

# International Battery Metals Ltd. Announces Patent Protection Filed for Lithium Extraction Process in the United States; Additional Patent Filings for Canada and Europe to Follow

Vancouver, British Columbia--(Newsfile Corp. - March 20, 2018) - **International Battery Metals Ltd. (CSE: IBAT) ("IBAT" or the "Company")**, a company that specializes in lithium extraction from oilfield brines, today announces that Selective Adsorption Lithium, Inc. ("SAL") the technology company being acquired by IBAT (see news release March 5, 2018) has filed for patent protection at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) for its lithium extraction process. This patent application, "Extraction process control methods and apparatuses," will protect directly the extraction process in the United States as SAL prepares to file the application internationally.

"Filing this patent application is a strategic step for IBAT's extraction technology and system development in the United States and in other countries where the technology may be deployed," says John Burba, incoming chairman and chief executive officer (CEO) of IBAT. "This filing is the first of many that SAL is working on to protect our third-generation technology as we begin building our intellectual property portfolio and our processing techniques. This work will advance IBAT's competitive leadership in the lithium-extraction arena."

The patent application covers technology developed by John Burba and other lithium extraction experts and protects advancements in oilfield lithium extraction.

This filing will also allow IBAT to file additional patents to protect this technology in Canada and Europe.

## About IBAT

IBAT is an advanced technology company focused on lithium brine extraction. The company is in the process of creating and applying intellectual property related to lithium extraction from oilfield brines for petro-lithium extraction projects. IBAT's unique extraction process is environmentally friendly, low cost, and has the potential to produce high-quality, commercial grade lithium at a much faster rate than the current industry standards.

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