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Galaxy may move to China

GALAXY resources is over the moon after a pre-feasibility study showed its Ravensthorpe lithium mine was on track to make even more money.

The net value of the Mt Cattlin project has increased three-fold to between \$310 million and \$360 million after the company decided to cut the middle man.

After the *Albany Advertiser* reported Galaxy was interested in a Chinese site for its lithium chemical plant, the company announced it was in the process of completing a feasibility study for the area.

The pre-feasibility study showed the capital cost of locating the plant to China would be between 40 and 60 per cent cheaper than an Aus-

tralian version, and operating costs would save 35 to 45 per cent. Galaxy managing director Iggy Tan said the company wanted to move further along the battery supply chain.

By processing the spodumene concentrate, Galaxy will produce battery grades of lithium carbonate – used in electric cars – lithium hydroxide and lithium metal, and high-purity lithium carbonate.

The company hopes to tap directly into the Chinese market where there is an approximate 5000 tonnes per annum shortfall in spodumene-based products.

Galaxy shares rallied in April after a March downturn.