

# Statement by the CEO of Rock Tech Lithium on the ResourceEU Plan

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Mirco Wojnarowicz, the CEO of [Rock Tech Lithium Inc.](#) (TSXV: RCK) (OTCQX: RCKTF) (FWB: RJIB) (WKN: A1XF0V) (the "Company" or "Rock Tech") is pleased to announce:

"The ResourceEU Plan is a clear signal from Brussels: Europe wants control over its raw materials supply back - and now. Particularly important is that the Commission recognizes lithium for what it is: a strategic critical raw material, not only for e-mobility, but equally for large-scale battery storage and data centers as well as the defense industry.

For Rock Tech, the plan is clear tailwind. We are listed as a strategic raw materials project of the EU, permits are in place, strategic offtakers are ready, and the technology is established with clear ESG standards - we can quickly deliver a substantial contribution to European supply. Moreover, particularly in recent months, we have laid an important foundation for the final investment decision (FID) as the last building block through the revision of our cost structures.

Europe now needs projects that deliver impact in the short term - and that is exactly what we can do. The ResourceEU Plan brings together financing, coordination, and political will with unprecedented clarity for the first time. What is crucial now is that the next step follows. We stand ready to build lithium value creation in Europe and thereby make an important contribution to strategic sovereignty."

## Background: ResourceEU Action Plan

With the ResourceEU Action Plan presented today, the European Commission has further sharpened its raw materials strategy. The document complements the already existing Critical Raw Materials Act (CRMA), which sets binding targets for European raw materials security by 2030 - including 40 percent processing and 25 percent recycling of strategic materials within the EU. The new plan now underpins these goals with concrete instruments, accelerated procedures, and closer coordination between Brussels, Member States, and industry.

Striking is the strong emphasis on the battery value chain, where Europe currently has significant dependencies on third countries. The Commission explicitly names lithium, cobalt, graphite, manganese, and nickel as particularly critical raw materials for battery production and the energy transition. The fact that the Commission classifies battery and defense raw materials as particularly urgent underscores the strategic nature of the plan.

To accelerate the development of a European processing chain, the EU is pooling funding from existing programs through a newly structured "CRM Bank." Up to three billion euros are to be mobilized over the next twelve months for strategic projects - particularly for initiatives in lithium and battery materials production. The Innovation Fund is also placing its own focus on CleanTech manufacturing and battery raw materials, while the "Battery Booster" provides additional targeted support instruments.

International raw materials policy is also being realigned in the ResourceEU Plan. The EU points to the growing importance of reliable partner countries and explicitly highlights Canada as a country from which European imports of critical raw materials have increased significantly in recent years. The Commission intends to make these partnerships more project-oriented in the future and underpin them with European financing instruments.

Furthermore, the plan focuses on faster implementation of industrial projects in Europe. Accelerated

permitting procedures, the expansion of central contact points in Member States, and regulatory adjustments - for example in REACH or the Water Framework Directive - are intended to help make projects with high maturity realizable in the short to medium term.

#### About the Guben Converter

The Guben Lithium Converter is a pioneering facility in Guben, Brandenburg, Germany, by the German-Canadian company Rock Tech Lithium Inc. This plant is set to become Europe's first commercial lithium hydroxide refinery aiming to produce 24,000 tonnes of battery grade lithium hydroxide annually (equivalent to approximately 30 GWh of battery capacity) - enough, based on an average consumption of 0.8kg per kWh and 60 kWh per EV, to supply batteries for approximately 500,000 electric vehicles per year.<sup>1</sup>

Strategically located near major automotive and battery manufacturing hubs the Guben Converter is designed to strengthen Europe's battery supply chain by processing spodumene concentrate secured via leading trading partner C&D Logistics (Qingdao) Co., Ltd. The Converter will utilize advanced crystallization technologies, supplied by GEA Group AG, to ensure high-purity lithium production with minimal environmental impact. The leading international engineering firm Worley Ltd. has been selected as construction partner (EPCM) for the plant.

Recognized as a strategic project under the EU's Critical Raw Materials Act<sup>2</sup>, the Guben Converter underscores Europe's commitment to securing essential materials for the energy transition. The project is expected to create approximately 200 jobs and represents a significant step toward regionalizing and decarbonizing the lithium supply chain in Europe.

On behalf of the Management

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#### ABOUT ROCK TECH

Rock Tech is enabling the battery age by making the battery industries in Europe and North America more independent and competitive. The Company's goal is to ensure the supply of high-quality, locally produced lithium - supporting a resilient, sustainable, and transparent value chain from mine to battery-grade material.

Rock Tech relies on responsible sourcing, state-of-the-art and proven technologies, and a clear focus on circular economy principles. The Company's lithium hydroxide converter projects in Guben, Germany (24,000 tonnes LHM per year) and Ontario, Canada (up to 36,000 tonnes LCE per year) form the foundation for a stable and regional supply to the battery and automotive industries. The Guben converter has been recognized as a strategic project under the EU Critical Raw Materials Act.

The raw materials for Rock Tech's converter projects are sourced exclusively from verifiably ESG-compliant suppliers. In Canada, Rock Tech relies, among other sources, on its wholly owned Georgia Lake Project, which ensures a stable and sustainable supply for the North American market and is being developed in close partnership with local First Nations communities. By integrating recycled materials, the company aims to close the local battery loop.

With its facilities, Rock Tech makes a central contribution to battery-grade material sovereignty and the achievement of climate targets. The company works in partnership with industry, policymakers, and community groups, and is committed to open communication and the highest environmental standards.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.lithium-battery-manufacturer.com/how-much-lithium-is-needed-for-a-1-kwh-battery/>

<sup>2</sup> Please see the Company's news release dated March 26, 2025 for more information.



