

Dear Fellow Shareholders,

To say that 2019 didn't follow our expectations would be an understatement. We had a great start when in March 2019, we announced a +90% increase to the lithium mineral resource estimates at Falchani, placing it 6<sup>th</sup> largest hard rock lithium deposit in the world. In July 2019 we completed our extensive metallurgical test work programs and a trade-off study which showed that while the deposit is considered "unique", we've been able to demonstrate the method to process it is very conventional. Old, well established and commercially utilized technology, applied to a new deposit type. Not only that, but it is a lithium chemical project with demonstrated ability to produce a high purity/low impurity battery grade lithium chemical, not an intermediary product. Not only did we make what third parties have described as "the greatest new deposit discovery in 25 years in Peru", but we also identified a deposit large enough to potentially launch Peru into pole position as a leading lithium chemical producer for South America. We made great progress on the Falchani Preliminary Economic Assessment (PEA) and then hit pause after being punched in the gut, hard.

In mid-Q3 2019, a clear administrative error turned into an outright concessions dispute with INGEMMET, the state geological administrative group. After this set-back, we have been navigating a complicated path and believe we are making progress to resolve this. It takes an incredible amount of perseverance, tenacity and positive outlook in times like these. We will continue to fight this dispute for all stakeholders and have opened many doors of support thus far.

As far as sentiment in lithium or uranium are concerned, 2019 was not a bullish year. Lithium continued its correction, now going on arguably 24 months, as the sentiment got ahead of reality. As a result, we believe we are setting up nicely for the latter part of 2020, and the forecast 2025 supply shortage by Benchmark Mineral Intelligence and others in the sector has been brought forward as a result of a lack of new capital investment and stalled projects. Uranium was more or less flat on the year, but the macro backdrop has not changed. Nuclear energy is clearly a critical energy source in the clean energy transition, and little capital has been invested in the past 9 years to bring new supply online. All said, both sectors appear to be positioning strongly to perform as we enter this new decade.

Our strategy with both projects has been to unlock as much value as possible, focusing on long-term value-added milestones for our stakeholders. Short-term decisions that garner an immediate market reaction always fizzle out as quickly as it began.

We not only operate in a cyclical industry, but also one which is fraught with risks. Our role is to manage and mitigate known risks on a longer-term path to success. With this in mind, we remind ourselves often, that we have two world class assets and the long-term outlook is extremely robust for both projects.

We're encouraged by the support our projects are receiving from various levels of government in Peru. While that seems counter to the perception of the current situation, in light of our concessions dispute, it is the very real situation on the ground. The Ministry of Energy and Mines, in coordination with international governmental bodies and the International Atomic Energy Agency, have prioritized completion of a comprehensive regulatory framework to assist with the advancement of our Macusani uranium project. While no additional laws are required in Peru's General Mining Law to mine uranium, regulation for the safe and responsible handling, transport and export of uranium was needed and it's encouraging to see the Ministry expects to have it in place later this year.

Plateau is fortunate to have projects which are situated in a country that supports and understands mining and recognizes the considerable economic contribution and benefits it can provide when done responsibly. From this comes a local skilled labour force that respects and promotes the values of the established traditions and customs of the communities that host us.

## **Making a positive impact in our host communities**

We believe that not only do we have valuable resources in the ground, but on the ground as well. Our team is comprised of passionate and talented individuals that are excited and dedicated to developing these 2 projects - projects of the future - the book ends of carbon-neutral green energy (uranium) and a critical mineral used in battery storage (lithium). Plateau benefits from our long-term presence in our host communities, enabling the team to develop a level of respect and cooperation that can only come from long-established operating values.

The continuity of our presence and work through a cyclical business, local employment efforts and ongoing information sharing, listening and engagement are keys to that success. It is what has maintained community support for nearly half a generation and will be the guiding principles and key to ongoing success for the future. Our team and the work they do is a tremendous point of pride for us, and we hope, for our shareholders as well.

## **The road ahead**

Attitudes around the globe are changing rapidly towards the need for environmental reforms. The need for solutions to reduction in greenhouse gases has never been more urgent.

As we look forward in 2020, we are aiming to put Falchani on the world stage of lithium chemical projects with our PEA, followed by unlocking incremental value pieces along the way and showcasing it as one of the largest potential single asset producers of battery grade lithium chemicals in the world today. At our Macusani uranium project, we go slow, awaiting the government to implement the regulations required, but prepare for various pieces of work once they are in place.

We believe 2020 will be a bottoming year for lithium sentiment, the first half will see a continuation of the 2019 procession of production curtailments or advanced projects put on care and maintenance, thus bringing forward the expected inevitable supply shortfall. In this first half we will start to see inventory restocking after China depleted it following a slowdown in electric vehicle (“EV”) sales year over year, and then in the second half we believe sentiment will move towards the positive as both China and the second wave of the EV revolution, Europe, pick up pace. It is hard to argue against nearly \$500 billion being invested in EV production and battery plants over the next 5-8 years requiring more lithium chemical for more batteries and on an exponential basis.

We are focused on the longer-term goals and outcomes which will create shareholder value that can be sustained over time. We are a culture of owners and recognize the need to raise capital to see these value milestones achieved, while remaining diligent about dilution. This is why in 2020 we will be focusing efforts on strategic project catalysts that yield long-term benefits.

On behalf of our team, our Board of Directors and management, we would like to thank our shareholders for their ongoing support. As we continue to drive forward, we are excited for the chance to capitalize on the opportunities for growth and success on the road ahead of us.

Sincerely,



Alex Holmes  
Chief Executive Officer and Director



Alan Ferry  
Chairman of the Board

*This letter should be read in conjunction with the Information Circular while keeping in mind the risks associated with the forward-looking statement contained herein.*