

Strategic Patent Protection Filed for Lithium Extraction Process in the United States, for Contaminant Control During Lithium Extraction Process

Vancouver, British Columbia--(Newsfile Corp. - April 4, 2018) - **International Battery Metals Ltd. (CSE: IBAT) ("IBAT" or the "Company")**, a company that specializes in the development of lithium extraction processes, applicable to 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 a process relating to contamination control during the lithium extraction process.

"The technology covered in this patent application represents a critical aspect of SAL's unique lithium-extraction process, and is but one reason why IBAT has the potential to outperform its competitors in the lithium-extraction arena," says John Burba, incoming chairman and chief executive officer (CEO) of IBAT.

Oil field brines tend to have high concentrations of dissolved ions, such as calcium, magnesium, sulfate and the like that can make commercial recovery of lithium exceedingly difficult, there are also certain low concentration impurities that interfere with processing equipment. If left untreated these impurities can foul and seriously interfere critical processing equipment. The technology covered in the new patent application, "**Contaminant Management in Extraction Systems**," relates to a critical aspect of SAL's process that controls these other dissolved ions, and prevents them from fouling process equipment, or interfering with the efficiency of lithium absorption. SAL's extraction technology enhances the speed and efficiency of lithium extraction, reducing the recovery time and increasing extraction rates.

"With this and the many patent applications that are anticipated to follow, IBAT is working to protect our third-generation technology as we build our intellectual property portfolio in those countries where the technology may be deployed, and further advance our processing techniques."

The patent application covers an aspect of the technology for lithium-extraction from oilfield brines developed by Burba and other experts and protects advancements in oilfield lithium extraction. This filing will also allow IBAT to file additional international patents to protect this technology.

About IBAT

IBAT is an advanced technology company focused on developing lithium brine extraction processes. 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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