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Company Update

Lithium Ionic Corp. **EV Materials**

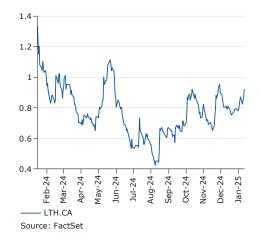
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Rating SPECULATIVE BUY Unchanged Price Target C\$2.50 Unchanged

LTH-TSXV Price C\$0.87

Market Data

52-Week Range (C\$):	0.41 - 1.36
Avg Daily Vol (000s) :	411
Market Cap (C\$M):	138.0
Shares Out. (M) :	158.6
Enterprise Value (C\$M):	135.7
NAV /Shr (C\$):	2.52
P/NAV (x) (C\$):	0.35



Priced as of close of business 13 January 2025

Lithium Ionic is an exploration and development company that is steadily advancing its flagship Bandeira project in Minas Gerais state, Brazil, in addition to the earlier-stage Baixa Grande project.

Increased mineral resource at Baixa Grande

This morning, Lithium Ionic announced an updated mineral resource for the Baixa Grande Project, previously known as the Salinas Project.

Total mineral resource tonnage increase of 32%: Highlights by category include:

- Measured and Indicated: 6.52Mt at 1.11% Li₂O (+11%)
- Inferred: 12.90Mt at 0.96% Li₂O (+45%)

The updated MRE incorporates data from 35,734 metres of drilling. Management noted that significant potential remains to add additional Li-bearing mineralization at Baixa Grande. The deposit remains open at depth and along strike.

As a reminder, the Baixa Grande Project is located adjacent to Latin Resources Colina deposit (77.7Mt at 1.24% — see Figure 2); Pilbara Minerals announced the acquisition of Latin Resources in August 2024 for US\$369.4 million. In our view, Pilbara's acquisition underscores the quality and global competitiveness of this district.

Our take – **positive long-term growth potential:** In our view, the Baixa Grande Project is proving to be an attractive long-term production option for LTH. The asset could also be monetized via sale.

But near-term focus remains on Bandeira: Lithium Ionic's top priority right now is the advancement of the Bandeira Project toward production (41.9Mt at 1.35% Li₂O). On January 8, LTH noted that it was expecting imminent approval of the Licença Ambiental Concomitante ("LAC") license, which will allow construction to begin. The application was submitted in late 2023 and is "in the final stages of approvals, with all information requests satisfied by the company."

The next major catalyst will be finalization of project financing. As a reminder, in late November, LTH secured a non-binding Letter of Interest for up to US\$266M in debt financing for Bandeira, covering 100% of the projected capital cost. The due diligence process with EXIM is underway, and LTH is aiming to finalize a definitive project financing package that will support the start of construction in the second half of 2025.

In the meantime, we view LTH as well funded. We estimate that LTH has ~C\$24M in cash on hand, enough to advance Bandeira to FID and enough to potentially start some early works construction. We believe that the company is also well advanced in potential offtake discussions, which could be an incremental source of funds.

Valuation: We have a C\$2.50/sh target price and SPEC BUY rating. Our target price is based on 1.0x NAV, now measured as at January 1, 2026. While our live model debt and equity assumptions remain unchanged (and thus our target price), if we were to incorporate full receipt of the EXIM debt, this would materially reduce anticipated dilution (we currently assume that \sim 50% of CapEx is funded with equity to be conservative).

Potential upcoming catalysts:

- Final approval for Bandeira LAC license
- Updated mineral resource at Bandeira early 2025
- Potential offtake agreement and/or M&A
- · Confirmation of EXIM debt



Figure 1: Baixa Grande mineral resource - current vs. previous

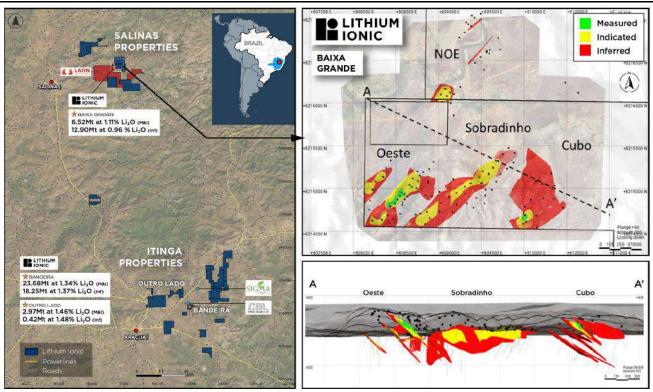
	Current		
	Tonnage (Mt)	Li20 %	LCE (kt)
Measured	1.08	1.19%	31.9
Indicated	5.44	1.10%	147.7
Total M&I	6.52	1.11%	179.6
Inferred	12.90	0.96%	305.9
Total M&I+I	19.42	1.01%	485.5

		Previous		
	Units	Tonnage (Mt)	Li20 %	LCE (kt)
Measured		1.11	1.18%	32.3
Indicated		4.75	1.08%	126.4
Total M&I		5.86	1.09%	158.7
Inferred		8.90	0.97%	214.6
Total M&I+I		14.76	1.02%	373.2

Variance				
	Units	Tonnage (Mt)	Li20 %	LCE (kt)
Measured		-3%	1%	-1%
Indicated		15%	2%	17%
Total M&I		11%	2%	13%
Inferred		45%	-1%	43%
Total M&I+I		32%	-1%	30%

Source: Company Reports, Canaccord Genuity estimates

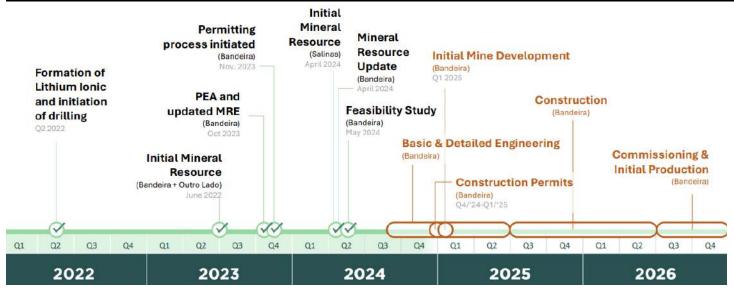
Figure 2: Location map - Baixa Grande



Source: Company Reports



Figure 3: Recent company milestones and path to production



Source: Company Reports

Figure 4: Target NAVPS - as at January 1, 2026

	Disc. Rate	C\$ MMs	C\$/sh	%
Bandeira	11.0%	718	\$1.71	100%
Other		0	\$0.00	0%
Total Asset Level Cash Flows		718	\$1.71	100%
Itinga - in situ		226	\$0.54	
Baixa Grande - in situ		133	\$0.32	
Cash & Equivalents		201	\$0.48	
Future Equity Issuances		4	\$0.01	
Working Capital (ex. Cash and Debt)		(6)	(\$0.02)	
Total Debt		(85)	(\$0.20)	
Corporate SG&A	8.0%	(86)	(\$0.21)	
Corporate tax adjustment	8.0%	0	\$0.00	
Net Asset Value		1,105	\$2.63	
Net Asset Value per share		\$2.63		

*Includes dilution from assumed equity raise

Share count as at January 1, 2026*	414.0
Shares issued from equity raises	6.3
Fully funded share count	420.3

Source: Company Reports, Canaccord Genuity estimates



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Target Price / Valuation Methodology:

Lithium Ionic Corp. - LTH

Our target price is based on 1.0x NAV, measured as at January 1, 2026.

Risks to achieving Target Price / Valuation:

Lithium Ionic Corp. - LTH

Exploration risk

Exploration is subject to a number of risks and can require a high rate of capital expenditure. Risks can also be associated with the conversion of inferred resources and lack of accuracy in the interpretation of geochemical, geophysical, drilling and other data. No assurances can be given that exploration will delineate mineral resources or that the company will be able to convert mineral resources into minable reserves.

Financing risk

As an exploration and development company with no operating cash flow, Lithium Ionic is reliant upon the capital markets to fund the development of its assets and the continuing business development activities. There is no guarantee that LTH will continue to be able to access capital markets should there be changes in market sentiment and/or pricing.

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Our estimates and valuation assume the successful receipt of permits for the company's projects; however, there is no guarantee that this will be the case, or that permits will be received within our assumed timelines.

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Hold	131	14.04%	10.69%	
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Speculative Buy	153	16.40%	52.94%	
	933*	100.0%		

^{*}Total includes stocks that are Under Review

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