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Diversified battery anode materials company **EcoGraf Limited** (**EcoGraf** or the **Company**) (ASX: **EGR**; FSE: **FMK**; OTCQX: **ECGFF**) is pleased to release a copy of its latest corporate presentation that is being provided to EcoGraf's partners and potential customers in Europe to support further sales, collaboration and debt financing.

The Company was pleased to present again at this year's Batteries Event Conference given the increasing importance of sustainability by battery and electric vehicle manufacturers in France.

This announcement is authorised for release by Andrew Spinks, Managing Director.

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### **EcoGraf B**ATTERIES EVENT 2023 OCT. 10 > OCT. 13 LYON - FRANCE

Closing the Loop with EcoGraf's HF*free* Battery Anode Materials

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Information in this document relating to the Bankable Feasibility Study conducted on the Epanko Graphite Project, including production targets and forecast financial information derived from the production targets, included in this document is extracted from an ASX announcement dated 21 June 2017 "Updated Bankable Feasibility Study" available at <u>www.ecograf.com.au</u> and <u>www.asx.com.au</u>. The Company confirms that all material assumptions underpinning the production targets and forecast financial information derived from the production targets set out in the announcement released on 21 June 2017 continue to apply and have not materially changed.

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# High Value Vertically Integrated Battery Anode Material



### East African logistics hub supporting BAM supply chain





Critical battery minerals is creating increased cooperation between companies and continents to establish new supply chains 2023 Global Legislation

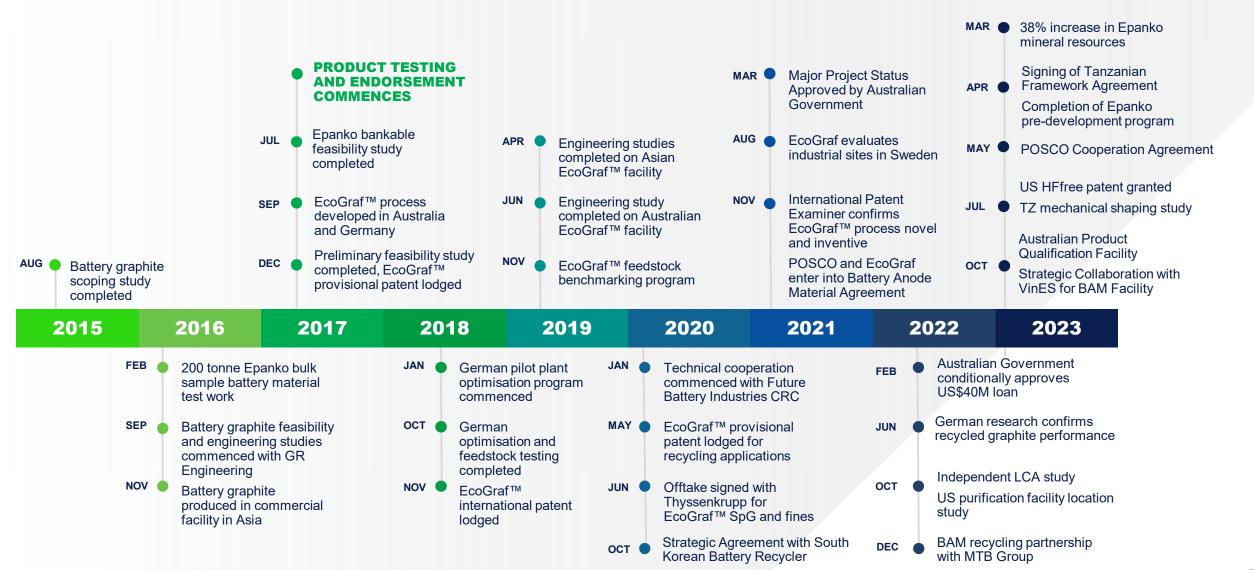


IRA has pushed development of critical battery minerals under MSP and trade deals



EU Green Deal to support new supply chains in EU

### **Our development history**

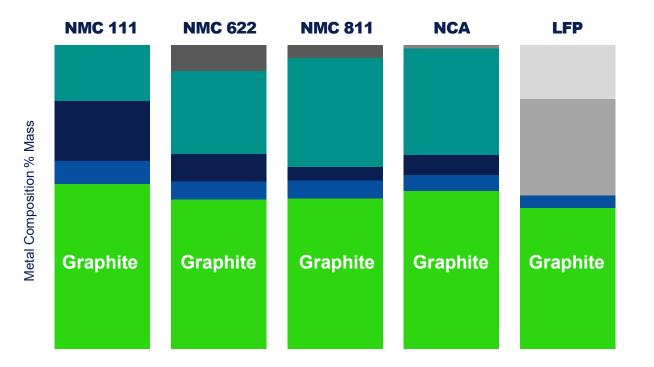




### Lithium-ion battery chemistry



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Graphite ■ Lithium ■ Cobalt ■ Nickel ■ Manganese ■ Aluminium ■ Iron ■ Phosphate

### Graphite will continue to dominate as the anode material in lithium-ion batteries

Source : BMI, UBS and company research

Lithium-ion battery to drive strong demand for graphite 1.1kg required per kWh

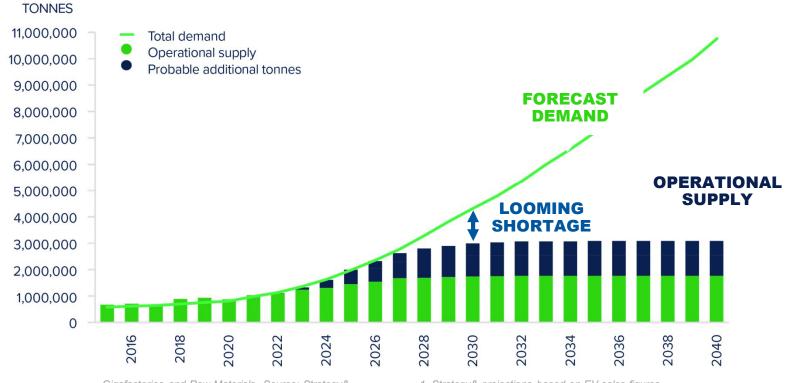
15-25 wt. % Anode graphite in a LIB

Up to +100 kg anode material used per EV

### Structural shortage looming: demand and supply

EV adoption rates are forecast to increase demand for lithium-ion batteries with BMI forecasting the market to grow at a CAGR of 23.9% over the next 10 years.

- $\ref{eq:second}$  New markets for EV driving forecast demand above existing and new sources of supply
- Benchmark Mineral Intelligence forecast that planned capacity and projects in development will not be able to meet forecast demand as soon as 2025



Graphite: one of the fastest growing critical minerals

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- Equates an incremental market growth of US\$5.8 billion
- East Africa will be a key source of new supply for the lithium-ion battery industry



1. Strategy& projections based on EV sales figures







## **Proprietary processing technology**

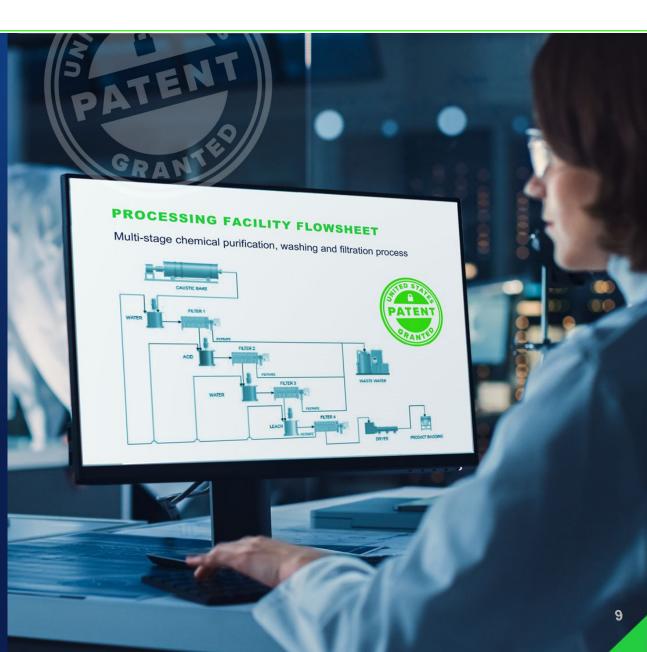


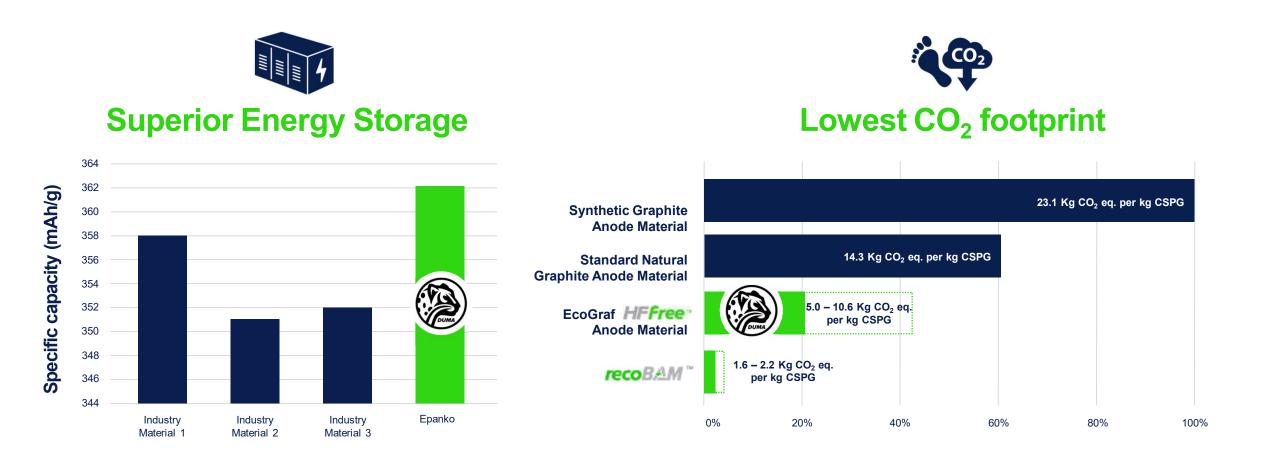
# IP protection - International Examining Authority deems all 25 patent claims novel and inventive

- Patent granted by US Patent and Trademark Office.
  - Product made (outside of the US) by a patented process (patented in the US), would be an infringement when imported into the US
- Patent submissions have been lodged by EcoGraf in all key battery markets to protect the IP : EU, Korea, Malaysia, Vietnam, East Africa, South Africa and Australia.
- Company filed Evidence in Answer lodged with IP Australia to oppositions raised by two parties to the Company's Patent Application 2021261902 "Method of producing purified graphite"
- Patent covers 'anode recycling'

# Proprietary purification process provides cost competitiveness to existing market materials

- High Purity Battery Anode Material >99.95% achieved
- >60% yield for maximum efficiency





EcoGraf HFfree<sup>™</sup> anode material delivers improved battery performance and significantly lower CO<sub>2</sub> footprint

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### Epanko natural flake graphite project





#### Natural Graphite Projects

#### **KEY ACTIVITIES**

Signed framework agreement with Tanzanian Government for Epanko

Confirming expansion options and evaluating benefits of in-country micronizing and spheronizing to optimize global supply chain

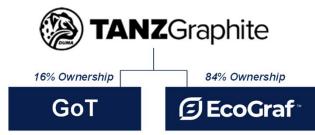


Financing and development

Exceptional geology provides superior performance

#### EPANKO

- Development ready project defined and de-risked, commencing at 73,000tpa with potential to significantly expand production to meet market demand<sup>1</sup>
- Evaluation of multi-stage expansion of Epanko in progress, targeting 300,000tpa of production
- 2017 bank appointed Independent Engineer's Review completed by SRK Consulting.
- Sector leading ESG credentials with Equator Principles development model



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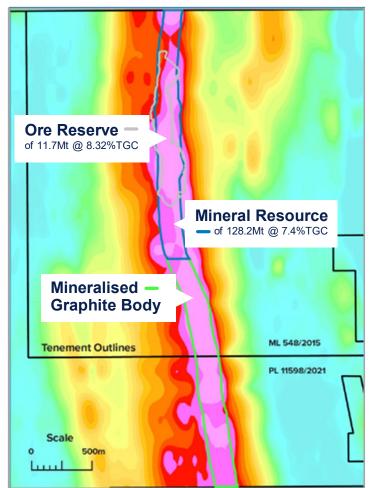
 Supportive Government with plans for additional development of the Arusha mining sector

## Two advanced, high quality, long life Tanzanian natural graphite projects provides supply diversity and scale-up optionality



### **Duma TanzGraphite natural graphite project**





JORC classification	Tonnage (Mt)	Grade (%TGC)	Contained graphite (Mt)		
Epanko Mineral Resource estimate >5.5% TGC1					
Total (Meas, Ind, Inf)	128.2	7.4	9.5		
Epanko Ore Reserve <sup>2</sup>					
Proven	5.7	8.4	0.5		
Probable	5.9	8.2	0.5		
Total	11.7	8.3	1.0		

Refer to ASX announcement "Epanko Mineral Resource Upgrade", March 2023
Refer to ASX announcement "Updated Bankable Feasibility Study", 21 June 2017

# Epanko's key attribute is its high carbon concentrates through simple flotation requiring less downstream processing due to lower impurities

EcoGraf confirms that it is not aware of any new information or data that materially affects the information included in this presentation. All material assumptions and technical parameters underpinning the estimates in those releases continue to apply and have not materially changed.

Epanko 38% Resource increase supports future expansion to meet growing battery demand with high carbon concentrates

✓ Large resource base

- High carbon concentrates grade 96-98%C
- Solution Strip ratios < 0.3:1
- High Processing Recoveries
- S Exceptional Geology
- Superior Performance

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### **Downstream battery anode materials**



HF*free*<sup>™</sup> Battery **Anode Material** 

#### Key activities

- **Development of product** gualification facility in Australia
- - Evaluate BAM facility in Vietnam with VinES and VinFast
- Formalise strategic partnerships for commercial scale production

Evaluate potential development site locations in North America and Europe

Advance coatings capability

#### Global expansion driven by EV demand and legislation to encourage new and more sustainable supply chains

Increased requirement for new supply of battery anode materials following launch of US Mineral Security Partnership (June 2022) and Inflation Reduction Act (August 2022)

- Australian Government grant of A\$2.9m towards a battery anode material product qualification facility
- Product Qualification facility provides product samples and engineering design for single-phase commercial scale development
- Australian Government support for commercial scale development through Major Project status, Project of State Significance status and conditional approval of US\$40m debt financing package
- Strategy to develop multiple production facilities in key global battery markets
- Co-operation Agreement signed with POSCO May 2023
- Signed agreement with VinES to evaluate BAM facility in Vietnam
- Partnership opportunities under discussion with European, North American and Asian battery market participants

The new state-of-the-art processing facilities will manufacture BAM for the global lithium-ion battery markets





EcoGraf's vision is to be a leader in the supply of high performance, sustainably produced battery anode material



### Global expansion strategy to meet battery anode demand

Positioning EcoGraf purification and anode recycling capability in regional EV and battery hubs

Purification



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1. Source Benchmark Mineral Intelligence

### RECYCLE

### Full cycle active anode recovery



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**C** EcoGraf Anode Material Recycling

#### **KEY ACTIVITIES**

- $\bigotimes$
- Developing 'Proof of Concept' based on positive results for Production Anode Scrap



Ongoing testing with EV and battery manufacturers



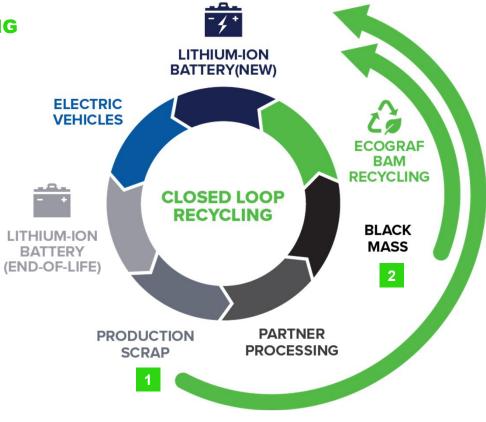
Establish partnerships for pilot plant for product development and qualification processes for

recycling and downcycling into

industrial markets

#### ECOGRAF HFFREE™ PURIFICATION SUPPORTS CLOSED LOOP RECYCLING

- **Objective:** Recover battery anode materials to provide customers lower battery costs and CO<sub>2</sub> emissions:
  - 1 Production Anode Scrap: Priority
  - 2 Leached Black Mass: Develop under long term partnership
- Increasing efforts given recent EU + US legislation for battery recycling



#### **CURRENT PARTNERS**

**SungEel HiTech** 

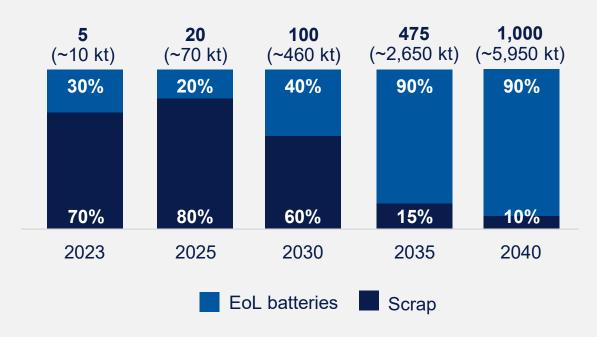




## Europe – initially dominated by production anode scrap

- Between 2023 and 2030, gigafactory scrap drives the market
- With scrap rates reducing significantly, it will comprise ~10% of the market in 2040
- ~5,950 kt of end-of-life batteries in 2040 drive the market

#### **Distribution of recyclable material (in GWh, kt)**



### **EcoGraf solution for anode scrap recycling**







### Positive results achieved for a range of product samples and customers under CA/NDA's

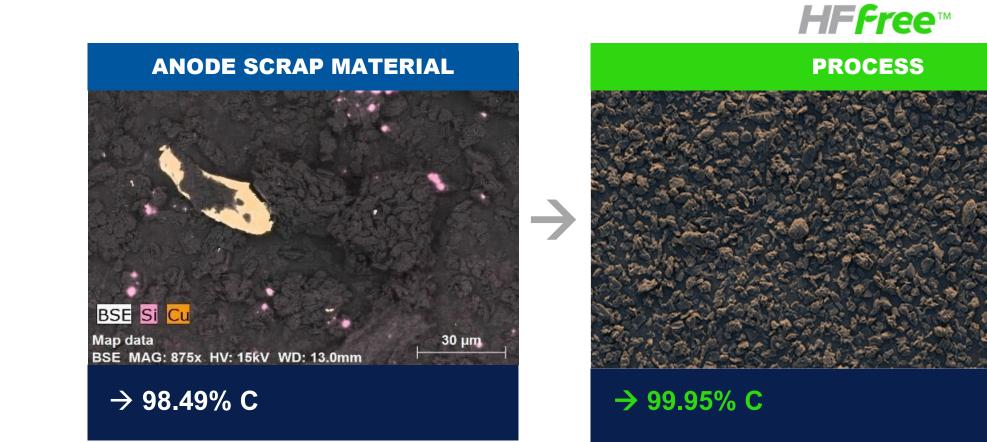
piloting plar	port developing at for Production ectrode Scrap	Carbon Grade after EcoGraf HFfree™ Purification		
Company	Product	Carbon Grade	High Purity Industrial Market	Li-ion Battery Anode Market (>99.95)
Recycler	End of Life	99.80%	•	
EV	Production Anode Scrap	99.97%		•
EV	Production Anode Scrap	99.92%	•	
Battery	Production Anode Scrap	99.98%		•
Recycler	End of Life	99.50%	•	
Recycler	Production Anode Scrap	99.98%		•
Chemical	End of Life	99.17%	•	
Research	End of Life	99.20%	•	
Recycler	Production Anode Scrap	99.77%	•	
Recycler	End of Life	99.80%	•	

1. Refer to ASX announcement "Lithium-ion Battery Anode Recycling Pilot Plant", 16 August 2021

2. See Appendix C: Anode recycling process detail

### Example of successful EcoGraf purification: anode scrap





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## Recycled anode electrochemical performance & CO<sub>2</sub> benefit **Seco**Graf<sup>®</sup>

Blending (2:1) significantly

lowers the CO<sub>2</sub>

HELMHOLTZ - INSTITUTE : EIT award winning German research program confirms RecoBAM<sup>™</sup> matches the electrochemical performance of newly manufactured commercial battery graphite

Graphite 3

Graphite 2

Graphite 3

Delithiation

- Lithiation

40

Graphite 4

Graphite 4

100 %

90

80

70

60

30

20

50

Efficiency /

Coulombic

Olutogun et al. 2023

Graphite 2

1C = 350 mA g

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Cycle Number

Electrode contains: 95% recycled graphite (+3% SBR, 1% CMC, 1% C45)

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Recycled Gr

**Recycled** graphite

Graphite

C/5

C/2 1C

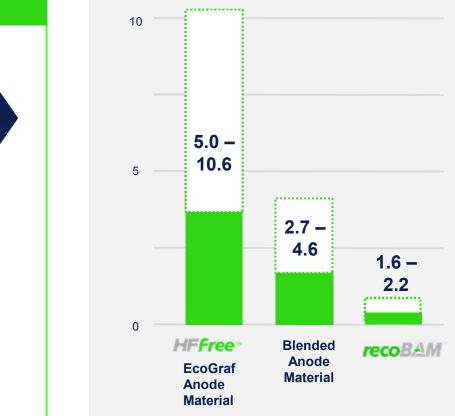
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: Capacity / mAh g

Specific 500

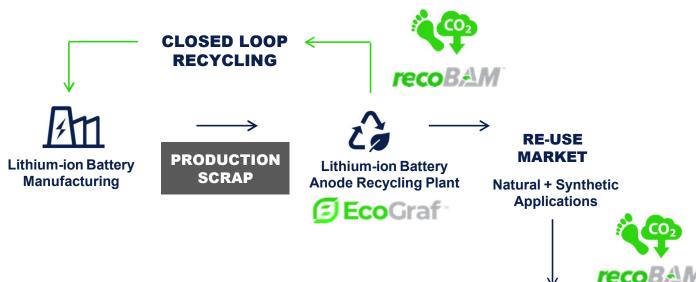
#### Global Warming Potential Kg CO<sub>2</sub> eq. per kg CSPG



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### Pilot plant required for anode product qualification

#### **RECYCLING ANODE MATERIAL SUPPORTS THE CIRCULAR ECONOMY**



Natural	Synthetic	High Purity Industrial Markets
<b>~</b>	✓	Alkaline and zinc carbon batteries
<b>~</b>	-	Friction materials
<b>~</b>	-	Refractories
-	✓	Carbon additives

#### FOCUS PRODUCT QUALIFICATION IN HIGH VALUE MARKETS

Near zero carbon footprint for recycled anode



## Supported by long standing partnerships



### Australian and German Government Support





### **Memberships and Affiliations**







BATTERY

**EBA250** 



### Key advantages



## Integrated battery anode material business supporting the global transition to clean energy and e-mobility

- Over 8 years of technical work programs and extensive product qualification with a range of potential customers
- Bank due diligence processes undertaken with rigorous reviews of technical and engineering studies
- Product sales and collaboration with market leading counterparties
- Production levels matched to market demand with engineering designs to allow rapid expansion
- Sector leading ESG Credentials

- Downstream processing strategy centered on producing purified spherical graphite for a market forecast to grow 15x over the next decade
- Diversified battery anode materials business positioned to support recent EU legislative changes on sustainability and meet US IRA
- Lithium-ion battery recycling business provides the opportunity to lower battery production costs and reduce carbon emissions from EV manufacturing

- Anode recycling provides a unique eco-friendly product
- Strategy to expand production and regionalise additional facilities in Europe, Asia and the US to support increasing demand
- Planning initiated on purification plant in Europe
- On-going research and innovation to identify further value adding opportunities using the EcoGraf<sup>™</sup> purification process
- US Patent and Patent submissions providing international protection in US, ASIA & EU

# The future is electric

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