

## ASX/Media Announcement

Perth: 8 February 2017

### Substantial Shareholder Notice Concerns

- Lithium Australia NL substantial shareholder notice for Lepidico Ltd appears to contain several inaccuracies meaning its relevant interest in LPD may be overstated.
- Lepidico's Board reiterates its previous advice that shareholders **TAKE NO ACTION** until further information from Lithium Australia is received and the Lepidico Directors have made a formal recommendation in relation to the proposed conditional offer.

Lepidico Ltd (ASX:LPD) ("Lepidico" or "the Company") refers to the substantial shareholder notice provided to the Company and to ASX by Lithium Australia NL (ASX:LIT) ("Lithium Australia") dated 7 February 2017 ("Form 603" or "Notice"). The Notice was lodged in connection with Lithium Australia's publicly stated intention to make an unsolicited, conditional offer to purchase all of the fully paid ordinary shares in Lepidico ("Announcement") at a future date (as yet unspecified).

The Company has noted that the Notice is made up of shareholders directly or indirectly related to Parkway Minerals NL, whose Chairman, Mr Adrian Griffin is also the Managing Director of Lithium Australia.

The Board of Lepidico is continuing to consider its position in relation to the information set out in the Announcement and the Notice generally. Until such time as the Lepidico Board is in a properly informed position to respond, it reiterates its advice that Lepidico shareholders **Take No Action** in relation to the Announcement or the proposed conditional offer.

The Lepidico Board has serious concerns about the accuracy of certain disclosures made in the Notice with respect to the parties named as the registered holder of Lepidico shares, being parties who have entered into pre bid agreements with Lithium Australia. Lepidico has communicated these concerns to Lithium Australia and will advise the market as soon as a response is forthcoming.

The Board of Lepidico will continue to keep shareholders updated on further developments in relation to the notices received from Lithium Australia to ensure there is a properly informed market. In the meantime, the Company will continue to focus its efforts to fast track and promote the L-Max<sup>®</sup> Plant Pre-Feasibility Study and the Company's other business and corporate activities generally.

#### Further Information

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#### About Lepidico Ltd

Lepidico Ltd is an ASX-listed Company focused on exploration, development and production of lithium. Lepidico owns the technology to a metallurgical process that has successfully produced lithium carbonate from non-conventional sources, specifically lithium-rich mica minerals including lepidolite and zinnwaldite.

The L-Max<sup>®</sup> Process has the potential to disrupt the lithium market by providing additional lithium supply from alternative sources. The Company is currently conducting a pre-feasibility study for a Phase 1 L-Max<sup>®</sup> plant, targeting production for 2019. Four potential sources of feed to the planned Phase 1 Plant are being evaluated, one of which is the Separation Rapids deposit in partnership with its owner Avalon Advanced Materials Inc. Lepidico's current exploration assets include options over the Lemare and the Royal projects, both in Quebec, Canada; ownership of the Euriowie project near Broken Hill in New South Wales; joint venture agreements with ASX-listed Crusader Resources (ASX:CAS) in Brazil and ongoing discussions with Latin Resources (ASX:LRS) aimed at leveraging L-Max<sup>®</sup> in Peru and Argentina to jointly evaluate lithium opportunities.