

1 May 2026

## NON-EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR APPOINTMENT

The Board is pleased to announce the appointment of **Ms Rachel Rees** as an **Independent Non-Executive Director** of the Company, effective **1 May 2026**.

Ms Rees is an accomplished Non-Executive Director, Audit & Risk Committee Chair, and Chief Financial Officer with over 35 years' experience across ASX-listed and multinational organisations in the mining, energy, industrial, transport, and logistics sectors. She brings significant experience in financial stewardship, capital allocation discipline, risk management, governance uplift, and strategic leadership, with a strong track record of supporting organisations operating in complex, high-growth and highly regulated environments.

Ms Rees previously served as a Non-Executive Director of MACA Ltd, a leading mining services company, where she also chaired the Audit Committee. She has also served as a Non-Executive Director of the Governance Institute of Australia, including as President (2019) and Chair of the Risk, Finance and Audit Committee. She is currently a Non-Executive Director and Audit & Risk Committee Chair of the Western Australian Cricket Association.

Her previous executive roles include Vice President Corporate Affairs of Uranium One (TSX/NYSE), Group Chief Financial Officer and Company Secretary of Lionel Samson Sadleir Group, Empire Oil & Gas NL, Peninsula Energy Ltd (ASX), Chief Financial Officer Rex Minerals Ltd (ASX), and Group General Manager Corporate Governance & Company Secretary at Hills Holdings Ltd (ASX). She has extensive capital markets experience, including involvement in major M&A transactions, debt and equity financing, and the development of resource projects from feasibility through to production. Ms Rees is a Fellow of Chartered Accountants Australia and New Zealand (FCA), Fellow of the Governance Institute of Australia (FGIA), Fellow of the Chartered Governance Institute (FCG), and a Member of the Australian Institute of Company Directors (MAICD). She holds a Bachelor of Business (Accounting) and a Graduate Diploma in Applied Corporate Governance.

The Board believes Ms Rees' appointment will significantly strengthen the Company's corporate governance framework, particularly in financial oversight and audit functions, as Lithium Universe continues to advance its lithium refinery and recycling strategies.

The Board has approved an incentive package of the following unlisted incentive options:

- 1,000,000 unlisted options; exercisable at \$0.02 per option expiring three (3) years from issue date (subject to shareholder approvals);

- 1,000,000 unlisted options; exercisable at \$0.03 per option expiring three (3) years from issue date (subject to shareholder approvals); and
- 1,000,000 unlisted options; exercisable at \$0.04 per option expiring three (3) years from issue date (subject to shareholder approvals).

The issue of this incentive option package is subject to the Company receiving all regulatory and shareholder approvals as required.

### The Board of Directors:

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| CEO & Executive Chairman           | <b>Iggy Tan</b>        |
| Executive Director (Part Time)     | <b>Dr Jingyuan Liu</b> |
| Independent Non-Executive Director | <b>Patrick Scallan</b> |
| Independent Non-Executive Director | <b>Rachel Rees</b>     |

Authorised by the Board of Directors



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### Forward-looking Statements

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## **ABOUT LITHIUM UNIVERSE LIMITED**

Lithium Universe Limited (ASX: LU7) ("Lithium Universe" or "the Company") is a forward-thinking company on a mission to close the "Lithium Conversion Gap" in North America and revolutionize the photovoltaic (PV) solar panel recycling sector.

### **SILVER EXTRACTION - PV SOLAR PANEL RECYCLING STRATEGY**

As the global demand for solar energy expands, solar panel waste is projected to reach 60–78 million tonnes by 2050, making efficient recycling solutions critical. Silver is essential for solar panels, electronics, and electric vehicles due to its unmatched electrical conductivity. Industrial demand has surged, especially from photovoltaics and AI technologies, creating a global supply deficit. With production lagging, silver prices have soared to record highs, reinforcing the economic importance of efficient recycling.

Lithium Universe has responded by acquiring Macquarie University's Microwave Joule Heating Technology (MJHT) and Jet Electrochemical Silver Extraction (JESE) method, a breakthrough in recovering valuable metals from end-of-life PV panels. The first stage, developed by Macquarie University, is Microwave Joule Heating Technology (MJHT), a process that uses microwave energy to selectively heat silicon cells softening the ethylene vinyl acetate (EVA) encapsulant that binds a solar panel's layers. This enables room-temperature delamination of glass, silicon, and metal layers without crushing, furnaces, or toxic chemicals. The result is a clean separation of materials, drastically reducing energy use, emissions, and chemical waste while preserving the integrity of high-value silicon and silver components. Following delamination, Lithium Universe applies its Jet Electrochemical Silver Extraction (JESE) process, a micro-jet electrochemical system that directs a fine stream of dilute nitric electrolyte onto the silver pads of solar cells. This method achieves over 95% silver recovery at 96% purity, while using 83% less acid and no chemical additives. The process operates at just 5 volts, recycles its electrolyte, and produces zero heavy-metal waste, establishing a true closed-loop recycling system. Together, MJHT and JESE form a sustainable, scalable recycling platform that converts discarded solar panels into a renewable source of silver, silicon, and other critical materials, a vital step toward circularity in the global clean-energy supply chain.

### **LITHIUM DIVISION**

**Lithium Strategy: Closing the Lithium Conversion Gap**

Lithium Universe is at the forefront of efforts to meet the growing demand for lithium in North America. As electric vehicle (EV) battery manufacturers prepare to deploy an estimated 1,000 GW of battery capacity by 2028, the need for lithium is expected to rise dramatically. However, with only a fraction of the required lithium conversion capacity in North America, LU7 is determined to play a pivotal role in reducing dependence on foreign supply chains. The company is building a green, battery-grade lithium carbonate refinery in Bécancour, Québec, leveraging the proven technology developed at the Jiangsu Lithium Carbonate Plant. This refinery will produce up to 18,270 tonnes per year of lithium carbonate, focusing initially on the production of lithium carbonate for lithium iron phosphate (LFP) batteries. The refinery's smaller, off-the-shelf plant model ensures efficient operations and timely implementation, positioning LU7 as a key player in the emerging North American lithium market. With a strong leadership team, including industry pioneers like Chairman Iggy Tan, LU7 is well-positioned to deliver this transformative project. The company's strategy is counter-cyclical, designed to build through the market downturn and benefit from the inevitable recovery, ensuring sustained exposure to the growing lithium demand.

### **Second Refinery Strategy**

Lithium Universe Limited has launched a second lithium refinery strategy in the Port of Brownsville, Texas, complementing its flagship Bécancour project in Québec. The initiative creates a binational refining platform to address North America's lithium conversion shortage and strengthen supply chain resilience. Strategically located near the Port of Brownsville, the site offers deep-water access, low labour costs, and streamlined permitting within one of the U.S.'s most business-friendly regions. Leveraging a "copy and paste" design from the proven Bécancour refinery, the Texas project can be rapidly deployed to serve nearby gigafactories, aligning with U.S. policy incentives under the Inflation Reduction Act.