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The arrangements between Evolution and BTR are subject to a variety of conditions precedent. The conditions precedent to the Offtake Agreement include (amongst others) the parties executing a downstream cooperation agreement before 31 March 2024, the necessary finance for the construction of the Chilalo Project having been obtained, and construction commenced, in each case on or before 31 March 2024. The downstream collaboration is a non-binding MOU, with detailed terms yet to be negotiated or agreed.

Accordingly, investors are cautioned that there is no certainty that these transactions with BTR will be finalised, either on the currently agreed terms or at all. Please refer to the ASX announcement dated 16 August 2023 and 30 October 2023 for further information.

# Poised for Vertical Integration into Battery Anodes





Development-ready coarse flake Chilalo Graphite Project in Tanzania



Chilalo produces battery graphite at negative cash costs



Product quality validation – offtakes with global leaders



Strategic investor complements project financing process



Unique collaboration with world's leading battery anode producer for vertical integration



# STRATEGIC COLLABORATION WITH BTR

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#### **3 Pillars**

to deliver product validation, enhance project financing and fast-track downstream value creation

#### **INVESTMENT**

BTR to become 9.9% shareholder



#### **OFFTAKE**

BTR to purchase all Chilalo fines, with plans to transition to downstream processing

# DOWNSTREAM COLLABORATION

Battery anode materials, initially North America focused

#### **BTR Profile**



#1 global battery anode leader

- Listed on the Beijing Stock Exchange (market cap US\$3.4 billion)
- 26% overall anode market share, 60% natural graphite anode market share
- Within China, BTR have 5 natural graphite production bases, 9 synthetic graphite production bases, 2 silicon anode production bases and 3 graphene production bases
- 80,000tpa anode plant under construction in Indonesia
- Tier 1 customer base:

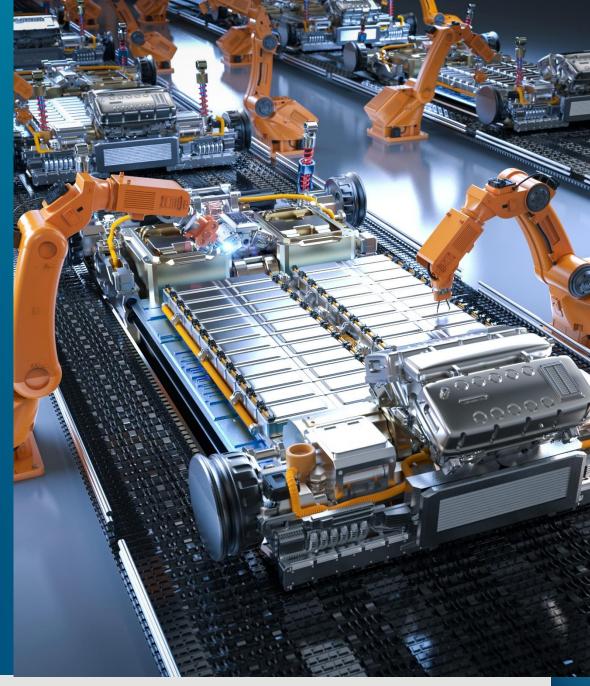












# **Corporate Overview**

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261.2M<sup>3</sup>

Shares on Issue

\$0.115

Share price

\$30.1M<sup>3</sup>

Market Cap

48.9M<sup>1</sup>

**Unlisted Options** 

\$1.5M<sup>2</sup>

Cash (as at 31 Dec 2023)

\$28.6M<sup>3</sup>

**Enterprise Value** 

#### **Share Price (12 months)**



<sup>1. 42.1</sup>M options at \$0.25 exercise price, 6.8M options at nil exercise price, subject to performance-related vesting criteria

#### Major Shareholders<sup>3</sup>

ARCH Sustainable Resources Fund	22.26%
Marvel Gold Limited	19.14%
BTR New Materials Group	9.90%
Amati Strategic Metals Fun	d <b>3.80%</b>
Barolo EV1 CT Pty Ltd	2.78%
Auramet Capital Partners	2.73%

<sup>2.</sup> Note that 31 Dec cash + \$1.1M ARCH placement + \$3.6M BTR placement = 31 Dec pro-forma \$6.2M

<sup>3.</sup> Pro-forma post BTR settlement.



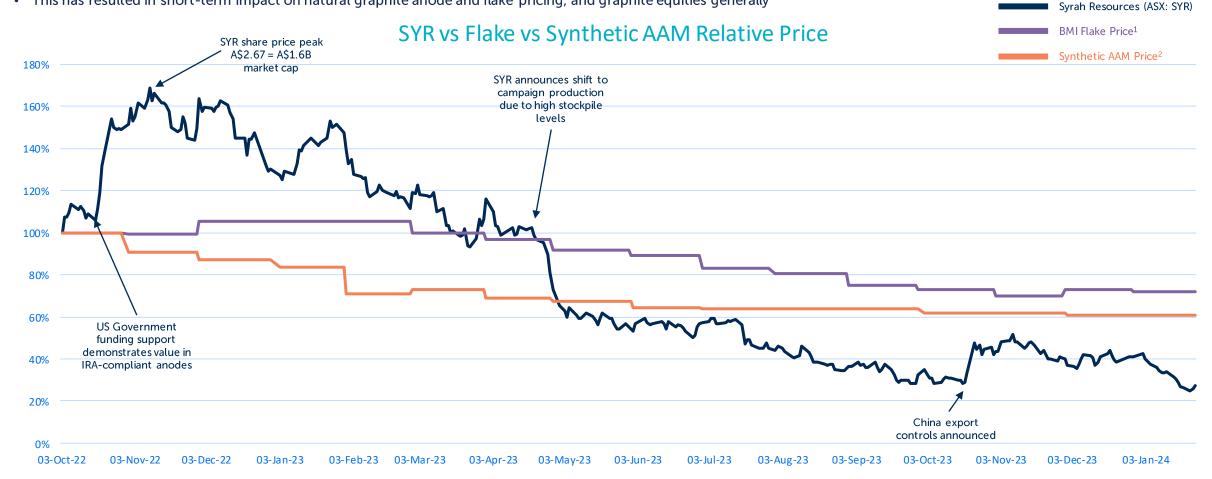


# GRAPHITE MARKET ANALYSIS

# **Synthetic Graphite Causing Short-Term Headwinds**

But is it a long-term threat to natural graphite?

- Reduction in graphitization costs over the last 12 months has caused a reduction in synthetic graphite pricing
- This has resulted in short-term impact on natural graphite anode and flake pricing, and graphite equities generally



#### Source

<sup>1.</sup> Benchmark Mineral Intelligence, -100 mesh 94-95%C

<sup>2.</sup> ICC Sino





# Technical Characteristic Energy Density Cycle Life Uniformity Cost Production Cost Price Natural Synthetic

# **Synthetic vs Natural**

Is synthetic a long-term threat?

Synthetic graphite and natural graphite bring different performance characteristics to the anode and are often blended – neither is expected to replace the other long term





# **CHILALO GRAPHITE PROJECT**

Southeast Tanzania



## **Chilalo's Competitive Advantage**

Product quality drives economics and strategic interest



Coarse flake credits – produce battery graphite at negative cash cost



Product performance – results in offtake with global industry leaders

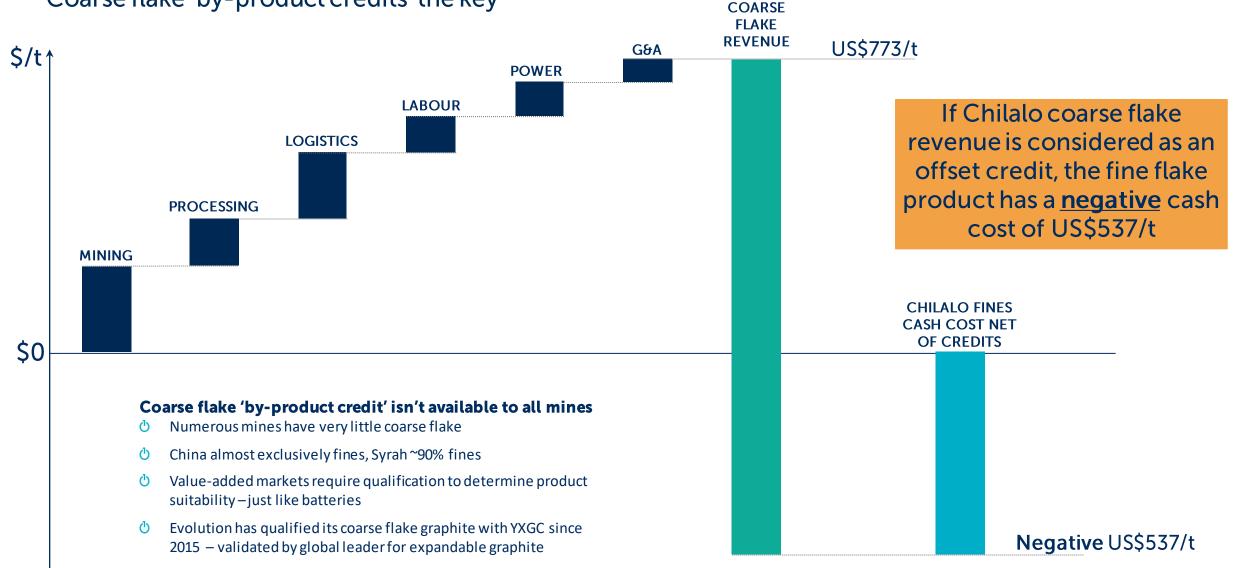


World-class battery anode company (BTR) validates Chilalo graphite battery performance



# **Battery graphite at negative cash cost?**

Coarse flake 'by-product credits' the key



## **EV1 Offtake Stategy**

Binding offtake for ~90% of production with global leaders





#### Coarse Flake Offtake

- **3**0,000tpa for 3 years
- 70% of concentrate revenue
- YXGC are the global leader for expandable graphite (EG) and foil
- Electronics, fuel cells, seals, gaskets, flame retardants
- Conditional on YXGC toll treating some graphite into EG

#### BTR

#### **Fines Flake Offtake**

- 100% of fines for 3 years (+3 yr option), subject to assignment to joint downstream entity
- Market prices agreed bilaterally
- (1) Conditional on:
  - Downstream agreement and FID by 31 March 2024
  - **O** BTR investment



#### **Low Capex**

Important to commercial banks in the process



#### **High Margin**

Coarse flake provides buffer to weaker fines prices



#### **Product Quality**

Validation by offtakes with global leaders for batteries and expandables



Global #1 offtakers for coarse + fines

#### **Experienced to Execute**

Experienced team de-risks execution/delivery





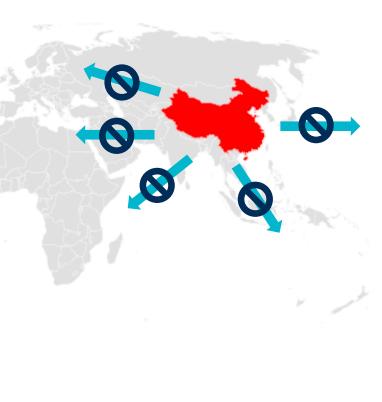
# China's export controls positive for ex-China graphite

Highlights graphite's reliance on China more than all other battery minerals

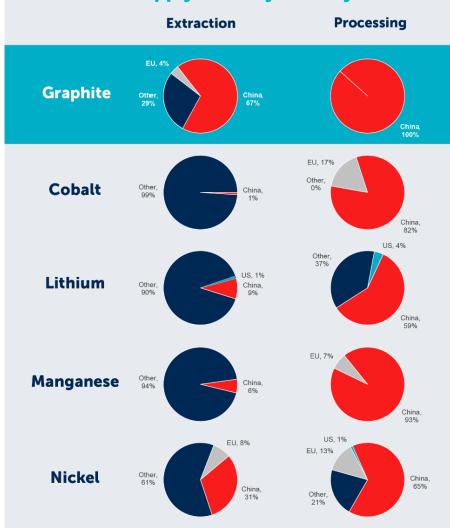
- China announced export controls for flake graphite and synthetic graphite from 1 December 2023
- Follows move from net exporter to net importer in recent times
- Heightens the urgency to develop ex-China sources of flake graphite mining and anode processing capacity

	Flake Graphite Exports (tons)	Spherical Graphite Exports (tons)
November 2023	23,343	12,187
December 2023	1,428	949
Variance	-94%	-92%

Source: 1. Customs General Administration, P. R. China, 2. Wisdom Intelligence Technology



# Li-ion battery raw materials supply chain by country



#### **Localisation of Anode Supply Chain**

Anode production will need to occur closer to end-markets following the Inflation Reduction Act and European Critical Minerals Act which are designed to reduce reliance on China







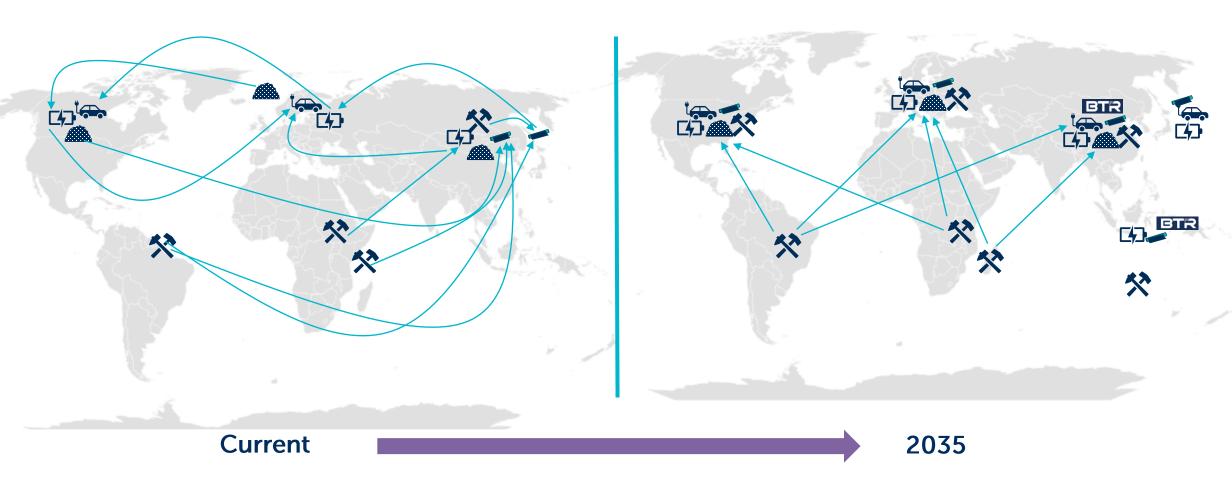
Anode



Battery Cell



Electric Car



Source: Benchmark Mineral Intelligence

### **IRA-compliant anodes into the US**

US battery plants require significant increase in domestic anode capacity

	2025	2030
US battery demand (GWh) <sup>1</sup>	504	1,180
Anode materials (ktpa) 1	554	1,298
IRA requirement <sup>2</sup>	50%	80%
IRA-compliant anode materials (ktpa)	277	1,038

<sup>1.</sup> Benchmark Mineral Intelligence

#### Favourable policy initiatives



~US\$47B Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) Production and EV tax credits



US\$40B via DoE Advanced Technology Vehicles Manufacturing Loan Program EV loan program



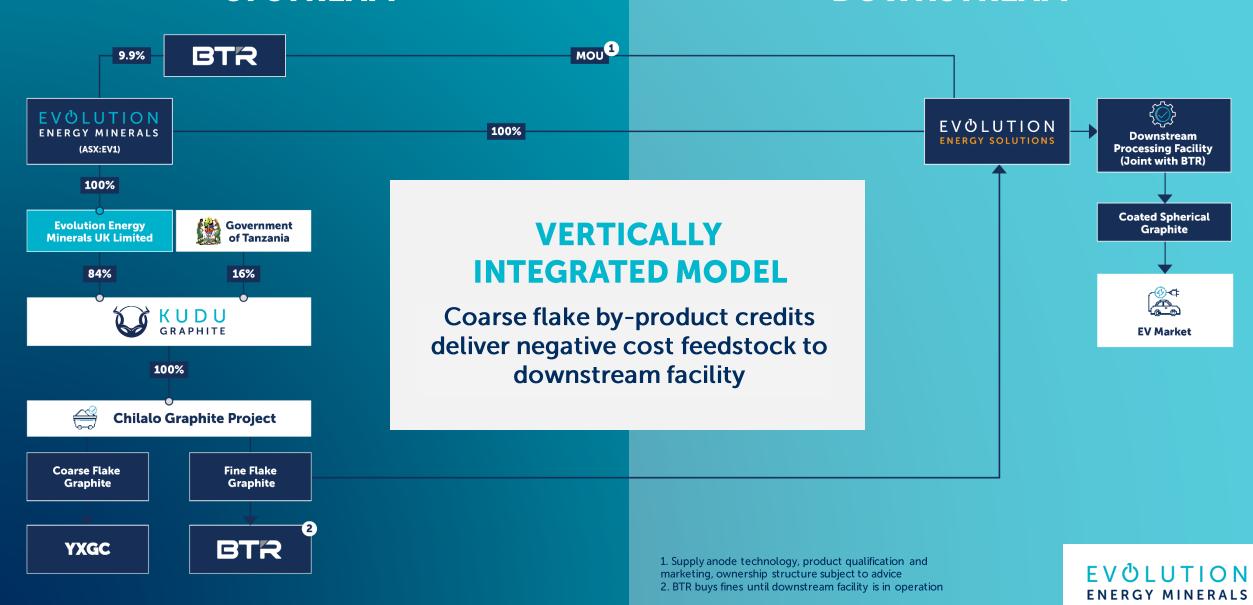
US\$7B via DoE Battery Materials Processing grants



<sup>2.</sup> Percentage of battery raw materials that are extracted, processed or recycled in the US or FTA countries

#### **UPSTREAM**

#### **DOWNSTREAM**



# **Key Catalysts**



Chilalo project financing



Downstream scoping study, site selection and partnerships



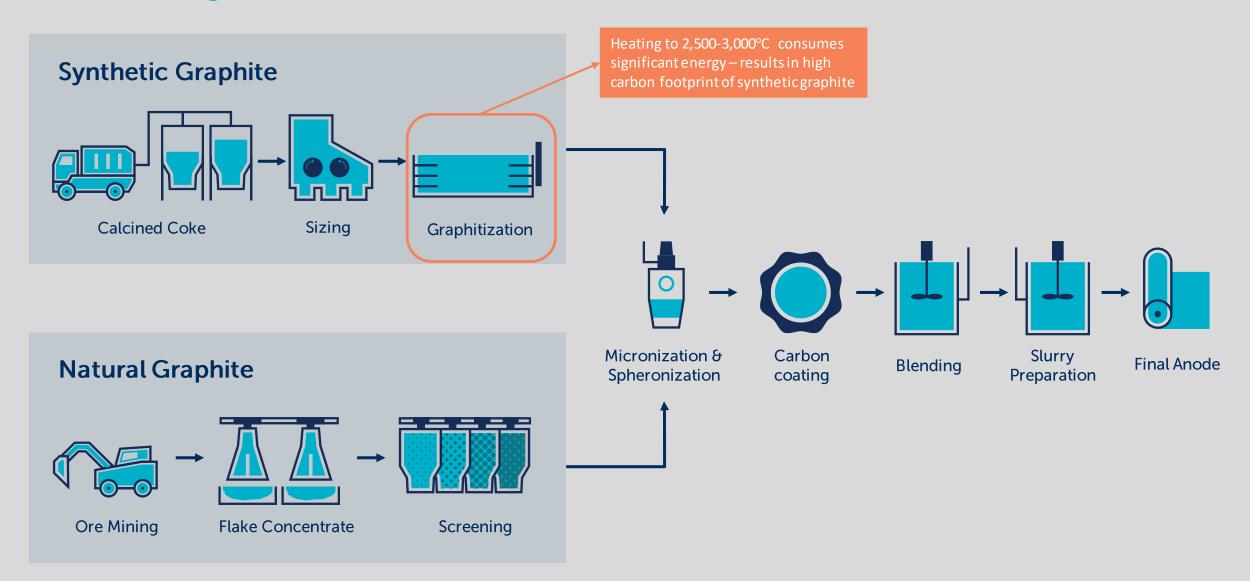




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# **The Making of an Anode**



Source: Benchmark Mineral Intelligence

#### **Evolution's ESG Commitment**





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