# Lithium Americas (Formerly 1397468 B.C. Ltd.)



# Management's Discussion and Analysis

For the three months ended March 31, 2024

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS FOR THE THREE MONTHS ENDED MARCH 31, 2024

(Expressed in US dollars, unless stated otherwise)

#### BACKGROUND

On January 23, 2023, 1397468 B.C. Ltd ("New LAC," "Lithium Americas" or the "Company") was incorporated under the Business Corporations Act (British Columbia) for the sole purpose of acquiring ownership of the North American business assets and investments ("LAC North America") of Lithium Americas Corp. ("Old LAC"), which is now named Lithium Americas (Argentina) Corp. ("Lithium Argentina"), pursuant to a separation transaction (the "Separation") that was undertaken on October 3, 2023. Upon consummation of the Separation, New LAC was re- named Lithium Americas Corp., and its common shares were listed on the Toronto Stock Exchange ("TSX") and on the New York Stock Exchange ("NYSE") under the symbol "LAC."

The Separation was implemented by way of a plan of arrangement (the "**Arrangement**") under the laws of British Columbia pursuant to an arrangement agreement between the Company and Old LAC. Upon completion of the Separation, Old LAC contributed to the Company, among other assets and liabilities, its interest in the Thacker Pass project ("**Thacker Pass**"), its investments in Green Technology Metals Limited ("**GT1**") and Ascend Elements, Inc. ("**Ascend Elements**"), certain intellectual property rights, its loan to 1339480 B.C. Ltd., and cash of \$275.5 million, including \$75 million to establish sufficient working capital. The Company then distributed its common shares to shareholders of Old LAC in a series of share exchanges. The Separation was pro rata to the shareholders of Old LAC, so that the holders maintained the same proportionate interest in Old LAC (upon the Separation, Lithium Argentina) and the Company both immediately before and immediately after the Separation.

This Management's Discussion and Analysis ("MD&A") of the Company, prepared as of May 10, 2024, should be read in conjunction with the Company's unaudited condensed consolidated interim financial statements and the notes thereto for the three months ended March 31, 2024 ("Q1 2024 financial statements"), and the Company's audited consolidated financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2023 and the related notes thereto ("2023 annual financial statements"), which have been prepared in accordance with IFRS Accounting Standards as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board ("IFRS"). For further information on the Company, including key risk factors, reference should be made to its public filings on SEDAR+ at www.sedarplus.ca and on EDGAR at www.sec.gov. These consolidated financial statements should also be read in conjunction with LAC North Americas' audited carve-out financial statements and notes thereto for the year ended December 31, 2022 which may be found in Lithium Argentina's Management Information Circular dated June 16, 2023 filed on SEDAR+ at www.sedarplus.ca. All amounts are expressed in US dollars, unless otherwise stated. References to CDN\$ are to Canadian dollars. This MD&A contains "forward-looking statements," and readers should read the cautionary note contained in the section entitled "Forward-Looking Statements" of this MD&A regarding such forward-looking statements.

## **OUR BUSINESS**

Lithium Americas is a Canadian-based resource company focused on the advancement of significant lithium projects. The Company strives to operate under the highest environmental, social, governance and safety ("ESG-S") standards to foster the sustainable advancement of projects that support the vital lithium supply chain and the global transition to cleaner energy. Our flagship project is Thacker Pass, a sedimentary-based lithium deposit located in the McDermitt Caldera in Humboldt County, Nevada. The Company owns 100% of Thacker Pass through its wholly-owned subsidiary, Lithium Nevada Corp. ("Lithium Nevada"). The Company also holds investments in GT1 and Ascend Elements, and exploration properties in the United States and Canada. The Company's head office and principal address is Suite 400, 900 West Hastings Street, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, V6C 1E5.

Additional information relating to the Company, including the Company's then-current "AIF" (as such term is defined under National Instrument 51-102 – *Continuous Disclosure* Obligation) ("**AIF**"), is available on the Company's website at www.lithiumamericas.com and on SEDAR+ at www.sedarplus.ca.

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## **HIGHLIGHTS**

#### **Thacker Pass**

- Site preparation for major earthworks has been completed and Thacker Pass is prepared for the commencement of major construction, expected in the second half of 2024.
- The Company continues to focus on increasing the level of detailed engineering, alongside advancing procurement and execution planning, in advance of issuing full notice to proceed ("FNTP"), which is expected in the second half of 2024. Detailed engineering is over 30% design complete to date.
- On March 12, 2024, the Company received a conditional commitment ("Conditional Commitment") from the U.S. Department of Energy ("DOE") for a \$2.26 billion loan under the Advanced Technology Vehicles Manufacturing ("ATVM") Loan Program for a \$1.97 billion loan in aggregate principal to fund eligible construction costs of the processing facilities at Thacker Pass, targeting to produce an initial 40,000 tonnes per year of battery grade lithium carbonate ("Phase 1"), plus interest to be accrued during construction, which is estimated to be \$290 million over a three-year period, together totaling a \$2.26 billion loan (the "DOE Loan").
- On March 12, 2024, the Company provided an update to the estimated total capital cost ("CAPEX") for Phase 1 construction. CAPEX has been revised to \$2.93 billion to reflect estimates of key updated quantities and execution planning tied to increased engineering progress, use of union labor through a National Construction Agreement (Project Labor Agreement) ("PLA") with North America's Building Trades Unions ("NABTU") for construction of Thacker Pass, development of an all-inclusive housing facility for construction workers, updated equipment pricing and a larger project contingency.
- During the three months ended March 31, 2024, \$62.5 million of construction capital costs and other project-related costs were capitalized.

## Corporate

- As of March 31, 2024, the Company had approximately \$147 million in cash and cash equivalents.
- On April 22, 2024, the Company completed an underwritten public offering (the "Offering") of 55 million common shares (the "Common Shares") at a price of \$5.00 per Common Share (the "Issue Price") for aggregate gross proceeds of \$275 million, resulting in net proceeds to the Company of approximately \$263 million.
- The Offering, together with the DOE Loan, satisfies the funding condition to closing General Motors Holdings LLC ("GM") second tranche investment. At the same time, the Offering and GM funding will allow the Company to meet the financing-related condition related to closing the DOE Loan Conditional Commitment. These financings are expected to fund Thacker Pass Phase 1 construction capital expenditures.

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## THACKER PASS

## **Q1 2024 Progress Photos**

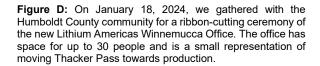
**Figure A:** The first phase of major earthworks including site clearing and plant pad excavation has been completed at Thacker Pass in preparation for major construction expected in the second half of 2024.



**Figure B:** The Workforce Hub is a temporary full-service housing facility for construction workers in the nearby City of Winnemucca. Earthworks for the facility are complete and the housing modules are currently stored in-place to allow for staged erection to align with the Phase 1 construction timeline.



Figure C: Two concrete armor barriers were built to Bureau of Land Management standards on our pipeline right-of-way in the Quinn Valley at Crowley Creek crossing. These concrete creek crossings are designed to survive projected 100-year storms, prevent erosion and preserve the original flow of water, while making it safer and more efficient to access the Quinn Valley wells.







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## **Health and Safety**

In Q1 2024, the Company continued to emphasize safety efforts and develop a proactive safety culture and program, emphasizing zero harm to all employees, contractors, vendors and visitors. As of March 31, 2024, 169,000 hours were completed at Thacker Pass without a lost time incident.

The Company continues to implement safety protocols to prepare for heavy construction at Thacker Pass. Additional safety initiatives implemented during Q1 2024 included:

- Developed an implementation timeline for the Company's Safety Roadmap, a sustainable and achievable health and safety management system, with full implementation targeted by the end of 2024.
- Commenced preparations to adopt and implement Health and Safety Programs from the Company's engineering, procurement and construction management ("EPCM") contractor, Bechtel.
- Worked with the Company's insurance brokers to provide project updates, promote a proactive approach
  to health and safety and share best practices.
- Expanded the Company's health and safety monitoring program to include leading indicators and key performance indicators to support a proactive approach to safety leadership and performance.

## Safety Highlights

In March 2024, the Safety Consultation and Training Section ("SCATS") of the State of Nevada's Division of Industrial Relations recognized the Company's Lithium Technical Development Center (the "Tech Center") in Reno, Nevada for the successful entry into the Safety and Health Achievement Recognition Program ("SHARP"). SCATS consultants provide companies with confidential hazard identification, program development, implementation assistance and training. Companies who implement effective safety programs and have a days-away restricted transfer ("DART") rate below the national average for their industry may be recognized by SCATS. Successful SHARP participants may receive up to a three-year deferral from the Occupational Safety and Health Administration's ("OSHA") general schedule inspections.

#### **Construction Workforce**

#### Construction Labor and Economic Impact

Thacker Pass Phase 1 is expected to create approximately 1,800 direct jobs during its three-year construction period and approximately 360 jobs in operations for its 40-year mine life.

The Company commissioned the University of Nevada, Reno to complete an economic impact assessment, which estimated that every direct job created by the Company's construction investment will generate an additional 1.5 local jobs during construction.

The Company and its EPCM contractor, Bechtel, entered into a PLA with NABTU for construction of Thacker Pass Phase 1. The parties agreed to utilize the form of a National Construction Agreement with a project specific addendum as the PLA for the Thacker Pass construction.

## Workforce Hub

The Workforce Hub is a temporary full-service housing facility for construction workers located in the nearby City of Winnemucca. The Company purchased the land and completed earthworks for the facility. Delivery of the housing modules was completed in Q1 2024, and the modules are currently stored in-place to allow for staged erection to align with the Thacker Pass Phase 1 construction timeline.

## **Construction and Engineering Progress**

In late 2022, the Company awarded the EPCM contract to Bechtel for the design, procurement and execution of Phase 1. Over the past year, Bechtel has provided significant expertise based on its experience with global capital projects to improve execution planning and to de-risk the construction phase.

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Following the start of early works construction activities at Thacker Pass in early 2023, the following actions have been completed to prepare for major construction following FNTP:

- Completed the first phase of major earthworks including site clearing and plant pad excavation;
- Stockpiled all growth media for future reclamation;
- Commissioned a water supply system consisting of pipelines, pumps and ponds in July 2023;
- Improved State Route 293 with acceleration and deceleration lanes, conforming to Nevada Department of Transportation specifications to improve safety and traffic flow for vehicles entering and exiting Thacker Pass; and
- Completed site infrastructure including erection of temporary offices, fencing, security gates and systems.

The Company continues to take steps to further de-risk the project construction, including:

- Progressing minor earthworks to the plant pad; and
- Progressing detailed engineering above the current level, of over 30% design complete, prior to FNTP. A
  higher level of advanced engineering prior to commencing major construction mitigates the potential for
  field rework and supports well-planned construction execution.

## **Major Construction Contracts**

In addition to awarding the EPCM contract to Bechtel for the design, procurement and execution of Phase 1, other major construction contracts awarded included:

- Aquatech International LLC was awarded the contract for the magnesium sulfate and lithium carbonate chemical plants;
- EXP Global Inc. was awarded the contract for the engineering, procurement, construction support, commissioning and start-up services for the sulfuric acid plant; and
- MECS, Inc. was awarded the contract for the technology license, engineering and equipment for the sulfuric
  acid plant including their state-of-the-art MECS® Heat Recovery System, to harness waste heat to generate
  steam from the sulfuric acid plant, which will subsequently be converted into carbon-free electricity for the
  processing plant.

## **Transloading Terminal**

The Company has leased a parcel of land adjacent to the mainline railroad from the City of Winnemucca and purchased an adjacent property with access to State Route 796, approximately 60 miles from Thacker Pass, for the development of a transloading terminal ("TLT").

The TLT will provide direct access to the railroad for shipping of reagents during operations and is expected to create approximately 50 jobs for Phase 1. Expected benefits of direct access to the mainline railroad during operations include reduced transportation costs for reagents, such as liquid sulfur and soda ash, and minimizing Scope 3 emissions by utilizing lower carbon intensity transportation methods.

The TLT design has been advanced to approximately 20% design complete.

## **Capital Cost Estimate**

Together with Bechtel and other major mining and processing plant contractors, the Company has further refined the Thacker Pass Phase 1 estimated total CAPEX, following the November 2022 Feasibility Study estimate. The revised CAPEX estimate of \$2.93 billion reflects steps the Company has taken to de-risk construction, including:

Achieving a higher degree of engineering, advancing estimates of key quantities and execution plans;

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- Increasing project contingency to 15%;
- Updating labor costs due to an increase in estimated number of construction workers to approximately 1,800 and substantially de-risking skilled labor availability with the PLA;
- Securing land and temporary housing facility for the Workforce Hub in Winnemucca for construction workers; and
- Updating pricing for over 70% of procurement packages to reflect current market conditions.

During the three months ended March 31, 2024, \$62.5 million of construction capital costs and other project-related costs were capitalized. The majority of capital expenditures are expected in 2025 as the project ramps up to peak construction.

## **Project Timeline**

Mechanical completion of Thacker Pass Phase 1 is targeted for 2027 following a three-year construction period. Major construction is expected to commence in the second half of 2024 following the anticipated closing of the DOE Loan and issuance of FNTP. The Company anticipates a commissioning and ramp-up period of six to twelve months, targeting achieving full capacity production in 2028.

## **Regulatory and Permitting**

All state and federal permits to begin construction are in place and the Company commenced construction on February 28, 2023, following receipt of a notice to proceed from the Bureau of Land Management ("**BLM**").

On February 6, 2023, the Company received a favorable ruling from the U.S. District Court for the appeal filed to challenge the BLM with the court upholding the BLM's environmental review processes. A limited remand to address the validity of certain mining claims was resolved by BLM, concluding that tailings and other waste storage areas have sufficient mineralization to meet BLM's standards, with the exception of limited acreage at the two waste rock facilities where the BLM indicated the Company could instead proceed with alternative measures to establish suitable mining-claim tenure, which the Company intends to pursue in due course. A subsequent appeal of the U.S. District Court's ruling was filed in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit ("Ninth Circuit") in February 2023. The appellants' motions for an injunction pending appeal were all denied by the court, and construction at Thacker Pass commenced. On July 17, 2023, the Ninth Circuit unanimously affirmed the U.S. District Court's decision.

A new lawsuit was filed in U.S. District Court in February 2023 by three tribes asserting, among other claims, inadequate consultation by the BLM prior to the issuance of the Record of Decision ("ROD"). The Company intervened in this new lawsuit in support of the ROD. On November 11, 2023, the U.S. District Court dismissed all claims. After the plaintiffs did not seek to amend their complaint, the court issued a final order and judgment dismissing the case in December 2023, and that decision has not been appealed.

The Company's application with the State of Nevada Division of Water Resources for the transfer of certain water rights for Phase 1 of Thacker Pass was approved by the State Engineer in February 2023. The State Engineer's Office issued the final water rights permits on June 30 and July 3, 2023, authorizing the Company to use its water production wells. The State Engineer's decision was appealed in state court by a local ranching company in March 2023. The case is currently pending. The Company has commenced using the water rights for construction activities at the Thacker Pass project site in accordance with the State Engineer's authorization.

The State approved a Water Pollution Control Permit minor modification in January 2024. Additional permit modifications to reflect design updates are currently pending, and modifications to conform to any other design updates may be pursued as warranted.

## **Feasibility Study Reports**

On October 3, 2023, following Separation, the Company re-issued the feasibility study titled "Feasibility Study: National Instrument 43-101 Technical Report for the Thacker Pass Project, Humboldt County, Nevada, USA" dated effective

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November 2, 2022 (the "**Nov 2022 Feasibility Study**"). The Company also previously issued the "Preliminary Feasibility Study S-K 1300 Technical Report Summary for the Thacker Pass Project Humboldt County, Nevada, USA" with an effective date of December 31, 2022 (the "**Thacker Pass S-K 1300 Report**" and collectively with the Nov 2022 Feasibility Study, the "**Reports**"). The Reports are available on SEDAR+ at www.sedarplus.ca and the Company's website.

#### **Mineral Reserve and Mineral Resource Estimates**

The Reports include a Mineral Reserve estimate for Thacker Pass of 3.7 million tonnes ("**Mt**") of LCE grading at 3,160 parts per million ("**ppm**") lithium ("**Li**") of Proven and Probable Mineral Reserves, comprised of 3.3 Mt LCE Proven Reserves at 192.9 Mt and 3,180 ppm Li and 0.4 Mt LCE of Probable Reserves at 24.4 Mt and 3,010 ppm Li.

The Thacker Pass S-K 1300 Report includes a Mineral Resource estimate, exclusive of reserves, of 12.1 Mt of LCE grading 1,860 ppm Li of M&I, comprised of 3.4 Mt LCE Measured Resources at 1,990 ppm Li and 8.7 Mt LCE Indicated Resources at 1,820 ppm Li. The Nov 2022 Feasibility Study includes a Mineral Resource estimate, inclusive of reserves, of 16.1 Mt of LCE grading 2,070 ppm Li of M&I, comprised of 7.0 Mt LCE Measured Resources at 534.7 Mt and 2,450 ppm Li, and 9.1 Mt LCE Indicated Resources at 922.5 Mt and 1,850 ppm Li. The Mineral Resource estimate in both Reports also included 3.0 Mt LCE of Inferred Resources grading 1,870 ppm. Mineral Reserves have been converted from Measured and Indicated Mineral Resources in the Reports and have demonstrated economic viability. The effective date of the estimates in the Nov 2022 Feasibility Study was November 2, 2022 and in the Thacker Pass S-K 1300 Report was December 31, 2022. See the Reports filed on SEDAR+ and EDGAR, as applicable, for further details. The Thacker Pass S-K 1300 Report is also discussed in more detail in the Company's Form 20-F registration statement which was originally filed with the SEC on August 22, 2023.

## **Exploration Program**

The 2023 drilling program at Thacker Pass to further define and expand the resource estimate concluded successfully in December 2023. A total of 97 core holes totaling 50,099 feet were drilled and the process of sampling and analysis is currently underway. The exploration program continues to confirm that sedimentary deposits are common throughout Thacker Pass.

## **Lithium Technical Development Center**

The Tech Center's Quality Management System was awarded the ISO 9001:2015 certification, which is a globally recognized standard for quality management. Implementation of ISO 9001:2015 demonstrates the Company's commitment to quality in the development of lithium products.

The ISO 9001:2015 certification was issued by American Systems Registrar, a provider of third-party system registration and accredited by the ANSI National Accreditation Board. The process to become ISO 9001:2015 certified took place over seven months and involved the creation of policies, processes and training procedures, a document management system, key performance indicators and review processes. A pre-audit was conducted in July 2023, with the final audit taking place in November 2023. The certification is valid for three years and requires annual surveillance audits and a recertification audit in three years.

#### Social Responsibility

The Company continues to work collaboratively with the Fort McDermitt Paiute Shoshone Tribe (the "**Tribe**") and communities closest to Thacker Pass to advance our shared priorities.

## Community Benefits Agreement with Fort McDermitt Tribe

A key commitment of the Community Benefits Agreement ("CBA") signed in October 2022 with the Tribe, located approximately 48 miles by road from Thacker Pass, is to build a new community center with on-site preschool, daycare, playground, cultural facility and communal greenhouse. Tribe leadership identified a building site location for the community center and finalized building designs. The CBA will also provide the Tribe with training and employment opportunities for members of the Tribe; funding to support cultural education and preservation work by the Tribe; and business and contracting opportunities between the parties.

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## Skills Training and Job Opportunities

The Company is committed to hiring locally where possible and has been working with Great Basin College to offer a Workforce Development Training program to local communities and the Tribe. In Q2 2023, a Tribe member and a McDermitt resident were among the first local people hired to help the geophysics team prepare for major construction.

## Community Engagement

The communities of Orovada and Kings Valley are the closest communities to Thacker Pass, located approximately 18 and 5 miles from the site, respectively. For nearly two years, the Company has met regularly with local community members for the purpose of identifying community concerns and developing ways to address them. As construction activities began, the Company increased its community outreach through open houses, one-on-one meetings and tours of the Lithium Technical Development Center in Reno, Nevada.

The Company collaborated with the Humboldt County School District and the BLM to finalize the design and location of a new K-8 school in Orovada. Construction of the new school is expected to be 100% funded by the Company. Detailed engineering and construction planning work is currently underway.

The traffic improvements at the intersection of US-95 and SR293 in the Town of Orovada were developed in consultation with the local communities and completed in July 2023 in coordination with the Nevada Department of Transportation.

Acceleration and deceleration lanes were added at the entrances into Thacker Pass. The new lanes conform to Nevada Department of Transportation specifications and ensure local traffic is not hindered by construction activity.

## **CORPORATE**

#### **Project Financing**

The Offering, together with the DOE Loan, satisfies the funding condition to closing the GM Tranche 2 Investment. At the same time, the Offering and GM funding will allow the Company to meet the financing-related condition relating to closing the DOE Loan Conditional Commitment. These financings are expected to fund Thacker Pass Phase 1 construction capital expenditures.

#### Common Share Offering

On April 22, 2024, the Company completed an Offering of 55 million Common Shares at an Issue Price of \$5.00 per Common Share for aggregate gross proceeds to the Company of \$275 million. The net proceeds from the Offering of approximately \$263 million are intended to fund the advancement of construction and development of Thacker Pass.

The Company has granted the underwriters an option to purchase up to 8,250,000 additional Common Shares (the "Over-Allotment Option") at the Issue Price, exercisable, in whole or in part, for up to 30 days after the closing of the Offering.

#### DOE ATVM Loan Program

On March 12, 2024, the Company received a Conditional Commitment from the U.S. DOE for a DOE Loan for financing the construction of the processing facilities at Thacker Pass for Phase 1. Based on the terms of the Conditional Commitment, the DOE Loan for \$1.97 billion in aggregate principal to fund eligible construction costs of Thacker Pass, plus interest to be accrued during construction, which is estimated to be \$290 million over a three-year period, together totaling a \$2.26 billion loan will have a 24-year maturity with interest rates fixed from the date of each monthly advance for the term of the loan at applicable U.S. Treasury rates, without any additional credit spread.

The DOE Loan Conditional Commitment follows receipt of the Letter of Substantial Completion in February 2023. Over the past year, the DOE undertook a robust due diligence process to review all key aspects of Thacker Pass and complete term sheet details. While this Conditional Commitment represents a significant milestone and demonstrates the DOE's intent to finance Thacker Pass, certain technical, legal and financial conditions, including negotiation of definitive financing documents, must be satisfied before funding of the Loan.

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Once the DOE Loan agreement is finalized, the Company expects to begin to draw on the Loan in early 2025. Conditions precedent to the first draw under the Loan include, but are not limited to, project finance model bring down, letters of credit to support reserve accounts, and securing additional corporate working capital to fund pre-commissioning general and operating expenses, commissioning costs through production and financing-related fees and expenses. We expect the \$195 million reserve account requirements to be satisfied with letters of credit or similar credit support facilities. The Company is in active discussions with our key project partners and other third parties to have these in place later this year. The Company is evaluating various financing alternatives to fund corporate working capital to facilitate first drawdown on the Loan.

#### General Motors Investment and Offtake

On January 30, 2023, Old LAC entered into a purchase agreement with GM, pursuant to which GM agreed to make a \$650 million equity investment (the "**Transaction**"), the proceeds of which are to be used for the construction and development of Thacker Pass. The Transaction is comprised of two tranches, with the \$320 million first tranche investment (the "**Tranche 1 Investment**") and a second tranche investment of up to \$330 million (the "**Tranche 2 Investment**"). The Tranche 1 Investment closed on February 16, 2023 when GM subscribed for 15,002,000 subscription receipts of Old LAC, which were automatically converted into 15,002,000 units comprising 15,002,000 shares and 11,891,000 warrants of Old LAC which became 15,002,000 common shares of the Company post-Separation. The subscription proceeds were paid to Old LAC and the remaining unspent proceeds were distributed to the Company on October 3, 2023 pursuant to the Arrangement.

On October 3, 2023 pursuant to the Separation, the full amount of the remaining unspent proceeds of the Tranche 1 investment were included in the net assets distributed by Old LAC to the Company.

As the Separation was completed before the closing of the Tranche 2 Investment, on October 3, 2023, the agreement for the Tranche 2 Investment in Old LAC was terminated and replaced by a corresponding subscription agreement between GM and the Company whereby the proceeds of the Tranche 2 Investment will be received by the Company.

Pursuant to the second tranche subscription agreement, GM will purchase common shares of the Company subject to the satisfaction of certain conditions precedent, including the condition that the Company secures sufficient funding to complete the development of Phase 1 for Thacker Pass (the "Funding Condition"). The subscription agreement calls for an aggregate purchase price of up to \$330 million, with the number of shares to be determined using a conversion price equal to the lower of (a) the 5-day volume weighted average share price (which is determined as of the date the notice that the Funding Condition has been met) and (b) \$17.36 per share. The conditions precedent under the second tranche subscription agreement must be met by August 16, 2024.

As part of the Arrangement, the agreement to supply GM with lithium carbonate production from Thacker Pass (the "Offtake Agreement") was assigned by Old LAC to the Company.

Pursuant to the Offtake Agreement, GM may purchase up to 100% of Thacker Pass Phase 1 production at a price based on prevailing market rates. The term of the arrangement for Phase 1 production is ten years, subject to a five-year extension at GM's option and other limited extensions. Pursuant to the Offtake Agreement, the Company has also granted GM a right of first offer on Thacker Pass Phase 2 production. The volume available under the Offtake Agreement is subject to the receipt of the second tranche of GM's investment and may be reduced proportionately in certain circumstances if GM's remaining investment is less than \$330 million.

## SELECTED FINANCIAL INFORMATION

## **Quarterly Information**

The following table sets out selected financial information for each of the eight most recent quarters, the latest of which ended March 31, 2024. Financial information prior to Q4 2023 has been derived from the historical carve-out financial statements of the Company and was prepared as if the Company had operated as a stand-alone entity throughout those reporting periods. The information should be read in conjunction with the Company's audited consolidated financial statements for the FY 2023 and the Company's unaudited interim carve-out financials statements for the relevant periods, the notes thereto and the related management discussion and analysis for the relevant periods.

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(in US\$ millions)	2024	2023				2022		
	Q1	Q4	Q3	Q2	Q1	Q4	Q3	Q2
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Total assets	436.5	439.5	363.5	358.7	351.8	27.8	28.2	22.1
Property, plant and equipment	268.3	206.1	132.0	83.4	29.4	3.9	3.8	4.1
Working capital	131.2	181.3	154.0	197.6	216.5	(52.3)	8.0	(0.7)
Total liabilities	30.0	32.0	69.8	71.1	99.7	62.3	50.7	52.2
Expenses	(5.5)	(13.7)	(3.2)	(5.1)	(5.6)	(23.1)	(11.8)	(14.5)
Net income/(loss) for the period	(6.0)	(12.9)	(0.2)	10.9	(1.7)	(23.5)	(12.1)	(19.8)
Basic income/(loss) per common	. ,	, ,	, ,			. ,	,	, ,
share	(0.04)	(80.0)	(0.00)	0.07	(0.01)	(0.15)	(80.0)	(0.12)

#### Notes:

- Quarterly amounts added together may not equal to the total reported for the period due to rounding or reclassifications.
- 2. Working capital is the difference between current assets and current liabilities (refer to section "Use of Non-GAAP Financial Measures and Ratios").

Over the eight most recent quarters, changes in the Company's total assets, working capital, liabilities and net income/(loss) were driven mainly by the Tranche 1 Investment, \$75 million of cash distributed to the Company pursuant to the Arrangement, capitalization of construction costs at Thacker Pass commencing on February 1, 2023, and changes in the fair value of financial instruments.

In Q1 2024, property, plant and equipment increased due to the capitalization of Thacker Pass construction costs including engineering, earthworks and the delivery of the final Workforce Hub modules. The impact on total assets of this increase in capitalized Thacker Pass construction costs was offset by a reduction in cash and settlement of prepaids at December 31, 2023, that were capitalized as construction costs in Q1 2024.

In Q4 2023, property, plant and equipment increased due to the capitalization of Thacker Pass construction costs including engineering, earthworks and the acquisition of a portion of the Workforce Hub. The decrease in total liabilities is mainly attributable to the elimination of the \$46.3 million loan when the receivable by Old LAC was contributed to the Company pursuant to the Arrangement. As a result of this contribution, this intercompany loan eliminates on consolidation at December 31, 2023.

In Q3 2023, property, plant and equipment increased due to capitalization of Thacker Pass construction costs, including engineering and earthworks.

In Q2 2023, property, plant and equipment increased due to capitalization of Thacker Pass construction costs including engineering. Total liabilities decreased primarily due to a decrease of \$19.0 million in the fair value of the derivative liability embedded in the Tranche 2 Investment.

In Q1 2023, total assets and working capital increased primarily due to cash proceeds from the Tranche 1 Investment and property, plant and equipment increased due to commencement of construction of Thacker Pass and, as a result, capitalization of the related project construction costs. Total liabilities increased primarily due to the Tranche 2 Agreement derivative liability of \$24.1 million and an increase of \$15.0 million in accounts payable and accrued liabilities due to increased activities related to the commencement of construction on February 1, 2023.

In Q4 2022, total expenses increased due to increased engineering costs in preparation for construction. Liabilities increased as a result of the increased activity.

In Q3 2022, total assets increased primarily due to the \$5.0 million investment in Ascend Elements.

## RESULTS OF OPERATIONS – NET LOSS ANALYSIS

Three Months Ended March 31, 2024 Compared with Three Months Ended March 31, 2023

The following table summarizes the results of operations for the three months ended March 31, 2024 ("Q1 2024") compared with the three months ended March 31, 2023 ("Q1 2023"):

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Financial results	Three Months E	Change	
(in US\$ million)	2024	2023	
	\$	\$	\$
Exploration and evaluation expenditures	-	3.7	3.7
General and administrative expenses	4.3	1.6	(2.7)
Equity compensation	1.2	0.2	(1.0)
Transaction costs	0.9	4.0	3.1
Loss/(gain) on financial instruments held at fair value	1.5	(8.2)	(9.7)
Finance costs	-	0.4	0.4
Finance and other income	(1.9)	=	1.9
NET LOSS	6.0	1.7	(4.3)

Higher net loss of \$6.0 million in Q1 2024 compared with \$1.7 million in Q1 2023 is primarily attributable to:

- Loss on change in fair value of the GM transaction derivative liability of \$0.2 million compared with a gain of \$9.0 million in Q1 2023. The derivative is attributable to the variability in thenumber of shares to be issued pursuant to the Tranche 2 Investment. The \$0.2 million loss in Q1 2024 is driven by an increase in the market value of the Company's share price and an increase in the volatility assumption from December 31, 2023 to March 31, 2024. In Q1 2023, the \$9.0 million gain on change in fair value of the derivative liability reflected a decrease in the Company's share price and volatility and risk-free rate assumptions from inception on January 30, 2023 to March 31, 2023.
- An increase in general and administrative and equity compensation reflecting full general and administrative
  expenses of the Company as a stand-alone entity post-Separation compared with the allocation of salaries
  and general and administrative expenses used for Q1 2023, which was prepared on a carve-out basis.
- Loss on change in fair value of investment in GT1 of \$1.3 million in Q1 2024 compared with a loss of \$0.8 million in Q1 2023. The loss reflects the reduction in the publicly-listed share price of GT1 at the respective period end.

The increase in net loss was partially offset by:

- A decrease in exploration expenditures due to commencement of construction of Thacker Pass and capitalization of majority of the Thacker Pass costs starting on February 1, 2023;
- Lower transaction costs in Q1 2024 of \$0.9 million related to preliminary due diligence on the DOE Loan, compared with \$4.0 million in Q1 2023 related to the GM Transaction.
- An increase in finance and other income of \$1.9 million in Q1 2024 due to interest earned on higher cash balances after closing of the Tranche 1 Investment, compared with interest income of \$nil in Q1 2023.

## Expenses

Exploration and evaluation expenditures were \$nil in Q1 2024 compared with \$3.7 million in Q1 2023 due to the commencement of construction of Thacker Pass for accounting purposes that resulted in the capitalization of a majority of the project costs commencing on February 1, 2023.

General and administrative expenses during Q1 2024 increased to \$4.3 million from \$1.6 million in Q1 2023 reflecting full expenses of the Company as a stand-alone entity post-Separation compared with the allocation of salaries and general and administrative expenses used for Q1 2023.

#### Other Items

Transaction costs were \$0.9 million during Q1 2024 reflecting costs associated with the DOE Loan application and related due diligence compared with \$4.0 million in Q1 2023 reflecting transaction costs relating to the GM Transaction. The loss on change in fair value of investment in GT1 during Q1 2024 was \$1.3 million compared with a loss of \$0.8 million in Q1 2023. The loss on change in fair value of GM derivative liability during Q1 2024 was \$0.2 million compared with a gain of

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\$9.0 million in Q1 2023. Finance and other income during Q1 2024 was \$1.9 million compared with a loss of \$0.4 million in Q1 2023 which is primarily due to interest earned on higher balances of cash on hand after Separation.

## LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL RESOURCES

Cash Flow Highlights	Three Months End	Three Months Ended March 31,		
(in US\$ million)	2024	2023		
	\$	\$		
Cash used in operating activities	(1.5)	(18.4)		
Cash used in investing activities	(46.6)	(9.9)		
Cash (used in)/provided by financing activities	(0.2)	336.2		
Change in cash and cash equivalents	(48.3)	307.9		
Cash and cash equivalents - beginning of the period	195.5	0.6		
Cash and cash equivalents - end of the period	147.2	308.5		

As at March 31, 2024, the Company had cash and cash equivalents of \$147.2 million (March 31, 2023 - \$308.5 million).

## **Liquidity Outlook**

The Company's working capital was \$131.2 million at March 31, 2024 compared with \$181.3 million at December 31, 2023. The decrease in working capital reflects the expenditure of \$46.6 million on Thacker Pass construction activity in Q1 2024.

On January 30, 2023, Old LAC entered into a purchase agreement with GM pursuant to which GM agreed to make a \$650 million equity investment in Old LAC, the proceeds of which are to be used for the development and construction of Thacker Pass. The Transaction is comprised of two tranches, the \$320 million first tranche investment and a second tranche investment of up to \$330 million. The Tranche 1 Investment closed on February 16, 2023. In conjunction with the Separation on October 3, 2023, the Tranche 2 Investment agreement between GM and Old LAC was terminated and replaced by a corresponding subscription agreement between GM and the Company.

Following a robust due diligence and term sheet negotiation process since receiving the Letter of Substantial Completion in February 2023, on March 12, 2024, the DOE provided the Company with Conditional Commitment of a DOE Loan for \$2.26 billion with a 24-year maturity and interest rates fixed from the date of each monthly advance for the term of the loan at then applicable U.S. Treasury rates. The Conditional Commitment represents a significant milestone and demonstrates the DOE's intent to finance Thacker Pass. Certain technical, legal and financial conditions, including negotiation of definitive financing documents, must be satisfied before funding of the DOE Loan.

Subsequent to March 31, 2024, on April 22, 2024, the Company completed the Offering for aggregate gross proceeds to the Company of \$275 million or net proceeds of approximately \$263 million after deducting underwriters' fees of \$12 million.

The DOE Loan is to finance the construction of the processing facilities at Thacker Pass Phase 1 and will include interest accrued during construction, which is estimated to be \$290 million over the three-year construction period. The expected funding from the DOE Loan, GM's strategic investment, the proceeds from the Offering and cash on hand are expected to substantially fund the construction of Thacker Pass Phase 1.

The Company continues to develop Thacker Pass and does not generate revenues from operations. The Company's capital resources are driven by the status of its projects, and its ability to compete for investor support of its projects.

Over the long-term, the Company expects to meet its obligations and fund the development of Thacker Pass through its financing plans described above; however, due to the conditions associated with such financings, there can be no assurance that the Company will successfully complete all of its contemplated financing plans. The Company has the flexibility to manage its expenditure levels in accordance with the anticipated timing of receipt of funds from expected sources of financing. Except as disclosed, the Company does not know of any trends, demands, commitments, events or uncertainties that will result in, or that are reasonably likely to result in, its liquidity and capital resources either materially increasing or decreasing at present or in the foreseeable future. The Company does not engage in currency hedging to offset any risk of currency fluctuations.

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## **Operating Activities**

Cash used in operating activities during the three months ended March 31, 2024 was \$1.5 million compared with cash used by operating activities during the three months ended March 31, 2023 of \$18.4 million. The significant components of operating activities are discussed in the Results of Operations section above.

## **Investing Activities**

Cash used in investing activities for the three months ended March 31, 2024, was \$46.6 million compared with \$9.9 million for the three months ended March 31, 2023. which reflects an increased level of construction activity at Thacker Pass in Q1 2024 relative to Q1 2023.

## **Financing Activities**

## Funding from the Former Parent and Proceeds from GM Transaction

In Q1 2023, prior to the Separation, the Company was funded with \$320.1 million in proceeds from the Tranche 1 Investment that were advanced via a loan from Old LAC (recorded within liabilities) or capital contributions (recorded within Net former parent investment in equity). The Net former parent investment represents Old LAC's interest in the recorded net assets and the cumulative net equity investment in LAC North America during the period prior to Separation on October 3, 2023. Subsequent to October 3, 2023, the impact of funding by parent of LAC North America eliminates on consolidation. As a result, the Net former parent investment during the three months ended March 31, 2024 was \$nil (2023 – \$16.4 million).

## **CURRENT SHARE INFORMATION**

Issued and outstanding securities of the Company as at the date of this MD&A were as follows:

Common Shares issued and outstanding	217,170,053
Restricted Share Units (RSUs)	3,253,020
Deferred Share Units (DSUs)	136,883
Performance Share Units (PSUs)	981,098
Common shares, fully diluted	221,541,054

All equity incentive units can be settled as common shares on a one-for-one basis, except for PSUs. The number of common shares issuable upon vesting of PSUs granted after the Separation depends on the performance of the Company's shares over a predetermined performance periods as compared to a prescribed peer group of companies and can vary from zero to up to two times the number of PSUs granted.

Subsequent to March 31, 2024, on April 22, 2024, the Company completed the Offering of 55 million common shares. The Company has granted the underwriters an option to purchase up to 8,250,000 common shares at the Issue Price, exercisable in whole or in part, for up to 30 days after the closing of the Offering.

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## RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

## **Transition Service Agreement**

Upon closing of the Arrangement, the Company entered into a Transition Services Agreement with Lithium Argentina whereby each company provides various accounting, payroll and other technical services to each other for a defined period of time.

## **Compensation of Directors and Key Management**

The Company's key management includes the executive management team who supervise day-to-day operations and independent directors on the Company's Board of Directors who oversee management. Their compensation is as follows:

	Three Months Ended March 31,			
(in US\$ thousands)	2024	2023		
	\$	\$		
Salaries, bonuses, benefits and directors' fees included in the Consolidated Statement of				
Comprehensive loss	942	568		
Equity compensation	894	294		
	1,836	862		

The above numbers represent (a) an allocation of the remuneration of those directors and key management personnel for services allocated by Old LAC to LAC North America for the three months ended March 31, 2023; and (b) the actual costs incurred by the Company for directors and key management personnel of the Company for compensation earned at and incurred by the Company for the three months ended March 31, 2024.

Amounts due to directors and key management personnel as at March 31, 2024 are as follows:

	March 31,	December 31,
(in US\$ thousands)	2024	2023
	\$	\$
Total due to directors and key management	236	2,376

## **CONTRACTUAL OBLIGATIONS**

As at March 31, 2024, the Company had the following contractual obligations (undiscounted):

Years ending December 31,							
				2027 and			
(in US\$ million)	2024	2025	2026	later	Total		
	\$	\$		\$	\$		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	20,793	_	_	_	20,793		
Obligations under office leases <sup>1</sup>	647	565	712	_	1,924		
Obligations under land leases <sup>1</sup>	51	70	73	4,940	5,134		
Other obligations¹	40	3,551	23	_	3,614		
Total	21,531	4,186	808	4,940	31,465		

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Includes principal and interest/finance charges.

The Company's commitments including royalties and option payments, most of which will be incurred in the future if the Company starts production from Thacker Pass, are disclosed in Notes 8, 11 and 21 of Q1 2024 financial statements.

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## FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

Financial assets and liabilities are recognized when the Company becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument. Financial assets are derecognized when the rights to receive cash flows from the assets have expired or have been transferred and the Company has transferred substantially all risks and rewards of ownership.

All of the Company's financial instruments are classified into financial assets and liabilities measured at amortized cost, other than the shares acquired as part of the investment in GT1 and Ascend Elements, and the GM Tranche 2 derivative liability, which are carried at fair value. All financial instruments are initially measured at fair value plus, in the case of items measured at amortized cost, transaction costs that are directly attributable to the acquisition or issue of the financial asset or financial liability.

Financial assets are measured at amortized cost if they are held for the collection of contractual cash flows where those cash flows solely represent payments of principal and interest. The Company's intent is to hold these financial assets in order to collect contractual cash flows. The contractual terms give rise to cash flows on specified dates that are solely payments of principal and interest on the principal amount outstanding.

The Company assesses on a forward-looking basis the expected credit losses associated with its financial assets carried at amortized cost. The impairment methodology applied depends on whether there has been a significant increase in credit risk.

For additional details about the Company's financial instruments please refer to the Note 21 of the Q1 2024 financial statements.

## **Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements**

The Company has no off-balance sheet arrangements.

## **DECOMMISSIONING PROVISION AND RECLAMATION BOND**

The carrying value of the liability for decommissioning that arose to date as a result of exploration activities at Thacker Pass as at March 31, 2024 is \$1.5 million. The Company has a \$1.7 million reclamation bond payable to the BLM guaranteed by a third-party insurance company. In 2021, BLM approved a reclamation cost estimate for the Thacker Pass plan of operations of \$47.6 million. Financial assurance of \$13.7 million for the initial work plan was placed with the agency in February 2023 prior to initiating construction with the remaining amount to be placed as construction activities progress.

## **ESTIMATION UNCERTAINTY AND ACCOUNTING POLICY JUDGMENTS**

Please refer to the Company's annual consolidated financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2023, for Critical Accounting Estimates and Judgments disclosure and Accounting Policies disclosure. The nature and amount of significant estimates and judgments made by management in applying the Company's accounting policies and the key sources of estimation uncertainty as well as accounting policies applied during the three months ended March 31, 2024, were substantially the same as those that management applied in the annual financial statements as at and for the year ended December 31, 2023.

## **Accounting for the Agreements with General Motors**

The Company's accounting for the agreements with GM, involved judgment, specifically in the Company's assumption that in the Company's determination the Offtake Agreement represents an agreement with market selling prices; and that the Offtake Agreement is separate from the equity financing provided by GM.

Following termination of the warrants on July 31, 2023, the fair value of the Tranche 2 Investment subscription agreement with GM involved estimation which was determined using Monte Carlo simulation. The simulation of the fair value required significant assumptions, including expected volatility of the Company's share price and a risk- free rate.

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## **Commencement of Construction of Thacker Pass**

The Company determined that the technical feasibility and commercial viability of Thacker Pass had been demonstrated following the release of the Thacker Pass Feasibility Study on January 31, 2023, the receipt of the favorable ruling from the Federal Court for the issuance of the ROD, and the receipt of notice to proceed from BLM on February 7, 2023. The Company entered into an EPCM agreement and other construction-related contracts. Construction of Thacker Pass, including site preparation, geotechnical drilling, water pipeline development and associated infrastructure has commenced. Accordingly, the Company transferred the capitalized costs of Thacker Pass from exploration and evaluation assets to property, plant and equipment and began to capitalize development costs starting February 1, 2023.

Concurrent with the transfer of the Thacker Pass assets from exploration and evaluation to property, plant and equipment, management completed an impairment test of Thacker Pass which compared the carrying value to the recoverable amount. The recoverable amount is the greater of the value in use and the fair value less disposal costs. The fair value less disposal costs was calculated using a discounted cash flow model with feasibility study economics. The significant assumptions that impacted the fair value included future lithium prices, capital cost estimates, operating cost estimates, estimated mineral reserves and resources, and the discount rate. Based on the result of the impairment test, management concluded that there was no impairment.

## **NEW IFRS PRONOUNCEMENTS**

## Amendments to IAS 1 - Presentation of Financial Statements

In October 2022, the International Accounting Standards Board ("IASB") issued amendments to International Accounting Standard ("IAS") 1, Presentation of Financial Statements titled Non-current Liabilities with Covenants. These amendments sought to improve the information that an entity provides when its right to defer settlement of a liability is subject to compliance with covenants within 12 months after the reporting period. These amendments to IAS 1 override but incorporate the previous amendments, Classification of Liabilities as Current or Non-current, issued in January 2020, which clarified that liabilities are classified as either current or non-current, depending on the rights that exist at the end of the reporting period. Liabilities should be classified as non-current if a company has a substantive right to defer settlement for at least 12 months at the end of the reporting period. The amendments are effective January 1, 2024, with early adoption permitted. Retrospective application is required on adoption. These amendments did not impact Q1 2024 financial statements.

## **RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES**

For risks and uncertainties faced by the Company, please refer to the following disclosure documents filed on the Company's profile on SEDAR+ at www.sedarplus.ca and EDGAR profile at www.sec.gov: annual MD&A for the year ended December 31, 2023 in the section entitled "Risks and Uncertainties;" and the Annual Information Form for the year ended December 31, 2023 in the section entitled "Risk Factors."

## TECHNICAL INFORMATION AND QUALIFIED PERSON

Detailed scientific and technical information on Thacker Pass can be found in (i) the November 2022 Feasibility Study and (ii) the Thacker Pass 1300 Report. The November 2022 Feasibility Study has an effective date of November 2, 2022 and was prepared by Daniel Roth, P.E., Laurie Tahija, QP-MMSA, Eugenio Iasillo, P.E., Kevina Martina, PE., Benson Chow, RM-SME, Walter Mutler, P.E., Kevin Bahe, P.E., Paul Kaplan, P.E., Tyler Cluff, RMSME and Bruce Shannon, P.E., each of whom is a "Qualified Person" for the purposes of NI 43-101 for the sections of the report that they are responsible for preparing and are independent of the Company. The Thacker Pass 1300 Report was prepared by M3 Engineering & Technology Corporation, EXP U.S. Services Inc., Process Engineering LLC, NewFields Mining Design & Technical Services, Wood Canada Limited, Piteau Associates, Sawtooth, a subsidiary of The North American Coal Corporation (NAC), which is a wholly-owned subsidiary of NACCO Industries, Inc. and Industrial TurnAround Corporation, each of which are independent companies and not associates or affiliates of the Company or any associated company of the Company and are "qualified persons" within the meaning of Subpart 1300 of Regulation S-K.

Copies of the Reports are available on the Company's website at www.lithiumamericas.com and, as applicable, on the Company's SEDAR+ profile at www.sedarplus.ca and EDGAR profile at <a href="www.sec.gov">www.sec.gov</a>.

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The scientific and technical information in this MD&A has been reviewed and approved by Dr. Rene LeBlanc, a "Qualified Person" for purposes of NI 43-101 and Subpart 1300 of Regulation S-K by virtue of his experience, education, and professional association. Dr. LeBlanc is the Company's Vice-President of Growth and Product Strategy.

Further information about Thacker Pass, including a description of key assumptions, parameters, description of sampling methods, data verification and QA/QC programs, and methods relating to the results of the feasibility study, the resources and reserves, and factors that may affect those estimates is available in the above-mentioned Reports.

## **USE OF NON-GAAP FINANCIAL MEASURES AND RATIOS**

The Company's Q1 2024 financial statements have been prepared in accordance with IFRS Accounting Standards as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board ("IFRS") applicable to the preparation of interim financial statements, including International Accounting Standards ("IAS") 34, Interim Financial Reporting. The Q1 2024 financial statements should be read in conjunction with the 2023 Annual Financials which have been prepared in accordance with IFRS. This MD&A refers to non-GAAP financial measures "working capital" and expected average annual "EBITDA" with respect to the results of the feasibility study for Thacker Pass, which are not measures recognized under IFRS and do not have standardized meanings prescribed by IFRS or by Generally Accepted Accounting Principles ("GAAP") in the United States.

These non-GAAP financial measures may not be comparable to similar measures used by other issuers.

"Working capital" is the difference between current assets and current liabilities. It is a financial measure that has been derived from the Company's financial statements and applied on a consistent basis as appropriate. The Company discloses this financial measure because it believes it assists readers in understanding the results of the Company's operations and financial position and provides further information about the Company's financial results to investors.

"EBITDA" is an abbreviation for earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization. The Company believes this measure provides investors with an improved ability to evaluate the prospects of the Company and, in particular, Thacker Pass. As Thacker Pass is not in production, this prospective non-GAAP financial measure may not be reconciled to the nearest comparable measure under IFRS and the equivalent historical non-GAAP financial measure for the prospective non-GAAP measure or ratio discussed herein is \$nil.

These measures should not be considered in isolation or used in substitution for other measures of performance prepared in accordance with IFRS.

## DISCLOSURE CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES

Disclosure controls and procedures are designed to provide reasonable assurance that information required to be disclosed by the Company in its annual filings, interim filings or other reports filed under securities legislation is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified by securities regulators and include controls and procedures designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed by the Company in its annual filings, interim filings or other reports filed under securities legislation is accumulated and communicated to the issuer's management, including its certifying officers, as appropriate to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure. The Company's management designed the disclosure controls and procedures to provide reasonable assurance that material information relating to the Company, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to them on a timely basis. The Company's management believes that any disclosure controls and procedures, no matter how well conceived and operated, can provide only reasonable, not absolute, assurance that the objectives of the disclosure controls and procedures are met.

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## MANAGEMENT'S REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING

The Company's management, including the Chief Executive Officer ("**CEO**") and Chief Financial Officer ("**CFO**"), is responsible for establishing and maintaining adequate internal control over financial reporting. Any system of internal control over financial reporting, no matter how well-designed, has inherent limitations. Therefore, even those systems determined to be effective can provide only reasonable assurance with respect to financial statement preparation and presentation. There have been no significant changes in our internal controls over financial reporting during the three months ended March 31, 2024, that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, the Company's internal control over financial reporting.

## FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This MD&A contains certain "forward-looking information" within the meaning of applicable Canadian securities legislation, and "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of applicable United States securities legislation (collectively referred to as "forward-looking information" ("FLI")). All statements, other than statements of historical fact, are FLI and can be identified by the use of statements that include, but are not limited to, words, such as "anticipate," "plan." "continues," "estimate," "expect," "may," "will," "projects," "predict," "proposes," "potential," "target," "implement," "scheduled," "forecast," "intend," "would," "could," "might," "should," "believe" and similar terminology, or statements that certain actions, events or results "may," "could," "would," "might" or "will" be taken, occur or be achieved. FLI in this MD&A includes, but is not limited to: the anticipated use of net proceeds of the \$275 million Offering; expectation that the Tranche 2 Investment and the Offering, together with the DOE Loan will fully fund the Thacker Pass Phase 1; the expected operations, financial results and condition of the Company; the Company's future objectives and strategies to achieve those objectives, including the future prospects of the Company; the estimated cash flow, capitalization and adequacy thereof for the Company; the estimated costs of the development of Thacker Pass, including timing, progress, approach, continuity or change in plans, construction, commissioning, milestones, anticipated production and results thereof and expansion plans; expectations regarding accessing funding from the ATVM Loan and the Tranche 2 Investment; anticipated timing to resolve, and the expected outcome of, any complaints or claims made or that could be made concerning the permitting process in the United States for Thacker Pass; capital expenditures and programs; estimates, and any change in estimates, of the mineral resources and mineral reserves at Thacker Pass; development of mineral resources and mineral reserves; the expected benefits of the Arrangement to, and resulting treatment of, shareholders and the Company; the anticipated effects of the Arrangement; information concerning the tax treatment of the Arrangement; government regulation of mining operations and treatment under governmental and taxation regimes; the future price of commodities, including lithium; the creation of a battery supply chain in the United States to support the electric vehicle market; the realization of mineral resources and mineral reserves estimates, including whether certain mineral resources will ever be developed into mineral reserves, and information and underlying assumptions related thereto; the timing and amount of future production; currency exchange and interest rates; the Company's ability to raise capital; expected expenditures to be made by the Company on Thacker Pass; ability to produce high purity battery grade lithium products; settlement of agreements related to the operation and sale of mineral production as well as contracts in respect of operations and inputs required in the course of production; the timing, cost, quantity, capacity and product quality of production at Thacker Pass; successful development of Thacker Pass, including successful results from the Company's testing facility and third-party tests related thereto; capital costs, operating costs, sustaining capital requirements, after tax net present value and internal rate of return, payback period, sensitivity analyses, and net cash flows of Thacker Pass; the expected capital expenditures for the construction of Thacker Pass; anticipated job creation and workforce hub at Thacker Pass; the expectation that the PLA will minimize construction risk, ensure availability of skilled labor, address the challenges associated with Thacker Pass' remote location and be effective in prioritizing employment of local and regional skilled craft workers, including members of underrepresented communities; the Company's commitment to sustainable development, minimizing the environmental impact at Thacker Pass and plans for phased reclamation during the life of mine; ability to achieve capital cost efficiencies; the Tranche 2 Investment and the potential for additional financing scenarios for Thacker Pass; the expected timetable for completing the Tranche 2 Investment: the ability of the Company to complete the Tranche 2 Investment on the terms and timeline anticipated, or at all; the receipt of required stock exchange and regulatory approvals and authorizations, and the securing of sufficient available funding to complete the development of Phase 1 of Thacker Pass as required for the Tranche 2 Investment; the expected benefits of the Tranche 2 Investment; as well as other statements with respect to management's beliefs, plans, estimates and intentions, and similar statements concerning anticipated future events, results, circumstances, performance or expectations that are not historical facts.

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FLI involves known and unknown risks, assumptions and other factors that may cause actual results or performance to differ materially. FLI reflects the Company's current views about future events, and while considered reasonable by the Company as of the date of this MD&A, are inherently subject to significant uncertainties and contingencies. Accordingly, there can be no certainty that they will accurately reflect actual results. Assumptions upon which such FLI is based include. without limitation: a cordial business relationship between the Company and third party strategic and contractual partners; the potential benefit of the Arrangement being realized; the risk of tax liabilities as a result of the Arrangement, and general business and economic uncertainties and adverse market conditions; the risk that the Arrangement may not be tax-free for income tax purposes and potential significant tax liabilities that the Company may be exposed to if the tax-deferred spinoff rules are not met; the risk of tax indemnity obligations owed by the Company to Lithium Argentina following the Arrangement becoming payable, including as a result of events outside of the Company's control; uncertainties inherent to feasibility studies and mineral resource and mineral reserve estimates; the ability of the Company to secure sufficient additional financing, advance and develop Thacker Pass, and to produce battery grade lithium; the respective benefits and impacts of Thacker Pass when production operations commence; settlement of agreements related to the operation and sale of mineral production as well as contracts in respect of operations and inputs required in the course of production; the Company's ability to operate in a safe and effective manner, and without material adverse impact from the effects of climate change or severe weather conditions; uncertainties relating to receiving and maintaining mining, exploration, environmental and other permits or approvals in Nevada; demand for lithium, including that such demand is supported by growth in the electric vehicle market; current technological trends; the impact of increasing competition in the lithium business, and the Company's competitive position in the industry; continuing support of local communities and the Fort McDermitt Paiute and Shoshone Tribe for Thacker Pass; continuing constructive engagement with these and other stakeholders, and any expected benefits of such engagement; the stable and supportive legislative, regulatory and community environment in the jurisdictions where the Company operates; impacts of inflation, currency exchanges rates, interest rates and other general economic and stock market conditions; the impact of unknown financial contingencies, including litigation costs, environmental compliance costs and costs associated with the impacts of climate change, on the Company's operations; increased attention to environmental, social and governance ("ESG") and sustainability-related matters, risks related to the Company's public statements with respect to such matters that may be subject to heightened scrutiny from public and governmental authorities related to the risk of potential "greenwashing," (i.e., misleading information or false claims overstating potential sustainabilityrelated benefits); risks that the Company may face regarding potentially conflicting anti-ESG initiatives from certain U.S. state or other governments; estimates of and unpredictable changes to the market prices for lithium products; development and construction costs for Thacker Pass, and costs for any additional exploration work at the project; estimates of mineral resources and mineral reserves, including whether mineral resources not included in mineral reserves will be further developed into mineral reserves; reliability of technical data; anticipated timing and results of exploration, development and construction activities, including the impact of ongoing supply chain disruptions and availability of equipment and supplies on such timing; timely responses from governmental agencies responsible for reviewing and considering the Company's permitting activities at Thacker Pass; availability of technology, including low carbon energy sources and water rights, on acceptable terms to advance Thacker Pass; the Company's ability to obtain additional financing on satisfactory terms or at all, including the outcome of the ATVM Loan application; government regulation of mining operations and mergers and acquisitions activity, and treatment under governmental, regulatory and taxation regimes; ability to realize expected benefits from investments in or partnerships with third parties; accuracy of development budgets and construction estimates; that the Company will meet its future objectives and priorities; that the Company will have access to adequate capital to fund its future projects and plans; that such future projects and plans will proceed as anticipated; the ability of the Company to satisfy all closing conditions for the Tranche 2 Investment and complete the Tranche 2 Investment in a timely manner; the impact of the Tranche 2 Investment on dilution of shareholders and on the trading price for, and market for trading in, the securities of the Company; as well as assumptions concerning general economic and industry growth rates, commodity prices, currency exchange and interest rates and competitive conditions. Although the Company believes that the assumptions and expectations reflected in such FLI are reasonable, the Company can give no assurance that these assumptions and expectations will prove to be correct.

Readers are cautioned that the foregoing lists of factors is not exhaustive. There can be no assurance that FLI will prove to be accurate, as actual results and future events could differ materially from those anticipated in such information. As such, readers are cautioned not to place undue reliance on this information, and that this information may not be appropriate for any other purpose, including investment purposes. The Company's actual results could differ materially from those anticipated in any FLI as a result of the risk factors set out herein, and in the Company's other continuous disclosure documents available on SEDAR+ at www.sedarplus.ca and EDGAR at www.sec.gov. Readers are further cautioned to

## MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS FOR THE THREE MONTHS ENDED MARCH 31, 2024

(Expressed in US dollars, unless stated otherwise)

review the full description of risks, uncertainties and management's assumptions in the aforementioned documents and other disclosure documents available on SEDAR+ and on EDGAR.

The Company expressly disclaims any obligation to update FLI as a result of new information, future events or otherwise, except as and to the extent required by applicable securities laws. Forward-looking financial information also constitutes FLI within the context of applicable securities laws and as such, is subject to the same risks, uncertainties and assumptions as are set out in the cautionary note above.

(Formerly 1397468 B.C. Ltd.)



# Condensed Consolidated Interim Financial Statements

For the three months ended March 31, 2024

LITHIUM AMERICAS CORP. (FORMERLY 1397468 B.C. LTD.) CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED INTERIM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

(Unaudited)

(Expressed in thousands of US dollars, except for per share amounts; shares and equity instruments in thousands)

## CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED INTERIM STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION

Note	March 31, 2024	December 31, 2023
CURRENT ASSETS	\$	\$
	147 242	105 516
Cash and cash equivalents 4 Receivables, prepaids and deposits 5	147,242 6,088	195,516 10,367
Receivables, prepares and deposits		·
NON-CURRENT ASSETS	153,330	205,883
Investment in Green Technology Metals 6	1,256	2,580
Investment in Ascend Elements 7	8,582	8,582
Restricted cash	288	288
Property, plant and equipment 8	268,265	206,082
Other assets 8	4,033	15,315
Exploration and evaluation assets 9	770	770
	283,194	233,617
TOTAL ASSETS	436,524	439,500
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CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	20,793	23,361
Current portion of leases 11	766	854
GM transaction derivative liability 10	528	348
	22,087	24,563
LONG-TERM LIABILITIES		_
Leases and other liabilities 11	6,476	6,613
Decommissioning provision	1,469	862
	7,945	7,475
TOTAL LIABILITIES	30,032	32,038
SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY		
Share capital 1	659,677	656,802
Contributed surplus and net former parent investment	17,183	15,020
Deficit	(270,368)	(264,360)
TOTAL SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY	406,492	(407,462)
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY	436,524	439,500

Subsequent event (Note 22)

Approved for issuance on May 10, 2024

On behalf of the Board of Directors:

"Fabiana Chubbs"
Director

"Kelvin Dushnisky" Director

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## CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED INTERIM STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE LOSS

	Three Months Ended Marc				d March 31,
			2024□		2023□
	Note		\$		\$
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Exploration and evaluation expenditures	16		<del>.</del>		(3,764)
General and administrative expenses	15		(4,314)		(1,615)
Equity compensation	12		(1,234)		(195)
			(5,548)		(5,574)
OTHER ITEMS					,
Transaction costs	17		(865)		(4,028)
Gain (loss) on financial instruments measured at fair value	6,7,10		(1,504)		8,246
Finance costs	٥,.,.٥		(1,001)		(370)
Finance and other income	18		1,909		9
Thance and other moonie	10		(460)		3,857
NET LOSS			1 /		
NET LOSS			(6,008)		(1,717)
TOTAL COMPREHENOIVE LOCG			(0.000)		(4.747)
TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE LOSS			(6,008)		(1,717)
BASIC AND DILUTED LOSS PER SHARE	13	\$	(0.04)	\$	(0.01)
	10	Ψ	(0.04)	Ψ	(0.01)
WEIGHTED AVERAGE NUMBER OF COMMON SHARES OUTSTANDING, BASIC AND DILUTED			160.040		160 040
DASIC AND DILUTED			162,042		160,048

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## **CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED INTERIM STATEMENTS OF EQUITY**

	Share	capital	Contributed surplus and net former parent investment Deficit		Total Shareholders' equity
	shares	Amount			
		\$	\$	\$	\$
Balance, December 31, 2022	_	-	226,009	(260,426)	(34,417)
Net former parent investment	-	_	288,222	-	288,222
Net loss	-	-	-	(1,717)	(1,717)
Balance, March 31, 2023	-	-	514,231	(262,143)	252,088
Balance, December 31, 2023	161,778	656,802	15,020	(264,360)	407,462
Shares issued on conversion of share-based awards					
(Note 12)	373	2,875	(2,875)	-	-
Equity compensation amortization	-	-	5,038	-	5,038
Net loss	-	-	-	(6,008)	(6,008)
Balance, March 31, 2024	162,151	659,677	17,183	(270,368)	406,492

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## CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED INTERIM STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

	Three Months Ended March 3			
		2024□	2023□	
	Note	\$	\$	
OPERATING ACTIVITIES		(		
Net loss		(6,008)	(1,717)	
Items not affecting cash and other items:				
Equity compensation	12	1,234	97	
Depreciation		8	196	
Loss/(gain) on financial instruments measured at fair value	6,7,10	1,504	(8,246)	
Changes in working capital items:				
Increase/(decrease) in receivables, prepaids and deposits		3,866	(85)	
Decrease in accounts payable, accrued liabilities and other liabilities		(2,140)	(8,658)	
Net cash used in operating activities		(1,536)	(18,413)	
INVESTING ACTIVITIES				
Additions to property, plant and equipment		(46,513)	(9,870)	
Net cash used in investing activities		(46,513)	(9,870)	
FINANCING ACTIVITIES				
Net former parent investment - capital contributions		_	16,388	
Gross proceeds from GM transaction	10	-	320,148	
Payment of expenses related to the GM transaction		-	(173)	
Lease payments		(225)	(179)	
Net cash (used in)/provided by financing activities		(225)	336,184	
CHANGE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS		(48,274)	307,901	
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS - BEGINNING OF THE PERIOD		195,516	636	
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS - END OF THE PERIOD		147,242	308,537	

**Supplemental cash flow information** (Note 20)

# LITHIUM AMERICAS CORP. (FORMERLY 1397468 B.C. LTD.) NOTES TO THE CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED INTERIM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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## 1. BACKGROUND AND NATURE OF OPERATIONS

1397468 B.C. Ltd. was incorporated under the Business Corporations Act (British Columbia) on January 23, 2023 for the sole purpose of acquiring ownership of the North American business assets and investments of an entity then named Lithium Americas Corp. ("Old LAC") and, which is now named Lithium Americas (Argentina) Corp ("Lithium Argentina"), pursuant to a separation transaction (the "Separation") as described in Note 2. The assets, liabilities and activities of Old LAC's North American business prior to the Separation are referred to as LAC North America. Upon consummation of the Separation on October 3, 2023, 1397468 B.C. Ltd. was re-named Lithium Americas Corp. ("New LAC" or the "Company") and its common shares were listed on the Toronto Stock Exchange ("TSX") and on the New York Stock Exchange ("NYSE") under the symbol "LAC."

The Separation was completed pursuant to a statutory plan of arrangement (the "Arrangement"). Under the terms of the Arrangement, Old LAC contributed to New LAC the assets of LAC North America, including Thacker Pass, investments in shares of certain companies, its receivable of \$43.6 million plus accrued interest to October 3, 2023 and cash of \$275.5 million (which included the remaining unspent proceeds of the Tranche 1 Investment and \$75 million to establish sufficient working capital). Each shareholder of Old LAC was granted one common share in Lithium Argentina and one common share of New LAC in exchange for each Old LAC share, resulting in two independent publicly traded companies. The Separation was pro rata to the shareholders of Old LAC, so that the holders maintained the same proportionate interest in Old LAC (and, upon the Separation, Lithium Argentina) and New LAC both immediately before and after the Separation.

As the Separation was completed before the closing of the Tranche 2 Investment, the Tranche 2 agreement between GM and Old LAC was terminated on October 3, 2023 and replaced by a corresponding subscription agreement between GM and New LAC (the "Tranche 2 Investment Agreement") (see Note 10) such that the proceeds will be received by the Company.

As part of the Separation, an investors rights agreement and an agreement to supply GM with lithium carbonate production from Thacker Pass (the "Offtake Agreement") were assigned by Old LAC to the Company.

These condensed consolidated interim financial statements present the financial position, results of operations, changes in shareholders' equity and cash flows of the Company as if it had operated on a stand- alone basis. Namely, the comparative results of LAC North America as at and for the period ended March 31, 2023, were prepared on a carve-out basis. The operating results for the current period ended March 31, 2024 represent actual financial results for the period. The financial position of the Company as at December 31, 2023 was derived from the assets and liabilities assumed as part of the Separation on a continuity of interests basis and reflects the actual activities of the Company from October 3, 2023 to December 31, 2023.

The Company is focused on advancing the Thacker Pass project ("**Thacker Pass**"), a sedimentary-based lithium project located in the McDermitt Caldera in Humboldt County in north-western Nevada, USA. Thacker Pass is 100%-owned by Lithium Nevada Corp., which is wholly owned by 1339840 B.C. Ltd., a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company. The head office and principal address of the Company is Suite 400, 900 West Hastings Street, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, V6C 1E5.

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## 1. BACKGROUND AND NATURE OF OPERATIONS (continued)

On January 30, 2023, LAC North America entered into a purchase agreement with General Motors Holdings LLC ("GM") pursuant to which GM agreed to make a \$650 million investment (the "Transaction"), the proceeds of which are to be used for the construction and development of Thacker Pass. The Transaction is comprised of two tranches, with the \$320.1 million first tranche investment (the "Tranche 1 Investment") and a second tranche investment of up to \$329.9 million (the "Tranche 2 Investment"). The Tranche 1 Investment was completed on February 16, 2023 resulting in GM owning 15,002 common shares of Old LAC which became an equivalent number of shares of the Company post - Separation.

On March 12, 2024, the Company received a conditional commitment ("Conditional Commitment") from the U.S. Department of Energy ("DOE") for a \$2.26 billion loan under the Advanced Technology Vehicles Manufacturing ("ATVM") Loan Program (the "DOE Loan"), for financing the construction of the processing facilities at Thacker Pass. While this Conditional Commitment represents a significant milestone and demonstrates the DOE's intent to finance Thacker Pass, certain technical, legal and financial conditions, including negotiation of definitive financing documents, must be satisfied before funding of the DOE Loan. There can be no assurances as to the terms and conditions of the definitive financing documents or whether the financing will be finalized.

To date, the Company has not generated significant revenues from operations and has relied on equity financing to fund operations. The underlying values of exploration and evaluation assets, property, plant and equipment and the investment in Thacker Pass are dependent on the existence of economically recoverable reserves, securing and maintaining title and beneficial interest in the properties, and the ability of the Company to obtain the necessary financing to complete development, and to attain future profitable operations.

#### 2. BASIS OF PREPARATION AND PRESENTATION

These condensed consolidated interim financial statements of the Company ("Interim Financials") have been prepared in accordance with IFRS Accounting Standards as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board ("IFRS") applicable to the preparation of interim financial statements, including International Accounting Standards ("IAS") 34, Interim Financial Reporting. The Interim Financials should be read in conjunction with the Company's last annual consolidated financial statements as at and for the year ended December 31, 2023 (the "2023 Annual Financials"), which have been prepared in accordance with IFRS.

Prior to October 3, 2023, LAC North America did not operate as a separate legal entity. The assets, liabilities, results of operations and cash flows prior to October 3, 2023 were those specifically identifiable to LAC North America including assets, liabilities and expenses relating to Thacker Pass, specified investments, transactions and balances arising from the GM investment, as well as an allocation of certain costs relating to the management of those relevant assets, liabilities and results of operations. Such costs have been allocated from the shared corporate expenses of Old LAC based on the estimated level of involvement of Old LAC management and employees with LAC North America.

During the comparative period ended March 31, 2023, Old LAC costs were allocated to LAC North America for corporate administrative expenses and employment costs of Old LAC employees primarily relating to Old LAC employees who provided services including accounting and finance, legal, information technology, human resources, marketing, investor relations, contract support, treasury, administrative and other corporate head office services.

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## 2. BASIS OF PREPARATION AND PRESENTATION (continued)

The expenses and cost allocations have been determined on a basis considered by Old LAC to be a reasonable reflection of the utilization of services provided to or the benefit received by LAC North America during the comparative period ended March 31, 2023 presented relative to the total costs incurred by Old LAC.

The Interim Financials are expressed in US dollars ("**USD**"), the Company's presentation currency. The accounting policies are the same as those applied in the Company's 2023 Annual Financials.

## 3. SUMMARY OF MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

## **Principles of Consolidation**

These condensed consolidated interim financial statements include the accounts of the Company and its corporate group of companies, consisting of (i) wholly-owned US subsidiaries Lithium Nevada and KV Project LLC; and (ii) Canadian wholly-owned subsidiary 1339480 B.C. Ltd. All intercompany transactions and balances have been eliminated.

## **Estimation Uncertainty and Significant Accounting Policy Judgments**

The preparation of these Interim Financials in conformity with IFRS applicable to the preparation of interim financial statements requires management to make assumptions, estimates, and judgments that affect the amounts reported in these interim financial statements and accompanying notes. The Company bases its estimates on historical experience and various assumptions that are believed to be reasonable at the time the estimate was made. Accordingly, actual results may differ from amounts estimated in these condensed consolidated interim financial statements and such differences could be material.

Significant judgements made by management in applying the Company's accounting policies and key resources of estimation uncertainty were substantially the same as those applied in the 2023 Annual Financials of the Company.

#### **New IFRS Pronouncements**

#### Amendments to IAS 1 – Presentation of Financial Statements

In October 2022, the IASB issued amendments to IAS 1, Presentation of Financial Statements titled Non- current Liabilities with Covenants.

These amendments sought to improve the information that an entity provides when its right to defer settlement of a liability is subject to compliance with covenants within 12 months after the reporting period. These amendments to IAS 1 override but incorporate the previous amendments, Classification of liabilities as current or non-current, issued in January 2020, which clarified that liabilities are classified as either current or non-current, depending on the rights that exist at the end of the reporting period. Liabilities should be classified as non-current if a company has a substantive right to defer settlement for at least 12 months at the end of the reporting period. The amendments are effective January 1, 2024, with early adoption permitted. Retrospective application is required on adoption. These amendments do not impact the Interim Financials.

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## 4. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

	March 31, 2024 \$	December 31, 2023 \$
Cash	10,943	12,050
Cash equivalents	136,299	183,466
	147,242	195,516

As at March 31, 2024, \$1.4 million of cash and cash equivalents were held in Canadian dollars (December 31, 2023 – \$8.5 million), and \$145.8 million in US dollars (December 31, 2023 – \$187.0 million). Cash equivalents include investments in guaranteed investment certificates ("GICs") with a Canadian Schedule I chartered bank that mature within three months of the date of acquisition and earn interest between 5.0%-5.5% per annum and investments in US treasury bills, short-term savings and deposit accounts with a Canadian Schedule I chartered bank.

## 5. PREPAIDS, DEPOSITS AND RECEIVABLES

	March 31 202	
		\$
Prepaids and deposits	5,060	5,872
Receivables	330	2,922
Interest receivable	698	3 1,573
	6,08	3 10,367

#### 6. INVESTMENT IN GREEN TECHNOLOGY METALS

On April 28, 2022, LAC North America entered into an agreement to acquire shares of Green Technology Metals Limited (ASX: GT1) ("GT1"), a North American focused lithium exploration and development public company with hard rock spodumene assets in north-western Ontario, Canada, in a private placement for total consideration of \$10,000.

As at March 31, 2024, the Company holds 13,301 common shares, representing approximately 4% of the issued and outstanding shares of GT1 with a fair value of \$1,256 (December 31, 2023 - \$2,580) determined based on the market price of GT1 shares as of such date. A loss on change in fair value of GT1 shares of \$1,324 during the three month period ending March 31, 2024 (2023 - \$814) was recognized in the Condensed Consolidated Interim Statements of Comprehensive Loss for the three months ended March 31, 2024.

The Company's investment in GT1 is classified as a Level 1 financial instrument (Note 21).

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## 7. INVESTMENT IN ASCEND ELEMENTS

On July 18, 2022, LAC North America made a \$5,000 investment in Ascend Elements, Inc. ("**Ascend Elements**"), a private US based lithium-ion battery recycling and engineered material company, by way of a subscription for Series C-1 preferred shares.

As at March 31, 2024, the Company holds 806 series C-1 preferred shares of Ascend Elements with an estimated fair value of \$8,582 (December 31, 2023 - \$8,582). As Ascend Elements is a private company, there is no observable market data to use, so the Company's assessment was determined based on a review of Ascend Elements' business developments, financings and trends in the share prices of other companies in the same industry sector.

The Company's investment in Ascend Elements is classified as a Level 3 financial instrument (Note 21).

## 8. PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

	Thacker Pass <sup>1</sup> \$	Equipment and machinery \$	Right of Use assets \$	Other \$	Total \$
Cost					
As at December 31, 2022	-	2,740	3,378	701	6,819
Transfers from E&E (Note 9)	9,091	_	-	-	9,091
Additions	193,728	210	549	134	194,621
Disposals	-	_	(275)	(90)	(365)
As at December 31, 2023	202,819	2,950	3,652	745	210,166
Additions	62,546	22	-	-	62,568
As at March 31, 2024	265,365	2,972	3,652	745	272,734

	Thacker Pass¹ \$	Equipment and machinery \$	Right of Use assets \$	Other \$	Total \$
Accumulated depreciation					
As at December 31, 2022	-	1,644	1,024	215	2,883
Depreciation for the year	-	587	807	85	1,479
Disposals	-	-	(188)	(90)	(278)
As at December 31, 2023	-	2,231	1,643	210	4,084
Depreciation for the period	-	150	219	16	385
As at March 31, 2024	-	2,381	1,862	226	4,469

	Thacker Pass <sup>1</sup> \$	Equipment and machinery \$	Right of Use assets \$	Other \$	Total \$
Net book value					
As at December 31, 2023	202,819	719	2,009	535	206,082
As at March 31, 2024	265,365	591	1,790	519	268,265

The "Thacker Pass" category also includes right of use assets with a cost of \$1,848 as at March 31, 2024.

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## 8. **PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT** (continued)

The Company has certain commitments for royalty and other payments to be made on Thacker Pass as set out below. These amounts will only be payable if the Company continues to hold the subject claims in the future and the royalties will only be incurred if the Company starts production from Thacker Pass.

- 20% royalty on revenue solely in respect of uranium;
- 8% gross revenue royalty on all claims up to a cumulative payment of \$22,000. The royalty will then be reduced to 4% for the life of the project. The Company has the option at any time to reduce the royalty to 1.75% upon payment of \$22,000.

Prepayments of \$4,033 at March 31, 2024 related to the installation of housing units for construction employees, as well as the non-current portion of project insurance for Thacker Pass, are included in Other assets.

## 9. EXPLORATION AND EVALUATION ASSETS

Exploration and evaluation assets relating to Thacker Pass and other projects were as follows:

	Total \$
Exploration and evaluation assets, as at December 31, 2022	9,514
Additions	347
Transfers to PP&E (Note 8)	(9,091)
Exploration and evaluation assets, as at December 31, 2023	770
Exploration and evaluation assets, as at March 31, 2024	770

Upon commencement of development of Thacker Pass on February 1, 2023, the capitalized costs of Thacker Pass were transferred from exploration and evaluation assets to property, plant and equipment and Old LAC commenced capitalizing development costs.

Concurrent with the transfer of the Thacker Pass assets from exploration and evaluation to property, plant and equipment, the Company completed an impairment test of Thacker Pass which compared the carrying value to the recoverable amount. The recoverable amount is the greater of the value in use and the fair value less disposal costs. The fair value less disposal costs was calculated using a discounted cash flow model with feasibility study economics. The significant assumptions that impacted the fair value included future lithium prices, capital cost estimates, operating cost estimates, estimated mineral reserves and resources, and the discount rate. Based on the result of the impairment test, management concluded that there was no impairment.

## 10. AGREEMENTS WITH GENERAL MOTORS

On January 30, 2023, LAC North America entered into an agreement with GM, pursuant to which GM agreed to make a \$650,000 equity investment in two tranches. The proceeds from the Transaction are to be used for the construction and development of Thacker Pass. On February 16, 2023, the Tranche 1 Investment of \$320,148 closed, resulting in GM's purchase of 15,002 common shares of Old LAC which became an equivalent number of shares of the Company post-Separation. In connection with the Tranche 1 Investment, the Company and GM also entered into (a) a warrant certificate and a subscription agreement (the "GM Tranche 2 Agreements"), each in relation to a second tranche investment of up to \$329,852; (b) the Offtake Agreement and (c) an investor rights agreement.

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## 10. AGREEMENTS WITH GENERAL MOTORS (continued)

#### **GM Tranche 2 Agreements**

Pursuant to the GM Tranche 2 Agreements, as the Separation was completed before the closing of the Tranche 2 Investment by GM, the GM Tranche 2 Agreements with Old LAC were made ineffective in consideration for the purchase of two common shares of Old LAC and, a new subscription agreement was executed by New LAC and GM. The terms of the New LAC subscription agreement substantially mirrors the subscription agreement previously executed by Old LAC, subject to the shares and price being adjusted by the New LAC relative value ratio, such that GM's second tranche investment of up to \$329,852 will be made in New LAC.

Pursuant the Tranche 2 Investment agreement which expires in August 2024, GM may purchase common shares of New LAC subject to the satisfaction of certain conditions precedent, including the condition that the Company secures sufficient funding to complete the development of Phase 1 for Thacker Pass (the "Funding Condition"). The subscription agreement calls for an aggregate purchase price of up to \$329,852, with the number of shares to be determined using a price equal to the lower of (a) the 5-day volume weighted average share price (which is determined as of the date the notice that the certain conditions have been met) and (b) \$17.36 per share.

The GM Tranche 2 Agreements are treated as a derivative because the GM Tranche 2 Agreements may result in the issuance of a variable number of shares for the fixed subscription price. The derivative was initially measured at fair value and subsequently carried at fair value through profit and loss.

The Company recorded the GM Tranche 2 Agreements derivative on January 30, 2023, at an initial fair value of \$33,194 and the net proceeds of Tranche 1 investment were recorded in Net former parent investment. Financial advisory fees of approximately \$16,803 and other transaction costs of \$173 were paid in connection with the closing of the first tranche. The \$1,760 portion of the transaction costs related to the GM Tranche 2 Agreements derivative were expensed. Transactions costs of \$15,217 attributable to the GM Tranche 1 proceeds were recorded in the Net former parent investment. Financial advisory fees of approximately \$6,600 will become payable upon completion of the closing of the second tranche of GM's investment.

Changes in the value of the GM Tranche 2 Agreements are summarized below:

	\$
GM derivative liability	
On initial recognition as at January 30, 2023	(33,194)
Gain on change in fair value	32,846
As at December 31, 2023	(348)
Loss on change in fair value	(180)
As at March 31, 2024	(528)

The fair value of the derivative as of January 30, 2023 was determined using Monte Carlo simulation with the following Old LAC's inputs: volatility of 58.34%, share price of \$21.99, a risk-free rate of 4.77%, and an expected dividend of 0%. The fair value of the derivative as of December 31, 2023 was estimated with the following inputs: volatility of 71.26%, share price of \$6.40, a risk-free rate of 5.54%, and an expected dividend of 0%. The fair value of the derivative as of March 31, 2024 was estimated with the following inputs: volatility of 79.09%, share price of \$6.72, a risk-free rate of 5.57%, and an expected dividend of 0%. A loss on change in the fair value of the derivative for the period from December 31, 2023 to March 31, 2024, of \$180 (2023 gain of \$9,060) was recognized in the Condensed Consolidated Interim Statement of Comprehensive Loss for the three months ended March 31, 2024.

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## 10. AGREEMENTS WITH GENERAL MOTORS (continued)

Valuation of the derivative is sensitive to changes in the Company's share price and the assumed volatility of common shares. The change in fair value of the GM derivative liability for the three months ended March 31, 2024 and year ended December 31, 2023 were driven by underlying valuation assumptions. A reduction/increase of the Company's share price by 10% at March 31, 2024 would result in a corresponding reduction/increase of the derivative value by 33% and 52% respectively.

## **Offtake Agreement**

As part of the Arrangement, the Offtake Agreement was assigned to New LAC.

Pursuant to the Offtake Agreement, GM may purchase up to 100% of Thacker Pass Phase 1 production at a price based on prevailing market rates. The term of the arrangement for Phase 1 production is ten years, subject to a five-year extension at GM's option and other limited extensions. The Company has also granted GM a right of first offer on Thacker Pass Phase 2 production. The volume available under the Offtake Agreement is subject to the receipt of the Tranche 2 Investment and may be reduced proportionately in certain circumstances if GM's remaining investment is less than \$329,852.

#### 11. LEASES AND OTHER LIABILITIES

#### Leases

	March 31, 2024 \$	December 31, 2023 \$
Current portion of leases	766	854
Long term portion of leases		
Office leases	1,070	1,199
Cars and equipment leases	58	69
Land lease	1,848	1,845
	2,976	3,113
Other liabilities		
Mining contractor liability	3,500	3,500
	6,476	6,613

Leases for office space, cars and equipment have terms ranging from 2 to 5 years. The land lease for land near the city of Winnemucca has a term of 40 years from signing in November 2023.

#### Other liabilities

During Q2 2019, LAC North America entered into a mining design, consulting and mining operations agreement with a mining contractor for Thacker Pass which included a financing component. In accordance with the agreement, LAC North America received \$3,500 from the mining contractor in seven consecutive equal quarterly installments, with \$1,500 received in 2019 and \$2,000 received in 2020. These amounts are included in the mining contractor liability balance.

The Company will pay a success fee to the mining contractor of \$4,675 upon achieving certain commercial mining milestones or repay the \$3,500 advance without interest if such commercial mining milestones are not met.

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## 12. SHARE CAPITAL AND EQUITY COMPENSATION

## **Share Capital**

## Authorized and Issued

The Company's authorized share capital is comprised of an unlimited number of common shares without par value.

At March 31, 2024, 162,151 (December 31, 2023 – 161,778) common shares were issued and outstanding.

## Equity Incentive Plan

In connection with the completion of the Separation, the Company adopted an equity incentive plan (the "Equity Incentive Plan"). The Equity Incentive Plan provides for the grant to eligible directors and employees of incentive stock options exercisable to purchase common shares, Company RSUs that convert automatically into common shares and Company PSUs that are subject to performance conditions and/or multipliers and designated as such in accordance with the Equity Incentive Plan that are settled for common shares. The Equity Incentive Plan also provides for the grant to eligible directors of Company DSUs which the directors are entitled to redeem for common shares following retirement or termination from the Board. The Company RSUs may vest immediately or one-third per year on each of the grant anniversary dates over a period of up to three years and Company PSUs generally vest after three years.

In connection with the Arrangement, holders of all awarded DSUs, RSUs and PSUs of Old LAC previously held (collectively, the "Old LAC Units") received, in lieu of such outstanding Old LAC Units, equivalent incentive securities of the Company and of Lithium Argentina. On October 3, 2023, the Company had 160,048 common shares issued and outstanding, and 225 DSUs, 2,171 RSUs and 1,037 PSUs were issued in connection with the Arrangement.

## Restricted Share Units

Pursuant to the Arrangement, the holders of the Old LAC RSUs exchanged each Old LAC RSU for one New LAC RSU and 0.87 of a new Lithium Argentina RSU. New LAC RSUs issued to holders of Old LAC RSU who serve as a director, employee or consultant of Lithium Argentina rather than New LAC upon the Separation vested immediately on closing of the Separation, while RSUs issued to those who serve New LAC are subject to the vesting conditions of the original Old LAC awards.

During the three months ended March 31, 2024, the Company granted 1,936 RSUs to its employees and consultants. The total estimated fair value of the RSUs was \$9,337 (2023 - \$3,588) based on the market value of the Company's shares on the grant date. As at March 31, 2024, there was \$4,239 (2023 - \$3,173) of total unamortized compensation cost relating to unvested RSUs.

During the three months ended March 31, 2024, stock-based compensation expense related to RSUs of \$914 was charged to operating expenses (2023 - \$70) and \$546 was capitalized to Thacker Pass project (2023 - \$240). In Q1 2024, 642 RSUs were issued for 2023 annual bonuses and included in \$3,070 of accrued liabilities at December 31, 2023.

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## 12. SHARE CAPITAL AND EQUITY COMPENSATION (continued)

A summary of changes to the number of outstanding RSUs is as follows:

	Number of RSUs
RSUs issued on Separation	2,171
Converted into shares	(1,191)
Granted	670
Balance, RSUs outstanding as at December 31, 2023	1,650
Converted into common shares	(284)
Granted	1,936
Cancelled	(24)
Balance, RSUs outstanding as at March 31, 2024	3,278

#### **Deferred Share Units**

During the three months ended March 31, 2024, the Company granted 19 DSUs to its directors. The total estimated fair value of the DSUs was \$128.

A summary of changes to the number of outstanding DSUs is as follows:

	Number of DSUs
DSUs issued on Separation	225
Converted into common shares	(130)
Balance, DSUs outstanding as at December 31, 2023	95
Granted	19
Balance, DSUs outstanding as at March 31, 2024	114

## Performance Share Units

During the three months ended March 31, 2024, the Company granted 442 PSUs to its employees. The total estimated fair value of the PSUs was \$2,793 (2023 - \$621) based on the fair value of the Company's shares on the grant date. As at March 31, 2024, there was \$4,238 (2023 - \$724) of unamortized compensation costs relating to unvested PSUs. During the three months ended March 31, 2024, stock- based compensation expense related to PSUs of \$320 was charged to operating expenses (2023 - \$27) and \$60 was capitalized to Thacker Pass project (2023 - \$17).

A summary of changes to the number of outstanding PSUs is as follows:

	Number of PSUs
PSUs issued on Separation	1,037
Converted into common shares	(409)
Balance, PSUs outstanding as at December 31, 2023	628
Granted	442
Converted into common shares	(89)
Balance, PSUs outstanding as at March 31, 2024	981

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## 13. EARNINGS (LOSS) PER SHARE

The weighted average number of common shares outstanding used in the calculation of both basic and diluted earnings per share for periods prior to the Separation was derived from common shares issued as of the Separation date of October 3, 2023.

Loss per share for the three months ended March 31, 2023, which is presented on a "carve-out" basis has been calculated using the number of shares of New LAC that were issued and outstanding upon Separation on October 3, 2023.

#### 14. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The Company entered into the following transactions with related parties:

## Transition Services Agreement

Upon closing of the Arrangement, the Company and Lithium Argentina entered into a Transition Services Agreement whereby each company provides various accounting, technical and other services, including managing settlement of employee equity awards, to each other for a defined period of time.

## Compensation of Directors and Key Management

The following presentation of the remuneration of directors and key management personnel of the Company. Directors and key management differ for the periods before and after Separation. The amounts for the comparative period ended March 31, 2023 represent an allocation of the remuneration of those directors and key management personnel allocated to LAC North America prior to the Separation date of October 3, 2023. The amounts for the current period ended March 31, 2024 are the actual costs incurred by the Company for those directors and key management personnel for compensation earned at and incurred by the Company.

	Three Months E	Three Months Ended March 31,		
	2024	2023		
	\$	\$		
Salaries, bonuses, benefits and directors' fees included in the Consolidated				
Statement of Comprehensive loss	942	568		
Equity compensation	894	294		
	1,836	862		

Amounts due to directors and key management are as follows:

	March 31, 2024	December 31, 2023
	\$	\$
Total due to directors and key management	236	2,376

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## 15. GENERAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES

The following table summarizes the Company's general and administrative expenses, which represent the activity of LAC North America for the comparative period ended March 31, 2023 and actual expenses for the current period ended March 31, 2024:

	Three months	Three months ended March 31,		
	2024	2023		
	\$	\$		
Salaries, benefits and directors' fees	2,540	912		
Office and administration	488	328		
Professional fees	690	57		
Regulatory and filing fees	176	86		
Travel	54	70		
Investor and government relations	358	119		
Depreciation	8	43		
	4,314	1,615		

## 16. EXPLORATION AND EVALUATION EXPENDITURES

The following table summarizes the Company's exploration and evaluation expenditures:

	Three months e	Three months ended March 31,		
	2024	2023		
	\$	\$		
Consulting and salaries	-	2,406		
Engineering	-	782		
Permitting and environmental	-	268		
Field supplies and other	-	14		
Depreciation	-	196		
Drilling and geological expenses	-	98		
	-	3,764		

## 17. TRANSACTIONS COSTS

The following table summarizes the Company's transactions costs:

	Three months en	Three months ended March 31,		
	2024	2023		
	\$	\$		
DOE Loan due diligence costs	604	=		
Other financing costs	261	-		
Separation cost allocation	-	2,474		
General Motors investment	-	1,554		
	865	4,028		

DOE Loan costs relate to due diligence costs to advance the DOE Loan. Other financing costs include legal and advisory fees related to financing activities. Separation costs are allocations of legal and professional fees from the former parent relating to the planning for, execution and closing of the Arrangement. General Motors investment includes transaction costs related to the derivative liability component of the Tranche 2 Investment.

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## 18. FINANCE AND OTHER INCOME

The following table summarizes the Company's finance and other income:

	Three months	Three months ended March 31,		
	2024	2023		
		\$		
Interest earned on cash deposits	2,094	-		
Other	(185	5) 9		
	1,909	9		

#### 19. SEGMENTED INFORMATION

The Company operates in one operating segment. Thacker Pass was in the exploration and evaluation phase and was transferred to the development stage effective February 1, 2023. Substantially all the assets and the liabilities of the Company relate to Thacker Pass.

## 20. SUPPLEMENTAL CASH FLOW INFORMATION

	Three months of	Three months ended March 31,		
	2024	2023		
	\$	\$		
Interest received on cash deposits	2,968	-		
Interest paid	49	74		

#### 21. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

Financial instruments recorded at fair value on the Statements of Financial Position and presented in fair value disclosures are classified using a fair value hierarchy that reflects the significance of the inputs used in making the measurements. The fair value hierarchy has the following levels:

- Level 1 Unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities;
- Level 2 Inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for assets or liabilities, either directly or indirectly; and
- Level 3 Inputs for assets and liabilities that are not based on observable market data.

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## 21. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (continued)

The fair value hierarchy requires the use of observable market inputs whenever such inputs exist. A financial instrument is classified in the lowest level of the hierarchy for which a significant input has been considered in measuring fair value. Common shares and preferred shares acquired as part of the GT1 and Ascend Elements investments respectively, and the GM Tranche 2 Agreements derivative are measured at fair value on the Statements of Financial Position on a recurring basis.

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Cash and cash equivalents, and receivables, are measured at amortized cost on the Statements of Financial Position. As at March 31, 2024, the fair value of financial instruments measured at amortized cost approximates their carrying value. GT1 shares are classified at level 1 of the fair value hierarchy (see Note 7), the GM Tranche 2 Agreements derivative (see Note 10) is classified at level 2 of the fair value hierarchy and Ascend Elements preference shares are classified at level 3 of the fair value hierarchy (see Note 8).

The Company manages risks to minimize potential losses. The main objective of the Company's risk management process is to ensure that the risks are properly identified and that the capital base is adequate in relation to those risks. The principal risks which the Company's financial instruments are described below.

## **Credit Risk**

Credit risk is the risk of loss associated with a counterparty's inability to fulfill its payment obligations. Financial instruments that potentially subject the Company to a concentration of credit risk consist primarily of cash and cash equivalents and receivables. The Company's maximum exposure to credit risk for cash and receivables is the amount disclosed in the Statements of Financial Position. Exposure to credit loss is limited by placing cash and cash equivalents (including the Tranche 1 Investment proceeds) primarily with one major Canadian bank, invested in US treasury bills and other short-term investments issued by the Canadian government or Canadian chartered banks. Expected credit losses estimated to be de minimis.

## **Liquidity Risk**

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Company will not be able to meet its financial obligations as they fall due. The Company's approach to managing liquidity is to evaluate current and expected liquidity requirements under both normal and stressed conditions to estimate and maintain sufficient reserves of cash and cash equivalents to meet its liquidity requirements in the short and long term. The Company prepares annual budgets, which are regularly monitored and updated as considered necessary. As at March 31, 2024, the Company had a cash and cash equivalents of \$147,242 to settle current liabilities of \$22,087. Current liabilities include the GM Tranche 2 Agreements derivative which will be settled in shares.

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## **21**. **FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS** (continued)

The following table summarizes the contractual maturities of the Company's financial liabilities on an undiscounted basis:

	Years ended December 31,				
	2024	2025	2026	2027 onwards	Total
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	20,793	-	_	-	20,793
Obligations under office leases <sup>1</sup>	647	565	712	-	1,924
Obligations under land leases <sup>1</sup>	51	70	73	4,940	5,134
Other obligations¹	40	3,551	23	-	3,614
Total	21,531	4,186	808	4,940	31,465

Include principal and interest/finance charges.

## **Foreign Currency Risk**

The Company's functional currency is the USD. The Company is exposed to foreign currency risk on expenditures incurred in Canadian dollars ("CAD") which are primarily for corporate expenditures at the head office in Canada. As at March 31, 2024, the Company held \$1.4 million in cash and cash equivalents denominated in CAD. Strengthening/(weakening) of a USD/CAD exchange rate by 10% would have resulted in a foreign exchange (loss)/gain for the Company of \$144 at March 31, 2024.

## 22. SUBSEQUENT EVENT

On April 22, 2024, the Company completed an underwritten public offering (the "**Offering**") of 55 million common shares (the "**Common Shares**") at a price of \$5.00 per Common Share (the "**Issue Price**") for aggregate gross proceeds to the Company of \$275 million or net proceeds of approximately \$263 million. The Company intends to use the net proceeds from the Offering to advance construction and development of Thacker Pass.

The Company has granted the underwriters an option to purchase up to 8,250,000 additional Common Shares at the Issue Price, exercisable, in whole or in part, for up to 30 days after the closing of the Offering.