

Canada Lithium Announces Commissioning Under Way at Québec Lithium Mine and Process Plant

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TORONTO, Dec. 20, 2012 /CNW Telbec/ - [Canada Lithium Corp.](#) (TSX: CLQ) (U.S. OTC: CLQMF) announced today that commissioning has commenced at its open-pit mine and processing facility near Val d'Or, Québec. During the month of November approximately 12,000 tonnes of ore and 380,000 tonnes of waste were mined. The waste material is predominantly used to construct the Tailings Management Facility. The ore has been crushed and stockpiled. Mining operations will continue through the Holiday period.

During December, commissioning of the concentrator has been ongoing. All major circuits, comprising crushing, conveying, ore storage, ball and rod mills and flotation cells were dry-commissioned early in the month and sequentially wet-commissioned. All major sections of the hydrometallurgical circuit have been installed and are substantially completed and Programmable Logic Controllers (PLC), piping and electrical installation is now underway in this section of the plant.

The EPCM contractor will demobilise a significant proportion of the construction workforce on December 21. A small completion crew will return to site on January 7 to work with the CLQ operations team to finalise the hydrometallurgical installation and assist with the commissioning stages of the project.

The company now has 119 employees on-site and this will build up to approximately 160 personnel over the next few months. At full production, the project will have approximately 200 full-time employees. The planned first shipment of lithium carbonate under the five-year Tewoo off-take agreement is on schedule for end-March 2013. (See press release dated November 12, 2012, for the Tewoo/Canada Lithium agreement.) Full production of the 20,000-tonne-per-annum lithium carbonate processing plant is scheduled for Q4, 2013.

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. Construction is nearing completion on an open-pit mine and processing plant with estimated annual capacity of approximately 20,000 tonnes of battery-grade lithium carbonate. Commissioning is under way and the Company anticipates first production of lithium carbonate late in the first quarter of 2013. A five-year offtake agreement for a minimum of 12,000 tonnes per year up to a maximum 14,400 tonnes was recently signed with Tewoo-ERDC, one of China's largest commodities traders. 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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