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## ASX ANNOUNCEMENT

# Community Agreements Advance Maniry Graphite Mine Toward Final Environmental Approvals

### Highlights

- Community engagement concluded with over 100 families in the Maniry region signing formal agreements supporting the development of the Maniry Graphite Mine.
- The agreements are an integral part of our Community Development plan to enable the commencement of construction of Maniry.
- Evion is preparing final submission of its Community Development Plan (CDP) and Environmental Plan (EIE) to Madagascar's environmental authority (ONE) to advance project approvals.
- Agreement reached with ONE on the final approval pathway; site visits scheduled within 60 days to confirm endorsement.
- Maniry positioned for near-term development as Madagascar hosts the Indian Ocean Commission Summit, fostering economic partnerships with Europe.

**David Round, Managing Director commented** – "Securing formal agreements with over 100 local families in the Maniry region marks a pivotal step toward advancing the Maniry Graphite Mine. This level of community support reflects the strong, longstanding relationships Evion has built and underpins our pathway to development.

*As part of this partnership, we are committed to delivering tangible benefits, including employment for 400–500 local people, improved health care and education, and enhanced local infrastructure.*

*With community agreements in place and the regulatory pathway defined, we now expect formal endorsement of our Community Development Plan and Environmental Plan by Madagascar's environmental authority (ONE) in the near term. These approvals will enable us to move decisively toward mine development, aligning with both local aspirations and broader supply chain demands.*

*We have kept Government officials fully updated with developments and we expect to achieve formal approval from ONE in the short term for our detailed Community Development and Environmental Plans".*

## Community Development Plan (“CDP”) update

Evion’s Community Development Plan (CDP) outlines a substantial investment in the local Maniry community, including:

1. Employment for at least 400 local people, alongside opportunities for local contractors and businesses;
2. Construction of new schools and onsite medical facilities for employees and their families;
3. Development of water wells and essential infrastructure for the broader community;
4. Provision of alternative accommodation for families choosing to relocate within the region.

The CDP represents a transformative opportunity for the Maniry region, reinforcing Evion’s commitment to improving living standards and delivering sustained local employment.

Following formal submission, Madagascar’s environmental authority (ONE) is expected to endorse the CDP, supporting Evion’s progression toward development and strengthening local stakeholder alignment.



*Figure 1 – Evion In-Country Manager of Community and Government Relationships, Laurent Ampilaky, oversees the delivery of food and provisions to the community*



*Figure 2 – Evion In-Country Manager of Community and Government Relationships, Laurent Ampilahy, and other staff addressing local community representatives as they conclude details of the Community Development Plan*

### **Renewal of all Permits and conversion to Mining Licenses**

Evion’s in-country team has been actively engaged with Madagascar’s Ministry of Mines, with formal renewal of its exploration permits (PRs) expected in the coming weeks<sup>1</sup>. This will enable the conversion of these permits to full exploitation licences (PEs), advancing the Maniry Project toward development.

This conversion will secure exploitation licences across all project areas defined in Evion’s Definitive Feasibility Study (published to ASX 3 November 2022), providing the tenure required to transition into mine development.

### **Madagascar currently hosting Indian Ocean Commission (IOC) Summit**

The Indian Ocean Commission (IOC) Summit is currently underway in Madagascar, attended by dignitaries including French President Emmanuel Macron.

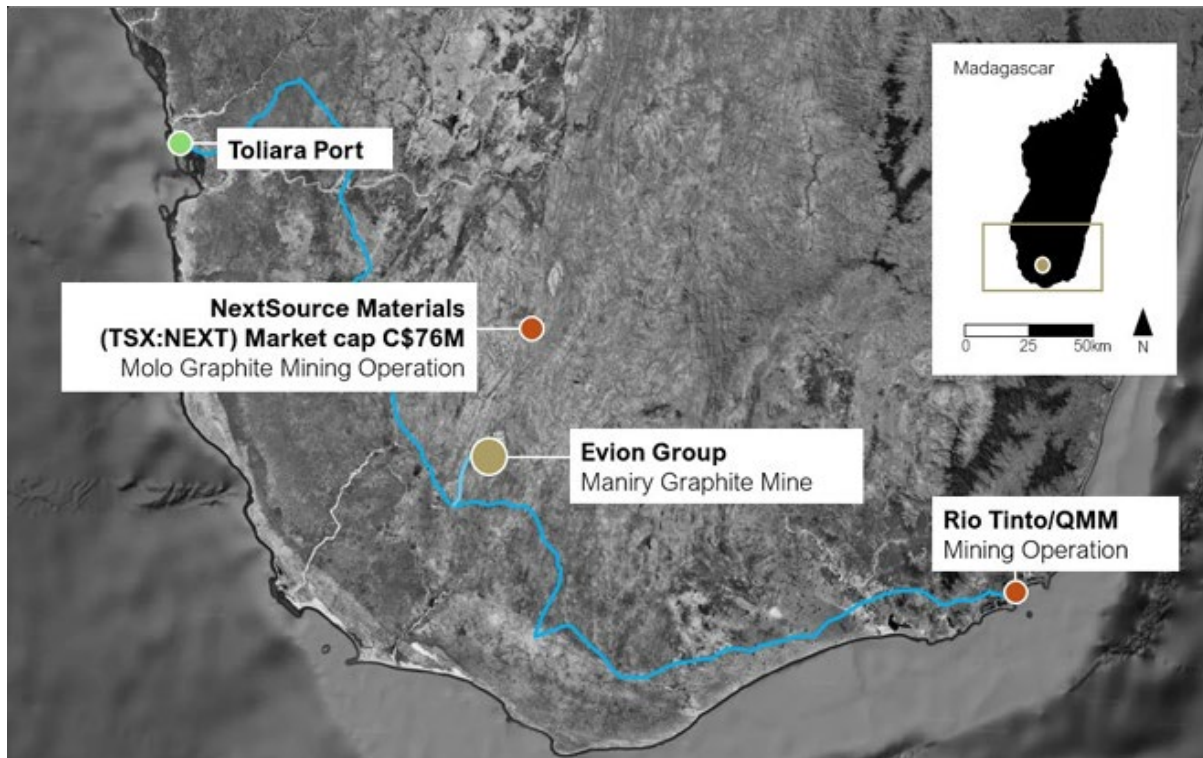
European involvement underscores a commitment to deepening economic and industrial partnerships with Madagascar, particularly in the fast-developing mining, infrastructure, and education sectors.

Evion continues to engage with EU representatives, aligning the Maniry Project with these broader strategic partnerships and supply chain initiatives.

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<sup>1</sup> ASX announcement 5 March 2025





*Figure 3 – Evion’s proposed Maniry Graphite Mine adjacent to Next Sources’ Molo operation – Southern Madagascar*

### Short Term Actions

Evion anticipates several key near-term milestones that will advance the Maniry Project toward development:

- ✓ Formal lodgement and anticipated endorsement of the Environmental Plan (EIE) and Community Development Plan (CDP) by Madagascar’s environmental authority (ONE) following scheduled site visits.
- ✓ Conversion of all exploration permits (PRs) to mining licences (PEs) by the Bureau du Cadastre Minier de Madagascar (BCMM), securing project tenure for development.
- ✓ Execution of an agreement with the Malagasy government to formalise DFS commitments and establish a development timeline.
- ✓ Continued engagement with the European Union to align Maniry’s development with strategic supply chain initiatives under the Critical Raw Materials Act.
- ✓ Advance discussions with designated advisers on funding opportunities to commence development.

This announcement has been authorised by the Board of Evion Group NL

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