

ASX ANNOUNCEMENT

28 August, 2018

BUILDING A VERTICALLY INTEGRATED GRAPHITE BUSINESS

Hexagon Resources (ASX: HXG, **Hexagon** or the **Company**) is pleased to release its business strategy titled "Building a Vertically Integrated Graphite Business".

This is an important milestone for the Company as it basically outlays in greater detail Hexagon's downstream plans and provides significant new underlying data to support this strategy.

The business case is underpinned by the McIntosh project which Mineral Resources Limited is funding to Commercial Production, or other similar projects Hexagon might acquire. The strategy report goes on to detail the planned graphite concentrate product mix and specific plans to progress downstream processing to meet end-user demand in a diverse range of market segments.

It aims to provide an insight into Hexagons comparative advantages; a clean, highly crystalline deposit which lends itself to low-cost, environmentally sustainable purification technology to become an industry leader in low cost, high purity graphite feedstocks.

This will form the basis for a series of presentation that the Company is giving in the next few months to raise its profile amongst investors groups, customers and peer companies.

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Strategy Update to Building A Vertically Integrated Graphite Business

Supplying high growth demand in the energy and industrial sectors

28 August, 2018

An update on the Company's business strategy which will form the basis of a series of presentations in Australia, SE Asia, UK and the US in August-October, 2018.

Clear Business Strategy

To produce quality graphite products into a diverse range of premium end-use markets

"Hexagon is creating shareholder value through developing a vertically integrated graphite business to supply high-specification graphite materials, including synthetic graphite substitutes".

- HXG is moving downstream to capture additional value.... "because it can, not because it has to"
- High purity graphite for high-value markets, e.g. graphite components for rockets not just cars





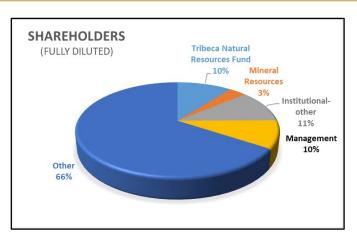






Hexagon at a Glance

ASX Code	HXG
Shares on Issue	291.8M
Options on issue (unlisted)	24.4M
Share price (24/8/18)	A\$0.15
12 Month high/low	A\$0.28/A\$0.09
Market Capitalisation	A\$47.4M
Debt	Nil
Cash (30/06/2018)	A\$7.4M







Board of Directors: (from Left); M. Rosenstreich (MD), Charles Whitfield (Chair), Garry Plowright (NED) and Rowan Caren (CoySec.)

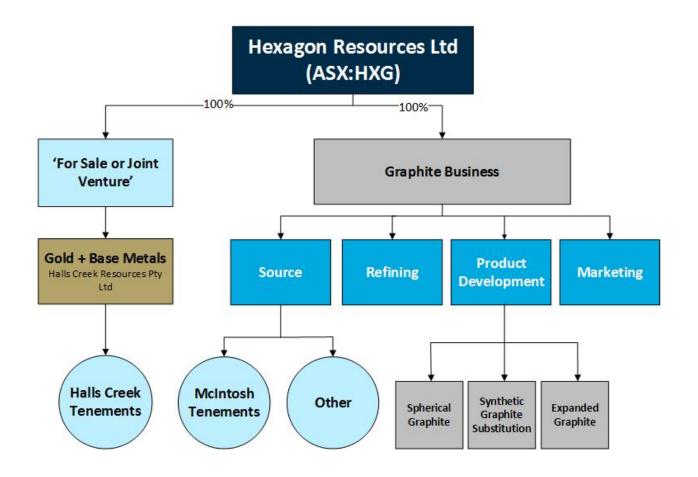
Emerging, low-risk, funded graphite business

- ✓ McIntosh is a high purity graphite deposit in Western Australia.
- ✓ Stage 1 development c. 100ktpa of high-grade graphite concentrates for a diverse range of premium priced end uses.
- ✓ Stage 1 is fully funded to commercial production with Mineral Resources (ASX:MIN) earning 51% project interest, subject to positive Feasibility Study.
- Exceptional downstream processing attributes and cost profile suitable for premium end of energy storage, tech applications and traditional industrial uses.
- ✓ Safe, stable jurisdiction with project located in Western Australia.



Business Structure





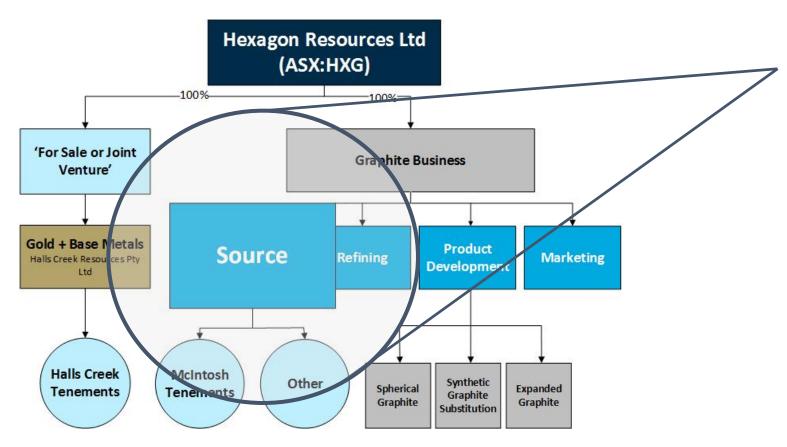
Key Elements

- Source demonstrated high-purity, crystalline, natural flake graphite
- Refining proprietary, low cost process to achieve ultra high purity
- Product Development to cater to a diverse range of premium end users
- Marketing building a McIntosh brand and creating awareness
- "For Sale" non core but highly prospective exploration assets



Business Structure





Source – of the "right" graphite concentrates.

McIntosh Project (Western Australia)

 Mineral Resources Ltd funding all feasibility, development and rampup costs to Commercial Production to earn a 51% share.

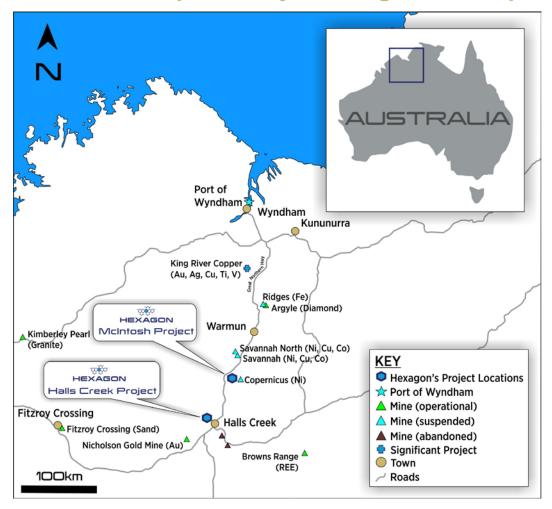
Other Opportunities

 HXG has and will continue to secure sources that have the properties to produce premium quality graphites.



Source - Overview

McIntosh Graphite Project – large-scale deposit in mining-friendly jurisdiction



Current Stage 1 – Mineral Resources.

JORC Classification	Tonnes (Mt)	TGC (%)	Contained Graphite (kt)
Total Indicated & Inferred	21.3	4.5%	964

Full Mineral Resources Table & Location Plan in Attachment 1

√ 12,000 metre drilling program currently underway

Exploration Target* (additional to JORC Resources)

Prospect	Tonnage Range	Grade Range	
	(Mt)	TGC (%)	
Total	110 - 220	2.5 – 5.0	

Customers are attracted by "long-term supply" from stable, reputable countries with sound environmental and community relations practices.

*Cautionary Statement: The potential quantity and grade of the Exploration Targets is conceptual in nature, there has been insufficient exploration work to estimate a mineral resource and it is uncertain if further exploration will result in defining a mineral resource.



Source - McIntosh Project - planning for future development













Stage 1: Multi open pit mining, simple flotation to produce c. 100,000tpa of high-grade (97-98% TGC) graphite concentrate, likely across 3 flake sizes.



Source - McIntosh Project; Financing & Development

Partnered with ASX listed Mineral Resources Limited (ASX:MIN)

- McIntosh Stage 1 feasibility and development funding de-risked.
- Mineral Resources Limited (MRL) to fund all Feasibility Study work, capital development and ramp-up costs to achieve Commercial Production to earn a 51% interest in the McIntosh Project (subject to a positive feasibility study).
- MRL to operate the Stage 1 project through a life of mine Mining Services Agreement
 effectively a "pit to wharf" solution for the McIntosh Project.
- MRL to achieve Commercial Production within a 3-year timeline from 14 May, 2018.
- Standard operating JV; each party contributes its shares of OpEx and receives its share of Product which will be marketed by the 50:50 joint entity.





"the joint venture with MRL is a major de-risking event for HXG which is fully funded to commercial production"

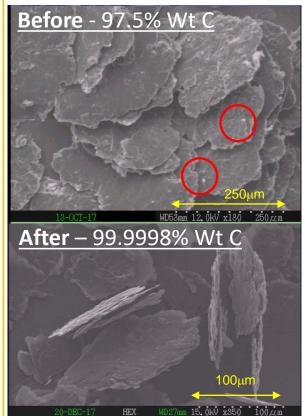


Source - McIntosh Graphite[™] Marketable Attributes



Purity

High purity, high value & low purification cost

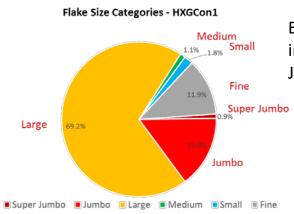


Impurities (circled-top) tend to occur on top of the flakes not embedded into the flake layers making for "easier" purification;

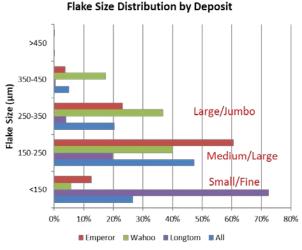
99.9998 wt.% C was achieved by a proprietary thermal purification technique.

- **Price premium**: *Five Nines* is the "nuclear purity world".
- Low cost:
 - ✓ Surficial impurities require only "light" purification.
 - ✓ HXG planning to adopt proprietary but proven, highly efficient, furnace technology.
- Low Environmental impact:
 - ✓ No HF acid leach.
 - Less energy compared to other thermal technologies.

Flake Size



Emperor deposit - 85% of Flake in Concentrate sample is Large, Jumbo & Super Jumbo size.



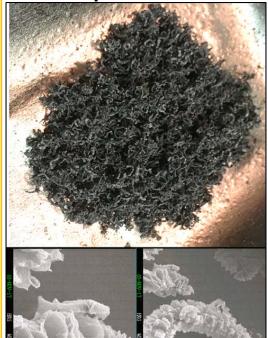
Emperor & Wahoo dominant large/Jumbo flake and comprise 70% of the McIntosh Project Mineral Resource.



Source - McIntosh Graphite[™] Marketable Attributes

Expandable

220% Expansion Factor for + 60 Mesh Flake (+250um)



Expanded graphite "worms" produced from +60 mesh fraction of HXGCON 1 precursor flake: optical (top), SEM (bottom).

High proportion of Large/Jumbo sized flake:

>78% of concentrate flake (HXGCon1) was larger than 60 Mesh (250 um)

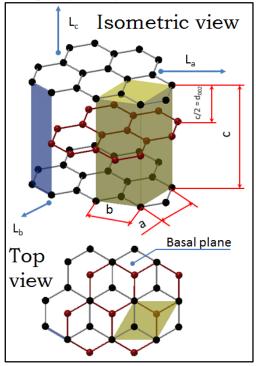
Easy Expansion:

- no exotic chemicals or complicated treatments
- translates to Low Costs.

Strong demand growth due to:

- Declining supply from China; and
- Increased demand in electronics e.g. as conductivity enhancement material (CEM) in advanced alkaline, lithium and lithium-ion batteries.

Highly Crystalline



HOPG – rare attributeHighly Ordered Pyrolytic Graphite*

Highly crystalline, near all-hexagonal preferred crystal orientation – *vital* aspects to compete with premium quality synthetic graphite products.

- higher electrical conductivity,
- greater reversible capacity towards lithium ion intercalation,
- superb thermal management properties and
- better lubricity for ultra-purified material.
- Higher selling price.
- High-cost, synthetic graphite producers aspire to reach these technical specifications.
- McIntosh Graphite can out-compete synthetic on price and quality

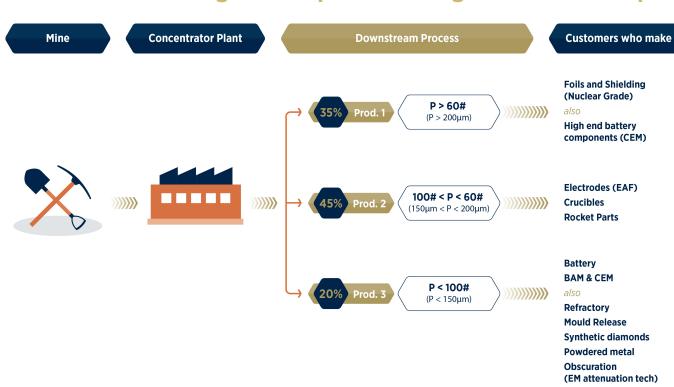
*Independent testing conducted by Argonne National Laboratory which is operated by the US Department of Energy.



Source – the production case



A diverse and sought after product range – from the "Upstream"



Stage 1: 100ktpa planned output, comprising 3 graphite concentrate products:

✓ Product 1 - "Expanded Line"

destined for foils and shielding (nuclear grade) and Conductivity Enhancement Materials (**CEM**)

✓ Product 2 - "Electrode Line"

suitable for a wide range of customers but HXG's focus is on electrodes in Electric Arc Furnaces (EAF) substituting for synthetic graphite on the basis of enhanced technical properties.

(Wide size range – could be split into 2 around the 80 mesh sizing)

✓ Product 3 - "Battery Line"

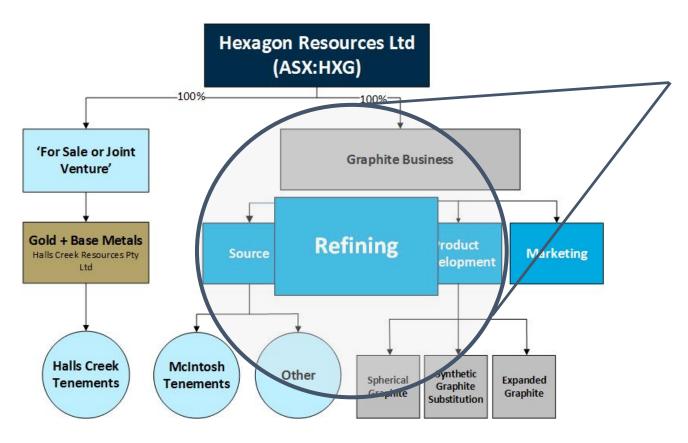
Lubricants

destined for lithium ion Battery Anode Material (BAM) and CEM. Also suitable for a range of high-end industrial applications e.g. refractory (in furnace ladles and crucibles), mould release as well as emerging applications such as synthetic diamonds (for semi-conductors) and Obscuration (EM attenuation) technology.



Business Structure





Refining – a key distinguishing business aspect for HXG, because:

- McIntosh "easy to purify" flake attributes;
 and
- Utilisation of established, state-of-the-art refining technology under exclusive arrangement.

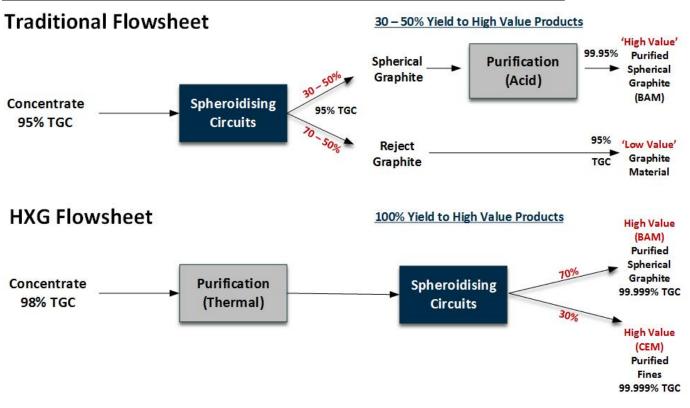


Refining

A core pillar of the down stream business strategy

HXG's modified flow sheet – refining first; because it is low cost and produces high-value end products.

Here's an example for Prod.3 (battery materials) stream:



HXG is proposing an innovative downstream flow sheet based on:

- Low Cost, first stage purification
 - ✓ Easy purification attributes of the McIntosh flake
 - Utilisation of a proven, but proprietary refining furnace technology.
 - ✓ Targeting purification costs <u>less than current</u> acid leaching as carried out in China c.US\$600/t.

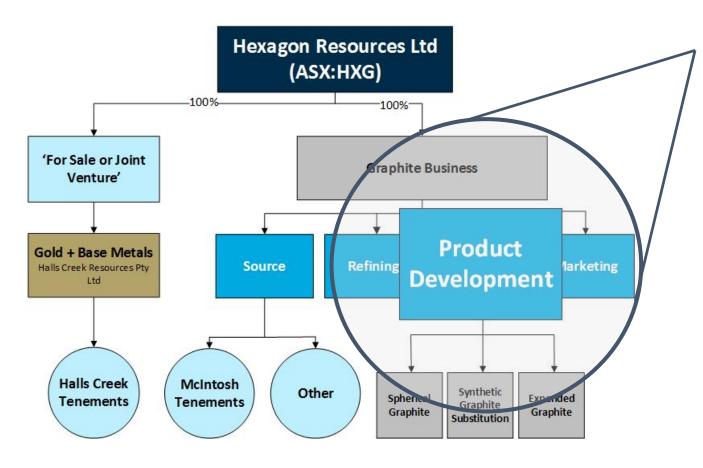
Resulting in:

- Higher yields to high-value products
- Premium pricing for refined "Raw Materials" as a means to fast track downstream value adding.



Business Structure





Product Development

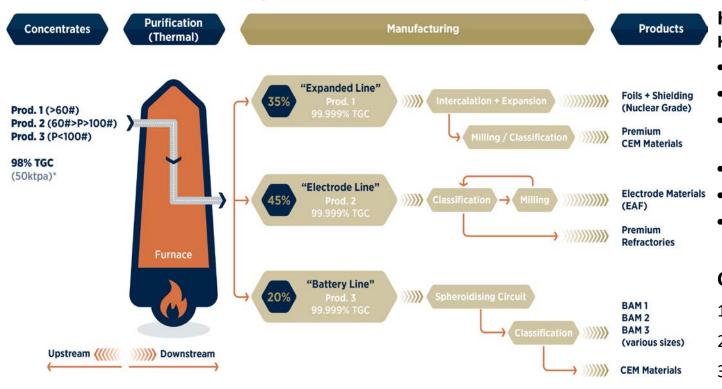
The 3 product streams reflect diverse opportunities, enabled by:

- Purity ultra-high and low cost;
- Large flake abundance; and
- Easy milling large flake size is desirable for certain end uses, but there is increasing demand for ultra-fine, highly crystalline graphites. McIntosh's thinner flake requires low energy to mill and classify down to the sub 10 μm size specifications. This will make HXG a cost leader in milling, micronising and classifying ultra fine graphites.

Product Development



Graphite – a multi-staged, complex and demanding supply chain



^{*} Based on HXG allocation of McIntosh JV Concentrates

HXG's planned Product Development Flow Sheet Key Drivers:

- Specifications demanded by the Customers
- Technical attributes of the source flake
- Technology utilised to achieve the milling / shaping and classifying
- Energy costs
- Skilled and experienced labour
- Customer qualification processes for different end users

Customers require "5-M's" Qualification

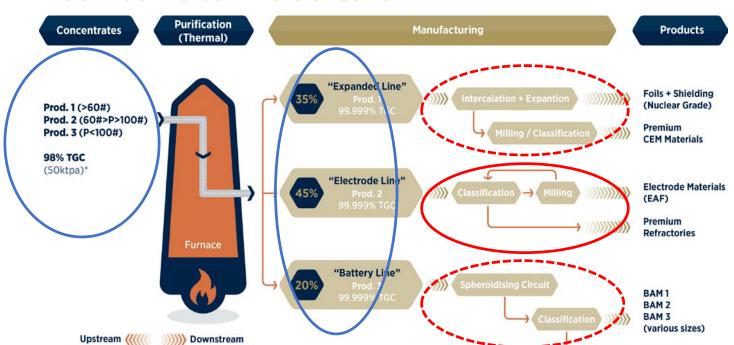
- 1. Material Source consistent
- 2. Method production process
- 3. Machines utilisation the same process technology
- 4. Manufacturing Standards QA/QC & ISO
- 5. Management & Ownership consistent

HXG is working to meet these qualification requirements in its Product Development program



Product Development

Fast track to commercialisation



Opportunities to fast track commercialisation:

- ✓ Sell concentrates; excellent prices available for quality materials from stable jurisdictions.
- ✓ Refined, raw materials can attract price premiums of up to 100%.
- ✓ For HXG fastest qualification route is via classification and milling for traditional uses; the Electrodes Line well specified and priced but currently dominated by synthetic graphite.
- ✓ Follow-through with sales of battery and expandable lines which require more flowsheet development and more stringent qualification process.

Sell
 Concentrates

2. Sell Refined Raw Material

3. Prioritise shortest qualification process (Electrodes)

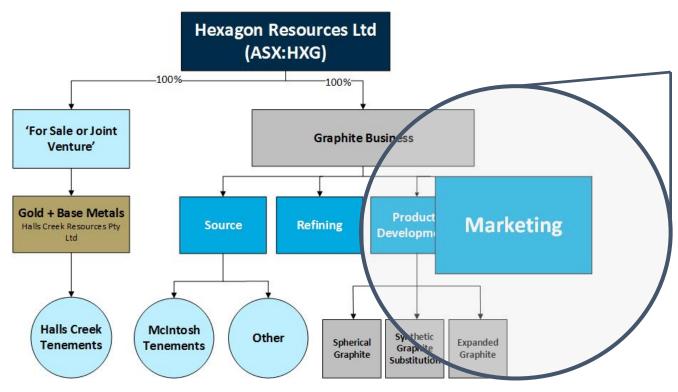


CEM Materials

^{*} Based on HXG allocation of McIntosh JY Concentrates

Business Structure - Marketing





Marketing

Low risk supply; flake attributes enable diverse products with many premium end-uses and customers, spanning new energy and established (and growing) industrial sectors.

- HXG intends to "Purchase" its own concentrate allocation from the McIntosh JV.
- Downstream Scoping Study in Progress



Marketing - global market context for HXG products



Key Facts

- Scale 2.44mtpa of graphite produced globally in 2017*:
 - 1.55 mtpa of synthetic graphite; and
 - 0.90 mtpa of natural (mined) graphite.
 - 76% of all graphite is from China
- Natural graphite market comprises:
 - 0.59 mtpa flake (66%)
 - 0.30 mtpa amorphous (34%)
 - .01 mtpa vein-flake (<1%)
- Natural graphite sources by country:
 - China 0.63 mtpa (44:56 flake:amorphous, with flake now almost entirely fine and small sized flake.
 - Brazil 0.01mtpa, followed by India, Canada and Ukraine
- Synthetic graphite:
 - precursor material is a by product from petroleum refining (PetCoke + other varieties)
 - produced by "graphitisation process" involves heating in an Acheson Furnace for 3 weeks at 2,500 to 2,800°; Synthetic graphite quality is related to time, temperature and feedstock.

* Roskill; Natural & Synthetic Graphite Report 2018.



Marketing - global market context for HXG products



Market Drivers - EV's & ESS as well as EAF electrodes and pollution control in China

- Natural flake graphite is already flaky and crystalline; "graphitisation" has already occurred over the course of millions of years under the influence of temperature and pressure in the Earth's crust.
- **Synthetic graphite** is expensive but of a consistent quality which is critical for high end applications such as batteries and electrodes but it is harder and less conductive than natural graphite and does not "expand".
 - Batteries 0.4 to 0.5mtpa of graphite goes into batteries (Forecast* growth rate of 20% pa-EV & ESS)
 - Natural graphite comprises between 50 to 30% of the battery mainly in the anode and;
 - the other 50 to 70% is synthetic graphite.
 - Electrodes 1.1 mtpa of synthetic graphite is used for electrodes in electric arc furnaces (EAF), (Forecast* growth rate of 16-18% pa).
 - Currently 30% of the world's steel is made in EAF. China accounts for 50% of that steel production, but only 6% of steel in China is made by EAF which presents a major growth opportunity as smaller more efficient EAF replace larger, polluting Induction furnaces. It follows that with increased EAF steel production, there will be increased demand for recarburiser to make ductile steel and iron.
- Demand for graphite in batteries and certain industrial uses such as EAF steel production have strong growth
 dynamics over next 10 years.
 *Roskill; Natural & Synthetic Graphite Report 2018.



Marketing – based on diversity and quality

Graphite is not a commodity, pricing is very opaque

HXG's estimate of Basket Price for Stage 1, 3 Product mix

Planned Product*	Size Specification (ASTM)	% of Output	HXG-97-98 % TGC \$US/t FOB		
			Lower price range	Higher price range	
Product 1	D > CO#	25	1867	1996	
(Expanded)	P > 60#	35	1931		
Product 2	100# < D < 60#	ΔГ	1332	1516	
(Electrodes)	100# < P < 60#	45	1424		
Product 3	D 4 100#	20	880	990	
(Battery)	P < 100#	20	935		
Basket Price Range		100	1429	1579	
Assumed Price			1504		

Based on HXG Market Inquiries; SE Asia, USA and China

^{*}Subject to completion of Feasibility Study







Stage 1: Concentrate production (Prod. 1-3):

- Sales: conservative basket price range of A\$1905* – A\$2105/t, mid-point of A\$2005/t.
- OpEx: A\$1,038/t, from PFS* (May 2017).
- Stage 2: HXG is pursuing downstream processing to achieve higher prices and margins.

Pricing – Graphite Concentrates

- No OTC market or intermediate traders.
- Sales are via bilateral, confidential agreements
 often, long term.
- "Reported" Pricing:
 - ✓ Useful for sentiment and trends;
 - ✓ Generally over-simplified e.g. focussed on concentrate grade and flake size; and
 - ✓ Over represented by pricing from China volume trade.



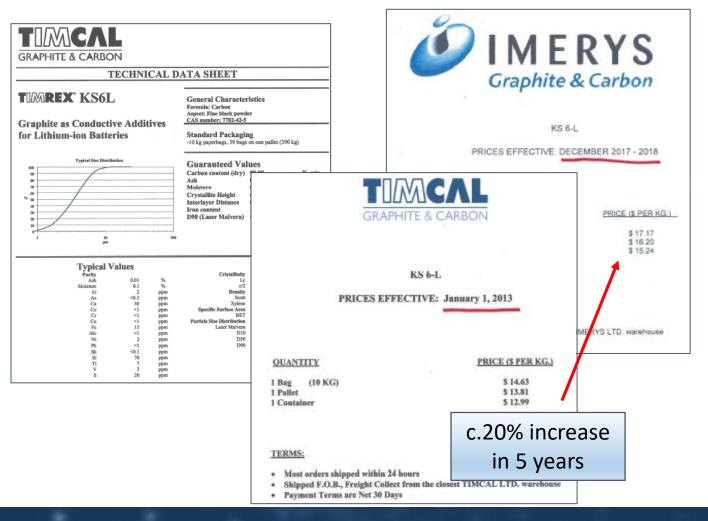
^{**}Now superseded, with Feasibility Study in progress



Marketing – based on diversity and quality



Some examples of the value chain HXG is pursuing in downstream processing



Pricing – Final Products

Examples from IMERYS*:

KSL6 c.US\$16.2/kg CEM, synthetic graphite c.US\$9.6/kg CEM, synthetic graphite

BNB90 c.US\$19/kg Expanded graphite – CEM, natural graphite

KS44 c.US\$6.6/kg CEM, synthetic graphite

KS4 c.US\$19.4/kg CEM, synthetic

- HXG is aiming to participate along these types of value chains where there are established and deep markets.
- Scoping Study underway to provide technical and financial data to build business case.

*Imerys S.A. is a French multinational company which specialises in the production and processing of industrial minerals. It owns Imerys Graphite & Carbon a world leader in high-tech, high performance specialised graphite and carbons sold under its brands, such as TIMREX, ENSACO, SUPER P.



Marketing – based on diversity and quality

McIntosh Graphite meets many premium end use requirements

McIntosh Graphite has a unique range of technical attributes, including:

- Purity ultra-high "5-9's" achievable at a low cost.
- HOPG-like rare, highly ordered crystalline structures suitable to displace synthetic graphite.
- Specific flake morphology; rendering it easy and low cost to spheroidised and mill ("easy" comparatively speaking).
- Excellent electrochemical properties as shown by test work and coin cell cycling tests.
- which makes it highly sought after by a diverse range of intermediate processors and End-Users.

From a Customer's perspective they are also attracted by:

- <u>Diversity</u> to create a broader product range and a more stable business to build a relationship on.
- <u>Enhanced technical performance</u> compared to synthetic graphite.
- <u>Environmentally sound manufacturing processes.</u>
- Product <u>sources from a stable jurisdiction</u> such as Western Australia.



Near Term Milestones - on the commercialisation path

Stage 1: "Upstream" McIntosh Joint Venture (Mineral Resources - Manager)

- Mineral Resources JV Agreement signed (to replace binding HoA). Aug-Sept 2018
- 12,000 metre drill program in progress. Completion in Nov. 2018
- Feasibility study updates; drill results, resources, flowsheets, Opex and CapEx ongoing until October, 2019

Stage 2: "Downstream" 100% HXG Focus

- Pilot Furnace agreement with US based technical partner. Oct-Nov 2018
- Scoping study on refining and downstream processing business case. December, 2018
- Test work purification for refinery Feasibility Study. Q4 2018 to H1 2019
- Test work product qualification for Electrodes Line and Battery Line. Ongoing 2018 & H1 2019

Other:

- Off-takes / Marketing Agreements ongoing, inline with above test work
- Ongoing review for fast track production/marketing options e.g. other "McIntosh like" deposits
- Halls Creek transaction IPO, Farm-out or Sale



Highlights



Low-risk strategy, fully funded graphite source and quality downstream products

- ✓ McIntosh is a high purity, natural crystalline flake graphite resource
- ✓ Stage 1 project to produce c. 100ktpa of graphite concentrates for a diverse range of premium priced end uses
- ✓ Stage 1 Project fully funded to commercial production with Mineral Resources earning 51% project interest (subject to positive Feasibility Study)
- ✓ Exceptional downstream processing attributes and cost profile making it a highly sought after material by intermediate processors "easy means Low Cost and High Yield", as in:
- ✓ Major downstream test work program and feasibility study underway and ongoing; focussed on:
 - Refining pilot furnace, transitioning to semi-commercial Prototype Furnace.
 - Product development & qualification across Electrode Line, Expanded and Battery materials.
- ✓ Experienced management team with specific graphite, project development, marketing and financing experience and leveraging strategic technical partnership with leading US graphite processing and battery group.
- ✓ On-Track to become a global-scale, vertically integrated graphite business.



Important Notices



Competent Persons' Attributions

Exploration Results and Mineral Resource Estimates

The information within this report that relates to exploration results, Exploration Target estimates, geological data and Mineral Resources at the McIntosh Project is based on information compiled by Mr Mike Rosenstreich who is an employee of the Company. Mr Rosenstreich is a Fellow of The Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy. He has sufficient experience relevant to the styles of mineralisation and types of deposits under consideration and to the activities currently being undertaken to qualify as a Competent Person as defined in the 2012 edition of the Australasian Code for Reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves and he consents to the inclusion of this information in the form and context in which it appears in this report.

Metallurgical Test Work Outcomes

The information within this report that relates to metallurgical test work outcomes and processing of the McIntosh material is based on information provided by a series of independent laboratories. Mr Rosenstreich (referred to above) managed and compiled the test work outcomes reported in this announcement. A highly qualified and experienced researcher at NAmlabs planned, supervised and interpreted the results of the test work. Mr Michael Chan also reviewed the metallurgical test work outcomes. Mr Chan is a Metallurgical Engineer and a Member of the Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy. Mr Chan and the NAmLab principals have sufficient relevant experience relevant to the style of mineralisation and types of test-work under consideration and to the activities currently being undertaken to qualify as a Competent Person(s) as defined in the 2012 edition of the Australasian Code for Reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves and have consented to the inclusion of this information in the form and context in which it appears in this report.

Technical Detail - references to Hexagon Website and recent ASX Reports

This Report aims to provide a high level summary of various technical aspects of the Company's projects. For more details on the underlying technical parameters the reader is referred to the ASX Reports on the Hexagon Resources Limited website, www.hexagonresources.com, in particular: May 31, 2017 on PFS Results, August 16, 2017 on Battery Test Work, November 6, 2017 on Large Flake endowment, November 23, 2017 on Expandability test work, Purification test work on January 16, 2018, Crystallinity determinations on March 6, 2018, Spheroidisation Test Yields on 21 June, 2018, and Cell Cycling results on 17 July, 2018; which contain the full JORC Tables on reporting of test work results.

Forward-Looking Statements

This document includes forward-looking statements. Forward-looking statements include, but are not limited to, statements concerning Hexagon Resources Limited's planned development and exploration programmes and other statements that are not historical facts. When used in this document, the words such as "could," "plan," "estimate," "expect," "intend," "may," "potential," "should," and similar expressions are forward-looking statements. Although Hexagon Resources Ltd believes that its expectations reflected in these forward-looking statements are reasonable, such statements involve risks and uncertainties and no assurance can be given that actual results will be consistent with these forward-looking statements.



Attachment 1: Mineral Resource Detail

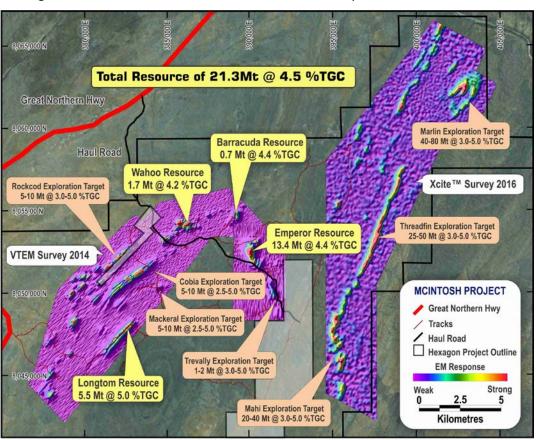
McIntosh Flake Graphite Project Mineral Resource as at May 2017 reported by deposit and above a 3% TGC cut-off grade.

As per ASX Report dated 25 April, 2017

Deposit	JORC Classification	Material Type	Tonnes (Mt)	TGC %	Contained Graphite (Kt)
	Indicated	Oxide	-	-	-
		Primary	8.2	4.3	352
Emperor	Inferred	Oxide	-	-	-
Emperor		Primary	5.3	4.5	235
	Indicated +	Oxide +	13.4	4 5	587
	Inferred	Primary	13.4	4.5	
	Indicated	Oxide	0.7	4.7	34.2
	indicated	Primary	3.5	5.0	173.4
Longton	Inferred	Oxide	-	-	-
Longtom		Primary	1.3	5.2	66.9
	Indicated + Inferred	Oxide + Primary	5.5	5.0	274.3
	Indicated	Oxide	0.1	4.2	3.5
		Primary	1.1	4.2	44.3
	Inferred	Oxide	0.1	4.1	3.4
Wahoo		Primary	0.5	4.2	22.4
	Indicated + Inferred	Oxide + Primary	1.7	4.2	70.1
Barracuda	Inferred	Oxide	0.2	4.5	11.1
		Primary	0.5	4.4	21.1
	Inferred	Oxide + Primary	0.7	4.4	32.2
Total	Indicated + Inferred	Oxide + Primary	21.3	4.5	963.6

Location Plan – McIntosh Mineral Resources (in yellow). Also shown are Exploration Targets* (in brown) as reported to ASX 12 April. 2017.

Background is EM conductors from VTEM and Xcite surveys.



 $Note: Rounding \ may \ result \ in \ differences \ in \ totals \ for \ tonnage \ and \ grade$



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