



CleanTech Lithium PLC

Key Data

Listing:	AIM
Ticker:	CTL
Shares:	105.1M
Share Price:	52p
Market Cap:	£54.65m
12- month target	£1.14ps
Cash Balance:	US\$13.5m
Debt	US\$0.0m
Warrants:	4,000,000
Av exercise price:	66p
Options:	840,000
Av exercise price:	30p
Fully Diluted:	109,973,500
Asset Location:	Chile

Price Chart



Company Summary

CleanTech Lithium (CTL) has a first mover advantage, acquiring several immature salar basins in their entirety, within a world-class lithium producing district. The collective tenement packages (Laguna Verde and Francisco Basin) cover >180km², with a collective resource of >2Mt.

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Dark Horse Llamara Project - A Potential Company Maker Event

CTL have announced that all 119 Llamara licences applied for Q222, covering a total area of 344sqkm (we had previously quoted >600sqkm), have been granted. Furthermore, the company have secured an air-core (AC) drill-rig capable of drilling a 700m hole (aquifer starting depth is 200m) in order to test a subsurface brine aquifer, previously identified by O&G exploration. Drill-testing potentially commencing inside of a month, with results expected in Q323.

Implications

This region has, to date, never received serious attention as to potential of economic lithium mineralisation. We commend management becoming first movers, securing an enormous landbank, nearly double their current collective Francisco and Laguna Verde holdings over what they considered to be the most prospective region. A previous announcement (June, 2022), referenced crustal halite values of 3,100 and 2,630ppm Li and surface clay enriched layers with values between 1,800 and 2,400ppm Li. We are confident that these values are more than just prospective given that the Llamara project is located within a closed/terminal basin, meaning any precipitation is either lost through evaporation or percolation. Given there are no other terrigenous inputs, it follows that the source of these lithium values must have been from within the existing basin.

The AC drill-rig is a cheap, efficient method to test an aquifer's prospectivity with minimal expenditure. The aim being to see if the brine is lithium enriched, and if so, at what level? Moreover, the potential exists within the tenement package for large lithium clay deposits, similar to those currently being delineated in North America.

In the announcement management make reference to a private Chilean company with licences immediately west of CTL's tenement package, with a 43-101 resource of 1.2Mt LCE covering an evaporite deposit with an average grade of 956ppm Li. Lithium Chile recently added 217sqkm hectares on its nearby Salar de Llamara Project, increasing their total package to ~355sqkm; noting that prior government "well" sampling returned values of >350mg/l Li. Having recently completed a surface auger sample programme, and in the midst of finishing a 74km TEM geophysics survey; conductive drill targets are scheduled to be tested early 2H23.

Investment Opinion

Although it is early days, and we do not want to speculate as to the success or to the overall project's prospectivity, we commend management on their perseverance in not only expanding their current portfolio, but being open to alternate opportunities.

The Llamara project, if successful, could in time, even eclipse its corporate parent, and justify a separate listing.

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