ASX ANNOUNCEMENT

16 March 2026

Pre-Reinstatement Disclosures

As part of the process for reinstatement to quotation of its securities on ASX (**Reinstatement**), Lithium Energy Limited (ASX:LEL) (**Lithium Energy** or **Company** or **LEL**) provides the following 'Pre-Reinstatement Disclosures' required by ASX:

Objectives and Sufficient Working Capital

Lithium Energy's objectives as a battery minerals company are to:[1,9]

(a) Advance the exploration and evaluation of the Capricorn Gold-Copper Belt Project (LEL:51%, increasing to 100% on completion of tranche 2 acquisition by April 2027[2]) in Central Queensland (**Capricorn Project**) (which surrounds the historic Mt Morgan gold mine), where Lithium Energy is undertaking an extensive program of exploration and evaluation over identified priority areas, targeting multiple large-scale gold (Au), copper (Cu), molybdenum (Mo) and zinc (Zn) mineralised systems - including Mt Morgan Au, Cu-Mo and Cu-Au porphyry and volcanic massive sulphide (**VMS**) styles;

(b) Advance the development of the Burke[3]/Mt Dromedary[4],[5] and Corella[6] Graphite Projects (LEL:100%) in Queensland (**Graphite Projects**), which contains high grade JORC Indicated and Inferred Mineral Resources of graphite (with the Burke/Mt Dromedary Graphite Deposits currently being drilled for resource expansion and upgrade[7]), where Lithium Energy is investigating the potential development of a vertically integrated a battery anode material (**BAM**) business through the establishment of a BAM manufacturing facility, fed by high quality graphite to be mined and concentrated from the high-grade Burke/Mt Dromedary and Corella Graphite Deposits;

(c) Advance the exploration and evaluation of the White Plains Lithium Brine Project (LEL:100%) in Utah, United States (**White Plains Project**), which Lithium Energy considers to be prospective for lithium brine mineralisation[8]; and

(d) Investigate and undertake (where appropriate) investment opportunities principally in the battery mineral projects sector in Australia and overseas including internal project generation, project acquisition or project joint venture/earn in.

The Directors consider that, at the time of its Reinstatement, Lithium Energy:

(a) will be funded for at least 12 months; and

(b) will have sufficient working capital to carry out its objectives (as stated above),

based on Lithium Energy's net cash position (which was $68.271 million as at 31 December 2025[9]).

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1 Refer LEL ASX announcement dated 30 January 2026: Quarterly Activities and Cash Flow Reports - 31 December 2025

2 Refer LEL ASX Announcements dated 14 July 2025: Completion of 51% Tranche 1 Acquisition of Capricorn Gold-Copper Belt Project and 14 March 2025: Tenement Consolidation Creates Significant New District-Scale Gold-Copper Belt Project in Central Queensland

3 Refer LEL ASX Announcement 5 April 2023: Burke Graphite Mineral Resource Upgrade Delivers Significant Increases in Size and Confidence

4 Refer Joint LEL and NVX ASX Announcement dated 10 September 2024: Axon Graphite Limited Update – Mt Dromedary Graphite Mineral Resources Review

5 Refer LEL ASX Announcement dated 25 September 2025: Acquisition of Mt Dromedary Graphite Project

6 Refer LEL ASX Announcement dated 16 June 2023: Maiden Corella Graphite Mineral Resource Delivers Doubling of Graphite Inventory

7 Refer LEL ASX Announcement dated 22 December 2025: Phase 1 Drilling Complete at Burke and Mt Dromedary Graphite Deposits in Queensland

8 Refer LEL ASX Announcement dated 5 June 2025: White Plains Lithium Brine Project, Utah, United States

9 Refer LEL ASX announcement dated 9 March 2026: Half Year Report – 31 December 2025

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Proposed Use of Funds

Lithium Energy anticipates that post-Reinstatement to quotation on ASX, the Company's available cash funds will be applied as follows:

	Notes	$'000
Gross cash	1,2	68,271
Add: Net receivables/(payables)	1,3	(1,721)
Net Cash		**66,550**
2 Year Proposed Indicative Exploration, Evaluation and Development Expenditure:	4	-
Capricorn Project (including acquisition costs)		19,910
White Plains Project		11,888
Graphite Projects		4,410
Total Proposed Expenditure on Projects		**36,208**
Balance: Corporate/administration overheads, future Project expenditure and acquisitions and general working capital		**30,342**

Notes:

(1) As at 31 December 2025; as disclosed in Lithium Energy's 31 December 2025 Half Year Report released on 9 March 2026.

(2) Includes:

(a) receipt of US$21.7 million (A$32.6 million) cash on 15 December 2025[10] on the completion of the sale of the balance (Tranche 2 – 50.1%) of the Company's interest in the Solaroz Lithium Brine Project (**Solaroz Project**) in Argentina to CNGR Netherlands New Energy Technology B.V.[11] (**CNNET**); and

(b) the recognition of A$1.02 million tax payable relating to the Tranche 2 completion of the sale of Solaroz – which tax was paid on 5 January 2026.

(3) Includes $825k tranche 1 deferred payment (payable in April 2026) under Capricorn Project acquisition agreements and $1,102k income tax payable on tranche 2 completion of Solaroz sale (which was paid in January 2026).

(4) As further detailed in Summary of Proposed Indicative Exploration, Evaluation and Development Expenditure in Annexure A below.

Lithium Energy intends to apply the majority of its funds, over the first two years following reinstatement towards the exploration, evaluation and development of its Projects as outlined in the Summary of Proposed Indicative Exploration, Evaluation and Development Expenditure in Annexure A below.

The Directors confirm that that there are no legal, regulatory or contractual impediments to Lithium Energy entering its tenements and carrying out exploration and evaluation activities the subject of its proposed use of funds (above).

10 Refer LEL Announcement dated 15 December 2025: Early Completion of Sale of Solaroz Project

11 The sale comprises the sale of Lithium Energy's 90% interest in the Argentinian company, Solaroz S.A. (**Solaroz**) (which owns the Solaroz Project) for consideration totalling US$63 million cash, which includes the assignment of a loan owed by Solaroz to Lithium Energy; refer also LEL Announcements dated 30 April 2025: Receipt of US$26 Million on Completion of Tranche 1 Solaroz Sale and December 2024: Amended Terms of A$97 Million Sale of Solaroz Lithium Project

Lithium Energy's existing cash not allocated under the 2 year work programs for the Projects will form the Company's general cash reserves to meet other/ongoing costs including as follows:

(a) working capital during and beyond this 2 year period (eg. personnel costs (including the Projects team, which are not included in the 2 year work programs), corporate and administration expenses);

(b) a contingent payment of $1 million to the Capricorn Project vendors if triggered upon the completion of the first DFS on the Capricorn Project;

(c) follow-on exploration and evaluation activities during the 2 year period (not contemplated within the 2 year work programs) should exploration success at Capricorn and White Plains (and potentially other new projects) warrant such further exploration activities;

(d) expanded/accelerated development activities in relation to the Graphite Projects including the construction of a BAM Demonstration Plant (within an overall BAM Facility development program), technical studies (and associated further/required metallurgical and BAM test works), feasibility studies and environmental assessments and permitting;

(e) on-going exploration, evaluation and development of the existing Projects beyond the 2 year period;

(f) the acquisition, exploration, evaluation and development of new Projects that may be secured by Lithium Energy from time to time during and beyond this 2 year period; and

(g) to satisfy any applicable Australian income tax payable in respect of the sale of Solaroz; Lithium Energy has paid all applicable tax in Argentina in respect of the sale of Solaroz; Lithium Energy is finalising its Australian income tax returns for 2024 and 2025 (which are expected to be lodged in March/April 2026) and does not expect Australian tax to apply to the sale of Argentinian company, Solaroz S.A.

Lithium Energy will prudentially manage its expenditure and cash reserves to ensure that exploration, evaluation and development can continue beyond the 2 year period/2 year work programs.

Lithium Energy notes that maintaining cash reserves will ensure that Lithium Energy can reduce the likelihood of capital raisings, which will be dilutive to existing shareholders.

Lithium Energy does not currently propose to undertake a return of capital to shareholders but reserves the right to consider implementing capital management initiatives, subject to an assessment of the quantum of funds required to evaluate and develop the Company's existing (and potentially new) mineral projects.

Intentions Relating to Surplus Funds

Lithium Energy intends to undertake a review of all its projects existing as at 30 September 2026, encompassing an assessment of the results of exploration, evaluation and development activities completed to that date, the projects' future prospects and potential for further exploration, evaluation and development expenditure, market conditions and sentiment related to those projects, the Company and generally.

Specifically, Lithium Energy will take into consideration the results from each of the following exploration, evaluation and development activities planned to be undertaken on its current Projects prior to 30 September 2026:

(a) First-pass exploration programs currently underway/planned across the priority targets at the Capricorn Project:

  (i) airborne magnetic and radiometric surveys over the majority of the granted tenements within the Capricorn Project area;

  (ii) drone magnetic and photogrammetry survey, Airborne Magnetic-Radiometric (**AMAGRAD**) survey, Magnetic (**EM**) survey, field mapping and surface sampling in the area between the historic Caledonian and Victor Mines (including the extension of historical soil sampling grids to close-off open, historical geochemical anomalies), follow-up ground geophysical surveys over any EM targets and RC drilling of any identified Mt Usher gold mineralisation and along the trend from the Caledonian to Victor Mines, at the Mt Usher Prospect;

(iii) ground geophysical surveys over identified targets arising from the airborne surveys;

(iv) completion of current diamond drill hole (with a reverse circulation (**RC**) pre-collar) at the Limonite Hill occurrence and shallower air-core (**AC**) drill holes across the geophysical survey footprint at the Bajool Prospect; currently underway

(v) completion of 9 RC holes at the Sandy Creek Prospect currently underway;

(vi) airborne EM surveys over the Mt Morgan Intrusive Complex (which includes the Mt Usher Prospect); and

(vii) field mapping and surface sampling on other identified prospects, including proximal to Mt Usher, the Sandy Creek Prospect and within the Mt Morgan Intrusive Complex.

(b) First-pass exploration programs planned across the White Plains Project:

(i) a deep drill hole to test the potential for lithium brines in the Deep Aquifer;

(ii) 10 shallow drill holes to test the Upper Aquifer;

(iii) development of a 3D geological model of both the Upper and Deep Aquifers;

(iv) delineation of an initial exploration target for lithium based on such drilling; and

(v) completion of a scoping study on the commercial feasibility of lithium-brine extraction.

(c) Upgrade and expansion of a combined JORC Indicated and Inferred Mineral Resource for the Burke and Mt Dromedary Graphite; and

(d) Studies, metallurgical/BAM test work and marketing activities from diamond core bulk sample obtained from current drill works underway for the proposed vertically integrated BAM business using graphite from the Burke, Mt Dromedary and Corella Graphite Deposits.

Lithium Energy will also review at this time whether there has been a change in circumstances in respect of the Australian income tax position in relation to the sale of Solaroz.

After Lithium Energy has completed the above reviews, the Company expects that it will be in a position to identify the extent of any surplus funds held and will advise the market thereafter (expected by 30 October 2026) how it proposes to deal with any surplus funds at that time.

Compliance with Listing Rules

Lithium Energy confirms that it is in compliance with the Listing Rules, including Listing Rule 3.1.

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ANNEXURE A

Summary of Proposed Indicative Exploration, Evaluation and Development Expenditure

Lithium Energy proposed intended 2 year exploration, evaluation and development programs on its Projects are as outlined below:

SUMMARY		2026	2027	Total
ALL PROJECTS		$'000	$'000	$'000
Capricorn Project		8,828	11,082	19,910
White Plains Project		6,657	5,231	11,888
Graphite Projects		1,720	2,690	4,410
	TOTAL	17,205	19,003	36,208
CAPRICORN GOLD-COPPER BELT PROJECT				
Acquisition costs (Tranche 2 and Contingent Payments)		500	2,500	3,000
Land Access, Native Title and Cultural Heritage		380	560	940
Geophysics		1,330	210	1,540
Geochemistry		1,570	1,700	3,270
Drilling and site works		2,690	4,200	6,890
Studies		-	200	200
Travel, accommodation and logistics		988	1,152	2,140
Data compilation, Geological consultants, Project management and administration		870	560	1,430
	TOTAL	8,328	11,082	19,410
WHITE PLAINS LITHIUM BRINE PROJECT				
Claims application and renewal		597	373	970
Geophysics and Geochemistry		522	478	1,000
Drilling		3,731	1,493	5,224
Studies		1,493	2,537	4,030
Travel, accommodation and logistics		134	149	283
Data compilation, Geological consultants, Project management and administration		179	201	380
	TOTAL	6,656	5,231	11,887
BURKE/MT DROMEDARY GRAPHITE PROJECTS				
Resource development - incl. drilling, assays, MRE upgrade		1,000	-	1,000
Metallurgical Test work		150	-	150
Bulk Sampling		-	150	150
Concentrate / BAM Samples Production		-	250	250
BAM Demonstration Plant - design		-	675	675
Studies		100	480	580
Travel, accommodation and logistics		65	65	130
Marketing, Project management and administration		320	370	690
	Sub-total	1,635	1,990	3,625
CORELLA GRAPHITE PROJECT				
Resource development - incl. drilling, assays, mineral resource upgrade		10	475	485
Metallurgical Test work		-	75	75
BAM Test work		-	50	50
Studies		25	50	75
Travel, accommodation and logistics		30	30	60
Project management and administration		20	20	40
	Sub-total	85	700	785
ALL GRAPHITE PROJECTS	TOTAL	1,720	2,690	4,410

Notes:

(1) Further details about the current and proposed work programs in respect of each Project are outlined in Lithium Energy's 31 December 2025 Half Year Report released on ASX on 9 March 2026.

(2) Resource projects by their nature have exploration and evaluation programs that extend beyond the 2 years referred to above. The Capricorn Project currently spans ~1,580 km^2 and contains multiple prospects across multiple mineralisation styles. Whilst Lithium Energy will target priority prospects in the short term (within the 2 years referred to above), Lithium Energy will also endeavour to identify a pipeline of prospects for further investigation beyond the next 2 years. As such, Lithium Energy will need to prudentially maintain cash reserves to ensure that exploration and evaluation can continue beyond the next 2 years and that planned expenditure is focused towards exploration success.

(3) The Capricorn Project expenditure is based on work programs targeting multiple prospects over a wide project area leading to 'first pass' drilling programs across high priority prospects. If there is significant exploration success from initial drilling, Lithium Energy will undertake follow-up drilling programs and the drilling expenditure within the 2 years indicated above may consequently be significantly higher.

(4) The proposed exploration and development expenditure in relation to the Graphite Projects reflects current market sentiment (as evidenced by the unsuccessful spin-out of the same graphite assets via the IPO of Axon Graphite Limited during the course of 2024 and 2025[12]). Lithium Energy will increase/bring forward its development activities if market sentiment/conditions for graphite significantly improves – this will likely encompass work programs comprising the construction of a BAM Demonstration Plant (within an overall BAM Facility development program) and technical studies/environmental works.

(5) The White Plains Project expenditure is incurred in US$ and Lithium Energy has assumed an exchange rate of A$1.00 : US$0.67. Fluctuations in actual exchange rates will affect the A$ value of expenditures indicated above.

(6) The above programs do not include employment costs (in respect of Lithium Energy's Projects team) and Projects related corporate and administration overheads.

(7) Lithium Energy may increase, bring forward or alter exploration and evaluation activities and incur different expenditure amounts than indicated above and the mix of expenditure between projects , based on exploration success and prevailing market sentiment.

(8) The proposed work programs referred to above is a statement of current intentions, which may change depending on various intervening events and new circumstances, including the outcome of exploration, evaluation and development activities (including exploration, evaluation and development success or failure), regulatory developments and market and general economic conditions. Accordingly, individual work programs may be re-prioritised, delayed, suspended or altered and new work programs may be initiated.

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12 Refer LEL Announcement dated 31 July 2025: Quarterly Activities and Cash Flow Report – 30 June 2025