

Lithium Ionic Announces Board and Management Changes

TORONTO, ON, April 20, 2026- Lithium Ionic Corp. (TSXV: LTH; OTCQX: LTHCF; FSE: H3N) (“Lithium Ionic” or the “Company”) today announces that David Gower, Lawrence Guy and Hélio Diniz have resigned as directors of the Company, and that Damian Lopez has resigned as Corporate Secretary, each effective immediately.

Each has chosen to step aside in the best interests of the Company in response to a proceeding commenced by the Ontario Securities Commission (“OSC”) on April 9, 2026. Lithium Ionic is not a respondent to the OSC proceeding and no orders have been sought against Lithium Ionic. Lithium Ionic thanks Messrs. Gower, Guy, Diniz and Lopez for their service and contributions as directors and officers of the Company.

The Company remains focused on advancing its flagship Bandeira Project and executing on its strategy as the Company progress toward becoming a near-term lithium producer in Brazil’s Lithium Valley.

Each of Messrs. Gower, Guy, Diniz and Lopez was engaged by Lithium Ionic pursuant to an independent contractor agreement that could be terminated by the Company at any time by paying an amount equal to twelve months’ fees. As part of arrangements entered into, Lithium Ionic has agreed to pay Messrs. Gower, Guy and Lopez the base fee monthly in arrears for the 12-month period pursuant to an amended and restated agreement that terminates after one year unless extended by mutual agreement. Mr. Diniz will remain in an operational role as Managing Director, Brazil, through an independent contractor services agreement. Messrs. Gower, Guy and Lopez have also agreed that during the one-year term they will not dispose of any common shares of Lithium Ionic that they hold, other than subject to agreed customary exceptions, for a period of one-year.

The board of directors of the Company, including with the Special Committee is committed to good governance and constructive engagement with its shareholders and will provide further updates as appropriate. The Company will engage with Waratah Capital Advisors Ltd. concerning its request that the board call a special meeting of shareholders.

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The forward-looking information contained herein is made as of the date of this press release and is based on assumptions management believed to be reasonable, including management’s perceptions of historical trends, current conditions and expected future developments, as well as other considerations that are believed to be appropriate in the circumstances. While we consider these assumptions to be reasonable based on information currently available to management, there is no assurance that such expectations will prove to be correct.

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