



LITHIUM CHILE RECEIVES US \$5 MILLION DEPOSIT TOWARD SALE OF SALAR DE ARIZARO PROJECT, ARGENTINA

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For Immediate Release

CALGARY, ALBERTA, February 18, 2026 - Lithium Chile Inc. (“Lithium Chile” or the “Company”) is pleased to announce that it has received a US \$5,000,000 deposit from China Union Holdings Limited (“CUH”) in connection with the previously announced sale of its Arizaro project through the disposition of the Company’s Argentinian subsidiary, Argentum Lithium S.A. (the “Transaction”).

The deposit has been received in satisfaction of one of the closing conditions under the Transaction and is being held in trust, subject to the terms of the definitive share purchase agreement (the “**Definitive Agreement**”), until the remaining closing conditions are satisfied. Upon satisfaction of such conditions, the deposit will be released in accordance with the Transaction terms.

Steve Cochrane, President of Lithium Chile, commented: *“The receipt of this deposit reflects China Union Holdings’ clear commitment to completing the Transaction. Work across regulatory, technical and closing matters continues to progress as planned, with both parties moving efficiently toward satisfying the remaining conditions. We are encouraged by the pace of progress and remain focused on moving efficiently toward completing the transaction by mid-year, subject to customary approvals.”*

The Company is currently advancing procedural steps required to complete the Transaction, including the preparation and distribution of an information circular to shareholders in connection with the required shareholder meeting. As stipulated in the Definitive Agreement, closing is scheduled for June 2026. The Transaction remains subject to customary closing conditions, including regulatory approvals under applicable foreign investment and securities laws.

CHILEAN DEVELOPMENTS

Lithium Chile also notes the upcoming installation of the new government in Chile on March 1, 2026. The Company is encouraged by indications that the new administration intends to prioritize regulatory efficiency, investment certainty, and responsible resource development. Having successfully obtained a Special Lithium Operating Contract (CEOL) for its Coipasa project in 2025, Lithium Chile has demonstrated its ability to advance projects within Chile’s regulatory framework. Anticipated policy reforms and streamlined permitting processes are expected to further support the timely advancement and development of the Company’s Chilean lithium portfolio. The Company continues to engage constructively with relevant authorities and will monitor developments closely as these reforms are implemented.

ABOUT LITHIUM CHILE

Lithium Chile Inc. is an exploration company with a portfolio of 11 properties spanning 106,136 hectares in Chile and 29,245 hectares on the Salar de Arizaro in Argentina. The Company has successfully advanced its Arizaro project with the completion of NI 43-101 compliant Resource Report, Preliminary Economic Assessment and Prefeasibility Study which are all accessible on SedarPlus.ca under Lithium Chile's profile.

Lithium Chile's common shares are listed on the TSX-V under the symbol "LITH" and on the OTCQB under the symbol "LTMCF".

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Such forward-looking statements are based on various assumptions and factors that may prove to be incorrect, including, but not limited to, factors and assumptions with respect to: the ability of the parties to satisfy the conditions to closing in a timely manner; the completion of the pre-closing acquisition of additional equity in ARLI and the carve-out of the Arizaro 4 property and certain water rights; the timing and receipt of required approvals, acceptances and clearances, including TSXV acceptance, any required approvals and clearances from applicable governments, regulators and bodies in Canada, the People's Republic of China, Argentina and other relevant jurisdictions, and any required shareholder approvals; the absence of legal or regulatory impediments; the continued validity and enforceability of the underlying mining concessions and water rights; the accuracy of title opinions and due diligence; the Purchaser's ability to obtain necessary financing and regulatory clearances; the stability of the legal and regulatory framework in Argentina; the absence of material adverse changes affecting the Arizaro Project or ARLI; the accuracy of management's estimates and expectations; general business and economic conditions; commodity prices; geopolitical stability between relevant jurisdictions; foreign exchange rates; and the timing and terms of the escrow and deposit arrangements.

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