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SPECULATIVE BUY

Price C\$0.85 (intraday 2/6/24)

FLASH NOTE**Strike extension and new high-grade zone points to increased scale at Salinas****Summary**

Impact: Slight positive. Drilling results at Salinas point to greater potential scale of the Project thanks to the extension of known spodumene-bearing pegmatite mineralization by 250m along strike and the discovery of a new high-grade zone. Drilling at Salinas continues to return near-surface, minable lithium intercepts, and today's indications of growing scale at the deposit *builds confidence in our view that Salinas represents a strategically important asset with synergistic potential vis a vis next-door neighbour Latin Resources' Colina deposit*. LTH currently trades at a P/NAV of 0.11x, a discount to peers at 0.19x and we rate it as a Speculative Buy with a target price of C\$5.50/share.

Key Points**What's New?**

- Lithium Ionic announced drilling results from their Salinas Project in Minas Gerais, Brazil. Highlights include:
 - 1.22% Li₂O over 16.7m, including 1.59% Li₂O over 6.3m from surface.
 - 1.51% Li₂O over 11.9m from 76m downhole.
 - 1.36% Li₂O over 10.0m from 35m downhole.
- The length-weighted-average grade of today's intercepts is 1.2% Li₂O at an average intercept length of 6.0m. This is in-line with the length-weighted-average grade of 1.24% Li₂O for previously-announced intercepts at an average intercept length of 5.5m.

Implications

- Recall Salinas is directly adjacent to Latin Resources' (LRS) Colina deposit which hosts 63.5MMt @ 1.3% Li₂O for 2.056MMt Lithium Carbonate Equivalent (LCE). *We continue to highlight the possibility of eventual strategic activity to combine to the two deposits in an optimized development scenario, lest LRS run into pit-wall constraints on the eastern edge of their deposit.*
- Today's results extend known mineralization at Salinas by 250m. Results also included the discovery of a new high-grade zone located approximately 1.5km away from the main drilled zone. The two holes drilled here returned 1.63% Li₂O over 5.6m from 88.6m and 1.28% Li₂O over 3.6m from 115.49m and 1.54% Li₂O over 4.0m from 122.5m. The new discovery is a reminder of the prospectivity of LTH's 14,182 hectare land package, the large majority of which remains unexplored. *Growth in Salinas adds to its aforementioned strategic value.*

What's next?

- 4 drill rigs are currently operating at Salinas as part of the company's 50,000m 2024 drill program across their properties. A maiden Mineral Resource Estimate for Salinas is expected in H1 2024.
- A Feasibility Study for the Bandeira Project is expected this quarter. The FS will incorporate drilling results announced since August 2023 that point to a larger and improved resource beyond the October 2023 Preliminary Economic Assessment.

Valuation

- Lithium Ionic currently trades at an EV/tonne LCE of \$61, compared to the Brazilian hardrock developer average of \$85.
- On a P/NAV basis, LTH trades at 0.11x, a discount to peers at 0.19x.

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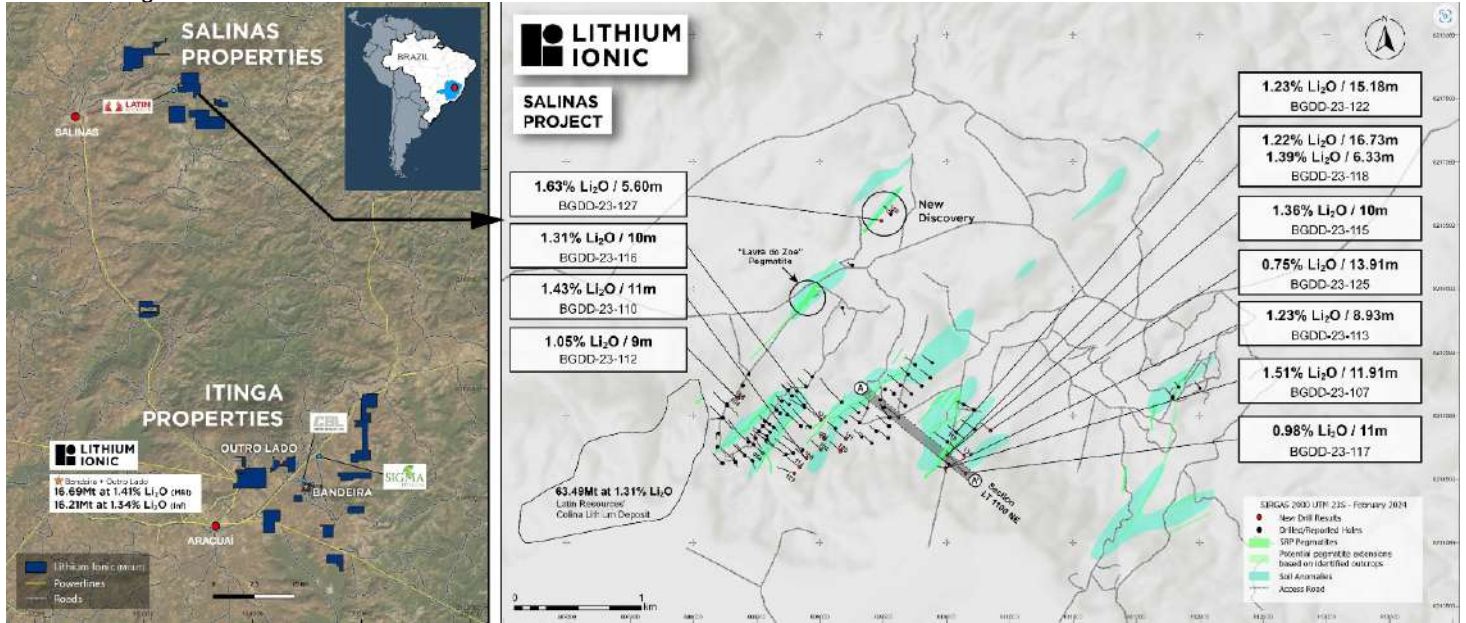
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Salinas drilling locations



Source: Company release

Investment Thesis

Resource growth from a prospective land package. Lithium Ionic's Itinga Project is located within the exceptionally fertile Aracuaí lithium-cesium-tantalum Pegmatite District. The company has built up a substantial land package of prospective tenements across the district that will likely lead to further resource growth beyond a maiden resource estimate with continued exploration.

Supportive government for rapid progress. LTH is operating near the town of Aracuaí in the Brazilian state of Minas Gerais, where support for the development of lithium projects is strong at the local, state, and federal levels. Streamlined permitting and tax holidays should be available to support the project.

Infrastructure proximity. Company lithium deposits are steps from established road networks and any future development scenario will have easy access to established renewable-power infrastructure. Combined with straightforward processing, this will likely mean a low-capital-intensity build as already proven by area peers.

Strategic location. Company properties are adjacent to other advanced projects and an established mine and therefore could make for desirable targets in a district ripe for consolidation.

Target Price Methodology/Risks

Our target price, via a 0.75x NAV multiple, is C\$5.50/sh.

Commodity Price Risk: Any material decline in lithium product pricing from our estimates would negatively impact the profitability of the projects and may also render them uneconomical.

Exploration/Resource Risk: Any issues with resource delineation or definition could adversely affect the profitability of the project.

Financing Risk: The execution of the Itinga Project will be dependent on LTH's ability to fully fund the project and advance it to a positive final investment decision.

Execution Risk: There is the possibility that the projects will not be able to advance into the mine phase.

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Company Description

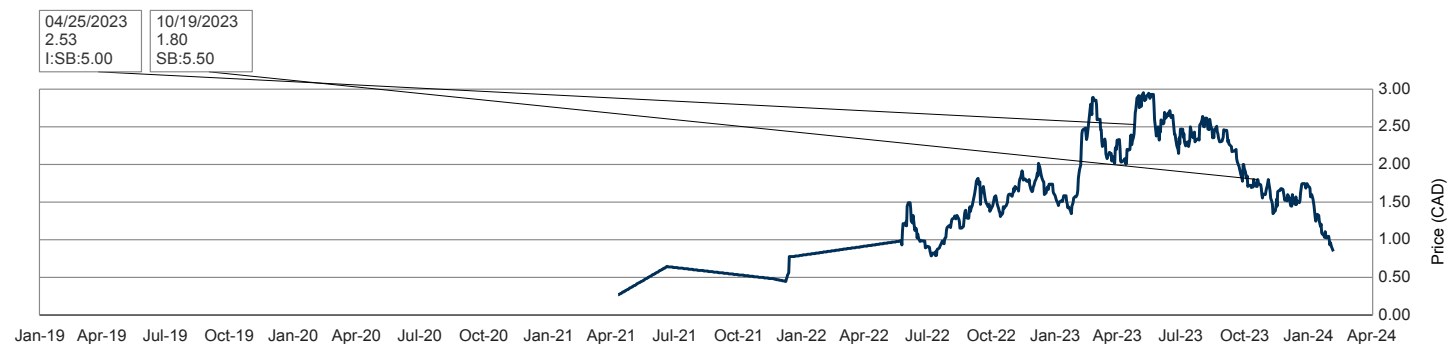
Lithium Ionic is a lithium development company with properties covering 14,183ha located in the prolific Aracuaí province in Minas Gerais State, Brazil. The Project Area is proximal to infrastructure, including highways, hydroelectrical grid power, water, and nearby commercial ports. Its Itinga Project neighbours CBL's Cachoeira lithium mine and Sigma Lithium Corp.'s construction-stage Grota do Cirilo project.

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