

# Sigma Lithium Filing Legal Appeal Against Unwarranted Decision by a Local Judge; "Fake News" Campaign Coincides with Record Earnings

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São Paulo, Brazil--(Newsfile Corp. - May 18, 2026) - [Sigma Lithium Corp.](#) (NASDAQ: SGML) (TSXV: SGML) (BVMF: S2GM34) ("Sigma Lithium" or the "Company"), the largest producer of lithium oxide concentrate in the Americas<sup>1</sup> and dedicated to industrializing socially and environmentally sustainable lithium materials to supply global producers of batteries for energy security, announces that the Company is filing a legal appeal against a decision issued on Sunday, May 17, by a local judge from a local court in Aracuai, Vale do Jequitinhonha.

The local decision included the potential for a legal collateral of US\$10 million for the local court. The Company emphasizes this amount would be due only in the event the charges result in a final negative ruling, after the full due legal process is completed in Brazil, including the rights to appeal in the appropriate state and federal courts, including the Supreme Tribunal of Justice (STJ) and Supreme Court of Brazil.

The other elements in the ruling are also not expected to be enforced until the completion of due legal process. Legal jurisprudence for similar cases indicates a timeline of multiple years until this happens. As such, no payments are due or required.

Sigma Lithium believes the decision is unwarranted and in dissonance with Brazil's strong rule of law: due process was not followed.

A significant amount of legal evidence was filed by the Company with the court.

The surprising ruling followed a visit by legal authorities to Sigma Lithium's operations, where the Company's conformity with all Brazilian environmental rules was verified, including:

- Absence of tailing dams and 100% dry stacking of tailings.
- 100% reuse of water by the Greentech Processing Plant, for which the verification included a visit to the Company's inbound sewage treatment plant that removes fecal residues from the water utilized.
- Bio-regeneration of the Company's rock piles, visually evidenced by growing vegetation.
- Low levels of noise (even at the mine pit).
- Low levels of dust, resulting from water trucks running full time at the mining operations conducting site wetting of mining pits and piles.

## PUBLIC HEARING

The visit by the legal authorities occurred on the same day of a public hearing held for the local community, where more than 200 people from Sigma Lithium's neighboring communities attended to demonstrate their support for the approximately 19,000 jobs generated by the Company in the region, ushering in significant shared prosperity in Vale do Jequitinhonha.

The overwhelming community support for Sigma Lithium had already been demonstrated in a previous public hearing for the issuance of the Company's environmental license, when over 2,000 people attended and 91% of the depositions heard were favorable to Sigma Lithium's operations and expansion plans.

## ANOTHER "FAKE NEWS" CAMPAIGN COINCIDES WITH RECORD EARNINGS

Prior even to the official issuance of the legal decision yet another negative online "fake news" media campaign was launched against the Company, disseminating false, inaccurate, and misleading information, including videos and photos from the operations of other companies claiming to show Sigma Lithium's operations.

More importantly, the campaign was launched on a Sunday prior to the official issuance of the legal decision and just after Sigma Lithium posted record earnings on Friday (for 1Q26).

The timing of this negative "fake news" media campaign against the Company, just after a positive announcement or event and leading to substantial stock volatility (the share price fell by 15% today), fits a pattern first reported by the Company on January 23rd, 2026. Sigma Lithium remains in close contact with the appropriate authorities regarding the issue, including FINRA (US Securities and Exchange Commission).

## ABOUT SIGMA LITHIUM

Sigma Lithium Corporation (NASDAQ: SGML) (TSXV: SGML) (BVMF: S2GM34) ("Sigma Lithium" or "the Company") is the largest producer of lithium oxide concentrate in the Americas<sup>1</sup> and dedicated to industrializing socially and environmentally sustainable lithium materials to supply global producers of batteries for energy security.

The Company runs one of the world's largest lithium production sites-the fifth-largest industrial-mineral complex for lithium oxide concentrate-at its Grota do Cirilo operation in Brazil. Sigma Lithium is at the forefront of environmental and social sustainability in the electric battery materials supply chain. The Company's Greentech Industrial Plant combines the reuse of 100% of water, zero use of toxic chemicals, zero tailings and the use of 100% renewable electricity. For more than two years Sigma Lithium has not experienced an accident with lost time.

Sigma Lithium currently has a nameplate capacity to produce 270,000 tonnes of lithium oxide concentrate on an annualized basis (approximately 38,000-40,000 tonnes of LCE) at its mine and state-of-the-art Greentech Industrial Plant. The Company has initiated a Phase 2 expansion designed to close to double production capacity to 520,000 tonnes. For more information about Sigma Lithium, visit our website.

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