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Press Release

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Investment in Delta Lithium, an Australia-based lithium exploration company

Responding to increasing demand for lithium triggered by electrification and growing demand for large-scale storage batteries

Idemitsu Kosan Co.,Ltd. (Head Office: Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo; Representative Director, President and Chief Executive Officer: Shunichi Kito, hereinafter referred to as “Idemitsu”) has made an investment^{*1} in Delta Lithium Limited (hereinafter referred as “DLI”), an Australia-based company promoting lithium business. Together with the initial investment of AUD\$5 million made in January this year, Idemitsu's total investment now amounts to approximately AUD\$53 million, representing a shareholding of 15%.

To respond to the increasing demand for lithium in conjunction with the electrification of mobility including electric vehicles (EVs) and the growing demand for large-scale stationary storage batteries, Idemitsu aims to accumulate knowledge of lithium mining and contribute to the production and stabilization of supply of lithium ore in Australia, a geopolitically stable country.

DLI is pursuing two projects related to lithium mines in Western Australia (project names: Mt. Ida Project and Yinnetharra Project). DLI has recently increased its capital in order to advance exploration and development studies, and Idemitsu has invested in DLI through this capital increase.

Lithium exploration activities are progressing smoothly at both projects, and regarding the Mt. Ida Project, a JORC resource^{*2} of 12.7 Mt of lithium ore with a grade of 1.2% was announced in October last year. A feasibility study on lithium ore (spodumene) mining is currently underway.

Idemitsu and DLI are examining collaboration in the areas of mining operations, marketing, financing, activities to obtain government support policies, mining lot acquisition activities, purchasing, processing technologies, as well as expansion into downstream lithium compound processing operations.

Australia is rich in mineral resources and has reserves of many kinds of rare metals, including lithium and vanadium. Leveraging the business base it has developed through coal mining operations in Australia over the past 40 years, Idemitsu is promoting entry into the rare metals business, which has an affinity with coal mining operations and is indispensable for the realization of a low-carbon society. The investment in DLI follows investments in Critical Minerals Group and Vecco^{*3}, both of which are developing vanadium mining projects, and is part of Idemitsu's move into the rare metals business, a necessary step for the shift from fossil fuels to renewable energy.

*1This investment was made through Idemitsu Minerals Australia Pty Ltd (a 100%-owned subsidiary of Idemitsu Australia), which was established by Idemitsu Australia Pty Ltd (head office: Brisbane) in Australia, a subsidiary of Idemitsu, for the purpose of promoting critical minerals business, achieving a total investment of 15% including the approximately 2.3% already invested.

*2JORC (Joint Ore Reserves Committee Code) is the standard resource quantity for resource companies listed on the Australian Securities Exchange (ASX) when reporting exploration results and mineral resource quantities.

*3Dated on September 27, 2022: [Idemitsu participates in a vanadium exploration project in Australia.](#)

Dated on March 24, 2023: [Idemitsu increases investment in Vecco, promoting a vanadium project in Australia](#)

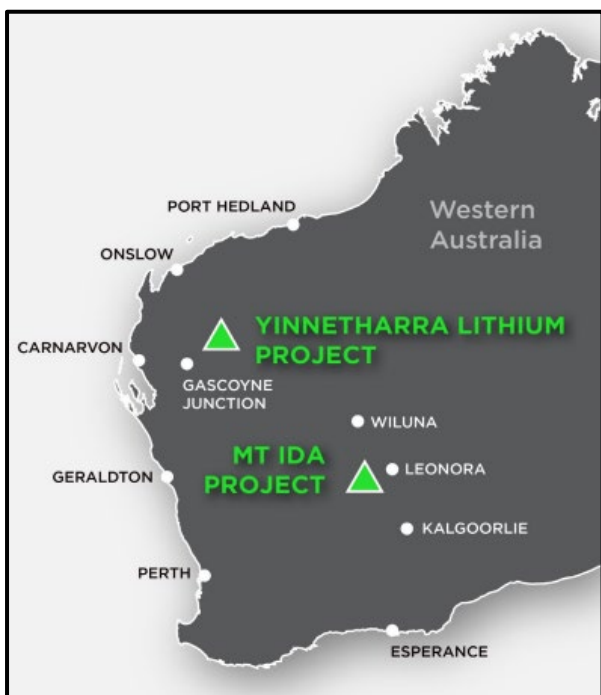
[Project Overview]

1. Project name:

Mt. Ida Project, Yinnetharra Project

2. Location of the mine:

Western Australia



[Overview of Delta Lithium Limited]

1. Name:

Delta Lithium Limited

2. Location:

Suite 4, 6 Centro Avenue, Subiaco, Perth, WA 6008, Australia

3. Representative:

David Flanagan

4. URL: <https://deltalithium.com.au>