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## Japanese Patent Protection for L-Max<sup>®</sup>

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- Patent protection received for L-Max<sup>®</sup> in Japan
- Further endorsement that L-Max<sup>®</sup> is novel, inventive, industry applicable and patentable
- PCT International Patent Applications for L-Max<sup>®</sup> in other key jurisdiction remain in progress

Lepidico Ltd (ASX:LPD) (“Lepidico” or “Company”) is pleased to announce that its L-Max<sup>®</sup> process technology, the subject of International Patent Application PCT/AU2015/000608, has achieved another milestone following the registration of its Japanese patent.

The Japanese patent represents the third patent granted to Lepidico for its L-Max<sup>®</sup> process technology with the US patent granted in September 2019 and the Australian patent granted on 19 March 2020. National and regional phase patent applications in other key jurisdictions are well advanced.

Lepidico’s Managing Director, Joe Walsh said, “Grant of patent protection in Japan represents another significant endorsement that L-Max<sup>®</sup> is a novel process, which along with its other proprietary technologies provide Lepidico with a strategic advantage in the development of its lithium business. L-Max<sup>®</sup> is integral to Lepidico’s vertically integrated Phase 1 Project which is now in the advanced stages of a feasibility study, the results of which are due in May 2020.”

The L-Max<sup>®</sup> process is for the extraction and recovery of lithium chemicals from lithium containing mica and lithium phosphate minerals, including lepidolite, zinnwaldite and amblygonite. The process consumes modest amounts of energy and represents a relatively low carbon intensity solution for production of lithium chemicals versus conventional industry processes.

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### About Lepidico Ltd

Lepidico Ltd is an ASX-listed Company focused on exploration, development and production of lithium chemicals. 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 complement the lithium market by adding low-cost lithium carbonate supply from alternative sources. More recently Lepidico has added LOH-Max<sup>™</sup> to its technology base, which produces lithium hydroxide from lithium sulphate without by-product sodium sulphate. The Company is currently conducting a Feasibility Study for a 5,000 tonne per annum (LCE) capacity Phase 1 lithium chemical plant, targeting commercial production for 2021. Work is currently being undertaken to incorporate LOH-Max<sup>™</sup> into the Phase 1 Plant Project engineering. Feed to the Phase 1 Plant is planned to be sourced from the Karibib Lithium Project in Namibia, 80% owned by Lepidico where a predominantly Measured and Indicated Mineral Resource of 11.24 Mt grading 0.43% Li<sub>2</sub>O, (including Measured Resources of 2.20 Mt @ 0.57% Li<sub>2</sub>O, Indicated Resources of 6.66 Mt @ 0.38% Li<sub>2</sub>O and Inferred Resources of 2.37 Mt @ 0.43%, at a 0.15% Li<sub>2</sub>O cut-off) is estimated (ASX announcement of 30 January 2020).

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