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(54) **METHOD FOR ACTIVATING ELECTROCHEMICAL PROPERTY OF CATHODE ACTIVE MATERIAL FOR LITHIUM SECONDARY BATTERY AND CATHODE ACTIVE MATERIAL FOR LITHIUM SECONDARY BATTERY**

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(57) **ABSTRACT**

The method includes a delithiation step of deintercalating a part of lithium of a Li-rich metal oxide represented by [Formula 1] below and having a layered structure, and a heat-treatment step of heat-treating the delithiated Li-rich metal oxide, thereby allowing dispersion to be achieved through diffusion of M' and/or M elements constituting the Li-rich metal oxide:

$$a\{Li_2M'O_3\}\cdot(1-a)\{LiMO_2\} \text{ or } Li_{1+x}(M'M)_{1-x}O_2 \quad \text{[Formula 1]}$$

(wherein $0<a<1.0$, M' and M are one or more selected from 3d, 4d, 5d transition metals or non-transition metals including Al, Mg, Mn, Ni, Co, Cr, V and Fe, and satisfy electrical neutrality according to the type and oxidation number of M' and M and an amount of lithium in a layered structure of a material.