



ioneer Submits Water Pollution Control Permit for Rhyolite Ridge Lithium-Boron Project

RENO, Nev. (June 23, 2020) – Ioneer USA Corporation (ioneer or the Company), an emerging lithium–boron supplier, has submitted an application to the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection (NDEP) Bureau of Mining Regulation and Reclamation (BMRR) for a Water Pollution Control Permit for the Company’s Rhyolite Ridge Lithium-Boron Project (Project).

Every mine must obtain a water pollution control permit, issued by BMRR, prior to the construction of any mining facility. Water pollution control permits are subject to public review and notice requirements and must be renewed every five years.

The submittal of the water pollution control permit application follows the Company’s submittals of the Project Plan of Operations to the United States Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and the Class II Air Quality Permit application to the NDEP, Bureau of Air Pollution Control.

ioneer’s President, Bernard Rowe said:

“ioneer continues to see positive forward progress for the Rhyolite Ridge Project. With each of these milestones, we take an important step closer to becoming a leading low-cost, long-life producer of lithium and boron.

“We look forward to the receipt of the water pollution control permit as we continue to work toward a fully permitted Project.”

ABOUT IONEER

Ioneer USA Corporation is the 100% owner of the Rhyolite Ridge Lithium-Boron Project located in Nevada, USA, the only known lithium-boron deposit in North America and one of only two known such deposits in the world. The Definitive Feasibility Study (DFS) completed in April 2020 confirmed Rhyolite Ridge as a world-class Lithium and Boron Project that is expected to become a globally significant, long-life, low-cost source of lithium and boron vital to a sustainable future.

Rhyolite Ridge’s unique mineralogy allow lithium and boron to be extracted in a low-cost and environmentally sustainable manner. The Project’s commercial viability is made possible by having both lithium and boron revenue streams.

Lithium is vital to enable technologies that combat climate change and reduce carbon emissions. It is a critical component for batteries essential to electric vehicles, and the conversion of intermittent green energy to base load power. The US Department of Interior listed lithium as a critical mineral in Executive Order 13817 (Federal Register, 83 FR 7065). There is only one producing lithium mine in the U.S. and no new projects are under construction. Rhyolite Ridge will help address the over-reliance on South American and Chinese supply to the lithium-ion battery industry.

Boron is also a very important material for clean technologies and sustainability and is only produced in a few locations globally. It is used in over 130 applications, including permanent magnets for electric cars and wind turbines, advanced glass for televisions, computers, handheld devices and solar panels. Over 70% of global boron reserves are located in Turkey with Rhyolite Ridge well positioned to geographically rebalance supply in the USA.

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