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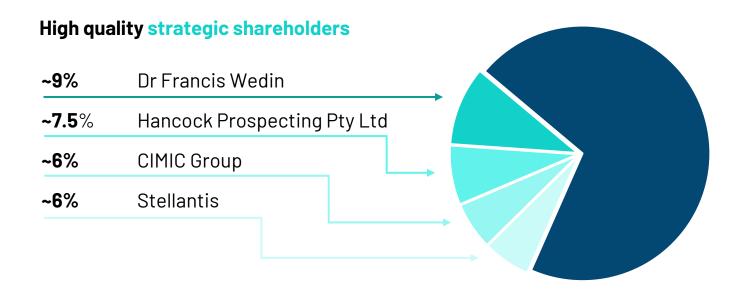
High quality strategic shareholders, dual listed structure

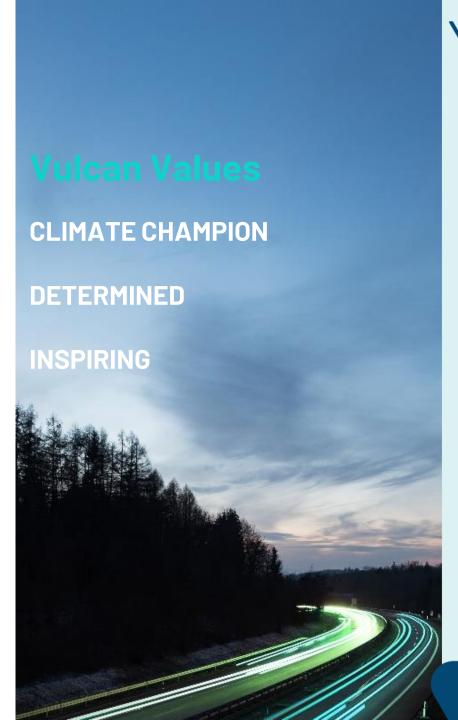
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Shares on issue / ~188 million

Market Capitalisation 1 / ca. €530m (A\$866m)

Cash<sup>2</sup> / **€60.6m** 





#### **INVESTMENT HIGHLIGHTS**

#### Integrated ZERO CARBON LITHIUM™ & renewable energy

**Pricing stability**: Offtake secured with Tier One automotive and battery customers

First quartile target lithium production costs<sup>1</sup>: Integrated heat and power, compact supply chain, drive low Li production costs

**Optimisation and pre-qualification capability:** Upstream optimisation plant now in production

**Financing in final phase:** Launch of final phase financing highlights strong support from public and private sector

**Execution ready:** Specialised in-house expertise and strong execution team

**Decarbonising the EV supply chain:** Leveraging Vulcan's combination of integrated design, renewable energy and circular principles



#### **OFFTAKE ADVANTAGE: TIER ONE CUSTOMERS**

Fully contracted lithium production drives pricing stability

Low counterparty risk: High quality European-focused offtake partners

**Long term relationships:** All offtake agreements binding, take-or-pay, with agreed pricing mechanisms, 5-10 years in duration

**Pricing stability<sup>1</sup>:** Pricing mechanisms are a basket of fixed, floor-ceiling and fully floating prices during payback period

**Aligned interests:** Largest offtaker Stellantis is also Vulcan's fourth largest shareholder through a €50M investment<sup>2</sup>



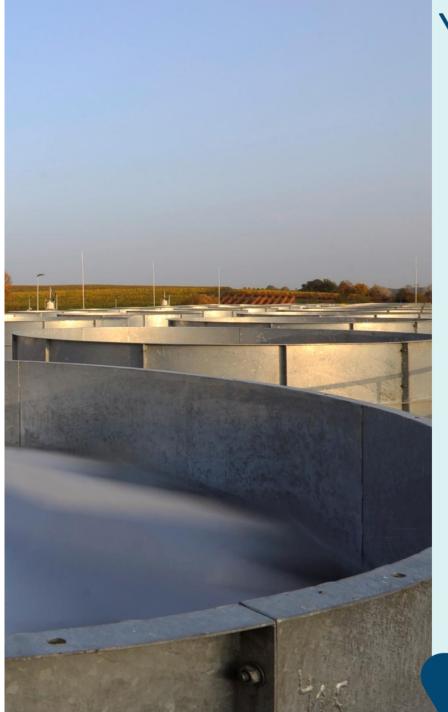


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#### MARKET ADVANTAGE: EUROPE

#### Lithium supply in a structurally short market

Global supply for LHM looks challenged from 2025 onwards

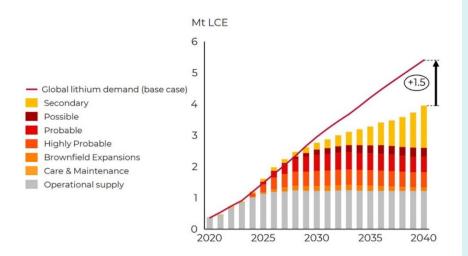
Supply/demand balance even more acute in Europe, which finds itself structurally undersupplied

LHM product qualification process has the potential to further slow supply into the market in the near-to-medium term

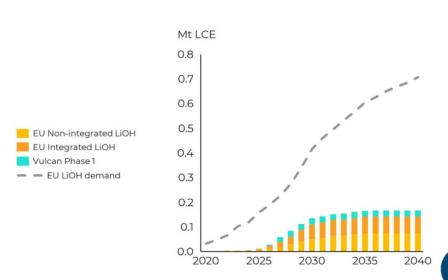
Vulcan expects to be well advanced on product qualification prior to production through its optimisation plants (LEOP and CLEOP)

Favourable public policy positioning in Europe, including the newly introduced Critical Raw Materials Act

#### **Global Supply / Demand Balance**



#### **European LiOH Supply vs Demand**



NB: Supply is weighted by probability (except Vulcan) in both charts

## LOW COST, LOW IMPACT UPSTREAM LITHIUM & ENERGY PRODUCTION

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Phase One Lionheart - fully integrated lithium and renewable power. From Europe, for Europe







#### **PHASE ONE: LIONHEART**

Vulcan's 24kt pa LHM Phase 1 Project in numbers<sup>1</sup>

**€3.9B** (A\$5.6 billion) pre-tax NPV<sub>8</sub> / **€2.6B** (A\$4.2B) post-tax NPV<sub>8</sub>

Target revenues of **€705m** per annum, estimated **74%** EBITDA margin

Low OPEX of €4,022/t lithium hydroxide, one of the lowest on the industry cost curve

**10Mt CO<sub>2</sub>** avoided in Phase One alone<sup>2</sup>

**Net generator of energy,** Phase One generating **275 GWh** power, **560 GWh** heat p.a.

Europe's largest lithium resource: 27.7Mt LCE Resource, 30-year production life

Execution ready, 4-year payback

Phase One of Vulcan's Zero
Carbon Lithium™³ Project,
designated **Lionheart**, will
produce both renewable
geothermal energy and lithium
hydroxide for electric vehicle
(EV) batteries from the same
deep brine source in the Upper
Rhine Valley, Germany



#### INTEGRATED BUSINESS: COMPETITIVE ADVANTAGE

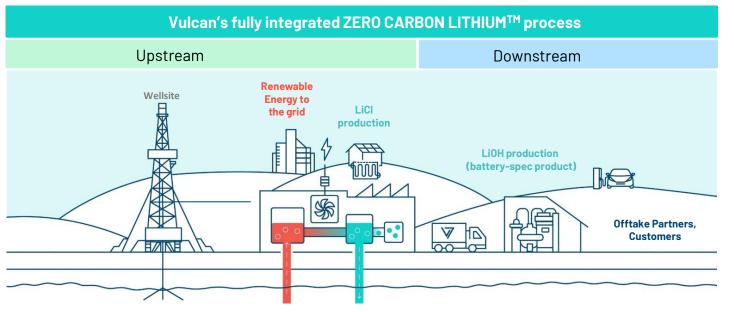
#### Use of renewable heat enables low cost and CO<sub>2</sub>

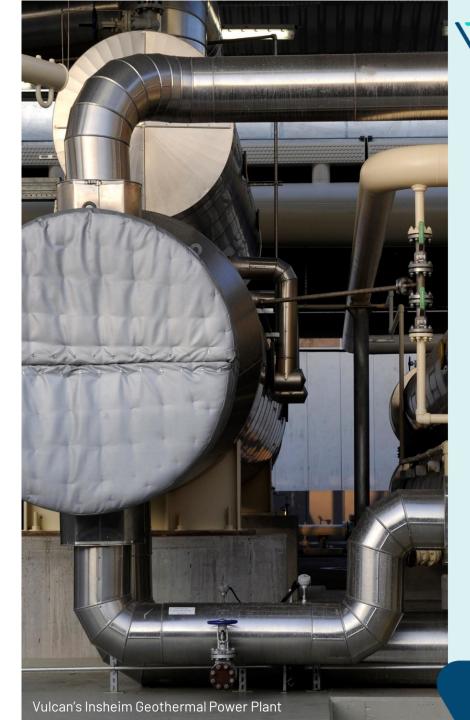
Fully integrated renewable energy generation and lithium production

**Simplified** two-stage process from lithium-rich brine to battery-ready product

**Commercially leading** adsorption-type lithium production driven by renewable heat

**Renewable** power and heat straight to the grid, lithium straight to offtake partners





#### PHASE ONE ADVANTAGE: SUPPLY CHAIN EFFICIENCY

#### **Outstanding location, from resource to customer**

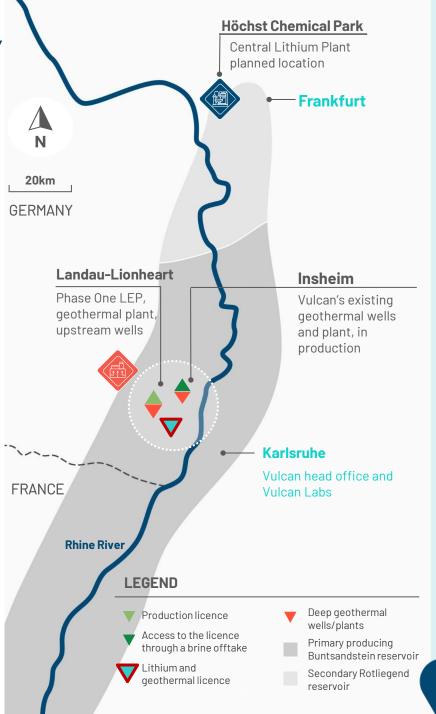
**130km covers Vulcan's entire value chain**, from wellsite to battery-ready product, making it one of the most compact lithium-EV supply chains globally

Lithium plant located in Frankfurt's Höchst Industrial Park, a purposebuilt facility

Germany's Upper Rhine Valley well supported by infrastructure, with a long history of industry and innovation

Potential to benefit from substantial European project funding and government initiatives, with Europe on the front foot of EV and energy policy

Tier 1 location and compact supply chain drive substantial cost/carbon benefits

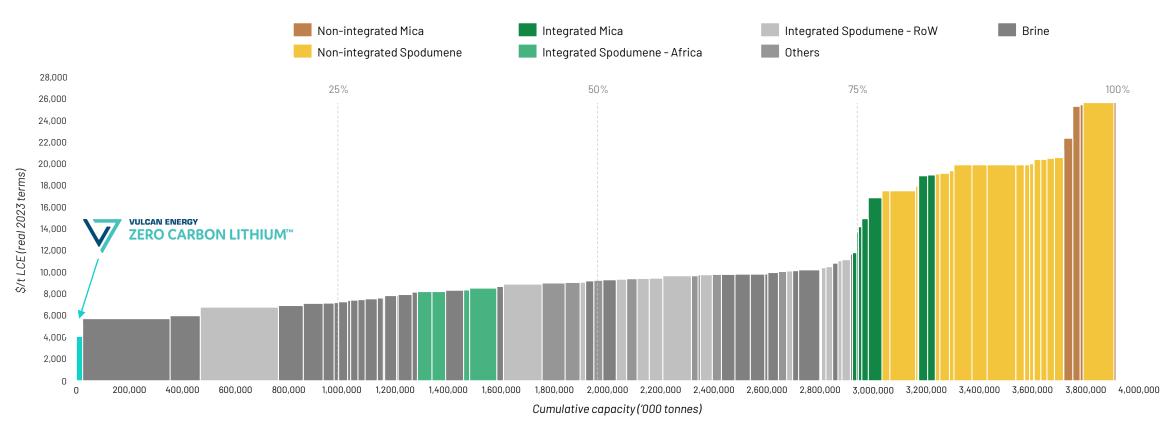




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#### Leveraging waste renewable heat creates lowest quartile cost of lithium production

#### Global projected 2035 lithium hydroxide C1 cost curve



Vulcan 's C1 costs are estimated at \$4,022/t¹ LCE, driven by its unique use of process heat and renewable energy.

## **OPTIMISATION AND QUALIFICATION: UPSTREAM**

**Europe's first fully-domestic production of lithium chemicals**<sup>1</sup>

Production of LiCl began in April 2024, using Adsorption-Type DLE

Early results **up to 95%** lithium extraction efficiency

Operational readiness: LEOP is currently training staff and optimising product in a pre-commercial environment

LEOP will send upstream product (LiCl solution) to the Central Lithium Electrolysis Optimisation Plant (CLEOP) to make battery grade lithium chemicals





LEOP: Vulcan's operational upstream Lithium Extraction & Optimisation Plant



## **OPTIMISATION AND QUALIFICATION: DOWNSTREAM**

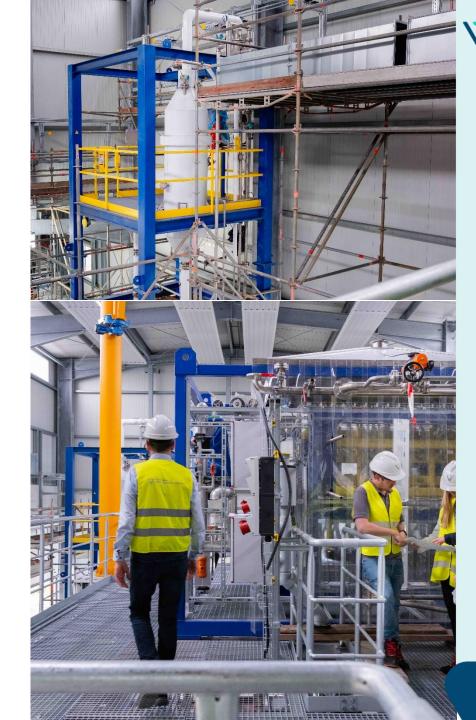
#### Operations team training and fast-tracking product qualification

Located in Industrie-Park Höchst, Vulcan's downstream optimisation pant CLEOP will focus on training and optimisation during the construction of the commercial-sized lithium plant, in the same location

CLEOP will send battery-grade lithium chemicals to offtake partners for prequalification testing, ahead of commercial production, potentially accelerating the qualification process

Product from CLEOP will be **Europe's first fully integrated lithium battery chemicals** and produced with a by-product of renewable energy

Commissioning of CLEOP is well advanced, approaching **Start of Production** 





#### Commercially-leading technology, optimised

**Adsorption** is the fastest growing form of lithium production, due to cost and product quality advantages, currently with 10% global market share and growing

**VULSORB®** is an optimised, high-performance adsorbent, highlighting Vulcan's substantial in-house technological capability

**Highest** performance lithium production technology on the market, as tested by Vulcan on lithium-bearing brines, including its current use at LEOP

>95% lithium extraction efficiency

Lower cost - lower carbon footprint - lower water footprint - lower land footprint

Opportunity to license **VULSORB** of to third parties



#### **OUTSTANDING IN-HOUSE EXECUTION CAPABILITY**

#### The very best in technical capability and partnerships

Vulcan's **in-house execution team** draws upon decades of experience gained within the worlds largest engineering, chemical and oil and gas firms

**In-house technical excellence**, with the development of the next generation of lithium production (i.e. VULSORB ®)

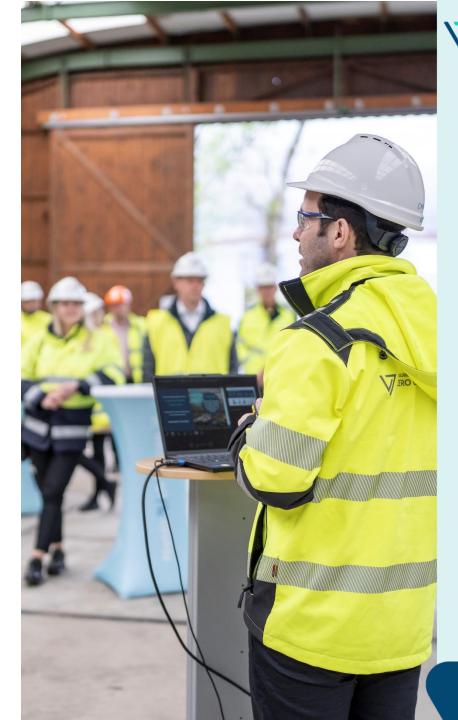
**Execution ready**, MoUs with major technical partners







In-house well delivery (development), execution and production teams means Vulcan has full control over its entire business, from well site to LHM production



#### SUSTAINABILITY LEADER BY DESIGN

## Ca. 14 tonnes CO<sub>2</sub> avoided for every tonne of lithium produced<sup>1</sup>





Certified Carbon Neutral International Organisation from 2021





Alignment with TCFD & UN Sustainable Development Goals







UNGC Member, TNFD Forum Member and VCMI Stakeholder Forum Member

Enough lithium
hydroxide production for
500,000 EVs
per annum<sup>2</sup>



10Mt CO<sub>2</sub> to be avoided over Phase One alone. Zero fossil fuels used in the process<sup>3</sup>

CO<sub>2</sub>

Renewable heat production for more than 1 million People by 2030<sup>4</sup>

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Note(s): \(^1\)Minviro, LCA Methodology. Using Innovation Fund Methodology = 19;\(^2\)Based on the Phase One production target capacity of 24ktpa from Bridging Engineering Study (BES) Announcement 16th November 2023 and Vulcan internal estimated average EV battery size and chemistry in Europe,\(^3\) Minviro and internal estimates combined;\(^4\) Based on official feed-in numbers from grid operator and calculated with the latest local electricity mix emission factor

#### LAUNCH OF FINAL STAGE FINANCING<sup>1</sup> PROCESS

#### Strong support from public and private sector

Launch of the final phase project level debt and equity funding process, with significant indicative support from Tier-1 financing partners and export credit agencies (ECAs)

Potential for up to €500m of support indicated by the European Investment Bank (EIB)

Vulcan has also applied for significant public grant funding. The financing has been timed to coincide with the completion of the public grant funding process

Natixis CIB appointed as ESG Coordinator, with an aim to secure the first ever green financing with green enabling features

Updated Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA) published on 16 September, a pre-requisite for Export Credit Agencies' Credit Committee approval

#### **Structuring Banks**









#### **Major ECA / EIB Support**















#### **GROWTH PIPELINE**

# TO INCREASE PRODUCTION THROUGH EU'S LARGEST LITHIUM RESOURCE<sup>1</sup>

Vulcan's URVBF consists of a consistent sedimentary geothermal lithium reservoir across 17 licences<sup>2</sup> covering a total area of 2,234 km<sup>2</sup>.

There are currently **36 geothermal plants** operating in Germany and **42 active projects.**<sup>3</sup> The federal government aims to reach 100 plants by 2030.<sup>4</sup>

URVBF area is a **mature**, **producing field**, with >1,000 oil & gas and 24 deep geothermal wells already drilled in the URV.

Vulcan aims to grow production in a phased manner after Phase One, and grow as the EV market grows.

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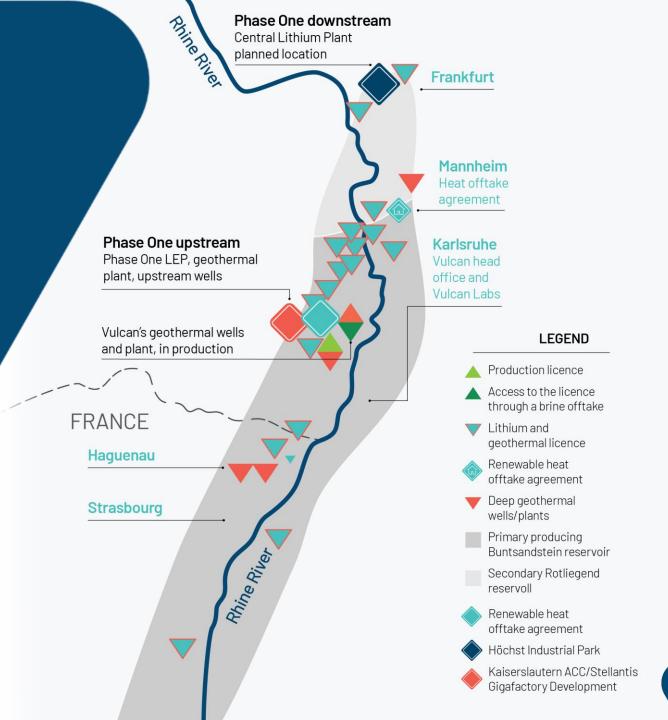
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2 Refer to page 44 of Vulcan's Half-Year Report 2024 for a full list of

3 Refer Bundesverband Geothermie

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Upper Rhine Valley Brine Field



#### **KEY UPCOMING TARGET MILESTONES**

#### **Transformational period for our Phase 1 Lionheart Project**

First Upstream LiCI production from LEOP

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Launch final phase of Project funding



**CLEOP** commissioning underway



First downstream LHM production from CLEOP

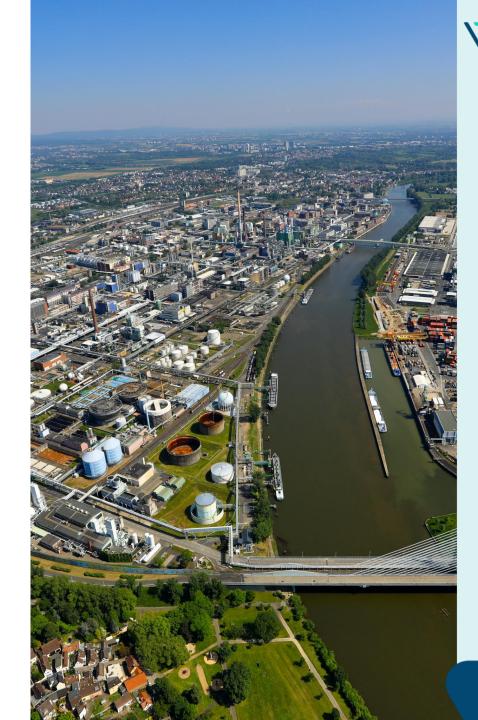
Decision(s) on public funding (grant) approval processes

Finalisation of the equity portion of the Project financing package

Awarding/signing of major contracts

Finalisation of the debt portion of the Project financing package

Start of commercial construction



#### HIGHLY EXPERIENCED LEADERSHIP

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#### Outstanding major project, technical and finance experience at the Executive and Board level

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Cris Moreno
Managing Director & CEO



**Felicity Gooding Group Chief Financial Officer** 

Development



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