

# Canada Lithium Completes Initial Debt Drawdown; Commences Tailings Construction and Pre-Stripping at Québec Lithium Project

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TORONTO, Oct. 29, 2012 /CNW/ - [Canada Lithium Corp.](#) (TSX: CLQ) (U.S. OTC: CLQMF), a 'clean-tech' mine developer, announced today it has completed the first drawdown on October 26, 2012 of \$35 million under its previously announced \$75-million, five-year credit facility with The Bank of Nova Scotia, as Administrative Agent and Lead Arranger; Commonwealth Bank of Australia, as Documentation Agent; and Caterpillar Financial Services, as Lender and core lease provider (see press release dated February 13, 2012).

The project continues to meet its budget and scheduled milestones for commissioning of the spodumene circuit by the end of 2012. During the past few weeks, pre-stripping of the deposit and construction of the first phase of the Tailings Management Facility (TMF) have been under way. Last week, the Company began mining operations in a series of blasts that excavated about 80,000 tonnes of waste rock to expose the lithium-bearing deposit and provide material for the TMF containment berms, mine-haulage roadbed and crusher access ramp. Over the next six weeks, the Company anticipates excavating more than 600,000 tonnes of waste rock in order to undertake the initial phase of mining and spodumene plant commissioning scheduled for December, 2012.

In the process plant area, the main high-voltage power line from Hydro Québec has been completed and connected to the plant electrical sub-station. The plant's 120-kV transmission line was connected to the grid this past weekend. The pyrometallurgical kiln (approximately 30 metres in length and weighing 200 tonnes) has been installed. The hydrometallurgical tanks and associated process equipment for the production of battery-grade lithium carbonate are now being put into place. (The link to the Photo Gallery and images of the mine and process plant construction is provided below.)

Global lithium markets, meanwhile, continue to display the price strength that characterized the industry in 2011 and early 2012 when major producers such as SQM, FMC Lithium and Rockwood (Chemetal) increased prices by 10% to 20%. Rockwood and FMC Lithium both announced butyllithium price increases between 4% and 8% on October 15, 2012. FMC also noted that its lithium metal prices were being increased by 10%.

In connection with the financial close of the credit facility and in consideration of the partial financial guarantee from Investissement Québec, four million Common Share purchase warrants were issued to Investissement Québec. As previously announced, each warrant entitles the holder to purchase one Common Share at a purchase price of \$1.50 per Common Share and is exercisable at any time from the 25th month through the 60th month following the coming into force of the financial guarantee from Investissement Québec and in limited other circumstances.

## About Canada Lithium Corp.

The Company holds a 100% interest in the Québec Lithium Project near Val d'Or, the geographical heart of the Québec mining industry. It is in the midst of building an open-pit mine and processing plant on-site with estimated capacity to produce approximately 20,000 tonnes of battery-grade lithium carbonate annually. Metallurgical tests have produced battery-grade lithium carbonate samples. Lithium carbonate is used in lithium-ion batteries that power consumer electronics (laptops, tablets, etc.) power-grid storage facilities and electric and hybrid vehicles. The Company trades under the symbol CLQ on the TSX and on the U.S. OTCQX under the symbol CLQMF.

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