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- The information in this report that relates to technical matters is based on information compiled by Jerko Zuvela who is the Managing Director of AGY. Mr Zuvela is a Member of the Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy.
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- 100% of material included in the PEA proposed mining schedules for all cases is included within Indicated Mineral Resources.
- Process and engineering works for the PEA were developed to support capital and operating estimates (and following AUSIMM Guidelines for this study level), and given the preliminary and confidential nature of the plant information, the capital cost margin of error is  $\pm 50\%$  on the 'factored cases' estimated figures and operating cost is  $\pm 35\%$ . Key assumptions that the PEA are based on are outlined in the body of this announcement. Argosy has concluded it has a reasonable basis for providing the forward-looking statements in this announcement.
- The Mineral Resources information in this report is extracted from the report entitled "Argosy Upgrades Lithium Rincon Lithium Project JORC resource" dated 13 November 2018 available at [www.argosyminerals.com.au](http://www.argosyminerals.com.au) and [www.asx.com](http://www.asx.com). Argosy confirms that it is not aware of any new information or data that materially affects the information included in the original market announcement and, in the case of Mineral Resources or Ore Reserves, that all material assumptions and technical parameters underpinning the estimates in the relevant market announcement continue to apply and have not materially changed. Argosy confirms that the form and context in which the Competent Person's findings are presented have not been materially modified from the original market announcement.
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- ASX Listing Rules Compliance - Argosy advises references to the Company's current target of producing 2,000tpa of high purity battery quality lithium carbonate product at the Rincon Lithium Project should be read subject to and clarified by the Company's current intention that the 2,000tpa production target does not extend beyond a two-year period from the Clarifying Announcement (lodged 10th February 2021, available at [www.argosyminerals.com.au](http://www.argosyminerals.com.au) and [www.asx.com](http://www.asx.com)). At the conclusion of the two-year period, it is the Company's current intention that, subject to feasibility, finance, market conditions and completion of development works at the Rincon Lithium Project, the Company's 10,000tpa production target will apply. The current 2,000tpa production target is intended to form a modular part of the 10,000tpa operation from its commencement. Argosy further advises that references in this ASX release in relation to the 10,000tpa production target are extracted from the report entitled "Argosy delivers exceptional PEA results for Rincon Project" dated 28 November 2018, available at [www.argosyminerals.com.au](http://www.argosyminerals.com.au) and [www.asx.com](http://www.asx.com). Argosy confirms that it is not aware of any new information or data that materially affects the information included in the Announcement and, in the case of the Production Target, Mineral Resources or Ore Reserves contained in the Announcement, that all material assumptions and technical parameters underpinning the estimates in the PEA announcement continue to apply and have not materially changed. Argosy confirms that the form and context in which the Competent Person's findings are presented have not been materially modified from the PEA announcement.

# Company Overview



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# What sets us apart from our peers

- ✓ Owner of the Rincon Lithium Project, Salta Province, Argentina – 77.5% current interest, increasing to 90% ownership upon development of 10,000tpa operation
- ✓ **Industrial-scale pilot plant in operation for over 3 years**
  - **Proof of Concept** – produced +30 tonnes of battery quality (>99.5%) lithium carbonate ( $\text{Li}_2\text{CO}_3$ )
  - **25 tonnes sold to North Asian customers** – allows accelerated product qualification process
- ✓ **2,000tpa operation fully-funded and in construction** –  $\text{Li}_2\text{CO}_3$  production from mid-2022
- ✓ **Planned expansion of additional 10,000tpa  $\text{Li}_2\text{CO}_3$  scale → 12,000tpa scale**
- ✓ Tonopah Lithium Project in Nevada, USA, located near Albemarle's Silver Peak lithium operation. Providing access to high growth US market
- ✓ Experienced team, proven producer, proprietary clean technology – First mover advantage

***Argosy to become only the second ASX-listed battery quality lithium carbonate producer***

# Corporate Snapshot

## Capital Structure

<b>Shares on issue</b>	<b>1,288,099,203</b>
Share price <sup>1</sup>	A\$0.35
Market capitalisation <sup>1</sup>	A\$451 million
Cash <sup>2</sup>	A\$23 million
Debt <sup>2</sup>	Nil
Options <sup>3</sup>	116,891,416
ASX code	AGY

Notes

1. Closing share price on 7 February 2022
2. As at 31 December 2021
3. 38,146,148 Exercisable at 20c on or before 31 March 2022 (AGYO); and 78,745,268 Exercisable at 25c on or before 29 October 2022

## Board of Directors & Senior Management

Alexander Molyneux	Non-Executive Chairman
Jerko Zuvela	Managing Director
Mal Randall	Non-Executive Director
Pablo Alurralde	President Puna Mining S.A.

## Recent Share Price Performance



## Major Shareholders

Board & Management	~12%
Top 20 holders	~28.3%

# Rincon Project: Lithium Production



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# Rincon Lithium Project: Production in Argentina

- Rincon Lithium Project located in the world-class “Lithium Triangle” in Salta Province, Argentina
- Project area located adjacent to highway, gas pipeline, grid power & solar park
- PEA results confirmed US\$399M<sup>1</sup> NPV<sub>10%</sub>, IRR 53%, Opex US\$4,645/t
- JORC Indicated Resource of 245,120t Li<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> – with significant exploration upside



**Argosy has de-risked its proprietary clean lithium process technology:**

- 1. Industrial Scale Pilot Plant** – produced +30 tonnes of high purity battery quality (up to 99.94% ) Li<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> product to date
- 2. 2,000tpa Operation** – same proven technology
- 3. 12,000tpa Operation** – modular 10,000tpa expansion from 2,000tpa operation

- **The next new lithium producer – First mover advantage**
  - Construction on 2,000tpa Li<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> operation – 56% complete
  - Permitting approval for additional 10,000tpa operation expected H1-2022
  - Targeting 10,000tpa operation construction commencement in H2-2022

<sup>1</sup> at Li<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> price of US\$13,000/t, current lithium spot price now significantly higher

# Industrial Scale Pilot Plant – Producing $\text{Li}_2\text{CO}_3$

## 1 Industrial Scale Pilot Plant

- Industrial scale pilot plant has successfully proven AGY's proprietary technology
- Produced +30t of battery quality lithium carbonate at >99.5%  $\text{Li}_2\text{CO}_3$  purity
- Delivered two cargoes to customers in Japan and South Korea
- Minimal environmental footprint
- Developed by Pablo Alurralde, +30 years industry experience and 15 years for FMC (now Livent), a major international lithium producer
- Pilot plant production rate nominal whilst constructing 2,000tpa operation





# Stage 2 in Construction : 2,000tpa Operation

## 2 2,000tpa $\text{Li}_2\text{CO}_3$ Production Capacity

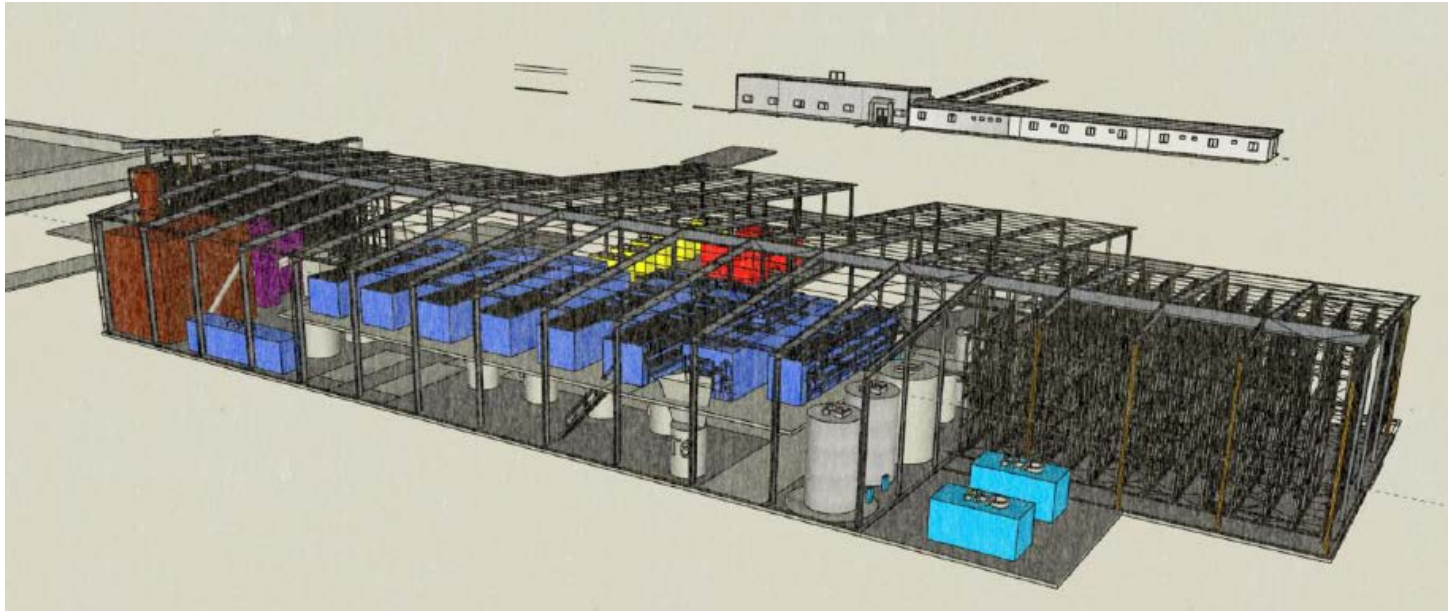
- Construction 56% complete
- First  $\text{Li}_2\text{CO}_3$  product from mid-2022
- CAPEX ~US\$20 million (excl. VAT) - fully funded
- Works progressing on schedule and budget



### Advantages associated with Argosy's fast-track development strategy

- Materially lower capex to de-risk 10,000tpa expansion and secure strategic investment & off-take
- Ability to further accelerate product qualification and offtake with end-users
- Offtake discussions are advanced, and materially de-risked by current sales
- Pilot plant process allows optimization of Stage 2, increased automation, improved production timeframe
- Establish further infrastructure for ramp-up to additional 10,000tpa production scale
- Near term cash flow from production → fund working capital requirements for 10,000tpa scale expansion
- Differentiates Argosy from other developers – will become only the 2<sup>nd</sup>  $\text{Li}_2\text{CO}_3$  producer on the ASX

# Stage 2 in Construction : 2,000tpa Operation



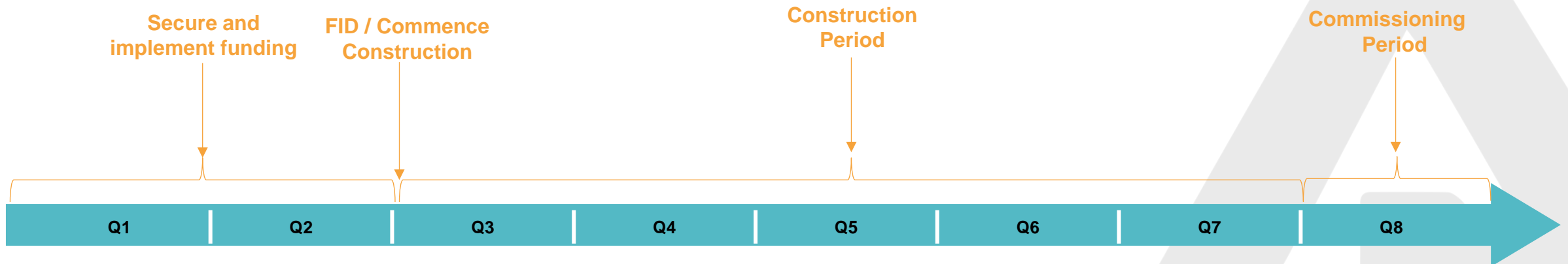
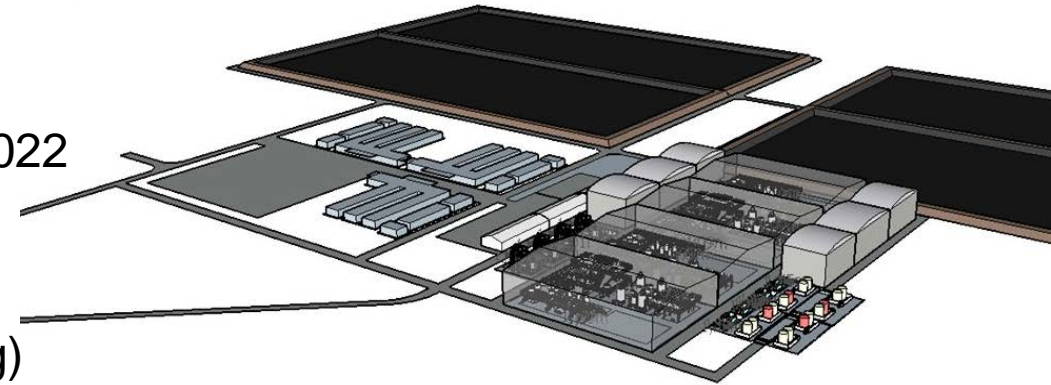
# Stage 2 in Construction : 2,000tpa Operation



# 10,000tpa Expansion Operation

## 3 12,000tpa Li<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> Production Capacity

- Completed PEA with exceptional results - low opex and robust returns
- Regulatory approval for additional 10,000tpa operation in H1-2022
- Will utilise the same processing technology as the 2,000tpa operation – modular additional 10,000tpa scale expansion
- Post regulatory approval, construction ready (subject to funding)
- Discussions well advanced with strategic investment & off-take groups



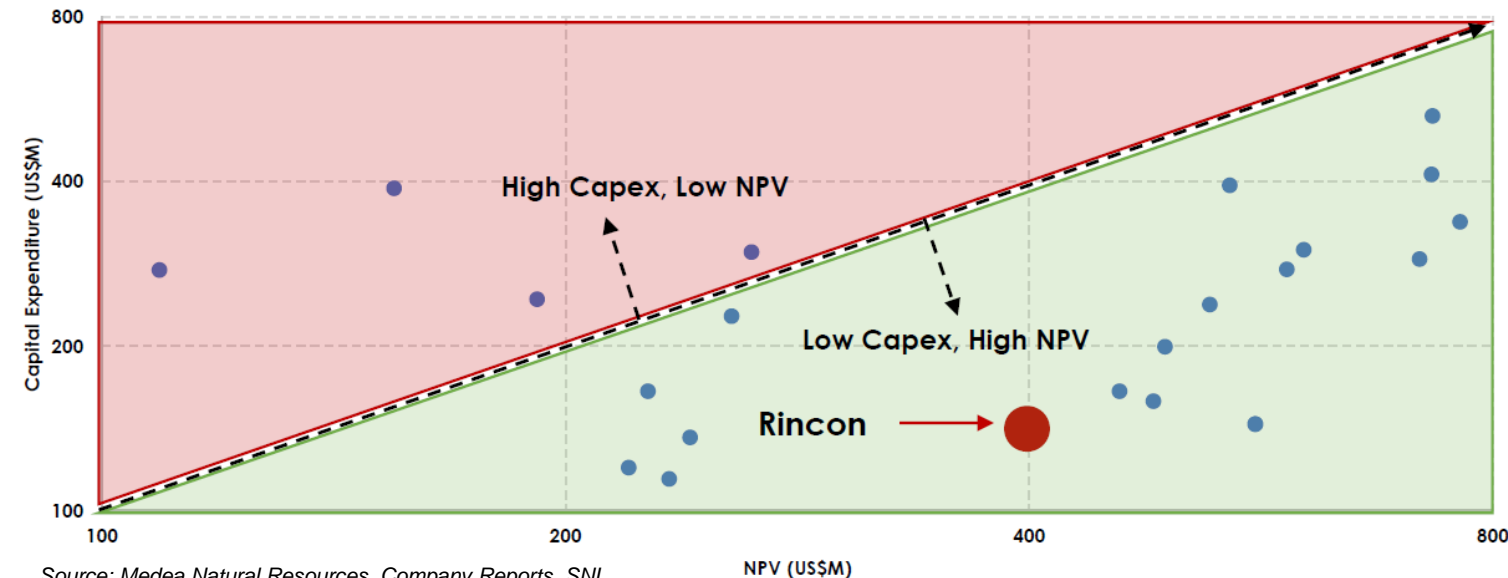
# 10,000tpa PEA: Excellent Fundamentals

- Stage 2 - 2,000tpa fully-funded and in-construction
- Stage 3 - 10,000tpa operation PEA outcomes:
  - US\$140.9m capex
  - US\$4,645/t  $\text{Li}_2\text{O}_3$  opex
  - 16.5 years mine life
  - 53% IRR
  - 2.1 year payback

PEA November 2018	Outcome <sup>1</sup>
<b>Operating Outcomes</b>	
Annual production rate	10,000tpa of $\text{Li}_2\text{CO}_3$
Life of mine	16.5 years
Pre-development capex (incl. 15% contingency)	US\$140.9 million
Sustaining capital cost	4.5% of installed equipment value p.a.
Direct operating cost	US\$4,645/t of $\text{Li}_2\text{CO}_3$
Royalties	3% of revenue
<b>Financial Outcomes</b>	
Assumed $\text{Li}_2\text{CO}_3$ price	US\$13,000/t
Average LOM pre-tax free cash flow	US\$74 million per annum
Pre tax NPV <sub>10</sub>	US\$399 million
IRR	53%
EBITDA margin	61%
Payback period	2.1 years

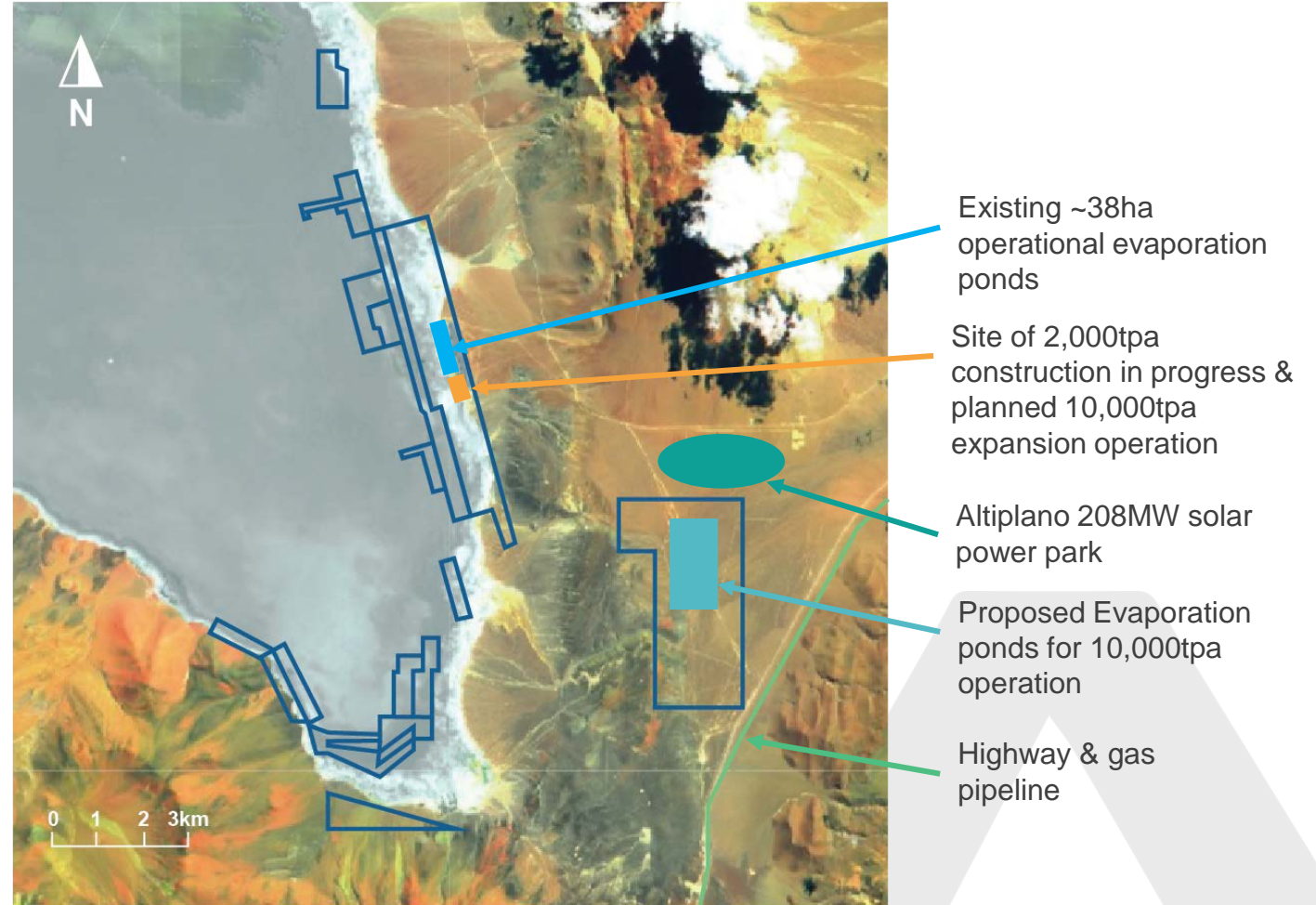
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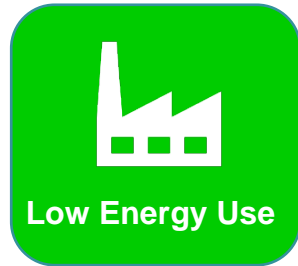


# Significant Infrastructure Footprint

- Rincon has significant site, power and transport infrastructure in place
- Commercial 10,000tpa scale evaporation ponds (~300ha) to be constructed ~6km from production wells and proposed process plant site
- Project area located adjacent to highway, gas pipeline, grid power & solar park
- 20km from the industrial town of Olacapato, providing services and accommodation during construction
- Nearby Altiplano 208MW solar power park provides option for “green” power source



# Minimal Environmental Footprint

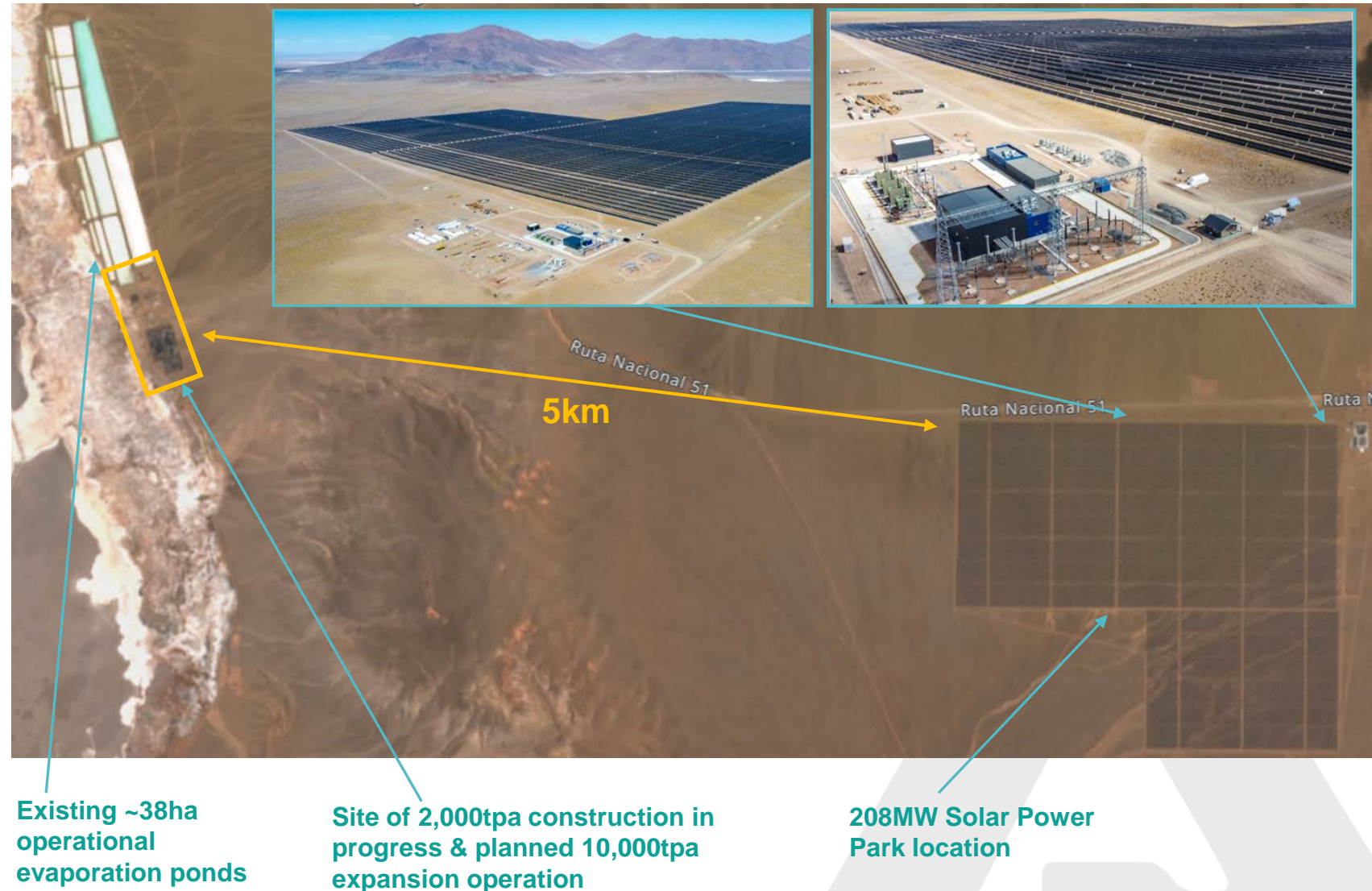


## ***Argosy has developed a chemical process technology with a minimal environmental footprint***

- Technology has two key differentiating factors compared to other  $\text{Li}_2\text{CO}_3$  producers:
  - 1) Lower energy use: consuming ~1MW for 2,000tpa operation & ~5-6MW for 10,000tpa expansion operation
  - 2) Lower water consumption: flow rate of 6-8m<sup>3</sup>/h for 2,000tpa operation & ~40m<sup>3</sup>/h for 10,000tpa expansion operation
- Project water usage ensures nominal impact on local communities, flora, fauna and local environment
- ~90% of operational water to be recycled
- Raw water will be obtained from natural underground flows into the Salar. This water if not used, will reach the Salar surface and evaporate as part of maintaining environmental equilibrium process at Rincon Salar
- Environmental credentials also boosted by the potential use of nearby solar power park

# Low Carbon Footprint A Reality

- AGY has the ability to be truly carbon neutral
- Altiplano Solar Power Park:
  - Less than 5km to plant operations
  - Commenced operations in October 2021
  - Owned and operated by Neoen, France's leading independent producer of renewable energy
  - Targeting connectivity for the 10,000tpa expansion operation





# Significant Exploration Potential to Realise



- 245,120t  $\text{Li}_2\text{CO}_3$  JORC Indicated Resource to a vertical depth of 102.5m
- Additional Exploration Target<sup>1</sup> of 262,000t to 479,000t contained  $\text{Li}_2\text{CO}_3$  within depth interval between 102.5m to 300m below ground level
- Combined JORC Indicated Mineral Resource and Exploration Target<sup>1</sup> estimates outline potential for a range of 507,000 tonnes to 724,000 tonnes contained  $\text{Li}_2\text{CO}_3$  to a depth of 300m
- Brine aquifer still open at depth based on previous AGY drilling, with potential for further expansion and increasing project life
- Results provide further support for planned long term commercial scale development of Rincon Lithium Project
- Conversion of Exploration Target<sup>1</sup> to JORC Resources may materially increase Project mine life and/or production capacity

1. An Exploration Target is not a Mineral Resource. The potential quantity and grade of an Exploration Target is conceptual in nature. A Mineral Resource has been identified above the Exploration Target, but there has been insufficient exploration to estimate any extension to the Mineral Resource and it is uncertain if further exploration will result in the estimation of an additional Mineral Resource.

# Argentina & Salta: Open for business

- Investment friendly tax regime, no need to negotiate separate fiscal agreements:
  - 25% Corporate income tax
  - 30 year tax stabilisation
  - VAT is set at 21%, with some capital items attracting a lower rate of 10.5%. Reimbursement for imported capital assets & services
  - Depreciation: On all capital expenditure and pre-production costs at an accelerated rate over 3 years
- Mineral rights and regulatory approvals controlled by Provinces
- All approvals/permits granted to date expeditiously by Salta Province government departments
- Very strong relationship with Salta government officials
- Salta is top ranking South & Latin American jurisdiction in 2020 Fraser Institute rankings



# Tonopah Project: Exploration

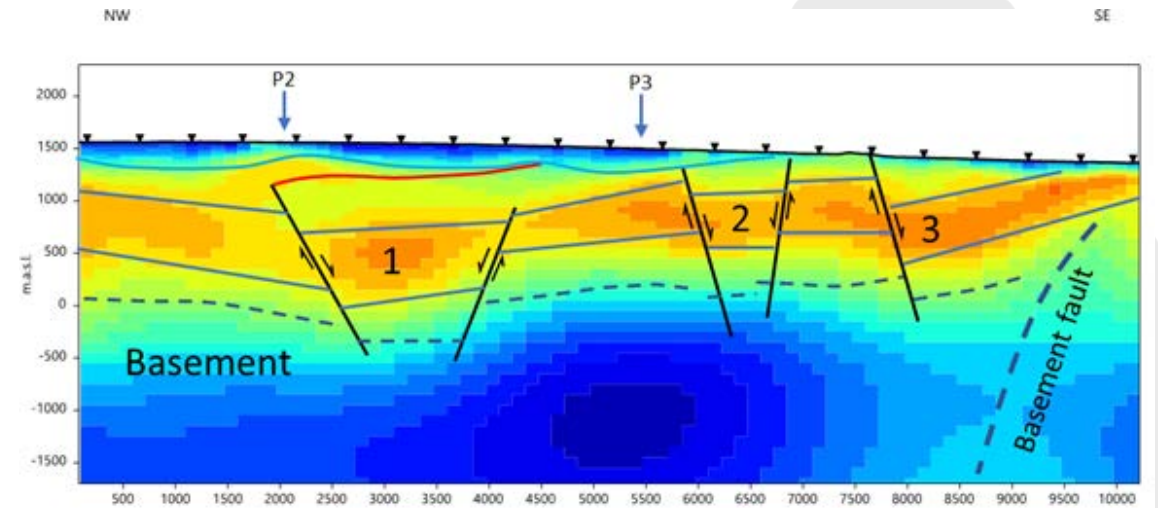
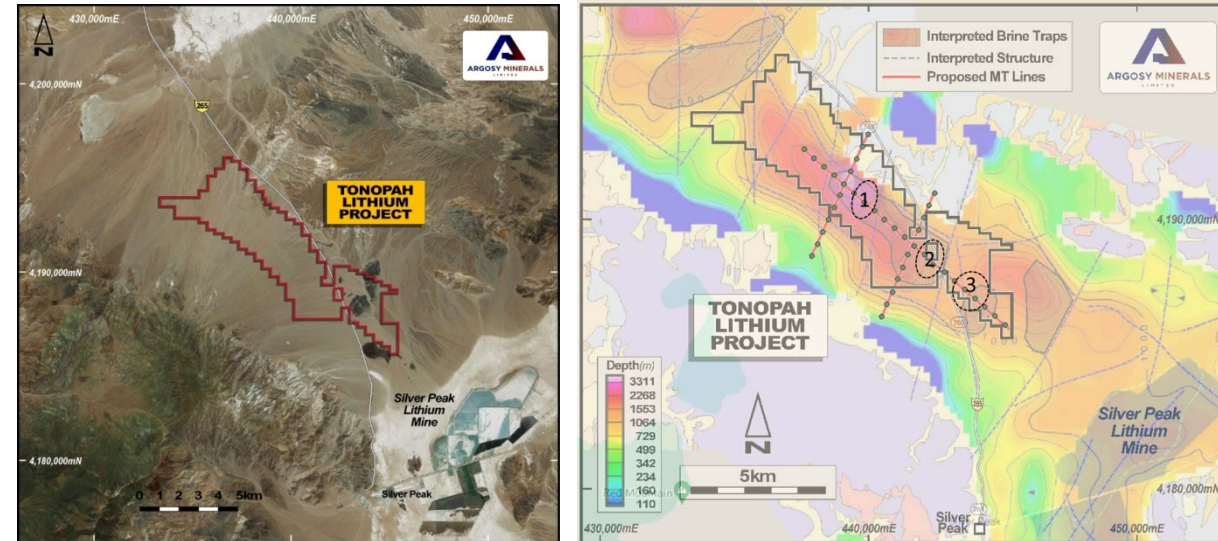


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# Tonopah Lithium Project – Nevada USA

## TONOPAH IS STRATEGICALLY LOCATED IN THE EMERGING USA LITHIUM HEARTLAND

- Located ~4km from Albermarle's longstanding Silver Peak operation - the only lithium carbonate operation in USA (operating for +50yrs)
- Geophysical data identifies lithium brine target areas
- Gravity-derived 3D depth inversion model shows favourable structures identified as boundaries of sub-basins
- Magnetotelluric (MT) resistivity survey data has defined a major conductive anomaly
- Potential lithium brine aquifer, with depth to the top of this feature varying between 300m to 700m
- Three delineated MT targets correlate very well when overlain with the previously interpreted gravity targets, providing further confidence for future drill testing works
- Next step exploration target works to determine lithium brine prospectivity, then drilling works to test MT targets to delineate lithium brine potential



# Argosy: A New Lithium Producer

## Rincon Lithium Project

- Staged development strategy - industrial scale pilot plant → 2,000tpa → 12,000tpa
  - Stage 1 – Pilot plant accelerating process and product qualification works
  - Stage 2 – 2,000tpa in construction → first commercial production from mid-2022
  - Stage 3 – 10,000tpa expansion underpinned by exceptional PEA results
- Meaningful, long life asset – 16.5 year mine life @ 10,000tpa scale
- Ability to extend via deeper drilling (Exploration Target potential upside)
- Experienced team, proven producer, proprietary clean technology – 1st mover advantage

## Existing Production

- High level of confidence in chemical process technology via pilot plant operations
- De-risked scale-up of production (2,000tpa to additional 10,000tpa operations)
- Delivery of >25t of high purity battery quality  $\text{Li}_2\text{CO}_3$  has enabled the establishment of strong potential off-taker relationships

## Next Steps to Commercial Production

- Complete construction of 2,000tpa  $\text{Li}_2\text{CO}_3$  operation, production from mid-2022
- Increase current JORC resource via exploration target drilling works
- Execute investment & off-take agreements for 2,000tpa & 10,000tpa battery quality lithium carbonate product with strategic partner
- Receive EIA regulatory approval for 10,000tpa expansion operation in H1-2022
- Commence construction of 10,000tpa expansion operation targeted for H2-2022



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