

Focus Graphite Inc. Announces Transition to Advanced Materials and Technology

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OTTAWA, February 5, 2025 - [Focus Graphite Inc.](#) (TSXV:FMS)(OTCQB:FCSMF)(FSE:FKC) ("Focus" or the "Company"), a Canadian critical minerals resource company, is pleased to announce a corporate update and its strategic transformation into an advanced materials and technology company. Building on more than fifteen (15) years of development, Focus is leveraging its Lac Knife high-grade crystalline flake graphite project located near Fermont, Québec, to supply high-purity carbon materials for cutting-edge industrial applications, energy storage, and the electric vehicle ("EV") revolution.

Lac Knife: Advancing Toward Production

Following the completion of its Feasibility Study announced on April 19th, 2023, available for review on SEDAR (www.sedar.com) and on Focus' website (www.focusgraphite.com), Focus is making significant strides in the Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA) process. Now in its third round of regulatory review, the Company has streamlined the remaining studies required to address outstanding questions. With permitting well underway, the Lac Knife project is positioned to become a North American supplier of high-purity flake graphite, with the goal of supporting the burgeoning demand for critical industries such as electric vehicles ("EVs"), renewable energy storage, military and advanced manufacturing.

Breakthrough in Spheroidized Graphite for Next-Gen Batteries

Focus has successfully developed and tested its proprietary silicon-enhanced spheroidized graphite technology, engineered to enhance lithium-ion battery performance. Initial coin cell tests have demonstrated significant improvements in energy capacity and power output compared to conventional battery anode materials.¹ The next phase involves testing the technology in pouch cells through a third-party battery company to validate its scalability and performance in larger battery systems under real-world commercial conditions. Upon successful validation, Focus Graphite plans to commercialize this breakthrough technology through licensing agreements, positioning itself as a key supplier in the high-performance battery materials market.

1 Patent Pending 3860-118US / 18/278,659 / 3860-119CAN 3,209,696 / 3860-119EP 227586669.0

Expanding Applications with Proven Materials

Extensive testing of Lac Knife graphite has shown superior performance in battery applications compared to synthetic alternatives. To further align with industry needs, the Company is updating and expanding its Certificates of Analysis ("COAs") across various mesh sizes. This initiative will enable immediate collaboration opportunities with industry partners and broaden the commercial potential of Lac Knife graphite across diverse markets.

Sustainable Graphite Processing for a Greener Future

Focus is committed to environmental leadership and is leading the way in environmentally friendly processing. The Company's proprietary green purification process eliminates harmful chemicals while achieving high-purity graphite production. The Company's eco-friendly approach minimizes environmental impact and aligns with global sustainability initiatives, ensuring a responsible and ethical supply of critical

materials.

Tétepísca: Unlocking its Potential

The Tétepísca project is an emerging graphite deposits, with extensive drilling completed to date - 74 holes totalling 14,900.5 meters, including 27 definition holes drilled along the deposit's strike. This comprehensive dataset will be the foundation for an updated NI 43-101 Mineral Resource Estimate (MRE), expected later this year.

Beyond resource expansion, the Company is prioritizing material characterization and processing to unlock Tétepísca's full potential. Studies are underway to determine flake size distribution, purity levels, and optimal metallurgical processes. These studies will determine the potential of the material for use in energy storage, military, and electric vehicle ("EV") batteries.

Processing will play a pivotal role in realizing Tétepísca's commercial viability. The ability to refine the graphite to meet stringent industry specifications-whether for purity, mesh size, or specialized applications-will determine its competitiveness in the market.

By advancing material characterization and refining processing methodologies, Focus is taking decisive steps to maximize the value of Tétepísca. This initiative aims to strengthen the Company's position as a supplier in the critical minerals supply chain, has the potential to foster long-term partnerships with industry leaders, and supports Focus' vision of becoming a frontrunner in the rapidly growing graphite sector.

Strategic Advantage: Securing National and Industrial Supply Chains

As governments and industries work to secure domestic sources of critical minerals, Focus Graphite is well-positioned to meet the growing demand. With graphite designated as a strategic material for national security and energy transition, the Company's Lac Knife and Tétepísca project offer a reliable, domestic source of high purity graphite. This strategic alignment supports the North American supply chain security, defense priorities, and the transition to green energy.

A Vision for the Future

With a feasibility in hand, Focus is needs to actively pursue off-take agreements and strategic partnerships," commented Dean Hanisch, CEO of Focus Graphite. "Our material has been extensively tested so we have turned our attention to qualifying end-user applications to meet the growing demand across industries. Additionally, our proprietary silicon-enhanced spheroidized graphite technology has demonstrated significant potential to enhance battery performance, as shown in our successful coin tests. We are excited about the future, with two high-quality projects, environmentally friendly processing techniques, and innovative battery anode technology. While market conditions have been challenging, North America's push to onshore critical mineral supply and reduce dependence on foreign sources presents a significant opportunity - one that we are ready to seize."

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About Focus Graphite Inc.

Focus Graphite Inc. is an advanced materials company developing sustainable mining and technology innovations. At the heart of our operations is the Lac Knife flake graphite deposit, known for its high purity and grade-ideal for applications in the military, defense, and green energy revolutions. Currently advancing through Canada's mine permitting process, Focus Graphite is on the verge of transforming this resource into a cornerstone for critical mineral supply.

Our proprietary, environmentally sustainable processing technologies ensure a green, chemical-free pathway

from mine to market. The Company's proprietary silicon-enhanced spheroidized graphite patent technology is aimed at improving battery performance. We specialize in producing advanced, high-purity graphite materials tailored for diverse industries, including EV batteries, military applications, and high-tech manufacturing.

Focus Graphite's commitment extends beyond resource extraction—we are actively building partnerships with industry leaders, academic institutions, and government bodies to accelerate the commercialization of advanced materials and technologies derived from our flagship project. As a proud Canadian company, we are dedicated to contributing to North America's secure and sustainable critical minerals supply chain.

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In particular, this press release contains forward-looking information relating to, among other things, the Company's plans to advance its Lac Knife and Tétepísca projects through permitting, resource development, and commercialization efforts; the anticipated completion of an updated NI 43-101 Mineral Resource Estimate for Tétepísca; the potential for Lac Knife to become a key supplier of high-purity flake graphite; the Company's ability to secure off-take agreements and strategic partnerships; the anticipated performance and scalability of the Company's proprietary silicon-enhanced spheroidized graphite technology; the expected benefits of its environmentally friendly purification process; and the Company's positioning as a key player in securing North American critical mineral supply chains.

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