



## ASX ANNOUNCEMENT

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# Significantly Oversubscribed Placement Raises \$10,000,000 to fast-track Graphite Anode Production

## Highlights

- **Successful Share Placement to raise \$10 million from existing shareholders, institutions and new sophisticated investors, including a new battery focussed fund to join the register**
- **The Placement was heavily oversubscribed having sought to raise a minimum of \$5 million, with total applications exceeding \$22 million**
- **Volt's Chairman to subscribe for \$1.0 million, Managing Director for \$50k and Non Executive Director for \$30k in placement shares, subject to shareholder approval**
- **Funds raised will be utilised to further advance Volt's integrated graphite battery materials business plans as follows:**
  - **Undertake a feasibility study for the development of commercial scale LIB Active Anode Material production facilities**
  - **Continue the production of testwork samples for battery anode material (BAM) and cathode conductive additive for lithium-Ion battery cell manufacturers, ultra-high purity graphite (UHPG) for alkaline batteries, and lead acid batteries**
  - **Complete the update of the Bunyu Stage 1 Feasibility Study,**
  - **Provide further working capital to achieve steady state graphite production at the Zavalievsky mine and processing facilities in Ukraine**
  - **Continuation of Bunyu offtake discussions and financing, and**
  - **Corporate expenditure and working capital**

Graphite producer and battery materials developer **Volt Resources Limited (ASX: VRC)** ("**Volt**" or "**the Company**") is pleased to announce that it has received firm commitments from professional and sophisticated investors to subscribe for 555,555,556 fully paid ordinary shares at \$0.018 per share ("**Placement Shares**") to raise \$10.0 million (before costs) ("**Placement**"). Volt has agreed to issue 555,555,556 listed options ("**Placement Options**") to participants in the Placement (being one listed option for every share subscribed for under the Placement) subject to the approval of Volt's shareholders pursuant to Listing Rule 7.1. The listed options to be issued to Placement participants will be in the same class as Volt's existing listed options, having an exercise price of 2.4 cents and an expiry date of 30 June 2025.

In addition :

- Volt's Chairman, Asimwe Kabunga, has agreed to subscribe for 55,555,556 fully paid ordinary shares and 55,555,556 unlisted options;
- Volt's Managing Director Trevor Matthews has agreed to subscribe for 2,777,777 fully paid ordinary shares and 2,777,777 unlisted options; and
- Volt Non-Executive Director Giacomo Fazio has agreed to subscribe for 1,666,667 fully paid ordinary shares and 1,666,667 unlisted options,

on the same terms as the Placement to raise an additional \$1.08 million, subject to shareholder approval being obtained ("**Director Placements**").

The issue price of \$0.018 per Placement Share under the Placement represents a 5.3% discount to the closing price of the Company's shares prior to the stock being placed in a trading halt on 11 November 2022.

Proceeds from the Placement will be utilised to advance Volt's integrated graphite battery materials business plans including:

- Preparation of a feasibility study for a commercial scale LIB active anode material production facility that can be used as a template design for facilities in the US (such as the Energy Supply Developers Super Site) and Europe,
- Continuing production of lithium-ion battery anode, cathode conductive additive, alkaline and lead acid battery product samples for customer testwork and offtake discussions,
- Completion of the update of the Bunyu Stage 1 Feasibility Study focussed on capital and operating costs and approvals,
- Further working capital to assist in stabilising graphite production from the Zavalievsky mine and processing plant and the export of graphite products to customers in Europe,
- Ongoing business development, Bunyu graphite offtakes and Bunyu financing discussions and negotiations, and
- Corporate expenditure and working capital.

**Managing Director, Trevor Matthews,** said "The Volt board had hoped to raise \$5 million, so to receive applications for over \$22 million from existing shareholders, new institutions and sophisticated investors has been highly encouraging, and we believe reflective of the rare opportunity that Volt presents investors seeking exposure to the production of graphite as well as higher-value graphite products used in lithium-ion batteries and other battery technologies. Volt's entire board has shown their continuing commitment to the Company and its plans through participation in the capital raising, including a proposed \$1 million investment by Volt's Chairman, Asimwe Kabunga"

This placement comes at an exciting time for the company as Zavalievsky production regains momentum, and valuable downstream initiatives continue to accelerate as the market starts to secure graphite sources for the rapidly growing battery sector creating an integrated graphite mine-to-cell-maker supply chain. We look forward to providing further updates to existing and new shareholders in due course."

The Company will issue 555,555,556 Placement Shares using its placement capacity under ASX Listing Rules 7.1 and 7.1A, with a further 555,555,556 Placement Options to be issued subject to receipt of Volt shareholder approval at a general meeting for the purposes of ASX Listing Rule 7.1 at a time and date to be advised.

Melbourne based boutique investment management firm, Peak Asset Management, acted as the Lead Manager to the Placement.

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**This announcement was authorised for release by the Board of Volt Resources Ltd.**

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**About Volt Resources Limited**

Volt Resources Limited (“Volt”) is a graphite producer/developer and gold exploration company listed on the Australian Stock Exchange under the ASX code VRC. Volt has a 70% controlling interest in the Zavalievsky Graphite business in Ukraine. Zavalievsky is in close proximity to key markets with significant developments in LIB facilities planned to service the European based car makers and renewable energy sector. ZG benefits from an existing customer base and graphite product supply chains based on excellent transport infrastructure covering road, rail, river and sea freight combined with reliable grid power, ample potable ground water supply and good communications<sup>1</sup>.

Volt acquired three licence applications that are considered to be prospective for lithium-borate mineralisation. The licence applications are in respect to a total area of 291km<sup>2</sup>, located in Serbia and are west and south-west of the Serbian capital, Belgrade<sup>2</sup>.

Volt is progressing the development of its large wholly-owned Bunyu Graphite Project in Tanzania, as well as gold exploration in Guinea leveraging the Company’s existing extensive networks in Africa.

The Bunyu Graphite Project is ideally located near to critical infrastructure with sealed roads running through the project area and ready access to the deep-water port of Mtwara 140km from the Project. In 2018, Volt reported the completion of the Feasibility Study (“FS”) into the Stage 1 development of the Bunyu Graphite Project. The Stage 1 development is based on a mining and processing plant annual throughput rate of 400,000 tonnes of ore to produce on average 23,700tpa of graphite products<sup>3</sup>. A key objective of the Stage 1 development is to establish infrastructure and market position in support of the development of the significantly larger Stage 2 expansion project at Bunyu.

The Guinea Gold Projects comprise 6 permits in Guinea, West Africa having a total area of 348km. The Projects are located in the prolific Siguiiri Basin which forms part of the richly mineralised West African Birimian Gold Belt.

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<sup>1</sup> Refer to Volt’s ASX announcements titled “Volt to Acquire European Graphite Business following Completion of Due Diligence” dated 14 May 2021 and “Completion of the ZG Group Transaction Following Execution of New Convertible Securities Facility” dated 26 July 2021.

<sup>2</sup> Refer to Volt’s ASX announcement titled “Strategic European Lithium Acquisition – Jadar North” dated 18 November 2021.

<sup>3</sup> Refer to Volt’s ASX announcement titled “Positive Stage 1 Feasibility Study Bunyu Graphite Project” dated 31 July 2018. The Company confirms that it is not aware of any new information or data that materially affects the information included in this document and that all material assumptions and technical parameters underpinning the estimates continue to apply and have not materially changed.