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#### **COMPANY PRESENTATION**

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# **Orocobre Limited**

The next low cost lithium producer

# Overview

- Low cost, near-term production of lithium carbonate and potash
- Projects located in renowned "lithium triangle" in Argentina
- Toyota Tsusho strategic partnership for Salar de Olaroz project
- DFS for Olaroz project is at final stages of completion



# Strategy



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#### Focus on salar hosted minerals

- Lithium
- · Potash, Boron

## Develop flagship Lithium-Potash Project: Salar de Olaroz

- · World class upgraded resource recently announced
- DFS in final stages of completion
- Construction due to commence towards end of CY 2011

## Develop second major Lithium-Potash Project: Salinas Grandes

- Drilling has re-commenced
- Targeting inferred resource towards the end of Q2 2011

# Expand Production at Olaroz by processing additional brine from Cauchari

- High quality exploration target in properties abutting high grade portion of another company's resource
- · Complimentary chemistry although higher in sulphate and boron.

# Industry leading processes

- Industry leading drilling and DFS techniques leads to high level of confidence in results
- · Strong focus on high quality operations: will not sacrifice quality for speed

## Positively benefit the communities in which we operate

- Working with local communities for three years with programs aimed and increasing skills, capability and individual enterprise and micro-finance credit
- Significant numbers of local employees

# Corporate Snapshot



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## **Current Capitalization (ASX: ORE, TSX:ORL)**

Trading Range:	A\$1.50 – A\$4.05 (12 Months to 6 April 2011)	
Shares O/S:	102.8 million	
Options O/S:	1.3 million	
Market Cap:	~A\$277.6 million	
Cash:	~A\$40 million	

# ASX - 12 Month Price/Volume Graph to 6 April 2011

\* As at 6 April 2011





# Commodities overview



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# Lithium

Lithium used in a wide variety on applications with demand growing at 5.5% CAGR since 2000

Demand growth is expected to increase (electric cars, solar panels etc) leading to potential shortfall in supply

Firming prices since 2000 for lithium chemicals ->US\$6,000/t for 99.5% purity lithium carbonate pre-GFC

# Potash

Potash is a fertiliser with strong demand growth - agri production, biofuels etc.

Inelastic supply response

Strong prices over recent years





# Lithium Market Dynamics – Don't forget supply 🔾

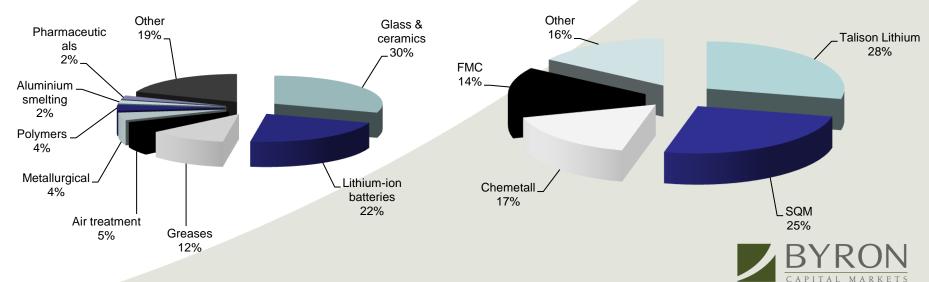


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- Lithium demand fundamentals are relatively well understood with demand forecast to rise strongly to between 300,000 tpa and 500,000tpa by 2025 (Chemetal, Jan 2011)
- Driven by growth in lithium batteries demand for consumer products, electrification of transport and electrical storage
- The supply side of the story is less understood, Orocobre believes:
  - Supply response from spodumene producers is only relevant to China demand
  - Japanese and Korean consumers will look to brine suppliers for new supply
  - Some market forecasters are overestimating the brine supply response as existing producers only more limited and slower expansion capacity and brine grades are reducing as the (capped) expansion occurs

### Current Lithium Demand by Industry

## Current Lithium Supply by Company

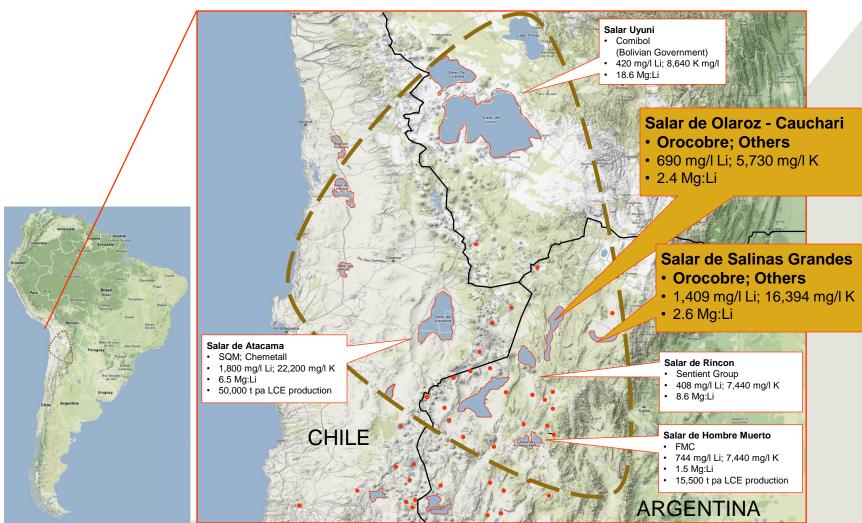


# The "Lithium Triangle"

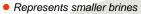


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#### Orocobre has 300,000 hectares located in the 'sweet spot' of Argentina's Lithium-Potash Triangle



Sources: Company presentations, Roskill and independent consultants (to Orocobre) estimates Note: stated resources are not NI 43-101 compliant





# **Partners**

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- Toyota Tsusho and Orocobre entered into a JV in January 2010
- Toyota Tsusho can earn-in a 25% JV equity interest in Olaroz, by:
  - Providing of US\$4.5m of funding for the DFS
  - Purchasing the 25% interest based on the NPV from the DFS
  - Securing a low-interest debt facility guaranteed by JOGMEC (Japanese Government) for at least 60% of project capex
- It is business as usual with Toyota Tsusho post earthquake/ tsunami in Japan
- Orocobre continues to receive enquires from potential partners regarding its other projects (Salinas Grandes and Cauchari) and will continue to explore these opportunities







# Projects overview



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## Salar de Olaroz

- Flagship Lithium Potash project
- EIS approval received, secondary approval process underway
- Resource upgrade announced
- DFS due early 2Q 2011
- Located in Jujuy Province

# Salinas Grandes / Canjrililo

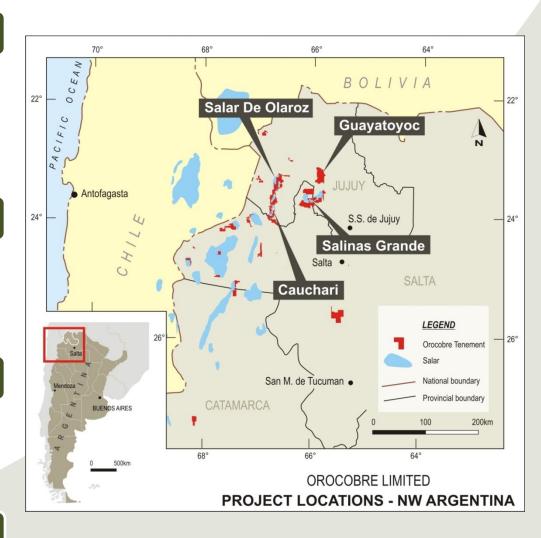
- Second major discovery
- Lithium-Potash
- Resource estimate expected around end of 1Q CY11
- Located in Salta Province

## Cauchari

- 30,000 ha lithium-potash property immediately south of Olaroz
- Key properties abut the high grade part of another company's resource
- Located in Jujuy

# Guayatoyoc

Potassium discovery





# Salar de Olaroz – flagship project



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## Significant high grade resource

- Lithium resources of 6.4 million tonnes of LCE
- Potassium resource of 19.3 million tonnes of potash
- High lithium concentrate of 690 mg/L
- Magnesium: lithium ratio of 2.4

## Attractive logistics and infrastructure:

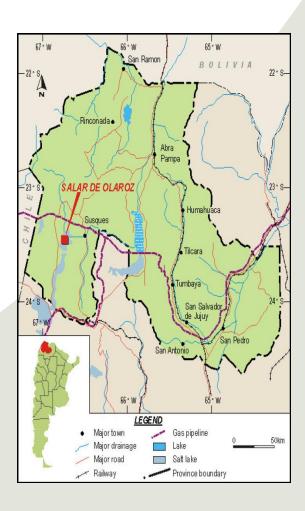
- Sealed road to port of Antofagasta, Chile (500 km)
- Railway to Antofagasta and to inland Argentina 70km to the south
- Gas pipeline 15 km to the north of salar
- Good communications
- Local workforce and support from San Salvador de Jujuy and Salta City

# A number of major project milestones already achieved

- Lithium carbonate production commenced
- Significant resource upgrade announced on 1 April 2011
- Agreement with Toyota Tsusho announced (Feb 2010)
- EIS approval received in December 2010
- Secondary approvals process underway
- DFS in final stages of completion due early 2Q 2011

# On path for construction by year end

- DFS to be delivered in early Q2 2011
- Jujuy government approvals
- Construction expected to commence in late 2011





# Salinas Grandes (Cangrejillo) Project



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#### Strong landholding located in renowned "Lithium Triangle"

- 85% interest via South American Salars, a JV with local interests
- Orocobre holds largest land position including +13,500 hectares in the salar nucleus
- Salta Province

#### Possibly one of the lowest operating cost brines in the world

- Extensive pit sampling has yielded very high lithium grades with very attractive chemistry
  - >2,000 mg/l Li over approx 60 km<sup>2</sup> of nucleus reaching a maximum of 3117 mg/l. (western end)
  - >20,000 mg/l K over an area of approx 40 km<sup>2</sup>, and boron values >500 mg l<sup>-1</sup> occur over more than 50 km<sup>2</sup>.
  - 2.6 Mg:Li ratio, low sulphate
- If the above-noted metrics prove out could become one of the lowest operating cost brines in the world

#### **Synergies with flagship Olaroz Project**

- Salinas Grandes is 70 km south-east of Olaroz and has potential to be partly integrated into the Olaroz Project
- · Good access to key infrastructure including port, rail and road

### Actively progressing towards resource estimate Q2 2011

- Camp and access roads established
- Test evaporation ponds constructed
- Drilling current using conventional coring techniques with casing advance to allow isolated brine sampling.



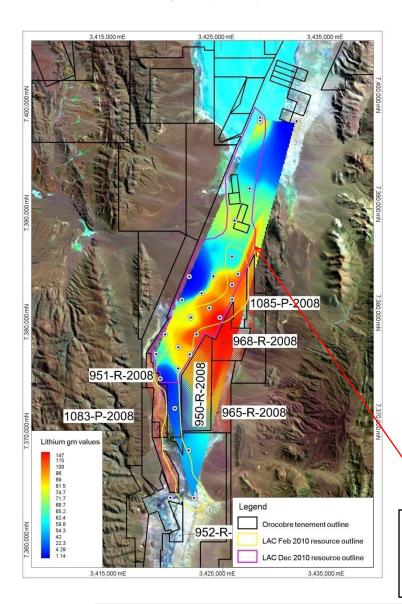
Drill rig at Salinas Grandes, Salta Province



# Salar de Cauchari



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# Highly promising project located immediately south east of Orocobre's flagship Olaroz project

- Over 30,000 hectares of properties immediately south of Salar de Olaroz held by 85% South America Salars
- · Li/K grades lower than Olaroz

## Significant potential for synergies with Olaroz

- Potential for brines to be pumped to future Olaroz processing facilities
- Similar chemistry but with higher sulphate
- Should be amendable for treatment concurrently with Olaroz brine

## Comprehensive drilling project planned

 Richest part of resource interpreted to extend south-east onto Orocobre properties

Purple boundary – LAC resource 11/10 Yellow Boundary LAC resource area 3/10



# Doing business in Argentina



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- Provincial and national governments
  recognise the importance of lithium to the
  economic and social development of the
  region
- Orocobre enjoys a strong working relationship with national and provincial governments and local communities – this resulted in speedy EIS approval
- Overarching national mining code
   (Argentinian national mining code) sets out
   legal framework for mining in Argentina and
   prevails over provincial regulation

## **Approvals Status of Orocobre's Projects**

	Olaroz	Salinas Grandes	Cauchari
Exploration EIS submitted	х	x	х
Exploration EIS approved	x	x	
Exploitation EIS submitted	х		
Exploitation EIS approved	x		
Secondary approval process underway*	x	Not required	
Secondary approval received		Not required	

<sup>\*</sup> Approvals process in Jujuy Province was updated in March 2011 when Jujuy Provincial Government introduced a new unanticipated decree to include a secondary approvals process

# Definitive Feasibility Study (Olaroz)



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## DFS is in final stages of completion

- Resource upgrade already delivered on 1 April 2011
- DFS expected to be delivered in coming weeks

## Highest quality people and processes used

- Very advanced drilling techniques, including developing new techniques for recovering test work
- Sinclair Knight Merz (SKM) engineers for DFS direct experience in lithium brine operations and lithium carbonate plants in Argentina

#### **High quality data = high level of confidence in resource estimate**

- SKM were engineers for FMC's Hombre Muerto operation in Argentina and have done work for Chemetal in Chile
- Very confident in the measured and indicated resource upgrade announced on 1 April 2011

## Production of lithium carbonate already commenced

Currently optimising process for production of material



# Next steps



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Salar de Olaroz		
Q2 2011	Completion of Definitive Feasibility Study	
Q2-Q3 2011	Finalization of Toyota Tsusho JV agreement and Toyota Tsusho / JOGMEC financing and project development	
Q2 – Q3 2011	Secondary Jujuy Province approvals	
Late 2011	Construction commencement	
Salinas Grandes/ Cangrejillo		
Q2	Drilling recommences	
Q2 2011	Initial resource estimate	
Cauchari		
Q2-Q3 2011	First drilling program (subject to Jujuy Provincial approvals)	



# Summary



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- Low-cost, near-term production potential at Olaroz
- Olaroz DFS in final stages of completion
- Toyota Tsusho strategic partnership
- Pilot plant production of lithium carbonate already achieved
- Significant pipeline of projects including Salinas Grandes
- Exposure to potash

