

21 August 2023

#### **Lowering Target Price**

## Galan Lithium Limited **EV Materials**

Rating Price Target A\$2.65√ **SPECULATIVE BUY** unchanged from A\$3.00

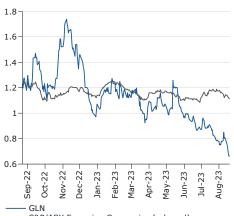
**GLN-ASX** 

Price A\$0.69

#### **Market Data**

52-Week Range (A\$) :	0.65 - 1.78
Avg Daily Vol (000s) :	1
Market Cap (A\$M):	226.1
Shares Out. (M) :	325.4
Enterprise Value (A\$M):	197
NAV /Shr (A\$):	2.65
P/NAV (x) (A\$):	0.26

FYE Jun	2022A	2023E	2024E	2025E
EBITDA (A\$M)	(5.0)	(4.7)↓	(3.9)↓	15.1↓
Previous	-	(2.8)	(3.2)	15.8
Net Income (A\$M)	(5.1)	(4.3)↓	(4.0)↓	8.3↓
Previous	-	(2.8)	(3.7)	8.6
Free Cash Flow (A\$M)	(12.6)	(40.0)	(111.4)	(261.5)



S&P/ASX Emerging Companies (rebased)

Source: FactSet

Priced as of close of business 21 August 2023

Galan Lithium is an exploration and development company focused on the exploration and development of two lithium brine projects hosted within South America's Lithium Triangle on the Hombre Muertos salar in Argentina.

Canaccord Genuity received a fee for its role as Lead Manager to Galan Lithium's A\$31.5m equity raise at \$1.05 on 22 May 2023.

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## Construction commences at HMW

#### Phase 1 construction commences

Following the recent receipt of permits, GLN has commenced construction of HMW's 5.4ktpa LCE (in LiCL) Phase 1 (see HMW Phase 1 DFS recap) with first production targeted for H1'25. Equipment has been mobilised, with completion of pond construction expected in Q1'24 (evaporation lead time). We now see completion of financing and offtake as final de-risking milestones.

#### Pilot plant results confirm HMW product quality

HMW pilot plant activities have produced Lithium chloride concentrate containing 6% Li with low levels of impurities (i.e. Mg, Ca, SO-4, etc.), confirming the high quality of GLN's product (typical feedstock grades of 2-4%) and our estimates (CGe 6%).

As we outlined in Lithium chloride concentrate - a cheaper, faster pathway to market? GLN's concentrate product makes it an ideal candidate for merchant conversion and/ or to supplement existing feedstock (noting 10 nearby projects with combined capacity of +220ktpa LCE) and/or lithium metal production. Pilot plant product is expected to be provided to potential offtake parties and support testing of further downstream optionality.

#### Financing and offtake key potential catalysts

GLN reported cash at A\$45m as of the JunQ, funding delivery of remaining project studies (Phase 2 DFS expected SepQ'23) and Phase 1 long lead items. We model Phase 1 capex of US\$122m, with funding expected to be provided through a combination of offtake prepayments, debt, and equity. We see resolution of the funding gap and/or offtake (discussions ongoing) as key potential catalysts for the stock.

## Recently acquired tenure provides Resource upside potential

GLN recently secured 100% ownership over the Catalina concessions following recognition by both Salta and Catamarca provincial governments (the area sits within a disputed border area). The concessions include 5,954 Ha of existing HMW tenements and sit adjacent to the current Resource. Existing exploration data (geo/hydro data) suggests potential for HMW resource expansion and underpins GLN's exploration target of 500kt - 1.5Mt LCE ranging 953 to 988 ppm.

If successfully delineated, a Catalina Resource could provide project life and/or capacity expansions beyond GLN's four-phased 60ktpa LCE development plan. An exploration campaign is ongoing, including 3 DDH holes totalling 1,000m, and will feed into an updated Resource model.

## Valuation and recommendation

We have increased our project risking (financing) for HMW, which sees our target lowered to \$2.65 (from \$3.00). We highlight several near-term derisking milestones for the project including offtake, with GLN's P/NAV of 0.26x significantly below the global peer average of 0.47x. Maintain Speculative Buy.

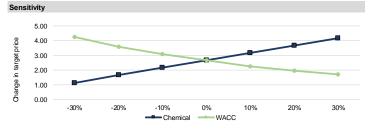


## Figure 1: GLN financial summary

Market Information		
Share Price	A\$	0.70
Market Capitalisation	A\$m	226
12 Month Hi	A\$	1.78
12 Month Lo	A\$	0.65
Issued Capital	m	325
ITM Options	m	26
Fully Diluted	m	352

Valuation		A\$m	A\$/share
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Hombre Muerto West	NPV10%, Risked at 45%	864	2.45
Candelas	NPV10%, Risked at 20%	-	(80.0)
Exploration, Projects & Other		70	0.20
Corporate		(27)	(80.0)
Cash		29	0.08
Debt		-	
Total		864	2.65
Price/NAV			0.26x

Assumptions	2022a	2023e	2024e	2025e
Lithium Carbonate price	40,932	51,750	29,000	34,250
AUD:USD	0.73	0.68	0.70	0.71



Production - by asset	2022a	2023e	2024e	2025e
Hombre Muerto West Lithium Carbonate production Cash Costs (USS/II)	-	- -	- -	2 663
Candelas Lithium Carbonate production Cash Costs (US\$/t)	- -	- -	- -	-

Reserves & Resources	Mt	Grade ppm	
Hombre Muerto West	6.6	879	
Candelas	0.65	676	

Directors & Management	
Name	Position
Richard Homsany	Non-Executive Chairman
Juan Pablo ('JP') Vargas de la Vega	Managing Director
Christopher William Chalwell	Non-Executive Director
Terry James Gardiner	Non-Executive Director
Daniel Jimenez	Non-Executive Director
Jinyu (Raymond) Liu	Non-Executive Director
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Company Description

Galan Lithium (GLN:ASX) is an Australian company focused on the exploration and development of lithium projects in Argentina. Its key asset is the Hombre Muerto West project, were GLN evisages a staged development approach to 60ktpa LCE in lithium chloride by 2030.

Profit and Loss A\$m	2022a	2023e	2024e	2025e
Revenue	0.1	0.3	0.0	22.8
Operating Costs	0.0	0.0	0.0	-3.7
Corporate Costs	-5.0	-5.1	-3.9	-3.9
EBITDA	-5.0	-4.7	-3.9	15.1
Impairment/other non cash adjustments	-0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0
D&A	0.0	0.0	0.0	-0.9
Net Interest	0.1	0.5	-0.1	-2.3
Tax	0.0	0.0	0.0	-3.7
NPAT (reported)	-5.1	-4.3	-4.0	8.3
NPAT	-5.1	-4.3	-4.0	8.3
EBITDA Margin	nm	nm	nm	66%
EV/EBITDA	nm	nm	nm	0.0
EPS	(0.02)	(0.01)	(0.01)	0.01
EPS Growth	nm	-21%	-29%	-179%
PER	-40.4x	-51.1x	-71.9x	91.12
Dividend Per Share	-	-	-	
Dividend Yield	nm	nm	nm	nm
Cash Flow A\$m	2022a	2023e	2024e	2025
Cash Receipts	0.0	0.0	0.0	22.8
Cash paid to suppliers & employees	-2.2	-3.2	-3.9	-7.6
Tax Paid	0.0	0.0	0.0	-4.5
Net Interest	0.1	8.0	-0.1	-2.3
Other	0.1	-1.8	0.0	0.0
Operating Cash Flow	-2.0	-4.2	-4.0	8.3
Proceeds/payments from sale/purchases	-10.6	-0.1	0.0	0.0
Capex	0.0	-10.0	-107.4	-269.8
Other	0.0	-25.8	0.0	0.0
Investing Cash Flow	-10.6	-35.8	-107.4	-269.8
Debt Drawdown (repayment)	0.0	0.0	75.0	295.0
Share capital	50.0	31.5	55.0	250.0
Dividends	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Financing Expenses	0.9	0.0	0.0	0.0
Financing Cash Flow	50.9	31.5	130.0	545.0
Opening Cash	15.6	53.9	45.4	63.9
Increase / (Decrease) in cash	38.3	-8.5	18.6	283.5
FX Impact	-0.0	-0.0	0.0	0.0
Closing Cash	53.9	45.4	63.9	347.4
Op. Cashflow/Share	-\$0.01	-\$0.01	-\$0.01	\$0.03
P/CF	nm	-54.3x	-56.5x	27.2
FCF	-12.6	-40.0	-111.4	-261.5
FCF Yield	-5.6%	-17.7%	-49.3%	-115.7%
Balance Sheet A\$m	2022a	2023e	2024e	2025
Cash + S/Term Deposits	53.9	45.4	63.9	347.4
Receivables	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.2
Other current assets	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
Current Assets	54.0	45.5	64.1	347.6
Property, Plant & Equip.	2.6	26.1	133.6	402.
Investments	0.6	0.5	0.5	0.6
Other Non-current Assets	33.0	47.8	47.8	48.6
Payables	2.5	1.7	1.7	1.7
		0.0	0.0	0.0
Short Term Debt	0.0		75.0	370.0
Long Term Debt	0.0	0.0		
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Source: Company reports, FactSet, Canaccord Genuity estimates



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Galan Lithium Limited - GLN

Our valuation is based on a heavily risked NPV10% (LT price of US \$22.5k/t LCE) of our modelled development scenario at HMW/ Candelas.

#### Risks to achieving Target Price / Valuation:

Galan Lithium Limited - GLN

#### Financing risks

Our analysis suggests that GLN will require additional capital to fund the development costs for the Hombre Muerto West project. As a pre-cash flow company, GLN is reliant on equity/debt/external capital to fund capital commitments, and there is no guarantee that accessing these markets will be achieved without dilution to shareholders. Furthermore, accurate estimates of capital costs for the project remain subject to completion of final engineering, which may see capital requirements exceed our model assumptions.

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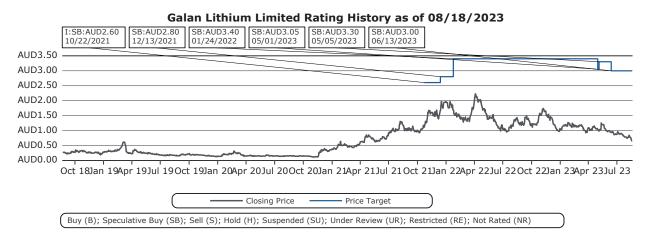
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