High quality graphene in industrial volumes. This changes everything.



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### **Executive Summary**

- Talga Resources Ltd ("Talga") ASX:TLG is a technology materials company with a unique, graphite ore deposits.
- > By removing cost and volume issues that have plagued uptake, Talga intends to enable widespread adoption of graphene in markets worth over \$700Bn.
- Owns five 100% owned high grade graphite mineral projects (including the world's highest grade<sup>#</sup> graphite resource) as well as non-core cobalt, copper and gold deposits.
- Owns processing IP to produce graphene direct from uncrushed, unmilled graphite ore which provides unique economic advantages compared to global peers.
- Growing team in Australia and Europe as development status advances rapidly (scoping study complete, trial mining underway and pilot plant being commissioned).



simple and cost effective process to liberate graphene directly from its large high quality





### Financial and Corporate Summary

Capitalisation Summary							
Shares on issue (TLG Ordinary)	138.6M						
Listed Opts (TLGO exp 30/11/15 @35c)	7.7M						
Unlisted Options <sup>1</sup>	11.7M						
Market Cap (undiluted @ \$0.39)	A\$54.1M						

Top 5 Shareholders							
Lateral Minerals P/L (Mark Thompson)	10.3%						
Gregorach P/L and related co.	7.0%						
HSBC Custody Nom Australia P/L	6.0%						
UBS Nom P/L	2.9%						
Yandal Inv P/L	2.8%						

<sup>1</sup> Various expiry and strike prices with majority expiring 2016 at 50-60c



#### Board

Managing Director – Mark Thompson Chairman - Keith Coughlan Non-Executive - Grant Mooney Cash (end of March 2015) ~\$6.9M, Nil Debt.









## Talga's Graphite Pipeline

100% ownership of five graphite projects in Sweden containing multiple deposits offering the full range of market size specifications. Two **advanced stage** JORC resource<sup>1</sup> projects in the development pipeline.



\*See Scoping Study released to ASX 9 October 2014.



JORC Resource<sup>1</sup> Total 7.6Mt @ 24.4% Cg, Economic study<sup>\*</sup> shows Minelife ~20yr, Ann. Production ~46,000tpa graphite+ ~1,000tpa graphene. Capex A\$29m, Pre-tax NPV<sup>12</sup> A\$490m.

JORC Resource<sup>1</sup> Total 4.3Mt @ 7.1% Cg, 87% coarse flake size and 49% >200µm, Purity up to 99%Cg, Suit current spherical/battery grade graphite market.

First pass drilling highlights include 45m @ 19.4% Cg, 51m @ 15.4% Cg and 26m @ 27.7% Cg. Flake size <75µm to >200µm. Maiden Resource Imminent.

First pass drilling highlights include 8m @ 30.2% Cg, 5m @ 39.9% Cg. Full size range flake sizes <75µm to >400µm Jumbo. Graphene and flake market.

> First pass drilling shows extra large graphite flake size average  $80\% > 300\mu m$  and 10-40%>600µm. Large untested EM extensions pegged.











## Established mining district with quality infrastructure











- **Established quality infrastructure** with open access rail, road and ports
- Low cost power supply hydroelectricity/ nuclear grid
- Well established mining province with skilled workforce and support industries
- Mineral Production tax 0.2% **Corporate tax rate 22%**
- Low Sovereign Risk/consistently ranked top 10 mining jurisdiction by Fraser Institute.
- Direct transport links to resurgent Eurozone markets
- Hosts world-class mineral deposits but remains under-explored/foreign mineral ownership only allowed since **1992**









### **Graphite vs Graphene?**

- Graphite (the mineral) consists of multiple sheets of carbon atoms in a hexagonal lattice, which when one or few atoms in thickness, are called graphene.
- There are ~3 million layers of graphene in 1mm natural graphite.
- Natural graphite therefore is **already made of graphene**, but methods separating natural graphite to a few atoms thick can also be expensive and hard to scale up.
- Synthetic methods have high energy/high costs and low scalability. Natural source methods have scale but techniques tend to **smaller sizes** or **lower quality** than required by most applications.
- Talga recognises there is an **advantage** using **natural graphite** as the precursor as **nature** has made the **substantial energy**/ pressure/chemical inputs, but the liberation process must be simple and low cost to enable commercial scales.



Carbon atoms crystallising to form a graphene

Different production methods for graphene; price vs quality (not to scale, or including scalability)









## **Graphene in Li-ion batteries**

# shown to improve capacity by up to 160% in spherical graphite electrode materials.



Review

#### Graphene in lithium ion battery cathode materials: A review

Gints Kucinskis<sup>\*</sup>, Gunars Bajars, Janis Kleperis

Institute of Solid State Physics, University of Latvia, 8 Kengaraga Street, LV-1063 Riga, Latvia

#### HIGHLIGHTS

- GRAPHICAL ABSTRACT
- The use of graphene in lithium ion battery cathode materials has been reviewed.
- Graphene improves electron conductivity of lithium ion battery cathode materials.
- Graphene nanosheets form an electron conducting network within the cathode.
- Graphene composite cathodes have superior rate capability and cyclability.

#### ARTICLE INFO

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Source; Journal of Power Sources 240 (2013) 66-79





Due to superior conductivity and surface area Graphene could be one of the best materials to make new and superior **batteries**. Even as an additive to **current** lithium ion battery materials it is

> "Given the superiority of graphene over the conventional carbon electron conducting additives, one would expect its widespread use in commercially available high power lithium ion **batteries**. However, it must also be noted that the rather complicated synthesis and therefore the high price...could limit its use."

> > Talga bulk scale graphene can be the first global scale commercial solution.







## **Graphene Applications**

#### Conductive Inks / RFID Tags \$3B Replace currently used carbon black and silver/ copper composites in conductive inks for rapid growth "Internet of Things" devices/RFID tags

#### Flexible Electronics / Screens \$16B

Graphene's conductivity, transparency and strength enable flexible / bendy display screens and is looking to replace Indium Tin Oxide (ITO) across major display screen types

#### 3D Printing Materials \$3B

Additive to plastics/3D printable materials to make conductive structures for battery use or increase strength for quality print at home products eg, Lego

\$ Total Global Market Value US\$/annum. Note: For sources see References in Appendix



#### Lightweight Composites \$20B

Added to current carbon fibre composites for increased strength/decreased weight and emissions

#### Polymers and Building Materials \$567B

Additive to increase strength and decrease permeability of plastics to increase shelf life of foods eg, PET bottles, packaged goods

#### Energy Storage \$62B

Added to/replace spherical graphite in current Li-ion and other batteries to increase performance & range in vehicles, capacity in green energy/off-grid storage

#### Paints / Coatings / Galvanics \$53B

Replace zinc and chrome in corrosion resistant paints and galvanized steel for increased corrosion resistance, flexibility and longevity

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## Commercialisation is held back by supply factors

Many applications have arisen from 10 years of graphene research but commercialisation is a question dominated by supply side factors

#### Scale



Graphene Products

#### Quality



#### Main factors delaying uptake of graphene:

- Lack of scale: most production methods are not scalable to the large quantities required to guarantee long term supply.
- High costs: costs are falling but are still vastly expensive compared to most material inputs.
- Low quality: most bulk methods have inherent limitations that **limit** applications/markets.
- Scale and Cost are main constraints as they have physical limitations while Quality can be manipulated to a degree by many methods.



## Graphite to Graphene: do you know the cost?



- Usually graphite ores require drill/blast mining, crushing, milling, flotation and purification stages to produce a graphite concentrate **prior** to the start of making graphene.
- This induces an environmental footprint from the energy, dust, chemicals and waste at each stage.
- The graphite is blended from different sources and may contain impurities that differ depending on source.
- > At the point of commencing a graphene process, there has already been considerable commercial and environmental cost that increases costs or limits volume and quality.
- Large (brand name) companies demand cleaner supply chains and lower risk jurisdictions. Applications require consistency/homogenous sources.



















## Solution-Talga natural ore advantage



- Talga extracts graphene directly from natural microcrystalline graphite ore\* using low impact physio-chemical techniques. The benefits include:
  - No requirement for drill/blast, crushing, grinding and milling stages.
  - Entirely scalable to large industrial volumes
  - Lower environmental footprint and emissions
  - Unique unmilled graphite is also recovered for sale.
- Note the photo below Talga's unprocessed natural ore<sup>\*</sup> (right) has similar characteristics to highly purified synthetic graphite (left), enabling a simpler, lower cost process to graphene.

Processed Synthetic graphite 99.9% Cg

\*See Scoping Study released to ASX 9 October 2014 and Cautionary Statement in Appendices.





Unprocessed Raw Vittangi ore 24.4% Cg





## Graphene direct from natural ore

- Three universities across two countries plus CSIRO work confirms Talga produces high quality 1-5 layer graphene (FLG) directly from raw natural rock (unprocessed ore\*).
- By not using 'Hummers' or Shear-based methods Talga graphene retains low defects (Id/Ig ~< 0.2) and large particle size.
- Can be modified and optimised for different layer/quality specs to suit full range of current and future applications.
- Graphite flakes are uniquely microsized without milling and show expanded morphology of interest for battery materials.





\*See Scoping Study released to ASX 9 October 2014 and Cautionary Statement in Appendices. Other sources see TLG ASX releases 19 Feb 2015 and 23 Jun 2015.





Talga graphene





## Why Is The Talga Approach Unique

- Graphite is made from layers of graphene so in theory anyone can produce graphene in a laboratory - but at what volume and cost? Talga ore<sup>\*</sup> is differentiator.
- Talga's production process unlikely to work on other deposits due to multiple physio-chemical factors required for raw ore to liberate graphene without physical comminution.



\*Details see Scoping Study released to ASX 9 October 2014 and Cautionary Statement in Appendices



- Highest margin single-stage liberation enabled.
  - High grade ore averaging 25% graphite content.
    - Mafic volcanic host rocks with specific mineral ratios.
      - High crystallinity with rare degree of high homogeneity.

High strength/low hardness, block-mineable.







### **Production/Business Model**

- nanoplatelets and micrographite (additives to coatings, inks, battery electrodes).
- Economic study\* shows Vittangi project:
  - Capital cost AUD\$29m
  - **Minelife** ~20yr



\*Details see Scoping Study released to ASX 9 October 2014.





Talga uses innovative mining and manufacturing techniques aiming to disrupt the graphite and graphene supply chain in cost and performance, while minimising environmental footprint.

Current aim to sell bulk graphene and graphite to large end users developing applications for

- **Pre-tax NPV<sup>12</sup>** AUD\$490m using US\$55/kg graphene price on lowest production model





## Full Scale Plant Principles (Video)



\*See Scoping Study released to ASX 9 October 2014.



### **Development Status**

- Lab and Benchtop scale trials complete.
- Trial mining underway.
- Pilot plant commissioning imminent.
- Upscaling to produce commercial scale samples for product development and potential sales.
- Focus now on commercial relationships to place upcoming graphene and graphite production.
- > 2016 trial mining to be expanded; permitting complete.
- Future full scale processing planned to take place in Sweden; permitting commenced.







### Trial Mine (Video)



Vittangi trial mining graphite blocks. Details see TLG ASX release 20 July 2015.





### Pilot Plant Site - Rudolstadt, Germany.

#### Rudolstadt/ Schwarza Chemical Park

Current production/activitiy includes Polyamide 6 & 6.6, Caprolactam, Electricity plant, Lyocell, Natural & Synthetic Research Institute, Biodiesel, Wastewater Treatment Plan.

> ORE BLOCKS DELIVERED JULY PROCESSING START AUGUST



River Saale

Source see TLG ASX release 18 May 2015, 20 July 2015 and State Development Corporation of Thuringia Presentation 2014





## **Talga Europe Operations**



Conduit to research, industry, local finance



#### **Sweden Operations**

Talga Mining P/L filial Sweden

- Trial mining and exploration
- Road/rail ore blocks direct to German operations

#### **German Operations**

Talga Advanced Materials GmbH

Pilot plant facility

Within a radius of 800km... 280m potential customers € 8,700 Billion GDP





### Milestones on path to full-scale Production

#### **Jan-Jun 2015**

- Environmental permitting for trial mining – **complete**
- Gold asset divestment
- Exploration test Jalkunen Exploration Target<sup>2</sup> for JORC resource - drilled
- Select site for Pilot Plant complete
- Ongoing euro-based research and end-user collaboration results
- Ongoing metallurgical development

### **Jul-Dec 2015**

- Phase 1 pilot plant operating in Germany Distribution of larger commercial samples
- Ongoing product development with end users
- IOCG/exploration assets divestment
- Jalkunen maiden resource imminent
- Ongoing permitting for full scale production in Sweden

#### **Jan-Jun 2016**

- Phase 2 pilot plant operating
- Phase 3 pilot plant design and engineering
- 2016 trial mine expansion permitted
- Ongoing commercial developments with end users.
- Ongoing permitting for full scale production in Sweden





### **Investment Highlights**

- World's highest grade<sup>#</sup> graphite resource 100% owned.
- Truly unique ore that facilitates simple high margin industrial scale production of graphene and graphite.
- High quality mining and logistics jurisdiction.
- Immense growth profile of multiple deposits and product applications. Less than 2% of the graphite formation explored to date.
- Developing advanced materials company integrating both mining and high growth technology markets.
- Small full scale capex requirement, trial mining and processing underway.



# see http://www.techmetalsresearch.com/metrics-indices/tmr-advanced-graphite-projects-index/



Demonstration graphite deposits are naturally conductive enough for a small battery to power lightglobes through the unprocessed ore





### **Appendices- Graphite Resources<sup>1</sup> and Targets<sup>2</sup>**

Nunasvaara Mineral Resource (10% Cg low cut-off Nov 2012) JORC Explore			tion Targets <sup>2</sup>						
Cla	ssification	Tonnes	Graphite (%Cg)	Project	Exploration Target	Tonnes (0-100m Vertical Depth)		Graphite (% Cg)	
	Indicated	5,600,000	24.6			Min.	Max.	Min.	Max.
	Inferred	2,000,000	24.0		Nunasvaara	62,400,000	93,600,000	20	30
	Total 7,600,000 24.4	Vittangi	Kotajärvi	16,640,000	30,160,000	20	25		
					Maltosrova	20,800,000	52,000,000	20	25
Jalkunen 13,000,000 26,						26,000,000	20	25	
<b>Raitajärvi</b> Mineral Resource (5% Cg low cut-off Aug 2013)			Tiankijokki	2,600,000	5,200,000	15	25		
Cla	assification	Tonnes (Mt)	Graphite	Jalkunen	Nybrännan	5,200,000	10,400,000	20	30
	Indicated	3 400 000	7.3		Suinavaara	2,600,000	5,720,000	15	25
	Inferred	900.000	6.4		Lautakoski	26,000,000	52,000,000	15	25
	Total	4,300,000	7.1		Subtotal	149,240,000	275,080,000	19	27
					<b>Rounded Total</b>	150,000,000	275,000,000	18	25

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2 Note: The Exploration Target is based on a number of assumptions and limitations with the potential grade and quantity being conceptual in nature. There has been insufficient exploration to estimate a Mineral Resource Estimate in accordance with the JORC Code and it is uncertain if future exploration will result in the estimation of a Mineral Resource.









### **Appendices - References**

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