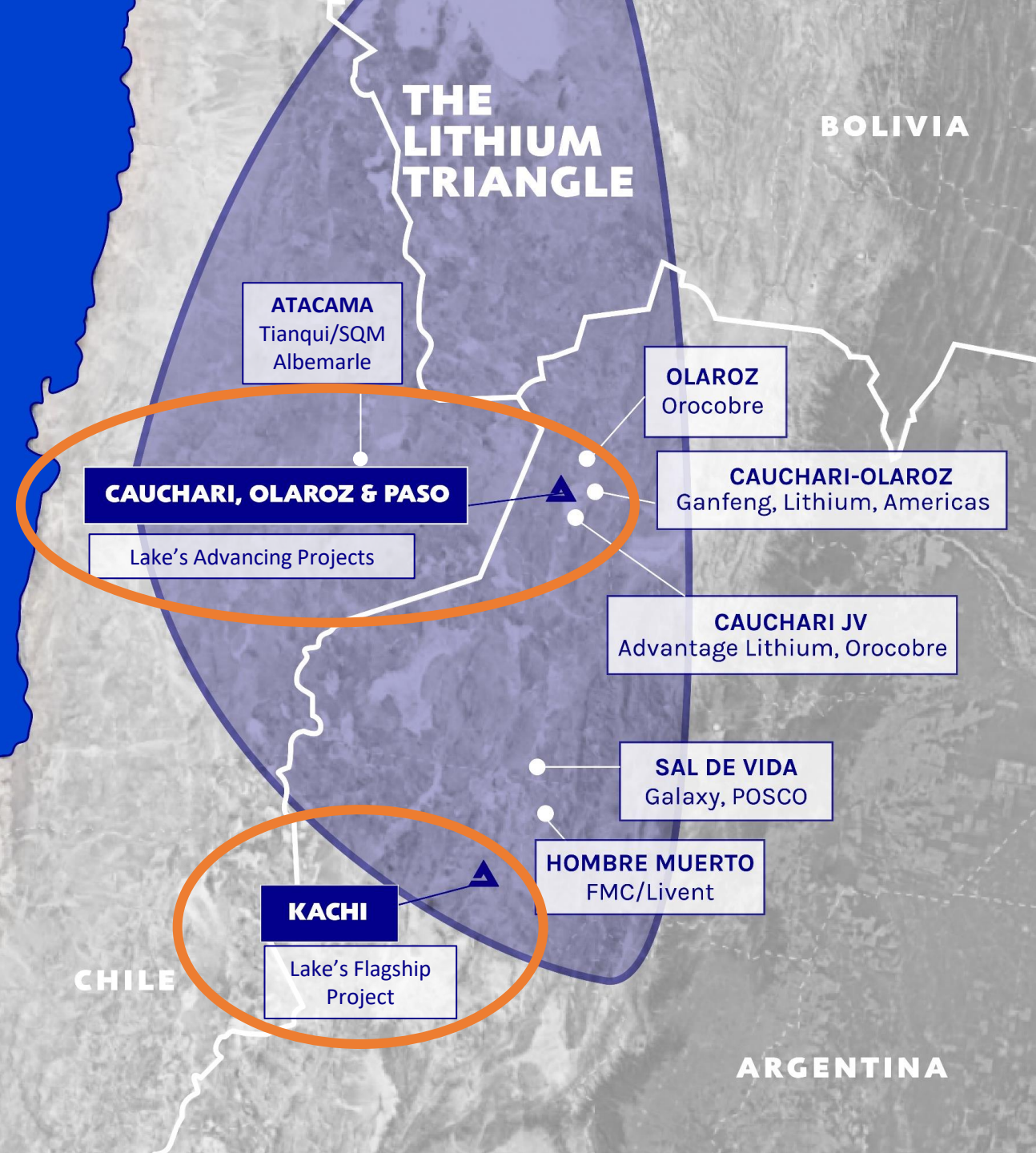
Lithium Triangle: 40% of  
world's lithium production  
at the lowest cost.

5 largest producers all have operations  
ALB, SQM, LTHM + Tianqui, Ganfeng

Lake has a large project at Kachi  
3 other brine projects

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## Kachi Project.

100% Lake owned

Major brine resource - Top10

4.4 Mt LCE Total Resource

(1Mt LCE Indicated Resource; 3.4 Mt Inferred)

PFS only uses 20% of resource

Open at depth and laterally

70,000 hectares of leases

(11x Size of Manhattan Island)

**It's Not About Grade –**

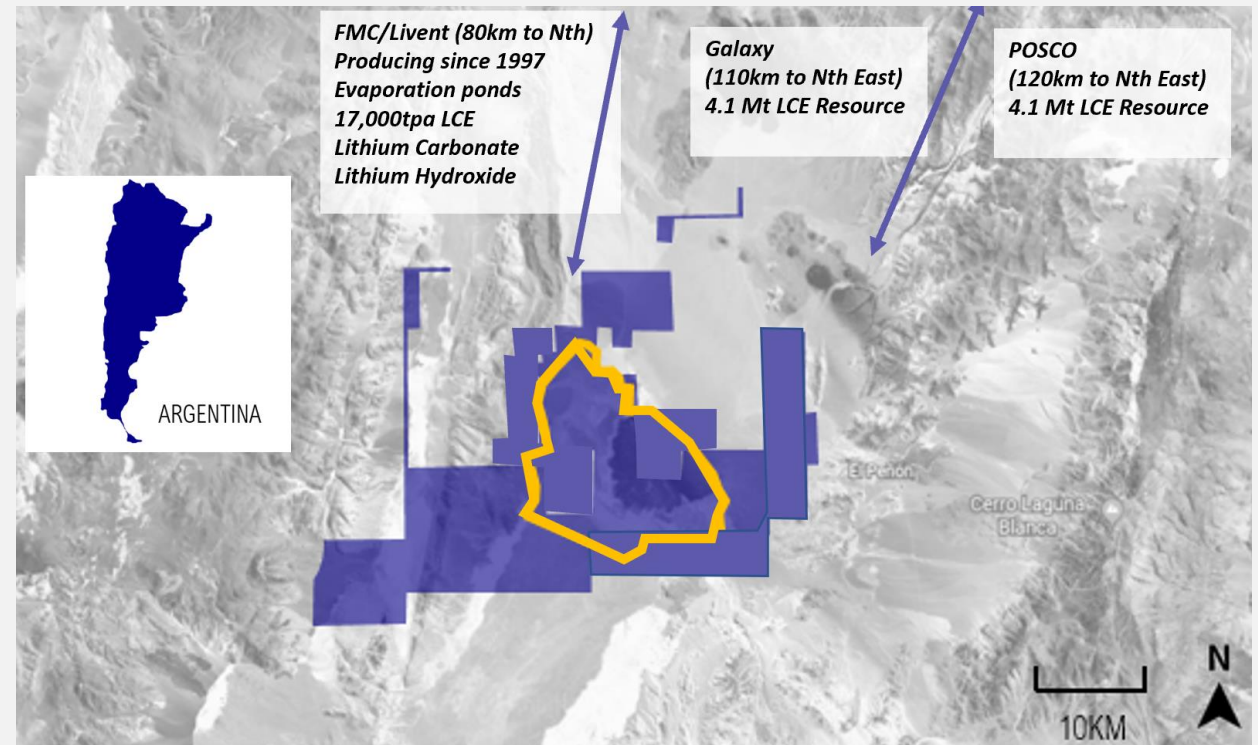
In industrial chemistry, 'low impurities' is king





## Why Kachi? Advantages: Large, Clean, Expandable

- **Large:** 4.4 million tonne LCE.
- **Expandable:** Open laterally;  
Open at depth
- **Clean:** Brine low in impurities
- **Long Life, High Value:**  
25 year production 25,500 tpa LCE;  
US\$1050 million project value
- **Cost Competitive:**  
Operating costs similar to  
evaporation ~US\$4100/t
- **Scalable:** Modular processing  
allows easy scaling to +50,000tpa



# Why Kachi? High Margin Pre-Feasibility Results

- **Long Life, High Value Project** - 25 year production 25,500 tpa LCE\*\*;  
US\$1050 million project value\* (NPV @ 8% discount rate, Pre-tax)
- **High Margin Lithium Production** –
  - 55% Operating Margin; US\$465 million EBITDA in 1st 3 years\*
- **High Purity** - 99.9% purity battery grade  $\text{Li}_2\text{CO}_3$
- **Cost Competitive among Brine Producers** –  
Operating cost US\$4170/t  $\text{Li}_2\text{CO}_3$
- **Project Value could more than Double** – with premium pricing





# Lake's Clean Lithium into Batteries

## Novonix - Process underway

**Novonix - battery technology leader** (ASX:NVX; OTCQX:NVNXF)

Tier 1 firms

- Panasonic, CATL, Samsung, SK, LG Chem, Bosch, Honda, Dyson

Work with Dr Jeff Dahn at Dalhousie Uni

- a ground breaking "name" in the battery tech space

Developed latest cathode & anode technology

**Lake's lithium carbonate tested quickly, transparently**

Demonstrate that Lake's product is truly battery quality

Accelerates discussions downstream

Only ~35% of lithium production Tier-1 qualified as battery quality

Only 50-60% of lithium production is battery quality

Strengthens Lake's quality and ESG benefits



# Production Timeline.

H1 - 2020

High purity samples  
Kachi direct extraction pilot plant module – operating  
Kachi PFS (Apr 2020) – Robust economics; cost competitive

H2 – 2020 , H2 - 2021

Kachi samples to battery makers for qualification purposes; testing by Novonix  
Kachi – offtake and strategic partner discussions  
Kachi – Initiate DFS, EISA, pilot plant to site  
Complete DFS, approvals; construction finance

2016-19

Large Lease Area Pegged in 2016  
Kachi – Large new discovery; major resource  
Kachi – PFS commenced; Pilot plant initiated  
Direct Extraction method – Testing  
Cauchari – extended high grades; discovery

2022-2023

**Kachi – Production**

Kachi – 25,500tpa LCE; Capex US\$540m  
Phased expansion from 10,000tpa LCE  
Capex Reduced  
Olaroz, Cauchari – Drill, Resource, PFS

## LAKE RESOURCES (ASX:LKE , OTC:LLKKF)

Total Current Shares on Issue

**817,128,624**

Listed Options (10c)	Jun 2021 Expiry	52,512,693
Unlisted Options (4.6c)	Oct 2022 Expiry	18,300,000
Unlisted Options (8c)	Feb 2022 Expiry	5,555,000
Unlisted Options (9c)	Jul 2021 Expiry	15,000,000

## Market Data

**Market Cap (\$A)**

@ \$0.077/ sh (10 day VWAP, 7 Dec)

**A \$62 million  
US\$46 million**

**Cash (\$A)**

30 Sept 2020

**A\$3 million**

**Secured debt**

**\$ 0**

**Share Price**

52 week range

**\$0.023 – 0.095/sh**

**Share Register**

40% Top 30, High Net Worth Investors

Lake Resources N.L. Chart



# Lithium Producers Recently Uplifted

Developers yet to rise

Lake \$50m vs Peers  
\$80-200m market cap

Trading at 4%NPV<sub>8</sub> vs  
Peers 10-40% NPV<sub>8</sub>

Research: LKE website

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Lake Resources NL

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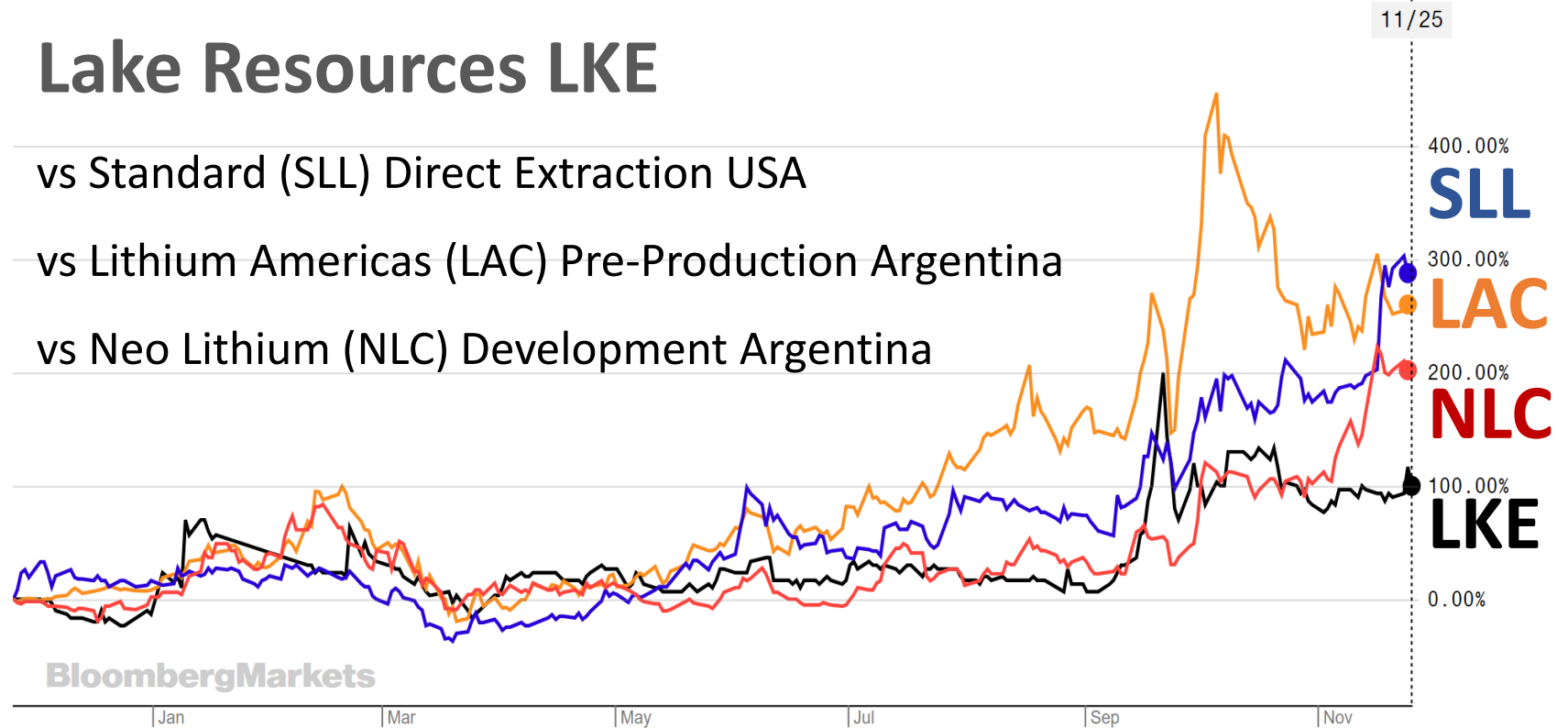
● LKE:AU 100.00% ● LAC:CN 260.00% ● SLL:CN 287.67% ● NLC:CN 202.04%

## Lake Resources LKE

vs Standard (SLL) Direct Extraction USA

vs Lithium Americas (LAC) Pre-Production Argentina

vs Neo Lithium (NLC) Development Argentina



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## Clean High Purity Lithium - Unique Proposition.

- **New Clean Technology for High Purity Lithium** – Growing need
- **Responsibly Sourced & Sustainable** - Lake uniquely positioned to provide what EV / battery makers want - high quality battery materials more responsibly sourced without mining. Enables a clean future
- **21<sup>st</sup> Century Solution to Batteries for EV's** – Lake's clean lithium being tested in latest batteries

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