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## **ASX ANNOUNCEMENT**

### **Update on Sileach™ process patent application**

Lithium Australia NL (ASX: LIT) confirms that it filed an international patent application entitled “**Process for extracting and recovering lithium values from lithium bearing materials**” under the Patent Cooperation Treaty on 9 February 2017 relating to its Sileach™ process. The international patent application has been allocated application number PCT/AU2017/050104 by the PCT Receiving Office and is entitled to claim a priority date of 9 February 2016.

LIT notes that the Sileach™ process is but one of the processes in its arsenal when it comes to assessing, and then matching the best process for each specific ore type, local conditions and infrastructure.

LIT invests in research and development and is co-operating with several private and public organisations, including ANSTO Minerals (a division of the Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation). To date, LIT has developed its 100% owned Sileach™ and LieNA™ processes.

Managing Director, Adrian Griffin said:

*“Lithium Australia considers its strategy of controlling its own feed-source and process as essential to the protection of its business and its shareholders. The Sileach™ process is a critical component of this strategy.”*

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#### **About Lithium Australia**

Lithium Australia NL is a dedicated developer of disruptive lithium extraction technologies, and 100% owner of the Sileach™ process for the recovery of lithium from silicates. LIT has strategic alliances with a number of companies, potentially providing access to a diversified lithium mineral inventory. LIT aspires to create the union between resources and the best available technology and to establish a global lithium processing business.

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