

# Southern Lithium Commences Drilling on its Cruz Property, Salta Argentina

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VANCOUVER - [Southern Lithium Corp.](#) (TSX-V: SNL) (FSE: SL5) ("Southern" or "the Company") is pleased to announce that the exploration crew have commenced the first phase of the drilling program at the Cruz Lithium Property previously announced (December 16th 2016).

The holes will be drilled to a minimum 250 meters, and deeper based on drilling conditions and brine content. Data collection will include lithology, down-hole geophysics, porosity characterization and depth-specific geochemical samples. The brine sampling will utilize a hydraulic double packer system, which has been tested and proven to provide a true depth specific sample in addition to flow and porosity characteristics. A geophysics program will be conducted to confirm continuity between holes and the hydrogeology.

The program will be managed in Argentina through Southern's joint venture partner [Millennial Lithium Corp.](#) Millennial has engaged HIDROTEC S.R.L., a Salta-based drilling company with extensive experience in drilling and testing salar-hosted lithium brines. Millennial has engaged Mike Rosko of Montgomery and Associates, Inc. a US-based hydrogeological consultancy to provide program guidance and act as the Company's qualified person for reporting results.

## About the Cruz Property

The Company has executed a formal option agreement with Proyecto Pastos Grandes S.A. ("PPG SA"), a wholly owned subsidiary of [Millennial Lithium Corp.](#) (TSX.V:ML) (FSE: A3N2) (OTCQB:MLNLF), through the option Southern Lithium can earn up to an eighty percent (80%) interest in the PPG SA's Cruz Property in the Pocitos Salar Basin in Salta Province, Argentina.

The Cruz Property is located in South America's Lithium Triangle (northern Chile, northwestern Argentina and southwest Bolivia). The property encompasses 9,027 hectares (22,306 acres) in the Pocitos Salar Basin in Salta Province, Argentina.

The Cruz Property is in the northern end of the Pocitos Salar Basin and contiguous to the southern end of the Salar del Rincon Basin, where ADY Resources Limited is extracting lithium brine. Both properties lie along the structural belt that hosts the important lithium resources of the region, at the junction of a large north-south fault system and the northwest-southeast megastructure along which lies the Rincon volcano, the possible source of the lithium brine in both salar basins. The 60-kilometre long Pocitos salar basin has previously only been drill tested with a shallow 12-hole program in the 1970s by an Argentinean government agency "Direccion General de Fabricaciones Militares". To date, this is the only confirmed exploration drilling conducted in the Pocitos basin. The hole that produced the best results is near the southeast edge of the Cruz property boundary, and averaged 417 parts per million lithium. Although these results are considered historical and have not been verified by the Company's QP, the Company considers these results relevant to the future exploration of the Cruz property.

About Southern [Lithium Corp.](#) (TSX-V: SNL FSE: SL5)

[Southern Lithium Corp.](#) is a resource exploration company engaged in the business of acquiring and exploring minerals properties. [Southern Lithium Corp.](#) has assembled an experienced management team with a strategy to develop a portfolio of technically superior Lithium projects. The Company's main objective is to add shareholder value through successful exploration and development of high quality resources through strategic acquisitions, combined with cost-effective financial management. With the potential acquisition of the Cruz property, Southern Lithium intends to establish its presence in the Pocitos basin and further deliver on its mission to secure lithium projects. The Company is only focusing on projects of the highest technical merit in favorable geopolitical jurisdictions.

The company would also like to announce the issuance of 800,000 stock option at a price of \$0.25 to be issued to Management, Directors and Consultants of the Company

#### Qualified Persons

The scientific and technical information contained in this news release has been reviewed and approved by Larry Segerstrom, M.Sc. (Geology), P.Geo., a Director of the Company, who is a "Qualified Person" as such term is defined under National Instrument 43-101 - Standards of Disclosure for Mineral Projects ("NI 43-101").

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