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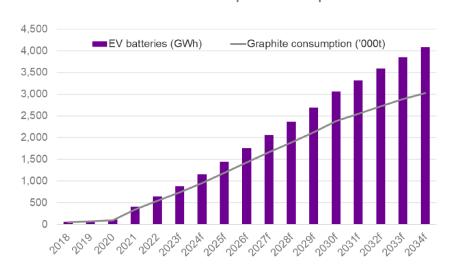
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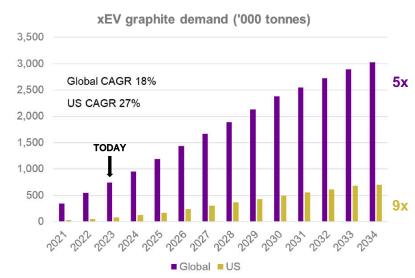
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## Massive forecasted demand for graphite









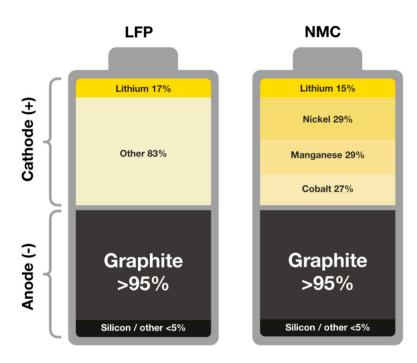
- US xEV graphite demand to reach around 700,000 tonnes by 2033, up from 80,000 tonnes in 2023
- US xEV graphite demand will represent approximately 25% of the global market by 2033

Source: Fastmarkets Long Term Forecasts

MSP Graphite Supply Chain Deep-Dive Meeting March 4, 2024 | Fastmarkets graphite market outlook

## Graphite is crucial to every lithium-ion battery (Li-B)





### Graphite dominates half the lithium-ion battery

- Largest raw material in a Li-B by volume
- Agnostic to the type of Li-B chemistry used
- 1.2 kg of graphite / kWh of a battery



Example: A Tesla Model S with a 100 kW/h battery contains 120 kg (264 lbs) of graphite anode material.

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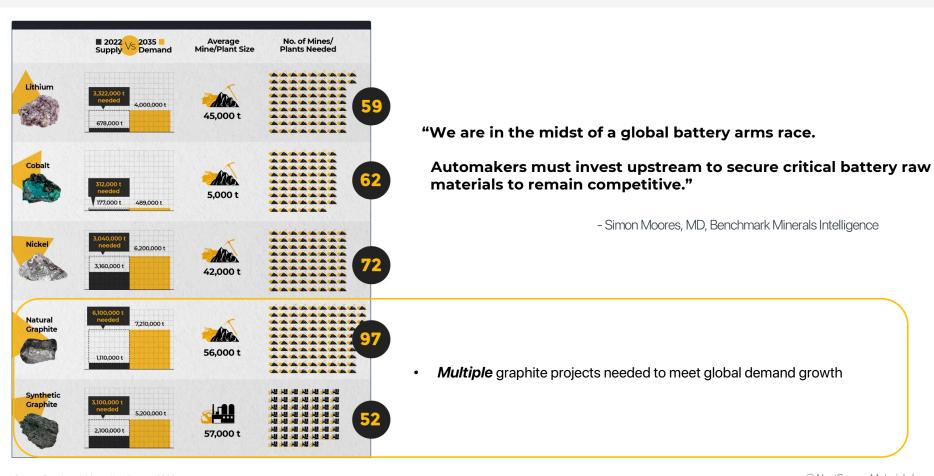
### What is the consumption of critical battery materials in a NCM Li-ion plant?





### Graphite supply demand balance

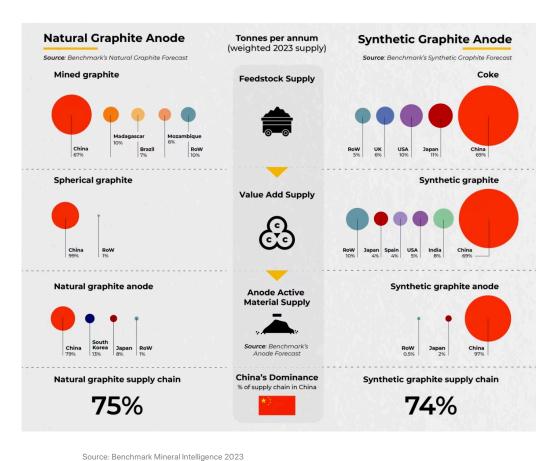




Source: Benchmark Mineral Intelligence 2023

### Supply chain diversification creates huge opportunity





- China dominates all links in the anode supply chain
- US Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) restricts the use of critical materials from "foreign entities of concern" (FEOC) (e.g. China, Iran, North Korea, and Russia)
- Auto manufacturers need to diversify supply chains with alternatively sourced material to meet EV production targets while securing IRA tax credits
- Creates strong demand for non-FEOC sources, and a tremendous opportunity to supply global automakers with non-Asian anode material

### Geopolitics driving graphite demand from non-FEOC sources



- US declares China a "foreign entity of concern" (FEOC)

   any vehicle whose battery contains critical minerals
   (graphite) that were extracted or processed in any way from China or Chinese-controlled companies will be ruled ineligible for EV tax incentives.
- New restrictions on Chinese graphite exports highlight the supply-chain risk for natural graphite products, driving OEMs to secure capacity and supply agreements with ex-China graphite suppliers.



# China, world's top graphite producer, tightens exports of key battery material

October 20, 2023



## BARRON'S

### China Tightens Controls on Graphite. The Hunt Is On for New Supplies.

By Evie Liu Follow
Oct 21, 2023, 2:15 am EDT

China's stricter controls over graphite exports mean companies, including electricvehicle makers such as <u>Tesla</u>, will have to accelerate their search for alterative sources of the mineral.

### The Washington Post

# The next front in the tech war with China: Graphite (and clean energy)

November 29, 2023

A new front has opened in the intensifying U.S.-China tech war: This time, it's over the metals needed to power electric vehicles and make the computer chips and electronics that fuel the U.S. economy.



## China restricts exports of graphite as it escalates a global tech war

Fri October 20, 2023

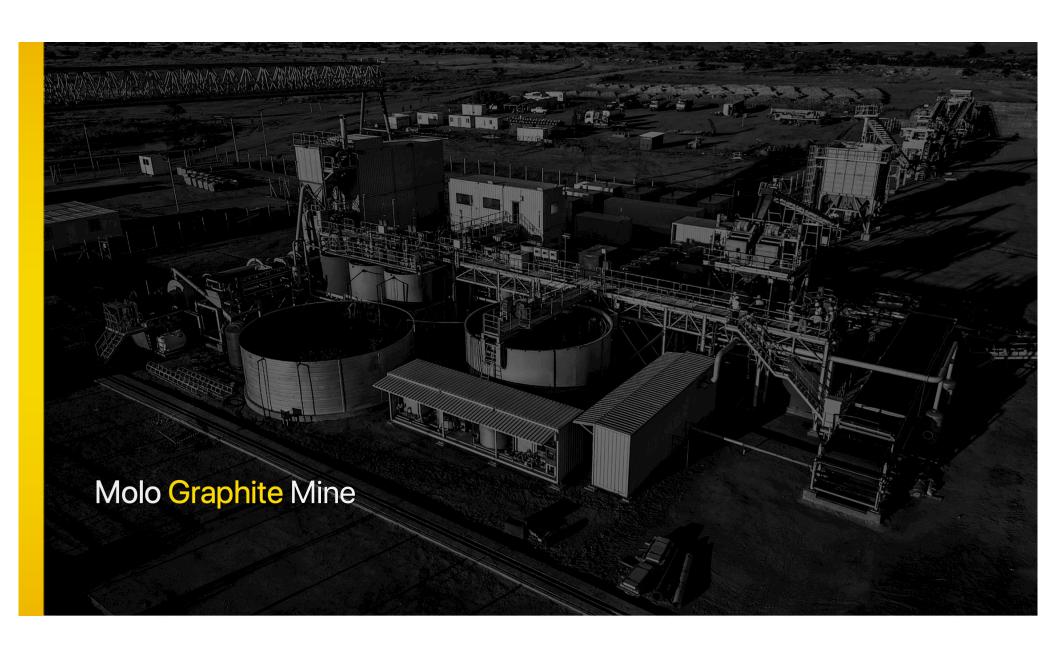


## NextSource capabilities



### Mine to anode





## Molo graphite mine - Fotadrevo, Madagascar



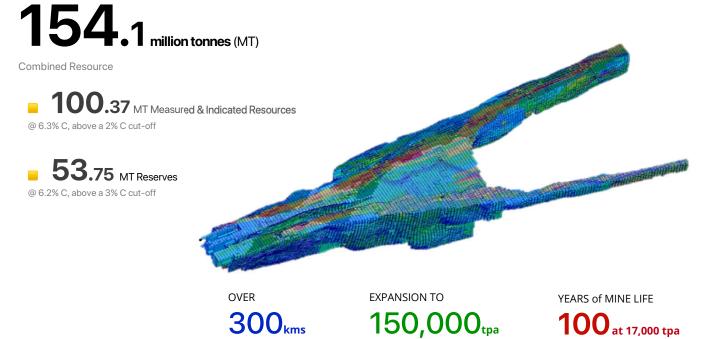


## Molo resource - extremely large and easily expandable

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#### RESOURCES above a 2% C cut-off

- 23.62 MT Measured @ 6.32% C
- 76.75 MT Indicated @ 6.25% C
- 40.91 MT Inferred @ 5.78% C

#### RESERVES above a 3% C cut-off

- 21.33 MT Proven @ 6.25% C
- 32.41 MT Probable @ 6.09% C

Expansion capability only limited by market demand.

CAN BE ACCOMMODATED

WITHIN CURRENT RESOURCE

Source: 2023 Molo Mine Expansion Feasibility Study

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**25** at 150,000 tpa

## Fully modular mine



Molo Phase 1 Production: 17,000 tpa





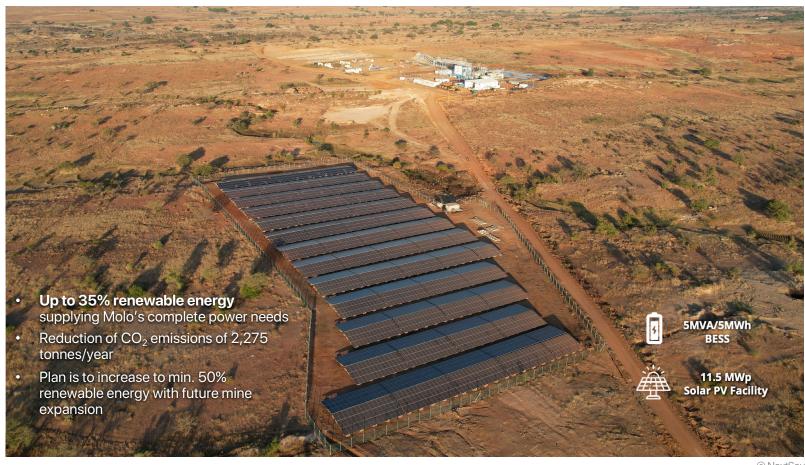
## Fully modular mine = small footprint & easy replication





## Hybridized solar power solution in place for Phase 1 production





## Tier 1 offtake partners in place for >100% of Phase 1 capacity

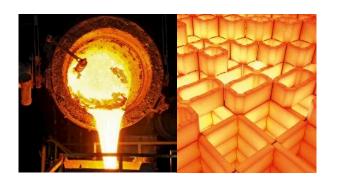


### **REFRACTORY**



### 10-year sales agreement

- 8,000 tpa Phase 1
- 35,000 tpa Phase 2
- Floating FOB China pricing



### **ANODE**



Graphite supplier to Japan's #1 EV anode producer

Currently supplying Major OEM battery Supply chains with anode material (SPG)

### 10-year sales agreement

- 9,000 tpa Phase 1
- 20,000 tpa Phase 2
- Floating FOB China pricing



## Conformance to the highest environmental standards and transparency



#### De-risking operational performance and addressing ESG requirements through:

- Building resilient relationships with regulators, communities and customers to ensure and secure our social license to operate
- Embedding well-resourced ISO-compliant management systems
- Successful rehabilitation trials to validate closure plan assumptions
- · Social initiatives agricultural support, reforestation and emergency drought relief
- Up to 35% of plant power requirements from renewable energy in Phase 1













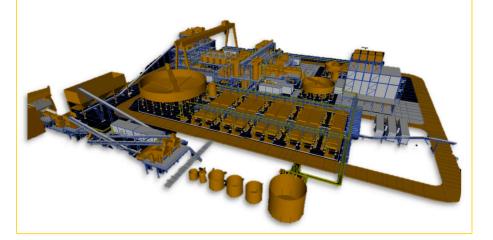
## Mine expansion plans in place and ready to implement



- 2 sizes of 'modular' expansion:
  - 150ktpa feasibility study complete, confirming expansion is technically feasible as well as economically viable
  - +15ktpa modular expansion based on Phase 1
  - Combinations of the above are also possible

### 150ktpa - 2023 Feasibility Study

- Capex \$161.7M
- 2.5 years to commission from final investment decision



#### +15ktpa modules - based on Phase 1

- Capex \$22M per module
- Schedule ~1 year for +1 or +2 modules





# Vertical Integration Strategy: Natural graphite anode

- Exclusive use of well-established natural graphite anode processing IP
- Ambitious buildout plan for a series battery anode facilities (BAFs)

### Exclusive technical partnership with established OEM anode processor



- Exclusive licence to best-in-class processing IP for spheronized, purified graphite (SPG), currently used in multiple automotive (OEM) supply chains (Tesla and Toyota) and for a verified coating IP to produce CSPG
- Replicating technical partner's existing SPG processing facility in key demand markets (North America, EU, UK)
- Skips time and capital intensive "R&D and verification" process using proven technology
- IP to produce all required grades of SPG/CSPG

PROCESSING IP TO PRODUCE CSPG, INCLUDING BLENDING CAPABILITIES

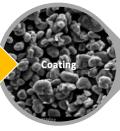








SPG





CSPG

Pre-ANODE

## Global anode expansion strategy – target H2 2026









Highly experienced partner with significant experience across the mine development lifecycle



Sir Mick Davis

- Chairman of NextSource Materials
- Former CEO of Xstrata Plc
- Former CFO of Billiton plc and Chairman of Billiton Coal

Vision Blue is assisting NextSource to become a significant global anode supplier with their technical and experiential knowledge.

• 47% ownership of NextSource

Create value by working with the NextSource management team to provide:

- Growth capital to accelerate construction and growth, and support bolt on acquisitions
- Management support at asset and corporate level
- Expertise in technical and operating support
- Access to public and private finance and transaction support
- Expertise in building a world-class ESG framework

## Advantage NextSource



- Vertically integrated project mine to battery
- Exclusive access to established IP used in OEM supply chains for natural and synthetic graphite
- Easily scalable, modular mine construction = speed to market and low capital costs
- First Battery Anode Facility (Mauritius) targeted to commission in Q4 2024
- Aggressive mine and BAF expansion plans in place





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