



# **MONGOLIA'S FIRST LITHIUM BRINE EXPLORER & DEVELOPER**

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# OUR LEADERSHIP



**ALI HAJI**  
CEO/Director

Director of Antler Hill Mining Ltd, Spirit Banner II Capital Corp. and CEO & Director of Aranjin Resources. 13+ years international experience (asset management, risk analysis and program governance). Advisor to ATMA Capital Markets Ltd and Steppe Gold TSX:STGO. BSc from University of Western Ontario



**MATTHEW WOOD**  
Chairman of the Board

Chairman of Steppe Gold TSX:STGO & Aranjin Resources (TSXV:ARJN), Founding Chairman of Avanco Resources (sold in March 2018 for AUD\$440M) and Hunnu Coal (sold for AUD\$500M in 2012).



**WENDY LI**  
Director, Asia

18+ years of extensive commercial and business development experience in Asia, including Mongolia and China, with Noble Resources Ltd and SouthGobi Resources Ltd. BA (Hon) from Wilfrid Laurier University, in Waterloo, Canada.



**BATAA TUMUR-ОЧИР**  
Director

A Mongolian Citizen that serves as CEO and Director of Steppe Gold TSX:STGO. Mr. Tumur-Ochir is an advisor to the Ministry of Mining and Heavy Industry, Holds a bachelor's degree in business administration and graduate certificates in international business and marketing from Australia and Singapore.



**ANEEL WARAICH**  
Director

EVP and Director of Steppe Gold TSX:STGO, Director of Antler Hill Mining Ltd, CEO of Spirit Banner Capital Corp, Founder of ATMA and ATMACORP with experience in investment banking at Dundee. MBA from Goodman Institute of Investment Management at John Molson School of Business.



**ENKHTUVSHIN KHISHIGSUREN**  
Director

Over 30 years of Mongolian mineral experience for multi-nationals. Credited for having discovered several prospective gold, molybdenum and copper deposits, including the Olon Ovoot multimillion ounce gold deposit.



**JOHN MCVICAR CPA, CA**  
CFO

Brings more than 30 years of international business experience in Management Consulting and Finance. His previous roles include Consulting Partner at a Big 4 firm, CFO of a TSX-listed company and several regional finance leadership roles with large U.S. and Canadian multinationals in Canada, the U.S., South America and Asia. Is a CPA, CA and graduated with an MBA from Duke University and a B. Comm from Queen's University.



**PAUL FORNAZZARI**  
Advisory Board Member

Served as inaugural Chair of Lithium Americas and secured its initial strategic investments from Mitsubishi and Magna International. Former Director of Neo Lithium Corp. Currently, Paul is a partner with Fasken Martineau DuMoulin LLP, where he is head of Latin America for the Global Mining Group, and is also a member of the TSX-V's National Advisory Committee. Holds an LLM from Osgoode Hall Law School in Securities Law and an LLB from the University of Windsor.



**DON HAINS**  
Advisory Board Member

President of Hains Engineering Company Limited and Principal of Hains Technology Associates. An industrial minerals exploration and economic geologist with +30 years of experience in exploration, development, use and analysis of industrial minerals properties and materials. Has a particular focus on critical and energy related minerals such as lithium. Has written numerous NI 43-101 technical and due diligence reports on lithium projects across the Globe.



**DR. KHASHBAT DASHTESEREN**  
Special Advisor

A PhD lithium hydrogeologist with extensive resource exploration experience in Mongolia. Served with Mongolia's Department of Urban Development and Investment, as Chief Geologist and then as CEO at Geolink LLC. Has spent many years researching laboratory analysis methods for lithium at the Akita University in Japan. A Professional Geologist accredited by the Mongolian Professional Institute of Geology and Mining, and a Professional Engineer accredited by the Mongolian Ministry of Mineral Resources and Energy.



**DR. MARK KING**  
Advisory Board Member

Principal Hydrogeologist of Groundwater Insight Inc. (GWI), with more than 35 years of experience in groundwater research and consulting. Dr. King has a strong and varied background in lithium brine evaluation, serving as technical lead on more than 30 brine investigations including QP for numerous NI43-101, SEC and JORC reports, including for Lithium Americas, Albemarle and NeoLithium.



**DR. DAVID DEAK**  
Advisory Board Member

An entrepreneur whose expertise spans across lithium mining development, battery supply chain developments, energy storage, renewable energy, and electric vehicles. He is President of Marbex LLC, was formerly the CTO and SVP of Lithium Americas Corp., and is an alum of Tesla Inc., Ambri Inc. (MIT start-up), Lux Research Inc., and Siemens Wind Power. He was educated at the University of Toronto and Oxford University.

# OUR STORY

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In 2017, our co-founders, Ali Haji and Matthew Wood, identified an opportunity for lithium exploration and development while on a trip to Mongolia for another mining entity.

**They recognized that our world was on the brink of a Green Revolution** and that the move away from fossil fuels would create unprecedented demand for battery metals, including lithium.

Ali and Matthew started discussions with the Mongolian government about the potential for lithium in-country – and the vision for ION Energy was born!

# CORPORATE OVERVIEW

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Over  
100,000 hectares



(247,000 acres)

First lithium brine  
licence ever



in Mongolia

Exploration is  
already underway



## THE WORLD IS GOING ELECTRIC

ION Energy is ready for the 3rd wave of the clean energy revolution & the increased Lithium demand



# MONGOLIA TODAY

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- ✓ **Untapped and unlimited potential for battery metals**
- ✓ Mongolia's economic growth is expected to accelerate to above six percent in 2023-2024
- ✓ Geopolitics makes Mongolia critical to China's Belt & Road Initiative, and to Superpowers' pipeline initiatives with Mongolia gaining revenue
- ✓ **Mongolia's New Revival Policy:**
  - Investor friendly: increased access to mining licences;
  - Borders open and increased rail infrastructure coming online by 2023; and
  - Growing Technology Hub
- ✓ Evidence of Mongolia's value proposition: Rio Tinto \$5B commitment, Zijin/Xanadu strategic partnership & Sinomine/Lithium Century deal

# ION'S MONGOLIAN ADVANTAGE



- ✓ Management successfully operating in Mongolia for over a decade, with a combined 150+ years of mining and exploration experience
- ✓ Seasoned Mongolian nationals on the team, with commitment to best-in-class exploration practices, developing local young talent, and strong community engagement with quarterly local meetings.
- ✓ Trusted partner with all levels of government, and the Mongolian University of Science and Technology.

Hunnu Coal  
AUD \$20M  
IPO  
2010

Hunnu Coal Exit  
AUD \$500M  
Cash  
2012

 STEPPE GOLD  
CAD \$25M  
IPO  
2018

 ION ENERGY  
CAD \$2.7M  
IPO  
2020

The largest exploration licence  
in Mongolia:

# ION ENERGY'S BAAVHAI UUL PROJECT

+81,000 hectare (almost 200,000  
acre) highly-prospective site





The largest exploration licence ever granted in Mongolia:

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# BAAVHAI UUL PROJECT

## PRE-ACQUISITION RESULTS

- All holes drilled contain **significant** levels of Lithium
- Average grade 426 ppm Lithium
- Maximum grade 811 ppm Lithium
- High evaporation and low precipitation endorheic basin, no outflow to external bodies of water

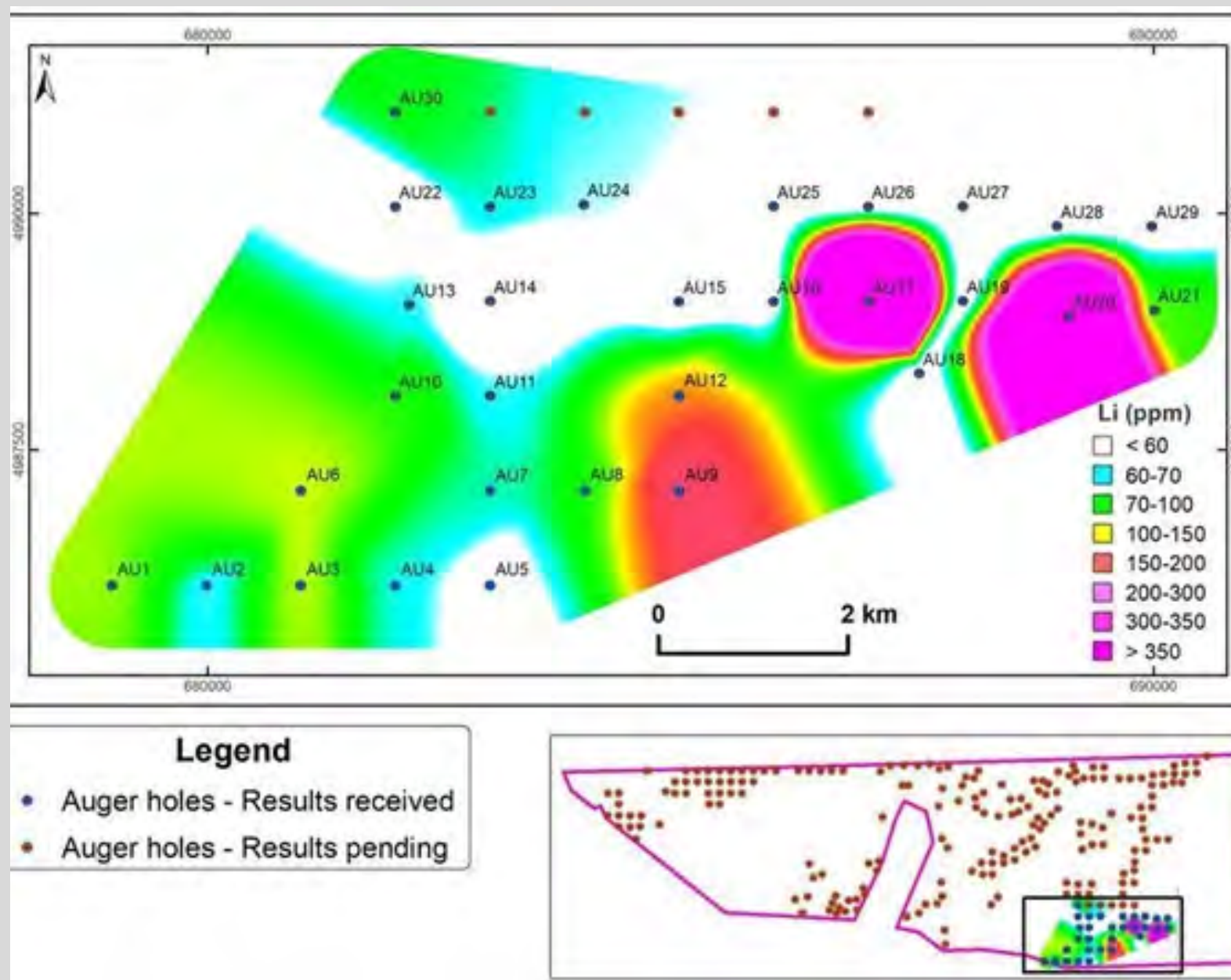


## GEOGRAPHICAL PROFILE

- Low potassium and magnesium ratios: favourable for large crystal formation at license altitude and temperature
- Aquifers 20m below surface: Cretaceous volcanic and sedimentary rocks are the most suitable aquifer for the enrichment of lithium
- Brine vs hard rock sources = lower production costs
- Gobi Desert: arid environment with high evaporation rates
- 24km from the Chinese border



# MAIDEN DRILLING RESULTS: DECEMBER 2021



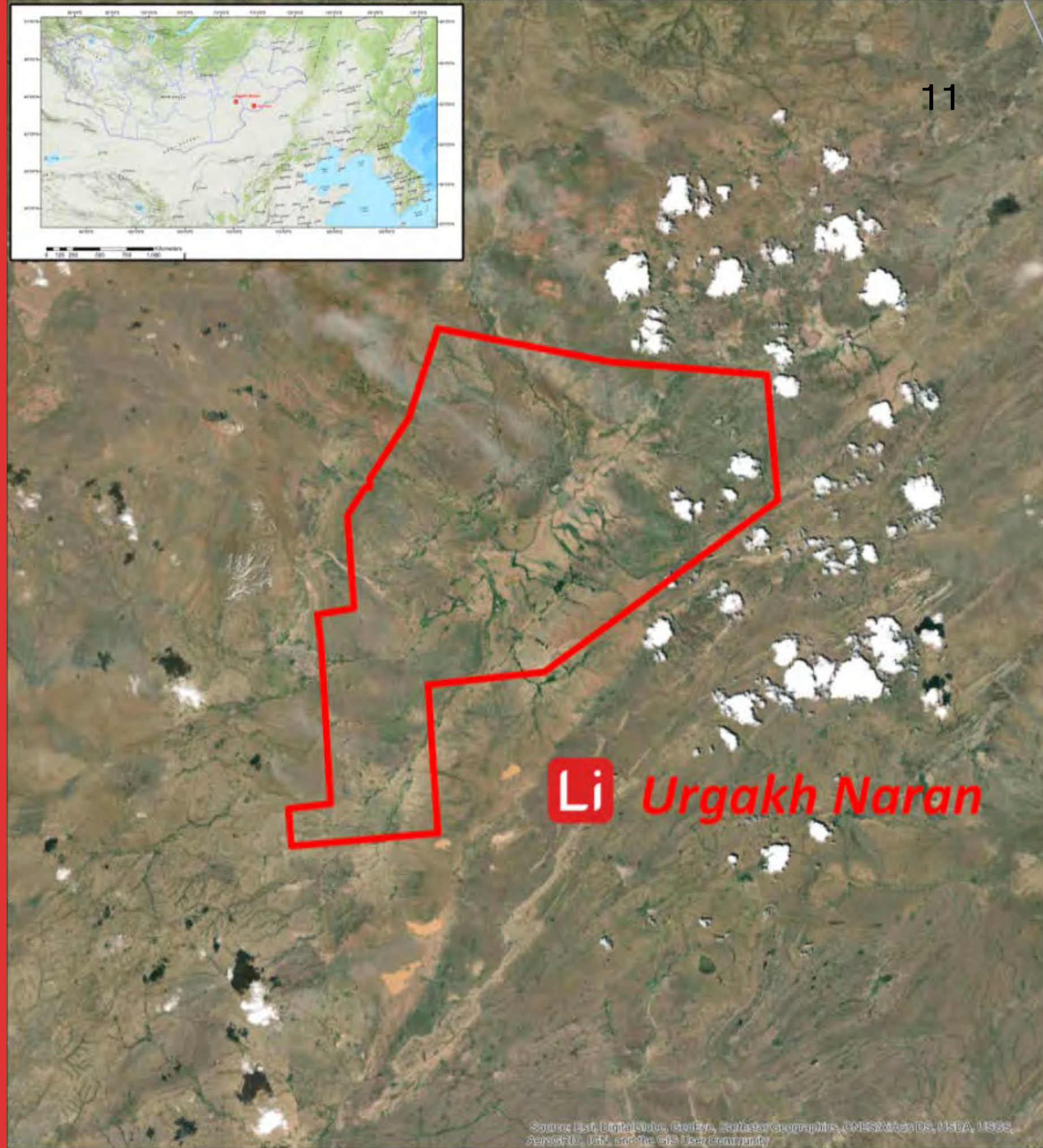
- Lithium Brines Encountered;
- Initial drilling results are highly encouraging;
- New Lithium Discovery Highlighted:  
*White Wolf Prospect*;
- A total of 222 auger drill holes have been completed for 1304.5 metres;
- Drill hole AU-17 returned results up to 1,502ppm Lithium; and
- A new Copper and Nickel '*Victory*' discovery,
  - upto 1,252 ppm Cu & 494 ppm Ni

## Drilling Results at Baavhai Uul

Solidifying our commitment to the world's Green Revolution, as Mongolia's leading lithium explorer & developer:

# ION ENERGY'S URGAKH NARAN: RISING SUN PROJECT

Over 29,000 hectares (+70,000 acres) of highly prospective lithium terrain



**Li** *Urgakh Naran*

Source: Esri, DigitalGlobe, GeoEye, Earthstar Geographics, CNES/Airbus DS, USDA, USGS, AeroGRID, IGN, and the GIS User Community

# URGAKH NARAN LITHIUM BRINE PROJECT

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## SIGNIFICANT BRINE DISCOVERY

- Situated in the arid and infrastructure rich region of the South Gobi Desert
- The brine sample was collected at surface from a shallow pool and assayed **918 mg/L** Lithium.
- The highest grade lithium brine known to have ever been collected in Mongolia



## SENIOR TECHNICAL TEAM CONDUCTS STRATEGIC SITE VISITS - APRIL 2022

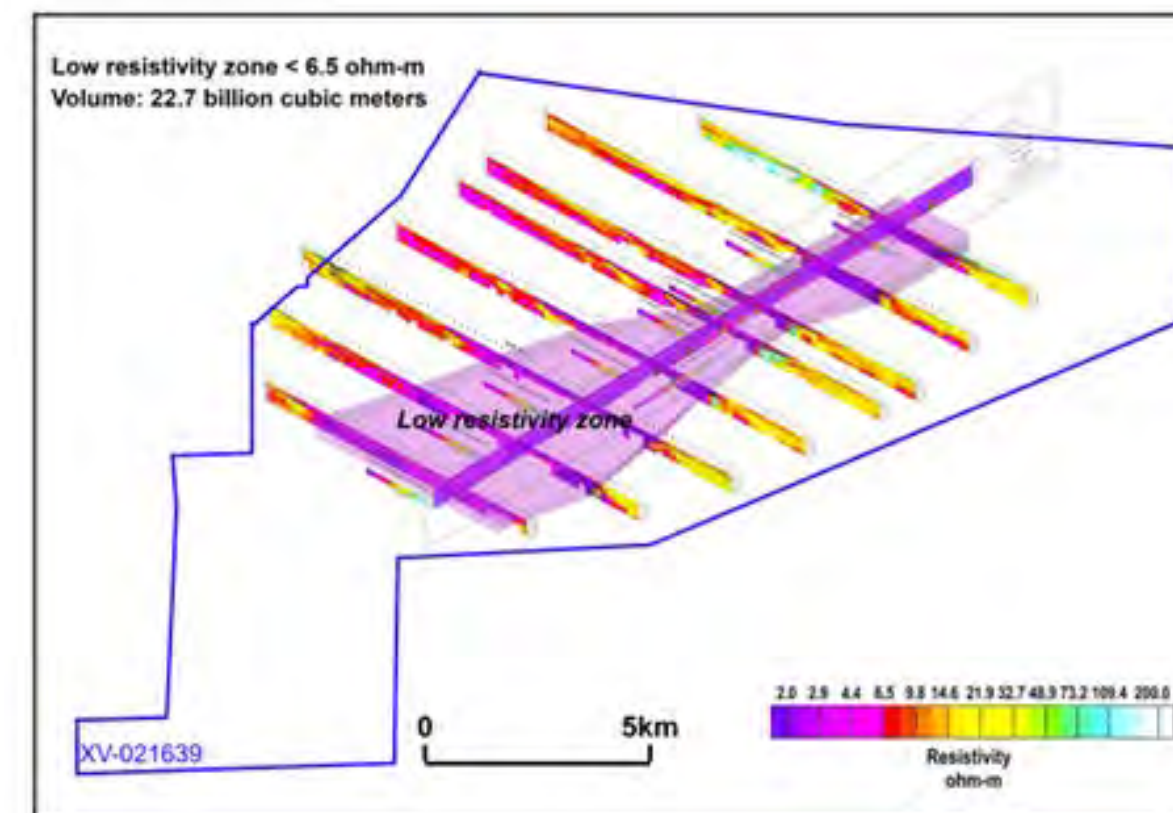
*...The geology and morphology of the property is highly prospective, with some parallels to Nevada playa basins and South American salars. It was heartening to see some artisanal salt harvesting in the surface evaporite layers, contained in the low-lying dry ponds and lakes: a good indication of brine presence.*

Dr. Mark King, PhD, P.Geo ”



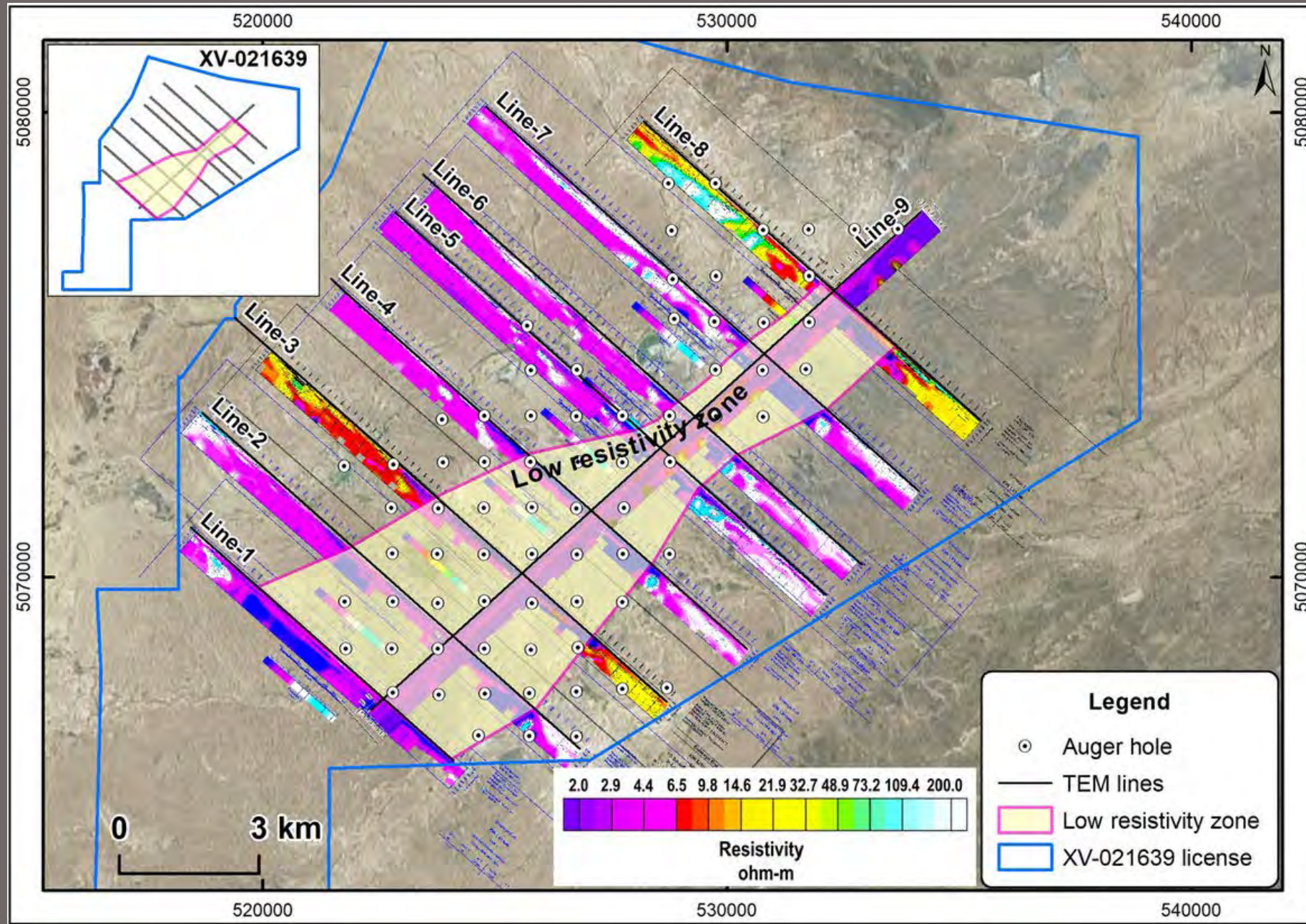
# 2022: ION ENERGY AGGRESSIVELY PURSUING ITS EXPLORATION VISION

- In 2022, ION's team successfully completed almost 100 kms of TEM survey, indicating strong conductivity and low resistivity that is typical of a significant brine aquifer.
  - A shallow, auger drilling program (73 holes during April and May);
  - An 82 line-km TEM geophysical survey (results announced in July (which defined a large low resistivity zone); and
  - A follow-up 16-km TEM survey (which confirmed the continuity of the low resistivity zone).
- The TEM surveys outlined a 22.7 billion m<sup>3</sup> brine aquifer with a cut off of <6.5ohm.
- Drawing similarities to assets in the Lithium triangle.



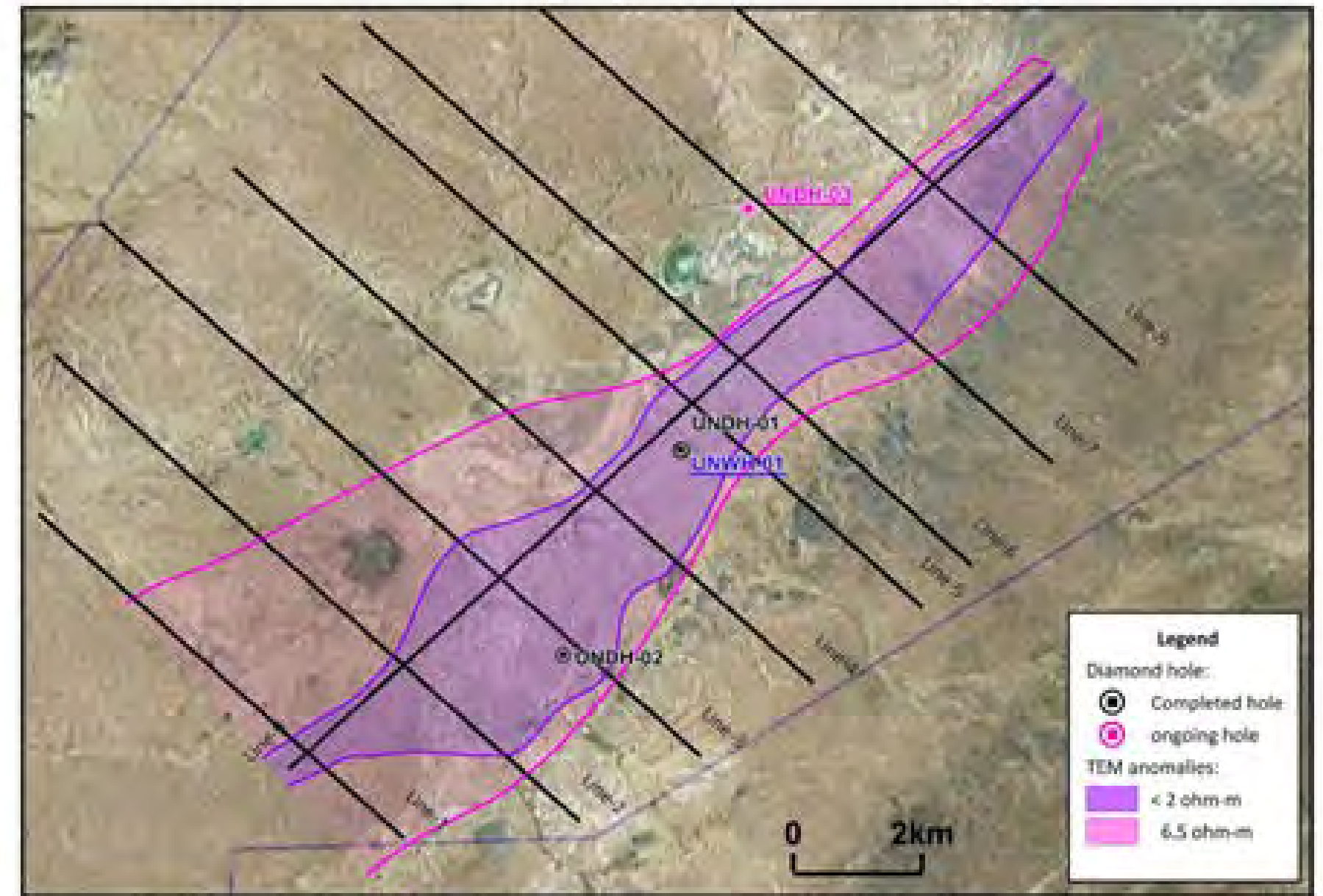
Low resistivity zone volume at Urgakh Naran.





Low Resistivity Zone shown with lines 1 through 9.

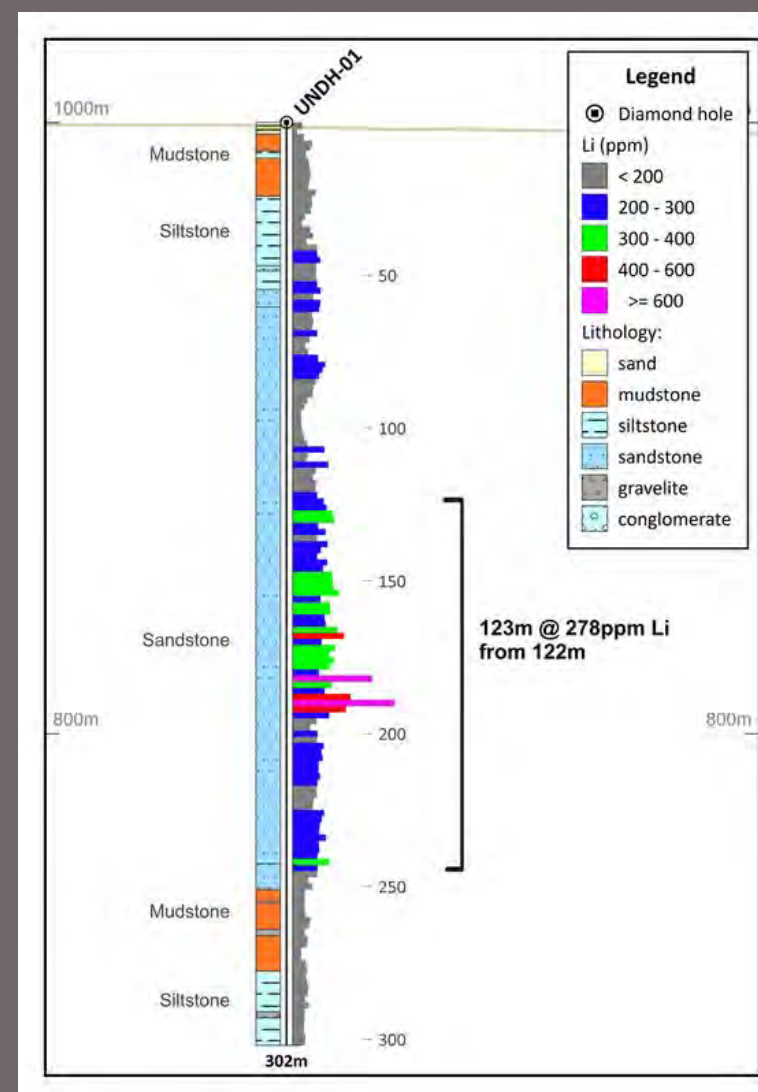
Drill location map at Urgakh Naran, Dorngovi Province.



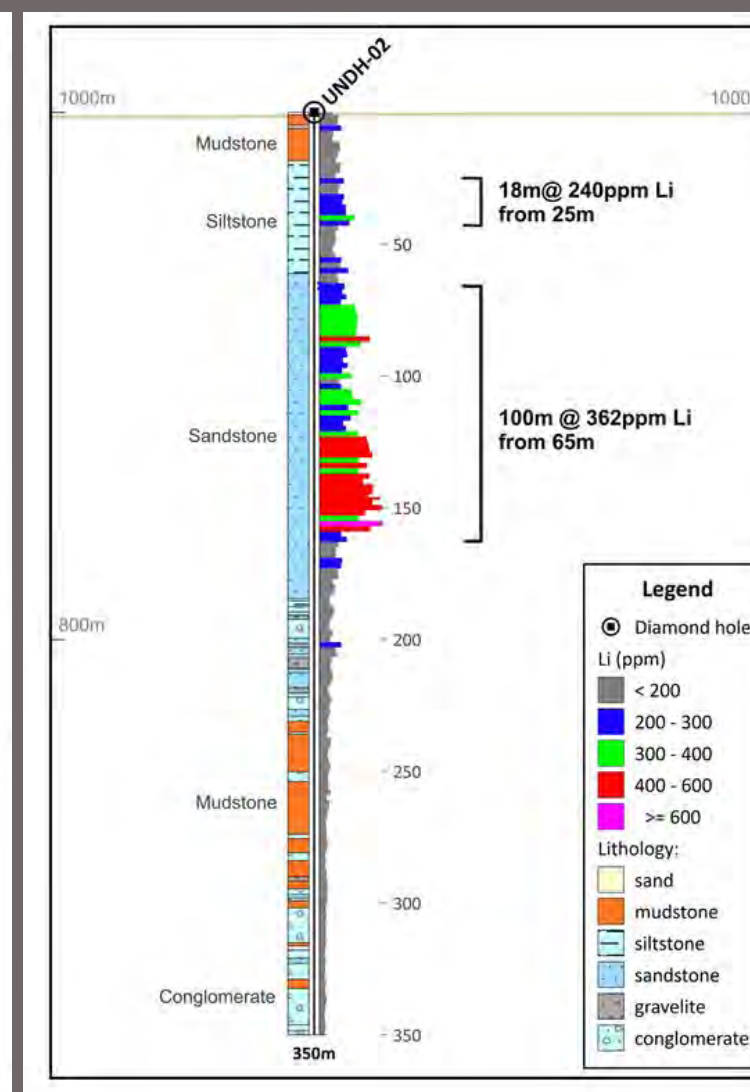
# COMPLETION OF DIAMOND CORE & WATER WELL DRILLING

- Successfully completed the drilling of three lithological diamond core drill holes for a total depth of 954m, showing an average grade of +320 ppm Li, on average, over 100m intercepts.
- Notable two metre drill core results include:
  - **UNDH-01:** 123m at 278ppm lithium from 122m, with maximum lithium reported at 832ppm over 2m;
  - **UNDH-02:** 100m at 362ppm lithium from 65m, with maximum lithium at 601ppm over 2m; and
  - **UNDH-03:** 71.4m at 360ppm lithium from 3.6m with maximum lithium at 911ppm over 2m.

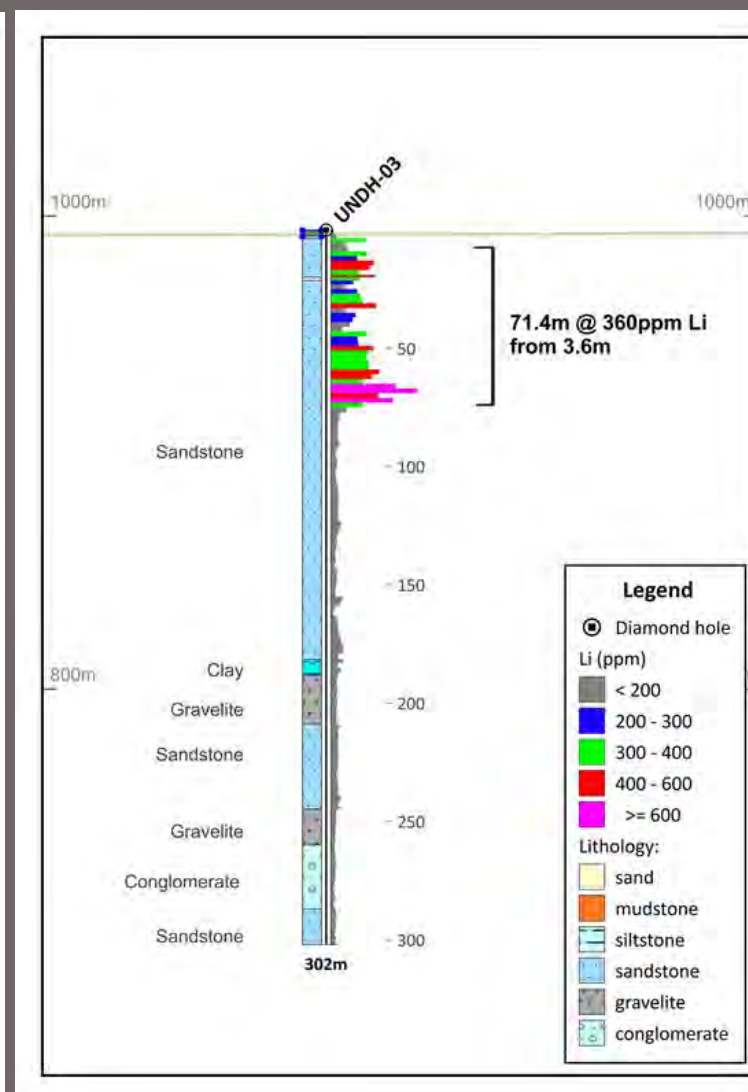
Three hydrogeological test wells (or water wells) have been drilled, to observe the aquifer's hydrogeology to determine the flow rates and average grades so that an early lithium resource indication can be calculated.



UNDH-01 Lithium Results



UNDH-02 Lithium Results



UNDH-03 Lithium Results





**Waterwell rig at UNWH-01, Urgakh Naran.**

**Diamond core drilling at UNDH-02**



## Spring 2023: ION On Path Towards Inferred Calculation

- Deployed Solinst pumps, bailers and various hydrogeological testing equipment on site;
- Hydrogeological testing will be the foundation for upcoming NI 43-101 resource estimates and is expected to advance Urgakh Naran to a position in which an inferred resource can be calculated.





## **WHY ION ENERGY'S MONGOLIAN SITES ARE A GEOGRAPHIC ADVANTAGE**

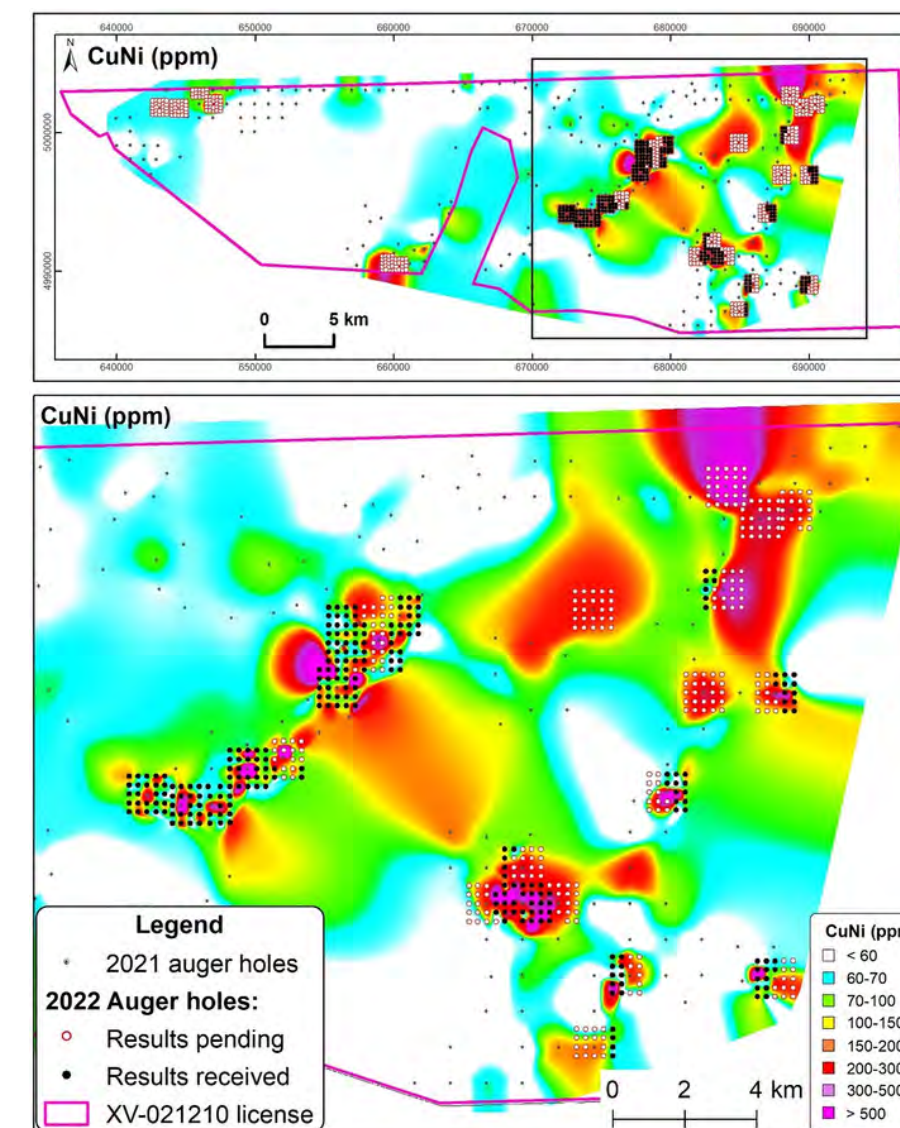
- Low cost and year-round operating environment
- Infrastructure rich location in Mongolia
- 30km by road to Mongolia-China border crossing
- Strong location advantage over South American producers: Mongolia set to become a major player in the lithium sector

# LITHIUM & COPPER: A Battery Metals Strategic Alliance

## FEBRUARY 2022:

### ION Energy Enters into a JV Agreement with Aranjin Resources

- Aranjin is an emerging copper explorer in Mongolia;
- Highly-encouraging results at Aranjin's Sharga asset;
- Strong indications at our flagship Baavhai Uul show significant Copper and Nickel anomalies;
- ION's exploration acreage has been increased across mineral-rich regions of Mongolia;
- Alliance leverages the teams' technical expertise, and our CEO & Board's strong track record in Mongolia.

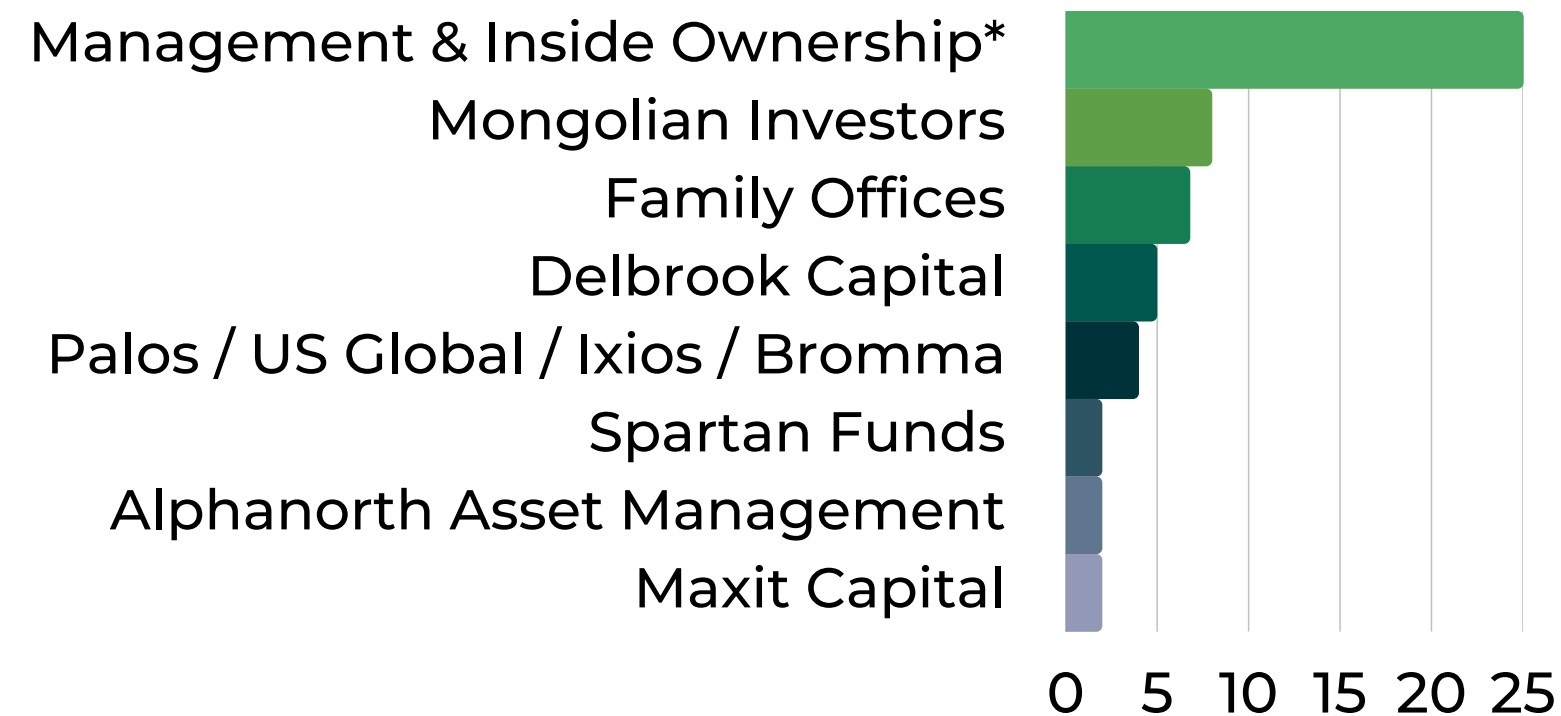


Auger program at Baavhai Uul Copper Nickel Discovery

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<b>BASIC COMMON SHARES OUTSTANDING</b>	<b>60,716,034</b>
<b>WARRANTS @70C (EXP. APR 13, 2024)</b>	<b>11,500,000</b>
<b>OPTIONS @32C (EXP. OCT 21, 2025)</b>	<b>3,000,000</b>
<b>OPTIONS @55C (EXP. FEB 3, 2023)</b>	<b>685,000</b>
<b>FULLY DILUTED SHARES OUTSTANDING</b>	<b>75,901,034</b>
<b>SHARE PRICE (APRIL 14)</b>	<b>USD \$0.20 CAD \$0.28</b>
<b>MARKET CAPITALIZATION (C\$)</b>	<b>USD \$13.4 M CAD \$16.7 M</b>

# OWNERSHIP



\*Insiders and management are escrowed for 24months/2years (Aug. 31, 2022)



# OUR CATALYSTS

## DELIVERING ON AGGRESSIVE GROWTH



# OUR STRATEGIC ADVANTAGE

Company	Location	Stage	Hectares	Enterprise Value (C\$)	EV/ Hectare (C\$)
Ion Energy Ltd.	Mongolia	Exploration	111,528	\$ 16,455,112	\$ 148
Enertopia Corp.	U.S.	Exploration	1,760	\$ 6,932,883	\$ 3,939
Wealth Minerals Ltd.	Chile	Exploration	59,227	\$ 118,475,456	\$ 2,000
Lithium Chile Inc.	Chile	Exploration	132,778	\$ 126,929,384	\$ 956
Alpha Lithium Corp.	Argentina	Exploration	32,500	\$ 141,794,458	\$ 4,363
Argentina Lithium & Energy Corp.	Argentina	Exploration	67,482	\$ 32,092,549	\$ 476
Arena Minerals Inc.	Argentina & Chile	Exploration	20,000	\$ 257,044,884	\$ 12,852
Vision Lithium Inc.	Canada	Exploration	53,060	\$ 26,099,803	\$ 492
<b>Average</b>					<b>\$ 2,807</b>
<b>Average (excl. outliers)</b>					<b>\$ 1,551</b>

\*We consider Arena Minerals as an outlier

*Source: Couloir Capital, Public Disclosures*

Price target \$ 1.45 for TSX-V: ION  
- March 2023 - **Couloir Capital**

Comparable companies and the implied valuations offer a wide range from C\$286 EV/Hectare to C\$20,810 EV/ Hectare with a median of C\$3,715. This compares to ION Energy at C\$174 EV/Hectare.

**Stonegate Capital**

Price target \$ 1.18 for TSX-V: ION  
- June 2022 - **FRC**

# INVESTMENT SUMMARY

When you invest in ION Energy, you can count on our team with over 150 years of combined in-country, mining and lithium-specific experience.

Since listing on the TSX Venture Exchange in 2020, we have rapidly forged ahead in following through on our strategic objectives, including a strategic exploration alliance with an emerging copper explorer, and a \$5.75 million public offering to support ION's aggressive exploration & growth strategy.

## **INFERRED RESOURCE**

Imminently expected as brine samples assayed

## **STRATEGIC LOCATIONS**

Superior geographic locations in Mongolia and promising early results

## **WE'RE EXPERIENCED**

Strong in-country team and proven track record

## **RISE IN DEMAND**

Lithium is a commodity with high global demand

## **MARGINS**

Low cost production profile

## **INVESTMENT**

Well-positioned to create shareholder value



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