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## **Western Lithium Receives Plan of Operation Permit for Nevada Lithium Project; Work Program Underway**

**Reno, Nev., USA:** Western Lithium Corporation (TSX-V: WLC; PK: WLCDF) has received approval for its plan of operation for its Kings Valley Lithium Project in Nevada, USA.

Western Lithium's plan of operation, which was submitted in May 2008, was recently approved by both the U.S. Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and the Nevada Department of Environmental Protection. The work program will include an extensive drilling and trenching exploration program to further delineate the resources of Western Lithium's Stage I Lens, test suitable mining methods for the project and obtain bulk samples for use in pilot plant studies. The plan also included an environmental assessment.

"We are very pleased to receive this important permit for our Nevada lithium project," said Dennis Bryan, Western Lithium's Senior Vice President of Development. "We will now initiate further environmental and baseline studies, progressing toward the ultimate goal of permitting a mining operation on the Kings Valley site."

"We will continue to work closely with the BLM and other federal, state and local agencies that regulate mining activities in Nevada as we advance this project through to production," continued Bryan.

The drilling and trenching approved under this permit has commenced and is expected to take approximately eight weeks to complete with results expected later in 2010.

In addition, Western Lithium has filed its National Instrument 43-101 (NI 43-101) compliant Preliminary Assessment and Economic Evaluation on the Kings Valley Lithium Project (see Western Lithium January 12, 2010 news release). The complete report is now available on SEDAR at [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com) and at [www.westernlithium.com](http://www.westernlithium.com).

*Western Lithium is developing the Kings Valley, Nevada lithium deposit into potentially one of the world's largest<sup>(1)</sup> strategic, scalable and reliable sources of high quality lithium carbonate. The Company is positioning itself as a major U.S.-based supplier to support the rising global demand for lithium carbonate that is expected from the increased use of mobile electronics and hybrid/electric vehicles.*

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(1) Western Lithium has completed a National Instrument 43-101 resource estimate for the envisioned initial stage of development. The current resources are part of the historical estimate of 11 million tonnes of lithium carbonate equivalent (LCE) prepared by Chevron Resources and ranks in size behind deposits in Chile (32 million tonnes LCE), Bolivia (29 million tonnes LCE), North Carolina (14 million tonnes LCE) and the DRC (12 million tonnes LCE). Source: Roskill Information Services Ltd., R. Keith Evans, National Research Council and Western Lithium estimates. A qualified person has not done sufficient work to classify the historical estimate as current mineral resources under National Instrument 43-101, the Company is not treating the historical estimate as current mineral resources and the historical estimate should not be relied upon. A copy of Western Lithium’s NI 43-101 technical report has been filed on SEDAR under the Company’s profile.

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