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## **ASX** ANNOUNCEMENT

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## **EcoGraf partners with Future Battery Industries CRC**

EcoGraf Limited ("EcoGraf" or the "Company") (ASX: EGR) is pleased to advise it has formalised a Participant Agreement with the Future Battery Industries Cooperative Research Centre ("FBI CRC") based at Curtin University, Perth.

The \$135 million FBI CRC aims to position Australia as a global leader in the environmentally, ethically and socially responsible manufacture, deployment, recycling and supply of batteries and battery materials by partnering with industry, research institutions and government to address industry-identified gaps in the nation's battery industries value chain.

EcoGraf will be one of FBI CRC's industry partners, helping to provide the technology needed to identify opportunities for greater efficiencies in battery minerals' extraction and refinement.

EcoGraf's proposed development in Kwinana, Western Australia is consistent with FBI CRC goals, which aim to expand battery minerals and chemicals production and develop opportunities for manufacturing batteries in Australia.

The Company's unique eco-friendly graphite purification technology at its planned Kwinana development will provide critical material for FBI CRC research programs.

Significant downstream and value-adding opportunities exist within graphite supply chain markets, particularly in the manufacture of anode materials for lithium-ion batteries as customers increasingly seek alternative supplies of high quality, responsibly produced raw materials.

A video fly-through of the proposed EcoGraf facility is available to view online at: <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sJyCHFzf4HE&feature=youtu.be">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sJyCHFzf4HE&feature=youtu.be</a>.

This announcement is authorised for release by Andrew Spinks, Managing Director.

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## **About EcoGraf**

Founded on a commitment to innovation and sustainability, EcoGraf Limited (ASX: EGR) is building a vertically integrated business to produce high purity graphite for the lithium-ion battery market.

Our new state-of-the-art processing facility in Western Australia will manufacture spherical graphite products for export to Asia, Europe and North America using a superior, environmentally responsible purification technology to provide customers with sustainably produced, high performance battery anode graphite. In time we plan to expand our battery graphite production base to include additional facilities in Europe and North America to support the global transition to renewable energy in the coming decade.

To complement and strengthen our battery graphite operations, we are also developing a multi-project TanzGraphite natural flake graphite business, led by the construction-ready Epanko Graphite Project, which will provide customers with long-term supply of high quality graphite products for industrial applications such as refractories, recarburisers and lubricants.

Combined, the EcoGraf battery and natural flake graphite businesses present a compelling opportunity for us to partner customers and stakeholders across a range of graphite markets through a relentless focus on engineered innovation, performance and sustainability.



