

# Neo Lithium Announces NBDRC Approval for the Agreement with CATL and Provides Company Update

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November 18, 2020 ([Source](#)) – Neo Lithium Corp. (“**Neo Lithium**” or the “**Company**”) (TSXV: [NLC](#)) (OTCQX: NTTHF) (FSE: NE2) is pleased to announce that Contemporary Amperex Technology (SZSE: 300750), (together with its subsidiaries, “CATL”) has informed the Company that it has received regulatory approval from the Ningbo Municipal Development and Reform Commission (“NBDRC”) of the People’s Republic of China (“PRC”) in respect to the equity subscription agreement (the “**Agreement**”). For further information on the Agreement, please see the news release dated September 14, 2020.

The remaining PRC regulatory approvals, including approval from the Ningbo Municipal Bureau of Commerce (“NBMOFCOM”) and the State Administration of Foreign Exchange (“SAFE”), are pending.

## **Company Update**

Argentina has eased certain restrictions due to the COVID-19 global pandemic and the number of daily infected cases has steadily decreased for three consecutive weeks. International and domestic travel have resumed, and the Company has been preparing for an active summer campaign at the 3Q Project. The Company has mobilized its engineering team to the lithium carbonate pilot plant in Fiambalá. The operations at the pilot plant will be re-starting in order to produce a larger sample of battery grade lithium carbonate with the updated process (see

released from March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2020). This updated process consumes less than 50% the fresh water when compared to the original process described in the prefeasibility study and uses less reagents. This updated process and its expected positive impact will be used in the final feasibility study.

The Company has also engaged Groundwater Insight to update the resource and reserve estimation with two new drill holes that were complete after the previous estimation was completed (see press release from May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019). These two new drill holes were completed in 2019 drilling campaign in the high grade zone and intercepted:

- PB1-R-24: 1,128 mg/l Li 9,255 mg/L K, Mg/Li=1.60 and S04/Li=0.18 over 137.6 m from 16 to 153.85m depth
- PB1-R-25: 1,117 mg/L Lithium, 11,319 mg/L K, Mg/Li=1.59 and S04/Li=0.1 over 178 m from 87 to 265m depth

Both drill holes extend beyond the previous estimations of resources and reserves. The new estimation will also be used in the final feasibility study.

The Company is in the final stages of engaging a major engineering company that will complete the final feasibility study, and will be announced soon after the final PRC approvals are obtained by CATL. Since much of the previous work has already been completed, it is estimated that the final feasibility will be completed between 6 to 9 months after the engineering company is engaged.

### **About Neo Lithium Corp.**

Neo Lithium Corp. has quickly become a prominent new name in lithium brine exploration by virtue of its high quality 3Q Project and experienced team. Neo Lithium is rapidly advancing

its recently discovered 3Q Project – a unique high-grade lithium brine lake and salar complex in Latin America’s “Lithium Triangle”.

The 3Q Project is located in the Catamarca Province, the largest lithium producing area in Argentina covering approximately 35,000 ha including a salar complex of approximately 16,000 ha.

Additional information regarding Neo Lithium Corp. is available on SEDAR at [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com) under the Company’s profile and at its website at [www.neolithium.ca](http://www.neolithium.ca), including various pictures of ongoing work at the project.

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