# Leading the Development of a Sustainable Lithium Supply Chain

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Albemarle leads the world in transforming essential resources into critical ingredients for mobility, energy, connectivity and health.

We partner to pioneer new ways to move, power, connect and protect with people and planet in mind.

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## Wider adoption of EVs – driver for Albemarle's expansion strategy



<sup>1</sup> S&P Global Mobility, Global Production based Alternative Propulsion Forecast, November 2022 <sup>2</sup> Albemarle analysis <sup>3</sup> E.g., EVs built in North America, Grid batteries installed in North America, etc.

## Despite significant industry efforts, supply will struggle to keep pace with demand



We expect approximately 3.2 million MT LCE production by 2030 – including recycling

## **Strengthening Global Footprint in Resources and Conversion**

#### Expanding global lithium conversion capacity...

 Richburg, South Carolina selected as site for U.S. lithium processing facility, construction expected to begin late in 2024

#### ... To leverage world-class brine and spodumene resources

- Salar Yield Improvement Project on schedule for mechanical completion by the middle of 2023
- Silver Peak new wells and expansion projects continue to progress
- Kings Mountain mine studies continue to progress

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#### **Americas/EU Resource & Conversion**

**Diversified supply chains supporting customer regionalization** 

## **Strengthening Global Footprint in Resources and Conversion**

#### Expanding global lithium conversion capacity...

- Kemerton I is operating and producing lithium hydroxide, which remains subject to customer qualification
- Kemerton II is progressing through commissioning
- Kemerton III/IV final investment decision reached, begun construction
- Meishan construction progressing on-schedule with mechanical completion expected in 2024

#### ... To leverage world-class spodumene resources

- Wodgina Train 3 commissioning
- Greenbushes CGP3 construction progressing

#### Australia/Asia Resource & Conversion



Full vertical integration from lithium resource to conversion is a competitive advantage

**Call to Action:** Building a sustainable supply chain to electrify the US & EU will require collaboration across multiple levels



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## Partnering – Creating higher value for the industry through global strategic partnerships



#### Enabling - Albemarle Technology Park - A collaboration hub to innovate from mine-to-market



Charlotte North Carolina

**200+** \$20 new jobs inv

\$200+ MM investment Early 2025 occupancy for Southeast US EV industry



#### **Increased Lithium Recovery**

Process innovation & development from lab to small-scale piloting



## **New Lithium Products**

High-performance materials that maximize value of each lithium atom



## **Rapid Commercialization**

Closed-loop development, qualification, & reduced time to market



## **Customer Collaboration**

Integrated development with strategic battery & EV manufacturers

Accelerating material, process, and product development for advanced energy storage



## Enabling - Albemarle plant Langelsheim – learn from the past for the future



Langelsheim Germany 600+ jobs planed investment **101 years** Lithium experience

#### **Lithium Salts Chemistry**

Since 1922 Lithium salts are processed on site to divers Li special products



## **Lithium Recycling**

In 2012 a recycling pilot plant was built to process Li-salts to battery grade LiOH



## **Internal Recycling**

LiCl by products is recycled internally in a X000 mt Scale since decades



## **Customer Collaboration**

Creating a demonstration environment for 1<sup>st</sup> recycling streams from Li-Batteries



Accelerating material, process, and product development for advanced energy storage

## **Leading** – Albemarle's contribution to carbon footprint reduction

Lithium's Contribution to GHG Emissions from EV Production (CO<sub>2</sub>e tonnes)



#### Albemarle's Lithium Supply Chain has a very low carbon footprint

- Brine: Operations from the Salar de Atacama has the lowest carbon footprint of all producing Lithium resources
- Spodumene: Albemarle's unique conversion capabilities in Australia generate a much lower footprint than operations that rely on a footprint outside of Australia
- Recycling: A regional recycling value chain for Batteries decreases shipment

#### GWP-100 ("Global Warming Potential") of Battery Grade Lithium from Various Sources

**Distribution of GWP by Scope** 



- Lithium is enabling carbon free mobility and broader energy storage
- Batteries have a carbon footprint, with Lithium being a comparatively small but relevant contributor

Source: Albemarle LCA 2021

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## Engaging - Albemarle becomes first lithium producer to complete IRMA audit

#### Initiative of Responsible Mining Assurance

- Objective, independent third-party verification of industrialscale mine sites
- 400+ standards represent the most comprehensive definition of responsible mining
- Developed by NGOs, communities, unions, minerals producers and minerals purchasers

#### **Collaborative, Multi-Stakeholder Process**



#### How IRMA has benefited Albemarle



Developed further trust and transparency with stakeholders and communities



Further improvement of responsibilities and accountabilities at our operation sites



More ambitious goal setting with focus on continuous improvement



Confirmed our leadership in setting standards in sustainable mining



# Lithium Recycling from Batteries – From Black Mass Extract to Battery Grade

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## Albemarle has a long history of integrated lithium production in Europe





Li salts production in different grades



Developing recycling loops for internal and external streams



Pilot plant for conversion of Li-salts to LiOH Bg



European BG Spod Conversion Mega-site

#### 2008-Present

Research in Recycling of LIB



Restart and extent pilot scale conversion of recycled Li-streams

**Pre-2030** 



## Albemarle's strong position to accelerate the recycling Value chain

#### **Expected recycling streams**

- Li<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>: Handled and process in >100 kT/a to LiOH bg or Li<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>
- Li<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>: Produced, converted and purified in different scales to obtain Li<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (bg) or LiOH bg
- **LiOH:** Upgrade from tg to bg with in our production value chain
- **Extraction:** Spodumene processing >100 kT/a to extract Li-value, understanding of Extraction of different BM on R&D scale

#### **Technology & Partnership**

- **Partnering:** Strong position to partner with Organisation, OEM and Cell manufacturer
- **Megaflex-plant:** Using input stream from Natural resources and recycling to benefited from a better economy of scale



#### Recycling of lithium is essential to develop a circular lithium supply chain



# Key Takeaways

Demand remains strong	Li demand forecasted to outpace supply until end of decade
Recycling	Playing a pioneer roll in the recycling of Lithium values from LIB is an important a part of our sustainable value chain.
Partnerships	Across entire value chain, essential for circular lithium supply chain
Mine-to-Market Innovation	Mega-Flex & ATP create regional innovation hub, establish long- term growth, and accelerate MTM innovation
Sustainability is foundational	We are serving society by providing a key tool for the decarbonization of our planet, while striving to create benefits for the communities we are operating in.

# Growing our Inclusive Team of Empowered, Inspired Employees



## We are all innovators at Albemarle,

presented with a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for our team members to become part of something purposeful, transformative, and entirely unprecedented.

#### INTERESTED IN BEING AN ESSENTIAL ELEMENT TO A BRIGHTER FUTURE?

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# **Albemarle**

## Albemarle has a long history of integrated lithium production in North America





Spodumene Resource (Kings Mountain, NC) Idled in the mid 1980s

Brine to Li<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> Production (Silver Peak, NV)





Spod Conversion Plant (Kings Mountain, NC)



Li<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> to BG LiOH Conversion (Kings Mountain, NC)



BG Spod Conversion Mega-site (Richburg, SC)

#### 1990s-Present





Restart of Spodumene (Kings Mountain, NC)

## Lead – Proposed Kings Mountain Mine





## **Brownfield Development**

Advanced exploration & development phase



#### **Economic Growth**

Kings Mountain and throughout Cleveland County



#### **Job Creation**

Chemical, electrical, mechanical, & mining engineers. geologists & metallurgists. environment, health & safety, and admin professionals



#### **IRMA**

Committed to leadership in setting standards in sustainable mining

**Kings Mountain** North Carolina

new jobs

**IRMA** Commitment

2027 +**IRA Compliant Supply** Production for North American EV industry

Leading the proposed reopening of a world-class resource

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300+

## **Enable – Lithium Hydroxide Mega-Flex**





#### **Process**

Diverse lithium feedstock, including lithium from recycled batteries



## 50-100 kT Annual Capacity

**Mega-Flex** 

Battery-grade lithium hydroxide

2.4 Million EV's Annually



## **Inflation Reduction Act**

Will increase production of US-based lithium resources to fuel clean energy revolution

#### Enabling the build out of a sustainable NA supply chain

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Albemarle estimates the Richburg facility will create more than 300 new jobs with an average annual wage of approximately \$93,000. In addition, the project would create more than 1,500 construction jobs."

## **Invest – Workforce Development**





## **Primary STEM education**

Investing in county school system



## **Mining & Engineering track**

Partnering with local community colleges & universities



## **Internships & Scholarships**

Annual opportunities



## **Veteran Hiring**

Building out military veteran talent development programs

Recognizing the importance of creating a long-term talent pipeline

