

The Production of Zero Carbon Lithium™ from Geothermal Brine in the Upper Rhine Valley in Southwest Germany

Li network meeting 2022 in Wroclaw

Dr. Jens C. Grimmer



## Disclaimer



#### No investment or financial product advice

This Presentation, and the information provided in it, does not constitute, and is not intended to constitute, financial product or investment advice, or a recommendation to acquire Vulcan Shares, nor does it constitute, and is not intended to constitute, accounting, legal or tax advice. This Presentation does not, and will not, form any part of any contract for the acquisition of Vulcan Shares. This Presentation has been prepared without taking into account the objectives, financial or tax situation or particular needs of any individual. Before making an investment decision (including any investment in Vulcan Shares or Vulcan generally), prospective investors should consider the appropriateness of the information having regard to their own objectives, financial and tax situation and needs, and seek professional advice from their legal, financial, taxation or other independent adviser (having regard to the requirements of all relevant jurisdictions). Vulcan is not licensed to provide financial product advice in respect of an investment in shares. Any investment in any publicly-traded company, including Vulcan, is subject to significant risks of loss of income and capital.

#### This Presentation Forward-looking statements

may contain certain forward-looking statements. Often, but not always, forward-looking statements can be identified by the use of forward-looking words such as "may", "will", "expect", "intend", "plan", "estimate", "propose", "anticipate", "continue", "outlook" and "guidance", or other similar words. Such forward-looking statements may include, but are not limited to, statements regarding: the proposed use of funds; estimated mineral resources and ore reserves; expected future demand for lithium products; planned production and operating costs; planned strategies and corporate objectives; and expected construction and production commencement dates.

By their nature, forward-looking statements inherently involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors that may cause actual results, performance and achievements to be materially greater or less than estimated, including those generally associated with the lithium industry and/or resources exploration companies such as those in the "Risk factors" section of the September ERP, the risks contained in the ASX Announcement "Positive Pre-Feasibility Study" released to ASX on 15 January 2021 and the "Risk factors" section of the Equity Raising Presentation released to ASX on 2 February 2021(together the "Previous Disclosures").

These factors may include, but are not limited to, changes in commodity and renewable energy prices, foreign exchange fluctuations and general economic conditions, increased costs and demand for production inputs, the speculative nature of exploration and project development (including the risks of obtaining necessary licenses and permits and diminishing quantities or grades of reserves), political and social risks, changes to the regulatory framework within which Vulcan operates or may in the future operate, environmental conditions including climate change and extreme weather conditions, geological and geotechnical events, environmental issues, the recruitment and retention of key personnel, industrial relations issues and litigation.

Any such forward-looking statements, opinions and estimates in this Presentation (including any statements about market and industry trends) are based on assumptions and contingencies, all of which are subject to change without notice, and may ultimately prove to be materially incorrect. Accordingly, prospective investors should consider any forward-looking statements in this Presentation in light of those disclosures, and not place undue reliance on any forward-looking statements (particularly in light of the current economic climate and significant volatility, uncertainty and disruption caused by the COVID-19 pandemic). Forward-looking statements are provided as a general guide only and should not be relied upon as, and are not, an indication or guarantee of future performance. All forward-looking statements involve significant elements of subjective judgement, assumptions as to future events that may not be correct, known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors – many of which are outside the control of Vulcan.

Except as required by applicable law or regulation (including the ASX Listing Rules), Vulcan does not make any representations, and provides no warranties, concerning the accuracy of any forward-looking statements, and disclaims any obligation to update or revise any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or results, or otherwise. Neither Vulcan nor any of its directors, officers, agents, employees or advisors give any representation or warranty, express or implied, as to the fairness, accuracy, completeness or correctness of the information, opinions and conclusions contained in this Presentation.

#### Investment Risks

As noted above and contained in the Previous Disclosures, an investment in Vulcan is subject to both known and unknown risks, some of which are beyond the control of Vulcan. Vulcan does not guarantee any particular rate of return or its performance, nor does it guarantee any particular tax treatment. Prospective investors should have regard to the risks in the Previous Disclosures particularly the September ERP, when making their investment decision, and should make their own enquires and investigations regarding all information in this Presentation, including, but not limited to, the assumptions, uncertainties and contingencies that may affect Vulcan's future operations, and the impact that different future outcomes may have on Vulcan. There is no guarantee that any investment in Vulcan will make a return on the capital invested, that dividends will be paid on any fully paid ordinary shares in Vulcan, or that there will be an increase in the value of Vulcan in the future. Accordingly, an investment in Vulcan and Vulcan Shares should be considered highly speculative, and potential investors should consult their professional advisers before deciding whether to invest in Vulcan.

#### Ore Reserves and Mineral Resources Reporting

It is a requirement of the ASX Listing Rules that the reporting of ore reserves and mineral resources in Australia comply with the Joint Ore Reserves Committee's Australasian Code for Reporting of Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves ("JORC Code"). Investors outside Australia should note that while ore reserve and mineral resource stimates of the Company in this document comply with the JORC Code (such JORC Code-compliant ore reserves and mineral resources being "Ore Reserves" and "Mineral Resources" respectively), they may not comply with the relevant guidelines in other countries and, in particular, do not comply with (i) National Instrument 43-101 (Standards of Disclosure for Mineral Projects) of the Canadian Securities Administrators (the "Canadian NI 43-101 Standards"); or (ii) Industry Guide 7, which governs disclosures of mineral reserves in registration statements filed with the US Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC"). Information contained in this Presentation describing mineral deposits may not be companied to similar information made public by companies subject to the reporting and disclosure requirements of Canadian or US securities laws. In particular, Industry Guide 7 does not recognise classifications other than proven and probable reserves and, as a result, the SEC generally does not permit mining companies to disclose their mineral resources in SEC filings. You should not

assume that quantities reported as "resources" will be converted to reserves under the JORC Code or any other reporting regime, or that the Company will be able to legally and economically extract any such resources.

Disclaimer Vulcan, to the maximum extent permitted by law, expressly excludes and disclaims all liability (including, without limitation, any liability arising out of fault or negligence on the part of any person) for any direct, indirect, consequential or contingent loss or damage, or any costs or expenses, arising from the use of this Presentation or its contents, or otherwise arising in connection with it.

#### Acknowledgement and agreement

By attending an investor presentation or briefing, or accepting, accessing or reviewing this Presentation, you acknowledge and agree to the terms set out in this "Disclaimer" section of the Presentation.

# Zero Carbon Lithium<sup>TM</sup> Project

## Vulcan Energy Resources Ltd. / Vulcan Energie Ressourcen GmbH

Ltd founded in Perth /
Australia. Founder:
Dr. Francis Wedin &
Dr. Horst Kreuter

Vulcan Energie Ressourcen GmbH founded in Karlsruhe

IPO in Australia (ASX)

Generation of PFS based on JORC mining code

Pilot plant onsite in Landau: first lithium produced Start: April 2021 Demonstration plant Start: summer 2022

Team has grown
From 2 to >130 employees
end of 2022: >200

Listing at Prime Standard (Frankfurt stock exchange)

2018

2019

2020

2021

2022





Acquisition of



Founding of deep drilling company

VERCANA

Acquisition of Geothermal power plant Insheim

Natür³Lich Insheim

Goal:

CO<sub>2</sub>-free lithium production for battery production in Europe

CO<sub>2</sub>-free energy supply

Heat

Cold

Electricity

07/2022 renaming

VER: Management, DLE-Team, Lab, PR

**VES: VE Subsurface solutions** 

**VEE: VE Engineering** 

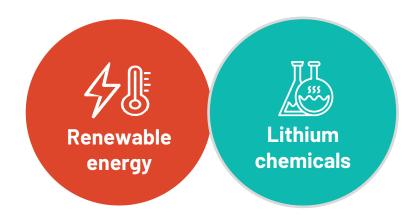
VNI: Insheim geothermal power plant

Vercana: Drilling department

#### Introduction

Vulcan Energy Resources is aiming to become the world's first integrated lithium chemicals and renewable energy producer with net zero greenhouse gas emissions.

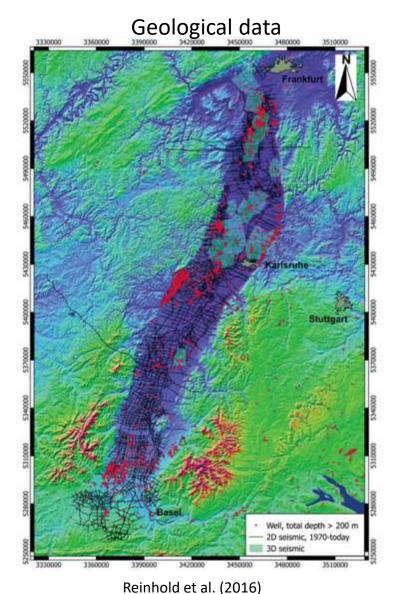
Vulcan's unique Zero Carbon Lithium™ Project aims to produce both renewable geothermal energy and lithium hydroxide for electric vehicle batteries from the same deep brine source in the Upper Rhine Valley, Germany.

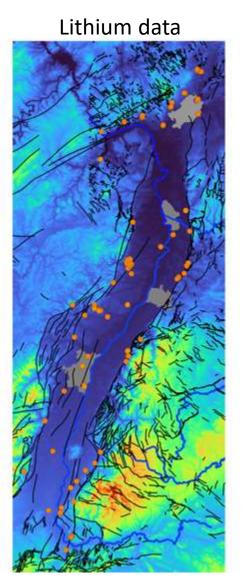


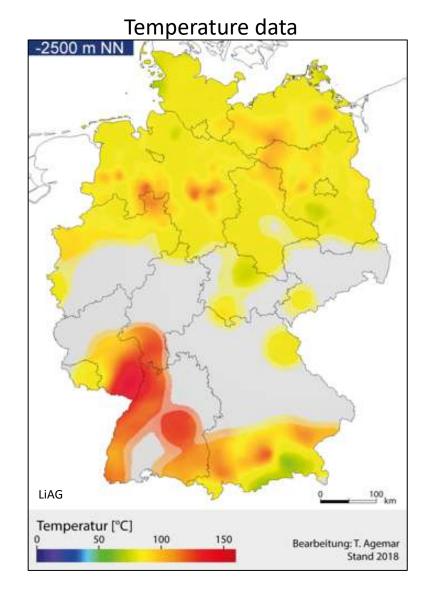
Right place, right time for fully integrated renewable energy and sustainable lithium chemicals business in Europe



# The right place: Upper Rhine Graben's Lithium and Geothermal potential





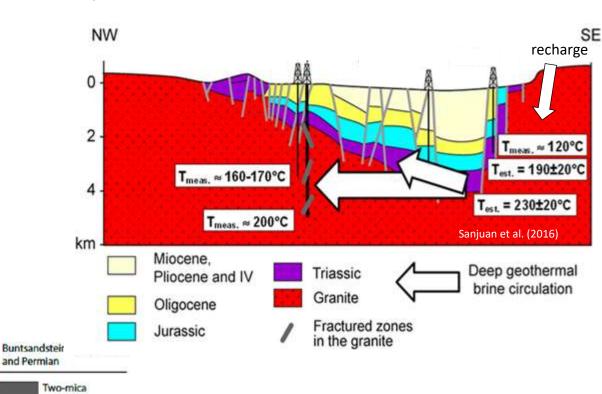


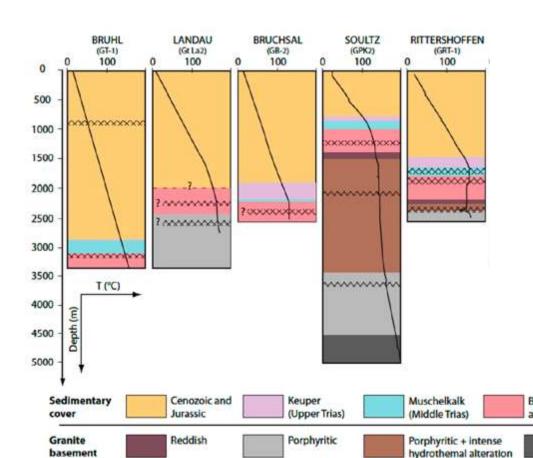
### The right place: convection

# Installed\_capacities (5 geothermal power plants)

P<sub>el</sub>: 11 MW

P<sub>th</sub>: 106 MW

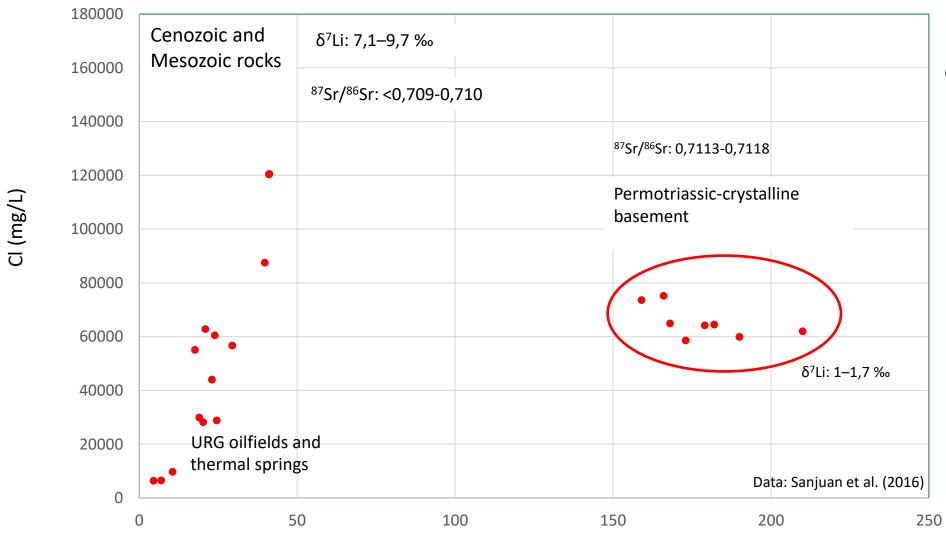




Permeable fracture zone observed along borehole Ledesert & Hebert (2020)

## The right place: brine composition





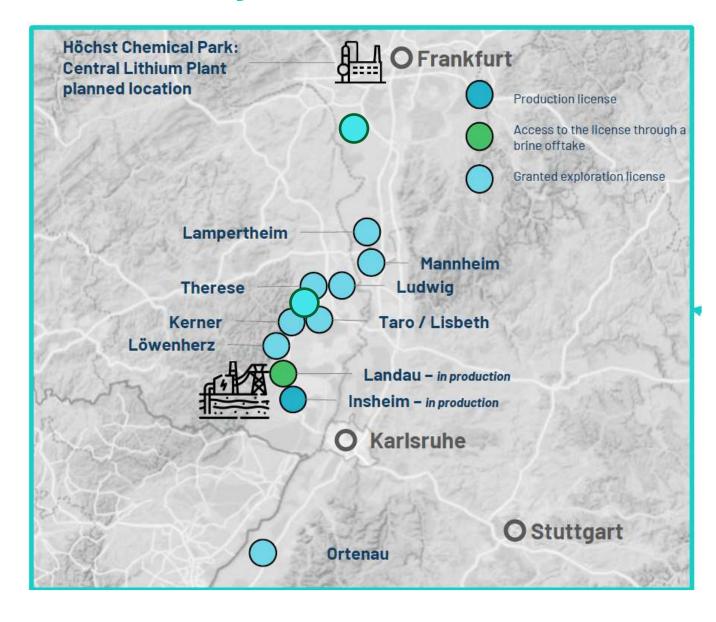
Li (mg/L)

Geothermal brines relatively homogeneous composition

low variations of Li concentrations

Landau: >13 years Insheim: >8 years

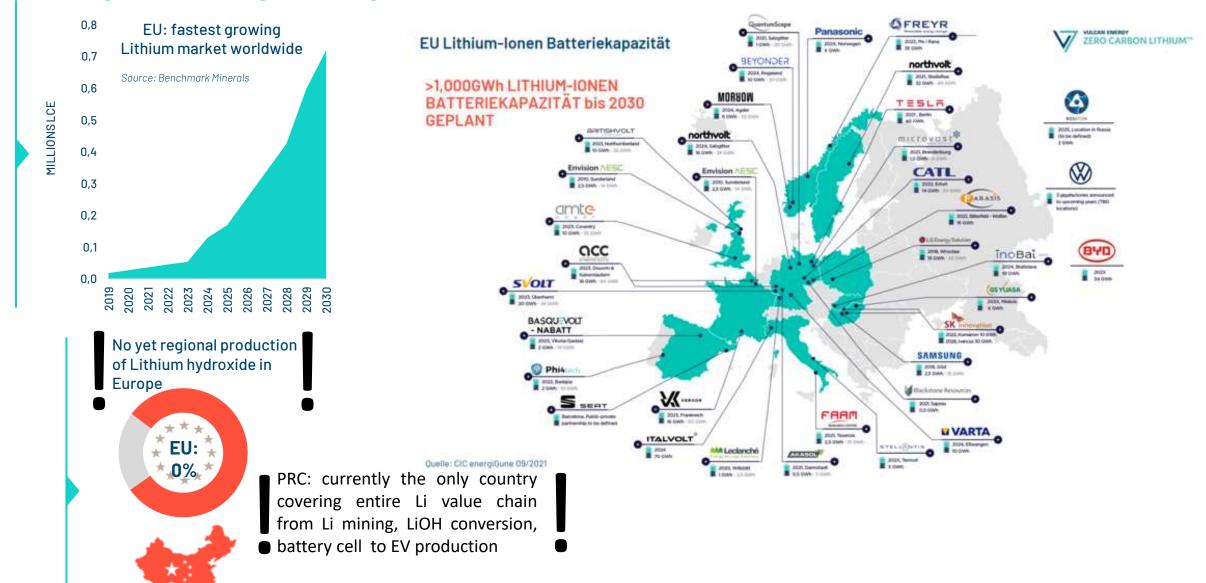
## E&P licensing of VUL



- ➤ 10 exploration licenses
  - >1400 km<sup>2</sup>
- ➤ 1 production license (Insheim)
- ➤ 1 brine offtake agreement (Landau)
- 2 license fields pending

CHINA: > 80% Source: Benchmark Minerals

## The right time: growing lithium demand

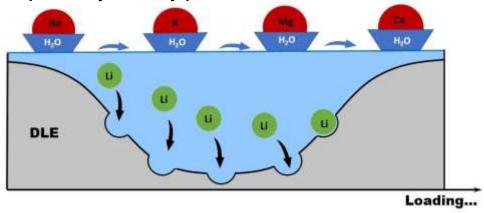


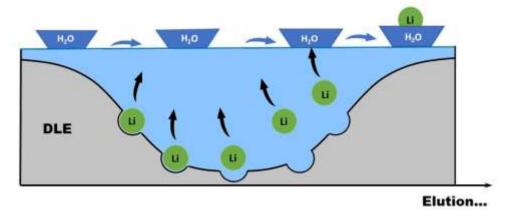
## Our first lithium hydroxide

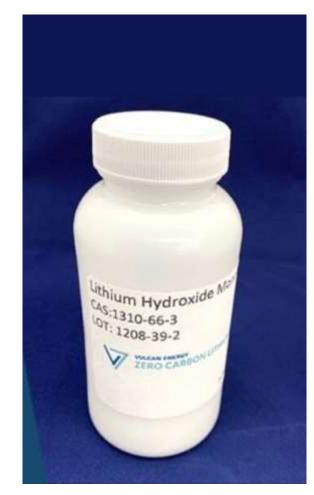
First lithium hydroxide produced by pilot plant in Sept./Okt. 2021

Construction of on-site demonstration plant has started

Quality / purity of lithium hydroxide is better than required by battery producers







#### **Production goals for 2025:**

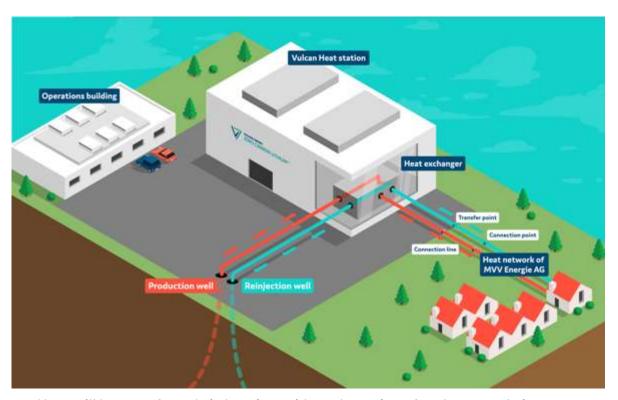
- > 40.000 t lithium hydroxide per year
- batteries for c. 1 million EV per year

#### Right time: demand of renewable, zero carbon heat



First of a number of planned district heating arrangements from geothermal energy to help decarbonization of energy supply

- Vulcan and MVV Energie AG (MVV) have executed a binding purchase agreement for 240 GWh per year of renewable heat, a first for Germany.
- ▶ 20-year, long-term agreement commences in 2025.
- Includes the supply of a minimum of 240 GWh per year to a maximum of 350 GWh per year.
- ▶ The heat will be supplied from Vulcan's planned geothermal wells in the area surrounding the City of Mannheim.
- Vulcan is developing its Mannheim license as part of a planned larger Phase 2 of the Zero Carbon Lithium™ Project.



Heat will be transferred via heating grids and a series of underground pipes that deliver hot water or steam to buildings in the local community.

## Dual revenues: energy and lithium



#### **ENERGY BUSINESS**



Grid #



**e-out** y Bans for fossil heating systems

Industries





#### Renewable Electricity:

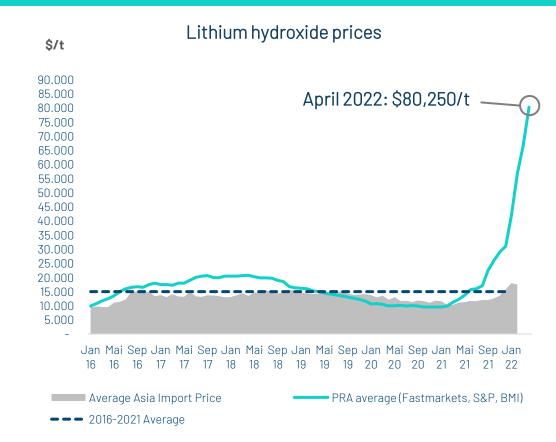
Geothermal energy in the form of electricity is sold to the grid Renewable Heat: Energy in the form of heat can be sold to several public and private customers via pipes, proximity is a requirement

One heat offtake has been concluded and negotiations for additional offtakes with local stakeholders are under way



Vulcan Energy's 100% owned NatürLich Insheim, an operational geothermal renewable energy power plant in the Upper Rhine Valley, Germany.

#### **LITHIUM BUSINESS**

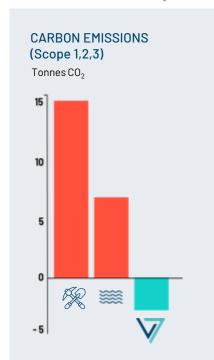


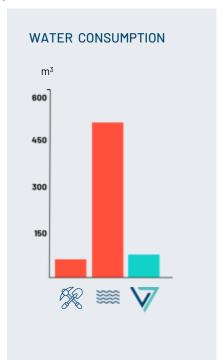
Source: Trade statistics compiled from Global Trade Atlas®, Benchmark Minerals (2016-2017), Fastmarkets (2017-2022)

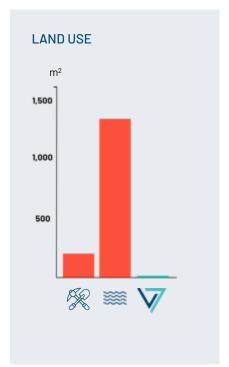
## Leading environmental credentials

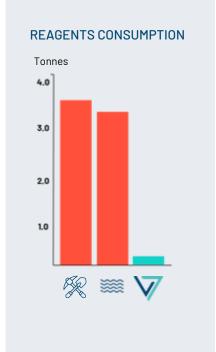


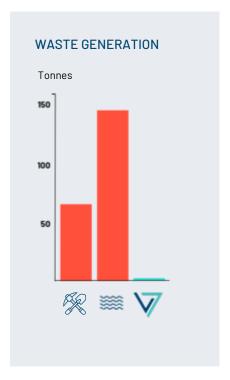
#### Per tonne of lithium hydroxide produced

















#### **Conclusion**



Commercial geothermal plant in operation



Site for Central Lithium Plant secured



LCA results with negative CO<sub>2</sub> emission intensity



Electric drill rigs acquired



AUD\$320 million capital raised



Vulcan team now >100 personnel and growing



Europe's largest lithium Resource. Granted license area increased to over 1,000km<sup>2</sup>



Five binding lithium offtake agreements



Dual listed on the regulated market (Prime Standard) of the FSE

