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## PRODUCTION, SALES AND MARKET UPDATE

- *First shipment to new offtake partner Guangdong Weihua Corporation with the loading of 11,300 wmt on the COE Luisa*
- *Current quarter sales of 19,000 dmt*
- *Quarterly production volume expected to be approximately 45,000 wmt (exceeding the June quarter total of 42,402 wmt) with the plant now consistently delivering increased production levels*
- *Concentrate sales pricing in line with the March and June quarters*
- *China marketing visit provided further positive feedback on the quality and long-term demand for Altura Lithium concentrate*

Altura Mining Limited (ASX: AJM) ("Altura" or the "Company") is pleased to provide an update showing continued strong marketing and sales from its flagship Altura Lithium Project located at Pilgangoora in Western Australia.

### Production, Sales and Marketing

The Altura Lithium Project is consistently delivering strong production figures with the September quarter output expected to be approximately 45,000 wmt, exceeding the 42,402 wmt achieved in the June quarter.

With the mine operating at close to nameplate capacity the Company has continued to dispatch regular shipments of spodumene concentrate. The demand for Altura spodumene remains strong with customers citing the exceptional quality of the Company's product. A recent marketing trip to China has reinforced consistent positive feedback from clients with regard to the quality and consistency of the product which is making a point of differentiation in the market.

Sales and exports of approximately 19,000 dmt<sup>1</sup> of spodumene have been made so far this quarter. The Company forecasts similar sales and exports during the remainder of the quarter.

The loading of 11,300 wmt on the vessel COE Luisa over 18 and 19 August 2019 marked the first cargo to the Guangdong Weihua Corporation as part of the recently executed binding offtake agreement. The remaining 2019 allocation of 40,000 dmt is scheduled for routine delivery over the next 6 months.

<sup>1</sup> 11,300 wmt of product was loaded aboard the COE Luisa on 18 and 19 August 2019. The final dmt values are subject to standard independent analysis and reporting processes.

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As noted above, Altura continues to receive positive feedback from its offtake customers regarding product quality. Altura is also continuing to negotiate future offtake arrangements with a range of high-profile potential offtake partners.

Altura's current lithium offtake commitments are summarised below:

Offtake Partner	Tonnage	Contract Expiry
Lionergy	65,000 dmt	September 2023
Ganfeng	70,000 dmt	December 2021
Shandong Ruifu	35,000 dmt	June 2024
Guangdong Weihua	50,000 dmt	December 2024
<b>Total Offtake</b>	<b>220,000 dmt</b>	



The COE Luisa loading in Port Hedland

Altura Managing Director James Brown said the stable production from operations and quality of concentrate being produced had enabled continued sales and growth to downstream lithium converters and lithium chemical end-users despite some short-term market weakness.

*"I'm delighted that Altura has now established itself as a supplier of choice. The recent offtake and investment transactions completed by the Company are a result of building relationships over time and confidence in our concentrate quality. It is also pleasing that our offtake partners are gaining confidence in our ability to deliver a low and sustainable operating cost structure, which is imperative to long term supply stability."*

*"We are under no illusion that the market has become tighter however we will continue to deliver a consistent, high-quality product to our customers. The long-term fundamentals of our business have not changed as we navigate through the short-term market challenges."*

*“Importantly the improved operations mean the project has been considerably de-risked, and this has allowed us to advance discussions with various parties about renegotiating our project financing arrangements on more favourable terms for Altura.”*

**About Altura Mining Limited (ASX: AJM)**

*Altura is a key player in the global lithium market and is leveraging increasing demand for raw materials for manufacturing lithium ion batteries for electric vehicles and static storage uses. Altura owns and operates the world-class Altura Lithium Project at Pilgangoora in WA's Pilbara region. The mine commenced production in H2 2018, declared Commercial Production in March 2019 and has a production capacity of 220,000tpa of high-quality spodumene concentrate. The Company has completed a Definitive Feasibility Study on a potential Stage 2 expansion, with a Final Investment Decision due following a review of the Stage 1 operations, ramp-up to nameplate production, entering into long-term offtake agreements with customers and securing funding for the expansion.*

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