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## Graphite Bull: BTR Testwork Success

Buxton Resources Ltd (Buxton) has achieved a major milestone for its Graphite Bull project, with BTR New Material Group (BTR), the world's largest anode manufacturer, successfully qualifying Graphite Bull ore for their entire ore-to-anode production process.

This positive outcome follows Buxton's supply of sample material, including ore and flake concentrates, for extensive testwork. BTR confirmed this material meets their proprietary specifications for:

- Flake concentrate produced from ore via simple flotation.
- Coated Purified Spheronised Graphite (CPSG), produced from both ore and Buxton-supplied concentrate, via BTR's standard industrial processes.
- Compatibility with BTR's anode production methods and electrochemical performance standards; batteries fabricated using Graphite Bull CPSG meet BTR's customer requirements.

This qualification is significant, given BTR's market leadership and supply to major battery companies like CATL and Samsung. Buxton's recently updated Mineral Resource Estimate stands at **20.7 Mt @ 10.8% Total Graphitic Carbon**. The successful conclusion of BTR's testwork now provides important context in Buxton's assessment of inbound interest in commercialisation opportunities for Graphite Bull, particularly amid forecast widening of natural graphite supply deficits in the growing lithium-ion battery market.

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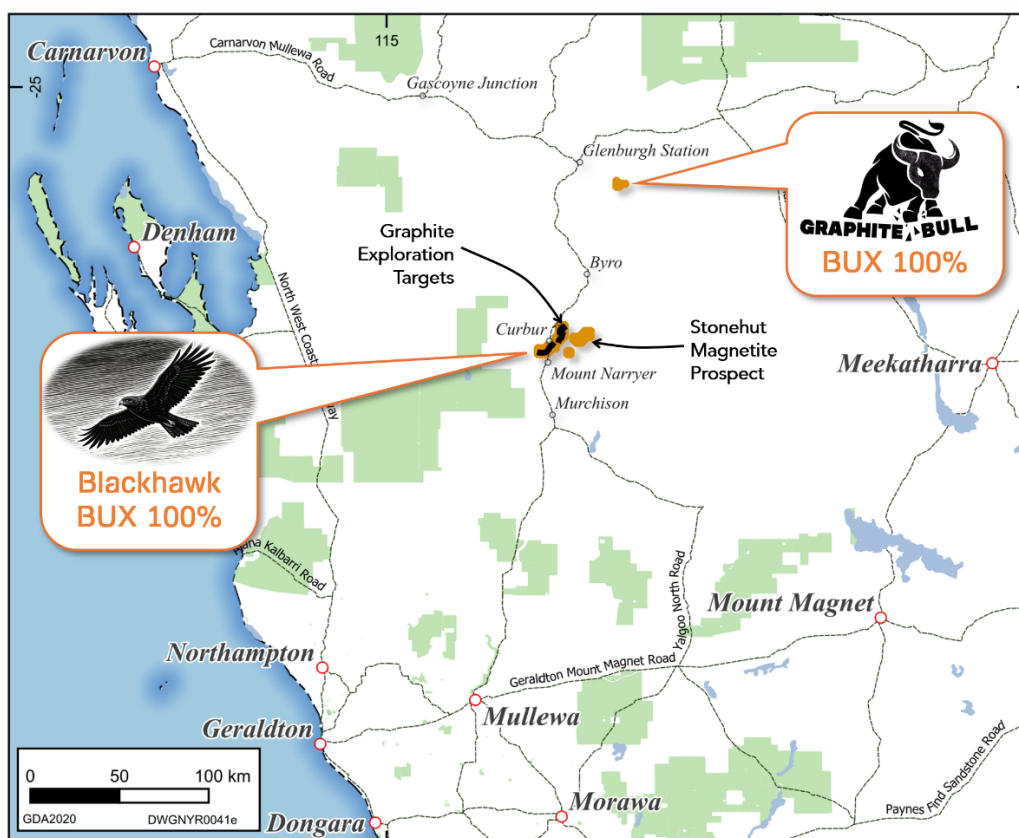
### About the Graphite Bull Project

The at-surface, high-grade Graphite Bull Project is located in the Tier 1 mining jurisdiction of Western Australia, Gascoyne region, on granted Exploration License E09/1985 (Figure 1). Graphite Bull was acquired by Buxton in 2012 and by 2014 two resource estimates were completed. The Graphite Bull project currently has a JORC (2012) compliant Inferred Resource of 20.73 Mt @ 10.8 % Total Graphitic Carbon above a 7% TGC cut-off grade (ASX [17/02/2025](#)).

Due to projected growth of the global Lithium-ion battery market, and the essential part graphite will play in that – graphite is the single largest component of LFP and NMC Li-ion batteries – Buxton recommenced work at Graphite Bull in 2022. Work since then has been focused on metallurgical test work through to final product (Activated Anode Material), and increasing Resource confidence and size, both of which have achieved very promising results.

S&P Global have a bullish outlook for natural flake graphite market over the medium and longer terms with forecast prices to rise as a supply deficit develops. Natural flake graphite prices (-100 mesh, 94-95% TGC) are forecast to rise > 150% by 2030 and ~180% by 2035, when the supply deficit will approach 1.5 Mt (S&P Capital IQ June 2025 Graphite Commodity Briefing Service report – see Figure 2).

Ex-China battery anode capacity, and investment, is also being spurred by US trade policy. Graphite Bull is therefore a very attractive project, being a high-grade deposit located in a Tier 1, US FTA, non FEOC, mining jurisdiction, with ore materials having demonstrated excellent electrochemical performance and with outstanding Resource growth potential. Buxton has also recently [confirmed the discovery of a new graphite mineral system](#) at the Blackhawk Project, some 100 km south from Graphite Bull (see Figure 1).



**Figure 1:** Location map for Buxton's Graphite Bull & Blackhawk Projects.





**Figure 2:** S&P Global expects the natural graphite market to enter structural deficit over medium-longer term. Source: S&P June 2025 Graphite Commodity Briefing Service report (f=forecast, t=metric tonne).

### About BTR

BTR New Material Group Co., Ltd. ("BTR") is a fully vertically integrated Chinese anode manufacturer, from upstream natural graphite mining to downstream lithium-ion battery materials including anode, cathode and new materials for lithium-ion batteries. BTR has held the top global market share for sale of anode materials for 14 years, and currently has >25% of global anode market share. The company serves major lithium-ion battery manufacturers such as Panasonic, Samsung SDI, LGES, SK on, CATL, and BYD. BTR's new 80 ktpa anode production plant in Kendal, Centra Java (Figure 2), represents a US\$750M investment and started production on August 7th 2024, becoming the first anode production plant operated by Chinese company outside China. Stage 2 (also 80 ktpa) is in construction, with production scheduled for 2026. When completed this single plant will consume ~320 ktpa of fine flake (-100um) graphite feedstock. As of the end of August 2024, BTR has operating anode production capacity of 575,000 tpa.



**Figure 3:** Graphite Bull is ideally located to supply new anode facilities in Asia



## Previously Reported Information – Graphite Bull Project

There is information in this announcement relating to exploration results previously announced on:

1. 24 October 2014 – [Buxton significantly expands Graphite Resource at Yalbra](#)
2. 13 March 2023 – [Graphite Bull Update - Metallurgy](#)
3. 19 April 2023 – [Graphite Bull Drilling Assays](#)
4. 23 October 2023 – [Outstanding shallow conductors identified at Graphite Bull](#)
5. 25 January 2024 – [Anode Testing Success at Graphite Bull Project](#)
6. 25 July 2024 – [84.6m of mineralisation intersected at Graphite Bull Project](#)
7. 7 August 2024 – [Anode testing success at Graphite Bull Project](#)
8. 26 August 2024 – [Graphite Bull & Narryer Project - Exploration Update](#)
9. 24 October 2024 – [Graphite Bull: Record Setting 124 m @ 16.6% TGC](#)
10. 12 December 2024 – [Graphite Bull delivers more shallow high-grade intersections](#)
11. 15 January 2025 – [Graphite Bull – Progress Update](#)
12. 17 February 2025 – [Graphite Bull Resource Expands 345%](#)
13. 01 April 2025 – [Graphite Bull Testwork Update](#)

## Validity of Referenced Results

Buxton confirms that, except for the previous Mineral Resource Estimate (ASX Release 24 October 2014), which is superseded by the Mineral Resource Estimate published in this Release, it is not aware of any new information or data that materially affects the information from previous ASX Announcements which has been referenced in this Announcement.

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