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## EVÜLUTION ENERGY MINERALS

SUSTAINABLE
GRAPHITE PRODUCTS
FOR THE GLOBAL
GREEN ECONOMY



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# SUSTAINABLE GRAPHITE PRODUCTS FOR GLOBAL GREEN ECONOMY

## **Project Status**



Development-ready Chilalo Graphite Project in Tanzania

## 58% > 80 Mesh

World leading flake size = highest margins



Excellent DFS economics – NPV<sub>8</sub> of US\$323M from capex of US\$87M

## **Graphite Market**



Once-in-a-generation graphite demand opportunity



Coarse flake offtake and downstream collaboration with industry leader (YXGC)



Differentiated and sustainable battery anode material program underway

### Corporate



Goal to become world's first net zero carbon graphite mine



Framework agreement to provide certainty



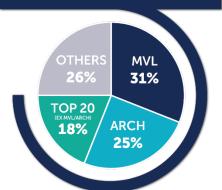
Strategic cornerstone investor to drive project financing

## **CORPORATE OVERVIEW**

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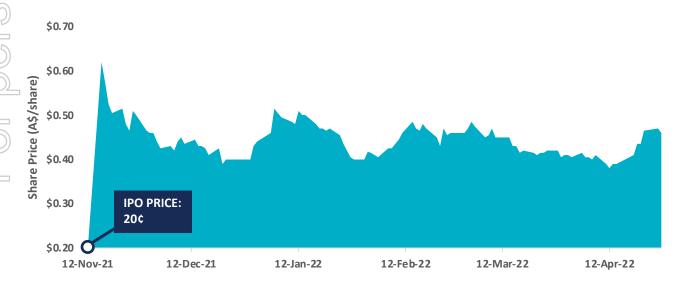
\$77.7M Market Cap (at \$0.48 per share) \$7.5M Cash (as at 31 Mar '22) MAJOR SHAREHOLDERS



\$70.2M Enterprise Value **42.1M**Unlisted Options
(\$0.25 exercise)

161.9M Shares on Issue

#### **SHARE PRICE SINCE IPO**



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#### **BOARD**



Phil Hoskins
MANAGING DIRECTOR

Phil is the Executive responsible for the development of Chilalo since 2014. Eight years' graphite experience.



Trevor Benson
NON-EXECUTIVE CHAIRMAN

Trevor was the Executive Chairman for Tanzanian graphite company, Walkabout Resources Ltd and has 6 years' graphite market experience.



Michael Bourguignon EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Michael was the Project Manager for the construction of Syrah Resources' Balama graphite project in Mozambique.



Amanda van Dyke NON-EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Amanda is the MD of the ARCH Sustainable Resources Fund.

#### **KEY ADVISOR**



Chris Whiteley
INTERNATIONAL SALES & MARKETING CONSULTANT

Chris has been actively involved in all aspects of graphite marketing and product development for more than 25 years.

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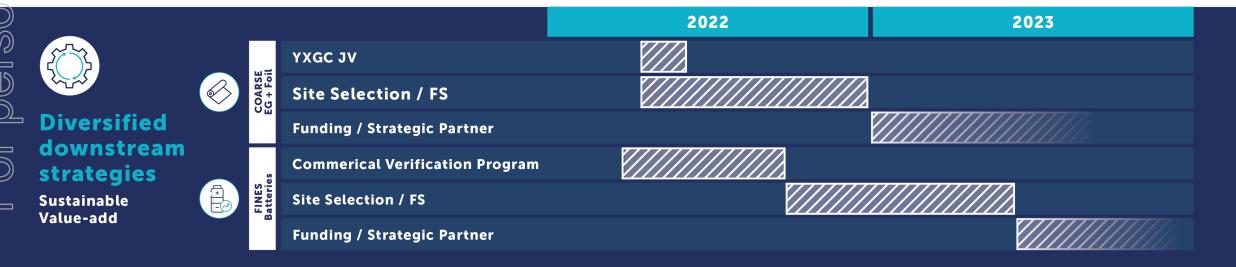
## **DELIVERING ON THE MAJOR MILESTONES**

Targeting Chilalo FID by H2 2022



**Optimising DFS** 





## **CHILALO PROJECT**

## Premium graphite for high-value applications

#### **Development ready**

DFS, Mining Licence and Environmental Approvals

#### **High margins**

~US\$750/t concentrate margin driven by globally significant flake size

#### Value-added margins through vertical integration

Diversified downstream strategies using proven technology

#### Sustainability focus

Pursuit of net zero carbon mine among ESG commitments

#### Potential for multi-decade mine life expansion

18-year DFS, drilling planned to grow mineral resource

#### **Evolution Product Flake Size**

#### **Flake Size Price Premium**

10%	21%	27%	6%	36%
+32	+50	+80	+100	-100
mesh	mesh	mesh	mesh	mesh
US\$3,500	)/t			US\$700/t



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## LARGE HIGH GRADE MINERAL RESOURCE

Potential for multi-decade mine life

## **Chilalo Mineral Resource**

20Mt at 9.9% TGC over 2km strike

## Long life

Existing 18 year mine life based on existing Ore Reserves

## Geophysics indicates upside

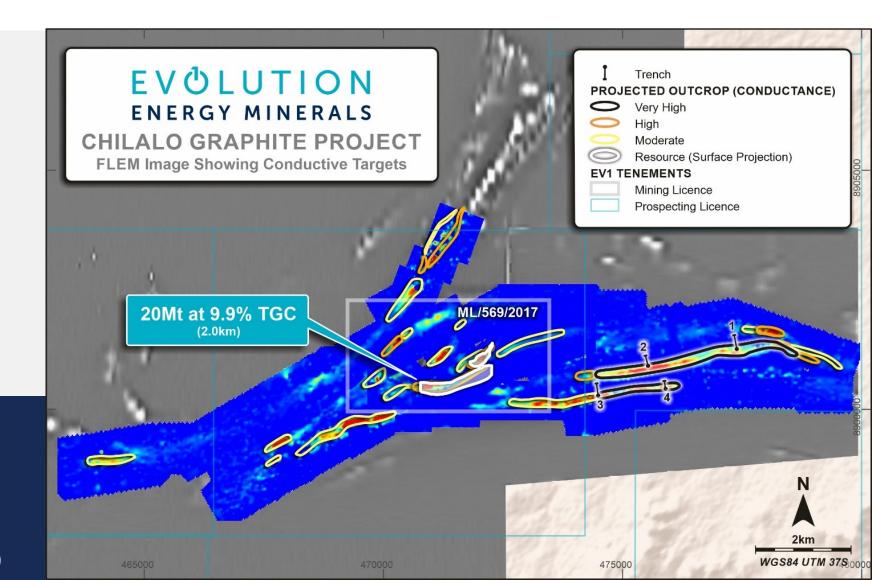
33km of conductors with same or higher conductivity (= high grade, thick deposits, near surface)

## **Drilling planned**

Program planned to commence in July

# MINERAL RESOURCE GROWTH RESULTS IN:

- Lower mining costs
- Extension of mine life
- Facilitates production expansion
- Increase in project value (NPV, IRR)



## **DFS OPTIMISATION UNDERWAY**

Strong economics to a bankable standard<sup>1</sup>

PHYSICALS	UNIT	2020 DFS
Mine life	years	18
Total plant feed	Mt	8.9
Annual plant feed	ktpa	500
Average head grade	%TGC	10.1%
Average graphite concentrate production	ktpa	50
Steady state expandable graphite sales	ktpa	12
Steady state micronised graphite sales	ktpa	8

PROJECT FINANCIALS	UNIT	2020 DFS
NPV (Post-tax)	US\$M	323
IRR (Post-tax)	%	34%
Post-tax payback period	years	3.4
Pre-production capital cost (incl. 10% contingency and pre-strip)	US\$M	87
Average annual EBITDA	US\$M	73

<sup>1.</sup> Graphex ASX Announcement – 29 January 2020 "DFS confirms Chilalo as high-margin graphite project." Financial outcomes restated per Evolution prospectus

#### **FEED**

Appointment of FEED engineer – May 2022

Update capex to +/- 10%

#### **FOCUS OF OPTIMISATION**

Revised mining schedule (expected to reduce operating costs)

Hybrid solar/diesel power solution (expected to reduce operating costs and carbon footprint)

Investigation of dry stacking of tailings

DFS optimisation / FEED to be completed by September 2022

## **TANZANIA**

Re-emerging as a favourable investment destination





- Directed the Tanzania Revenue Authority to stop frustrating businesses
- Ordered a review of regulations and taxes with the objective of encouraging foreign investment
- Urged Government officials to "work hard to regain the trust of international business"

## Subsequently, a noticeable change has taken place in Tanzania

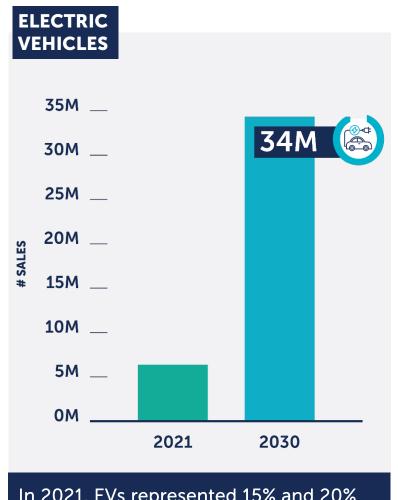
- Several ASX listed companies have obtained required licences and finalised framework agreements with the Tanzanian Government (Strandline Resources, OreCorp, Black Rock Mining)
- BHP invested \$50M in Kabanga Nickel and Barrick acquired \$60M of licences significant vote of confidence in Tanzania





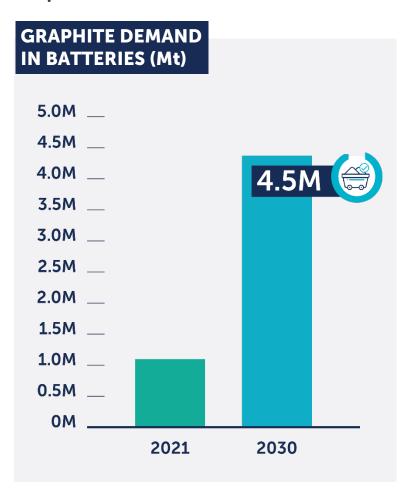
## **UNPRECEDENTED DEMAND OPPORTUNITY**

EV sales outperforming forecasts as China / EU reaches inflection point



In 2021, EVs represented 15% and 20% of all vehicles sold in China and Europe respectively. Source: Bloomberg NEF

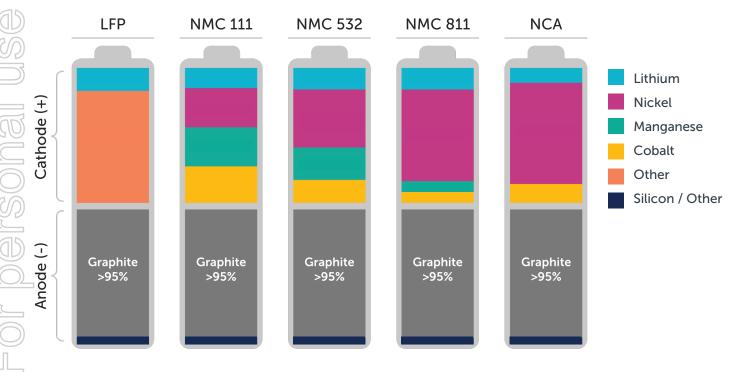




## **GRAPHITE IN LITHIUM-ION BATTERIES**

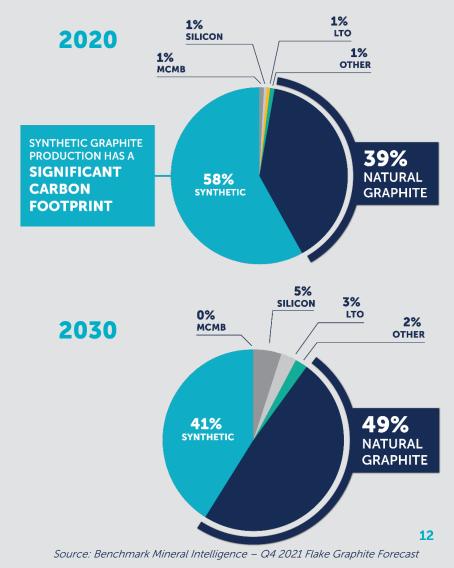
High costs and CO<sub>2</sub> footprint shifting demand from synthetic towards natural graphite

Graphite is the dominant material across all commercial battery technologies



Source: Pallinghurst-Traxys battery analysis. %s represent the proportions of cathode and anode in each battery respectively/ NCA bateries contain 2% aluminium (not shown)

#### **NATURAL GRAPHITE DEMAND FOR BATTERIES**



## **CRITICALITY OF GRAPHITE SUPPLY**

The global decarbonisation requires more graphite

than lithium and cobalt combined1.

Graphite listed as a strategic critical mineral in US, EU, Japan and Australia

WHY? Due to high concentration of production in one country (China), graphite is recognized as a strategic critical mineral in: EUROPE 2017 2018 JAPAN UNITED STATES 2018 Chinese supply is also under threat as tighter environmental policies resulted in widespread mine closures from the mid-2010's - inspections continue into the 2020's. **AUSTRALIA** 

CHINA DOMINATES GRAPHITE

MARKET







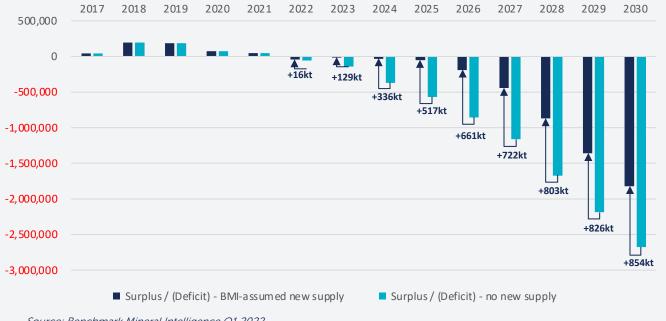
## **SUPPLY SHORTFALL AND RISING PRICES**

Power shortages and environmental shutdowns cause 31% increase in fines price since October 2021

## FINE FLAKE (-100 MESH / -150 MICRON) GRAPHITE PRICES (OCT 2021—MAR 2022)







Source: Benchmark Mineral Intelligence Q1 2022

"Demand growth will be such that we have assumed space for four new projects to come online by 2025 in addition to the ramp-up of existing projects and expansions"

Source: Wood Mackenzie Graphite market 2021 outlook to 2050



## OFFTAKE PARTNERSHIP AND DOWNSTREAM COLLABORATION

Sales commitment supports financing

#### Principal offtake partner announced

Yichang Xincheng Graphite Co Ltd (YXGC) selected following years of dialogue

#### **Dual focus MoU**

MoU covers coarse flake offtake and high-value downstream collaboration

#### **Global Leader**

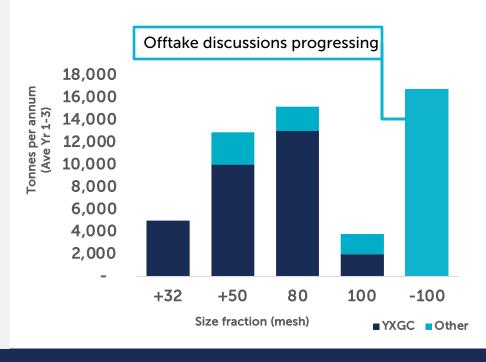
YXGC is the global leader in expandable graphite (EG) and graphite foil, supplying global electronics companies

#### **Key terms**

Initial 3-year term 30,000tpa of coarse flake graphite (+32, +50, +80, +100 mesh)
Represents 56% of planned production and over 70% of DFS concentrate revenue

# BINDING OFFTAKE AGREEMENT TO BE ANNOUNCED WITHIN WEEKS

#### **Chilalo production committed to YXGC**



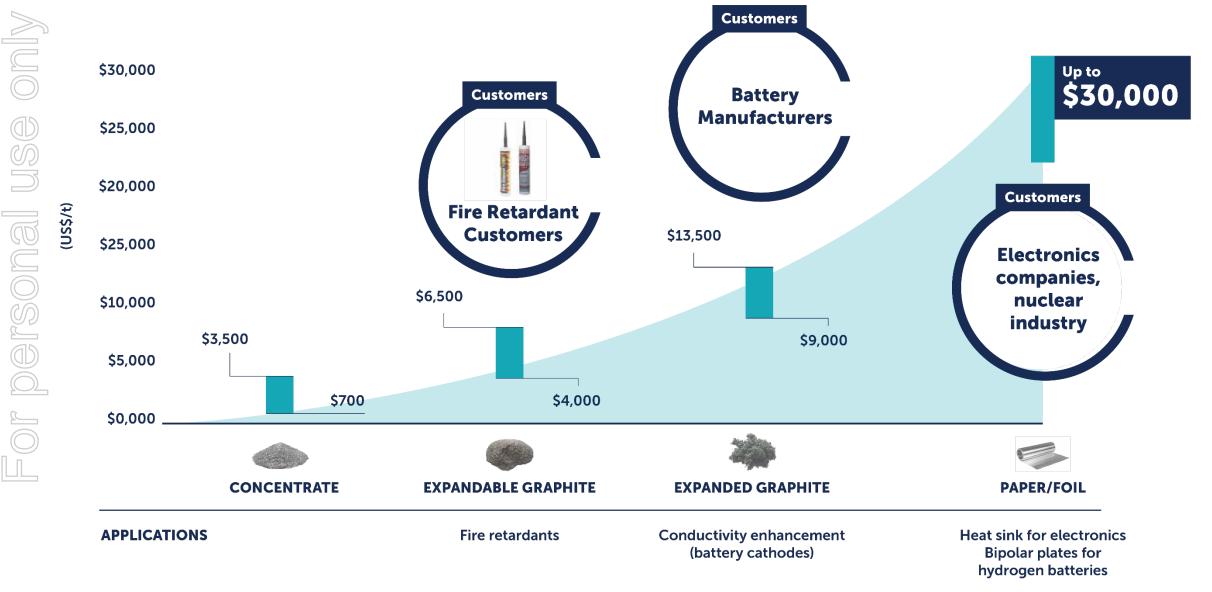
## UNIQUE COLLABORATION TO PRODUCE HIGH-VALUE EG AND GRAPHITE FOIL

Industry-first downstream collaboration to:

- Toll treat Chilalo graphite into EG
- Jointly develop downstream facilities in Europe to produce EG and graphite foil

Binding agreement being negotiated – site selection and feasibility studies to be announced in due course

# VALUE ADDITION JOURNEY FOR PREMIUM QUALITY COARSE FLAKE GRAPHITE



## **SUSTAINABLE BATTERY ANODE MATERIALS**

Commercial verification program to avoid toxic chemicals

#### EV1 INTENDS TO USE COMMERCIALLY PROVEN THERMAL PURIFICATION AND PROPRIETARY COATING TECHNOLOGY

1. Mining Processing



2. Active Anode Material Precursor



3. Active Anode Material









Transport

Flake graphite concentrate





Milling/Shaping Purification

**Uncoated purified spherical graphite / BAM Precursor** 





**Carbon Coating** 

Thermal treatment

Coated purified spherical graphite / BAM Precursor



















Completed

Commercial verification program – completed by Q3 2022

Challenges Facing Battery Makers		How EV1's Strategy Addresses These				
1.	Sustainability of a supply chain that uses HF + other toxic chemicals	EV1 pursuing thermal purification				
2.	Carbon footprint declaration of supply chain	EV1 pursuing net zero carbon mine + cheap/renewable power sources for BAM processing				
3.	Traceability	Targeting chain of custody from mine site to battery (access to proprietary coating technology)				

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## **REGULATION DRIVING DEMAND**

EU initiatives leading the way & forcing a change

## **KEY INITIATIVES**



## RESPONSIBLE SOURCING

New mandatory procedures to ensure sustainable and ethical sourcing of raw materials such as graphite.



## CO<sub>2</sub> FOOTPRINT

All batteries sold in Europe must declare their carbon footprint. Batteries with the highest carbon footprint will be banned in Europe.



#### **TRACEABILITY**

All raw material used in batteries to be produced according to OECD recognized guidelines for sustainable sourcing. Thanks to blockchain technology, each battery will have a digital passport tracking all components upstream.

#### Supported by



Initiative for Responsible Mining Assurance



EU list of Critical Raw Materials & European Raw Materials Alliance



EIB new energy lending policy supporting projects relating to the supply of critical raw materials

#### THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION IS GOING TO REQUIRE THAT:

FROM 1 JULY 2024: EV batteries must have a "carbon footprint declaration"

FROM 2026: EV batteries will have to bear a "carbon intensity performance class label"

FROM 2027: EV batteries must comply with "maximum carbon footprint thresholds"



## **PUBLIC SUSTAINABILITY COMMITMENTS**



We have made CO<sub>2</sub>
neutral cell production
a key requirement for
all of our battery cell
partners.<sup>1</sup>

The BMW Group is the first automobile company worldwide to become a member of the Initiative for Responsible Mining Assurance (IRMA). The aim is to systematically promote the sustainability of mined materials and adherence to the highest supply chain standards.<sup>2</sup>

The Commission puts forward a new future-proof regulatory framework on batteries to ensure that only the greenest, best performing and safest batteries make it onto the EU market. This ambitious framework on transparent and ethical sourcing of raw materials, carbonfootprint of batteries, and recycling is an essential element to achieve open strategic autonomy in this critical sector and accelerate our work under the European Battery Alliance.<sup>3</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> https://group.mercedes-benz.com/sustainability/climate/ambition-2039-our-path-to-co2-neutrality.html

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> https://www.bmwgroup.com/en/news/general/2020/responsible-mining.html

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip\_20\_2312

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## **ESG AND SUSTAINABILITY**

Evolution's commitment to sustainable graphite supply

Pursuit of carbon neutrality for operations

Committed to ISO 14001 (Environmental Management)

Confirming dry stacking of tailings

Committed to renewable power solution



Full product transparency and traceability including adherence to ISO 8001 (Quality)

**ESG Committee established** 

Board will voluntarily stand for re-election and cancel performance-based remuneration for material breach of EV1 ESG policies





Local job creation - Chilalo to generate 230 direct jobs for potential multi-decade mine life

**Updated Relocation Action Plan ongoing** 



Creating Markets, Creating Opportunities

#### **DIGBEE ENDORSED BY NUMEROUS FINANCIERS**



































#### **DIGBEE FRAMEWORK COVERS ALL GLOBAL STANDARDS**







































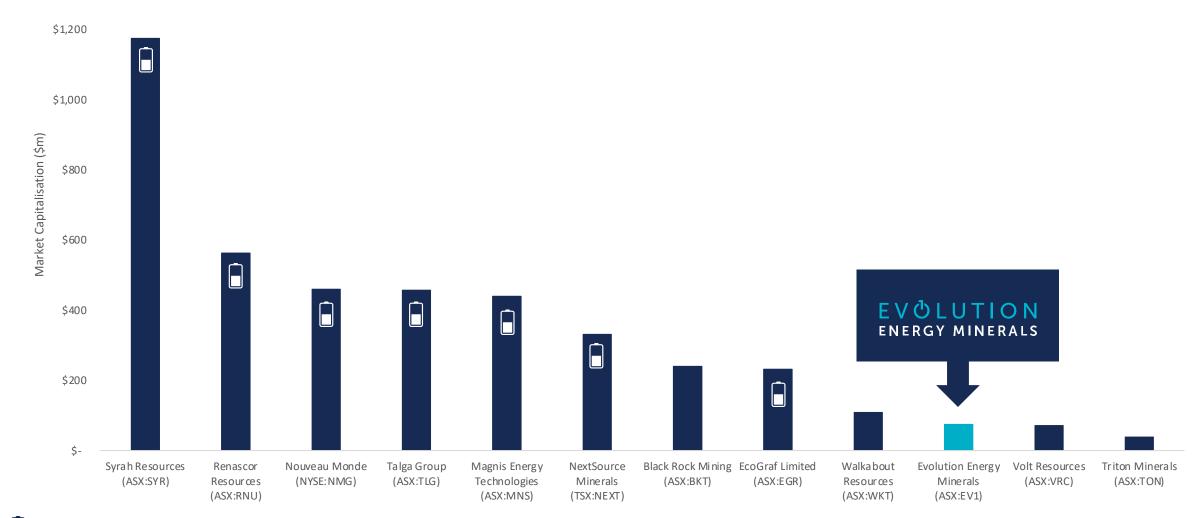


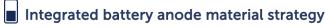




## **GRAPHITE PEER COMPARISON**

Significant discount to graphite peers





As at 27 April 2022 – refer to slide 24 for supporting information

## **VALUE PROPOSITION**

High-quality, advanced project with global customer validation



High-margin graphite project

## **ESG commitments**

to drive interest from investors and customers

## **Ongoing support from** strategic cornerstone investor underwrites project financing

Internationally recognised offtake partner

Inclusive of downstream partnership

**Commercal battery** anode program

with no HF or toxic chemicals

## **APPENDIX**

## Detailed graphite peer comparison analysis and references

Ticker	EV1.ASX	MNS.ASX	EGR.ASX	RNU.ASX	WKT.ASX	BKT.ASX	VRC.ASX	TON.ASX	NEXT.TSX
Market Cap (A\$M)	75	439	232	563	109	240	71	39	331
Resource (Mt contained graphite)	2.0	9.4	3.0	6.6	4.5	16.6	22.6	3.0	8.7
Resource (Mt)	20	174	31	87	42	213	461	46	141.3
Resource (% Measured)	-	36%	26%	18%	16%	15%	4%	-	17%
Resource (% Indicated)	51%	35%	42%	46%	20%	40%	34%	67%	54%
Resource (% Inferred)	49%	29%	32%	36%	64%	45%	62%	33%	29%
Resource Grade (TGC%)	9.9%	5.4%	9.9%	7.5%	10.8%	7.8%	4.9%	6.6%	6.13%
Reserve (Mt contained graphite)	0.9	3.6	1.0	3.6	1.0	6.0	5.6	1.5	1.6
Reserve Grade (TGC%)	9.9%	4.8%	8.3%	7.9%	17.9%	8.5%	4.4%	6.2%	7.02%
Stage of graphite development	DFS + fully permitted	DFS + fully permitted	DFS + fully permitted	DFS + fully permitted	DFS + fully permitted	DFS + fully permitted	DFS + fully permitted	DFS + fully permitted	Development
Downstream graphite business	Expandable and micronised graphite DFS, anode testwork underway	JV ownership of 2 planned battery plants	Battery Anode Materials DFS	Battery Anode Materials DFS	N/A	N/A	Battery Anode Materials testwork	N/A	Technical Study for Battery Anode Facility
Source	Internal	Website	ASX announcement - 31 July 2017	ASX announcement 4/3/21 and 11/11/19	Website	Website	Website	Presentation - 22 June 2020	Website

<sup>1.</sup> Market cap as at 27 April 2022.

Source (unless otherwise stated): Various announcements.

