

## Stop Press

Three licence agreements to develop plants  
as of September 2024

American Salars Lithium two 10k LCE projects

Patagonia Lithium 10k plant in Jama, Jujuy Argentina

Geoframe-Energy 3,000 tonne plant at 600ppm Li -45,000T

Li<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> plant to follow on

US\$15MILLION CAPITAL RAISING

15.8% equity with 2 yr earnings bonus

Revenue\* Est \$33m (3,000T)

CAPITALISATION US\$95M

Share price \$1.00

95m shares on issue post raise

# EkoSolve™

A DIRECT LITHIUM EXTRACTION  
METHOD USING SOLVENT  
EXTRACTION FOR LITHIUM BRINES

DLE SOLVENT EXCHANGE FOR THE FUTURE

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# Ekosolve Business Model

- **5% Royalty** based on FOB lithium carbonate 99.5% grade production sales
- Texas USA Demonstration plant JV allows early revenue share (70%)
- Construction pipeline has 70,000 tonnes LC production in USA, Argentina
- Additional Revenue earned from construction approximately 10% for turnkey projects
- IP consists of **fast processing time** (minutes), **99.7% “Green” solvent** collection and regeneration, modular system, able to process high magnesium, high acidity brines, **only single pass DLE system** on market.
- University of Melbourne Chemical Engineering Faculty provides technical support, pilot plant facilities – Professor Dr Kathryn Mumford is lead
- On completion of series A, US\$15m team in USA/Melbourne to be implemented



# EKOSOLVE TRANSACTION SUMMARY

## HIGHLIGHTS

- Joint venture Ekosolve 70%/30% to build 3,000 tonne  $\text{Li}_2\text{CO}_3$  plant in Texas with Geoframe 2025
  - 600ppm Li, 15,000 barrels (2.4m litres) per day
  - 2P Resource is 3.5 million tonnes LCE
  - US\$8m capital raise with new issue and sale \$7m Founder Shares – Total US\$15m
  - Projected revenue at \$10,500 LCE for 2,400 tonnes is US\$25 million (\$17.5m Ekosolve)
- Call option to Geoframe to buy plant at \$9m
- On funding Geoframe will build 45,000 tonne  $\text{Li}_2\text{CO}_3$  plant and a 25Mw geothermal power station
- Ekosolve Income streams – 10% construction, 4% royalty, 1% royalty paid to Uni of Melbourne
- Ekosolve to list in 2025/26

## PLANT CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE 2025-2027

- GEOFRAME-ENERGY 2.4K then 45k  $\text{Li}_2\text{CO}_3$
- PATAGONIA LITHIUM 10K TONNE
- AMERICAN SALARS POCITOS 20K TONNE

## LICENCE AGREEMENTS AND NDA'S SIGNED

- AMERICAN SALARS LITHIUM INC (LIC)
- PATAGONIA LITHIUM (LIC)
- EUROPE BRINE OIL PRODUCER
- GEOFRAME-ENERGY (LOI)
- CHILE BASED LITHIUM CARBONATE PRODUCER

Financial Analysis Geoframe Ekosolve Demonstration Plant					
	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028
Year	1	2	3	4	5
Investment 15.8% equity	-15,000,000				
Plant production LC tonnes		1,000	3,000	3,000	45,000
Price - Battery grade Lithium Carbonate		12,500	13,500	14,500	15,500
<b>Revenue</b>		12,500,000	40,500,000	43,500,000	
Revenue - 45,000 tonne plant					697,500,000
Sale of demonstration plant			9,000,000		
Ekosolve royalty				2,175,000	34,875,000
<b>Total Income</b>	-15,000,000	12,500,000	49,500,000	2,175,000	34,875,000
<b>Costs</b>					
2900 per tonne	0	2,900,000	8,700,000	500,000	500,000
<b>Operating Profit</b>	-15,000,000	9,600,000	40,800,000	1,675,000	34,375,000
<b>Ekosolve share 70%</b>	0	6,720,000	28,560,000		
Investor 15.8% share of 70% income	-15,000,000	3,185,280	13,537,440		
Note: investor share of income in first two years is 47.4% (3 x 15.8% equity interest)					
<b>Geoframe-Ekosolve Project</b>			IRR		
NPV - 9% - 5 years	\$49,351,750		116%		
NPV - 9% - 3 years	\$25,823,746		100%		

## ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE

### Board of Directors

Dr Carlos Sorentino

Executive Chairman

Chief Technology Officer

Phillip Thomas

Chief Executive Officer

Pre-IPO Support Associate/Research

Shaun Thomas

Non-Executive Director

Jarek Kopias – Company Secretary/share register

### Chief Advisor – Licensor

Professor Dr Kathryn Mumford

Dept Chemical Engineering

University of Melbourne

### Support

Dr A Li

### Executive Team – To be hired post funding

General Manager – Ekosolve Technology

Manager – Texas Construction/Implementation

Manager – 2,400 Tonne plant/Uni of Melb liaison/Chem Engineer

Manager – Finance, Accounting and Tax, Royalties, Grants

Manager – Sub-contractors EPCM, purchasing

## Key Personnel



**Phillip Thomas - CEO** – BSc Geol MBM FAusIMM, more than 20 years experience in lithium exploration and production, executive and non-executive Chairman roles, senior executive/CEO in listed companies on ASX and TSX, developed Rincon Lithium project in 2006, and deeply involved in lithium projects in Argentina and Brazil, copper using SX in Australia.



**Dr Carlos Sorentino – Executive Chairman, CTO**, - PhD, MEnvSt, BE(Chemical), DipRadTech. Carlos is a highly skilled chemical engineer and economist having completed his PhD in economic geology. He has worked in the lithium industry for more than 40 years and has a deep understanding of chemical extraction methodologies, having built the Rincon lithium carbonate plant in Argentina. He is the co-founder of the Ekosolve process and has guided its development to its current stage of efficient lithium extraction exceeding 95% and commercial development.



**Professor Dr Kathryn Mumford – University of Melbourne – Technical Advisor** - (PhD, B Chem Eng (Hons), B Comm) is a Professor in the Department of Chemical Engineering at The University of Melbourne, and currently leads the Advanced Separations Technologies Group and is Head of the School of Chemical Engineering. Kathryn's research interests are in the areas of separations processes specifically ion exchange, solvent absorption and solvent extraction technologies such as Ekosolve.



# THE EKOSOLVE™ DLE ADVANTAGES

- High recovery of Li from brines as Lithium Chloride
- Produces Battery Grade Lithium Carbonate
- Circumvents problems of brine contaminants such as Mg, Ca and B that can interfere with the recovery and quality of Battery Grade Lithium Carbonate
- Eliminates the need for solar evaporation
- No requirement for large water volumes
- Single continuous process
- Operates with brines as low as 37ppm Li
- Can handle acid brines with pH as low as 1
- Low operating costs – 98% of solvent and reagents recovered
- Low capital costs
- Environmentally friendly process

## OTHER DLE SYSTEMS ISSUES

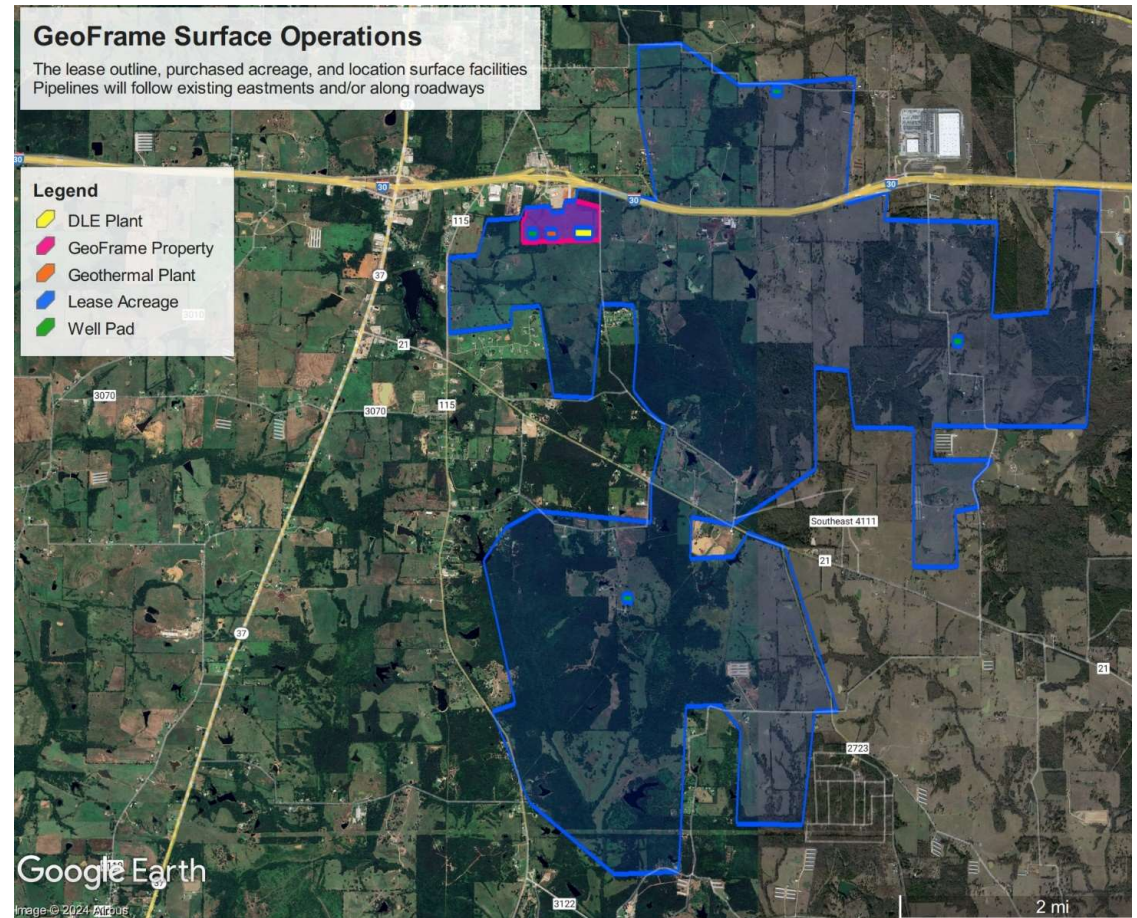
absorbents, electrochemical, nano/membrane and ion exchange technologies

- Multiple phases of treatment – not continuous
- Large amounts of water consumption
- Nano-membranes clog-up with waste ions
- Absorption plates denigrating quickly
- Ion exchange is not selective to remove one ion type
- Electro-membrane still at the concept stage and will probably need additional systems
- Most other DLE need high concentrations of Lithium in brines
- Problems managing high Mg brines or oil contaminated brine or highly acidic
- Extraction system can't be regenerated

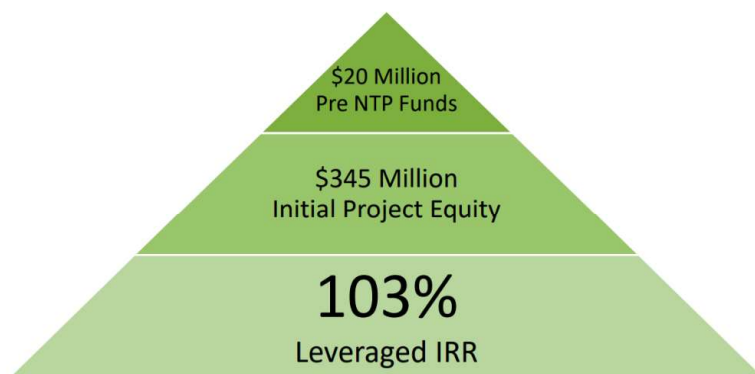
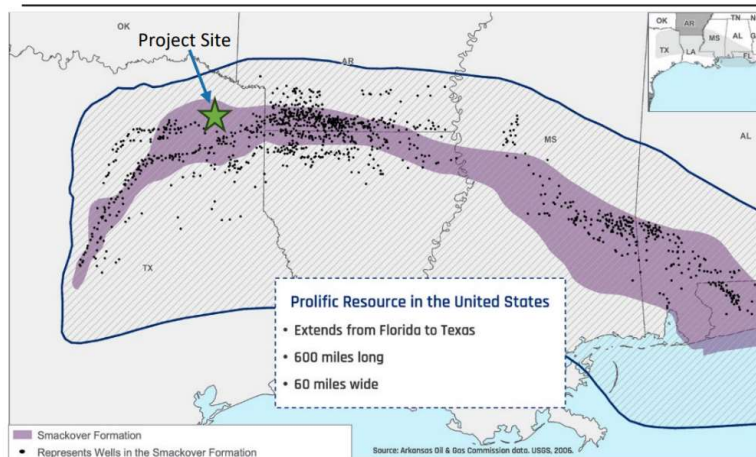


## GeoFrame Energy – Ekosolve Project – Smackover Formation - Mt Vernon, Texas

- A 3,000 tonne per year Lithium Carbonate demonstration plant will be built on the selected site to access the 7,000 acres of leases.
- 7,000 acre leases signed 6 August 2024
- At current LC prices (75,000 Yuan) revenue on 3,000 tonnes  $\text{Li}_2\text{CO}_3$  would be \$31m per year.
- Ekosolve plant will process about 150,000L of brine per day at 500ppm Lithium.
- Higher concentrations will produce more product.
- Lithium Carbonate purity will exceed 99.5% priced at battery grade
- The facility will have sufficient space to expand the demonstration plant to house a phase three build 45,000-tonne lithium carbonate plant.
- Electricity from the geothermal plant will power the pumping motors in the plant.
- Potassium of sulphate (SOP) fertilizer product potential by product



## GREEN DIRECT LITHIUM EXTRACTION OPPORTUNITY



### The Opportunity:

GeoFrame Energy (“GeoFrame” or the “Company”) is developing over 7,000 acres of the Smackover Formation in East Texas that contain some of the highest measured concentrations of Lithium from deep oil-field brines in the world. The Company has de-risked this project in terms of reservoir, construction, and technology risks. GeoFrame will drill wells into a brine reservoir with lithium concentrations in excess of 600 ppm and will build a direct lithium extraction (“DLE”) facility as well as a geothermal power plant. The DLE plant is powered 100% by the energy produced by the Geothermal plant and excess power will be exported to the grid, thus qualifying the geothermal plant and well fields for ~\$150 million of investment tax credits. Upon completion, GeoFrame will ultimately produce over 83,000 metric tons (“mt”) of battery-grade lithium carbonate annually.

The Company has de-risked this project with proprietary knowledge of the reservoir as well as performance and construction guarantees from industry-leading institutions. Importantly, the technology provider, Ekosolve, will finance and build a ~\$21 million DLE demonstration plant on GeoFrame’s site which will produce, for sale and testing, up to 3,000 MT annually of battery-grade lithium carbonate.

GeoFrame, funded to date by a combination of family offices and principal funding, is seeking:

- Phase 1: \$20 million of capital to fund a production and injection well and geothermal plant to support the demonstration DLE plant, final production plant design and engineering, and lease acquisition expenses and costs
- Phase 2: \$250 million of equity, \$300 million of debt, and \$73 million of investment tax credits which, combined with the demonstration plant, will yield the production of 46,700 mt of battery-grade lithium carbonate
- Phase 3: \$440 million of debt (back-leveraged) and \$58 million of investment tax credits which will yield the production of an additional 36,800 mt of battery-grade lithium carbonate







# THE GEOFRAME OPPORTUNITY: PHASES 1 & 2 PROJECTIONS

## Demonstration & Production Plant #1 Combined

### Projection Model Inputs:

Combined Flow (bbl/day)	285,000
Lithium Concentration (ppm)	600
Lithium Recovery (Yield)	93%
Metric Tonnes (annual)	46,698
Assumed Li <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub> Price (\$/mt)	\$15,000

### Capital Sources (at Commissioning):

Term Debt	\$300,000,000
Tax Equity	\$78,956,047
Project Equity (long-term)	\$283,908,556
<b>Total Capital</b>	<b>\$662,864,604</b>

### Capital Uses:

Pre-NTP Development Expenses	\$11,600,000
Well Program	\$87,264,992
Gas Separation Facilities (at well pads)	\$1,305,000
Geothermal Plant	\$70,396,395
DLE Plant Budget	\$434,836,500
Other Costs (Includes Construction Loan Interest)	\$57,461,717
<b>Total Capital Required</b>	<b>\$662,864,604</b>

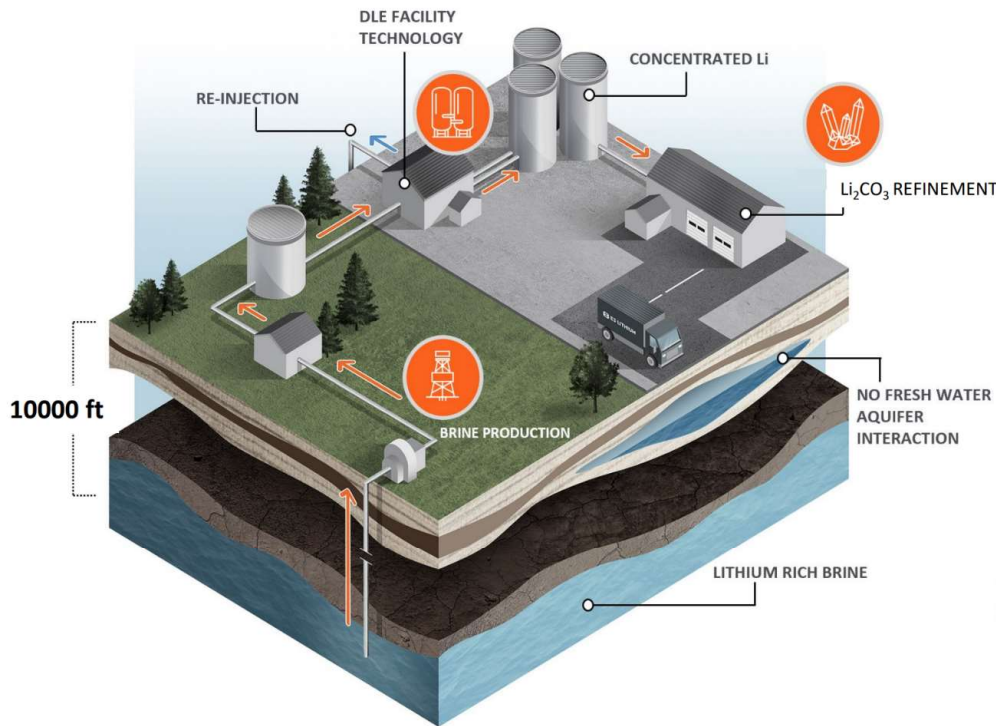
Demonstration Plant on-line May 2025

Production Plant on-line January 2027

**Stabilized combined EBITDA = \$488,905,309**



## DIRECT LITHIUM EXTRACTION BY EKOSOLVE



3-Dimensional depiction of a typical Solvent Extraction plant



### Lithium-rich brine production

- Production of brine from the Smackover Formation
- Lithium concentration of > 600 ppm
- Producing 510,000 bbl of brine per day
- Closed loop system: 100 % re-injection of brine injected into an isolated shallower formation – no emissions



### DLE Solvent Exchange Technology

- Greater than 93 % recovery of Lithium
- One plant to produce over 83,000 mt of 99.5 % pure battery-grade Lithium Carbonate ( $\text{Li}_2\text{CO}_3$ )
- Environmentally friendly and low operation costs with 98.8 % of solvents and reagents recovered and reused
- Well-established underlying technology to DLE 1953 (REE, 1953)



### $\text{Li}_2\text{CO}_3$ Production

- Refinement of the Lithium-rich brine into the most stable Lithium carbonate for direct sale to battery manufacturers
- Small plant footprint of less than 10 acres (400,000 sq ft)
- Brine temperatures of 275° F, and produced volumes will support geothermal power generation of 30MW



> How did Ekosolve Perform?

Highest recovery

95.8% Li

Li

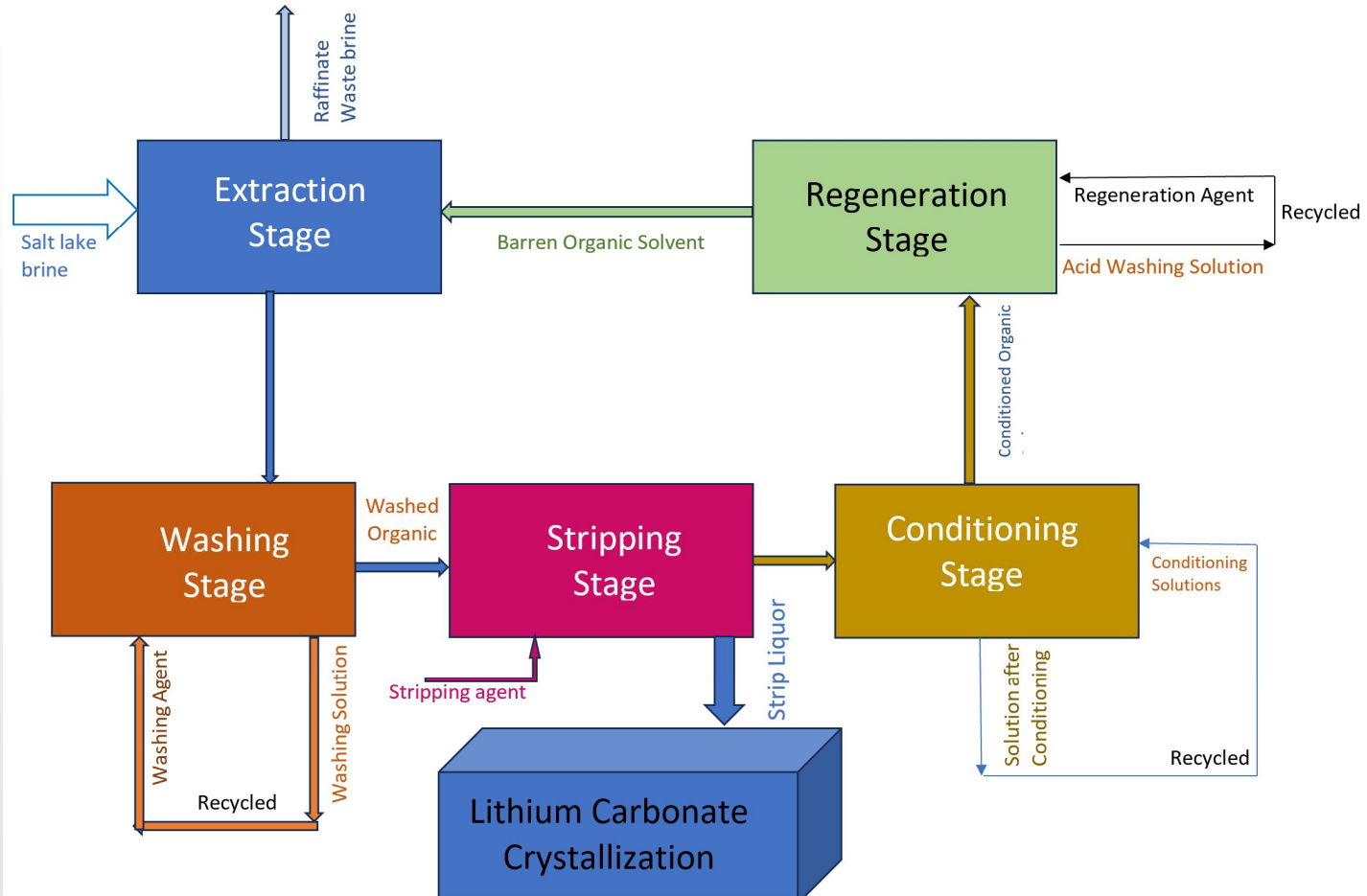
Lithium

## Ekosolve Pilot Plant Results To-date

Salar/Location	Lithium content test concentration ppm	% extraction efficiency
Incahuasi	140.2	93.1
Pocitos A	86.0	94.9
Pocitos B	95.3	95.8
Rincon	195.0	92.0
Pozuelos	401.0	93.1
Formentera	266.8	92.1
Calgary Petrobrine	57.0	91.0
Stress test	37.0	91.8



# FLOW CHART EKOSOLVE PROCESS

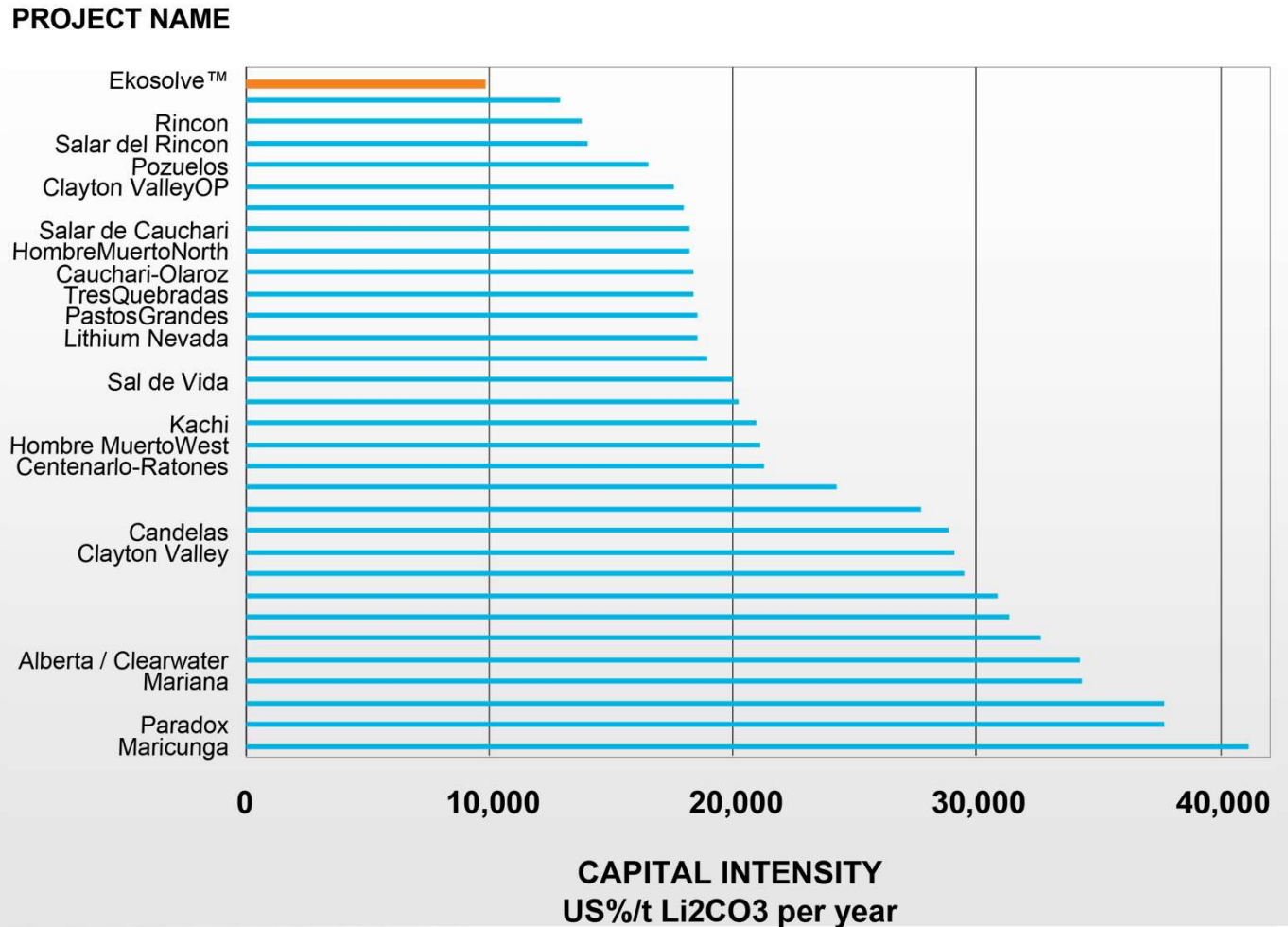


# ➤ EKOSOLVE CAPITAL INTENSITY

With a Capital Intensity of US\$ 9,855 per metric tone of  $\text{Li}_2\text{CO}_3$  produced annually, EKOSOLVE compares well with the capital intensity of other proposed brine projects.

Even at its maximum estimated Capital Intensity of US\$13,500, EKOSOLVE is still positioned as one of the lowest investments required to develop a Li-rich brine project.

## Capital Intensity of Proposed Li-rich brines projects





# > EKOSOLVE UNIT OPERATING COST

The **EkoSolve** operating costs can be estimated at US\$2,710 per ton of battery-grade of Lithium Carbonate produced.

The opex has been averaged over ten

years; that is to say, it includes commissioning expenses.

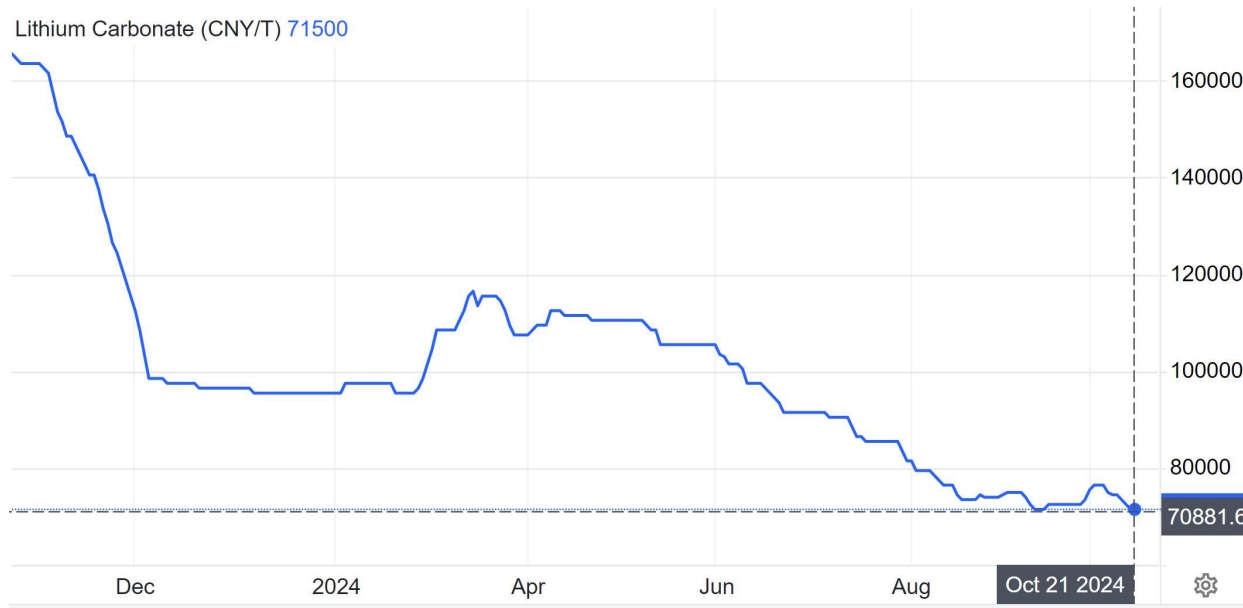
This opex does not include the amortization of the plant capital costs or its maintenance.

## Operating costs amortized over 10 years of production, US\$/t

	Low	Estimated	High
Reagents	1750	2060	2820
Fuels and Energy	460	540	740
Labour	90	110	150
<b>Operating Costs total</b>	<b>2300</b>	<b>2710</b>	<b>3710</b>



# Lithium Carbonate Price



Lithium is expected to trade higher than 70,881CNY/T (USD\$9,955) by the end of this quarter, according to Trading Economics global macro models and analysts expectations.

Source:Trading Economics 23 October 2024 [www.tradingeconomics.com](http://www.tradingeconomics.com)

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