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## **Anson Signs MoU for Stage 3 Funding**

### **Highlights:**

- **Executed Memorandum of Understanding with Zhongfan Group**
- **Potential investment to fast-track Stage 3 development of Anson's Paradox Lithium Project's in-field pilot plant**
- **Performance of a bench-top pilot plant to be used to design an in-field pilot plant**

Anson Resources Limited (Anson) recently held meetings with Zhongfan Group Co., Ltd. (Zhongfan) to discuss their potential interest to fast-track Anson's Paradox Lithium Project, in Utah, USA, and is pleased to advised that a Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU") has been signed.

Zhongfan is a privately owned, large scale international enterprise group based in Shanghai, China that integrates resource development, mineral trading and new material technology development, and has over US\$2 billion in annual turnover.

Anson placed 20 million shares to Zhongfan at 3 cents per share to raise \$600,000, which was paid in full on 30 October 2017. These funds have been allocated to be used for Stage 2 of the metallurgical test work program, consisting of a bench-top pilot plant to assist with the development of an in-field pilot plant.

The MoU provides scope for Anson and Zhongfan to work towards a binding agreement whereby Zhongfan may invest to facilitate the funding of Anson's Stage 3 development works (See Anson Announcement 6 October, 2017), at the Paradox Lithium Project, located in the "Lithium Four Corners" area in the USA.

Under the MoU, Anson and Zhongfan will now progress with further discussions with an aim to formalise an investment proposition for the Stage 3 of the project, an in-field pilot plant.

Zhongfan were particularly attracted to Anson's target to produce lithium carbonate equivalent (LCE) from a pilot plant linked directly to the brine from the planned exploration and sampling program to commence in Q4 2017, enabling product qualification testing in the short to medium term at the Paradox Lithium Project.

Zhongfan indicated that it has interest in entering into negotiations to participate in the funding of the in-field pilot plant through equity investment, convertible notes or a pre-paid offtake agreement for the supply of LCE and the potentially other minerals that could be produced by the processing plant.

Anson Managing Director, Bruce Richardson commented, "The MoU with Zhongfan and their interest in funding the fast-tracking of the Stage 3 development works of the Paradox Lithium Project represents to Anson an opportunity to access sales channels to multiple cathode and battery manufactures in Asia and particularly China."



Anson notes that any meetings or considerations in regard to any potential transactions are preliminary and there is no certainty that any binding agreement will be reached. Anson will update shareholders upon any further developments in this regard.

### **About Zhongfan Group Co., Ltd**

Founded by Mr Jin Xiaoliang, the Zhongfan Group is a large-scale domestic and international enterprise group. It integrates resource development, trade logistics, new material technology development and manufacturing. It is focused on mining development, new construction materials, new energy technologies, internet financial payment systems, education and medical services.

The Zhongfan International Trading Co., Ltd was established in March, 2008 and is a key subsidiary of the Zhongshan Group. Currently the company operates domestic and international trading with annual sales of US\$2 billion. Its major trading partners are TISCO, SIOSTEEL, China MINMETALS Corporation, MCC, POSCO, CFGC, China HUANENG Group, China DATANG Corporation, China HUADIAN Corporation and SPIC.

The Zhongfan Group has invested in mining projects in China, Philippines (Chrome), Thailand (Thoreaulite) and Burma (Tin, Copper, Lead and Zinc). It has trading companies based in Hong Kong and Singapore.

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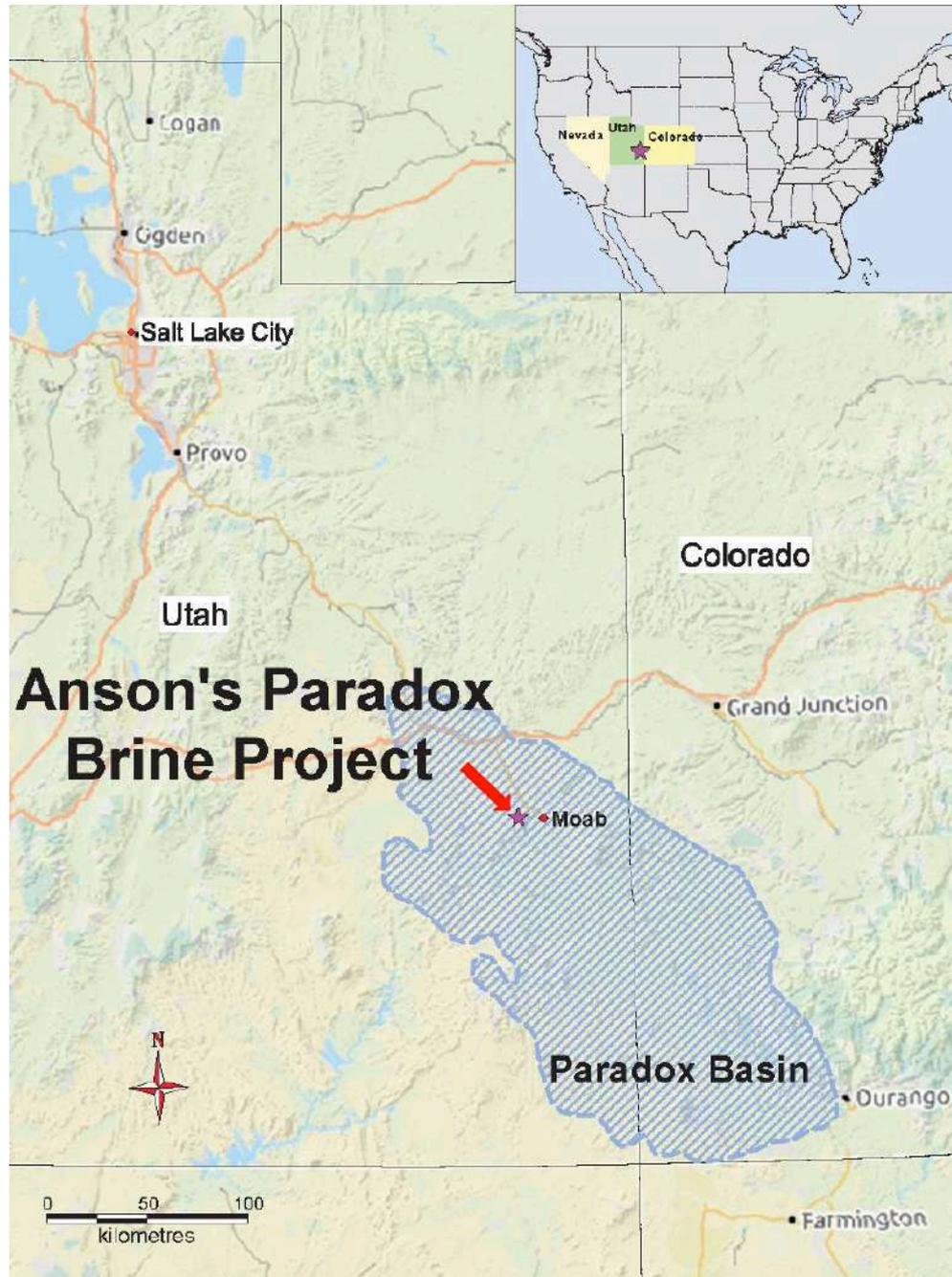
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## About the Utah Lithium Project

Anson is targeting lithium rich brines in the deepest part of the Paradox Basin in close proximity to Moab, Utah. Lithium values of up to 1,700ppm have historically been recorded within 800m of Anson's claim area. The location of Anson's claims within the Paradox Basin is shown below:



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