#### **ASX ANNOUNCEMENT**



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### First Graphene Presentation at Emerging Growth Conference

First Graphene Limited (ASX:FGR; "First Graphene" or "the Company") is pleased to provide a copy of the presentation to be delivered by the Company's Chairman, Warwick Grigor, during the webinar Emerging Growth Conference on 15 April, 2021 at 05:30 Sydney time.

The presentation is available on the Company's website via the link below:

https://firstgraphene.net/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/20210412-Presentation-V10 optimize.pdf

A link to the webinar recording will be posted to the Company's website after the presentation

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#### About First Graphene Ltd (ASX: FGR)

First Graphene Ltd is the leading supplier of high-performing, graphene products. The company has a robust manufacturing platform based upon captive supply of high-purity raw materials and an established 100 tonne/year graphene production capacity. Commercial applications are now being progressed in composites, elastomers, fire retardancy, construction and energy storage.

*First Graphene Ltd is publicly listed in Australia (ASX:FGR) and has a primary manufacturing base in Henderson, near Perth, WA. The company is incorporated in the UK as First Graphene (UK) Ltd and is a Tier 1 partner at the Graphene Engineering and Innovation Centre (GEIC), Manchester, UK.* 

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With authority of the board, this announcement has been authorised for release by Aditya Asthana, Chief Financial Officer and Company Secretary.



# **Delivering the Graphene Revolution** Driving Industrial Scale Adoption of Graphene

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# WHAT IS GRAPHENE?



- Graphene is an allotrope of carbon consisting of a single layer of atoms arranged in a two dimensional honeycomb lattice.
- Discovered, isolated and characterised in 2004 by two Russian Physicists at the University of Manchester, and who subsequently won the Nobel Prize in Physics in 2010.



# WHAT'S SO GREAT ABOUT GRAPHENE?







- World leading graphene manufacturer based in Perth, Western Australia.
- Producer of high performing PureGRAPH<sup>®</sup> products creating value in composites, elastomers, fire retardancy and construction materials.
- **Robust 100 tonne/year** modular manufacturing facility built and operational today.
- New substance registration European (REACH) in place and Australian (AICIS) in place. USA Active membership of ISO standards committee for graphene registration. EPA registration in progress.
- **Publicly listed in Australia** (ASX:FGR) with a primary manufacturing base in Henderson, near Perth, WA.
- **Tier 1 partner** at the Graphene Engineering and Innovation Centre (GEIC), Manchester, UK.

### **CORE CAPABILITIES** Driving the Industrial Scale Adoption of Graphene



G10 D50 Particle Size (Microns







### Vein graphite RMs

- Captive ensures reliability
- No processing at mine
- In-house stock
- Low metals
- Large graphene plates

# Electrochemical Exfoliation

- High Yield
- Single Step
- Unique to FGR
- Scalable/Low Cost
- Low waste

### **Industrial Finishing**

- Well established
- Controlled Quality
- Finishing Options
- Scalable/Low Cost
- Low Waste

#### **Quality Assurance**

- 6-sigma approach
- Industry leading measurement techniques
- ISO/TC229 aligned
- At-line testing
- C of A for each batch

### **INTRODUCING PureGRAPH®**

- **PureGRAPH**<sup>®</sup> is the highest performing graphene additive available at tonnage quantities.
- **PureGRAPH**<sup>®</sup> powders contain pristine, high aspect ratio platelets with typical thickness of 5-10 carbon layers.
- Lateral sizes are carefully controlled in the **PureGRAPH**<sup>®</sup> range at 5µm, 10µm and 20µm ensuring consistent and repeatable performance.
- PureGRAPH<sup>®</sup> is high purity carbon with <0.3% total metals and <1 ppm silicon contaminants.</li>
- The PureGRAPH<sup>®</sup> advantage is that it is easily dispersed, delivering multiple benefits across a broad range of materials, such as Rubbers, Composites, Plastics, Coatings, Cement etc.







## MAIN AREAS OF BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT



- Continued Commercialisation of PureGRAPH® Range of Graphene Products: Having achieved the milestones of commercial production capacity of high-quality graphene products, the overriding objective is to build the sales book through engagement with customers to educate them;
  - On the benefits that graphene can offer their application, and to
  - Design additive methodology to effectively use graphene in their product range
- Research and Development of Alternative Energy Applications: It is widely believed that the use of graphene will significantly improve the efficiency of a number of alternative energy applications such as solar power collection devices, advanced supercapacitor materials, alternatives to spheronised graphite in batteries and a new process for the manufacture of green hydrogen. First Graphene is actively developing these technologies in collaboration with leading universities



# **COMMERCIALIZATION LANDSCAPE - EXISTING**

Sample of existing application development projects

#### **Rubbers & Elastomers**

- Automotive bushes/suspension components, tyres.
- Mining wear liners, screens, conveyor belts, rollers.
- Construction rubber insulation.
- Leisure shoe soles, composite toe caps, neoprene wetsuits.

#### **Cement & Construction**

- Precast paving, panels, pipes, beams etc.
- Ready Mix miscellaneous.
- Specialty Coatings and Grouts high water resistance and strength applications.
- Environmental reduction in cement usage to drive lower CO2 emissions.

#### **Composites & Plastics**

- Glass Reinforced Plastics pools, tanks, boats, surf boards
- Thermal Control phase shift thermal control trays
- General HDPE/LDPE Masterbatches for molded parts stronger, lighter, conductive applications.
- Carbon Fibre automotive wheels, panels

### **COMMERCIALIZATION PROGRESS: Existing Agreements** Progress towards breakeven point and positive cashflow from operations



- Breakeven point at ~6,000kg per annum, with cost base of 10 tonnes.
- Current customers contracted to 5,000 kg per annum, to maintain exclusivity.
- PlanarTECH: have taken 200kg during 2020, Looking to increase PPE production during 2021.
- Steel Blue: Launching March 2021.
- Aquatic Leisure Technologies: Launching March 2021.
- Multiple customer evaluations underway, with two significant customers close to qualification and contracting.



### **COMPOSITES, PLASTICS & ADHESIVES**

What benefit does Graphene add?

- Increased strength (> 30%)
- Light-weighting (> 30%)
- Increased water resistance
- Improved fire retardancy
- Simplified manufacture and overall reduced cost





Flexural stress/strength performance measured by ASTM D7264 three point bending.

Chopped glass fibre reinforced polyester-styrene resin with peroxide initiator.

PureGRAPH® additives mixed into resin prior to lay-up.



### **COMPOSITES, PLASTICS & ADHESIVES**

Applications – Sports and Leisure, Marine, Aquaculture, Automotive, Aeronautics





PureGRAPH® GRP swimming pools providing increased mechanical properties, reduced water permeability and simplified production process.



PureGRAPH® GRP boats providing increased flexural strength, modulus and water resistance.



PureGRAPH<sup>®</sup> enhanced HDPE oyster pots providing increased yield strength and abrasion resistance.

### **RUBBERS & ELASTOMERS**

What benefit does Graphene add?



- Easily dispersed
- Increased tensile strength
- Increased tear strength
- Increased abrasion resistance
- Increased fire-retardant properties





#### TDI based polyurethane thermoset with <1% PureGRAPH<sup>®</sup> additive show improvements in tensile strength, elongation, abrasion and tear strength (not shown)



# **RUBBERS & ELASTOMERS**

STEEL BLUE

Applications – Mineral Processing, Footwear, Sports and Leisure, Automotive





PureGRAPH<sup>®</sup> enhanced Scuff Cap, Outsole, Met

Guard, Toe Cap and

Midsole – Lighter,

improved grip, improved

abrasion resistance etc.

### **CEMENT AND CONCRETE**

What benefit does Graphene add?



- After water, concrete is the most widely used material in the world.
- The use of cement-based concrete contributes ca. 8% of global  $CO_2$  emissions<sup>1</sup>.
- Stronger and lighter concrete structure.
  - +34% in compressive strength<sup>2</sup>
  - +27% in tensile strength<sup>2</sup>
- Potential reduction in carbon footprint.
- Reduced water and ion permeability, leading to reduced micro-cracking, thermal expansion, rebar corrosion, thus improved lifespan.

1. https://www.chathamhouse.org/about/structure/eer-department/innovation-low-carbon-cement-and-concrete

2. With 0.02% w/w PureGRAPH®





App.

Validation

### **CEMENT AND CONCRETE**

Applications – Structural, Water Treatment, Green Concrete, Prefabricated



PureGRAPH® enhanced concrete for water treatment applications. PureGRAPH® provides reduced water permeability pureGRAPH® enhanced green concrete applications. Portland cement is being substituted with green options such as geopolymer to reduce the carbon footprint. PureGRAPH® provides increased mechanical properties.

PureGRAPH<sup>®</sup> enhanced concrete for prefabricated applications. PureGRAPH<sup>®</sup> increases mechanical properties, reducing the amount of cement required.

PureGRAPH<sup>®</sup> enhanced concrete for structural applications. Increasing compressive and tensile strength

Graphene Layers

### FIRE RETARDANCY

FireStop<sup>™</sup> Paint/Coating

- Self-extinguishing, barrier to flammable volatiles.
- Global patent.
- Non-toxic vs existing Fire Retardancy solutions.
- Under development in rubbers, plastics and composites, currently seeking partner to develop product line.

#### Graphene coating solution provides: 6-fold: fire protection

University of Adelaide research indicates formation of gas barrier – reducing release of flammable, volatile organics as charring begins.

Wood/Eiber pape

FireStop™ timber coating UL94=V0 and LOI = >40 on balsa.





### **HIGH PURITY GRAPHITE FOR BATTERIES – R&D Project**

Renewable energy materials from oil feedstock

- **Patented process** funded by the U.K. Government to covert petroleum feedstock (oil fraction) to high purity Graphite/Graphene suitable for Li-Ion Anodes.
- Process creates Green Hydrogen by-product; with no CO<sub>2</sub> generation (No combustion or burn off required).
- Resultant Graphite is high purity and optimized for a Li-Ion anode manufacture.
- Resultant Graphene can be used in composite anodes and cathodes for next generation Li-ion batteries.
- Entry opportunity for oil suppliers to participate in battery technology









Sustainable Innovation Fund 2020 with Kainos Innovation Ltd.



# **SUPERCAPACITORS & FUEL CELLS – R&D Project**

Supercapacitor materials for higher power energy sources

- Patented process to develop superior supercapacitor materials (metal oxide structures) to meet the evolving renewable energy demands i.e., electric vehicles and diversified power delivery/recovery.
- **Metal oxide structures** significantly increase the surface area of the Graphene platelets, resulting in higher capacitance for;
  - **Supercapacitors:** Pseudo-capacitor materials for high power density and high energy density devices.
  - **Fuel Cells:** Demonstrated potential for the same material to be used in hydrogen fuel cells by driving an oxygen reduction reaction.



Fig 1: SEM images of the graphene scaffold with metal oxide structures for use in pseudo capacitors or electrocatalysts









### **Summary and Strategic Roadmap**





### **FINANCIALS: Issued Capital and Share Price Chart**

The lowest risk exposure to the graphene business



One year share chart – Source ASX and Westpac



## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Experienced leadership

#### Warwick Grigor: Non-Executive Chairman

- Respected and experience mining analyst
- Graduate of the Australian National University, with degrees in law and economics
- Former Chairman of Cannacord Genuity Australia Ltd

#### **Dr Andy Goodwin: Non-Executive Director**

- Ph.D. scientist with extensive leadership experience in innovation and new business growth with speciality chemicals industry
- Global Science & Technology Manager Solar, Dow Corning Corporation in USA

#### **Michael Quinert: Non-Executive Director**

- Founding partner of Quinert Rodda Lawyers
- Focus on capital raising and listing rule compliance
- Over 20 years experience with ASX-listed companies in the capacity as legal counsel and director, in the mining and technology sectors
- Non-Executive Chairman of West Wits Mining Ltd.







### **SENIOR EXECUTIVES**

Experienced leadership

#### **Michael Bell: Chief Executive Officer**

- Business leader with 20 years' experience in high growth businesses across a multitude of industries
- Bachelor of Science Physics, Management Science University of Canterbury Former Senior Vice President – ST Engineering Group Singapore

#### Paul Ladislaus: Chief Technology Officer

- Chartered Chemical Engineer with 20 years' experience in operational, design, project management and research and development roles in the Chemicals Industry
- Master's Degree in Chemical Engineering from the University of Cambridge

#### **David Bennett: General Manager – Process Operations**

- Bachelor of Science, Flinders University, Adelaide, SA
- Senior management roles in Australian & USA based drilling fluid entities
- Strong skills in OH&S and operational oversight









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