



# Stellantis Signs Lithium Supply Agreement with Vulcan Energy

- Agreement supports decarbonized supply of key raw material for electrified vehicle battery packs
- Key element to power Stellantis' aggressive electrification strategy

**AMSTERDAM, November 29, 2021** – Stellantis N.V. (NYSE / MTA / Euronext Paris: STLA) ("Stellantis") and Vulcan Energy Resources Ltd. (ASX: VUL) announced today the signing of a binding agreement ("Agreement") for Vulcan to supply battery grade lithium hydroxide in Europe for use in electrified vehicles to the Stellantis Group. The five-year agreement calls for shipments to begin in 2026.

The Vulcan supply agreement is a part of the Stellantis electrification strategy, detailed during the EV Day presentation in July 2021, to guarantee the adequate availability of key raw materials for electrified vehicle battery packs. Stellantis plans to invest more than €30 billion through 2025 in electrification and software development, while targeting to continue to be 30 percent more efficient than the industry with respect to total Capex and R&D spend versus revenues.

"Stellantis is moving forward on its electrification strategy with speed and power. This agreement is further proof that we have the competitive spirit to deliver on our commitments," said Michelle Wen, Stellantis Chief Purchasing and Supply Chain Officer. "Safe, clean and affordable freedom of mobility represents a strong expectation of our societies and we are committed to deliver on that matter."

Stellantis targets that more than 70 percent of its vehicle sales in Europe and more than 40 percent of vehicle sales in the United States will be low emission vehicles (LEV) by 2030. Each of the company's 14 iconic vehicle brands is committed to offering best-in-class fully electrified solutions.

Vulcan's Zero Carbon Lithium<sup>™</sup> Project in the Upper Rhine Valley in Germany uses geothermal energy to produce battery-quality lithium hydroxide from brine without the use of fossil fuels and minimal water usage, reducing the generation of carbon in the battery metals supply chain.

"The definitive offtake agreement with Stellantis aligns with our mission to decarbonise the lithium ion battery and electric vehicle supply chain," said Dr. Francis Wedin, Vulcan Managing Director. "The Vulcan Zero Carbon Lithium™ Project also intends to reduce the transport distance of lithium chemicals into Europe, and our location in Germany, proximal to Stellantis' European gigafactories, is consistent with this strategy. We look forward to a long and productive relationship between Vulcan and Stellantis, as we work to achieve our shared sustainability and decarbonisation ambitions."

Vulcan will supply Stellantis with a minimum of 81,000 metric tons and a maximum of 99,000 metric tons of lithium hydroxide over the five-year term of the agreement.

The supply agreement is subject to the successful start of commercial operation at the Vulcan facility and full product qualification.

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# **About Stellantis**

Stellantis is one of the world's leading automakers and a mobility provider, guided by a clear vision: to offer freedom of movement with distinctive, affordable and reliable mobility solutions. In addition to the Group's rich heritage and broad geographic presence, its greatest strengths lie in its sustainable performance, depth of experience and the wide-ranging talents of employees working around the globe. Stellantis leverages its broad and iconic brand portfolio, which was founded by visionaries who infused the marques with passion and a competitive spirit that speaks to employees and customers alike. Stellantis aspires to become the greatest, not the biggest while creating added value for all stakeholders as well as the communities in which it operates.

### **About Vulcan**

Vulcan is aiming to become the world's first lithium producer with net zero greenhouse gas emissions. Its ZERO CARBON LITHIUM<sup>™</sup> Project intends to produce a batteryquality lithium hydroxide chemical product from its combined geothermal energy and lithium resource, which is Europe's largest lithium resource, in Germany. Vulcan's unique, ZERO CARBON LITHIUM<sup>™</sup> Project aims to produce both renewable geothermal energy, and lithium hydroxide, from the same deep brine source. In doing so, Vulcan intends to address lithium's EU market requirements by reducing the high carbon and water footprint of production, and total reliance on imports. Vulcan aims to supply the lithium-ion battery and electric vehicle market in Europe, which is the fastest growing in the world. The Vulcan Zero Carbon Lithium<sup>™</sup> project has a resource which can satisfy Europe's needs for the electric vehicle transition, from a source with net zero greenhouse gas emissions, for many years to come.

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