



ASX Announcement 5 May 2017

Exploration Update – Lithium Brine Projects

Caeneus Minerals Ltd (“Caeneus” or “the Company”) is pleased to provide the following exploration update on the progress of its 100% owned Lithium Brine Exploration Projects in Nevada, USA.

Highlights:

- Delay in commencement of drilling program following requirement for additional permitting by the State of Nevada and Nevada Bureau of Land Management (“BLM”).
- Company has now received the ground disturbance permits from the BLM for the Lida Valley and Scotty’s South Projects. Columbus Marsh permit pending bond valuation which is expected shortly.
- Necessary water right waivers received for Lida Valley and Scotty’s South Projects from the State of Nevada Department of Conservation and Natural Resources Division of Water Resources.
- Specialist environmental consultant appointed to conduct required bird surveys. Forecast completion is 20 May 2017.
- On completion of bird surveys, notice of intent to drill to be lodged and final trail construction to be completed.
- Preferred contractor O’Keefe Drilling to commence site preparation and mobilize equipment for maiden drilling program at Scotty’s South Project. **Drilling scheduled to commence at the Scotty’s South Project on 22 May 2017**, with Lida Valley and Columbus Projects to follow.

Site Visit

Mr Steve Elliott (Managing Director) and Mr Keith Bowker (Chairman) recently flew to Nevada where they conducted an Investor Site Visit as well as conducted meetings with drilling consultants and the technical team ahead of the drilling campaign which is to commence soon.

While there, they toured the Company’s brine projects and demonstrated Nevada’s unrivalled potential for lithium, showing Nevada as host of the only brine based producing lithium operation in North America as well as home to Tesla’s \$5 billion lithium-ion battery Gigafactory, and the soon to be built Faraday Future \$1 billion electric car plant.

Caeneus’ Managing Director, Mr Steve Elliott said:

“While we were frustrated with the delay in proceedings, we now look forward to commencing drilling at or near 22 May 2017. We are excited to be weeks away from commencing drilling and getting our highly skilled technical team and experienced group of operators to work on the ground.

Our understanding of the potential for brines and their host sediments at our projects has improved markedly through the last 12 months. The geophysical results we have seen so far are highly encouraging and confirm our early strategy to target the most prospective areas for lithium brines in the best emerging basins outside the Clayton Valley.

Following completion of our recent financing initiatives, we are in a strong financial position to fund our objectives to increase shareholder value through 2017. We thank investors for their patience as we move into an exciting stage of our growth strategy.”

For and on behalf of the Board



Steve Elliott
Managing Director

Competent Person Statement

The information in this announcement that relates to Exploration Results, Mineral Resources or Ore Reserves is based on information compiled by Steven Elliott who is a Member of the Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy. Mr Elliott is a director of the Company. Mr Elliott has sufficient experience which is relevant to the style and type of deposit under consideration and to the activity which he is undertaking to qualify as a Competent Person as defined in the 2012 edition of the Joint Ore Reserves Committee (JORC) Australasian Code for Reporting of Exploration Results, Minerals Resources and Ore Reserves. Mr Elliott consents to the inclusion in the announcement of the matters based on his information in the form and context in which it appears.