



### Talga Presentation at Benchmark Week Graphite & Anodes 2020

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#### About Talga

Talga Group Ltd (ASX:TLG) is building a European battery anode and graphene additives supply chain, to offer advanced materials critical to its customers' innovation and the shift towards a more sustainable world. Vertical integration, including ownership of several high-grade Swedish graphite projects, provides security of supply and creates long-lasting value for stakeholders.

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### Talga Group Ltd (ASX:TLG)

# Sustainable production of new generation anode materials

Graphite + Anodes 2020, Benchmark Mineral Intelligence





### **Our approach**

Talga is building an integrated graphite anode facility in Sweden running on 100% renewable electricity, to produce ultra-low emission coated anode for greener Li-ion batteries

- High-performance anode products in qualification processes with battery manufacturers and automotive OEMs focusing on flagship graphite anode product Talnode<sup>®</sup>-C and silicon anode product Talnode<sup>®</sup>-Si
- Full mine-to-product ownership results in cost and quality advantages with maximum margins



### **Battery Anode Product Range**

Talga-developed range of active anode materials with high performance in Li-ion batteries:

- Talnode<sup>®</sup>-C: For fast charge, high power, high capacity and outstanding low temperature performance
- Talnode<sup>®</sup>-Si (under scale-up): Graphene Silicon-anode for higher energy density (50% higher than standard)
- Talnode<sup>®</sup>-E (under development): Anode graphite-based materials for Solid State Batteries

Talga is actively growing its battery related IP portfolio with multiple anode material and production process patents pending



## Higher capacity through silicon anode



# The electric mobility industry needs higher capacity batteries for longer range

- Silicon anode is theoretically capable of >10x energy capacity of graphite anode in Li-ion battery
- But today, silicon is being blended into graphite in only small amounts (3-5% weight) due to major and fundamental issues
- Higher energy capacity can translate to longer range of electric vehicles or less weight (smaller batteries), so solving silicon issues can have big impact on EV use and cost

# Higher capacity through silicon anode

Silicon anodes have multiple profound issues to overcome in practical use

- Silicon changes volume by 300% in charge/discharge cycles (compared to graphite 10%)
- Volume change leads to a range of issues including:
  - pulverization/breakage
  - delamination from current collector
  - build-up of thick, solid electrolyte interface (SEI)
- Therefore: the more silicon shorter battery life, greater 'consumption' of lithium and other issues (plus higher production costs).



Source: Choi & Aurbach 2016 https://www.nature.com/articles/natrevmats201613#f2

### Si-Carbon composite anodes

#### Ultra-thin carbon nanomaterial, graphene and nanographite, enabling practical silicon anodes

- Graphene additives or composites can enable silicon anodes to stabilize and extend cycle life
- Graphene can work in various modes including protective coatings and nano-structures to control pulverization during volume change, retain kinetics and moderate SEI formation

#### **Talga Graphene**







#### **Samsung Graphene Coated Silicon**

Samsung, Nature Communications 8:1561. Graphene balls for lithium rechargeable batteries with fast charging and high volumetric energy densities.

## Talga's Silicon Anode Composite: Talnode<sup>®</sup>-Si



Nanostructured porous Graphene-Silicon composite additive for 'drop-in' blending to existing graphite anodes

- Targets practical energy density boost with nea-term mass producability potential
- Produced by chemo-mechanical method (not CVD) using external bulk silicon supply and Talga graphene
- Uses metallurgical-grade silicon for cost-effective production
- Production method utilises 'off-the-shelf' industrial technology for commercial scalability
- First cycle efficiency up to 91% depending on silicon loading, good cycle life and reversible coulombic efficiency in the range 99.7%-99.9%

### Talnode<sup>®</sup>-Si: Half cell results at different loadings



# Reversible gravimetric capacity up to 1,100 mAh/g for the Si-Gr-C composite particles

- Lithiation: 1st cycle: 0.1C to 5mV then stays at 5mV until 0.01C, other cycles: 0.2C to 5mV then stay at 5mV until 00.25 C.
- De-lithiation: 1st cycle: 0.1C to 1.0V, other cycles: 0.2C to 1.0V.
- The silicon content in Talnode<sup>®</sup>-Si range ~30-50%Wt optimised for customer specifications and performance targets.

# Talnode<sup>®</sup>-Si: Full cell results with NMC cathode

#### 9% Talnode<sup>®</sup>-Si additive in graphite anode result in ~97% capacity retention after 140 cycles at 0.5C

Charge: 1st & 2nd cycle: C/10 to 4.2V then stays at 4.2mV until C/100. Other cycles: C/2 to 4.2V then stay at 4.2V until C/10. Discharge: 1st & 2nd cycle: C/10 to 3.0V; other cycles: C/2 to 3.0V. N/P~1.05.



# **Commercialising Talnode®-Si**



- Customer testing of Talnode<sup>®</sup>-Si has been progressing under confidentiality and material transfer agreements with multiple battery manufacturers and auto OEMs in Europe and USA
- Positive results encourage Talga to fast-track Talnode<sup>®</sup>-Si development, with 10x scale-up of qualification samples underway and feasibility studies into commercial production options
- Talga awarded co-funding by Innovate UK, under the Automotive Transformation Fund, to define scale-up plans and support potential investment in establishing Talnode<sup>®</sup>-Si production in the UK
- Niska scoping study shows positive economics of producing ~8,500 tonnes per annum graphene-graphite precursors to be used in future production of Talnode<sup>®</sup>-Si

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