

Lithium Ionic Provides Bi-Weekly MCTO Status Update

TORONTO, ON, May 19, 2026 – Lithium Ionic Corp. ([TSXV: LTH](#); [OTCQX: LTHCF](#); [FSE: H3N](#)) (“**Lithium Ionic**” or the “**Company**”), is providing this bi-weekly update on the status of the management cease trade order (the “**MCTO**”) granted by its principal regulator, the Ontario Securities Commission (the “**OSC**”) under National Policy 12-203 – *Management Cease Trade Orders* (“**NP 12-203**”) on May 4, 2026. As previously announced, the Company applied for the MCTO as it was unable to file its audited annual financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2025, the related management’s discussion and analysis, and its Form 52-109FV1 CEO and CFO certifications of annual filings (collectively, the “**Required Filings**”). Under National Instrument 51-102 - *Continuous Disclosure Obligations*, the Required Filings were required to be made no later than April 30, 2026.

Since the issuance of the MCTO, there have been no material changes to the information contained in the Company’s May 5, 2026 news release. The Company continues to work expeditiously and diligently with its auditors to complete the audit as soon as possible.

In addition, (i) the Company is satisfying and confirms that it intends to continue to satisfy the provisions of the alternative information guidelines under NP 12-203 and issue bi-weekly default status reports in the form of news releases, for so long as the Company remains in default with the Required Filings and /or Interim Filings; (ii) the Company does not have any information at this time regarding any anticipated specified default subsequent to the default in filing the Required Filings; and (iii) the Company confirms that, as of the date of this news release, that the Company is not subject to any insolvency proceedings.

The MCTO prohibits the chief executive officer and the chief financial officer of the Company (collectively, the “**Restricted Persons**”) from trading in securities of the Company for so long as the Required Filings are not filed and the MCTO remains in effect. The issuance of the MCTO does not affect the ability of persons other than the Restricted Persons to trade in the Company’s securities.

About Lithium Ionic Corp.

Lithium Ionic is a Canadian lithium development company focused on responsibly advancing its 100%-owned Bandeira Lithium Project in Minas Gerais, Brazil, a region coined the “Lithium Valley” that is emerging as a world-class hard-rock lithium district. The Company is executing on a focused development strategy centered on engineering de-risking, permitting advancement, commercial planning, and construction readiness, with the goal of becoming a near-term producer of high-quality spodumene concentrate for global battery supply chains.

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The forward-looking information contained herein is based on assumptions management believed to be reasonable, including management’s perceptions of historical trends, current conditions and expected future developments, as well as other considerations that are believed to be appropriate in the circumstances. While we consider these assumptions to be reasonable based on information currently available to management, there is no assurance that such expectations will prove to be correct.

By their nature, forward-looking information is subject to inherent risks and uncertainties that may be general or specific and which give rise to the possibility that expectations, forecasts, predictions, projections or conclusions will not prove to be accurate, that assumptions may not be correct and that objectives, strategic goals and priorities will not be achieved. A variety of factors, including known and unknown risks, many of which are beyond our control, could cause actual

results to differ materially from the forward-looking information in this news release. Additional risk factors can also be found in the Company's current MD&A, which has been filed under the Company's SEDAR+ profile at www.sedarplus.ca. Readers are cautioned not to put undue reliance on forward-looking information. Forward-looking statements contained in this news release are expressly qualified by this cautionary statement.

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