

US\$25 Million Placement to Move Project through to Final Investment Decision

Highlights

- Commitments received for a placement to raise gross proceeds of US\$25.1 million (A\$38.4m) at A\$0.18 per share (US\$0.1177)¹
- Strong commitments from new and existing shareholders reflecting the world class quality of Rhyolite Ridge
- Placement issue price of A\$0.18 (US\$0.1177), equal to Ioneer's last close on 26 April 2024
- Ioneer is now well funded to progress the Rhyolite Ridge project through to final investment decision expected in December 2024

SYDNEY, Australia – 30 April 2024 – Ioneer Ltd ("Ioneer") (ASX: INR, NASDAQ: IONR), is pleased to announce that the Company has received firm commitments to raise US\$25.1 million (A\$38.4m) via a placement to institutional, professional and sophisticated investors ("Placement").

Under the Placement, the Company will issue approximately 213.6 million new fully paid ordinary shares in the Company ("**New Shares**") within the Company's existing placement capacity under ASX Listing Rule 7.1. The final Placement issue price of A\$0.18 (US\$0.1177) was equal to loneer's last close on 26 April 2024.

Goldman Sachs Australia Pty Ltd acted as Sole Lead Manager to the Placement.

The Placement will provide funding to accelerate the development of Ioneer's 100% owned Rhyolite Ridge Lithium-Boron Project ("Project"), including to:

- Advance detailed engineering (~70% complete) and vendor engineering to construction ready status
- Fund environmental, NEPA and permitting expenses
- Financing costs; and
- Rhyolite Ridge owners costs, working capital and general corporate purposes

Ioneer anticipates receiving the final permits to commence construction, known as the Record of Decision ("ROD"), in October 2024, ahead of the Final Investment Decision ("FID") expected in December 2024, with construction commencing following the FID.

"Rhyolite Ridge continues to demonstrate it is a world-leading lithium project, helping accelerate the electric vehicle transition and securing a cleaner future for our children and grandchildren. This Placement represents another step forward towards ensuring this world-class project operates efficiently and sustainably." said James Calaway, Ioneer's Executive Chairman.

Ioneer's Managing Director, Bernard Rowe also commented: "Ioneer is pleased to announce

¹ Assumes a USD:AUD exchange rate of \$0.6539\$1:00.

the successful completion of the Placement with strong engagement from U.S. cornerstone investors, signalling market confidence in the significant progress at Rhyolite Ridge as we head towards FID at the end of the calendar year and continue our journey towards becoming a market leading supplier to the U.S. EV supply chain."

Indicative Placement Timetable

Event	Date (2024)
Trading halt lifted and announcement of completion of Placement	Tuesday, 30 April
Settlement of New Shares issued under the Placement	Friday, 3 May
Allotment and commencement of trading of New Shares issued under the Placement	Monday, 6 May

The above timetable is indicative only and subject to change.

This ASX release has been authorised by Ioneer Managing Director, Bernard Rowe.

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About Ioneer

Ioneer Ltd is an emerging lithium–boron producer and the 100% owner of the Rhyolite Ridge Lithium-Boron Project located in Nevada, USA. Rhyolite Ridge is the only known lithium-boron deposit in North America and one of only two known such deposits in the world. Once operational, the low-cost, worldclass project is expected to power upward of 50 million electric vehicles and will instantly become a globally significant source of critical materials vital to the clean energy transition.

In September 2021, loneer entered into an agreement with Sibanye-Stillwater where, following the satisfaction of conditions precedent, Sibanye-Stillwater will acquire a 50% interest in the Project, with loneer maintaining a 50% interest and retaining the operational management responsibility for the joint venture (**SS Agreement**). In January 2023, loneer received a conditional commitment from the U.S. Department of Energy Loan Programs Office for up to \$700 million of debt financing (**Conditional Commitment**). Ioneer signed separate offtake agreements with Ford Motor Company and PPES (joint venture between Toyota and Panasonic) in 2022 and Korea's EcoPro Innovation in 2021.

To learn more about loneer, visit <u>www.loneer.com/investors.</u>

Important notice and disclaimer

Forward-looking statements

This announcement contains certain forward-looking statements and comments about future events, including loneer's expectations about the Project and the performance of its businesses. Forward looking statements can generally be identified by the use of forward-looking words such as 'expect', 'anticipate', 'likely', 'intend', 'should', 'could', 'may', 'predict', 'plan', 'propose', 'will', 'believe', 'forecast', 'estimate', 'target' and other similar expressions within the meaning of securities laws of applicable jurisdictions. Indications of, and guidance on, the SS Agreement, the Conditional Commitment, the ROD, the FID, financing plans, future earnings or financial position or performance are also forward-looking statements.

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Except as required by law or the ASX Listing Rules, loneer assumes no obligation to provide any additional or updated information or to update any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or results, or otherwise. Nothing in this announcement will under any circumstances create an implication that there has been no change in the affairs of loneer since the date of this announcement.

You are strongly cautioned not to place undue reliance on any forward-looking statements, particularly in light of the current economic climate and significant volatility, uncertainty and disruption caused in relation to loneer.

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