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STANDARD LITHIUM ANNOUNCES CLOSING OF OVERSUBSCRIBED \$34.5 MILLION PUBLIC OFFERING OF COMMON SHARES

Vancouver, BC – December 18, 2020 – Standard Lithium Ltd. (“Standard Lithium” or the “Company”) (TSXV: SLL) (OTCQX: STLHF) (FRA: S5L), is pleased to announce that it has closed its marketed public offering (the “Offering”), including the full exercise of the over-allotment option. A total of 15,697,500 common shares of the Company (the “Shares”) were issued at a price of \$2.20 per Share for aggregate gross proceeds of \$34,534,500.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Offering lead by cornerstone investment from ESG-focused BNP Paribas Energy Transition fund.
- Net proceeds from the Offering will be used to fund ongoing work programs to advance the LANXESS Project, including ongoing testing and optimization work underway at the SiFT lithium carbonate crystallization pilot plant and the LiSTR Direct Lithium Extraction demonstration plant, preliminary engineering work to advance commercial development of the Company’s proprietary lithium extraction process, negotiation and development of a joint venture with LANXESS Corporation, and for working capital and general corporate purposes.

The Offering was conducted on a “best efforts” agency basis by Roth Canada, ULC and Echelon Wealth Partners Inc., as co-lead agents and joint bookrunners, together with Roth Capital Partners, LLC as the exclusive placement in the United States.

Standard Lithium CEO Robert Mintak stated “On behalf of the board I am pleased to welcome top performing ESG focused BNP Paribas Energy Transition fund as a substantial shareholder of the Company and would like to thank our other respected institutional investors for their continued support. With the closing of this financing coupled, with the receipt of \$5,502,009 since October 1, 2020 from the exercise of previously issued warrants, the Company is well positioned to aggressively advance our strategic development plans for 2021 and progress towards building the first new American commercial lithium project in over 50 years”.

About Standard Lithium Ltd.

Standard Lithium (TSXV: SLL) is an innovative technology and lithium development company. The company’s flagship project is located in southern Arkansas, where it is engaged in the testing and proving of the commercial viability of lithium extraction from over 150,000 acres of permitted brine operations. The Company has commissioned its first-of-a-kind industrial scale Direct Lithium Extraction Demonstration

Plant at LANXESS' South Plant facility in southern Arkansas. The Demonstration Plant utilizes the Company's proprietary LiSTR technology to selectively extract lithium from LANXESS' tailbrine. The Demonstration Plant is being used for proof-of-concept and commercial feasibility studies. The scalable, environmentally-friendly process eliminates the use of evaporation ponds, reduces processing time from months to hours and greatly increases the effective recovery of lithium. The company is also pursuing the resource development of over 30,000 acres of separate brine leases located in southwestern Arkansas and approximately 45,000 acres of mineral leases located in the Mojave Desert in San Bernardino County, California.

Standard Lithium is listed on the TSX Venture Exchange under the trading symbol "SLL"; quoted on the OTC - Nasdaq Intl Designation under the symbol "STLHF"; and on the Frankfurt Stock Exchange under the symbol "S5L". Please visit the Company's website at www.standardlithium.com

On behalf of the Board of Standard Lithium Ltd.

Robert Mintak, CEO & Director

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