



## TALGA PRESENTATION AT 2<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL GRAPHENE SUPPLY, APPLICATIONS & COMMERCIALISATION CONFERENCE

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Talga Resources Limited (ASX:TLG) ("Talga" or "the Company") is pleased to provide a copy of the presentation to be delivered by Managing Director Mr Mark Thompson at the *2nd Annual Graphene Supply, Applications & Commercialisation Conference* today.

The presentation summarises Talga's bulk graphene solution to meet growing graphene demand utilising its wholly owned Nunasvaara graphite deposit in Sweden. The presentation will be made available on the Company's website [www.talgaresources.com](http://www.talgaresources.com)

The presentation details are as follows:

**Date:** Friday, 13<sup>th</sup> June 2014  
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**Venue:** University of Manchester, UK.

Further information on the Company's graphene developments will be available at Talga's booth at the conference.

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### ABOUT TALGA

Talga Resources Limited (Talga) (ASX: "TLG") is a diversified mineral explorer and developer with a portfolio of 100% owned graphite, iron, copper/gold projects in Sweden and gold projects in Western Australia.

The main focus is development of its unique graphite-graphene deposits of northern Sweden utilising the advantages of ultra-high grade deposits, low cost power, established mining infrastructure and short transport distance to high demand markets in Europe.



# A unique natural graphite source for economic bulk graphene platelet supply

**2nd Annual Graphene Conference  
'Supply, Applications & Commercialisation'  
Manchester, 13 June 2014**

Cover; Nunasvaara graphite core sample and graphene schematic.

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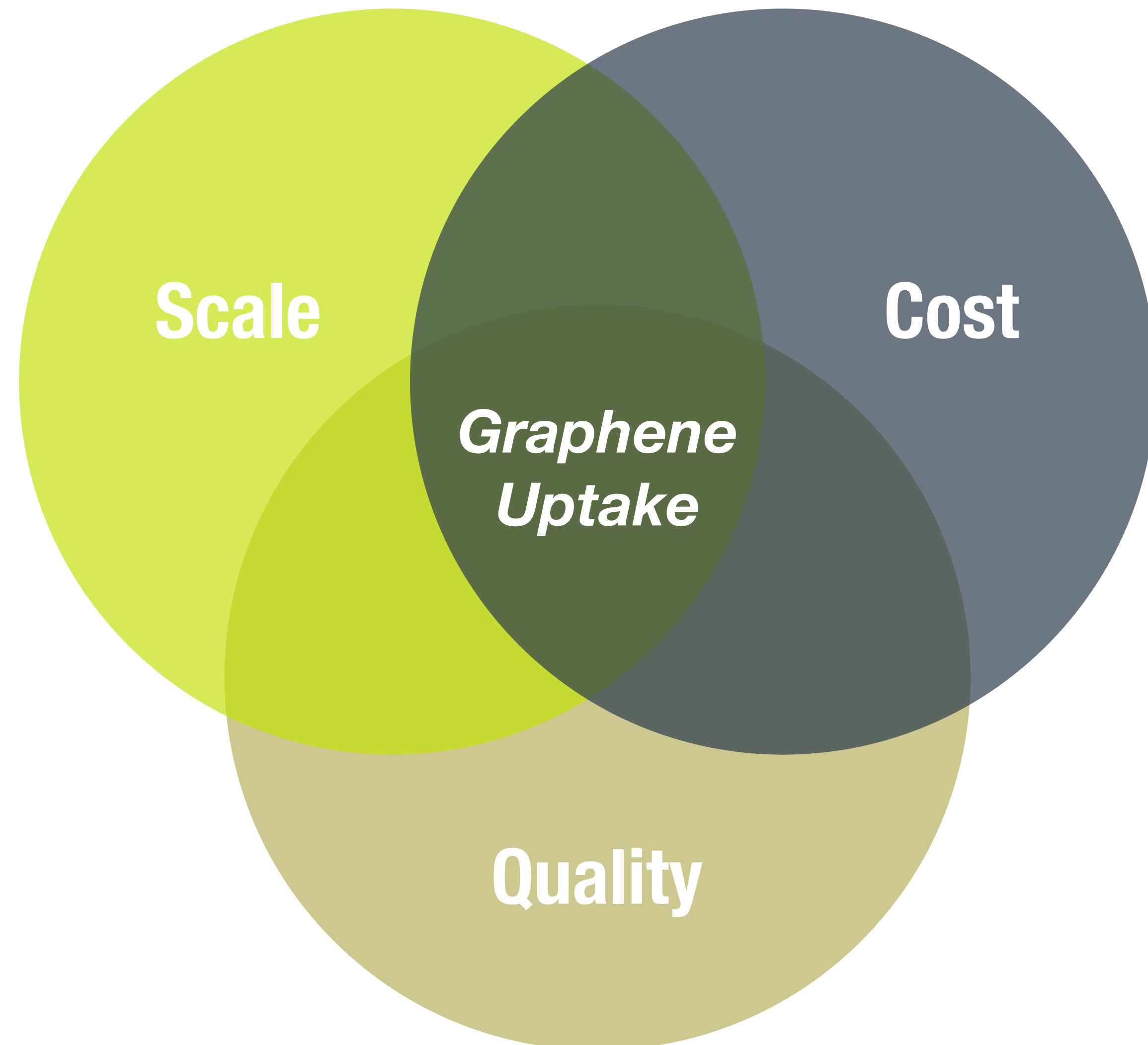
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# Supply Side Problem

Pace of graphene uptake & commercialisation is hampered by current limitations of production scale and cost more than quality.



## Main factors delaying uptake of graphene platelets into ordinary products include:

- ▶ Lack of **scale**: most production methods are not scalable to the **large quantities** required to guarantee supply and expand uptake
- ▶ High **costs**: platelets are still vastly **expensive** compared to most material inputs.
- ▶ Quality: most lower cost scalable production methods have reduced quality that **limit** applications/markets.
- ▶ **Scale** and **Cost** are **main constraints** as they have most physical limitations but **Quality** can be manipulated to a degree.

# Scale Problem

Paradigm shift in scale of production required

- ▶ While the media is excited by future 'hi-tech' applications the main driver of near term graphene commoditisation may be **additives**.
- ▶ Small amounts of graphene (**0.05-2%**) added to common bulk materials can impart **exponential** increases in strength e.g. **cement** (global consumption 3,300Mt/ann), and **aluminium** (45Mt) allowing less material/lighter builds. Similar additions of graphene to **steel** (840Mt) can impart anti-corrosion properties and **plastics** (100Mt) can become conductive.
- ▶ If **0.5%** by weight average graphene was added across these materials now, it requires **2.1Mt graphene per annum**. Not many production processes are capable of addressing this scale.
- ▶ **Natural graphite ores are abundant** (exceeding several billion tonnes in resources) so it seems **realistic to attain** this scale at lower cost, but few natural graphite sources suit economic bulk scale production either.

**Global Consumption of  
graphene additive materials**

**Concrete**

**3,300 million tonnes annum**

**Steel**

**840**

**Plastics 100**

**Aluminium 45**

# The Graphite Ore Problem

Abundant natural graphite requires multi-stage expensive processes

- ▶ The problem with scalable natural graphite sources though is they require **multiple stages** of crushing, milling and flotation to form a **concentrate** for **further stages of purification** commonly involving oxidation and reduction, sonication, electrode forming etc to reach graphene stage. The **multiple stages** increase **costs** and can decrease **quality** of the graphene.
- ▶ Other simple processes have either such **low yields** (eg, 'Blender' method) or require **high purity** (expensive) **source material** they are **not commercial** or **cannot generate significantly lower cost** of graphene supply.
- ▶ *As graphite ores already contain 'natural graphene' an ultra-low cost path considering energy and commerciality is a single stage process where raw graphite ore can be processed to graphene without multiple steps.*





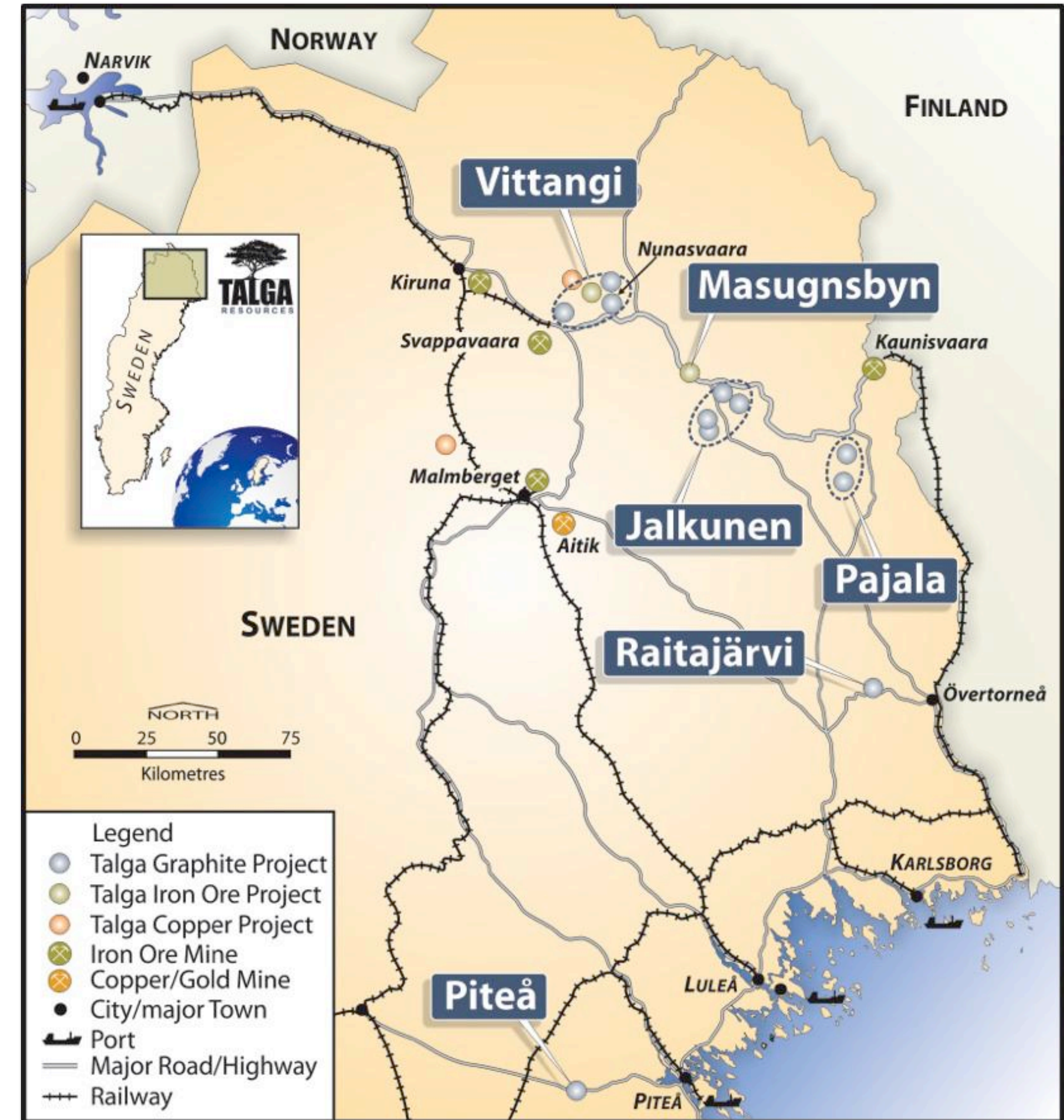
**“Ultimately, the best way to slash costs and propel graphene into the mainstream would be to make high-quality monolayers from bulk graphite....but a practical, scalable method still seems a long way off. We need some sort of a breakthrough here.”**

*Rod Ruoff, University of Texas. CVD VIP.*

# The Breakthrough

In Feb 2014 Talga announced exceptional results from testing a 1-step scalable method on the Nunasvaara graphite deposit, Sweden.

- ▶ The Nunasvaara graphite deposit is the world's highest grade graphite mineral resource<sup>1</sup> compliant to JORC or NI43-101 standards and is located in the Kiruna mining district of Sweden.
- ▶ Testwork this year demonstrated a **1-step** processing methodology applied directly to raw ore liberates mono-to-few layered graphene platelets with consistent morphology.
- ▶ The ore is abundant and as there is no crushing, grinding or purification stages required; ultra-low production cost.

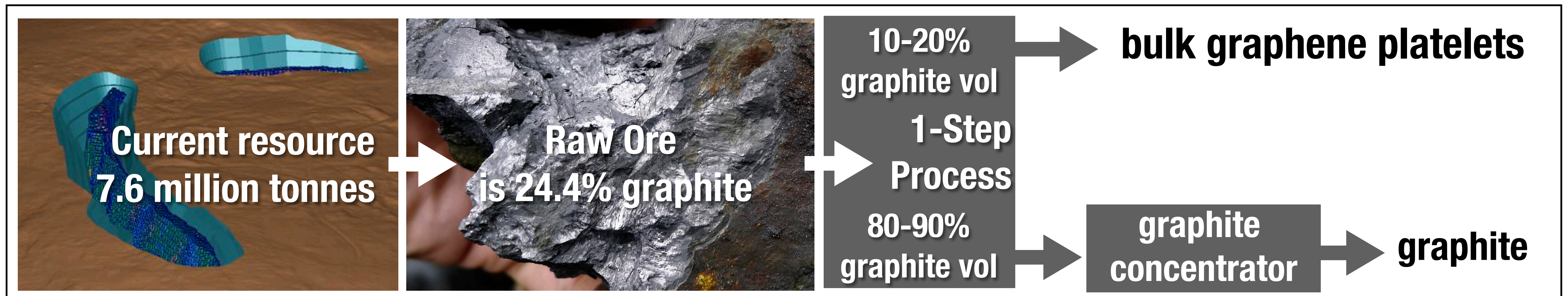


<sup>1</sup> See appendices for details of JORC (2004) resources and [www.techmetalsresearch.com](http://www.techmetalsresearch.com) for world graphite resources grade comparison.



# Paradigm Shift to Lower Cost

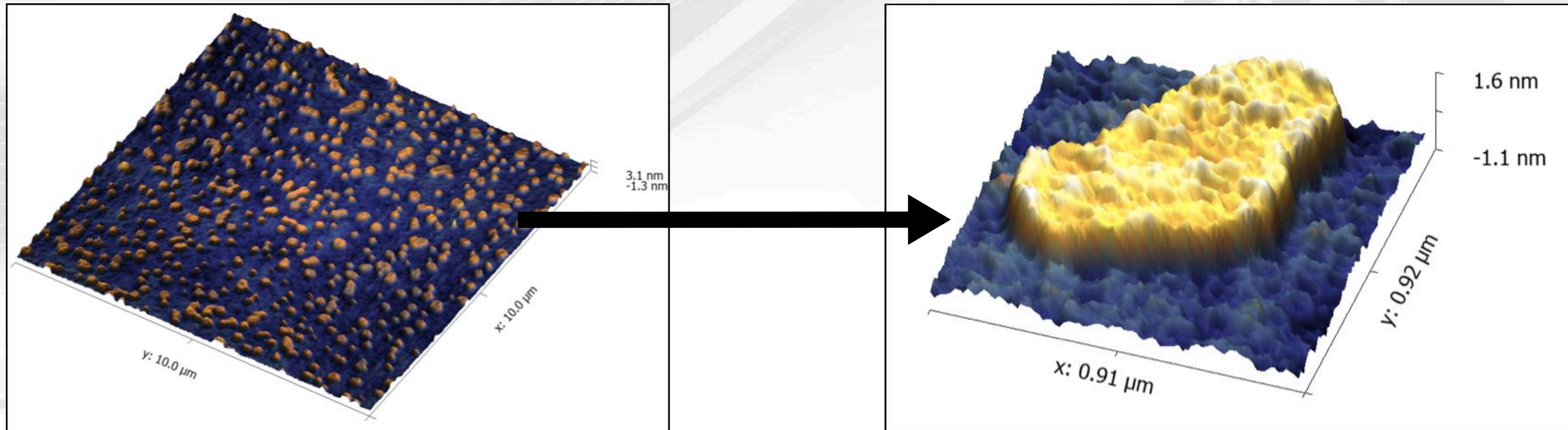
- ▶ Because of the **unique** characteristics of the **ore deposit**, both graphite and graphene platelets can be liberated from the ore in a **single step** process. This means no expensive **multiple stage processing** or purification stages that impart complexity and costs.
- ▶ Other minerals liberated in the same process can also be sold, lowering cost of production further.
- ▶ This shows strong potential for Talga to enjoy a **vastly different production and capital cost structure compared to other** producers globally, and represents a paradigm shift in the production outlook for **bulk graphene cost and scale**.



# Quality and Consistency

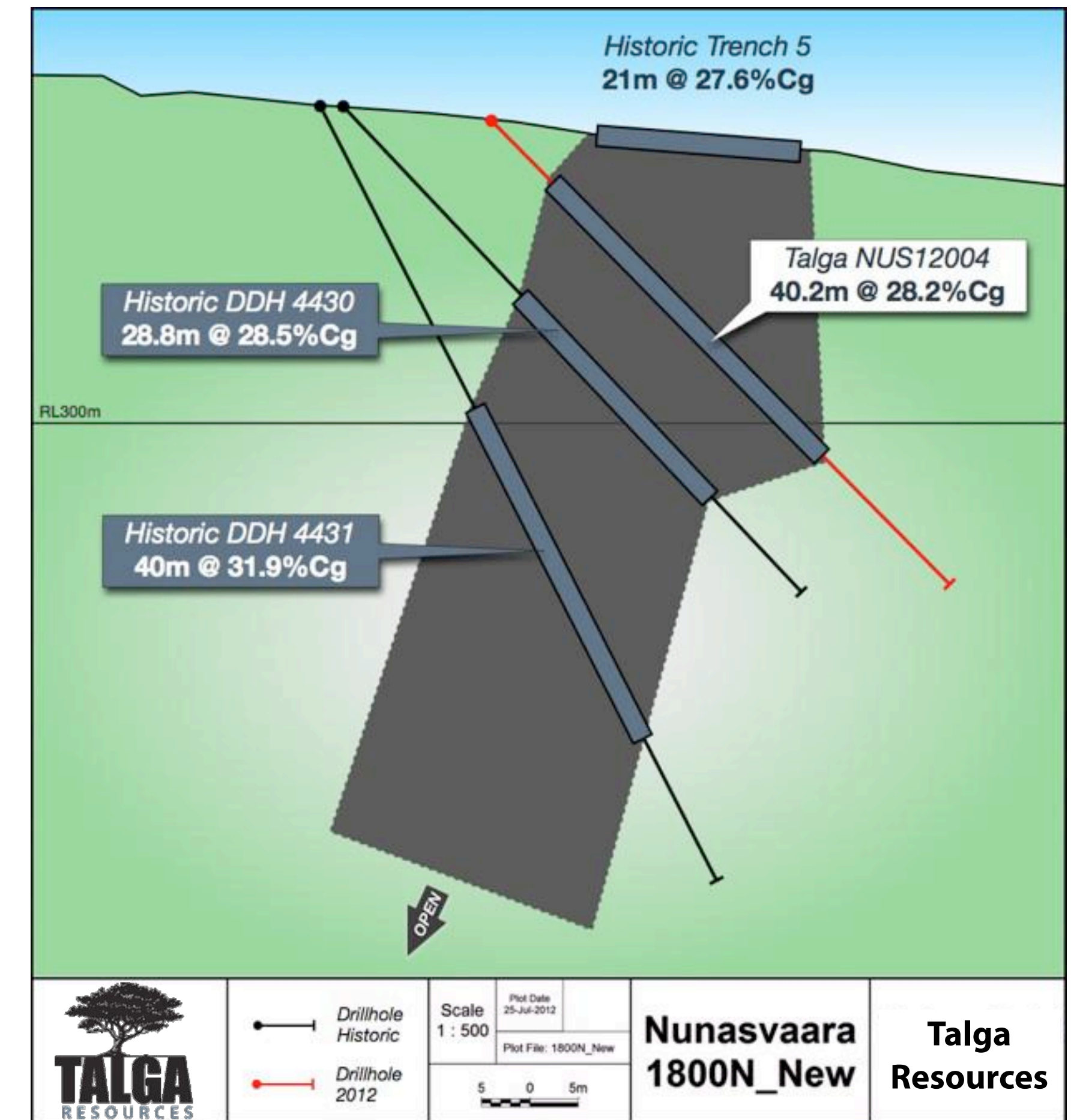
- ▶ The ore source provides high level of consistency and size of graphene platelets.
- ▶ Initial tests of graphene platelets from the raw ore demonstrate single to few layered graphene of surprisingly high quality (Raman defect-to-layer ratio  $<0.25$ ).
- ▶ Morphology is naturally consistent but can be modified and optimised to a degree in the production process.

Atomic force microscopy images of Nunasvaara unoptimised graphene platelet size, distribution and morphology.



# Scalable to Market Size

- ▶ Robust outcropping high grade resource and extreme homogeneity (see drilled section) makes Nunasvaara a unique source for low-cost and high quality bulk supply potential.
- ▶ With JORC compliant resource<sup>1</sup> of (ASX:TLG 8 Nov 2012) 7.6Mt @ 24.4% graphite (“Cg”) there is abundant contained graphite for graphene platelet production in short term.
- ▶ Process pathway has been demonstrated at benchtop scale and upscaling tests are underway to design a 5 tonne/hr pilot plant to be operational in north Sweden Jul-Sep 2015.
- ▶ The pilot plant will be designed to supply 100-200 tonnes graphene samples over few year test period.
- ▶ A scoping study underway will include potential for production scenarios 10x this level.
- ▶ The process and graphite deposits are entirely scalable to meet what additive markets may require.



**Nunasvaara Mineral Resource<sup>1</sup> (10% Cg lower cut-off grade)**

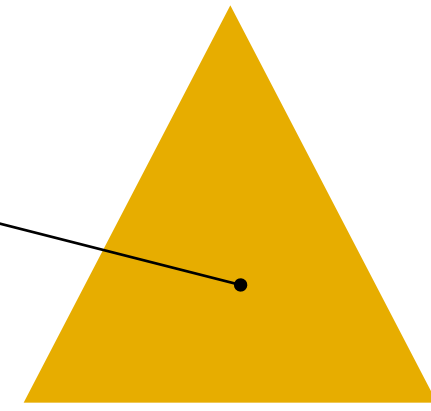
JORC 2004 Classification	Tonnes (Mt)	Grade (%Cg)	Contained Graphite (tonnes)
Indicated	5.6	24.6	1,377,600
Inferred	2.0	24.0	480,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>7.6</b>	<b>24.4</b>	<b>1,857,600</b>

# It's More About The Ore



Multiple physio-chemical factors required for raw ore to work in lowest cost production pathway

## 1-step process



Natural graphite ore enabled for lowest cost single stage processing.

**Grade**

Very high grade ore eg, >16%Cg which is rare in global resources.

**Mineralogy**

Basic volcanic host rocks with specific gangue mineral ratios.

**Structure**

Massive and homogenous crystalline nature.

**Strength**

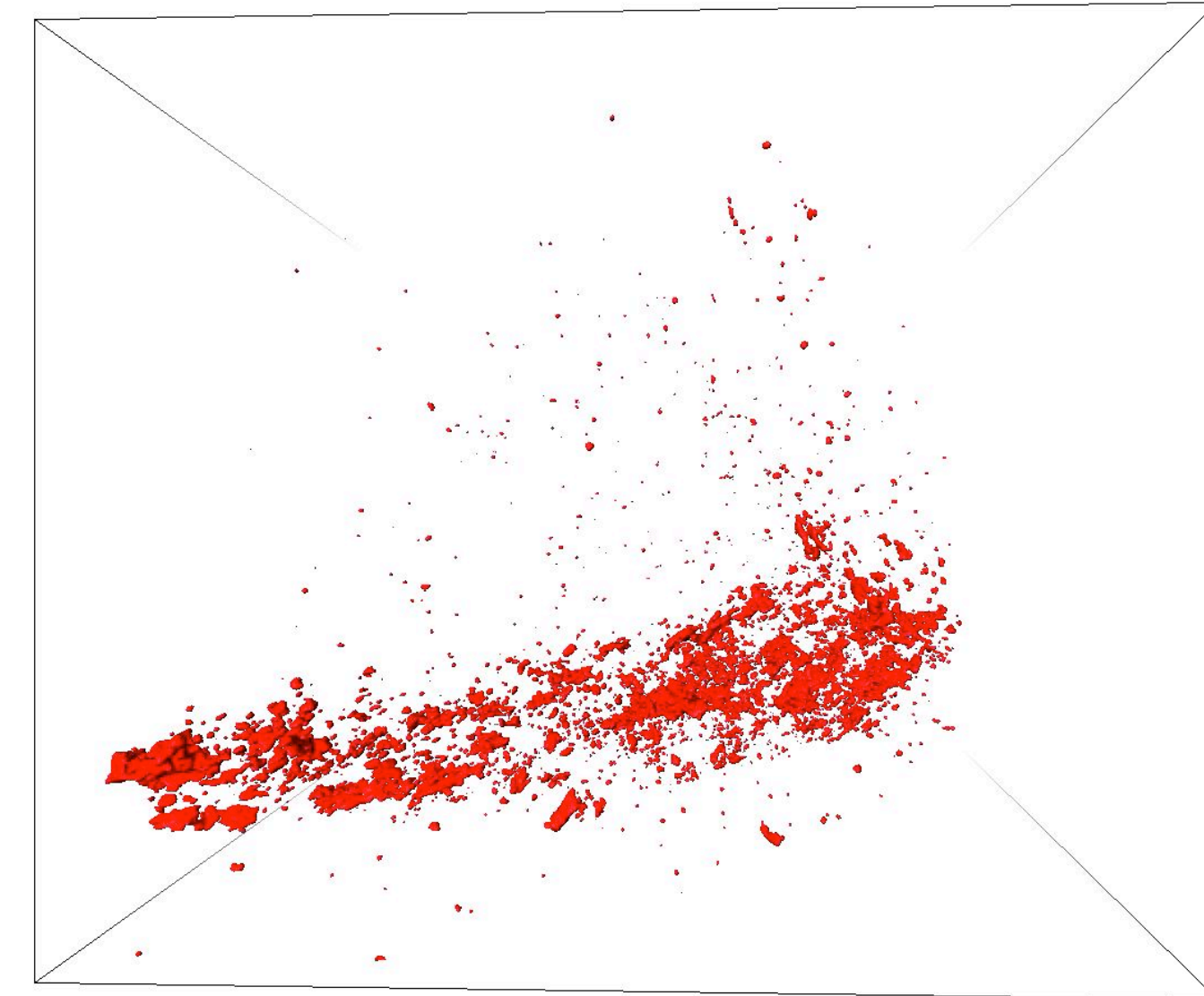
High compressive strength but low hardness.

CHEMICAL

PHYSICAL

# Developing Workflow

- ▶ Methods for measuring **constant stream** graphene platelet quality in production scenarios include:
- ▶ **Nanoscale** - Raman and atomic force microscopy (AFM) is revealing factors of graphene platelet morphology and defects.
- ▶ **Macroscale** - Tornado and other in-situ 3-d scanning technologies to measure mineral distribution and morphology with implications for genesis of deposit.
- ▶ **Pilot plant** - 5t/hr plant will provide steady state production **data** and **samples** for integration into large scale quality-controlled manufacturing processes.



Movies of 3-d 'Tornado' scans of Nunasvaara graphite ore.  
Field of view = approx 5cm width.



# Summary

- ▶ In recent tests Talga has demonstrated **ability** to produce **high quality graphene** direct from its **raw** (uncrushed/unpurified) **graphite ore** which provides Talga with **unique economic advantages** compared to global graphene peers.
- ▶ This new **low cost** and **abundant** supply potential is a paradigm shift in the production outlook for bulk graphene, and will be able to 'commoditise' supply into everyday applications.
- ▶ Talga has defined 7.6 million tonnes source ore to date and is ramping up its low-cost development strategy to focus on becoming a global graphene supplier with industry leading margins.
- ▶ The current development stages underway include upscaling the metallurgical process to use the dual graphite-graphene process, completing a **scoping study** and permitting a trial mine for 2015.



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# Appendices

## Talga Asset Structure and JORC (2004) Resources\*

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*Nunasvaara Graphite Mineral Resource @ 10% Cg lower cut-off Nov 2012*

Classification	Tonnes (Mt)	Graphite (%Cg)
Indicated	5.6	24.6
Inferred	2.0	24.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>7.6</b>	<b>24.4</b>

*Raitajärvi Graphite Mineral Resource @ 5% Cg lower cut-off Aug 2013*

Classification	Tonnes (Mt)	Graphite (%Cg)
Indicated	3.4	7.3
Inferred	0.9	6.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>4.3</b>	<b>7.1</b>

*Iron Mineral Resources @ 20% Fe lower cut-off July 2013*

Deposit	Tonnes (Mt)	Grade %Fe	JORC Category
Vathanvaara	51.2	36.0	Inferred Resource
Kuusi Nunasvaara	46.1	28.7	Inferred Resource
Mänty Vathanvaara	16.3	31.0	Inferred Resource
Sorvivuoma	5.5	38.3	Inferred Resource
Jänkkä	4.5	33.0	Inferred Resource
Masugnsbyn	87.0	28.3	Indicated Resource
Masugnsbyn	25.0	29.5	Inferred Resource
<b>Total</b>	<b>235.6</b>	<b>30.7</b>	



# References & Qualified Persons

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