

#### ARGOSY MINERALS

# Building a Tier-1 Lithium Producer



#### **Experienced Team**

- Well established & experienced team of technical operators in Argentina
- Supported by strong technical and corporate team in Perth
- Pablo Alurralde with +30 years industry experience, ex-FMC (Livent), patented lithium carbonate production



#### **Proven Technology**

- Industrial Scale Pilot Plant produced >30t of battery quality lithium carbonate at >99.5% Li<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> purity
- Sold 25t to battery customers in Japan and Korea
- 2,000tpa operation in ramp-up phase & producing battery quality Li<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> product



#### **Clear Growth Path**

- **Development of 10,000tpa** operation planned upon regulatory approval & FID
- Planning for expansion beyond 12,000tpa
- **Diversify operations into USA** via Tonopah Lithium Project
- Potential for additional downstream development with strategic partner



3/01/2024

3/11/2023

Lithium Price\*

## Corporate Snapshot

Capital Structure	
Shares on issue	1,404,407,498
Share price <sup>1</sup>	A\$0.10
Market capitalisation <sup>1</sup>	A\$140 million
Cash <sup>2</sup>	A\$13.8 million
Debt <sup>2</sup>	Nil
ASX code	AGY
Major Shareholders	
Board & Management	~10%
Top 20 holders	~29%
Indices	
ASX 300	
FTSE Small Cap Index	

# Share Price vs Lithium Price 90.0 80.0 70.0 60.0 70.0 60.0 50.0 40.0 0.20 0.20 0.10 0.00

-AGY Share Price

#### **Argosy Board**

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Pablo Alurralde President Puna Mining S.A.

#### **Analyst Coverage**







<sup>\*</sup> Fastmarkets (MB-LI-0029) Lithium carbonate 99.5% Li2CO3 min, battery grade, spot prices cif China, Japan & Korea, \$/kg

# Rincon Lithium Project: Production in Argentina



Lithium producing projects or in construction/development

#### **Current Lithium Producers in Argentina:**

1997 Arcadium Lithium - Hombre Muerto/Fenix Operation

**2015** Arcadium Lithium - Olaroz Operation

2023 Lithium Americas/Ganfeng - Cauchari-Olaroz Operation

**2024** Argosy Minerals - Rincon Operation

2024 Eramet/Tsingshan - Centenario Operation

- ✓ Rincon Lithium Project located in the world-class "Lithium Triangle" in Salta Province, Argentina
- ✓ Argosy currently owns 77.5% of Puna Mining S.A., moving to 90% ownership upon development of 10,000tpa operation
- ✓ PEA completed in November 2018, showing strong economic outcomes
- ✓ JORC Total Mineral Resource Estimate = 686,875t of Li<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> product<sup>1</sup>
- ✓ 2,000tpa Li<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> operation currently in ramp-up phase
- ✓ Permitting approval for 10,000tpa operation expansion expected Q1-CY2024
- ✓ Local partner Pablo Alurralde is a lithium industry & process technology expert, having previously patented the lithium carbonate chemical process for FMC/Livent
- ✓ Argosy with first mover advantage over other lithium projects and strong government support to fully develop operation

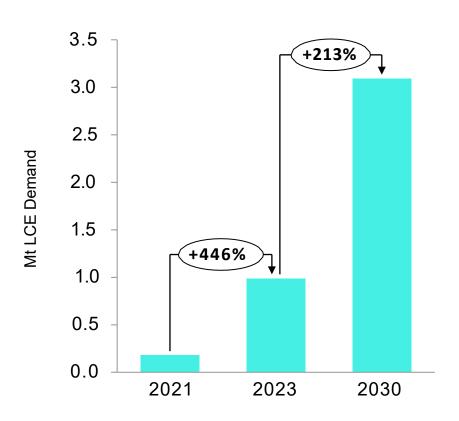


# **Lithium Demand Growth Continues**

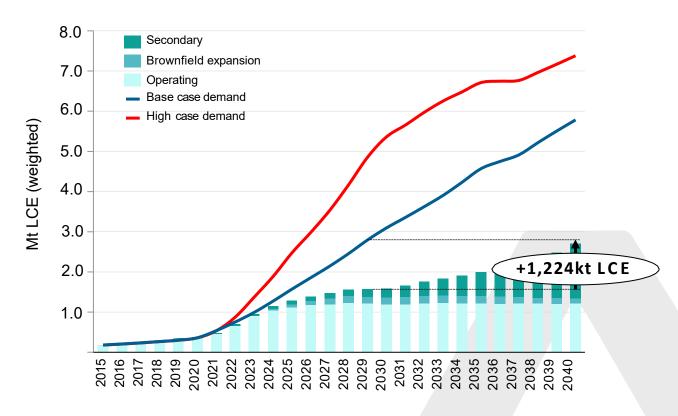


# Lithium Supply Shortfall Looming

#### **Demand Growth Unprecedented**

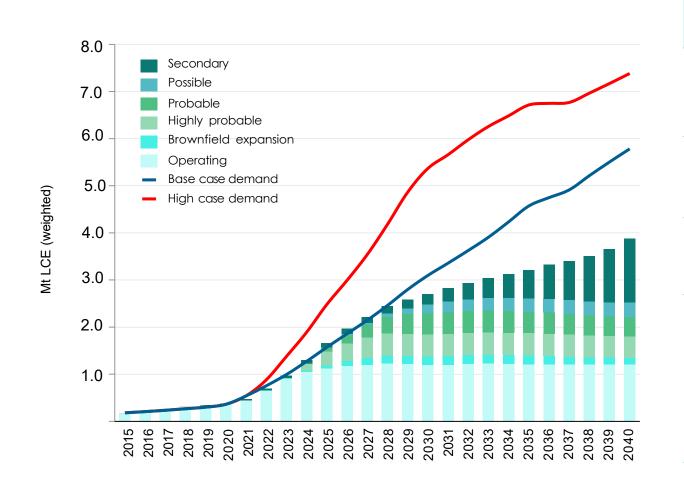


# New operations required to achieve product supply to meet demand in coming years



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## **New Operations Critical to Meet Demand**



#### **History Repeating**

Challenging market conditions – lithium mines being suspended or reducing operations

Lithium prices move closer to the cost of production, further production cuts are expected

Current lithium prices detrimental to capital investment required for new product supply

Current lithium market repeating 2019-2020 scenario, which resulted in the closure of operations and a delay in new projects. This in turn caused the strong lithium price rally during 2022

Long-term demand for lithium remains structurally sound



# Rincon 2,000tpa Operation Status

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- > Focus to complete ramp-up works toward production operations
- > Key workstreams to achieve 2,000tpa production operations include:
  - \* Focus on primary solids filtration circuit and improving filtration rates
  - Comprehensive test-works, including flowrate variation and filter press plate configuration
  - Determining the optimum operational parameters and achieve consistent/repeatable results
  - Testing results positive to date, progressing to production operations
- ➤ Target to increase production during Q1-CY2024



















## 2,000tpa Operation – Toward Production

**Construction complete** - Ramp-up works in progress

Producing high purity battery quality Li<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> product, successfully produced +63t to date & strong off-taker interest, with product testing being undertaken with strategic customers

2ktpa operation sets Argosy apart from other ASX peers via commercial production & de-risks the 10,000tpa expansion





Recruitment & training program ongoing, currently ~190 employees



# Rincon 10,000tpa Operation Overview

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# 10,000tpa Operation Status

EIA regulatory approval process expected to be finalised during Q1-CY2024

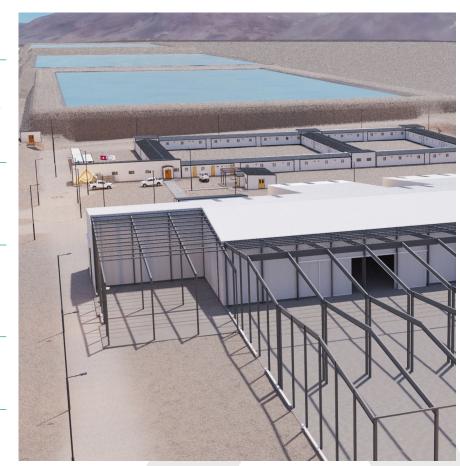
Pre-development works ongoing, including process design reviews, evaporation pond design & engineering and industrial water drilling operations

Planning works and project engineering definition under way to support early vendor and EPCM service provider engagement

**Construction works to commence** post EIA regulatory approval and **finalising** funding structure

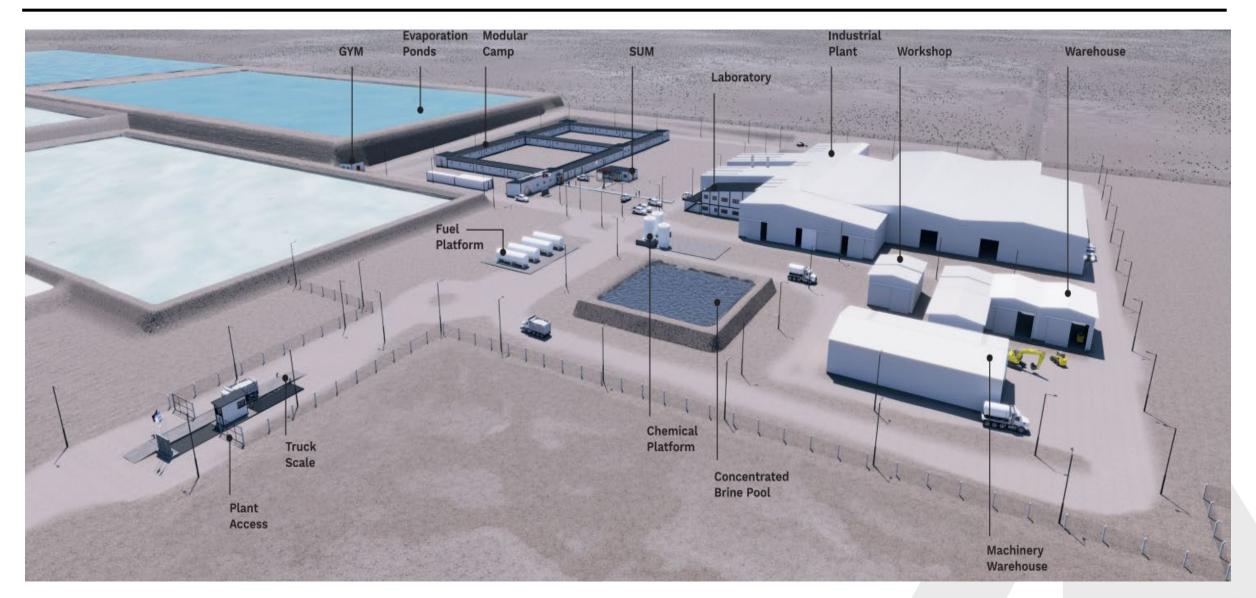
Works progressing to **secure renewable energy** to power operation

**Strong technical team** established in Perth to manage expansion and support site operations team





# 10,000tpa Operation – Production Expansion



# Significant Infrastructure Footprint

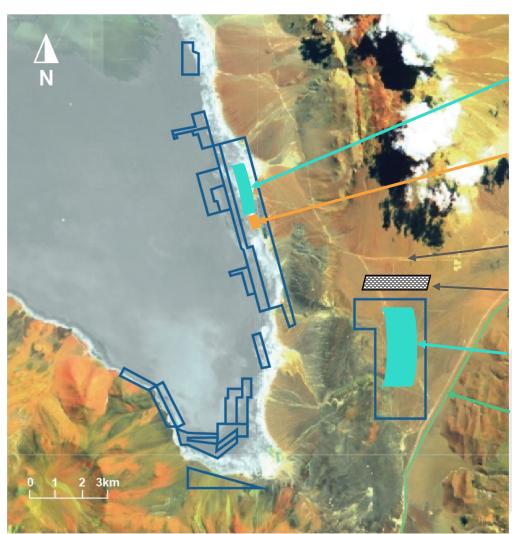
Rincon has **significant site**, **power and transport infrastructure** in place

Commercial 10,000tpa scale evaporation ponds (~350ha) to be constructed ~6km from production wells and proposed process plant site

Project area located adjacent to highway, gas pipeline, grid power & solar park

25km from the industrial town of Olacapato, providing services and accommodation during construction

Nearby Altiplano 208MW and 300MW Cauchari solar power parks provide option for "green" power source for 2,000tpa & 10,000tpa operations



Existing ~58ha operational evaporation ponds

Site of 2,000tpa facility & planned 10,000tpa expansion operation

**National Power Grid** 

Altiplano 208MW solar power park

Proposed Evaporation ponds for 10,000tpa operation

Highway & gas pipeline

#### **JORC Mineral Resource**

	Li <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub> (tonnes)	Weighted mean average lithium concentration
Total Mineral Resource Estimate (MRE)	686,875	329mg/L
Indicated MRE	606,313	326mg/L
Inferred MRE	80,562	351mg/L

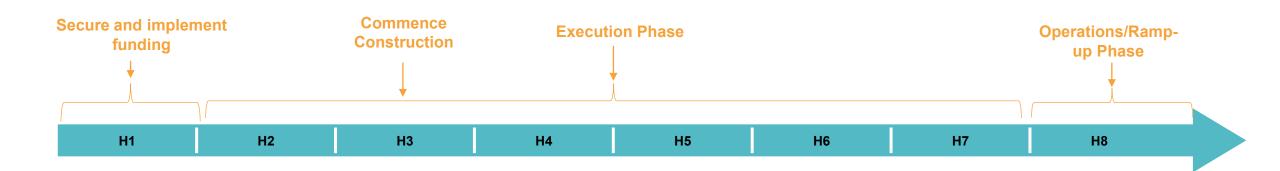
**Updated Total MRE**<sup>1</sup> completed in January 2024 **forms basis for increased sustainable commercial production targets and long-term life of mine** modelling - dynamic modelling works being conducted to develop an updated/increased production forecast

The substantial increase in the Total MRE provides further support for increased future commercial scale development of the Rincon Lithium Project beyond 12,000tpa

Resource and brine aquifer remain open at depth – with excellent scope for resource expansion

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### Proposed 10,000tpa Expansion Operation Timetable\*



#### **EPCM Contractor Evaluation Process**

- Finalise basis of design
- Finalise scope of work

#### Award Early Contractor Involvement

- Finalise Capex estimate
- Final Investment Decision

#### **Award EPCM Contract**

Detailed design engineering

#### **Execution Phase - Ongoing**

Award long lead items

# 3 - 6 months to implement funding post "Decision to Mine" approval

~3 years – Execution Phase (engineering, procurement, construction, commissioning)

Start construction works within 9 months of commencing execution phase

~6 months ramp-up during Operations Phase



# **Tonopah Lithium Project**





# 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

Geophysical data identifies lithium brine target areas

Gravity-derived 3D depth inversion model shows favourable structures identified as boundaries of sub-basins

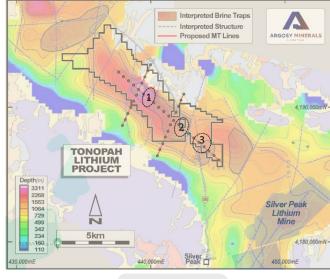
Magnetotelluric (MT) resistivity survey data has defined a major conductive anomaly

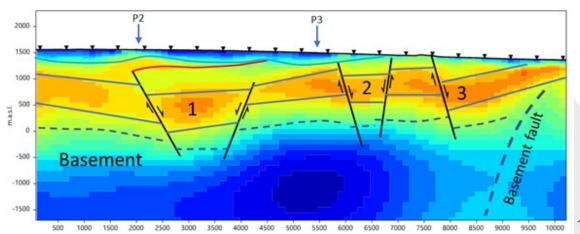
**Potential lithium brine aquifer**, with depth to the top of this feature varying between 300m to 700m

#### Three delineated MT targets identified

Next step exploration target works to determine lithium brine prospectivity, then drilling works to test MT targets to delineate lithium brine potential









# The Next Tier 1 Sustainable Lithium Carbonate Producer

# Rincon Lithium Project

# Supporting our communities



#### **Our CSR pillars**



#### **Employment**

Fair wages, professional growth, family care and satisfactory working environment.



#### **Education**

Encouragement and incentive for employees to finish secondary school, support local school infrastructure



#### **Training**

Training on specific topics - caring for the environment, recycling, emotional education, skin care and CPR

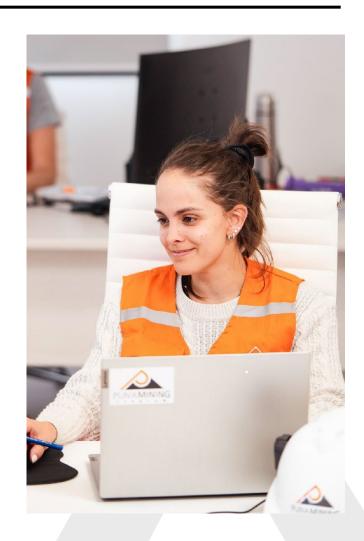


#### **Local Suppliers**

Being hired by the company on a regular basis. Advice, support and improvement of community suppliers

# **Upcoming Milestones**

- Finalised upgraded JORC resource, to support increased production capacity and operation mine-life
- **✓ Ramp-up** & progress to 2,000tpa Li₂CO₃ production operations
- Receive EIA regulatory approval for 10,000tpa Li<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> expansion operation
- ✓ Key 10ktpa engineering works updates (incl. FEED, capex & opex)
- Execute off-take agreement with strategic partner for long-term supply of battery quality lithium carbonate product
- Execute finance agreement with strategic partner for 10,000tpa development investment funding
- ✓ Commence construction works for 10,000tpa operation expansion











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