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## **UPDATED INVESTOR PRESENTATION**

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Corporate Information

ASX Code **TLG** Shares on issue **124.6m** Options (**TLGO**) **7.75m** Options (unlisted) **6.25m** 

**Company Directors** Keith Coughlan Non-Executive Chairman

Mark Thompson Managing Director

Grant Mooney Non-Executive Director Talga Resources Limited **(ASX:TLG)** ("**Talga**" or "**the Company**") is pleased to provide an updated investor presentation.

The presentation summarises and updates Talga's corporate structure and information specific to the Company's wholly owned Nunasvaara graphene deposit in Sweden. The presentation will be made available on the Company's website <u>www.talgaresources.com</u>

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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.

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Cover; Nunasvaara graphite core sample and graphene schematic.

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### **Executive Summary**



- Talga Resources Ltd ("Talga") ASX:TLG is developing the world's highest grade graphite mineral resource<sup>1</sup>, located in the Kiruna mining district of Sweden.
- In recent tests Talga has demonstrated a world-first 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, a high-value 'wonder' material with huge growth potential.
- Talga has defined 7.6 million tonnes source ore to date and is ramping up its low-cost development to
  focus on becoming a global graphite and graphene supplier with industry leading margins.
- The Company is transitioning to a sole graphite/graphene focus by divesting non-core assets including iron ore projects in Sweden and gold projects in Australia.
- Near term potential value catalysts include new upscaling of metallurgical process with breakthrough graphene option, commercial/sales agreements and scoping study utilising dual graphite/graphene production.

See appendices for details of JORC (2004) resources and www.techmetalsresearch.com for world graphite resources grade comparison.

### **Talga Resources Corporate Overview**



Board of Directors	
Keith Coughlan	Non-executive Chairman
Mark Thompson	Managing Director
Grant Mooney	Non-executive Director



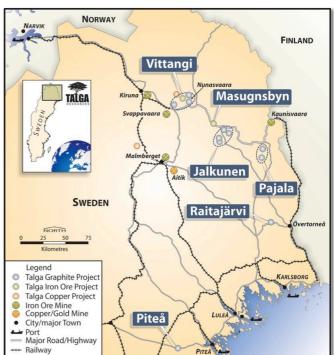


Capitalisation Summary at 30 June 2014	
ASX:TLG Ordinary Shares	124.6M
ASX:TLGO Options (exp 30 Nov 2015 at 35c)	7.75M
Unlisted Options <sup>1</sup>	6.25M
Cash \$AUD	\$4.3M
Market Capitalisation (undiluted, @ \$0.38)	\$47.3M
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Top Shareholders (+3%)	
Lateral Minerals Pty Ltd (Mark Thompson)	11.4%
Gregorach Pty Ltd	6.2%
Two Tops Pty Ltd	3.8%
Yandal Investments Pty Ltd	3.1%

<sup>1</sup>2.75m @ 40c director options expiry 30 Nov 2014, 0.5m @ 35c employee options expiry 21 Jul 2015, 0.5m @ 45c employee options expiry 3 Oct 2016, 2.5m @ 54c director options expiry 23 June 2019.

## Talga's Graphite Projects

- 100% ownership of five graphite projects with multiple deposits offering the full range of market size specifications.
- Two advanced stage projects in the development pipeline. These are drilled to JORC Indicated status and preliminary economic studies are underway;
  - Nunasvaara is a microcrystalline flake deposit with the highest JORC/NI43-101 resource grade in the world<sup>1</sup>. It is located within the Vittangi project.
  - *Raitajärvi* is a coarse flake deposit with 49% of flake classified large to jumbo size.
- At an earlier stage of drilling but exceptionally well located and containing >80% XL-size (jumbo) flake graphite is the *Piteå* project.



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### Established mining district with extensive milling and transport infrastructure





Road through Nunasvaara project

### **Logistics Advantages**

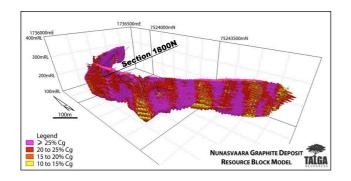
- Talga's projects located proximal to high quality sealed roads and open-access heavy haulage railway with direct link to Europe markets. No shipping required.
- Major cost advantage on delivery compared to shipments from other jurisdictions.
- EU consumes 20% of world's natural graphite production, and imports 95% of its needs (vast majority from China).

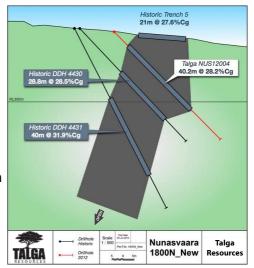
• EU has classified graphite as a "critical raw material".

Öresund Bridge road/rail tunnel linking Sweden to mainland Europe

### Vittangi Project - Nunasvaara Graphite

- World's highest grade JORC/NI43-101 resource<sup>1</sup> of (ASX:TLG 8 Nov 2012) 7.6Mt @ 24.4% graphite ("Cg") (see appendix).
- Resource mineralisation from surface to 165m depth and remains open. Average true width 20m over 1.2km strike and remains open along strike. Mapped unit >15km in TLG 100% control.
- Graphite unit hosted within atypically low metamorphic grade volcanic greenstones with potentially unique mineralogy. Robust outcropping high grade resource makes low-cost potential in both ultrafine to fine graphite and bulk graphene market.





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

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JORC 2004			
Classification	(Mt)	(%Cg)	Graphite (tonnes)
Indicated	5.6	24.6	1,377,600
Inferred	2.0	24.0	480,000
Total	7.6	24.4	1,857,600

### **Growth potential and logistics advantages**

- Graphite unit outcrops in part and is mapped over at least 15km strike.
   100% controlled by TLG.
- Sampling by Talga of the outcropping unit averaged 26.2% Cg with grades up to 46.7% Cg.
- Less than 8% of graphite unit drill tested to date.
- Development advantages of exceptional grade, open-pit bulk mining option, low-cost grid power and nearby road/rail/port options (3km to road, 25km to rail).



### What is Natural Graphite?

- Graphite is a crystalline form of carbon that forms in nature when carbon-rich rocks undergo metamorphism (pressure/temperature induced change). It can be synthesised but at very high cost.
- Graphite (the mineral) consists of parallel sheets of carbon atoms in a hexagonal lattice, which when one or few atoms in thickness, are called graphene.
- Graphite has remarkable properties of electrical and thermal conductivity that make it useful for a large range of applications.
- > Natural graphite demand is about 1.1Mt/yr, a volume similar to Nickel, with total value approximately US\$1B/yr.
- Graphite is most commonly sold as a concentrate by private contract. Industry prices are surveyed and published by Industrial Minerals magazine.
- Consumption is diverse with significant markets in steel production and refractories (>50%), automotive parts, lubricants and batteries.
- China and Brazil supply >80% world natural graphite.

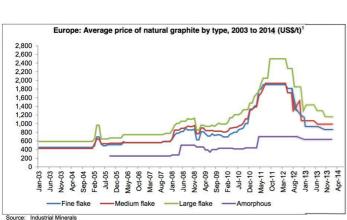


Video of carbon atoms crystallising to graphite



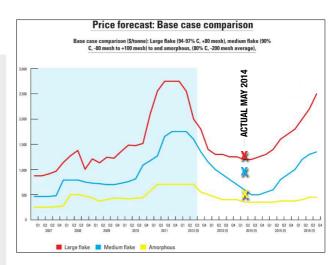
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### Graphite prices exceeding historic and forecast trends.



Source: Industrial Minerals Notes: 1-CIF European port FCL

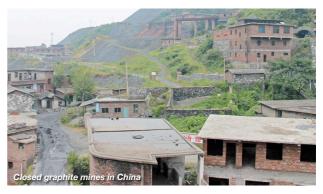
Graphite prices now steady, with flake 50% higher and amorphous 100% higher than long term averages.



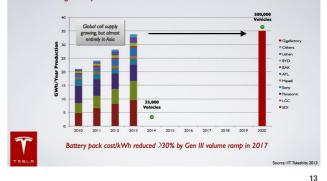
Prices have exceeded forecasts since end of 2012 and base case prices are trending to surprise on upside. See appendix for further price/market data.

### **Graphite Drivers**

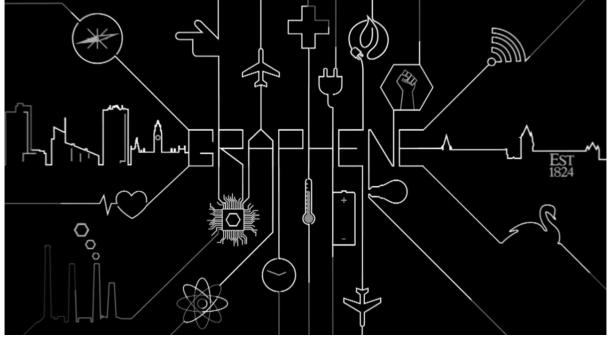
- China has maturing operations with rapidly declining production profiles but rising costs. Additional government consolidation and crackdown on environmental pollution has shut significant amount of graphite production. Graphite declared critical strategic mineral in UK, EU and USA.
- Graphite is a significant component of many types of battery, particularly Li-ion which contain 10x more graphite than lithium in battery anode. Electric vehicles can use up to 100kg graphite per vehicle in batteries.
- Rapid growth taking place in EV's causing shortages. Tesla recently announced plans for a US\$5B Li-ion battery 'gigafactory' that alone will require the graphite equivalent to 6 new mines. Other manufacturers may compound shortage.
- Outlook is for decreasing supply while new applications create new markets; with pivotal roles in energy transport, storage and performance.



Planned 2020 Gigafactory Production Exceeds 2013 Global Production



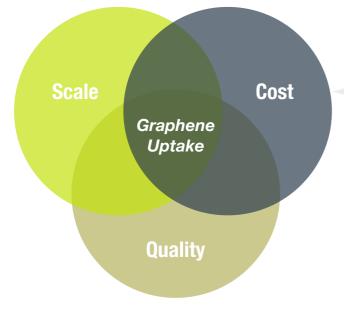
### Graphene; The buzz out of Manchester



Video: Courtesy The University of Manchester

# **Graphene has a 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.

## **The Graphite Ore Problem**

Graphite ore-to-graphene 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.



# The Breakthrough

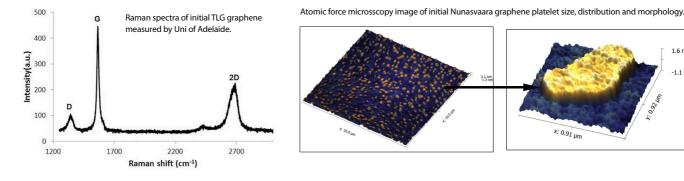
In Feb 2014 Talga announced exceptional results from testing a 1step scalable method on the Nunasvaara graphite deposit, Sweden.

- > 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-tofew layered graphene platelets with consistent morphology.
- The ore is abundant, homogenous and as there is none of the usual crushing, grinding or purification stages required; ultra-low graphene production cost.

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

# **Quality and Consistency**

- > The highly homogenous nature of the raw ore source provides a consistency in the morphology and quality of graphene produced.
- Some characters of size and quality can be modified and optimised to a degree in the production process.
- Measurements demonstrate a few layered graphene (range 1-5 layers) of low D/G and D/ 2D ratio; a high quality result for such low cost and bulk scale production from raw ore. High potential for further optimisation and additional functionalisation.











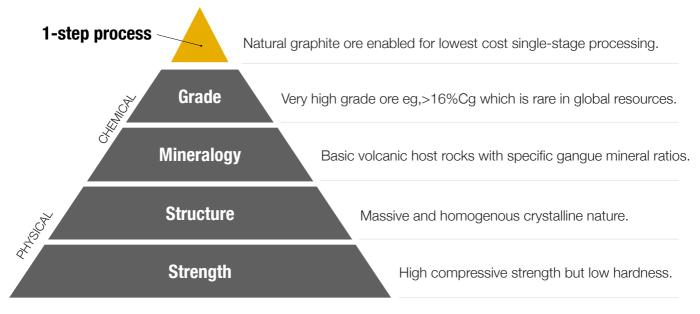
1.6 nm

-1.1 nm

## It's the Ore

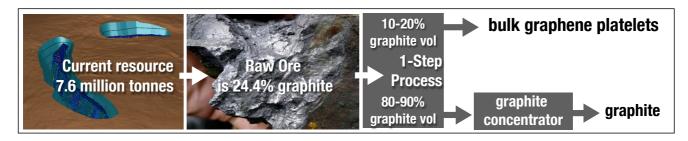
To enable the lowest cost production pathway multiple naturally unique physio-chemical factors are required.





# **Paradigm Shift to Lower Cost**

- Because of the unique characteristics of Nunasvaara 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.
- The graphene is a **byproduct** of the graphite processing, so very low cost.
- 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.



# **Graphene Market?**

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 platelets (0.05-2%) added to common bulk materials<sup>2</sup> can impart *exponential* increases in strength e.g. *cement* (global consumption 3,300Mt/ann), and *aluminium* (50Mt) allowing less material/lighter builds. Similar additions of graphene to *steel* (1,606Mt) can impart anti-corrosion properties and *plastics* (288Mt) can become conductive.
- If 0.5% by weight average graphene was added across these Aluminium 50 materials now, it requires 26 Mt graphene per annum. Not many production processes are capable of addressing this scale.

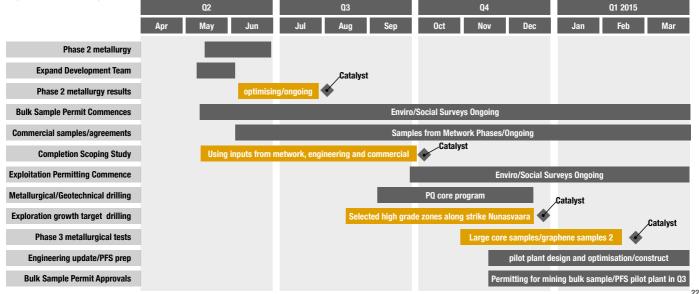
Global consumption of potential graphene additive materials



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# Nunasvaara - summary 12 month development plan Process pathway has been demonstrated at benchtop scale and upscaling tests are underway to design a

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.



# 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 and completing a scoping study (Q3 2014), commercial agreement/customer development (ongoing) and permitting a trial mine/pilot plant for operation mid-2015.



## Talga's Graphite Development Advantages

- Highest grade JORC/NI43-101 graphite resource in world.
- World-first single step graphite/graphene production option.
- Low cost capex and bottom of production cost curve expected.
- Advanced stage PEAS underway; further major drilling not required.
- Massive growth profile; dominant land position on drilled EU graphite deposits.
- Located on road and rail routes to major markets, in highly ranked low-risk mining and corporate jurisdiction, Sweden.

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## Appendices

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

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Swedish Branch

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### GRAPHITE

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

Classification	Tonnes	Graphite
Classification	(Mt)	(%Cg)
Indicated	5.6	24.6
Inferred	2.0	24.0
Total	7.6	24.4
Raitajärvi Graphite Mineral Re	source @ 5% Cg low	er cut-off Aug 2013
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Classification	Tonnes	Graphite
Classification	(Mt)	(%Cg)
Indicated	3.4	7.3
Inferred	0.9	6.4
Total	4.3	7.1

Deposit	Tonnes	Grade	JORC Category
Deposit	(Mt)	%Fe	Jone 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
Total	235.6	30.7	

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### **Appendices**

### Graphite size classification.

Trade Name	microns	US Mesh Size
Amorphous/Ultrafine	<10	na
Amorphous/Fine	10-75	-200
Small	75-150	200-100
Medium	150-180	100-80
Large	180-300	80-50
XL/Jumbo	>300	50+

Source: Industrial Minerals Natural Graphite Report 2012 cross referencing various sources. Many terms are proprietary or mixed use; there are few if any industry standards in naming principles.

# Common natural graphite concentrate product sizes, grades and prices

Size (microns)	Size US Mesh	Purity % C	Quote US \$/tonne
300+	50+	94-97	>1700
180-300	80-50	94-97	1275
100-300		90	1125
150-180		94-97	1100
	100-80	90	950
		85-87	750
75-150	200-100	94-97	900
75-150		90	775
-75	-200	80-85	525

Source: Industrial Minerals Magazine Mar 2014.

Most prices FCL, CIF European Port.

Note prices averaged from low-high range and selected as common commercial products where natural graphite sold as concentrate. Many specialty grades with much higher prices are traded but do not represent the bulk of market demand.

### **References & Qualified Persons**

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The information in this report that relates to Exploration Results is based on information compiled and reviewed by Mr Mark Thompson, who is a member of the Australian Institute of Geoscientists. Mr Thompson, an employee of the Company, has sufficient experience which is relevant to the activity which is 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" ("JORC Code"). Mr Thompson consents to the inclusion in the report of the matters based on this information in the form and context in which it appears.

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