# American Lithium Receives Plan of Operations and Reclamation Permit Approvals to Commence Drilling at TLC

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VANCOUVER, Jan. 11, 2022 - <u>American Lithium Corp.</u> ("American Lithium" or the "Company") (TSX-V:LI | OTCQB:LIACF | Frankfurt:5LA1) is pleased to announce that the Bureau of Land Management ("BLM") and the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection ("NDEP") have approved the Plan of Operations ("PO") and Reclamation Plan for the next phases of development and exploration work at the Company's Tonopah Lithium Claims Project ("TLC") located near Tonopah, Nevada.

# Highlights

- The PO authorizes construction of 110 drill sites on the TLC project, exclusive of TLC North, and the excavation of 5 test pits (see Figure 1 TLC Exploration Plan of Operations Location Map, below);
  - Public comments received during the consultation phase of the Environmental Assessment ("EA") demonstrate broad public support for the Project;
  - Enables extension / infill drilling of existing TLC deposit, targeting resource expansion / reclassification to further expand the current large, high-grade measured and indicated resource;
  - Allows for all drilling and bulk sampling required for advanced metallurgical test work to enable company to move from maiden PEA into pre-feasibility / feasibility phase as quickly as possible;
  - Approves additional exploration drilling across untested areas of the core TLC concessions;
- Continuation of the remaining 9 holes of the 15-hole Reverse Circulation ("RC") exploration drill program at TLC North commenced in early December 2021, under a separate drill permit; and
- First 6 holes of this program encountered thick intersections of lithium bearing claystone, assay results are pending. Subject to results, the Company is contemplating expanding this drill program to facilitate establishing a maiden resource at TLC North.

The BLM and NDEP approvals follow the completion of an EA on the project that included a 30-day public comment process, and the NDEP's review of the sufficiency of the reclamation bond amount. The BLM received several letters of support for the project from the public and Nye County during the public comment period for the Environmental Assessment. American Lithium has provided a US\$ 1,415,666 reclamation bond to the BLM and NDEP, through its surety agent, Smith Manus. As such, all approvals are now in place to commence drilling.

Q & D Construction LLC has been contracted to provide a sonic core drill rig to complete the in-fill and resource extension drilling planned under the PO on the existing TLC deposit, as well as additional exploration drilling outside the existing TLC resource area. This drill will complement the existing reverse circulation drill presently conducting exploration drilling at TLC North (Crescent Dunes). Drilling at TLC will commence shortly.

Simon Clarke, CEO of American Lithium states, "We are extremely pleased to have the TLC Plan of Operations and Reclamation Permit approved and the finalization of our BLM and NDEP permits. We would like to thank our team and key advisors on the ground, and BLM and NDEP for their efforts throughout the process. This is a big step for the company and enables the launch of a major development program which we believe will provide all the data / results needed to move quickly from a robust, maiden PEA and into the pre-feasibility / feasibility phase on our core TLC Project.

We are also excited about the resource expansion and infill drilling program at TLC as well as continuing our successful exploration drilling program following up on the thick lithium claystone discovery at TLC North. While our primary goal remains delivering the PEA as quickly as possible, the potential to significantly expand our measured and indicated resource numbers would also add significant value to the Project and provide even stronger positioning for the move into feasibility."

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Figure 1 - TLC Exploration Plan of Operations Location Map is available at https://www.globenewswire.com/NewsRoom/AttachmentNg/b4071d2d-5709-4da4-99f3-0623dba7d924

## **Qualified Person**

Mr. Ted O'Connor, P.Geo., a director of American Lithium, and a Qualified Person, as defined by National Instrument 43-101 *Standards of Disclosure for Mineral Projects*, has reviewed and approved the scientific and technical information contained in this news release.

### About American Lithium

American Lithium, a member of the TSX Venture 50, is actively engaged in the acquisition, exploration and development of lithium projects within mining-friendly jurisdictions throughout the Americas. The Company is currently focused on enabling the shift to the new energy paradigm through the continued exploration and development of its strategically located TLC lithium claystone project in the richly mineralized Esmeralda lithium district in Nevada as well as continuing to advance its Falchani lithium and Macusani uranium development projects in southeastern Peru. Both Falchani and Macusani have been through preliminary economic assessments, exhibit strong additional exploration potential and are situated near significant infrastructure.

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American Lithium or others to attempt to reduce the spread of COVID-19 could affect American Lithium, which could have a material adverse impact on many aspects of American Lithium's businesses including but not limited to: the ability to access mineral properties for indeterminate amounts of time, the health of the employees or consultants resulting in delays or diminished capacity, social or political instability in Peru which in turn could impact American Lithium's ability to maintain the continuity of its business operating requirements, may result in the reduced availability or failures of various local administration and critical infrastructure, reduced demand for the American Lithium's potential products, availability of materials, global travel restrictions, and the availability of insurance and the associated costs; the judicial appeal process in Peru, and any and all future remedies pursued by American Lithium and its subsidiary Macusani to resolve the title for 32 of its concessions; risks regarding the ongoing Ontario Securities Commission regulatory proceedings; the ongoing ability to work cooperatively with stakeholders, including but not limited to local communities and all levels of government; the potential for delays in exploration or development activities due to the COVID-19 pandemic; the interpretation of drill results, the geology, grade and continuity of mineral deposits; the possibility that any future exploration, development or mining results will not be consistent with our expectations; risks that permits will not be obtained as planned or delays in obtaining permits; mining and development risks, including risks related to accidents, equipment breakdowns, labour disputes (including work stoppages, strikes and loss of personnel) or other unanticipated difficulties with or interruptions in exploration and development; risks related to commodity price and foreign exchange rate fluctuations; risks related to foreign operations; the cyclical nature of the industry in which American Lithium operates; risks related to failure to obtain adequate financing on a timely basis and on acceptable terms or delays in obtaining governmental approvals; risks related to environmental regulation and liability; political and regulatory risks associated with mining and exploration; risks related to the uncertain global economic environment and the effects upon the global market generally, and due to the COVID-19 pandemic measures taken to reduce the spread of COVID-19, any of which could continue to negatively affect global financial markets, including the trading price of American Lithium's shares and could negatively affect American Lithium's ability to raise capital and may also result in additional and unknown risks or liabilities to American Lithium. 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Cautionary Note Regarding Macusani Concessions Thirty-two of the 151 concessions held by American Lithium's subsidiary Macusani, are currently subject to Administrative and Judicial processes (together, the "Processes") in Peru to overturn resolutions issued by INGEMMET and the Mining Council of MINEM in February 2019 and July 2019, respectively, which declared Macusani's title to 32 of the concessions invalid due to late receipt of the annual validity payments. In November 2019, Macusani applied for injunctive relief on 32 concessions in a Court in Lima, Peru and was successful in obtaining such an injunction on 17 of the concessions including three of the four concessions included in the Macusani Uranium Project PEA. The grant of the Precautionary Measure (Medida Cautelar) has restored the title, rights and validity of those 17 concessions to Macusani until a final decision is obtained at the last stage of the judicial process. A Precautionary Measure application was made at the same time for the remaining 15 concessions and was ultimately granted by a Court in Lima, Peru on March 2, 2021 which has also restored the title, rights and validity of those 15 remaining concessions to Macusani, with the result being that all 32 concessions are now protected by Precautionary Measure (Medida Cautelar) until a final decision on this matter is obtained at the last stage of the judicial process. The favourable judge's ruling confirming title to all 32 concessions from November 3, 2021 represents the final stage of the current judicial process. However, this ruling has recently been appealed by MINEM and INGEMMET. American Lithium has no assurance that the outcome of these appeals will be in the Company's favour.

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