

# BLACK ROCK

## MAHENGE BEST IN CLASS GRAPHITE PROJECT

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### Who is Black Rock Mining?



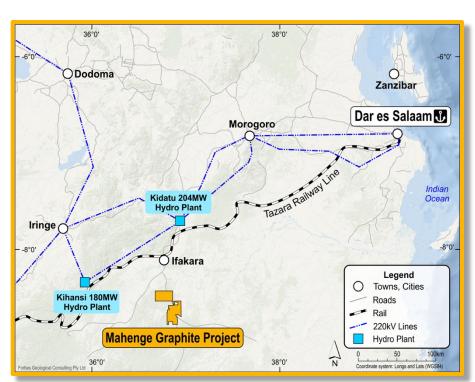
Black Rock Mining Limited is an Australian based company listed on the Australian Securities Exchange (ASX:BKT).

The Company has a 100% interest in the Mahenge Graphite Project located in Tanzania.

The Project has a JORC compliant Mineral Resource Estimate of 212m tonnes at 7.8% TGC.

The Reserve is 70m tonnes at 8.5% TGC and supports a mine life of 250k tonnes of graphite per annum for 25 years.

The contained graphite of the project is ranked #2 in terms of Ore Reserves and #4 in terms of Resources



Map showing location of Mahenge Graphite Project in Tanzania

## Management









 ASX Ticker
 BKT

 Share Price (as at 30 Jan 2019)
 A\$0.057

 Shares on Issue
 538.5m

 Options
 47m

 Fully Diluted Market Capitalisation
 A\$33.4m

 Top 20 Shareholders
 c.42%

JOHN DE VRIES CEO, Executive Director

Mining Engineer with over 35 years-experience in mine development and operations. Previously, General Manager Technical Services with St Barbara and integral in the 2014 turnaround. John has held positions at BHP Ni West, and was Global Business Manager, Advanced Mining Solutions with Orica Mining Services. John's geographic experience includes Africa, the Pacific, the FSU, North America and South America.

**RAYMOND HEKIMA** 

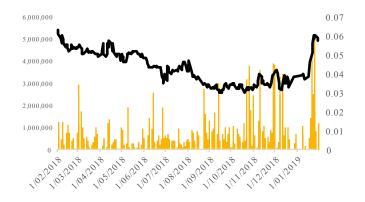
### Vice President – Corporate (Tanzania)

Holding qualifications in Environmental Sciences and Management with over 13 years experience with Government and Corporate sectors. Raymond is responsible for overall business and operations in Tanzania and manages relationships and interactions with, National Government, Local Government, NGO's and Community relations.

#### RICHARD CROOKES

#### Non-Executive Chairman

A geologist with over 30 years executive experience in the resources and investments industries. Prior roles include Investment Director at Mining PE Fund EMR Capital, Executive Director in Macquarie Bank's Metals & Energy Capital Division and Chief Geologist then Mining Manager with Ernest Henry Mining. Has raised capital and financed a number of projects globally, including across Africa.



## Why Graphite?



**Growing demand Energy efficiency EV & Batteries** Flake Size opportunity **Emerging Product** Premium

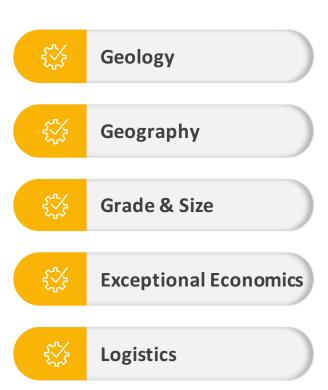
- Demand for energy storage and expanded applications is likely to double volumes over next decade
- In the expandable market, urbanization and building renovation are driving demand for large flake and purity products



## Why Black Rock Mining?



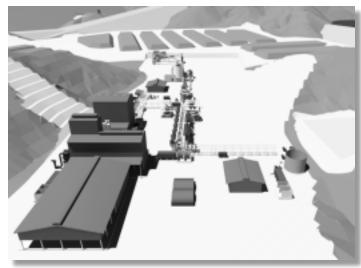
- The best undeveloped graphite project globally driven by geology and geography
- Highest grade concentrate and flake size distribution with a scalable deposit as demand grows
- Lowest peak capital expenditure driven by good logistics – close to rail and port with direct grid power access
- The only project with a bankable DFS



## **Exceptional DFS**



Item	Metric		
Post-tax, unlevered NPV <sub>10</sub>	US\$895m		
Post-tax, unlevered IRR	42.80%		
Capex for Phase One (83k tonnes pa)	US\$115m (incl 10% cont)		
Capex for Phase Two (83k tonnes pa)	US\$69.5m (incl 15% cont)		
Capex for Phase Three (83k tonnes pa)	US\$84.2m (incl 15% cont)		
Life of Mine C1 Costs, FOB Dar	US\$401 /t		
Life of Mine All in Sustaining Costs, FOB Dar*	US\$473 /t		
Concentrate basket FOB Dar es Salaam**	USD \$1,301/t		
Life of Mine	32 years		
Average Steady State Production Rate	250k tonnes per annum		
Total Life of Mine Concentrate Production	6.6m tonnes		
Ore Reserves	70m tonnes @ 8.5% TGC		
Reserve Life	23 years		
Resources	212m tonnes @ 7.8% TGC		



3D Proposed Stage 1Process Plant

Refer ASX Release of 24 October 2018

CAPEX US\$115m | NPV<sub>10</sub> US\$895m | IRR 42.8% | MARGIN 63.6%

<sup>\*</sup> AISC includes all post start up capex including module 2&3 expansion

<sup>\*\*</sup>Basket is LOM average price for 97.5% LOI sized concentrate packed in 1 tonne bulka bags

### Product Validation



- Black Rock conducted a 90 tonne Pilot Plant producing 8 tonnes of concentrate into the hands of 24 customers who can work with the product and validate the quality
- The Pilot Plant defined the DFS and the success of the marketing strategy
- The Pilot Plant became a strategic pathway to securing customers through Offtakes and finance

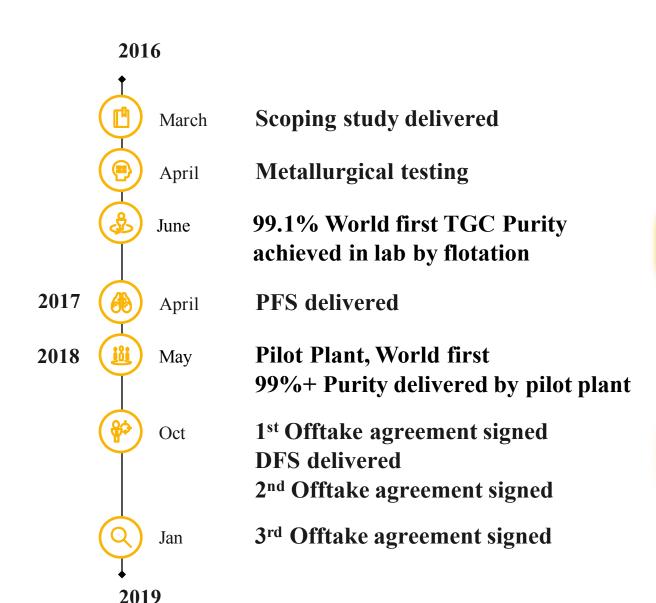






### A team that can deliver





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## Tanzanian engagement



Tanzanian community and Government are supportive of Black Rock. We have properly secured our social licence to operate.

- Environmental approval received
- Mining licence application currently showing "Recommended"



### Why invest in Black Rock?



There are two world class graphite opportunities, they are, however, very different assets

**Name Plate** 

**Market Capitalisation** 30/01/19

Mine Life

**Initial Investment Capex** 

**Product Profile** 

Reserves

Recovery

**Logistics** 



250kt per annum

\$30.7M

32 years

US\$115M

98.5% to 99% 98.5%; 98.5% LOI premium; Ultra Purity flake of 99% LOI 65% is above 100 mesh

70Mt tonnes @ 8.5% TGC

93%

Direct grid power 60km from Rail at Ifakara 300km to Port Dar es Salaam



350kt per annum

\$690.64M

50+ years

US\$215M

95% to 98% Fixed Carbon concentrate across a range of flake sizes

30% above 100 mesh

114.5Mt @ 16.6% TGC

70% targeting 80%

Site diesel power Road Transport 490km to Port Nacala

# Strategic Approach to Financing



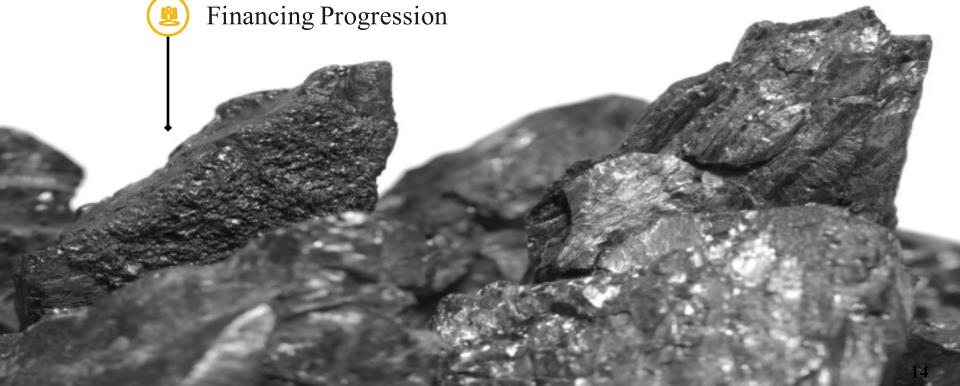
"Heavy" Definitive Feasibility Study	Remove Doubt - Validate Metallurgical Performance with Chinese EPC Partner	Chinese Pilot Plant (PP 2.0)- Demonstrate Product and Validate Price Point	Segmentation & Channel Development	Educate Investors	Multiple Finance Streams & Options –
DFS "Heavy" designed to engage with bank DD process – increased probability of attractive financing solution	Performance warranty for recovery, throughput and flake size underwrites "Build Operate Transfer" model "Made in China" - Increases attractiveness for Chinese offtake/ investment	Chinese EPC partner replicates product grades and performance—improved market transparency Supports product differentiation and supports price point to reflect Mahenge branding	Highest con grades and large flake size allows product to be placed in many segments  Market product to highest margin segments	Orior Capital report describes sector and increases investment coverage of sector	Vendor bid of up to USD \$40m  Finance from: China, Rest of Asia, North America, Australia, Middle East & Africa  Strategic partner now to increase attractiveness?  Sell down of Mahenge Resources to fund construction?  Debt – function of visibility of price point  All equity approach not available

## **Upcoming Catalysts**





- (P) DFS Optimisation / Chinese Procurement
- Additional Offtakes
- 4<sup>th</sup> Module



### Summary





- The graphite market is transforming from a mature sector to one with rapid growth prospects well above GDP
- There is an increasing demand for Mahenge's high spec graphite product
- China domestic rationalization supportive of pricing and volume



- Competent and experienced management team in place
- Project leverages
   Geological and
   Geographical advantages
- Product validation via largest pilot plant run in sector of 90 tonnes
- Great logistics with direct access to rail and grid power



- Construction underwritten by binding off take agreements
- The only project with a bankable DFS in place to deliver:
  - NPV<sub>10</sub> US\$895M
  - IRR 42.8%
  - Margin 63.6%



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In October 2018, the Company released a Definitive Feasibility Study for the Project demonstrating exceptional financial metrics including:

- Low Capex: Lowest peak capital expenditure of US\$115M for phase one;
- *High Margin*: AISC margin of 63.6%;
- Low Technical Risk: Substantial pilot plant run of 90 tonnes delivering eight tonnes of product; and
- Superior Economics: IRR of 42.8% with  $NPV_{10}$  of US\$895m

Following release of the DFS, the Company confirms that it is not aware of any new data or information that materially affects the results of the DFS and that all material assumptions and technical parameters underpinning the estimates in the relevant market announcements continue to apply and have not materially changed. In January 2019 the Company announced it had substantially sold out of production with up to 205k tonnes of graphite subjected to binding offtakes in year three of production.

The Company is currently progressing financing discussions and detailed engineering with a view to commencing construction of the mine in 2019