

## **ASX/TSX Announcement**

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### **OROCOBRE COMMENCES DRILLING ON SALINAS GRANDE LITHIUM - POTASH PROJECT**

- **Drilling has commenced at Orocobre's Salinas Grandes Lithium- Potash Project**
- **Program aims to estimate inferred resource in 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter calendar 2011**
- **Potential for greater Potash focus at Salinas Grandes than other Argentine salars**
- **Orocobre and JV partner Toyota Tsushu are on track to deliver Olaroz DFS in 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter calendar 2011**

Orocobre Limited (ASX: ORE, TSX: ORL) (the Company or Orocobre) has commenced an initial drilling program at its Salinas Grandes Lithium-Potash Project (Salinas Grandes) in North West Argentina.

The drilling program will assess the sub-surface geology and hydrogeology with the objective of estimating an inferred resource at Salinas Grandes in 1Q CY2011.

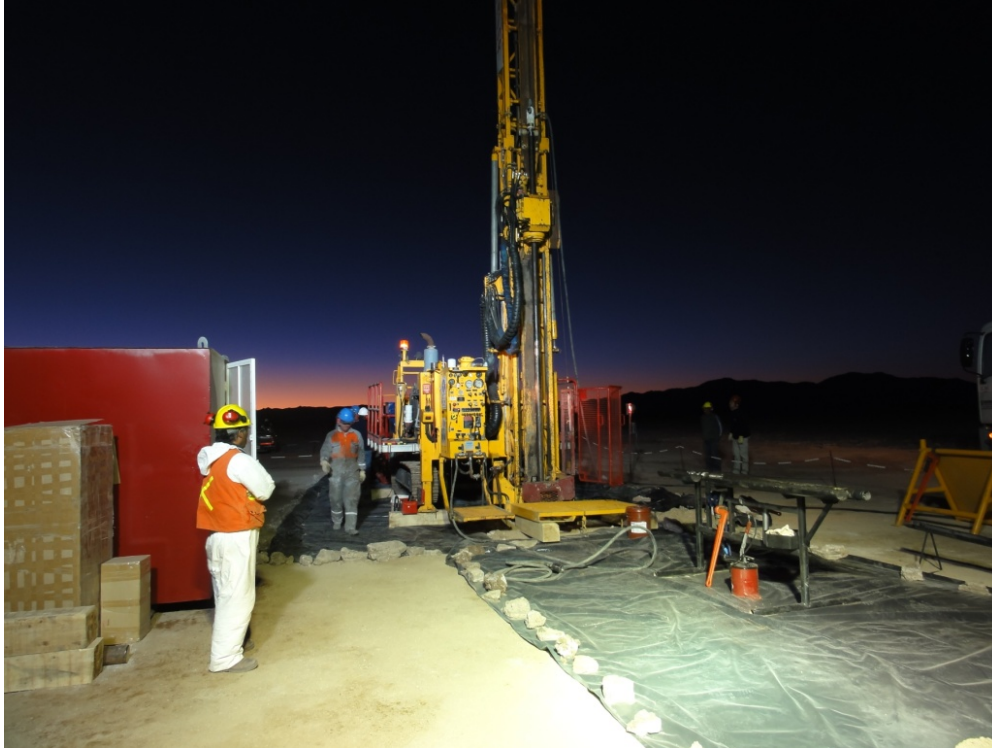
Previous pit sampling at Salinas Grandes shows very high Lithium and Potassium grades with the nucleus of the salar covering an area of approximately 60 km<sup>2</sup>, with lithium concentrations over 2000 mg/l, reaching a maximum of 3117 mg/l. In addition potassium values of >20,000 mg /l occur over an area of approximately 40 km<sup>2</sup>, and boron values >500 mg/l occur over more than 50 km<sup>2</sup>.

The drilling program comprises 1,200 metres of drilling and all holes will be followed up with down hole geophysical surveys. Samples will be taken for hydro-geological test work.

Previous surface sampling data also highlights the potential for Salinas Grandes to have a greater Potash focus than other Argentine salars due to very low sulphate levels and unusually high potassium grades.

The project is located in the Salta and Jujuy Provinces in north-west Argentina less than 70 kilometres from Orocobre's flagship Olaroz Lithium Project (Olaroz) which provides the potential for operational synergies.

Orocobre is currently working with joint venture partner Toyota Tsushu towards delivering a Definitive Feasibility Study (DFS) for its flagship Olaroz Project in 1Q CY2011. Olaroz is widely recognized as the world's next large scale, low cost lithium-potash brine resource.



**Figure 1 – Drill rig at Salinas Grandes Lithium Potash Project**

Orocobre Managing Director, Mr Richard Seville was very pleased to have commenced drilling at the company’s highly prospective Salinas Grandes project.

“Results from the previous pit sampling at Salinas Grandes are believed to show the highest average lithium and potassium grade results from any sampling program undertaken in Argentina and are comparable with the brine grades reported at Atacama in Chile,” said Mr Seville.

“We are delighted to have commenced the Salinas Grandes drilling program and expect the results will allow us to estimate an inferred resource at Salinas Grandes in early 2011.

“If drilling shows the same brine grades and chemistry beneath surface, Salinas Grandes could join Atacama as one of the lowest operating cost brines in the world.

“In addition, pit sampling showed potential for the project to have a greater potash focus than other Argentine salars due to very low sulphate levels and unusually high potassium grades.

“The strategic and economic significance of potash has been highlighted by recent corporate activity and we continue to be confident in the outlook for lithium. In fact, at current growth rates, a new project the size of Olaroz will be needed every two to three years just to keep up with demand.”

**Paul Crawford**  
**Company Secretary**

## **About Orocobre Limited**

Orocobre Limited is the leading lithium-potash developer in the lithium and potassium rich Puna region in Argentina. Orocobre is in partnership with Toyota Tsushu Corporation to develop its flagship project, Salar de Olaroz and the parties are currently working towards delivering a Definitive Feasibility Study in early 2011. Drilling has commenced at the Company's highly prospective Salinas Grandes with the objective of estimating an inferred resource in Q1 CY2011. With such quality assets Orocobre is poised to become a major new force in the growing lithium market. Orocobre is listed on the Australian Securities Exchange and Toronto Stock Exchange (ASX:ORE, TSX:ORL).

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*The information in this report that relates to exploration results and mineral resources is based on information prepared by or under the supervision of Mr Richard Seville, who is a member of the Australian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy. Mr Seville is a director of Orocobre Ltd and has sufficient experience which is relevant to the style of mineralization and type of deposit under consideration and to the activity which he is undertaking to qualify as a Competent Person as defined in the 2004 Edition of the 'Australasian Code for Reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves', and as a "qualified person" under National Instrument 43-101 – Standards of Disclosure for Mineral Projects ("NI 43-101"). Mr Seville consents to the inclusion in the report of the matters based on his information in the form and context in which it appears. Additional information relating to the Company's projects is available in the technical reports entitled "Technical Report – Salar de Olaroz Project, Argentina" dated April 30, 2010 (the "Olaroz Report"), "Technical Report – Salinas Grandes Project" dated April 30, 2010 and "Technical Report – Salar de Cauchari Project, Argentina" dated April 30, 2010, respectively, which have each been prepared by John Houston, Consulting Hydrogeologist, together with, in the case of the Olaroz Report, Peter Ehren, Consulting Processing Engineer, in accordance with NI 43-101.*

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