# KELIBER, Water Management



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# High purity lithium carbonate

#### Targeting fast growing lithium-ion battery markets

# • Target to be the first lithium producer in Europe

EU is the second largest market for lithium 21 % of total world wide consumptior in 2015

### Good infrastructure

- A good access to power and water, no large investment needs for transportation infrastructure
- High quality end product
  - Target to produce battery grade (99,5 %)



### **Increasing demand for lithium**

### Towards mobile and more sustainable world

- Increasing demand for Lithium-ion batteries
  - mobile electronics
  - portable hand tools
  - hybrid and electric vehicles
  - stationary grid batteries
  - stationary home batteries
- Annual global lithium demand is forecasted to almost triple from 184 000 tons in 2015 to 535 000 tons in 2025 (Deutche Bank, 2016)













### **Ideal geographical location**

Mining friendly jurisdiction and strong infrastructure

### Keliber production plant and key transport hubs





- Well positioned for European markets
- Strong, existing infrastructure
- Valid permits, claims and reservations

### **Excellent exploration potential**

One of the most significant lithium-bearing areas in Europe

### **Overview of concession areas**

- The lithium-rich province of Central Ostrobothnia covers over 500 sq. km
- A number of unexplored areas and excellent potential for further discoveries
- More than 1400 erratic boulders in the area



## Strong commitment to environmental responsibility

Valid environmental permits and ongoing EIA processes

### Key environmental aspects

- Valid environmental permit for Länttä deposit and Kalavesi production plant
- EIA process ongoing for four deposits
- EIA process ongoing for Kalavesi production site
- Pre-negotiation procedure granted by authorities enabling smooth and quick environmental permitting process
- Protection of Moor Frogs and Golden Eagle
- Minimizing damage to the environment
- Operations in a sparsely populated area





# **Mines and production plant**

### Easy access between sites

### **Overview of mines and production site**





- Short distances between sites
- Production site has good existing infrastructure (water, sewage, power and electricity)
- No restrictions on layout planning

### **Project timeline**

### Definitive feasibility study and preparation for production

### **Tentative timeline for the next stages (2016-2020)**

- Definitive feasibility study on-going
- Basic engineering to begin soon
- EIA and permit processes are ongoing
- Further drilling and exploration 2017– 2018
- Construction to be completed in 2019

**Production estimated to start late 2019** 



Filing the EIA to the authorities  $\bigstar$ Statement from authorities  $\bigstar \bigstar$ Filing the permit applications to the authorities  $\bigstar$ Decision from authorities  $\bigstar \bigstar$ 

# **Mine sites**

Water management and road connections

#### Overview of waters and roads on area

- EIA report will be completed in June 2017
- EIA -report includes four deposits
  - Syväjärvi
  - Länttä
  - Outovesi
  - Rapasaari
- The distance between mine sites and the Kalavesi production site is about 15 – 25 km
- Mine sites waters are not connected to each other and not connected to the Kalavesi production site



EIA process for the mine sites completed by the end of 2017

# Syväjärvi Mine Site

Water management

#### Basis for the water management designing

- Syväjärvi deposit is located under the lake Syväjärvi and lake Heinäjärvi
- Open pit mining, about 100 m deep pit, Mining operations takes about 4 to 6 years
- The lakes are dewatered during the mining operations, dewatering plan was made in 2015 by FCG
- Water treatment structures are settling ponds and overland flow areas
- Study of Bedrock groundwater discharge at Keliber Oy planned Syväjärvi Mine was made in 2017 by GTK



# **Rapasaari Mine Site**

Water management

#### Basis for the water management designing

- Rapasaari deposit is located near (400 m) Vionneva Natura2000 area
- Study of Discharge and Flow of Bedrock Groundwater from Vionneva Natura 2000 Area to Rapasaari Quarry (GTK 2017)
- Open pit mining, about 100 m deep pit, mining operations takes about 4 to 6 years
- Water treatment structures are settling ponds and overland flow areas



# **Kalavesi production site**

#### Spodumene concentrator plant and chemical plant in the same site



# **Innovative process**

### Efficient and environmentally sound production of high purity lithium carbonate

- Optical sorting
- Valuable by-products
- Concentrate grade optimization
- Flexible and environment-friendly soda leaching
- Tailings with no heavy metals nor acid generating minerals



### Water management in Kalavesi site

#### **Tentative water management plans**



Golden Eagle "Spodu" Age 28 years, oldest in Finland. He has nested successfully in past two years in Vionneva artificial nest, which we made in late 2014



