

# NRG Drilling Continues to Intersect High-grade Brine at the Hombre Muerto North Lithium Project

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## HIGHLIGHTS

- Brine samples collected from 100 meters to 300 meters show high grade values very similar to the assays for the samples from surface to a depth of 100 meters, with an arithmetic average 888 mg/l Li and a low Mg to Li ratio.
- The hole has been completed to a depth of 401 meters, and sample results from 300 to the bottom of the hole are pending.
- Adjacent rotary drill hole for pump testing has been completed to a depth of 393 meters. The hole diameter is being enlarged by reaming in order to install casing for pump testing.
- Drilling has commenced on a second diamond core hole approximately 2.1 kilometers to the east of the first hole.

VANCOUVER, British Columbia, June 14, 2018 /CNW/ -- [NRG Metals Inc.](#) ("NRG" or the "Company") (TSX-V: NGZ) (OTC: NRGMF) (Frankfurt: OGPN) the Company is pleased to report that assays for double packer samples collected over the interval from 100 to 300 meters of the first core have been received, and average 888 mg/L lithium with a relatively low Mg to Li ratio of 1.0. These values are very similar to those returned for the first 100 meters of the hole, indicating the presence of a consistent high-grade brine. The assay results are shown in the table below.

The hole has been completed to the targeted depth of 401 meters, and the drill has been moved approximately 2.2 kilometers to the east where drilling on a second core hole is underway. As of June 12, the hole had advanced to a depth of 151 meters in clastic sediments consisting of poorly consolidated sandstone and conglomerate.

José de Castro, Chief Operating Officer of [NRG Metals Inc.](#), commented, "We are very excited about the outstanding results from our first hole. The results continue to exceed our expectations. These high grades and favorable Mg to Li ratios have the potential to have a very positive impact on any future capital and operating costs should the economic viability and technical feasibility of the project be established. We are very encouraged to see the entry of POSCO from South Korea into the Hombre Muerto North Lithium Project and their pending \$ 280 million purchase of the northern part of the Sal de Vida lithium project from [Galaxy Resources Ltd.](#)"

The rotary hole located 16 meters east of the core hole has been completed at a depth of 393 meters, and the diameter is being enlarged by reaming in order to install perforated casing for pumping tests. If the results warrant, this hole can be utilized as a production well.

The sampling was conducted with double packer equipment over one-meter intervals approximately every ten meters over the interval upon conditions in the hole. Samples were not collected from some of the intervals below a depth of 160 meters due to no fluid flow. On site QA/QC for the sampling was directed by Cristian Avila of Montgomery and Associates of Santiago, Chile, under the supervision of Mike Rosko, also of Montgomery and Associates, a Qualified Person under NI 43-101. The samples were analyzed and assayed by the Alex Stewart Laboratory

In Jujuy, Argentina, which is the preeminent laboratory for lithium brine analysis in northern Argentina. Alex Stewart employed Inductively Coupled Plasma Optical Emission Spectrometry ("ICP-OES") as the analytical technique for the primary core samples of interest, including those shown in the table. Alex Stewart maintains a strict internal QA/QC program employing multiple re-analyses by AA and calculation of ionic balances. NRG inserted one blank sample and three blind duplicate samples in each sample batch, and all QA/QC results corroborate the analyses reported in this press release. In addition to the packer samples, sealed core samples have been collected throughout the hole, and these samples will be sent to a laboratory in the United States for brine release testing.

The project is located in the province of Salta, Argentina at the northern end of the prolific Hombre Muerto Salar, adjacent to the producing Fenix mine and Galaxy Resources' Sal de Vida development stage project.

The preparation of this press release was supervised by Mr. Michael J. Rosko, a registered professional geologist in the United States.

Arizona (25065), California (5236), and Texas (6359), and a registered member of Society for Mining, Metallurgy, and E ( #4064687) and a Qualified Person as defined under National Instrument 43-101. Mr. Rosko approves the scientific and disclosure contained in this press release.

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