

# MONGOLIA'S FIRST LITHIUM BRINE EXPLORER & DEVELOPER

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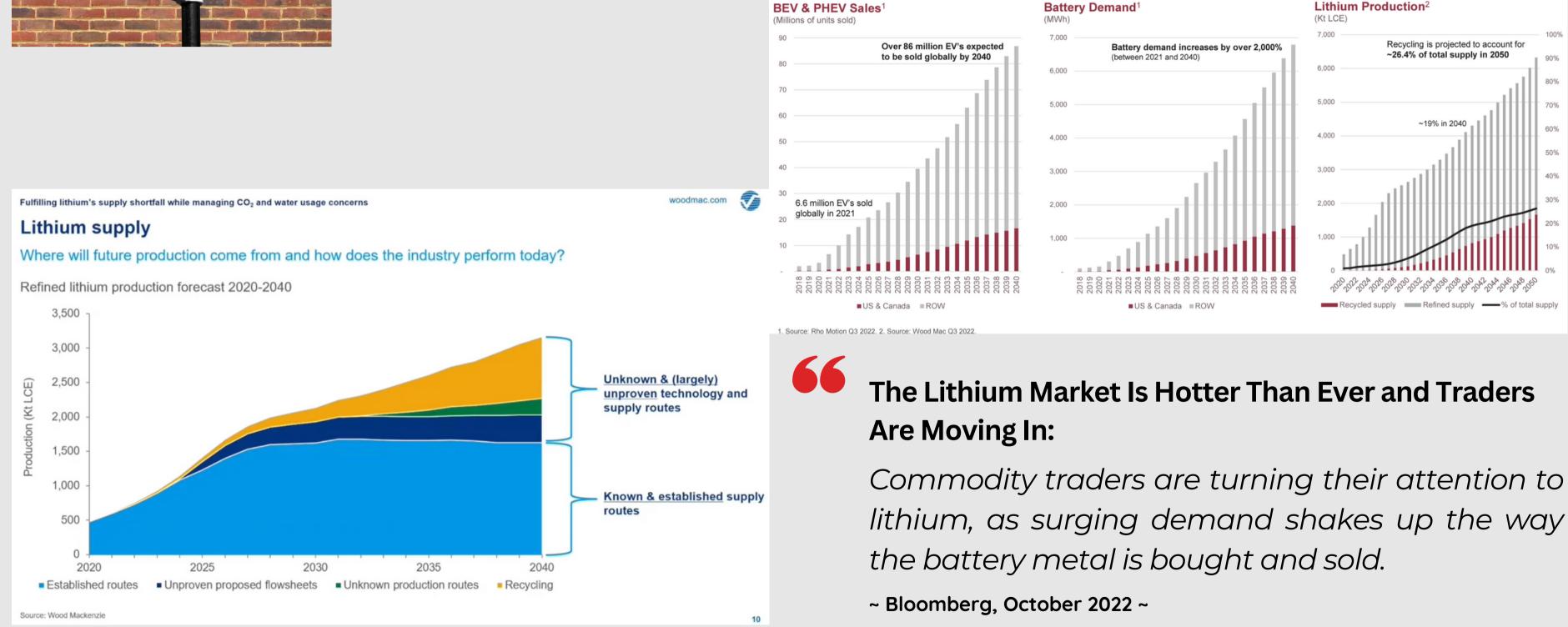




## THE WORLD NEEDS MORE LITHIUM...

### **EV ADOPTION DRIVING LITHIUM DEMAND**

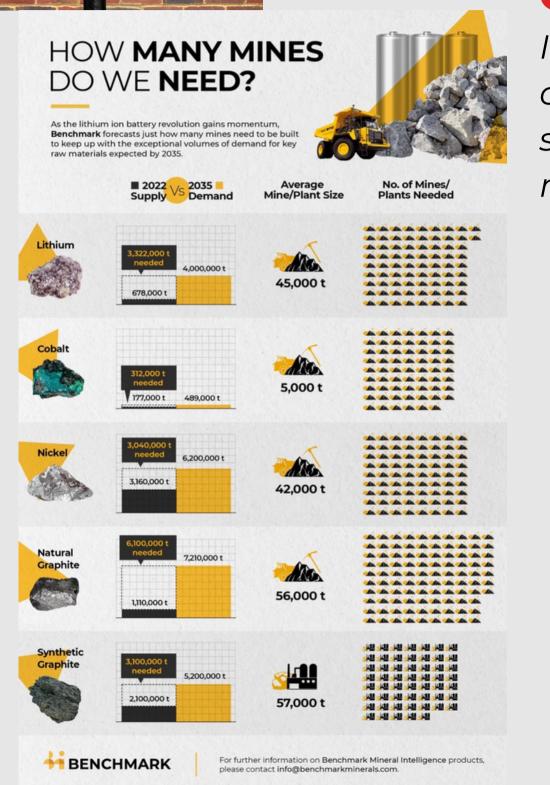
Demand for lithium batteries for electric vehicles is expected to increase by over 1,200% between 2021 and 2040



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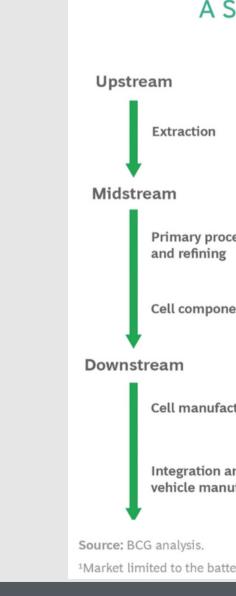


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### In 2021, almost 90 percent of lithium mining took place in just three countries (Australia, Chile, China). Expanding into other regions for new sources of lithium can contribute to developing a new resource base for

### A Snapshot of the Lithium-Ion-Battery Supply Chain

	Key activities		Profit pool <sup>1</sup> (share of total)
	Raw lithium salts are extracted from brine pools or mined spodumene ore		Ţ
			25%-30%
cessing	Lithium salt is processed into lithium carbonate, which is refined into lithium hydroxide	┍┶┶┑	
ents	These compounds are ingredients in key cell parts: cathodes, anodes, and electrolytes		20%-25%
cturing	Cathodes, anodes, and electrolytes are used to make battery cells	4	45%–50%
and ufacturing	Cells store electricity for power grids and are integrated into rechargeable battery packs for EVs		

<sup>1</sup>Market limited to the battery segment; profit pool based on EBITDA breakdown along the value chain

# INDUSTRY OUTLOOK: STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS & REGIONAL HUBS



Zijin's recent purchases include Canada's Neo Lithium Corp, a company focused on lithium mining in Argentina, bought for C\$920M (\$690M) in a deal completed in January and giving it access to the Tres Quebradas (3Q) project.

EVE Energy Co., Ltd. (EVE), a Huizhou-based lithium batteries supplier, announced plans for an investment agreement with Zijin Lithium and Ruifu Lithium. The three parties plan to set up a joint venture & invest in the staged construction of a lithium salt project with an eventual annual output of 90,000 tons. The total investment scale of the project is estimated to be \$443.4 M.



Joint venture between LG Chemical and Huayou Cobalt to build a ternary cathode materials plant with an annual production capacity of 66,000 tons of ternary cathode materials with a total investment of ~ USD \$370M

Huayou Cobalt completed the acquisition of Arcadia in April 2022 from Australia-listed Prospect Resources and Zimbabwean minority shareholders for USD \$422M.

Chinese battery cell manufacturer CATL has secured the mining rights for a lithium mine in Yichun in Jiangxi province for 865 million yuan (123 million euros). According to CATL, the mine is expected to yield 2.66 million tonnes of lithium metal oxide.







# **MONGOLIA TODAY**

- six percent in 2023-2024
- gaining revenue

### Mongolia's New Revival Policy:

- 2023; and
- Growing Technology Hub
- commitment & Zijin/Xanadu strategic partnership

### Untapped and unlimited potential for battery metals

Mongolia's economic growth is expected to accelerate to above

Geopolitics makes Mongolia critical to China's Belt & Road Initiative, and to Superpowers' pipeline initiatives with Mongolia

• Investor friendly: increased access to mining licences; • Borders open and increased rail infrastructure coming online by

Evidence of Mongolia's value proposition: Rio Tinto \$5B

# **OUR LEADERSHIP**



ALI HAJI CEO/Director

Director of Antler Hill Mining Ltd, Spirit Banner II Capital Corp. and CEO & Director of Aranjin Resources. 13+ years international experience (asset management, risk analysis and program governance). Advisor to ATMA Capital Markets Ltd and Steppe Gold TSX:STGO. BSc from University of Western Ontario



**MATTHEW** WOOD Chairman

Chairman of Steppe Gold TSX:STGO & Aranjin Resources (TSXV:ARJN), Founding Chairman of Avanco Resources (sold in March 2018 for AUD\$440M) and Hunnu Coal (sold for AUD\$500M in 2012).



18+ years of extensive commercial and business development experience in Asia, including Mongolia and China. with Noble Resources Ltd and SouthGobi Resources Ltd. BA (Hon) from Wilfrid Laurier University, in Waterloo, Canada.



BATAA **TUMUR-OCHIR** Director

A Mongolian Citizen that serves as CEO and Director of Steppe Gold TSX:STGO. Mr. Tumur-Ochir is an advisor to the Ministry of Mining and Heavy Industry, Holds a bachelor's degree in business administration and graduate certificates in international business and marketing from Australia and Singapore.



### JOHN MCVICAR CPA. CA CFO

Brings more than 30 years of international business experience in Management Consulting and Finance. His previous roles include Consulting Partner at a Big 4 firm, CFO of a TSX-listed company and several regional finance leadership roles with large U.S. and Canadian multinationals in Canada, the U.S., South America and Asia. Is a CPA, CA and graduated with an MBA from Duke University and a B. Comm from Queen's University.



### PAUL FORNAZZARI Advisorv **Board Member**

Served as inaugural Chair of Lithium Americas and secured its initial strategic investments from Mitsubishi and Magna International. Former Director of Neo Lithium Corp. Currently, Paul is a partner with Fasken Martineau DuMoulin LLP, where he is head of Latin America for the Global Mining Group, and is also a member of the TSX-V's National Advisorv Committee. Holds an LLM from Osgoode Hall Law School in Securities Law and an LLB from the University of Windsor.



**DON HAINS** Advisory **Board Member** 

President of Hains Engineering Company Limited and Principal of Hains Technology Associates. An industrial minerals exploration and economic geologist with +30 years of experience in exploration, development, use and analysis of industrial minerals properties and materials. Has a particular focus on critical and energy related minerals such as lithium. Has written numerous NI 43-101 technical and due diligence reports on lithium projects across the Globe.



### **DR. KHASHBAT** DASHTESEREN **Special Advisor**

A PhD lithium hydrogeologist with Principal Hydrogeologist of extensive resource exploration Groundwater Insight Inc. (GWI), experience in Mongolia. Served with with more than 35 years of Mongolia's Department of Urban experience in groundwater Development and Investment, as research and consulting. Dr. Chief Geologist and then as CEO at King has a strong and varied Geolink LLC. Has spent many years background in lithium brine researching laboratory analysis evaluation, serving as technical methods for lithium at the Akita lead on more than 30 brine University in Japan. A Professional investigations including QP for Geologist accredited by the numerous NI43-101. SEC and Mongolian Professional Institute of JORC reports, including for Geology and Mining, and a Lithium Americas, Albemarle Professional Engineer accredited by and NeoLithium. the Mongolian Ministry of Mineral Resources and Energy.

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ANEEL WARAICH Director



EVP and Director of Steppe Gold TSX:STGO. Director of Antler Hill Mining Ltd, CEO of Spirit Banner Capital Corp, Founder of ATMA and ATMACORP with experience in investment banking at Dundee. MBA from Goodman Institute of Investment Management at John Molson School of Business.

Over 30 years of Mongolian mineral experience for multi-nationals. Credited for having discovered several prospective gold. molybdenum and copper deposits, including the Olon Ovoot multimillion ounce gold deposit.

### **DR. MARK KING** Advisory

**Board Member** 

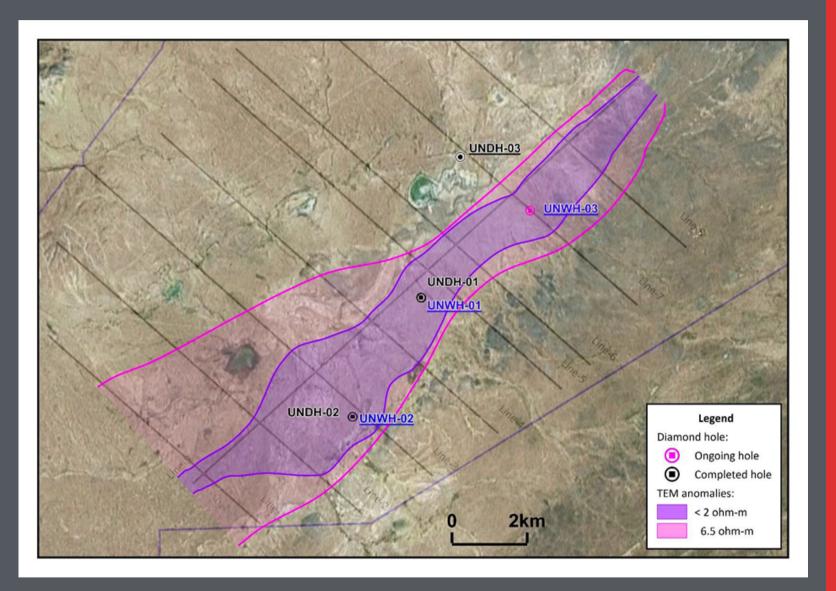


### **DR. DAVID** DEAK

### Advisorv **Board Member**

An entrepreneur whose expertise spans across lithium mining development, battery supply chain developments, energy storage, renewable energy, and electric vehicles. He is President of Marbex LLC, was formerly the CTO and SVP of Lithium Americas Corp., and is an alum of Tesla Inc., Ambri Inc. (MIT start-up), Lux Research Inc., and Siemens Wind Power. He was educated at the University of Toronto and Oxford University.

## **ION ENERGY: BUILDING ASIA's** LITHIUM SUPPLY CHAIN



TEM Survey successfully completed, indicating strong conductivity with 22.7Bn cubic meters low resistivity aquifer volume measured, at a cutoff at 65 ohms.

### **SNAPSHOT OF ION's WORLD CLASS ASSETS**

### **Baavhai Uul Lithium Brine Project:**

- to 1,502ppm Li;
- metres; and

### **Urgakh Naran Project:**

- terrain;
- The highest grade lithium brine known to have ever been collected in Mongolia, assayed at **918 mg/L Lithium**;
- Diamond core drilling completed: three holes drilled to minimum depth of 300 metres
  - UNDH-01: 123m at 278ppm lithium from 122m, with maximum lithium reported at 832ppm over 2m; and
  - UNDH-03: 71.4m at 360ppm lithium from 3.6m with maximum lithium at 911ppm over 2m.
- Company advancing towards an inferred resource in early 2023.

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### • The largest exploration licence in Mongolia:

+81,000 hectare (almost 200,000 acres) highly-prospective site; • New Lithium Discovery: White Wolf Prospect - returning results up

• A total of 222 auger drill holes have been completed for 1304.5

• A new Copper and Nickel 'Victory' discovery.

• +29,000 hectares (+70,000 acres) of highly prospective lithium

## **ION ENERGY:**

### Solidifying our commitment to the world's Green Revolution, as Mongolia's leading lithium explorer & developer





### Waterwell rig at UNWH-01, Urgakh Naran.

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### **Diamond core drilling at UNDH-02**

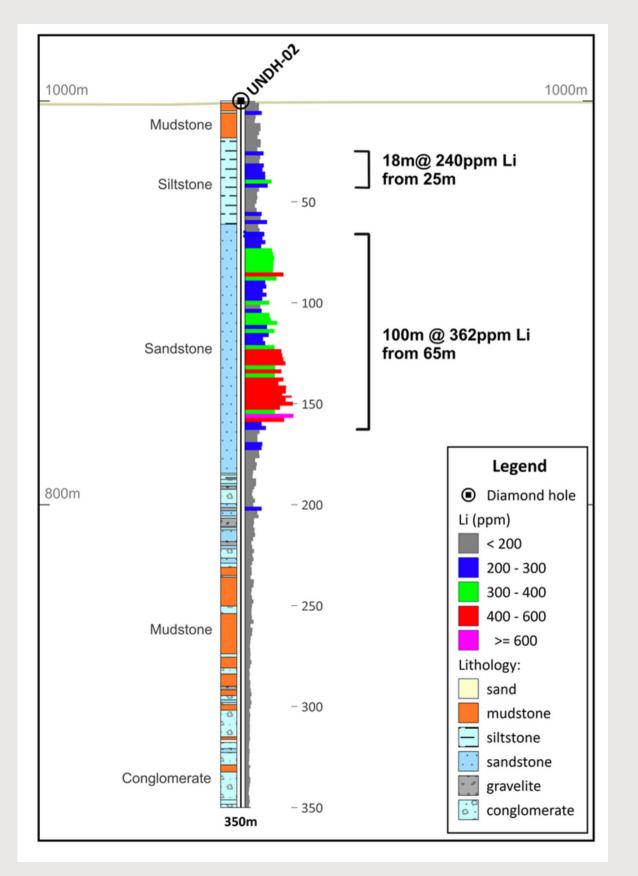
### **Exploration efforts at UNDH-02**





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### **UNDH-02 Lithium Results,**





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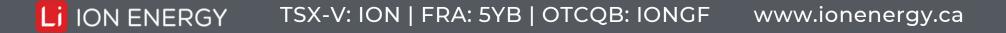
### **UNWH-03 Drilling**

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