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2.67% D Virgara

1.80% Bosswhat Pty Ltd

Key Executive Team

Executive Chairman Managing Director & CEO Non-Executive-Director Company Secretary Asimwe Kabunga Prashant Chintawar "PC" Jack Fazio Robbie Featherby

The Volt Team

Battery Materials, Mining, & Specialty Chemical Background





Asimwe Kabunga Executive Chairman

Asimwe is a Tanzanian born
Australian entrepreneur with
multiple interests in mining and
IT businesses around the world.
Asimwe has extensive technical
and commercial experience in
Tanzania, Australia, United
Kingdom and the United States.







Prashant Chintawar MD & CEO

Prashant is an entrepreneurial global business leader with a track record of business management (over \$1 billion product P&L) and creation + scale up of new specialty chemical, battery material businesses. His key strengths include strategic planning and tactical execution by rallying teams. He has PhD in Chemical Engineering & management certificate in finance.







Roman Saramaga Director, Zavalievsky Graphite

Roman is based in Ukraine and has over fifteen years' experience in project management. He previously served as Deputy Head of the Ukrainian Geological Survey where he was involved in mining licensing, geological exploration and modernization of resource industry legislation. He also launched the Strategic Partnership between the European Union and Ukraine on critical raw materials and batteries.





Chris Larder VP, Technology

Chris is VP of Technology for Volt. He is a highly experienced metallurgist and brings experienced forged over a long career providing technical management for a range of projects in various jurisdictions and commodities. He brings significant experience in all aspects of concentration and purification of graphite.



Volt Investment Rationale



- **1**
- <u>Clear Strategy</u> focus on battery grade graphite due to large addressable market, unique value proposition, and market tailwinds. We have a patent pending & environmentally superior process for ultra high purity (99.95%) battery grade graphite production.
- Proven Graphite Producer with Offtakes We have a graphite mine in production in Europe (since 1934) while Bunyu is one of the world's largest graphite deposits in Tanzania with offtakes and strong financials.
- Large Non-Dilutive Funding Pipeline Won €595k in 2023 and the Board is confident of winning one or more additional non-dilutive grant(s) over the next year. Multiple projects in the pipeline.
- Entrepreneurial Team with Fortune -100 experience and a track record of battery material, mining, specialty chemical business management, and winning non-dilutive funds (over USD 55 million won excluding Volt)



Graphite Poised for Next Bull Market

- Expect flake graphite prices to steadily grow over the next several years
- Benchmark Flake Graphite Price China Index shows gradual improvement in flake graphite prices
 - 28 March 2024 US\$ 640/t
 - 30 April 2024 US\$ 688/t
 - 31 May 2024 US\$ 701/t
 - 30 June 2024 US\$ 738/t
- North America and Europe markets (our focus) are likely to favor natural graphite (over synthetic) in lithium-ion batteries
- There is no substitute for graphite in lithium-ion batteries

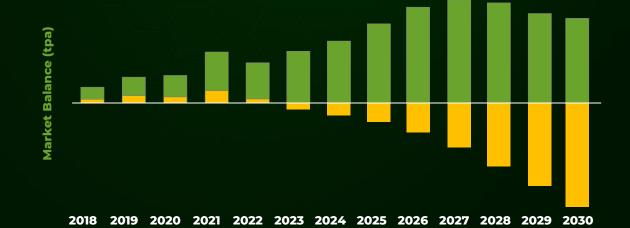


Graphite Demand Vs Supply









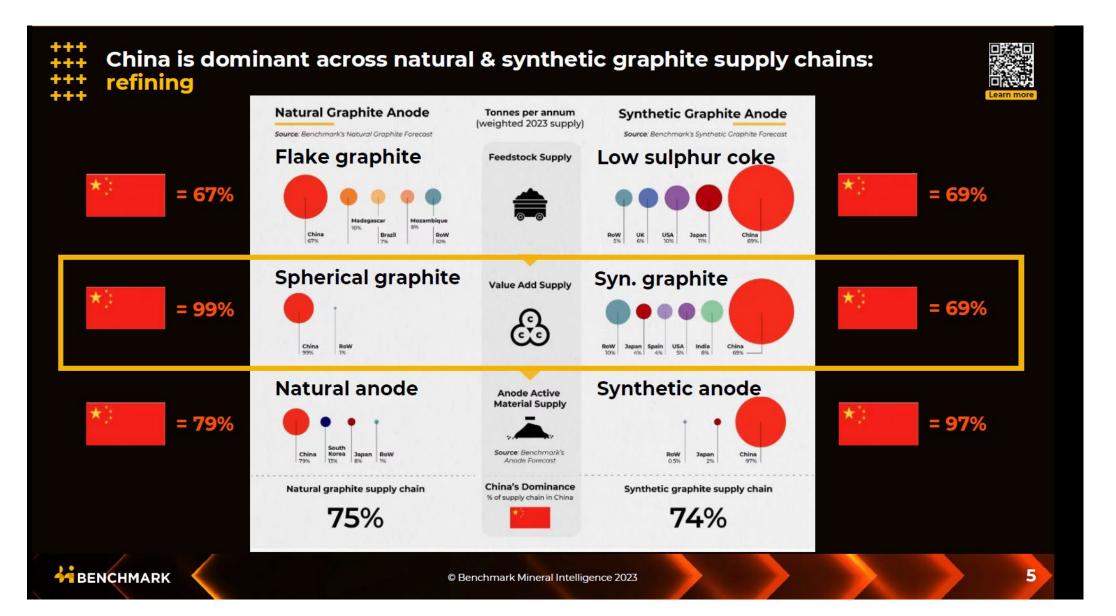
Downstream Business (Natural Graphite Anode)

Upstream Business (Mining)

China Controls Graphite Refining

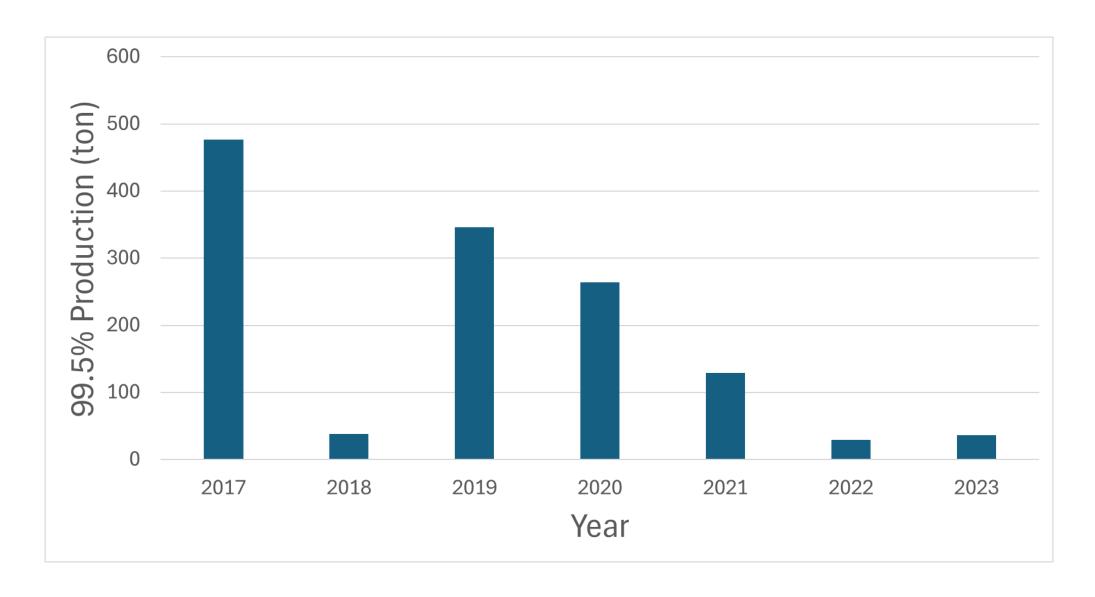






Volt is a Proven Graphite Refiner





Patent Pending Low-Cost Process for Ultra High Purity (99.95%) Battery Grade Graphite Production

US Provisional Patent (63/581,171) "Low-Cost HF Free Purification to Produce Battery Grade Graphite".

Step 1: Starting with flake graphite concentrate (85-96% purity), 99.5% pure graphite (based on Company's proven process with years of experience) is produced.

Step 2: Starting with 99.5% pure graphite, produced in Step 1, <u>ultra-high purity (99.95%)</u> graphite anode pAAM is produced via new chemical purification process.



Existing High Purity (99.5%) Graphite Production Line



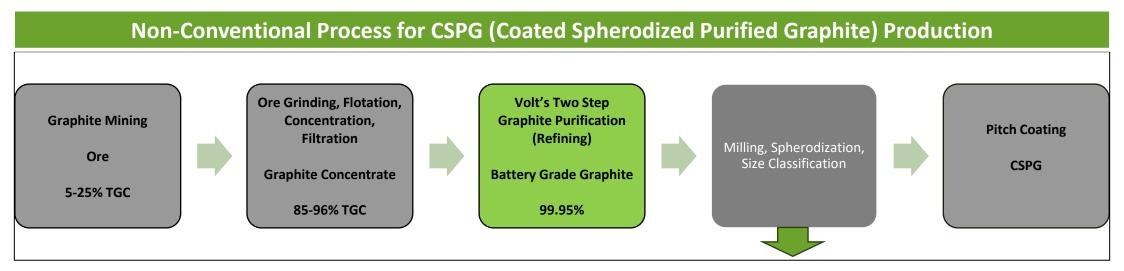






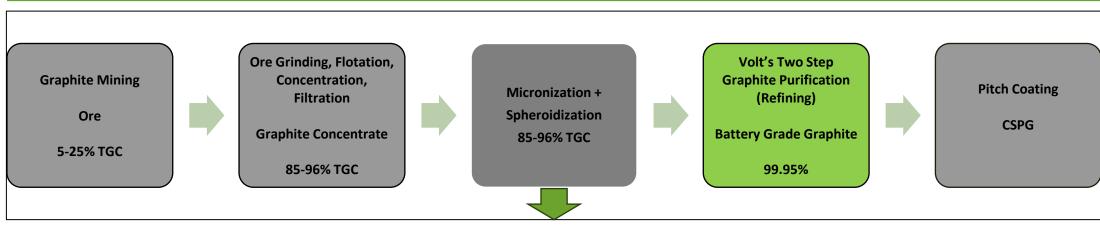
Purification Can be Done Before or After Spheroidization





Non-Spherical Purified Graphite

Conventional Process for CSPG (Coated Spherodized Purified Graphite) Production





Volt's Non-Thermal and Hydrofluoric Acid Free Refining Process Produces Battery Grade Graphite

Features	Benefits
HF free process	 No need to store hydrofluoric acid (HF) on-site Lower cost Ease of permitting
Non-thermal purification	• Lower cost
Simple flowsheet	Low cost
Proven	 99.5% product is in commercial production since 2017 99.95% product samples available for evaluation

Volt's Graphite Refining Process

Volt analysis





		Volt's	Thermal	Hydrofluoric Acid
		Chemical	Purification	Purification
		Process		
Economic	Low Initial Capital Cost	V	XX	X
Comparison	Low Sustaining Capital Cost	$\sqrt{}$	X	X
	Low Operating Cost		X	X
Technical	Suitability of	$\sqrt{}$	\checkmark	\checkmark
Comparison	Graphite for LIB – Impurity			
	Туре			
	Suitability of	√	√	√
	Graphite for LIB – Impurity			
	Content			
	No loss of crystalline structure			\checkmark
	Easy to Operate		X	?
	Easy to Secure Permit		\checkmark	XX
	No Environmental Issues		\checkmark	XX
	Simple Process		XX	X
	Ease of Process Control		X	\checkmark
ESG Comparison	Low CO ₂ Emission		X	\checkmark
	ESG Compliance		?	X
	High Energy Efficiency	$\sqrt{}$	XX	?
	High Resource Efficiency	$\sqrt{}$	XX	?



Identified Site in Tuscaloosa, Alabama for 20 ktpa Graphite Refinery

Planned SOP in 2027 (contingent on funding)



New US Battery Manufacturing and Supply Chain Investments





Nearly \$82 billion announced so far



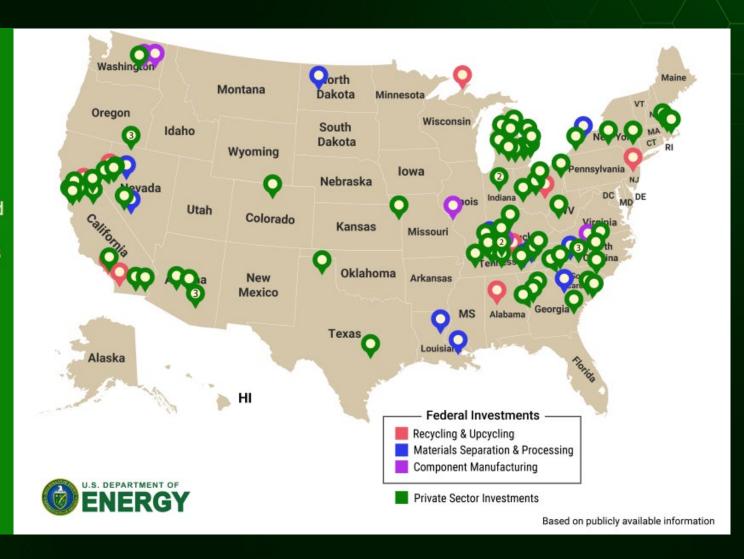
96 new and expanded processing and manufacturing plants



Enough to power 10 million EVs each year



Thousands of new jobs







- One customer has been sent the sample and we are in discussion with additional potential customers.
- Contingent upon funding, to further advance the dialogue we will generate more technical data and samples.

Downstream Business (Natural Graphite Anode)

Upstream Business (Mining)

Volt is a proven graphite producer with a mine in operation since 1934

- Significant portion of graphite is fine mesh suitable for lithium-ion batteries
- Grinding + Flotation + Filtration + Purification done at mine + processing plant to produce 99.5% pure product
- Permits for subsoil use (mining licence equivalent) valid until November 2035.
- Makes graphite products across the range and potential to significantly increase high value, large flake production.
- Excellent transport infrastructure covering road, rail, river and sea freight combined with reliable grid power.
- **Project KPIs**
- Ownership 70% Volt. 30% Ukraine entities
- Long-life: producing graphite mine that has been in operation for over 87 years, with exploration upside

- Resources: 22.9 million ton at a grade of 6.8% carbon – subset of overall deposit based on south-east zone only¹ (Non-JORC and approximately 20% of Russian code resources)
- Production: average 7,300 tpa graphite concentrate from 2017 to 2021. 1980s – 60 ktpa

Upcoming Milestones

- Industrialize 99.95% production
- Become a supplier to lithiumion battery cell makers based in Europe and North America



Ukraine Status

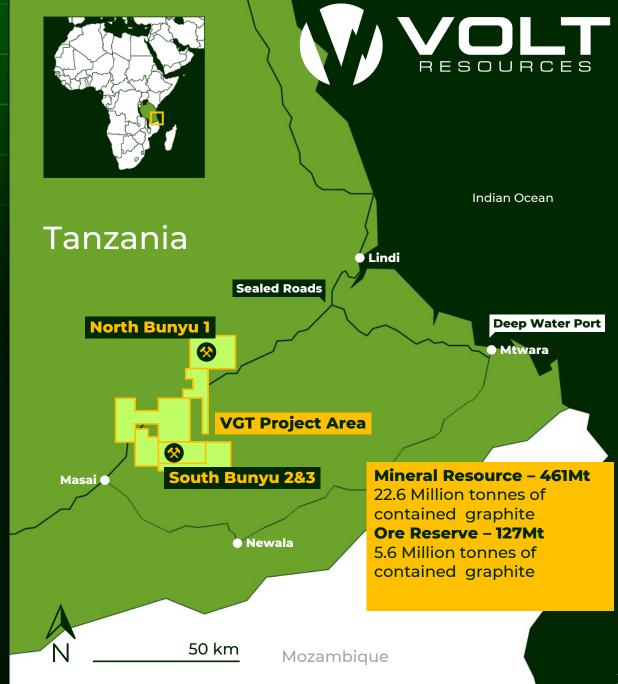


- Ukraine Law Firm has completed the warranty claim and presented to the Sellers. The claim significantly exceeded the deferred consideration amount of US\$3.8M. It is now up to the Sellers to either accept the warranty claim or dispute the warranty claim through arbitration in London.
- The Company has decided to not provide further funding to Zavalievsky Graphite LLC. In 2021, Volt acquired 70% interest in each of the companies comprising the ZG Group
 - Zavalievsky Graphite LLC (processing plant buildings, processing plant, mining equipment, power sub-station, and distribution)
 - Stone Found LLC (crushed granite operations)
 - <u>Graphite Invest LLC</u> (holds a 79% interest in PJC Zavalievsky Graphite Kombinat mine, mining license, land, main administration office building. This entity that holds the 636 hectares of freehold land on which the Zavalievsky mine, and other related buildings and facilities are located).

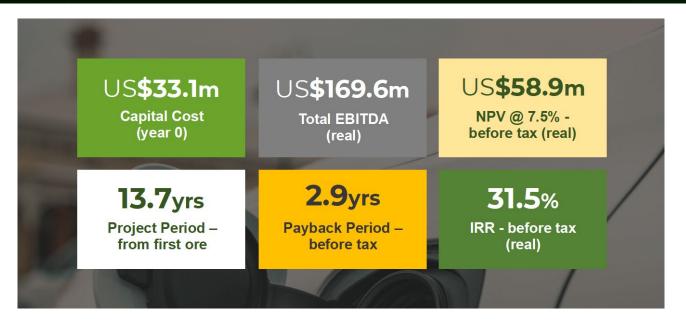
Tanzania Bunyu Graphite Enough to power 2.8 million EVs per year

Highlights

- One of the largest graphite deposits in the world.
 100% owned; Greenfield project; Bunyu is the largest
 JORC Mineral resource in Tanzania
- Only 140 km from Mtwara port
- Two stage development strategy with Stage 1 significantly de-risking the development of Stage 2 Expansion Project
- Stage 1 to produce 24,780 tpa flake graphite (@ 6.26% TGC feed grade)¹ and Stage 2 expansion increases annual production to 170,000 tpa flake graphite.
- Environmental Impact Assessment Certificate and Mining Licences received covering both Stage 1 and 2
- Africa is set to become graphite production leader



Bunyu Stage 1 has Strong Project Economics Feasibility study completed in August 2023



Stage 1 Project	Unit	Financial
		Performance
		2023
Project Period - from first ore	years	13.7
Total Net Revenue	US\$ M, real	433.2
Total EBITDA	US\$ M, real	169.6
IRR - before tax	%, real	31.5
IRR – after tax*	%, real	23.6
NPV @ 7.5% - before tax	US\$ M, real	58.9
NPV @ 7.5% - after tax*	US\$ M, real	36.4
Capital Cost (year 0)	US\$ M, real	33.1
Payback period, before tax – from first ore	years	2.9
Payback Period - after tax - from first ore	years	3.9

^{*} Tanzanian corporate income tax rate of 30% has been applied to the project plus minimum tax (MTA) of 0.5% of sales revenue in loss years. Payments of corporate tax on profits are estimated to commence from year 1 of production, after utilising the benefits of carried forward income tax losses.

Volt is looking for about USD 40 million financing for Stage 1

¹ A discount rate of 10% was used to determine NPV for the 2018 study.

Bunyu Graphite Evaluation



- About 113 tonnes of Bunyu ore was mined in 2023, a portion of this was processed into graphite concentrate, and delivered to a customer in early 2024.
- Technical evaluation was positive. Due to softness in the flake graphite prices, the Company decided to steer the discussion toward our new product offering (ultrahigh purity graphite).
- Discussions with the customer are ongoing.
- We are also in discussion with a potential Bunyu investor which has sent a preliminary proposal.

Stage 1 Bunyu Graphite Sold Under Offtakes

Graphex Group Limited

Offtake agreement signed with global battery anode material producer Graphex Group Limited subsidiary, Graphex Michigan 1 LLC. Graphex Group is listed on Hong Kong Stock Exchange and the NYSE.

- 7,500-10,000 tpa fine flake graphite for five years
- An option to extend a further five years
- All Stage 1 fine graphite product is sold

Qingdao Baixing Graphite Company Ltd

Offtake agreement signed with established producer of graphite products

- 12,000-90,000 tpa coarse flake graphite for five years
- An option to extend a further five years
- All Stage 1 coarse graphite product is sold





Graphite Projects & Inflation Reduction Act

Inflation Reduction Act, US
Consumer Tax Credit, \$7,500 per EV
Eligibility Requirements

\$3,750

Critical Minerals are extracted, processed, or recycled in US or a country with a Free Trade Agreement

\$3,750

Battery Components are manufactured or assembled in North America

- From 2027, Critical Minerals can not be extracted, processed, or recycled in a Foreign Entity of Concern
- 2. Foreign Entity of Concern China, Russia, N Korea, & Iran
- 3. The US Geological Survey reaffirmed graphite as a Critical Mineral in its 2021 Review and Revision of the US Critical Minerals List, ranking graphite higher than manganese, lithium, nickel, and copper in overall supply risk

Asena Lithium Overview





Three license applications of 291km² in area with similar prospective geology and physical proximity

1 JADAR NORTH (area comprising 98.75km²)

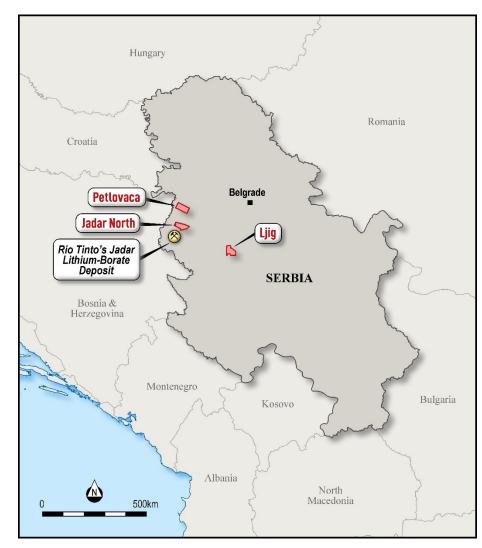
- Asena has directly targeted the northern extent of the basin where Rio Tinto is developing the world class Jadar Deposit
- Rio and Asena occupy 100% of the Jadar basin subject to Asena being granted the North Jadar licence
- Extensive surface geochemical sampling, ground magnetic and magnetotelluric surveys, followed by limited drilling conducted

2 PETLOVACA (area comprising 99.65km²)

- Near to the Jadar basin, gravity-data indicates similar depths, thicknesses, environments and stratigraphic sequences.
- Undrilled to date

LJIG (area comprising 92.31km²)

- Two holes drilled in the Ljig license application area to date penetrated lacustrine sediments with mineralisation found as pseudomorphs
- Large area of mineralised basin sediments indicated by the nearby Valjevo borate deposit drilling



Asena Lithium Serbia Update



- At the session held on 11 July 2024, the Serbian Constitutional Court issued Decision IUo-39/2022. The court said in a ruling that Decree on the Termination of the Decree on Establishing the Spatial Plan of the Special Purpose Area for the Implementation of the Jadarite Mineral Exploration and Processing Project "Jadar" is not in accordance with the Constitution and the law.
- Volt's applications remain in good standing

Gold Projects, Guinea



HIGHLIGHTS

- Volt acquired 100% interest in three gold projects (Kouroussa, Mandiana and Konsolon) in the richly mineralised Birimian Greenstone Belt in Guinea, West Africa.
- Three projects comprise six highly prospective gold permits with a total area of 388km²
- Previously announced assay results for the above permits included ¹
 - Konsolon
 20.25g/t Au, 12.87g/t Au, 5.12g/t Au,
 4.97g/t Au and 3.21g/t Au (soil samples)
 - Nzima
 14.5g/t Au, 2.93g/t Au, 1.54g/t Au and 0.86g/t Au from grab samples
 - Kouroussa 1.02g/t Au, 0.77g/t Au, 0.46g/t Au from grab samples

UPCOMING MILESTONES

 Evaluate options that will provide value for Volt shareholders without the need for further material investment by the Company



FACT SHEET

		Gold 196.967
Location	Guinea	
Project Stage	Exploration	
Business	Gold and base met exploration	als
Resource	Exploration stage	
Ownership	100%	
Konsolon	Two major NW-SE trending anomalies 1,400 metre and 1,050 metre in length in Konsolon which are open along strike	
Nzima	One large NW-SE t anomalous area in with total strike len 600 metres which i at both ends along	Nzima igth of is open
Kouroussa	Anomalies extend to 1,000 metres in total remain open to the	al and
Project Area	388km ²	

Summary



Board of Director changes

- Dom Virgara to join the Board to provide execution oversight
- Board to take Director Fees in equity. CEO to take 50% in equity

Fiscal Discipline

- The Company has successfully reduced the cash outflows. The net cash outflow during FY 2024 was \$4,610,000 vs \$9,528,000 during FY 2023.
- June 2024 Quarterly outflow from operations was \$469,000 and further cost reduction is underway.

Non-Dilutive Funding

- The Company is confident of being awarded a multi-million-dollar grant in 2025.
- The US Government has not yet announced decisions on proposals submitted in March 2024.
- The Company may pursue additional funding opportunities if they are consistent with our plans and strategy.

Path Forward

- Simplify the business
- Implement further fiscal discipline
- Execute downstream strategy
- Improve communication and follow-through

Volt Transformation is Underway From mining only to an integrated materials producer



Mining

- 1. Development ready & one of the world's largest graphite project in Tanzania with offtake agreements and strong financials
- 2. Potential for value creation from Serbia lithium and Guinea gold projects

Integrated Materials Producer

- 1. Producing high purity (99.5%) graphite at commercial scale. Patent pending process for battery ready ultra-high purity (99.95%) graphite
- 2. Plan to set-up Graphite Refinery in Alabama, US (contingent upon financing)
- 3. Strong and growing non-dilutive funding pipeline

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