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# Exploration Plan of Operations Update

Jindalee Lithium Limited (**Jindalee** or the **Company**; ASX:**JLL**, OTCQX:**JNDAF**) advises that a lawsuit has been filed in the United States District Court in Oregon by US environmental non-profit organizations challenging the US Bureau of Land Management's (BLM) 8 December 2025 Decision Record<sup>1</sup> approving the Exploration Plan of Operations (EPO) for the McDermitt Lithium Project (**Project**) (the **Proceedings**).

The Company, through its subsidiary HiTech Minerals Inc., intends to seek to intervene in the Proceedings in order to support the BLM in defense of the Decision Record.

The Proceedings, in substance, allege that the BLM did not undertake sufficient environmental review of certain impacts in approving the EPO. The Company is confident that the BLM's analysis was robust and the Project complies with all applicable laws. The EPO authorizes a temporary exploration program only and does not approve mining operations.

While the filing of the Proceedings is disappointing given the significant level of work and engagement with all stakeholders and relevant federal agencies during the public comment period, similar challenges by non-profit organizations are not uncommon in US federal permitting processes.

At this stage, no request for a preliminary injunction has been filed and no court order has been made staying or suspending activities under the EPO. The Proceedings therefore do not prevent activities from proceeding in accordance with the EPO.

A timetable for the proceedings, including any hearing on interim relief, has not yet been set. Given the robust regulatory process undertaken with the federal agencies to date, Jindalee remains confident in its position and will continue to update the market as required.

Commenting on the Proceedings, Jindalee CEO Ian Rodger said: "The concerns raised in this lawsuit are not new – they reflect issues that have been previously shared and considered through the BLM's multi-year environmental review and public comment process, and we are confident in the robustness of that process. Over that time, we have refined the exploration program in response to agency and stakeholder feedback, including seasonal operating restrictions, reclamation requirements and other measures designed to avoid, minimize, and mitigate environmental impacts."

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## References

1. Jindalee Lithium ASX announcement 11/12/2025: "US Government Approves Major Drilling Program at McDermitt"
2. Jindalee Lithium ASX announcement 19/11/2024: "McDermitt Lithium Project Pre-Feasibility Study"

## About Jindalee

Jindalee Lithium is an Australian company focused on developing the McDermitt Lithium Project, one of the largest lithium resources in the US. With 100% ownership and unencumbered offtake rights, Jindalee is strategically positioned to support America's energy security and domestic supply of critical minerals. The Company completed a Pre-Feasibility Study<sup>2</sup> (PFS) in November 2024 confirming McDermitt's scale, long-life, and low-cost production potential, with strong engagement from US government agencies, including the Department of Energy. As a deeply undervalued lithium developer, Jindalee presents a compelling investment opportunity ahead of the next lithium market upcycle.

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Such factors may include, among others, risks related to regulatory approvals of or in connection with the proposed transaction, actual results of current or planned exploration activities, change in market conditions which affect the completion of the transaction, obtaining appropriate approvals to undertake exploration activities in the portfolio of projects, changes in exploration programs and budgets based upon the results of exploration, future prices of minerals resources; grade or recovery rates; accidents, labour disputes and other risks of the mining industry; delays in obtaining government approvals or financing or in the completion of development or construction activities; movements in the share price of investments and the timing and proceeds realised on future disposals of investments, as well as those factors detailed from time to time in the Company's interim and annual financial statements and reports, all over which are available for review on ASX at [asx.com.au](http://asx.com.au) and OTC Markets at [otcmarkets.com](http://otcmarkets.com).

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