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# Sidoti Micro Cap Virtual Investor

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## Developing a Critical Global Asset in Argentina

#### Kachi – Lake's Flagship Project

- Recently completed Kachi Project Phase One Definitive Feasibility Study<sup>1</sup> ("DFS")
- Located in Catamarca region, within the Lithium Triangle which holds ~56% of the world's lithium reserves<sup>2</sup>
- Using ion exchange DLE technology to optimize lithium extraction results from Kachi brine
  - Higher lithium recovery: DLE has shown average recovery rates of 80%+ compared with 40- 60% for traditional methods (hard rock, evaporation ponds)
  - Less impact on environment: lower water usage, lower land usage, less waste volume
- Lithium chemical manufacturing yields proven, repeatable results of high purity, high quality lithium carbonate
- Experienced team from oil and gas industry bring expertise in developing large capital projects and driving project efficiencies





## Kachi Phase One DFS Highlights



Investment Highlights (\$ USD)	<ul> <li>Post-tax NPV of \$2.3 billion and IRR of 21%</li> <li>Annual average EBITDA of \$635 million</li> <li>\$1.38 billion of Capex<sup>1</sup></li> <li>\$6.05 / kg LCE of Opex</li> </ul>
Project Highlights	<ul> <li>Total resource estimated at more than 10.6 Mt LCE, a globally significant resource<sup>2</sup></li> <li>Defined and de-risked 25-year mine life supported by maiden Ore Reserve statement</li> <li>Mine Plan represents less than 12% of the Measured and Indicated Resource over the 25-year Life of Mine ("LoM") and clear pathway to further expansion</li> </ul>
Process Design Highlights	<ul> <li>Demonstration plant campaigns from Oct 2022 to Nov 2023, processed 5.2 million of litres of brine and produced over 200,000 litres of lithium chloride eluate<sup>3</sup></li> <li>Project has produced in excess of 1,300kg of &gt;99.5% purity lithium carbonate</li> <li>Process plant is conservatively designed for &gt;75% lithium recovery</li> </ul>

1. Level of Capex required from final investment decision to plant performance testing. Refer to Lake's Kachi Project Phase One Definitive Feasibility Study Results announced on ASX on 19 December 2023 for more details.

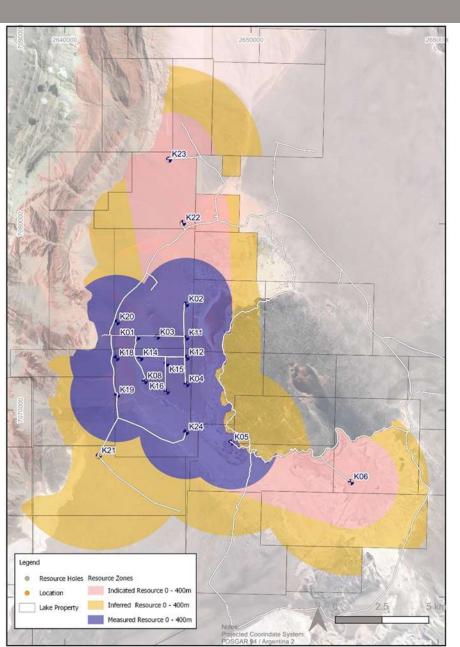
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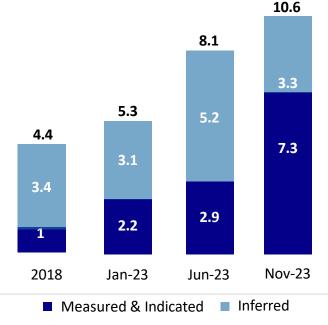
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## >10.6 million tonnes LCE Mineral Resource





### Kachi M&I resource estimate increased 250% since June 2023



#### Resources in Million Tonnes LCE

<sup>1</sup> Numbers are based on information in Lake's JORC update announced on 22 November 2023. Refer to the Appendix for details of individual categories of the mineral resource. All material assumptions contained in that announcement continue to apply and have not materially changed

## Resource expansion from June 2023 update<sup>1</sup>:

- Measured resource has increased from 2.2 to 3.0 million tonnes LCE
- Indicated resource has increased from 0.72 to 4.3 million tonnes LCE
- Inferred resource has decreased from

5.2 to 3.3 million tonnes LCE

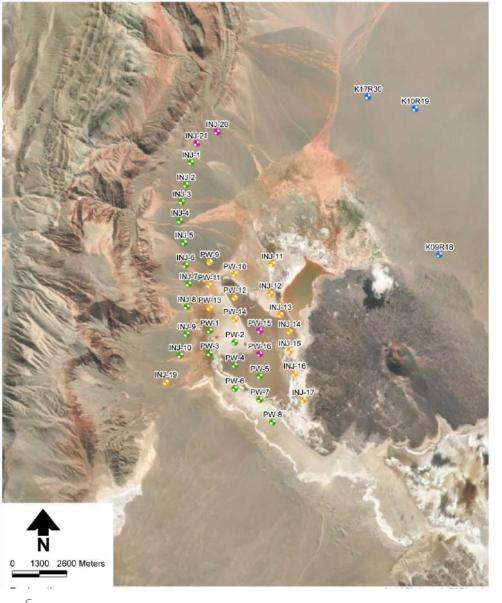
#### **Exploration Target**<sup>1</sup>:

High: 14.8 million tonnes LCE; Low: 3.7 million tonnes LCE

Note: The potential quantity and grade of an exploration target is conceptual in nature, there has been insufficient exploration to determine a mineral resource and there is no certainty that further exploration work will result in the determination of mineral resources or that the exploration target itself will be realized.

## Maiden Ore Reserve Statement





Reserve Category	Years	Lithium (Tonnes)	LCE (Tonnes)	Average Lithium (mg/l)
Proved	1	3,600	18,900	259
Proved	2-7	28,500	151,400	257
Probable	8-25	85,400	454,100	245
Total	1-25	117,400	624,400	

- Globally Significant Resource: The mine plan produces 806k tonnes LCE (allowing for a factor of safety), this is less than 12% of the Measured and Indicated Resource
- High level of confidence: More than 85% of production is derived from Measured Resource, remainder from Indicated
- Wellfield layout (16 Production Wells and 21 Injection Wells) designed to:
  - Maximize lithium grade recovered;
  - Maximize Proved Ore Reserve; and
  - Minimize environmental impacts
- Modelling supports reinjection strategy; maintaining reservoir pressures and minimizing potential environmental impacts

### **Ore Reserve constrained by plant capacity**

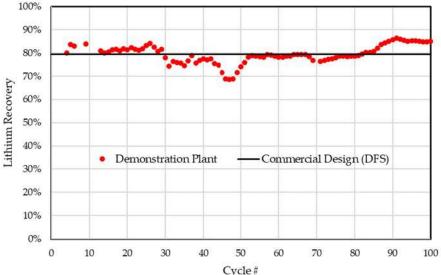
### Phase One DFS Demo Scope – Ready for Deployment



### **DLE – Lilac Solutions Ion Exchange**

- On-site demo plant operated in campaigns from October 2022 to November 2023
  - Over 5.2 million litres of Kachi brine successfully processed
  - During continuous operations >90% uptime
  - 200,000 litres of lithium chloride eluate produced (~2,280 mg/L)
- Independent witness & validation reviews completed for DFS data

Key Results	Oakland Mini Pilot	Kachi Demo Plant	Validation
Lithium Recovery	80%	80%	Matches DFS design. Best in class performance
Product Lithium Concentration (mg/L)	2300	2280	Matches DFS design. Best in class performance
Impurity Rejection	100%	100%	Matches DFS design. Best in class performance
Acid Consumption (tHCI/tLCE)	1.5	1.5	Matches DFS design. Best in class performance





## Phase One DFS Demo Scope – Battery Grade by Design

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### **Balance of Plant – Saltworks Technologies**

- 120,000 litres processed in 3 batches in Canada
  - All batches achieved battery grade lithium purity target (>99.5%)
  - Up to 99.9% purity achieved
  - Independent validation of results
  - Data produced to support DFS completion
  - $\circ$  >1,300 kg of samples created for offtake testing

#### Figure 7-6: Summary results Saltworks for Kachi Demonstration Plant Eluate

Batch		1	2	3
DLE Eluate Processed	m <sup>3</sup>	32.1	46.0	40.2
Average DLE Lithium Concentration (mg/L)	mg/L	3,097	3,468	4,392
Lithium Carbonate Produced	kg	350	411	578
Lithium Purity <sup>Note1</sup>	%	99.7%	99.8%	99.9%
Note1 Purity as calculated based on sum of measured imp		ction limit.		



## Scope of the Phase One DFS

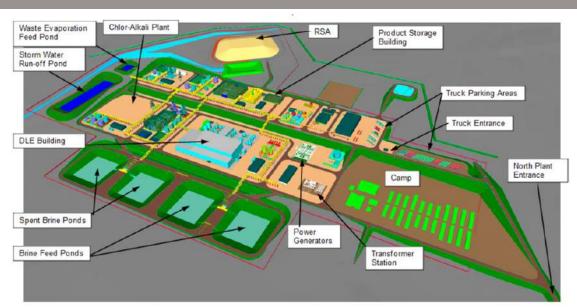


### **Work Completed**

- Basis of Design
  - Conservative assumptions (205 mg/L vs. 245 mg/L minimum average)
- Heat & Material Balance (HMB)
  - Confirmed >75% lithium recovery
- Process flowsheet

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- Process plant 3-D model
- Wellfield layout and well design
- Numerical reservoir model
- Power transmission system
- Process validation reports
- Logistics & transportation assessment
- AACE<sup>1</sup> Class 3 estimate (+/- 15%)



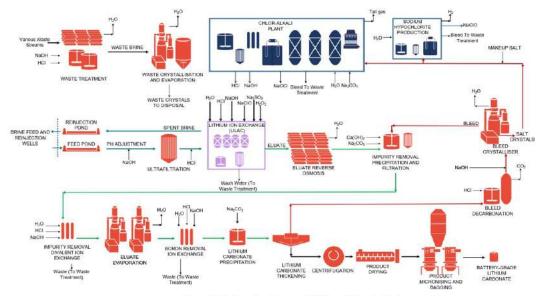


Figure 7-1: Schematic of Proposed Lithium Carbonate Plant



### Targeted project financial results<sup>1</sup> (\$USD)

Phase One DFS Financial Outputs					
Phase One – 25 ktpa LCE Production Target <sup>2</sup>					
<b>\$827M</b> Annual Lithium Carbonate Revenues	<b>20.9%</b> Post-Tax IRR				
<b>\$635M</b> Annual Average EBITDA <sup>3</sup>	<b>\$3.9B</b> Pre-Tax NPV <sub>8</sub>	<b>25.4%</b> Pre-Tax IRR			
<b>25 years</b> Life of Mine	<b>\$1.38B</b> Capital Cost	<b>\$6.05/kg</b> Run Rate Operating Cost			

	Units	Period	DFS Result
Lithium Carbonate Revenue	\$M	Life of Mine	20,700
Lithium Carbonate Revenue	\$M	Annual Average	827
EBITDA <sup>2</sup>	\$M	Life of Mine	15,870
EBITDA <sup>2</sup>	\$M	Annual Average	635
EBITDA Margin	%	Run Rate	76%
Net Profit After Tax	\$M	Life of Mine	8,959
Average Opex	\$/t	Run Rate	6,047
Total Capex	\$M		1,376
NPV <sub>8</sub> Post-Tax	\$M		2,333
NPV <sub>8</sub> Pre-Tax	\$M		3,854
IRR Post-Tax	%		20.91
IRR Pre-Tax	%		25.35
Total Free Cashflows	\$M	Life of Mine	9,310
Payback Period	Years		4.25

1. Economics based on average price of \$33,000 per tonne LCE over the LoM, derived from forward price projection provided in a bespoke study commissioned by the Kachi project with Wood Mackenzie and delivered in December 2023. Operating costs include labor, maintenance, materials, supplies, raw materials, outside services, among others.

2. See the Company's JORC technical report dated effective December 19, 2023, "Kachi Lithium Brine Definitive Feasibility Study" for full details regarding material assumptions relied upon. Lake confirms the material assumptions in that announcement continue to apply and have not materially changed.

3. Please see "Non-GAAP Financial Measures" in the appendix.

## Strong Community and Government Engagement



- Looking forward to building relationship with recently elected Federal government.
- Continued strong relationship with Catamarca government.
- Monthly meetings with local government and community to provide status updates of Kachi Project.
- Emphasis on training directly related to the future construction phase.
- Creating Scholarship Program, inclusive of financial aid, for students of tertiary and university level in El Peñón and Antofagasta de la Sierra.
- Educational activities in primary and secondary schools related to Kachi Project.
- Providing assistance to community with access to diesel, water and other necessary items, as well as improving communications and access to information.



## Next Twelve Months



Strategic Partner Process for Kachi Project	Process initiated, led by Goldman Sachs
Offtake	<ul> <li>Commencement of negotiations to secure binding offtake agreements, in tandem with strategic partnering process</li> </ul>
ΕΙΑ	<ul> <li>The submission of the Environmental and Social Impact Assessment ("EIA") in early 2024, in support of the Catamarca Province development permit application</li> </ul>
FEED/EPCM	Selection of FEED/EPCM contractor for the Process Plant
Power	<ul> <li>Selection of an Independent Power Producer ("IPP") for the Power Purchase Agreement ("PPA")</li> </ul>
Project Financing	<ul> <li>Continued engagement with Export Credit Agencies and the supporting commercial banks for project financing</li> </ul>

## **Positioned for Success**



### Credible, Achievable and De-risked

Compelling Project Economics	<ul> <li>Robust and competitive NPV and IRR</li> <li>Completion of Phase One DFS allows Lake to open a data room and engage with strategic investors, potential offtakers, and debt providers</li> </ul>
Globally Significant Resource	<ul> <li>Ore Reserve constrained by plant capacity</li> <li>Mine Plan represents less than 12% of Measured and Indicated Resource over the 25-year Life of Mine</li> </ul>
Further Optimization	<ul> <li>Opportunities for increasing Capex and Opex efficiencies between now and start of production, targeted for 2027</li> <li>Optimization opportunities already identified</li> </ul>



# Appendix A

Reality

Unit	Sediment Volume m <sup>3</sup>	Specific Yield %	Brine volume m <sup>3</sup>	Liters	Li mg/l	Li grams	Li Tonnes	Tonnes LC
A	11,001,000,000	0.078	858,078,000	858,078,000,000	210	179,783,644,000	180,000	956,000
В	4,366,100,000	0.081	352,090000	352,090,162,000	229	80,628,647,000	81,000	429,000
С	8,007,400,000	0.068	544,503,000	544,503,200,000	230	125,427,401,000	125,000	667,000
Fan West	8,833,000,000	0.095	839,135,000	839,135,000,000	220	184,609,700,000	185,000	982,000
Total	32,207,500,000		2,593,806,000	2,593,806,362,000	-	570,449,393,000	570,000	3,035,000
			Indicated No	vember 2023 to 6	500 m			
Unit	Sediment Volume m <sup>3</sup>	Specific Yield %	Brine volume m <sup>3</sup>	Liters	Li mg/l	Li grams	Li Tonnes	Tonnes LC
A (South)	3,694,300,000	0.076	278,924,000	278,924,452,000	181	50,485,326,000	50,000	269,000
B (South)	1,489,000,000	0.075	111,543,000	111,543,670,000	179	19,959,624,000	20,000	106,000
C (South)	4,382,400,000	0.067	294,407,000	294,407,879,000	182	53,582,234,000	54,000	285,000
A (North)	3,075,200,000	0.095	292,144,000	292,144,000,000	232	67,891,052,000	68,000	361,000
B (North)	4,294,400,000	0.095	407,968,000	407,968,000,000	241	98,166,484,000	98,000	522,000
C (North)	9,188,400,000	0.092	845,333,000	845,332,800,000	182	206,021,447,000	206,000	1,096,000
400 – 600m Under Salar	12,230,170,000	0.066	806,922,000	806,922,156,000	242	195,275,162,000	195,000	1,039,000
400 – 600m West Fan Deep	4,858,200,000	0.092	446,954,000	446,954,400,000	244	109,056,874,000	109,000	580,000
Total	43,212,070,000		3,484,197,000	3,484,197,358,000		800,438,203,000	800,000	4,258,000
			Combined	Measured + Indicate	d			
	75,419,570,000		6,078,004,000	6,078,003,721,000		1,370,887,596,000	1,370,000	7,293,000
			Inferred	November 2023	í.			
Unit	Sediment Volume m <sup>3</sup>	Specific Yield %	Brine volume m3	Liters	Li mg/l	Li grams	Li Tonnes	Tonnes LC
A	4,756,500,000	0.080	378,325,000	378,325,351,000	185	69,975,435,000	70,000	372,000
в	1,671,300,000	0.079	131,198,000	131,197,886,000	191	25,101,960,000	25,000	134,000
С	5,287,600,000	0.074	393,746,000	393,746,422,000	218	85,950,119,000	86,000	457,000
Fan North	8,895,490,000	0.081	716,324,000	716,324,455,000	232	166,081,974,000	166,000	884,000
Fan South	12,248,490,000	0.064	781,249,000	781,249,112,000	239	186,718,538,000	187,000	993,000
Jnder volcano	6,718,700,000	0.074	500,471,000	500,471,260,000	192	96,334,211,000	96,000	512,000
Total	39,578,080,000		2,901,314,000	2,901,314,485,000	i.	630,162,237,000	630,000	3,352,000

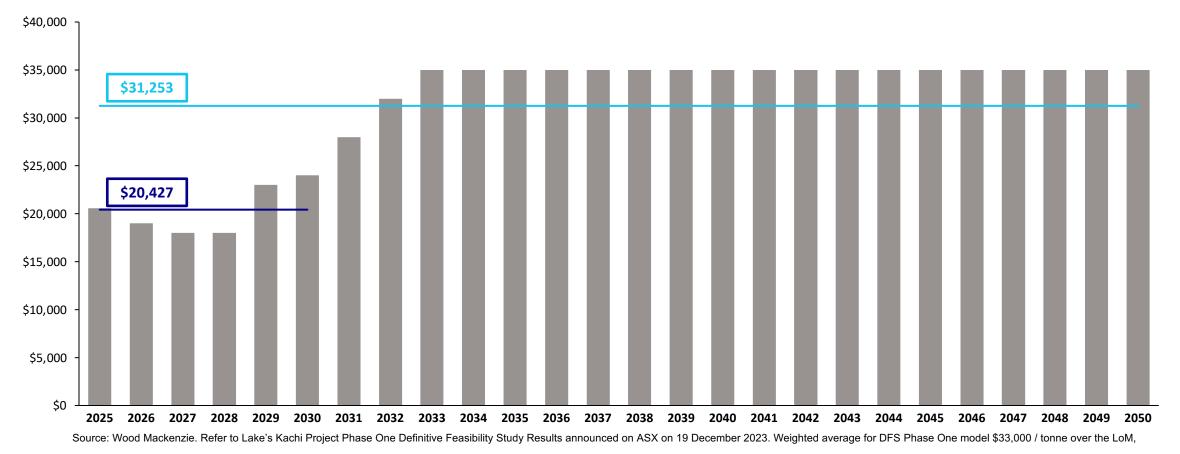
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## Lithium Price Forecast



### Wood Mackenzie Battery Grade Lithium Carbonate Price (\$USD/tonne)

- Wood Mackenzie Annual Price Forecast for Battery Grade Lithium Carbonate
- --- Near Term Average Price
- Forecast Period Average Price



## Kachi Development Timeline



#### Kachi Development Timeline - Overall Schedule 2024 2025 2026 2027 2029 2023 2028 Milestones / Activities Timeline 0 Ν EIA Approval Key Dates and Milestones OFS Submission First Lithium Carbonate FID #1 $\bigcirc$ EIA Submission of Permits and Approval Approval Process Q1 2024 - Q1 2025 FEED Contractor / OBCC EPCM / HVE Q1 2024 - Q1 2025 FEED Award Phase 1A EPCM & HUC 12.5 kta Capacity Li2CO3 Q1 2025 - Q1 2028 Plant Construction Pre-Ops Test & HUC Phase 1B EPCM & HUC Q1 2026 - Q3 2028 Plant Construction Pre-Ops Test & HU 25 kta Capacity Li2CO3 Chlor-alkali Plant Phase 1 EPCM & HUC Q2 2026 - Q3 2027 25MW Hybrid Power Island (Tendering) Q4 2023 - Q1 2025 Award Feb 2025 Tender 25MW Hybrid Power Island Need Date for Phase 1A Q1 2025 - Q1 2027 2x 220kv High Voltage Line (Tendering) Tender / Evaluat. Period Q4 2023 - Q1 2025 Award Jan 2025 2x 220kv High Voltage Line Grid Power Available Sep 2027 Q1 2025 - Q3 2027 SCM Mob Drilling Wells Drilling Campaign (37 Wells) Q2 2025 - Q2 2027

## Lake Resources Leadership Team

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### **Definitions**

Note: These financial definitions are alternative performance measures that are not defined or specified under IFRS or AASC standards and for which there are no generally accepted reporting formats

EBITDA = Earnings before Interest, Taxes, Depreciation and Amortization IRR = Internal Rate of Return NPV<sub>8</sub> = Net Present Value calculated using 8% WACC WACC = Weighted Average Cost of Capital

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