Presentation of Eramet proprietary DLE technology

Centenario-Ratones Lithium Project

September 2023



Eramet has developed a DLE technology to be used on the Centenario project, a world-class asset





- Life-of-Mine of 40 years¹
- Global resource inventory potential estimated to be c. 10 Mt LCE
- Eramine Sudamerica (50.1% Eramet) owns 100% of the entire salar with perpetual mining rights
- Construction in partnership with Tsingshan







Top-notch sustainability standards





In line with highest international standards

IRM Initiative for Responsible Mining Assurance

⁽¹⁾ June 2023

SUSTAINABLE GOALS HMS







⁽²⁾ 6 projects implemented improving investment and outreach year on year.

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Much higher performances than conventional process

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- Proven industrial process over the past 20-years (aluminum-based lithium sorbent)
- Proprietary lithium sorbent working at native temperature of the brine (20°C)
- 90%¹ lithium recovery yield of the DLE unit
 - Industry leading yield much higher than traditional evaporation process (c. 40-50%)
 - > Almost twice less brine pumped²
 - > Thus, optimized management of the deposit's hydric balance



¹ 87% process yield overall

² Vs. conventional process, based on the same brine characteristics (notably Li concentration)

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 - > High **selectivity** for Lithium
 - Regeneration with water
 - > 12 patents



Proprietary lithium sorbent

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... as well as high sustainability standards



Aligned with the Group's strategy to create sustainable value

Water recycling

- Regeneration of the lithium sorbent only by water (DLE based on titanium or manganese sorbents use acid) and at 20°C
- Water recycling by reverse osmosis & forced evaporation
- 60% process water recycling rate

Efficient purification

- High selectivity of the DLE unit
- Nanofiltration and ion exchange for solid waste minimization

Swift production

1 week lead time vs. 12-18 months on evaporation process



Three years of large-scale Pilot Plant operation on the Salar consistently delivering high yields and training our workforce



Eramine Training Center: Pilot Plant at 3,900 meters above sea, on the Andean highlands – startup in December 2019

- **Full process tested on site**, from brine pumping to battery grade Li₂CO₃ production
- 600 L/h of raw brine feeding the DLE unit
- 3 years of continuous operation 24/7 demonstrated the performance and the robustness of the process
 - Lithium recovery: 91% in average since the beginning of testing
 - Battery-grade LCE produced: >95% in average since the beginning of testing

Highly trained team and solid return of experience



Construction has reached 67% of completion



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Phase 2: unlocking the great potential of Centenario deposit



Feasibility study ongoing for Phase 2 In 2 development stages

FID expected by 2023 year-end for next stage

Phase 2
in a development stages



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Thank you ! ¡ Muchas gracias !



