

#### 10 February 2025

# EBRD TRANCHE 2 CASH RECEIVED AND POSITIVE PFS PEER REVIEW

Sarytogan Graphite Limited (ASX: SGA, "the Company" or "Sarytogan") is pleased to advise that the cash for the Tranche 2 equity investment has been received from the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (the EBRD).

**A\$2,358,790** cash has been received in Australia today and the share registry has been instructed to issue 14,742,437 shares to the EBRD. EBRD will now hold **17.3%** of the issued capital of the Company.

This equity investment has been completed at a price of **A\$0.16 per share** as previously agreed. This is more than a **166% premium** to last week's closing price of \$0.06.

The Tranche 2 investment by EBRD is in addition to the Tranche 1 funds received on 22 November 2024, bringing the total investment to **A\$5,000,000** for 32,250,000 shares at \$0.16 as agreed.

The EBRD received notification on 18 December 2024 from the Treasurer of Australia's delegate that he has no objection to the acquisition by EBRD of up to a 19.99% interest in Sarytogan any time until 18 December 2025. This will allow EBRD to make further investments in Sarytogan this year at their absolute discretion.

Separately, EBRD commissioned an independent peer review of aspects of the Prefeasibility Study on the Sarytogan Graphite Project by mining consultants RPMGlobal Asia Limited (RPM). The key review outcomes of the review stated:

"This Review identified no technical fatal flaws with the aspects of the Project Pre-Feasibility Study reviewed, and RPM considers the Project to have considerable promise. Some areas of risk (including high risks) were identified which have the potential to impact the forecasted cash flow. RPM, however believes that these risks can be mitigated through further test work, studies and adjustments to the Project design. Risks of this nature are common for projects of similar levels of study and design maturity, and the progression of the studies from the current Pre-Feasibility level through to Feasibility which will provide an opportunity to address and reduce these risks ahead of any final investment decision. RPM's review was limited in nature and was completed within a limited period based solely on report-style digital information provided through a data room administered by the Company. At this stage, RPM has not completed a site visit to the Project nor reviewed the underlying digital working files, which form the basis of the report-style information reviewed. RPM's findings should be considered preliminary in nature and may change upon provision of further data or review of the underlying digital working files."

The EBRD funds will now be used to accelerate the ongoing works on a Definitive Feasibility Study for the project. These works include:

- Continued preparation of customer samples to aid our marketing efforts led by our new General Sales and Marketing Director.
- Environmental and Social Impact Assessment above and beyond the environmental permit recently received for the mine (refer ASX Announcement 23 December 2024).



- Metallurgy variability test-work on samples already at the laboratory in Perth.
- Infill drilling of the mining pits selected for the first 20 years of mining.
- Further water investigations aimed to secure the water licence for the project.
- Power and Transportation studies aimed to secure infrastructure allocations.
- Tendering of the DFS engineering scope.

Managing Director Sean Gregory commented:

"The completion of the equity investment from the EBRD reaffirms the global significance of the Sarytogan Graphite Project. This funding allows us to accelerate the ongoing works on the Definitive Feasibility Study for the project. The recent independent peer review of the project by mining consultant RPM Global shares our optimism for the project and is the first of many examples of the EBRD adding value to the project beyond their financial investment. We thank the EBRD for their initiative to support junior mining companies in the pursuit of globally strategic goals."

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## **About Sarytogan**

The Sarytogan Graphite Deposit is in the Karaganda region of Central Kazakhstan. It is 190km by highway from the industrial city of Karaganda, the 4th largest city in Kazakhstan (Figure 1).



Figure 1 - Sarytogan Graphite Deposit location.



The Sarytogan Graphite Deposit was first explored during the Soviet era in the 1980s with sampling by trenching and diamond drilling. Sarytogan's 100% owned subsidiary Ushtogan LLP resumed exploration in 2018. An Indicated and Inferred Mineral Resource has been estimated for the project by AMC Consultants totalling 229Mt @ 28.9% TGC (Table 1), refer ASX Announcement 27 March 2023).

Zone	Classification (JORC Code)	In-Situ Tonnage (Mt)	Total Graphitic Carbon (IGC %)	Contained Graphite (Mt)
North	Indicated	87	29.1	25
	Inferred	81	29.6	24
	Total	168	29.3	49
Central	Indicated	39	28.1	11
	Inferred	21	26.9	6
	Total	60	27.7	17
Total	Indicated	126	28.8	36
	Inferred	103	29.1	30
	Total	229	28.9	66

Table 1 - Sarytogan Graphite Deposit Mineral Resource (> 15% TGC).

Sarytogan has produced bulk flotation concentrates at higher than 80% C and further upgraded the concentrate up to 99.9992% C "five nines purity" by thermal purification, without any chemical pre-treatment (refer ASX Announcement 5 March 2024). Sarytogan envisages three product types:

- Microcrystalline graphite at 80-85% C ("Micro80C") for traditional uses,
- Ultra-High Purity Fines (UHPF) for advanced industrial use including batteries, and
- Spherical Purified Graphite (USPG and CSPG) for use in lithium-ion batteries.

A Pre-Feasibility Study (PFS) was completed in August 2024 that outlined a staged development plan to match market penetration, minimise initial capital expenditure and deliver attractive financial returns.

An Ore Reserve of 8.6 Mt @ 30.0% TGC (Table 2) was estimated using the Guidelines of the 2012 Edition JORC Code (refer ASX announcement 12 August 2024).

Ore mass	TGC	Concentrate mass	Concentrate grade	TGC in conc. Mass
kt	%	kt	%	kt
8,587	30.0	2,654	81.4	2,160

Table 2 - August 2024 Sarytogan Probable Ore Reserve estimate

#### Notes:

- Tonnes and grades are as processed and are dry.
- The block mass pull varies as it is dependent on the TGC grade, concentrate grade (fixed) and process recovery (fixed) resulting in a variable cut-off grade, block by block. The cut-off is approximately 20% TGC with minimal mass below 20% TGC contributing.

Sarytogan is also progressing copper porphyry exploration, initially at its Bainazar project and subsequently across a planned portfolio of copper exploration projects to be assembled across the highly prospective Central Asian Orogenic Belt.



## **Compliance Statements**

The information in this report that relates to Sarytogan Mineral Resources was first reported in ASX announcement dated 27 March 2023. The information in this report that relates to Sarytogan Ore Reserves was first reported in ASX announcement dated 12 August 2024.

The Company confirms that it is not aware of any new information or data that materially affects the information included in relevant market announcements and, in the case of estimates of Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves, that all material assumptions and technical parameters underpinning the estimates in the relevant market announcement continue to apply and have not materially changed. The Company confirms that the form and context in which the Competent Persons' findings are presented have not been materially modified from the original market announcements.

The Company confirms that all the material assumptions underpinning the production target, or the forecast financial information derived from the production target, in the initial public report (12 August 2024) continue to apply and have not materially changed.