

# ASX Small and Mid-Cap Conference

**25 September 2024** 



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# FY24 Highlights

North American Lithium nearing steady state production after only 17 months

Production

155,822

Dry metric tonnes

Production

19,314

Dry metric tonnes

**Record Monthly Production** 

Financial

\$201M

Revenue

\$91M

Cash at 30 June 2024

Corporate



Audit and Risk Committee formed

Nomination and Remuneration
Committee formed

Lucas Dow appointed as NED and then as MD and CEO

Philip Lucas appointed as NED

Dougal Elder appointed as CFO

87.9Mt<sup>1</sup>
RESOURCE

93.1Mt<sup>1</sup>
RESOURCE
MOBLAN

30,000<sup>2</sup>
METRES DRILLING UNDERWAY
NAL

70,000<sup>2</sup>
METRES DRILLING UNDERWAY
MOBLAN

- 1 Released post end of FY24, refer to ASX Announcement on 27 August 2024.
- 2 Funded by Flow Through Share funding as allowed under the *Income Tax Act* (Canada).



### A Large Portfolio of Lithium Exploration and Mining Projects



Combined JORC Measured, Indicated and Inferred Resource for Moblan

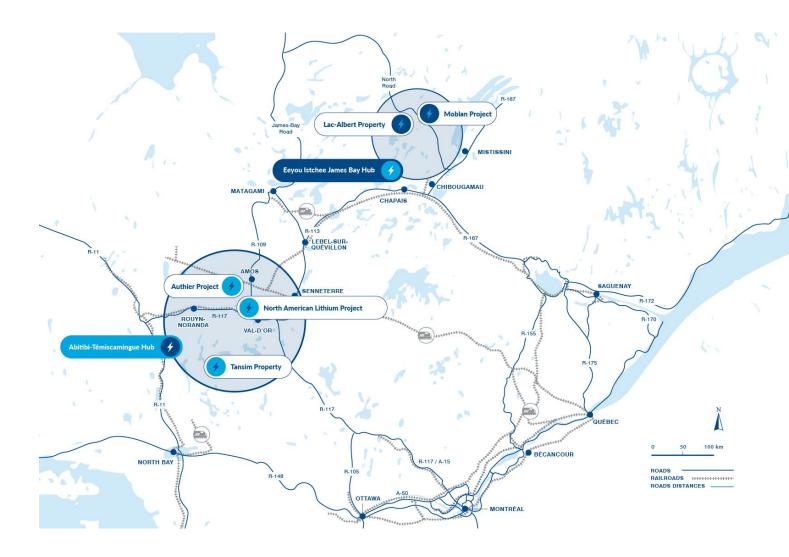
Moblan: 93.1 Mt @ 1.21% Li<sub>2</sub>O



Combined JORC Measured, Indicated and Inferred Resource for NAL

NAL: 87.9 Mt @ 1.13% Li<sub>2</sub>O

Authier: 14.1 Mt @ 1.01%2 Li<sub>2</sub>O



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- 2 Refer to ASX announcement 14 April 2023





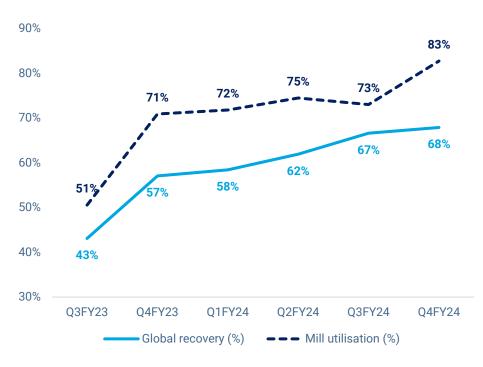


# **NAL Operational Performance**

# Delivering significant QoQ production increase

- Production restart and maiden shipments within 2 years of NAL acquisition
- Significant increase in ore mined, combined with higher grades delivered to plant due to increased blasting efficiencies and dilution management
- Continued focus on improving process plant utilisation and plant stability
- Shipments to customers continuing with improvements in logistics costs identified
- Continued focus on safety improvement in FY25

### NAL Global Recovery and Mill Utilisation



### **NAL Concentrate Production**



# North American Lithium 51% increase in Mineral Resource to 88Mt



JORC Measured, Indicated and Inferred Resource

87.9Mt @ 1.13% Li<sub>2</sub>O<sup>1</sup>



Excellent conversion to reserves expected

82% in M&I category



Contained lithium

Up 39%



Additional drilling

Further 30,000m underway<sup>2</sup>



- 1 Refer to ASX Announcement on 27 August 2024 (at 0.60% cut-off grade).
- 2 Funded through Flow Through Share funding as allowed under the Income Tax Act (Canada).

### Moblan Lithium Project 81% upgrade in Mineral Resource to 93Mt



# JORC Measured, Indicated and Inferred Resource

93.1Mt @ 1.21% Li<sub>2</sub>O<sup>1</sup> 70% in M&I category



### Easily accessible resource

High grade, low strip ratio, and high Li<sub>2</sub>O recovery



### Close to, and well-serviced by, key infrastructure and transport nodes

Such as roads, railroads, and power lines – enabling year-round access



### **Excellent access**

to high growth EV and battery markets across North America









# **Our Strategy**

Clear pathway to building the next major, global lithium company



# **01**Optimise operations

Ramp up production at NAL to sustainably optimise production and maximise returns and cashflow generation



**02** Expand resource base

Expand known mineral resources through drilling programs at NAL and Moblan and continue value accretive exploration in Québec and Western Australia



**03**Develop assets

Deliver portfolio potential through the development of upstream assets and pursue value accretive growth options



Integrate downstream

Evaluate and secure opportunities for downstream integration into higher value lithium carbonate and lithium hydroxide production



**05**Explore strategic partnerships

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# Summary Perspectives on the Market

Current market conditions favour a staged development of upstream assets before progressing into downstream capacity in line with market requirements

- EV penetration rates have slowed as cost-of-living pressures / inflation and high interest rates have had an impact with global auto volumes 20% below pre-COVID levels
- While there has been some supply-side reaction, the significant investment in lithium at the top of the cycle will impact price recovery in the near-medium term
- However, longer term fundamentals remain strong with market forecasters expecting lithium chemicals deficits from later this decade.
- Downstream / hydroxide processing has proved to be technically challenging and capital intensive outside of China / Asia (e.g. Albemarle and Tianqi have struggled to ramp-up hydroxide plants in Australia despite having feed from Greenbushes)

- Downstream strategies needs to be carefully evaluated to ensure they provide long-term strategic value (i.e. supplychain integration, margin optimisation) while delivering an appropriate risk-reward benefit (capital, technical capabilities, etc.)
- Significant optionality to pursue downstream integration over time; however likely greater risk-adjusted upside from focusing on upstream in the near term and being a "close follower" vs leader in downstream processing

# Significant Margin Fluctuation Over the Last Cycle But Expect More Consistency in the Long Term

### **Key Observations**

- Industry and supply-chains, particularly outside of China, are still being established
- Over the past few years, there have been three distinct periods of volatility and margin transfer between the various parts of the value-chain
- 1) Miners experienced margin transfer to refiners over 2019 -2021 which led to an under-investment in mining and a greater focus on downstream integration
- While spodumene prices rebounded strongly over for following 2 years capturing a greater share of the overall margin, investors and the market remained focused on downstream integration
- 3) Over the last 12 months, volatility and margin compression have been experienced across the board while downstream production outside of China / Asia has proven challenging both from a capex and importantly from a technical perspective (e.g. Albemarle / Tiangi curtailments / issues in Australia)

### Refining vs Mine Margin<sup>(1)(2)(3)</sup>

% of LiOH Price



### Notes

3 Spodumene and conversion AISC based on Wood Mackenzie's estimated weighted average cost by year

<sup>1</sup> Mine Margin calculated as (Spodumene Price – Spodumene Price; Spodumene converted to hydroxide using a conversion factor of 0.14, which assumes an 85% recovery rate for the conversion of spodumene to hydroxide 2 Refinery Margin calculated as (Hydroxide Price – Conversion AISC – Mine Margin – Spodumene AISC) / Hydroxide Price

# Key Criteria to Support Downstream Integration

Sayona's unique North American assets do lend themselves to a fully-integrated solution for end customers and would therefore benefit from a lower delivered cost to US OEMs; however timing, the right technical partner and structuring are critical aspects



### Return on investment

Upstream typically has a higher return on investment

Downstream is typically low return on investment driven by higher capital and technical risk



### Technical and funding partners

Upstream is of modest capital intensity and low technical risk making funding for developments or expansions much easier

Downstream is highly capital intensive with significant technical risk meaning funding is more difficult and much larger

Potential to ring fence funding structures so that upstream assets are not put at risk with downstream processing capacity



# Market considerations and complexity

Sale of spodumene concentrate is relatively straight forward with only limited specification requirements which do not typically change over time

Lithium chemical offtake agreements require extensive testing and acceptance of the product (typically 6-12 months) and specifications change over time as battery technologies evolve requiring changes to processing



# FY25 Guidance



### FY25 Guidance<sup>5</sup>

	Spodumene Concentrate Production	Spodumene Concentrate Sales	Unit Operating Costs <sup>1,4</sup>	Capital Expenditure <sup>1,2</sup>	Exploration Expenditure <sup>1,3</sup>	
FY25 Guidance	190,000 – 210,000 dmt	200,000 – 230,000 dmt	A\$1,150 – A\$1,300 / dmt	~A\$20M	~A\$30M	
Additional Information	SC 5.4% product grade  100% NAL production  FY25 production guidance assumes NAL achieves steady state production levels in FY25	SC 5.4% product grade  100% NAL sales  Approximately two thirds (67%) of concentrate sales will be sold by NAL to Piedmont Lithium under the offtake agreement in FY25	SC 5.4% product grade  100% NAL unit operating costs  A\$ / dmt sold, FOB Port of Québec  Unit operating costs reflect achievement of steady state production levels	Group capital expenditure relates predominantly to sustaining capital projects at NAL	Relates to utilisation of Flow Through Share funding which must be spent on Quebec lithium projects by end of 2024	

- 1 Guidance assumes average annual foreign exchange rates of AUD:CAD 0.91 and AUD:USD 0.667.
- 2 Capital expenditure guidance excludes movements in capital creditors which amounted to A\$3 million as at 30 June 2024.
- 3 Exploration expenditure guidance excludes movements in exploration creditors which amounted to A\$7 million as at 30 June 2024.
- 4 Unit operating cost is calculated on an accruals basis and includes mining, processing, transport, port charges, site-based general and administration costs and excludes depreciation and amortisation charges, freight and royalties. It is reported in A\$ / dmt sold, FOB Port of Québec.
- 5 Guidance is based on assumptions, budgets and estimates existing at the time of assessment which may change over time impacting the accuracy of those estimates are developed in the context of an uncertain operating environment including in respect of inflationary macroeconomic conditions, incomplete engineering and uncertainties surrounding the risks associated with mining and project development including construction, commissioning and ramp up which may delay or impact production and have a flow on effect on sales. Actual results may therefore vary significantly depending on these risks and the timing required to address them. The information is provided as an indicative guide to assist sophisticated investors with modelling of the Company. It should not be relied upon as a predictor of future performance.

# Our Strategy in action – next 18 months

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Improve safety and environmental performance

Mine cost reduction

Continued mill utilisation and throughput improvement

Recovery optimisation

Logistics cost reduction

Complete planned drilling programs at NAL and Moblan (flow through funding); and

Execute modest program in Western Australia – focus on Tabba Tabba Revisit Moblan DFS with focus on benefits of increased reserve base, capital intensity and sizing

Advance Moblan approvals and permitting (~5 year lead time)

Evaluate NAL expansion options based on materially expanded resource base

Selection of suitable downstream technical partner/s

Evaluate participation opportunities to leverage existing downstream facilities / projects

Identify partnership options to drive downstream development; and

Options to enable development pathways for Moblan greenfield and NAL brownfield expansion



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# Appendix





# NAL Quarterly Physicals and Operational Metrics

				FY23		FY24					
	UOM	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Tot
Physicals											
Ore Mined	kwmt	-	69	111	227	407	224	322	351	234	1,1
Ore Processed	kwmt	-	-	50	251	301	259	276	264	312	1,1
Spodumene Concentrate Produced	kdmt	-	-	4	30	33	31	34	40	50	15
Spodumene Concentrate Sold kdmt		-	-	-	-	-	48	24	58	28	15
Jnit Metrics											
Average Realised Sales Price (FOB) <sup>1</sup> A\$/t		-	-	-	-	-	1,985	946	999	885	1,2
Unit Operating Cost (FOB) <sup>2</sup>	A\$/t	-	-	-	-	-	1,231	1,397	1,536	1,506	1,4
Production Variables											
Mill Utilisation	%	-	-	51%	71%	66%	72%	75%	73%	83%	75
Global Process Recovery	%	-	-	43%	57%	54%	58%	62%	67%	68%	64
Concentrate Grade Produced	%	-	-	5.7%	5.6%	5.6%	5.5%	5.5%	5.4%	5.3%	5.4

All figures are reported in 100% terms. Numbers presented may not add up precisely to the totals provided due to rounding.

<sup>1</sup> Average realised sales price is calculated on an accruals basis and reported in \$/dmt sold. FOB Port of Québec.

<sup>2</sup> Unit operating cost is calculated on an accruals basis and includes mining, processing, transport, port charges, site-based general and administration costs and cash based inventory movements, and excludes depreciation and amortisation charges, freight and royalties. It is reported in \$\frac{1}{2}\$/dmt sold, FOB Port of Québec.

### Mineral Resources

	Measured Mineral Resources			Indicated Mineral Resources			Inferred Mineral Resources			Total Mineral Resources		
	Tonnes	Grade	Metal (1)	Tonnes	Grade	Metal (1)	Tonnes	Grade	Metal (1)	Tonnes	Grade	Metal (1)
Project	kt	% Li <sub>2</sub> O	kt Li₂O	kt	% Li <sub>2</sub> O	kt Li <sub>2</sub> O	kt	% Li <sub>2</sub> O	kt Li <sub>2</sub> O	kt	% Li <sub>2</sub> O	kt Li <sub>2</sub> O
Authier <sup>(2)</sup>												
Open Pit	6,042	0.98	59.2	8,098	1.03	83.4	2,996	1.00	30.0	17,136	1.01	172.6
Moblan (3)												
Main	5,901	1.53		9,042	1.20		5,165	1.10		20,108	1.27	
South	67	1.10		30,614	1.18		10,323	1.08		41,004	1.15	
New South				15,167	1.24		6,834	1.11		22,002	1.20	
Moleon				4,302	1.44		5,665	1.33		9,967	1.38	
Moblan Total	5,968	1.53		59,125	1.22		27,987	1.14		93,081	1.21	
NAL <sup>(4)</sup>												
Open Pit	900	1.11		71,100	1.14		13,700	1.08		85,700	1.13	
Underground							2,200	0.87		2,200	0.87	
NAL Total	900	1.11		71,100	1.14		15,800	1.05		87,900	1.13	



- 1 Represents metal contained within mineral resources, expressed in thousand tonnes of lithium oxide.
  2 75% ownership interest; cut-off grade of 0.55% Li2O.
  3 60% ownership interest; cut-off grade of 0.55% Li2O.
  4 5% ownership interest; cut-off grade of 0.60% Li2O.



# Mineral Reserves

			Proved Ore Reserves			Probable Ore Reserves			Total Ore Reserves		
Project	Ownership interest %	Cut-off grade % Li <sub>2</sub> O	Tonnes kt	Grade % Li <sub>2</sub> O	Metal (1) kt Li <sub>2</sub> O	Tonnes kt	Grade % Li₂O	Metal (1) kt Li <sub>2</sub> O	Tonnes kt	Grade % Li₂O	Metal (1) kt Li <sub>2</sub> O
Authier											
Open Pit	75	0.55	6,200	0.93	57.6	5,100	1.00	50.7	11,300	0.96	108.3
Moblan											
Open Pit	60	0.60				34,537	1.36		34,537	1.36	
NAL											
Open Pit	75	0.60	200	1.09	2.2	19,900	1.09	216.6	20,100	1.09	218.6



<sup>1</sup> Represents metal contained within ore reserves, expressed in thousand tonnes of lithium oxide.



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