

# Bearing Announces Settlement of Legal Proceedings over Maricunga Concessions and Application for CEOL to Be Submitted in August 2018

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[Bearing Lithium Corp.](#) (TSXV: BRZ) (OTCQB: BRGRF) (FSE: B6K1) ("Bearing" or the "Company") is pleased to announce that Minera Salar Blanco S.A. ("MSB"), the operating company for the Maricunga joint-venture project (the "Maricunga Project"), agreed last week to cease legal proceedings which had commenced in early 2018 against the Chilean Government. These related to the issuing of a Special Lithium Operation Contract ("CEOL") covering its non-grandfathered mining concessions to an unrelated third-party.

Vancouver, British Columbia--(Newsfile Corp. - July 10, 2018) - The decision to cease proceedings was taken after a positive response received through an official letter (the "Letter") from the Ministry of Mines of Chile (the "Ministry") on June 28<sup>th</sup>, 2018. The Letter was issued by the Ministry after meetings between MSB's management and the Ministry, and allayed MSB's concerns over the CEOL licensing process, which was the original motivation behind commencing legal action.

The Letter confirmed MSB's ability to now formally request a CEOL be granted over its non-grandfathered mining concessions on the Maricunga salar for future exploitation. MSB intends to formally submit its CEOL application to the authorities in August 2018.

This process is in addition to the Chilean Nuclear Commission (CCHEN) permit granted in the beginning of March this year for a period of 30 years over the Maricunga Project's grandfathered mining concessions. A CEOL is not required for the exploitation of these concessions.

Cristobal García-Huidobro, MSB's Chief Executive Officer, commented: "Minera Salar Blanco has full confidence in and is in agreement with the new government's vision for the future of the Maricunga salar. With the project in its final stage of pre-development, the Environmental Impact Assessment and CEOL application are to be submitted this quarter (Q3/18) and the Definitive Feasibility Study is scheduled for release in December 2018. In addition, MSB has had initial discussions with leading Chilean and international institutions with the objective of finalizing project financing in the first half of 2019 (H1/19)."

Jeremy Poirier, Bearing's CEO and President, commented: "This resolution is a very positive development as the CEOL for our non-grandfathered concessions, which we expect to submit next month, coupled with the CCHEN permit received for our grandfathered concessions paves the way for the development of the Maricunga Project. With this issue now resolved, we look to advance discussions with leading financial institutions and potential off-take partners."

About Bearing Lithium Corp.

[Bearing Lithium Corp.](#) is a lithium-focused mineral exploration and development company. Its primary asset is a 18% interest in the Maricunga lithium brine project in Chile. The Maricunga project represents one of the highest-grade lithium brine salars globally and the only pre-production project in Chile. Over US\$30 million has been invested in the project to date and all expenditures through 2018, including the delivery of a Definitive Feasibility Study in Q4/2018, have been fully-funded by our earn-in joint-venture partner.

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD

Signed "Jeremy Poirier"  
Jeremy Poirier, President and CEO

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