



26 June 2025

# SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF TRANCHE 1 SHARE PLACEMENT

## **Highlights**

- Successful settlement of Tranche 1 of the share placement to sophisticated and professional investors, raising \$0.60 million
- Tranche 2 of the placement (subject to shareholder approval) is anticipated to be completed on or around 29 July 2025, raising \$1.10 million

Lithium Universe Limited (referred to as "Lithium Universe" or the "Company," ASX: "LU7") is pleased to announce that further to its announcement dated 18 June 2025 (Announcement), it has now settled the first tranche of its placement to sophisticated and professional investors (Tranche 1).

Tranche 1 comprised of 150,000,000 fully paid ordinary shares in the capital of the Company (**Shares**), which have been issued today under the Company's existing capacity under ASX Listing Rule 7.1 (15% capacity). The Shares under Tranche 1 were issued at a price of A\$0.004 per Share, raising A\$600,000. In addition, subject to shareholder approval, the Tranche 1 investors will be entitled to one new option for every two Shares subscribed for and issued, expiring 36 months from the date of issue of the options, and an exercise price of \$0.008 (**Options**).

# **Tranche 2 Placement**

As detailed within the Announcement, the placement comprises a second tranche of 275,000,000 Shares at an issue price of A\$0.004 per Share, subject to shareholder approval (**Tranche 2**). Investors under the Tranche 2 placement will also receive a free attaching Option on a 1 for 2 basis, subject to shareholder approval.

The Company will seek shareholder approval at an upcoming general meeting, which is scheduled to be held on or around Wednesday, 23 July 2025.

## Cleansing for secondary trading

The Company advises that the Shares issued under Tranche 1 have been issued without disclosure under Part 6D.2 of the Act in reliance on sections 708(8) and 708(11) of the *Corporations Act 2001* (Cth) (**Corporations Act**).

In accordance with Section 708A(11) of the Corporations Act 2001, the Company confirms:

- the Shares under Tranche 1 are in a class of securities that are quoted securities;
- the Company lodged a prospectus with the Australian Securities and Investments Commission on 20 June 2025 (Prospectus);

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- the Prospectus includes an offer of securities by the Company in the same class as the Shares issued under Tranche 1: and
- the offer under the Prospectus is and was open at the time of issue of the Shares under Tranche
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Accordingly, the T1 Placement Shares are eligible for immediate trading without on-sale restrictions.

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Authorised by the Chairman of Lithium Universe Limited



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## Forward-looking Statements

This announcement contains forward-looking statements which are identified by words such as 'anticipates', 'forecasts', 'may', 'will', 'could', 'believes', 'estimates', 'targets', 'expects', 'plan' or 'intends' and other similar words that involve risks and uncertainties. Indications of, and guidelines or outlook on, future earnings, distributions or financial position or performance and targets, estimates and assumptions in respect of production, prices, operating costs, results, capital expenditures, reserves and resources are also forward-looking statements. These statements are based on an assessment of present economic and operating conditions, and on a number of assumptions and estimates regarding future events and actions that, while considered reasonable as of the date of this announcement and are expected to take place, are inherently subject to significant technical, business, economic, competitive, political and social uncertainties and contingencies. Such forward-looking statements are not guarantees of future performance and involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties, assumptions and other important factors, many of which are beyond the control of our Company, the Directors, and management. We cannot and do not give any assurance that the results, performance or achievements expressed or implied by the forward-looking statements contained in this announcement will occur and readers are cautioned not to place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements. These forward-looking statements are subject to various risk factors that could cause actual events or results to differ materially from the events or results estimated, expressed, or anticipated in these statements.

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#### ABOUT LITHIUM UNIVERSE LIMITED

Lithium Universe is on a mission to close the 'Lithium Conversion Gap' in North America by developing a green battery-grade lithium carbonate refinery in Québec, Canada. Our primary focus is on supporting the supply chain needs of original equipment manufacturers (OEMs), particularly in the automotive sector, by converting spodumene supply into essential lithium chemicals for electric vehicle (EV) battery plants.

#### THE LITHIUM CONVERSION GAP

As North America anticipates a significant increase in battery manufacturing—over 20 major manufacturers planning to deploy an estimated 1,000GW of battery capacity by 2028—the demand for lithium is projected to reach approximately 850,000 tonnes of lithium carbonate equivalent (LCE) per annum. Currently, there are no operational converters in North America, with only 100,000t of LCE hard rock converters slated for construction by 2028. Our strategic approach aligns with national security goals to reduce dependence on Chinese lithium converters and onshore the lithium battery supply chain.



#### PROVEN LITHIUM TECHNOLOGY

Our Bécancour refinery will utilize the proven technology developed at the Jiangsu Lithium Carbonate Plant, which has set a global benchmark for lithium refineries. By leveraging this established technology, we aim to produce up to 18,270 tonnes/year of green battery-grade lithium carbonate, focusing initially on lithium carbonate production for LFP batteries. Our design employs a smaller, off-the-shelf plant model, ensuring ease of operation and implementation.

### PROVEN LITHIUM EXPERTISE

Lithium Universe boasts a team of industry leaders known for expedient and quality lithium project delivery and operation. Chairman, Iggy Tan, a pioneer in the lithium industry, previously led Galaxy Resources to establish the first large-scale vertically integrated mine-to-refinery project. Other key figures include Patrick Scallan, who expanded production at the world-class Greenbushes Mine, and Dr. Jingyuan Liu, a technical expert in downstream lithium processing having worked on over 20 lithium converters worldwide. Their combined experience positions us to execute our strategy effectively.

## THE LITHIUM UNIVERSE STRATEGY

Our positive and robust Bécancour Refinery Definitive Feasibility Study (DFS) demonstrates economic viability even in a low pricing environment. We maintain a counter-cyclical strategy, building projects through the cycle. This positions us to effectively close the Lithium Conversion Gap while maintaining exposure to the inevitable lithium price recovery given the strong worldwide lithium demand.

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