#### Black Rock Mining and the Mahenge Project Best-In-Class Graphite Mine Development

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#### **Black Rock at a glance** Emerging premium graphite player

Australian-listed company (ASX: BKT) 100%-owner of Mahenge Graphite Project Located in Tanzania Mineral Resource of 212Mt at 7.8% TGC<sup>1</sup>

Ore Reserve of 70Mt at 8.5% TGC<sup>1</sup>

Long-life project producing high-purity, coarse distribution graphite concentrate

**Outstanding forecast economics** 

Construction-ready subject to RAP, financing and confirmation of Tanzanian agreement

#### **Capital structure**

ASX ticker	BKT
Share price (7 October 2019)	\$0.06
Shares on issue	622.5 M
Options and performance rights	57.0 M
Market capitalisation (diluted)	A\$41 M
Cash (30 September 2019)	A\$3 M
Debt (30 September 2019)	Nil

#### Major shareholders

<sup>1</sup> For further detail on Mineral Resource and Ore Reserve estimates refer to Appendix slides.

## The leaders to deliver

Proven mine development, project finance and African operating experience

#### Board

#### John de Vries, Managing Director and CEO

- Mining Engineer with over 35 years' experience in mine development and operations; professional experience spans Africa, the Pacific, the FSU, North and South America and Australia
- Previously General Manager Technical Services with St Barbara, integral in the 2014 turnaround; earlier operational management roles at BHP Nickel West and Orica Mining Services

#### **Richard Crookes, Non-Executive Chairman**

- Geologist with over 30 years' executive experience in the resources and finance industries; raised capital and financed a number of projects globally, including across Africa
- Prior roles include Investment Director at Mining PE Fund EMR Capital, Executive Director in Macquarie's Metals & Energy Capital and Chief Geologist / Mining Manager at Ernest Henry Mining

#### Ian Murray, Non-Executive Director

- Finance Executive with over 20 years' corporate experience in the publicly listed resources sector; led highly successful project developments, major acquisitions, company restructures and stock exchange listings
- Previous roles include CEO of Gold Road Resources, CEO and CFO of DRDGold Ltd, Director of Rand Refinery Ltd and GoldMoney.com, and senior positions at KPMG, PwC and Bioclones

#### Gabriel Chiappini, Non-Executive Director & Company Secretary

- Chartered Accountant with over 20 years' experience in the commercial sector; assisted a number of companies to list on the ASX and involved with total equity and debt raised of over A\$400M
- Over the last 15 years has held positions of Director, Company Secretary and Chief Financial Officer in both public and private companies with operations in Australia, the UK and the US

#### **Executive management**

#### Raymond Hekima, Vice President – Corporate (Tanzania)

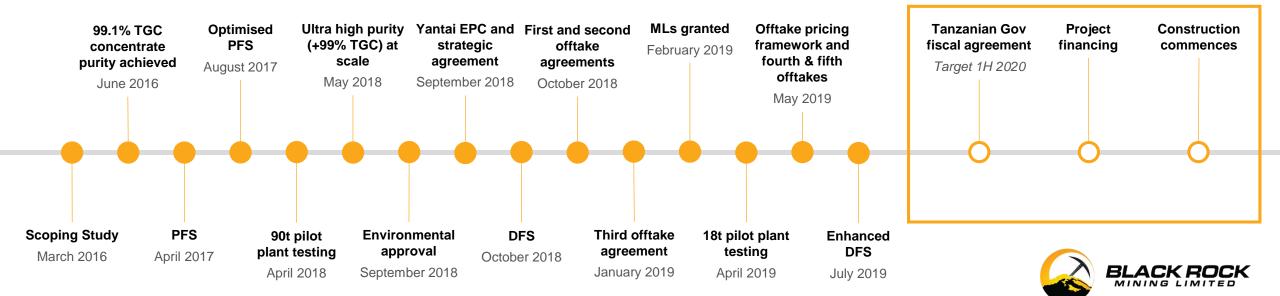
- Qualifications in Environmental Sciences and Management with over 13 years' experience in the government and corporate sectors, including significant specific permitting expertise
- Responsible for overall business and operations in Tanzania and key relationships and interactions with national government, local government, NGO's and community relations



# What we have delivered to date

A sector-leading approach to managing project and market risks

- Largest pilot plant run of any graphite development project globally
- Highest TGC purity achieved at commercial scale through simple flotation
- Diverse portfolio of credible offtake partners
- Detailed offtake pricing framework agreed
- Right-sized market entry profile and modularised scalability
- Enhanced DFS level of project definition
- Sector-first EPC vendor-bid plant proposal with performance warranty
- Environmental approval and MLs granted



## A snapshot of the Mahenge Graphite Project

Simple open pit mine development with outstanding forecast returns





## **Black Rock: The premier graphite exposure**

A world-class deposit with a superior development strategy



#### 01

Upstream focus with highly economic mine project

Leveraging our experience and expertise in the right places

- Core upstream, mine development strategy at Mahenge
- Strongly differentiated from many of our graphite development peers
- Key competitive advantage is our resource and its properties
- Focussed on where our experience and expertise lets us extract value
- No downstream 'backfill' or attempted market creation/insertion
- Seeking to supply our customers, not compete with them
- Large deposits drive 25+ year mine life at expanded production rates
- Enhanced DFS evidences outstanding forecast economics





#### 02 Deep work at real commercial scale

Provides strong knowledge of our project proposition



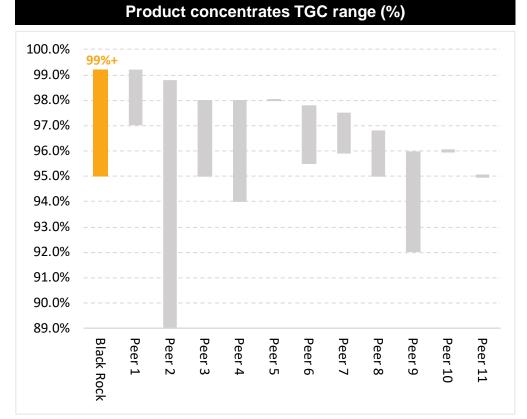
- Graphite is far from homogeneous
- We have done the work needed to truly understand our:
  - Deposit properties
  - Mine and process parameters
  - Key product streams
- Our testwork results have been delivered at **commercial scale**
- Two major pilot plant runs totalling almost 110 tonnes of material
  - 90t at SGS Lakefield (Canada); 50t Cascade deposit and 40t Ulanzi
  - 18t at Yantai Jinyuan (China); Ulanzi deposit
- Strong consistency of performance and results



#### OB Leading product purity and residual chemistry

#### A critical differentiator

- No overprint mineralisation = ability to deliver superior product purity and residual chemistry
- Enables 99%+ TGC concentrate purity with solely conventional flotation processing (at commercial scale)
- Highest grade and cleanest graphite concentrate globally; as recognised by leading market experts
- Achieved without excessive polishing = maintaining coarse flake size distribution
- Superior value-in-use properties
- Nature of residual chemistry particularly critical
- Distinct, and now widely recognised, Mahenge deposit signatures

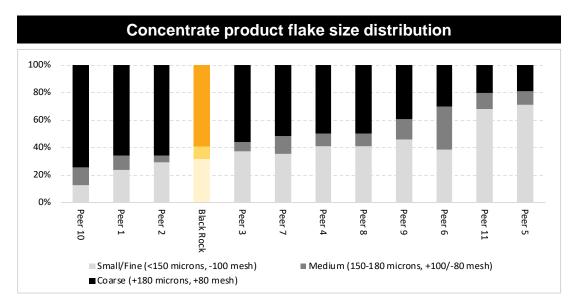


Source: Publicly available company data, October 2019

Peer basket comprises the following ASX-listed graphite project developers: WKT, MNS, GPX, HXG, SYR, BAT, VRC, TON, KNL, SVM, BEM



- Sensible entry size (~85ktpa concentrate): limited enough to allow product market integration but significant enough to deliver meaningful returns
- Coarse distribution of Mahenge enables an effective dual project:
  - Approx. 60% coarse flake (+80 mesh; +180 microns) for premium large flake markets of limited competition and demanding product
  - Approx. 40% medium and fine flake (-80 mesh; -180 microns) for traditional graphite markets and EV battery usage
- Our initial production of medium/fine flake (~33ktpa) represents only around 5% of the current total market size for this competitive product
- Diversity of offtake partners (now at 5) reduces counterparty/contract risk
- Modularised further growth driven by customer demand and market pull



Initial offtake (tonnes, graphite concentrate)	Year 1
Heilongjiang Bohao	20,000
Qingdao Fujin	10,000
Taihe Soar	20,000
Qingdao Yujinxi	20,000
Yantai Jinyuan	15,000
TOTAL	85,000

## 04 Sensible market entry and growth strategy

Right-sized and hitting the premium segments

For full details on existing offtake arrangements refer to Black Rock ASX releases dated 22 October 2018, 29 October 2018, 7 January 2019 and 8 May 2019

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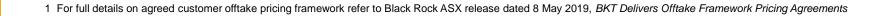
#### 05 Realistic, transparent price views

Reflective of actual market dynamics and trends

- Balanced approach relative to peers
  - Lower relative large flake prices given less liquid markets and significance to basket price calculation
  - Higher relative medium/fine flake prices given observed purity premium and Mahenge concentrate grades
- Based on:
  - Prevailing Refwin (China) and Lone Star Tech (ex-China) price data
  - Roskill forecast price deck (2018)
  - Agreed customer offtake pricing framework<sup>1</sup>

Enhanced DFS segments (Mesh #)	Segment pricing (US\$/t)	Basket weight (%)	Shipping (US\$/t)	Channel & agent (US\$/t)	Contract discounts (US\$/t)	Basket FOB (US\$/t)
+32	1,579	5	1.65	1.97	1.97	73
+50	1,449	18	5.96	6.52	6.52	242
+80	1,444	36	11.89	12.98	12.97	481
+100	1,378	9	3.06	3.19	3.19	118
-100	1,314	32	10.52	10.44	10.44	386
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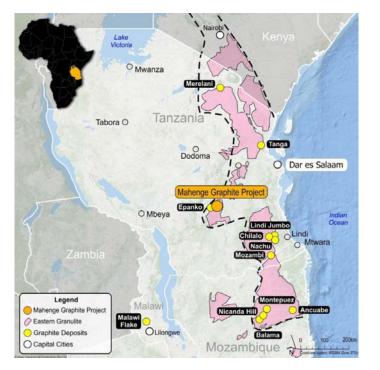
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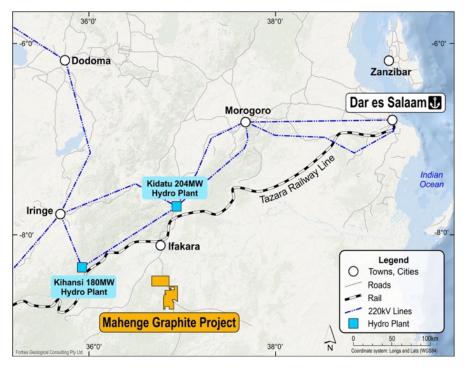


#### 06 Premier location and logistics

A key differentiator that drives value

- Northern location of Mahenge offers significant competitive cost advantage
- Proximity and access to rail and major port at Dar es Salaam
- Dar es Salaam the premier coastal export option
  - High-volume container port, superior logistics, no seasonal interruption and greater service area (versus Mtwara, Pemba, Nacala)
  - Lower working capital requirements and easier inventory management
  - Minimises frictional costs and erosion of FOB value key drivers
- Ready pathway to grid power and excellent trucking supply route/logistics







#### <sup>07</sup> Fit-for-purpose project execution plan

Low risk build and a plant design dedicated to product consistency

- Major fabrication of plant components prior to shipping and on-site construction
- Initial diesel genset power generation to minimise start-up and early supply risk
- High level of plant automation and multiple reprocess points ensures consistency of product
- Contract mining strategy
- Modular growth execution (4 x 1 Mtpa stages) driven by market pull
  - Meeting the market rather than force feeding it
  - Disciplined approach to FID at each phase

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Phase 1 (1Mtpa process; initial market entry)																							
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Process plant load commissioned / handover																							
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- Equator Principles framework fully employed
- Complete traceability of supply chain and proof of ethical sourcing
- Strong community support and predominant use of local workforce
- Access to hydro grid power (low emissions footprint)
- Large grind size permits dry stack tailings management: eliminates dam failure risk, neutral water balance (ie no net draw), reduced footprint
- Ultra high purity concentrate product = low consumer downstream acid use
- Resource scale delivers long-life asset



## 08 Responsibly sourced, sustainable graphite

Ethical supply chain requirements met or exceeded

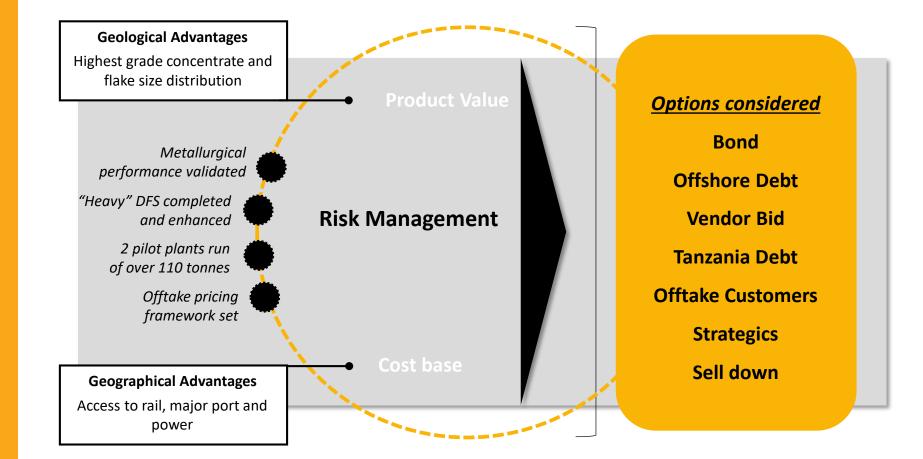


## 09 Blended, riskadjusted finance process

To secure the right funding mix



- Targeting a blended project financing model
- Matching risks to participants best placed to manage them
- Key potential finance stakeholders include EPC vendor, offtake counterparties and Tanzanian government
- ICA Partners mandated as finance adviser



#### 10 Superior stakeholder engagement

Establishing a longterm business to the benefit of all local stakeholders

- Major project drives embedded national value
- Focus on building appropriate, long-term sustainable relationships
- Tanzania remains an excellent domicile stable and LT conflict-free
- Permits received:
  - Environmental permit
  - Mining licence(s)
  - Resettlement Policy Framework approved RAP in progress
- Current process to formalise Tanzanian ownership interest (16% free carry interest) and fiscal agreement; target completion 1H 2020
- Local workforce
  - Strong community support
  - Reduced turnover and ongoing training costs





## **Black Rock and the Mahenge Project**

#### The leading graphite development proponent

- Simple open pit project with outstanding forecast returns
- Sector-leading product purity and residual chemistry proven at commercial scale
- Premier project location and logistics
- Risk-appropriate and achievable funding, project execution, market entry and growth strategies
- Realistic, transparent pricing outlook and agreed framework
- Responsibly sourced, sustainable supply and superior stakeholder engagement



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## Appendix: Mahenge Project Detail



## **Mineral Resource and Ore Reserve estimates**

Category	Tonnes (Mt)	Grade (%TGC)	Contained Graphite (Mt)
Ore Reserves			
Proven	0	0	0
Probable	69.6	8.5	6.0
Total Ore Reserves	69.6	8.5	6.0
Mineral Resources			
Measured	25.5	8.6	2.2
Indicated	88.1	7.9	6.9
Total Measured and Indicated Resources (M&I)	113.6	16.5	9.1
Inferred	98.3	7.6	7.4
Total Measured, Indicated and Inferred Resources (M, I & I)	211.9	7.8	16.6

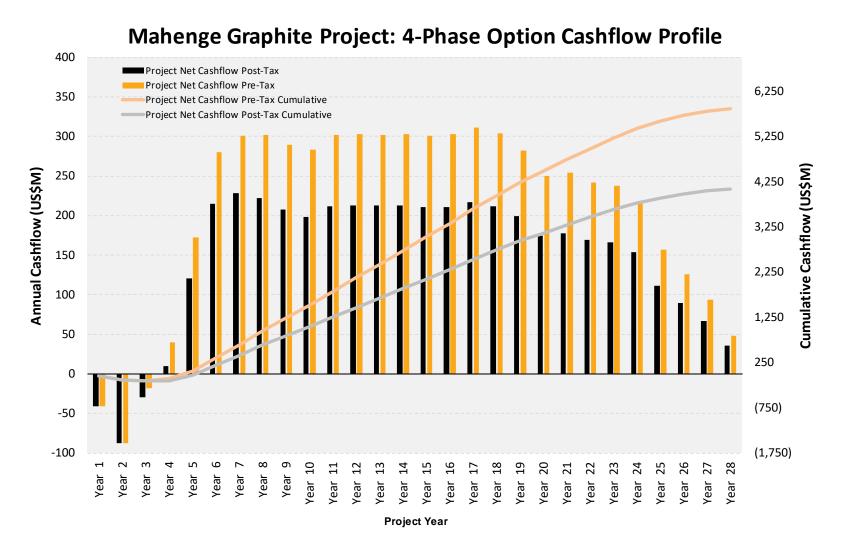


## **Enhanced DFS: Projected economics**

Financial performance summary	Unit	LOM
Project life	Years	27.5
Operating life	Years	26.0
Total LOM net revenue	US\$M, real	9,619
Graphite price (real)	US\$/t	1,301
Total project development capital costs	US\$M	337
C1 cost: real (including withholding tax)	US\$/t	397
C3 cost: real (including withholding tax)	US\$/t	494
Stable state EBITDA (after year 5)	US\$M, real	306
Project NPV @ 10.0% - post tax, ungeared after 16% free carry	US\$M, real	1,161
Project NPV @ 8.0% - post tax, ungeared after 16% free carry	US\$M, real	1,489
Project IRR – post tax, ungeared after 16% free carry	%, nominal	44.8
Maximum project drawdown	US\$M, real	199.1
Maximum cash draw period – from construction start	Years	3.5
Breakeven graphite price (constant real price so NPV=0)	US\$/t	576

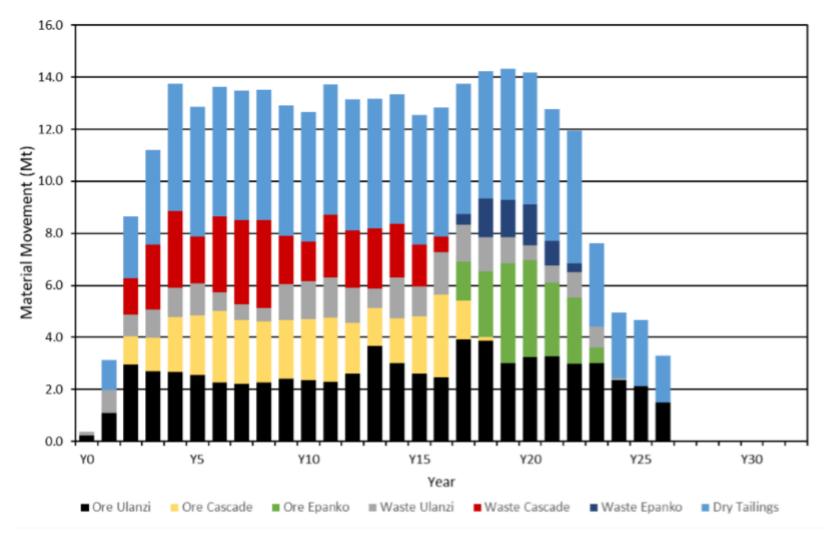


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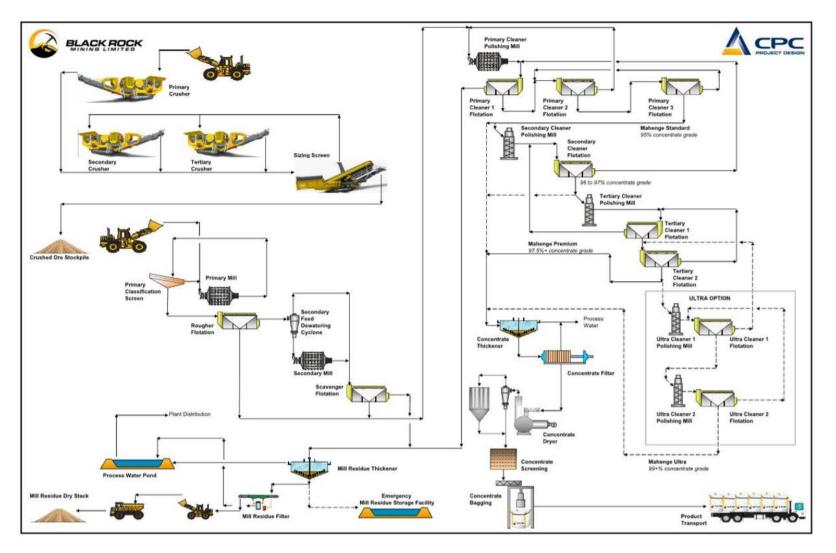


## **Enhanced DFS: Mining profile**





## **Enhanced DFS: Process flowsheet**





## **Enhanced DFS: Operating cost estimates**

Cost	Unit	Onsite power generation (rental)	Grid power (TANESCO)
Charge to provide services (fixed cost)	US\$/month	176,000	70,118
Power supply (variable cost)	US\$/kWh	0.263	0.067

		LOM average	
Area	US\$M pa	US\$/t ore feed	US\$/t graphite product
Mining	30.3	8.28	106.38
Processing	48.1	13.16	169.08
Administration	4.9	1.34	17.26
Logistics (Black Rock)	6.8	1.87	24.04
Transport and Freight	21.6	5.92	75.99
Total	111.7	30.58	392.76



## **Enhanced DFS: Capital cost estimates**

Area (WBS Level 1)	Stage 1 '000 US\$	Stage 2 '000 US\$	Stage 3 '000 US\$	Stage 4 '000 US\$	Total '000 US\$
Mining	10,165	-	-	-	10,165
Ifakara	1,366	1,041	727	682	3,816
Infrastructure	14,315	3,325	53,705	40,976	112,321
Process plant	50,877	45,300	4,737	4,293	105,207
Site support (temporary services)	1,767	194	194	194	2,349
Indirects	9,904	6,955	8,468	6,955	32,282
Owners Costs	16,174	5,160	6,294	5,160	32,788
Contingency	11,000	7,500	11, 200	8,800	38,500
Total	115,569	69,474	85,324	67,060	337,428



## Enhanced DFS: Graphite pricing (at 98% LOI)

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Customer offtake pricing framework	Regular	Premium	Ultra				
Nominal Graphite Grade (TGC)	94.5% - 95.5%	97.5% - 98.25%	>99%				
CIF China (ex-duty) (US\$/tonne)	\$1,117	\$1,490	\$2,161				
Reference exchange rate		RMB/USD 6.71					
Rise & fall pricing reference US\$/tonne		95% TGC - #100 mesh Benchmark Minerals \$950/t as at Nov 2018					

For full details on the agreed customer offtake pricing framework refer to Black Rock ASX release dated 8 May 2019, *BKT Delivers Offtake Framework Pricing Agreements* 

