# FOCUS GRAPHITE INC.

# (An exploration stage Company)

# MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

For the years ended September 30, 2024 and 2023

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# MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS FOR THE YEARS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2024 and 2023.

The following Management Discussion and Analysis ("MD&A") of the operations, results, financial condition and future prospects of Focus Graphite Inc. ("Focus" or the "Company") are current as of January 28, 2025. It should be read in conjunction with the Company's annual audited financial statements and notes thereto for the fiscal years ended September 30, 2024 and 2023, which were prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS"). The reporting currency is in Canadian dollars. All financial results presented in this MD&A are expressed in Canadian dollars unless otherwise stated.

This MD&A contains or may refer to certain statements that may be deemed "forward-looking statements". Forward-looking statements include estimates and statements that describe the Company's future development plans, objectives or goals, including words to the effect that the Company expects a stated condition or result to occur. Forward-looking statements may be identified by such terms as "anticipates", "believes", "could", "estimates", "predict", "seek", "potential", "continue", "intend", "plan", "expects", "may", "shall", "will", or "would" and similar expressions. Since forwardlooking statements are based on assumptions and address future events and conditions, by their very nature they involve inherent risks and uncertainties. Forward-looking statements are not guarantees of future performance and actual results or developments may differ materially from those in forwardlooking statements. Factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those in forwardlooking statements include market prices for mineral commodities; exploration successes; new opportunities; continued availability of capital and financing; general economic, market or business conditions; and litigation, legislative, environmental or other judicial, regulatory, political and competitive developments. These and other factors should be considered carefully and readers should not place undue reliance on the Company's forward-looking statements. Focus does not undertake to update any forward-looking statement that may be made from time to time by Management or on its behalf, except in accordance with applicable public disclosure rules and regulations.

#### Nature of Business

Focus is a Canadian mineral exploration and development company incorporated under the *Canada Business Corporations Act*. The Company is engaged in the acquisition, exploration and development of mineral properties principally in Québec, with the aim of discovering commercially exploitable deposits of minerals (primarily graphite, rare earth elements ("REE")). The Company's main focus is to bring the Lac Knife graphite project to production.

Common shares of the Company are listed for trading on the Toronto Stock Exchange Venture Market ("TSX-V") under the symbol "FMS" and on the OTCQX under the symbol "FCSMF". Focus' corporate office is located at 945 Princess St., Box 116, Kingston, Ontario, K7L 0E9.

### **Going Concern Assumption**

The financial statements accompanied by the management's discussion and analysis have been prepared on a going concern basis in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS"). The going concern basis of presentation assumes the Company will continue to operate for the foreseeable future and will be able to realize its assets and discharge its liabilities in the normal course of business. The Company is in the exploration stage and has not earned revenue from operations. During the year ended September 30, 2024, the Company incurred a net loss of \$1,975,745 (Restated 2023 - \$4,658,483) and negative cash flows from operations of \$1,109,716 (Restated 2023 - \$2,647,964). In addition, the Company has a working capital deficit of \$5,387,507 (Restated 2023-\$4,462,593) and a deficit of \$101,656,141 (Restated 2023-\$99,680,396).

During the quarter ended June 30, 2024, on May 6, 2024, the Company closed a flow-through private placement for gross proceeds of \$400,001. The flow-through private placement was comprised of 2,352,950 flow-through shares at a price of \$0.17 per flow-through share. In connection with the financing, the Company paid cash finders' fees of \$24,000 and issued, as additional consideration, 141,177 broker warrants, each broker warrant entitling the holder to acquire one common share of the Company at a price of \$0.20 until May 6, 2027.

On May 6, 2024, the Company completed a private placement for gross proceeds of \$50,000. The private placement was comprised of 312,500 units at a price of \$0.16 per unit. Each unit is comprised

of one common share and a common share purchase warrant. Each warrant entitles the holder to purchase one additional common share of the Company at a price of \$0.20 until May 6, 2027. In connection with the financing, the Company paid cash finders' fees of \$3,000 and issued, as additional consideration, 18,750 broker warrants, each broker warrant entitling the holder to acquire one common share of the Company at a price of \$0.20 until May 6, 2027.

In addition, last quarter ended December 31, 2023, the Company received the final instalment payment from Mont Royal Resources Ltd. ("Mont Royal") in connection with the sale of the Company's Eastmain-Leran property (Note 7). The payment was received in the form of cash (\$400,000) and 2,734,858 common shares of Mont Royal (\$400,000). On January 30, 2024, the Company sold the remaining 2,714,858 common shares of Mont Royal at AUD0.08 per share for gross proceeds of AUD217,189.

The above factors indicates a material uncertainty exists that raises significant doubt about the Company's ability to continue as a going concern. In assessing whether the going concern assumption is appropriate, Management takes into account all available information about the future, which is at least, but not limited to, twelve months from the end of the reporting period. This assessment is based upon planned actions that may or may not occur for a number of reasons including the Company's own resources and external market conditions.

The Company's ability to continue as a going concern, realize its assets and discharge its liabilities in the normal course of business, meet its corporate administrative expenses and continue its exploration activities over the next twelve months, is dependent upon Management's ability to obtain additional financing, through various means including but not limited to equity financing. No assurance can be given that any such additional financing will be available, or that it can be obtained on terms favorable to the Company.

These financial statements do not reflect adjustments that would be necessary if the going concern assumption was not appropriate. If the going concern basis was not appropriate for these financial statements, then adjustments would be necessary to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities, the reported expenses and the classifications used in the statements of financial position.

To address its financing requirements and streamline operational costs, the Company sold its free trading shares in Braille Energy Systems Inc. (formerly Mincom Capital Inc.) for proceeds of \$409,302 in 2021. The Company sold its 50% interest in the Kwyjibo rare earth elements Project to Investissement Québec for the sum of \$7,237,696 cash pursuant to the letter of intent (LOI) announced on April 23, 2020. The Company also sold its interest in the Eastmain-Léran Polymetallic properties in the James Bay territory of northern Québec during the year ended September 30, 2020 for proceeds of \$2,300,000 to be paid over three years (refer to the Corporate Development section). In addition, the Company is considering the potential sale of part of its equity position in Grafoid Inc. (Grafoid). The Company holds 7,800,000 shares in Grafoid.

The outcome of the potential sale of the Grafoid shares cannot be predicted at this time and Management's ability to complete the sale will depend on market conditions and its ability to find buyers for these assets. The Company's Board of Directors approved pursuing the sale.

During the year ended September 30, 2024, the Company changed its accounting policy with respect to exploration and evaluation expenditures on mineral exploration properties, such that exploration and evaluation expenditures, including acquisition costs, are now expensed as incurred. The accounting policy change is intended to improve the relevance and reliability of the financial statements. Previously, these costs were capitalized and carried at cost less any recognized impairment loss. In accordance with IFRS, the change in accounting policy has been applied retrospectively.

Refer to Note 3(j) of the audited financial statements for the tables showing the adjustments.

# **Corporate Development Highlights**

# Focus Unveils New Biligual Website to Provide Updated News on its Active Graphite Exploration Projects

On October 26, 2021 the Company announced that its newly revamped website, www.focusgraphite.com, is now live and offers up-to-date information in both English and French about the company, its mission, and the key flake graphite projects it has in development, which include two premier deposits located in Quebec.

The website updates investors, media, local communities, and the public at large about the latest news from Focus Graphite as it continues to develop its flagship graphite property, Lac Knife, located on the Southwestern edge of the Labrador Trough next to the towns of Fermont and Wabush on the Nitassinan of Innu Takuaikan Uashat mak Mani-utenam (ITUM). Focus is also progressing with exploration at its Lac Tétépisca property, located southwest of the Manicouagan reservoir in the Côte-Nord administrative district of Québec.

In addition to project details and updates, the website includes an investor portal, a beginner's guide to graphite, an in-depth section about the company and its management team, and links to technical documents. The website will also integrate a new look on social media for Focus Graphite. The company will post regular updates across Facebook and LinkedIn.

For more information and updates, visit the new Focus Graphite website at: www.focusgraphite.com and follow Focus Graphite on Facebook at @focusgraphite and on LinkedIn at www.linkedin.com/company/focus-graphite

# Focus Provides an Update on Amended Stock Option Plan

On October 29, 2021, the Company provided an update on its Fixed Stock Option Plan. At the shareholders meeting held May 21, 2021, disinterested shareholders of the Company approved an amended fixed 20% incentive stock option to replace the previous fixed stock option plan.

Pursuant to the Amended Plan, the number of options available under the plan was increased to 9,274,050 common shares in the capital of the Company which may be granted to directors, officers, employees, and consultants of the Company from time to time. The Amended Plan also permits options granted under the Amended Plan to be exercised at a price not less than the Discounted Market Price (as such term is defined in the polices of the TSX Venture Exchange ("TSXV")), subject to a minimum exercise price of \$0.50.

# Focus Announces The Grant of Stock Options

On November 2, 2021, the Company announced the grant of incentive stock options as compensation to its directors, officers, employees, and consultants. Options to purchase up to 3,855,000 Common Shares of the Company have been granted at an exercise price of \$0.50 per share. The options expire on 2 November, 2026. On November 4, 2021, additional options were granted to consultants to purchase 250,000 Common Shares of the Company at an exercise price of \$0.50 per share until November 4, 2026.

#### Focus Raises \$5.2M Flow-Through in Non-Brokered Private Placement

On December 14, 2021 the Company announced it has arranged a non-brokered private placement of up to 4,444,444 Common Shares of the Company issued on a flow-through basis at a price of \$0.90 per FT Share. The net proceeds of the Offering will be used to fund the Company's exploration and drilling program.

On December 20, 2021, the Company announced it increased the financing from \$4,000,000 to \$5,200,000 and will issue up to 5,777,778 Common shares. On December 22, 2021, the financing closed. In connection with the closing of the Offering, the Company paid cash finder's fees totaling \$357,000 and issued 396,666 non-transferable finder's warrants. Each Finders Warrant entitles the holder to acquire one non-flow-though common share of the Company at a price of \$1.50 per common share until December 22, 2022.

The securities issued in connection with the closing of the Offering are subject to a four-month hold period expiring on April 23, 2022. The Offering is subject to the final approval of the TSX Venture Exchange.

# Focus Retains Refined Substance Inc. to Provide Investor Relations

On December 14, 2021, the Company announced it retained Refined Substance Inc. ("Refined Substance") to provide investor relations consulting services to the Company. Refined Substance is a Montreal-based communications and marketing firm providing investor relations services for the mining industry. Under the terms of the agreement, Refined Substance will provide investor relations services, including press release drafting and dissemination, responding to investor inquiries, and communications. Compensation payable in cash to Refined Substance will be based on an hourly rate

invoiced monthly. There are no performance factors contained in the agreement. The agreement is effective as of September 30, 2021 and may be terminated upon 30 days' notice. The anticipated cost to the Company related to the agreement is \$3,500 CAD per month. Refined Substance and the Company are arm's length parties. Refined Substance is principally owned by Kimberly Darlington.

#### Focus Closes Second and Third Tranches of Financing with Alumina Partners

On December 24, 2021, the Company announced it closed a second tranche under the previously announced equity financing facility (the "Equity Financing Facility") with Alumina Partners (Ontario) Ltd. ("Alumina"), an affiliate of New York-based private equity firm Alumina Partners, LLC.

In the second tranche under the Equity Financing Facility, the Company completed a private placement for gross proceeds of \$200,000 from Alumina, with Alumina receiving 313,725 units of the Company consisting of a common share priced at \$0.6375 per share and warrants to purchase 156,863 common shares, exercisable at \$1.0625 per share for 36 months.

On February 10, 2022, the Company announced it closed a third tranche under the same equity financing facility.

In the third tranche under the Equity Financing Facility, the Company completed a private placement for gross proceeds of \$200,000 from Alumina, with Alumina receiving 355,555 units of the Company consisting of a common share priced at \$0.5625 per share and warrants to purchase 177,777 common shares, exercisable at \$0.9375 per share for 36 months.

The Equity Financing Facility will provide the Company with up to \$12.0 million over a 24-month period for working capital and general corporate purposes. Under the Equity Financing Facility, the Company may, subject to certain conditions, restrictions and acceptance by Alumina, may raise funds through private placements in tranches of up to \$500,000. Each tranche shall be a private placement of units, to be comprised on one common share and one-half of a common share purchase warrant, which will be exercisable for 36 months. The units will be issued at a discount of 25% of the closing market price at the time of each tranche, and the warrants will be issued at a 25% premium over the closing market price at the time of each tranche.

There are no standby charges or other upfront fees associated with the Equity Financing Facility. Each tranche of units issued under the Equity Financing Facility will be subject to the acceptance of the TSX Venture Exchange, and the securities issued will be subject to the customary 4-month hold period.

#### Focus Receives First Post Closing Instalment Payment for the Eastmain Leran Project

On December 2, 2021, the Company received a first post-closing instalment payment in the amount of \$500,000, paid in cash and shares of Mont Royal Resources Ltd., an Australian mining company (ASX: MRZ) per the terms of (a) the Mineral Property Acquisition agreement ("MPA Agreement") entered into on July 6, 2020, with Konkera Holdings Pty Ltd ("Konkera"), an Australian proprietary limited company regarding Focus' Eastmain-Léran/Alta Option and Eastmain-Léran/Staked gold and base metals properties Québec; and (b) the assignment agreement ("Letter Deed Agreement") between the Company and Konkera dated May 7, 2021, whereby the Company agreed to assign Konkera's obligations under the MPA Agreement to a subsidiary of Northern Lights Minerals Pty Ltd., an Australian proprietary limited company.

The payment of the Post-Closing Instalment follows Mont Royal Resources' announcement on December 1, 2021, that it had acquired a 75% interest in Northern Lights Minerals Pty Ltd, an Australian proprietary limited company with mining claims (held by a Canadian subsidiary) and the rights to acquire a significant land package of further mining claims (Acquisition Assets) in the Upper Eastmain Greenstone of eastern Eeyou Istchee Baie-James Territory, northern Québec. Focus' Eastmain-Léran/Alta Option and Eastmain-Léran/Staked properties are included in Northern Lights Minerals' Acquisition Assets.

The Company agreed to receive thirty percent (30%) of said the \$500,000 payment by accepting shares of Mont Royal Resources Ltd. as consideration representing \$150,000 of the partial payment and 70% to be paid in cash representing \$350,000 which as wired to the Corporation's bank account.

# Focus Receives Final Payment for the Eastmain Leran Option Agreement

During the fiscal year ended September 30, 2024, on December 4, 2023 the Company received the final payment of \$800,000 pursuant to the Mineral Property Acquisition signed July 6, 2020, whereby the Company agreed to sell its interest in the Eastmain-Leran property to a third party for the following consideration:

-\$500,000 in cash at closing (received in July 2020)

-\$500,000 in cash by December 1, 2021 (received \$350,000 in cash and \$150,000 in shares in December 2021)

-\$500,000 in cash by December 1, 2022 (received \$250,000 in cash and \$250,000 in shares in December 2022)

-\$800,000 in cash by December 1, 2023 (received \$400,000 in cash and \$400,000 in shares represented by 2,734,858 shares of Mont Royal)

#### Focus Reports Major Maiden Mineral Resource Estimate at Lac Tétépisca

On February 17, 2022, the Company reported its maiden mineral resource estimate for its 100%-owned Lac Tétépisca graphite project (the "Project") located southwest of the Manicouagan Reservoir in the Côte-Nord administrative region of Québec on the Nitassinan of the Pessamit Innu.

The mineral resource estimate ("MRE"), prepared by DRA Global Limited's ("DRA") Montréal, Québec office, includes a pit-constrained Indicated resource for the Manicouagan-Ouest Graphitic Corridor ("MOGC") Lac Tétépisca project of 59.3 Mt tonnes ("Mt") grading 10.61% Graphitic Carbon<sup>1</sup> ("Cg") for an estimated content of 6.3 Mt of natural flake graphite (in-situ), and an Inferred resource of 14.9 Mt grading 11.06% Cg<sup>1</sup> for an estimated content of 1.6 Mt of natural flake graphite (in-situ) (Tables 1, 2).

<sup>1</sup>A cut-off grade of 3.9% Cg was applied to all estimates.

Focus will file a technical report pursuant to National Instrument (N) 43-101 to support disclosure of the MRE on SEDAR (<u>www.sedar.com</u>) within 45 days of the issuance of this press release.

**Mineral Resources** 

Mineral Resource Category	Tonnes (Mt)	Graphitic Carbon (%)	In-Situ Graphite (Mt)
Measured <sup>1,2,3,4</sup>	_	_	_
Indicated 1,2,3,4	59.3	10.61	6.3
Total Measured and Indicated	59.3	10.61	6.3
Inferred <sup>1,2,3,4,5</sup>	14.9	11.06	1.6

Table 1: Mineral Resources (at 3.9% Cg Cut-Off) – MOGC, Lac Tétépisca Project

Notes:

 The Mineral Resources were estimated using the Canadian Institute of Mining, Metallurgy and Petroleum (CIM), CIM Standards on Mineral Resources and Reserves, Definitions and Guidelines prepared by the CIM Standing Committee on Reserve Definitions and adopted by CIM Council.

2. Resources are constrained by a Lersch Grossman (LG) optimized pit shell using HxGn MinePlan software.

3. Pit shell defined using 45-degree pit slope, \$USD 1,171 /t concentrate sales price, \$USD 4.61/t mining costs, \$USD 26.71/t processing costs, \$USD 8.36/t G&A and \$USD 167/t for concentrate transportation costs, 86.6% process recovery and 96.4% concentrate grade and an assumed 100,000 tpy concentrate production.

4. Mineral Resources, which are not Mineral Reserves, do not have demonstrated economic viability. The estimate of Mineral Resources may be materially affected by environmental, permitting, legal, title, taxation, sociopolitical, marketing, or other relevant issues.

5. The Inferred Mineral Resource in this estimate has a lower level of confidence than that applied to an Indicated Mineral Resource and must not be converted to a Mineral Reserve. It is reasonably expected that the majority of the Inferred Mineral Resource could be upgraded to an Indicated Mineral Resource with continued exploration.

6. No mineral reserves have been established for the Lac Tétépisca Project.

	Mineral Resource Category								
		Measure	ed		Indicate	d		Inferred	
Cut-off	Tonnes (Mt)	Graphitic Carbon (%)	In-Situ Graphite (Mt)	Tonnes (Mt)	Carbon Granhite		Tonnes (Mt)	Graphitic Carbon (%)	In-Situ Graphite (Mt)
<u>Base Case</u> (3.9% Cg)	-	-	-	59.3	10.61	6.3	14.9	11.06	1.6
7.0% Cg	-	-	-	39.1	12.92	5.1	9.8	13.37	1.3
10.0% Cg	-	-	-	26.8	14.87	4.0	6.4	15.21	1.0
13.0% Cg	-	-	-	15.1	16.72	2.5	2.6	16.76	0.4

Plan and longitudinal views of the conceptual 2D pit shell with mineral resource blocks for the MOGC graphite deposit are available on the Company's website at <u>www.focusgraphite.com</u>.

Refer to the 'Exploration Activities' Section for the Resource Estimation Summary and Parameters

On April 5, 2022, the Company announced the filing on SEDAR of the technical report supporting the initial Mineral Resource Estimate ("MRE"), for its MOGC graphite deposit on the Lac Tétépisca Project. The Technical Report entitled "NI 43-101 Technical Report, Mineral Resource Estimate, Lac Tétépisca Graphite Project, Québec", was prepared by DRA Global Limited's ("DRA") Montréal, Québec office. The Technical Report effective February 17, 2022, and signed April 4, 2022, was authored by independent Qualified Persons ("QP") and was prepared in accordance with National Instrument ("NI") 43-101 - Standards of Disclosure for Mineral Projects.

The Technical Report is available on SEDAR, under the Company's profile and will also be posted on the Company's website at <u>www.focusgraphite.com</u>.

# **Qualified Persons**

DRA consultant Schadrac Ibrango, P.Geo. (QC), PhD, MBA, is responsible for estimating the mineral resources and has reviewed and approved the contents of this press release. Mr. Ibrango is a Qualified Person ("QP"), independent of Focus Graphite, within the meaning of NI 43-101 – Standards of Disclosure for Mineral Projects of the Canadian Securities Administrators.

Mr. Marc-André Bernier, géo. (QC), P.Geo. (ON), M.Sc., Senior Geoscientist for Table Jamésienne de Concertation Minière, a consultant to the Company and a Qualified Person as defined under National Instrument (NI) 43 – 101 Standards of Disclosure for Mineral Projects has reviewed and approved the non-technical content this news release.

#### Focus Starts Phase 1 Drilling at Southwest MOGC and West Limb Targets at Lac Tétépisca, Québec

On March 15, 2022, the Company announced a new drilling program designed to explore for satellite deposits within a radius of five km of the Company's recently announced MOGC natural flake graphite deposit in a first phase of its 3,000 m of exploration drilling at the Lac Tétépisca graphite project.

The new drilling program will test two high priority graphitic targets at the Lac Tétépisca project, Southwest MOGC and West Limb. The Southwest MOGC target encompasses the southwestern extension of the linear kilometre-scale ground geophysical Magnetic (MAG) - Electromagnetic ("EM") anomaly which hosts the Company's recently announced Manicouagan-Ouest Graphitic Corridor ("MOGC") flake graphite deposit (Figure 1). On February 17, 2022, the Company announced a pit-constrained Indicated resource of 59.3 Mt tonnes ("Mt") grading 10.61% Graphitic Carbon<sup>1</sup> ("Cg") for the MOGC deposit for an estimated content of 6.3 Mt of natural flake graphite (in-situ), and an Inferred resource of 14.9 Mt grading 11.06% Cg<sup>1</sup> for an estimated content of 1.6 Mt of natural flake graphite (in-situ) (refer to Focus news release dated February 17, 2022, available on the Company's Web site at <u>www.focusgraphite.com</u>, for additional details).

Phase 1 drilling will also test the Company's West Limb target, a second linear kilometre-scale ground MAG-EM anomaly that is parallel to the MOCG MAG-EM anomaly but is located 2 km to the West (Figure 1). Prospecting and outcrop sampling conducted by Focus along a 900 m segment of the West

Limb graphitic target in 2014 returned 15 paragneiss grab samples with Cg grades ranging from 1.06% to 54.20%, nine of which graded over 16.00% Cg (Source: Focus technical reported dated May 2015, available at <a href="https://sigeom.mines.gouv.qc.ca/">https://sigeom.mines.gouv.qc.ca/</a>, under assessment work report GM 69493).

Focus has commissioned IOS Services Géoscientifiques Inc. ("IOS") of Saguenay, Québec, to design and operate the 2022 exploration drilling programs at the Lac Tétépisca project. The Company has also retained the services of Table Jamésienne de Concertation Minière ("TJCM") of Chibougamau, Québec, to provide independent advisory and drilling project supervision services. Drilling is being performed by Forage G4 of Val D'Or, Québec.

The mineral resource estimate ("MRE") was prepared by DRA Global Limited's ("DRA") Montréal, Québec, office. Mineral resources have been classified according to the CIM definition for classification of Indicated and Inferred Mineral Resources. A cut-off of 3.9 % Cg has been applied to disclose the estimated Mineral Resources. The effective date of the MRE is September 17, 2021 which is the date of reception of the final version of the drill hole database.

#### **Qualified Person**

Mr. Marc-André Bernier, géo. (QC), P.Geo. (ON), M.Sc., Senior Geoscientist for Table Jamésienne de Concertation Minière, a consultant to the Company and a Qualified Person as defined under National Instrument (NI) 43 - 101 Standards of Disclosure for Mineral Projects has reviewed and approved the technical content this news release.

#### Focus Announces Share Consolidation

On April 14, 2022, the Company announced that the shareholders will be asked to consider, and if deemed appropriate, pass a special resolution approving an amendment to the Company's articles to consolidate the issued and outstanding common shares of the Company on the basis of one (1) post-consolidation common share for every ten (10) pre-consolidation common shares outstanding (the "Consolidation"). The shareholders approved the special resolution at the annual and special meeting held on May 19, 2022.

Prior to the share consolidation there are 551,663,902 common shares issued and outstanding, post-consolidation there are 55,166,390 common shares issued and outstanding.

No fractional common shares of the Company will be issued if, as a result of the Consolidation, a registered shareholder would otherwise be entitled to a fractional share. Instead, the Company will round any fractional shares resulting from the Consolidation in the following manner: a registered shareholders holding 0.50 or more fractional shares will be rounded up to the nearest whole share, and a registered shareholder holding less than 0.50 of a fractional share will be rounded down to the nearest whole share.

The Consolidation will affect all Shareholders uniformly and will not affect any Shareholders' percentage interest in the Company, except to the extent that the Consolidation would otherwise result in a Shareholder owning a fractional share. In addition, the Consolidation will not affect any Shareholder's proportionate voting rights, subject to the treatment of fractional shares described above. The Consolidation is subject to TSX-V approval and the effective date of the Consolidation will be announced once all approvals have been received.

On June 15, 2022, the Company announced that the TSX-V approved the share consolidation, effective at the open of the market on June 17, 2022 (the "Effective Date"). The Company did not change its name as part of the Consolidation but issued a new share certificates under a new CUSIP number, 34416E874 (ISIN: CA34416E8743). The Company's common shares continue to trade under its current symbol, "FMS".

Holders of Common Shares who hold uncertificated shares (that is shares held in book-entry form and not represented by a physical share certificate), either as registered holders or beneficial owners, had their existing book-entry account(s) electronically adjusted by the Company's transfer agent or, in the case of beneficial shareholders, by their brokerage firms, banks, trusts or other nominees. Such holders generally did not need to take any additional actions to exchange their pre-Consolidation common shares for post-Consolidation common shares.

Registered shareholders holding share certificates were mailed a letter of transmittal advising of the consolidation and instructing them to surrender the share certificates representing pre-Consolidation common shares for replacement certificates or a direct registration advice representing their post-

Consolidation common shares. Until surrendered for exchange, each share certificate formerly representing pre-consolidation Common Shares were deemed to represent the number of whole post-Consolidation common shares to which the holder is entitled as a result of the Consolidation.

Focus Awarded \$350,000 Grant from the Québec Government to Develop a Geometallurgical Model of its MOGC Graphite Deposit, At Lac Tétépisca, Québec

Refer to "Exploration Activities"

# Focus Begins Phase 2 (12,000 Metres) of Its 2022 Core Drilling Program on Its Lac Tétépisca Project

On July 28, 2022 the Company announced the launch of the second phase (12,000 m) of its 2022 core drilling program on its Lac Tétépisca project. Phase 2 of the program was initiated following the receipt on July 6 of two land use permits from the ministry of Forests, Wildlife and Parks of Québec ("MFFP") relating to the Manicouagan-Ouest Graphitic Corridor ("MOGC") deposit sector and the areas of the "West Limb" and "Southwest MOCG" exploration targets.

The exploration drilling program for the West Limb and Southwest MOGC targets aims to validate the occurrence of graphite mineralization within the extension, of the magnetic and electromagnetic anomaly associated with the MOGC deposit, over an approximate distance of five kilometres. A deep infill drilling program is also underway at the MOGC deposit. The purpose of this program is to convert a portion of the 59.3 million tonnes (Mt) of Mineral Indicated Mineral Resources grading 10.61% Cg\* into Measured Resources, as well as a portion of the 14.9 Mt of Inferred Mineral Resources grading 11.06% Cg\* in Indicated Resources. The conversion of Inferred and Indicated mineral resources to higher category resources is necessary to allow the MOGC deposit to reach the next step of the development process, the Preliminary Economic Study ("PEA"). \*Source: Report entitled "NI 43-101 Technical Report, Mineral Resource Estimate, Lac Tétépisca Graphite Project, Québec"" prepared by DRA Global Ltd., Montreal office, filed on www.sedar.com April 5, 2022, and available under Focus Graphite Inc.

To date, 31 holes have been drilled on the Lac Tétépisca project, based on the land use permits obtained previously (total: 6,483.65 metres). The preparation of core samples from these boreholes is underway at IOS Services Géoscientifiques Inc. ("IOS") laboratories located in Saguenay, Québec, and the first batches of samples will be shipped shortly to COREM laboratories located in Quebec City for graphite carbon (Cg) and total sulfur (S(tot)) assays.

The drilling program was designed and operated by IOS acting as Focus' main contractor, while Table Jamésienne de Concertation Minière ("TJCM") of Chibougamau, Québec, the Company's technical advisor, is supervising the project. The drilling work was entrusted to Forage G4 of Val-d'Or, Québec. Qualified person Mr. Marc-André Bernier, Géo. (QC), P.Geo. (ON), M.Sc., Senior Geoscientist for Table Jamésienne de Concertation Minière, a consultant to the Company and a Qualified Person as defined under National Instrument (NI) 43 - 101 Standards of Disclosure for Mineral Projects has reviewed and approved the technical content of this news release.

#### Focus Closes Fourth Tranche of Financing with Alumina Partners

On September 9, 2022 the Company announced it closed a fourth tranche under the previously announced equity financing facility with Alumina Partners (Ontario) Ltd. ("Alumina"), an affiliate of New York-based private equity firm Alumina Partners, LLC.

In the fourth tranche under the Equity Financing Facility, the Company completed a private placement for gross proceeds of \$100,000 from Alumina, with Alumina receiving 579,711 units of the Company consisting of a common share priced at \$0.1725 per share and warrants to purchase 289,855 common shares, exercisable at \$0.2875 per share for 36 months.

The Equity Financing Facility will provide the Company with up to \$12.0 million over a 24-month period for working capital and general corporate purposes. Under the Equity Financing Facility, the Company may, subject to certain conditions, restrictions and acceptance by Alumina, raise funds through private placements in tranches of up to \$500,000. Each tranche shall be a private placement of units, to be comprised on one common share and one-half of a common share purchase warrant, which will be exercisable for 36 months. The units will be issued at a discount of 25% of the closing market price at the time of each tranche, and the warrants will be issued at a 25% premium over the closing market price at the time of each tranche.

There are no standby charges or other upfront fees associated with the Equity Financing Facility. Each tranche of units issued under the Equity Financing Facility will be subject to the acceptance of the TSX Venture Exchange, and the securities issued will be subject to the customary 4-month hold period.

Focus Completes 2022 Exploration and Resource Definition Drilling Program at its Lac Tétépisca Project, Québec Ahead of Schedule and Under Budget

On November 30, 2022, the Company announced the completion of its 2022 core drilling program at its 100%-owned Lac Tétépisca graphite project. The 2022 program, which commenced on March 3 and ended on November 17, consisted of systematic resource definition drilling at depth on the Company's Manicouagan Ouest Graphitic Corridor ("MOGG") deposit together with exploration drilling at the nearby West Limb and Southwest MOGC geophysical (MAG-TDEM) targets. The drilling program was completed ahead of schedule and under budget and in accordance with the Company's flow-through expenditure obligations for 2021 and 2022.

Highlights from the 2022 drilling program:

- 74 holes completed (total: 14,900.5 metres), from LT-22-107 to LT-22-179, including: 27 holes drilled over a 1.5 km strike length on the MOGC deposit (total: 6,640.2 metres); 29 exploration holes drilled on the West Limb target (total: 5,421.6 metres), and 18 exploration holes drilled on the Southwest MOGC target (total: 2,838.8 metres).
- Drilling completed on the MOGC deposit includes seven (7) 300 m-length vertical HQ-diameter holes (LT-22-173 to LT-22-179; Figure 1), 19 high angled holes drilled to a vertical depth of 200 metres, plus a short hole (LT-22-173A) drilled at moderate angle. These vertical and high angle holes are expected to yield up to 25 tonnes of mineralized drill core from which composite samples will be generated for independent metallurgical processing and flake graphite concentrate recovery, and for subsequent concentrate purification and battery applications and performance tests.
- Excluding seventeen (17) holes remaining to be logged in detail, a total of 3,760 core samples, ranging between 1 to 3 metres in length, have been selected so far for geochemical analysis, of which approximately 75% are for graphitic carbon analysis and 25% are for dolomite analysis (major oxides and trace elements). Core splitting and sample preparation are underway at IOS Services Géoscientifiques Inc. ("IOS") laboratories in Saguenay, Québec.
- Pulverized samples are being expedited to COREM in Québec-City for graphitic carbon (Cg) and total sulfur (S(tot)) determinations, or for whole rock analysis for the dolomite, with 10% duplicates sent to Activation Laboratories in Ancaster, Ontario. The bulk of the analytical work is expected to require up to four months to be completed.

Analytical results from the 2022 core drilling program will be released by the Company as they are received from COREM and following QA\QC verification and data compilation and analysis by IOS. Please monitor the Company's website at (<u>www.focusgraphite.com</u>) and regulatory filings on SEDAR (<u>www.sedar.com</u>) for the latest news on the Lac Tétépisca project.

Service Providers, Field and Laboratory Methods, and QA/QC Protocols

The 2022 core drilling program at the Lac Tétépisca project was designed and operated by IOS Services Géoscientifiques Inc. ("IOS") of Saguenay, Québec, under the supervision of Table Jamésienne de Concertation Minière ("TJCM") of Chibougamau, Québec, acting as an independent technical adviser to the Company. Drilling was performed by Forage G4 of Val-d'Or, Québec using a single drill rig.

Starting in March 2022, drill core boxes for each hole were packaged by sequential numbers onto pallets in the field by IOS personnel and then shipped by truck every 2 weeks to IOS's facilities in Saguenay where they were archived. Sampling has been conducted with a diamond saw, with NQ-diameter core from the Southwest MOGC and West Limb targets being halved, while all HQ-diameter core from the MOGC deposit was quartered. Sample preparation work consisting of crushing and grinding began last September and is expected to be completed by next January. Pulverized splits are sent to COREM, an ISO/IEC 17025:2005 certified facility located in Québec City, for graphitic carbon (code LSA-M-B10) and total sulphur (code LSA-M-B41) analysis using LECO induction furnace with infrared spectrometry. Pulverized split samples of dolomitic marble are sent to COREM for main oxide analysis by X-ray fluorescence analysis on borate glasses (Code: LSA-M-A32) with 10% of samples analyzed for 25 trace element analysis using ICP-OES and ICP-MS after an aqua-regia digestion (Code LSA-OEP and LSA-MSP).

The analytical quality control program for the Lac Tétépisca project is designed and implemented by an IOS chemist and is identical to the one used for previous drill programs at Lac Tétépisca or at the Company's Lac Knife project. Under the QA/QC program, about 10% of the core samples will also be analyzed by COREM for total carbon (code LSA-M-B45), organic carbon (code LSA-M-B58) and inorganic carbon (code LSA-M-B11). The same 10% of the samples are duplicated and sent to ACTLABS Laboratories of Ancaster, Ontario (ISO/IEC 17025:2005 with CAN-P-1579) for graphitic carbon (code 5D – C Graphitic) and total sulphur (code 4F – S Combustion infrared detection) determinations and for 35 trace element analysis using ICP-MS after an aqua-regia digestion (code 1E2 – Aqua Regia). About 15% of reference materials are inserted in the sample sequences, either certified or internal reference material samples (CDN-GR1, CMRI12, Oreas-724, GLC-004, NSC-DC-60119, NSC-DC-60120, NSC-DC-60121), duplicates (quarter-split core, crushing or grinding duplicates), and preparation blanks.

#### **Qualified Persons**

Mr. Marc-André Bernier, géo. (QC), P.Geo. (ON), M.Sc., Senior Geoscientist for Table Jamésienne de Concertation Minière, a consultant to the Company and a Qualified Person as defined under National Instrument (NI) 43 - 101 Standards of Disclosure for Mineral Projects has reviewed and approved the technical content this news release.

#### Focus Announces Non-Brokered Private Placements of Flow-Through Shares and Non-Flow-Through Units

On December 23, 2022 the Company announced a non-brokered private placement of up to 500,000 units of the Company at a price of \$0.40 per Unit for aggregate gross proceeds to the Company of up to \$200,000, and up to 987,692 common shares issued on a flow-through basis of the Company at a price of \$0.65 per Flow-Through Share for aggregate gross proceeds to the Company of up to \$642,000 and when referenced together with the Offering.

Each Unit consisted of one common share in the capital of the Company and one-half of one nontransferable common share purchase warrant of the Company. Each Warrant issued as part of the Unit entitles the holder thereof to acquire one Common Share at an exercise price per Common Share of \$0.65 for a period of 12 months from the closing of the Offering, until December 29, 2023.

The net proceeds of the Offering will be used for existing operations and general working capital requirements. The net proceeds of the Flow-Through Offering will be used to support the Company's Tetepisca drilling program.

On December 29, 2022 the Company announced it closed the non-brokered private placement for total gross proceeds of \$842,616, of which \$642,616 were flow-through funds. The securities issued in connection with the closing of the Offering are subject to a four-month hold period expiring on April 30, 2023.

On December 29, 2022 the Company announced it has closed its previously announced non-brokered private placement for total gross proceeds of \$842,616.

As part of the Offering, the Company issued 988,640 common shares on a flow-through basis at a price of \$0.65 per Flow-Through Share and 500,000 units at a price of \$0.40 per Unit. Each Unit is comprised of one common share and one-half common share purchase warrant. Each Warrant entitles its holder to purchase one common share at a price of \$0.65 per common share until December 29, 2023.

The securities issued in connection with the closing of the Offering are subject to a four-month hold period expiring on April 30, 2023 and the Offering is subject to the final approval of the TSX Venture Exchange.

Focus Graphite also announces that at its annual and special meeting held on May 19, 2022, the shareholders approved an amendment to increase the number of options available under the stock option plan to 11,033,278.

Focus Reports 92.42 m grading 14.28% Graphitic Carbon (Cg) in hole LT-22-131; 86.66 m grading 15.00% Cg in hole LT-22-130; and 91.83 m grading 13.84% Cg in hole LT-22-132 from the 2022 Definition Drilling Program at Lac Tétépisca

Refer to the "Exploration Activities".

# Focus Amends Stock Option Plan

On February 23, 2023 the Company announced that the Board of Directors adopted an amended stock option plan (the "Amended Option Plan") which will replace the Company's current option plan.

The Amended Option Plan increases the number of shares reserved for issuance pursuant to the exercise of stock options from 11,033,278 to 11,504,920, representing 20% of the issued and outstanding shares of the Corporation as of the date the Amended Option Plan was adopted. The Amended Option Plan is subject to approval by the shareholders of the Company at the meeting to be held on April 19, 2023 and final TSX-V approval.

### Focus Announces Benchmark Feasibility Study Update for its Lac Knife Graphite Project, Québec

Refer to the "Exploration Activities"

Focus Reports 77.14 m Grading 17.63% Graphitic Carbon (Cg) in Hole LT-22-135 from its 2022 Definition Drilling Program at Lac Tétépisca Project

Refer to the "Exploration Activities"

Focus Reports Additional Significant Graphitic Carbon (CG) Intercepts From 2022 Deep Definition Drilling Program at Lac Tétépisca, Québec, Including 91.26 m Grading 13.25% CG in Hole LT-22-129

Refer to the "Exploration Activities"

### Focus Receives International Preliminary Report on Patentability for its Patent Application for Advanced Anode Material Comprising Spheroidal Silicon Enhanced Graphite Particles

On September 26, 2023 the Company announced it has received a final copy of the International Preliminary Report on Patentability (IPRP) for its patent application for Advanced Anode Material Comprising Spheroidal Silicon Enhanced Graphite Particles, which includes a determination that all claims (1-26) are novel and inventive. The patent application was submitted in March 2021 (see press release of March 1, 2021 for more details).

The IPRP Examiner's findings are of direct significance and benefit to Focus Graphite as the Company will now move forward with classifying and protecting the inventive claims into specific National Phase (NP) jurisdictional patent applications. In doing so, the company will accomplish two key strategic goals by the time the NP patent applications are fully granted through each NP review process:

- 1. Documenting a novel, inventive, and industrially applicable advanced material manufacturing process for the creation of high-performance lithium-ion battery anodes, wherein the flake graphite raw materials required for this process could be sourced internally from the company's Lac Knife or Lac Tétépisca projects as well as from external sources and/or partnerships.
- 2. By filing the application into key, strategic jurisdictions where lithium-ion battery manufacturers currently operate or will do so in future, Focus Graphite will have a strong position from which to commercialize and expand its business toward anode technology licensing, battery codevelopment, and material offtake opportunities.

Each NP review process now has the potential to be fast-tracked, given this favourable review from the IPRP Examiner.

# Battery Anode Backgrounder

For anode material to be considered battery-worthy, the anode must be of high enough quality so that practical active material loadings on the anode are on the order of 10 to 12 mg/cm<sup>2</sup> (or higher). In an embodiment of Focus Graphite's invention, the anodes comprised of silicon-enhanced spheroidal graphite have active material loadings far surpassing these levels, reaching up to 16.2 mg/cm<sup>2</sup>.

The formation of spheroidal particles is beneficial as it provides maximum packing density in the assembly of the lithium-ion battery anode materials, which will maximize both the Specific Energy (Wh/kg) and Energy Density (Wh/L) of a full battery cell level, thus increasing battery life and power.

### **Qualified Person**

Dr. Joseph Doninger, Focus Graphite's Director of Technology and Manufacturing is the Qualified Person under National Instrument 43-101 – Standards of Disclosure for Mineral Projects – has reviewed and approved the technical content of this news release. Dr. Doninger is an internationally recognized graphite processing expert and himself, the inventor of a number of patents and an author of over 27 technical papers and presentations related to graphite processing and the use of graphite in energy storage systems. Dr. Doninger is a co-editor on the NATO Science Series book titled "New Carbon Based Materials for Electrochemical Energy Storage Systems". Dr. Doninger is also an Honorary Professor at the Department of Chemistry from the Kiev National University of Technologies and Design.

### Closing of Flow-Through Private Placement

During the fiscal year ended September 30, 2024, on December 21, 2023, the Company closed a flowthrough private placement for gross proceeds of \$300,200. The flow-through private placement was comprised of 1,580,000 flow-through shares at a price of \$0.19 per flow-through share. In connection with the financing, the Company paid cash finders' fees of \$18,012 and issued, as additional consideration, 94,800 broker warrants, each broker warrant entitling the holder to acquire one common share of the Company at a price of \$0.22 until December 21, 2026.

#### **Closing of Private Placement**

During the fiscal year ended September 30, 2024, on December 21, 2023, the Company completed a private placement for gross proceeds of \$50,000. The private placement was comprised of 294,118 units at a price of \$0.17 per unit. Each unit is comprised of one common share and a common share purchase warrant. Each warrant entitles the holder to purchase one additional common share of the Company at a price of \$0.22 until December 21, 2026. In connection with the financing, the Company paid cash finders' fees of \$3,000 and issued, as additional consideration, 17,647 broker warrants, each broker warrant entitling the holder to acquire one common share of the Company at a price of \$0.22 until December 20, 2026.

# Focus Graphite Close Private Placement

During the fiscal year ended September 30, 2024, on May 7, 2024 the Company announced it closed a non-brokered private placement for total gross proceeds of \$450,001.50.

As part of the Offering, the Company issued 2,352,950 common shares on a flow-through basis (the "Flow-Through Share") at a price of \$0.17 per Flow-Through Share and 312,500 units (the "Units") at a price of \$0.16 per Unit to accredited investors. Each Unit is comprised of one (1) common share and one (1) common share purchase warrant. Each Warrant entitles its holder to purchase one (1) common share at a price of \$0.20 per common share until May 6, 2027.

The securities issued in connection with the closing of the Offering are subject to a four-month hold period expiring on September 7, 2024.

In connection with the closing of the Offering, the Company paid a cash finder's fee totaling \$27,000.09 and issued 159,927 warrants (the "Finder Warrants"). Each Finder Warrant entitles the finder to purchase one (1) common share at a price of \$0.20 per common share until May 6, 2027.

#### Focus Graphite Intersects 82.91M at 13.81% Cg at the Lac Tetepisca Project in Quebec

Refer to Exploration Activities

#### Dean Hanisch to Join Focus Graphite as Special Advisor, Corporate Development

During the fiscal year ended September 30, 2024, on August 30, 2024 the Company announced that Mr. Dean Hanisch will join the Company as a Special Advisor and Business Development Consultant, effective September 3, 2024. Mr. Hanisch works on advancing the Company's assets through strategic business development initiatives and fostering collaborations with industry and government partners.

Dean Hanisch is an entrepreneur with a successful 30-year record of assisting private and public companies in a broad range of industries, and at all stages of growth from seed and commercialization to operation and monetization. Mr. Hanisch has assisted a number of junior mining companies to

enhance their market presence, and was instrumental in the growth and eventual sale of U.S.-based Paramount Gold and Silver Corp. Previously, Mr. Hanisch held a variety of senior executive positions in the IT industry, again assisting companies to grow, prosper and maximize shareholder return through acquisitions by public companies - for example, Titan Consulting Group acquired by Calian CTY.

#### Focus Graphite Announces Non-Brokered Private Placement

During the fiscal year ended September 30, 2024, on September 30, 2024 the Company announced it arranged a non-brokered private placement of up to 4,000,000 units of the Company at a price of \$0.075 per Unit for aggregate gross proceeds of up to \$300,000. Each Unit will consist of one common share in the capital of the Company and one non-transferable common share purchase warrant of the Company. Each whole Warrant will entitle the holder thereof to acquire one Common Share at an exercise price per Common Share of \$0.10 for a period of 24 months from the closing of the Offering.

The net proceeds of this financing will be used to maintain the Company's operations and general working capital requirements.

Subsequent to the end of the fiscal year ended September 30, 2024, on October 2, 2024, the Company announced it increased the maximum offering of its private placement from gross proceeds of \$300,000 to \$500,000 and the issuance of an additional 2,666,666 Units at a price of \$0.075 per Unit for a total of 6,666,666 Units. A finder's fee of up to 7% cash and 7% finder's warrants, exercisable on the same terms of the Warrants offered as part of the Offering may be paid by the Company on a portion of the Offering.

Subsequent to the fiscal year ended September 30, 2024, on October 11, 2024, the Company announced the closing of its first tranche of the non-brokered private placement for gross proceeds of \$400,000 by issuing 5,333,336 units at a price of \$0.075 per unit. The Company paid a finder's fee of \$14,000 and issued 186,667 finders warrant. Each Finders Warrants entitles the finder to purchase one Warrant Share for a period of 36 months from the date of issue at a price of \$0.10 per Warrant Share. The Common Shares, Warrants, Finders Warrants and Warrant Shares will have a hold period of four months and one day until February 9, 2025.

Subsequent to the fiscal year ended September 30, 2024, on November 15, 2024, the Company completed its previously disclosed non-brokered private placement following the closing of a second tranche. The second tranche raised gross proceeds of \$52,500 through the issuance of 700,000 units. The Company paid a finder's fee of \$1,575 and issued 21,000 finders warrant. With closing of the first and second tranches, the Company raised an aggregate of \$452,500 and issued 6,033,336 Units in the Offering.

#### Focus Graphite Announces The Approval of Amended Equity Incentive Plan

Subsequent to the fiscal year ended September 30, 2024, on October 2, 2024 the Company announced that the shareholders approved its amended 20% fixed equity incentive plan at the annual and special meeting of the shareholders held on August 29, 2024. The amended plan was approved by the board of directors on July 16, 2024. The amended plan increases the number of options available to be issued to eligible optionees to 12,492,834 and permits the Board to issue Restricted Share Units to eligible recipients. A copy of the plan was appended to the Company's Information Circular dated July 16, 2024 and is available under the Company's profile on SEDAR+. The amended plan is subject to TSX-V approval.

#### Focus Graphite Announces Proposed Debt Settlement

Subsequent to the fiscal year ended September 30, 2024, on October 23, 2024 the Company announced it reached an Debt Settlement agreement with JJJY Holdings Inc. to settle an aggregate of \$865,000 in debt owed by the Company to JJJY Holdings Inc in respect of an unsecured loan made to the Company on \$2,300,000 (the "Debt "). The Debt has no maturity date and bears no interest.

#### Focus Graphite Grants Options

On October 16, 2024, 3,150,000 stock options were granted to consultants at an exercise price of \$0.09 per share, which all vested immediately and expire on October 16, 2029

# **Exploration Activities**

# Year ended September 30, 2024

For the year ended September 30, 2024	Lac Knife	Manicouagan	Total
	\$	\$	\$
Drilling	15,920	330,599	346,519
Independent technical studies	40,650	77,298	117,948
Geochemical survey	21,252	67,594	88,846
Property maintenance	19,577	10,133	29,710
Community relations	6,867	-	6,867
	104,266	485,624	589,890
Government grant	-	(52,500)	(52,500)
Exploration and evaluation expenditures	104,266	433,124	537,390

# Year ended September 30, 2023

For the year ended September 30, 2023	Lac Knife	Manicouagan	Total
	\$	\$	\$
Drilling	130,590	2,246,442	2,377,032
Independent technical studies	-	525	525
Geophysical survey	-	133,945	133,945
Geochemical survey	35,599	44,329	79,928
Resource estimate	3,910	-	3,910
Property maintenance	1,482	8,066	9,548
Feasibility studies	285,102	-	285,102
Environmental studies	16,083	-	16,083
Community relations	22,457	1,848	24,305
	495,223	2,435,155	2,930,378
Tax credits and credit on duties	(1,531)	(47,123)	(48,654)
Exploration and evaluation expenditures	493,692	2,388,032	2,881,724

# Lac Knife Graphite Project, Côte-Nord Administrative District of Québec

The Lac Knife property comprises 62 map-designated claims (CDC) covering 3,248.18 hectares (ha) located in northwest Esmanville Township and northeast Gueslis Township (NTS topographic map sheet 23B-11), 27 km south-southwest of the iron-mining town of Fermont, in the Côte-Nord administrative district of Québec.

Focus acquired a 100% unencumbered interest in the original 57 mineral claims forming the Lac Knife property on October 4, 2010, when it acquired all the issued and outstanding shares of 3765351 Canada Inc., a wholly owned subsidiary of IAMGOLD-Québec Management Inc. and the registered owner of the Lac Knife mineral claims. Effective April 1, 2012, 3765351 Canada Inc. was liquidated, and its assets were transferred to Focus. 3765351 Canada Inc. was formally dissolved effective September 30, 2012. In April 2021, the Company added five contiguous CDC claims to the northeast corner of the Lac Knife property.

The Lac Knife property is host to the historical Lac Knife flake graphite prospect discovered during regional government geological surveying in 1959\*. The prospect is located in the Grenville geological province of Northeastern Québec. Graphite mineralization is set in migmatized biotite-bearing quartz-feldspar gneiss belonging to the Nault Formation of the lower Proterozoic Gagnon Group. According to the Québec Ministry of Natural Resources and forests (MRNF), where this gneissic unit is sheared, brecciated, and silicified, coarse graphite flakes and associated sulphide minerals make up 5-10% of the rock, with up to 20% or more in the more brecciated zones. Fuchsite and other iron-rich micas accompany the graphite and sulphide mineralization in the more silicified horizons.

\* <u>Source</u>: Murphy, D.L., 1960. Rapport préliminaire sur la région des lacs Carheil et Gentilhomme, district électoral de Saguenay. Québec Ministry of mines, geological report RP-412, 15 p. (available at <u>https://sigeom.mines.gouv.qc.ca/signet/classes/l1102\_index?entt=LG&l=F</u>).

Since acquiring the Lac Knife property in 2010, Focus has completed a series of comprehensive exploration and mineral resource appraisal work programs targeting the Lac Knife prospect, the broader Lac Knife property, together with the nearby Montagne-aux-Bouleaux dolomitic marble prospect also held by the Company. This work culminated in the release in 2014 of a positive feasibility and NI 43-101 technical report for the Lac Knife project; in the filing with the Québec government of an environment and social impact assessment (ESIA) study for the project; along with the signing of a Pre-Development Agreement (PDA) on the Lac Knife project with the Uashat Mak Mani-Utenam Innu ("ITUM") First Nation Band Council.

In 2020, the Company launched or resumed the field, laboratory and desktop investigations required to answer the second series of questions from the Québec Ministry of the Environment, the Fight Against Climatic change, Widlife and Parks (MELCCFP) on the 2014 ESIA study. Focus has commissioned IOS Géosciences Inc. of Saguenay, Québec, to undertake or supervise the final investigations required by the MELCCFP to move the project to the public information and consultation phase of the government environmental permitting process. Focus also retained the service of Baie-Comeau, Québec based Mu-Conseils to assist the Company develop participative, integrated, and sustainable strategies to address community and other stakeholder concerns relating the Lac Knife project and to achieve social acceptability.

Finally in 2023, the Company released a positive Feasibility Study Update (FSU) and NI 43-101 technical report for the Lac Knife project prepared by DRA Americas Inc.'s Montréal, Québec office with contributions by Newfields Canada Mining & Environment ULC (Newfields) of Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, and IOS Géosciences Inc. of Saguenay, Québec, the results of which are presented further below.

The Lac Knife project is comprised of the Lac Knife property plus a separate block of 12 CDC contiguous claims (total area: 626.88 ha) located 11 kilometres to the north of the Lac Knife property on NTS sheet 23B-11, which is referred to as the "Montagne-aux-Bouleaux" property (or claims block).

On November 18, 2024, all 62 CDC claims forming the Lac Knife property were listed as "active" on GESTIM Plus, the Québec government's online mining title management system (<u>https://gestim.mines.gouv.qc.ca/</u>), with the next scheduled biennial claim renewal for five (5) CDC claims to be performed by May 3, 2026, at the latest, and the following biennial claim renewal for eight (8) CDC claims to be performed by September 9, 2026.

On November 18, 2024, all 12 CDC claims forming the Montagne-aux-Bouleaux property were listed as "active" on GESTIM Plus, with the next biennial renewal for all 12 claims to be performed by February 25, 2026, at the latest.

# Historic Work (pre-2010)

A summary of historic exploration and mineral development work conducted on the Lac Knife project by Focus predecessors is provided in previous Company MD&A reports. Please refer to the Company's MD&A report for the quarter ended June 30, 2024, available on SEDAR Plus (<u>www.sedarplus.ca/</u>) under Focus Graphite Inc., for the latest version of the summary.

#### Focus Exploration and Development Programs (2010 to 2023)

A comprehensive reporting of the exploration and mineral resources appraisal work programs completed on the Lac knife project by Focus from 2010 to 2023, including program and technical report highlights is provided in previous Company MD&A reports.

Please refer to the Company's MD&A report for the quarter ended June 30, 2024, available on SEDAR Plus (<u>www.sedarplus.ca/</u>) under Focus Graphite Inc., for the latest version of the reporting.

# 2023 Operations Highlights

Work on the Lac Knife project environmental and social impact assessment (ESIA) study by IOS Géosciences Inc. remained on hold throughout quarter ended December 31, 2022, pending the

completion of the Feasibility Study Update (FSU) by DRA Americas Inc.(DRA) and the availability of additional funding required to undertake the following ESIA related investigations starting in 2023:

- Air dispersion modelling update and dust management plan;
- Water quality estimates and water treatment concepts study;
- Climate change and greenhouse gas emissions study;
- Mine closure and mine site reclamation plan;
- Sustainable development plan;
- Tailings dam break study; and
- noise reduction and vibrations study.

On January 11, 2023, UQAT University's *Unité de Recherche et de Services en Technologie Minérale* (URSTM) R&D centre advised the Company that the Fonds de recherche du Québec – Nature et technologies (FRQNT) had approved URSTM's application for funding to undertake their project entitled "Valorization of dolomite in the management of graphite mine tailings from a graphite mine in Québec". Focus will be contributing \$30,000 to the project over the next three years.

On January 17, 2023, the Company received IOS Geosciences Inc.'s technical report for the surface exploration program conducted at the Lac Knife property from September 14 to October 28, 2021. The ground mapping, geophysical prospecting and outcrop sampling program was designed to test a series geophysical conductors (MAG-EM) located within the perimeter of the property but outside of the limits of the Lac Knife deposit, in search for new graphite mineralization.

A total of 217 sites were inspected in the field during the survey and 128 rock samples were collected and then sent to Activation Laboratories (ActLabs) in Ancaster, Ontario, for graphitic carbon (Cg), total carbon (C(tot)), organic and inorganic carbon and total sulfur (S(tot)) determinations and for 38-element geochemical analysis. The survey identified four areas on the Lac Knife property as priority targets for follow-up investigation in search of new high grade graphitic mineralization.

On January 27, 2023, DRA reported having received a first mining contractor bid for the Lac Knife project FSU for the option of a contractor-based mining operation. DRA is reviewing the bid. Bids from the other mining contractors contacted by DRA are pending. Additional bids were received in February.

#### Focus Announces Benchmark Feasibility Study Update for its Lac Knife Graphite Project, Québec

On March 6, 2023, the Company released the highlights from the Feasibility Study Update ("FSU") for the Lac Knife project. The FSU was prepared by DRA Global Limited's Montréal, Québec office with assistance from other DRA offices and various independent technical consultants.

The FSU is based on a 27-year mine life and produced a Pre-tax Net Present Value ("NPV") of \$500.9 million calculated at a discounted cash flow ("DCF") rate of 8%. Pre-tax, the financial model has an Internal Rate of Return ("IRR") of 28.7% and a capital payback period of 2.8 years (Table 1).

The after-tax financial model has an NPV of \$285.7 million calculated at a DCF rate of 8%, and with an IRR of 22.4% and a capital payback of 3.3 years (Table1).

Results from the FSU indicate that the Project is viable economically with a Base Case scenario that includes an open pit mining operation with a concentrator production line rate of 47,781 tonnes of flake graphite concentrate annually at an average mill feed rate of 365,320 tonnes per year of Mineral Reserves over a 27-year mine life. (Table 2). A concentrator availability of 93% was used for the FSU. The Project's additional Measured, Indicated, and Inferred Resources will continue to be evaluated to develop the mid- and long-term growth profile for the Company.

# Table 1: FSU Financial Highlights\*,1:

Pre-Tax NPV @ 8% discount rate (\$M CAD):	\$500.9
After Tax NPV @ 8% discount rate (\$M CAD):	\$285.7
Pre-Tax IRR (%):	28.70%
After Tax IRR (%):	22.4%
Life of Mine (LOM) (years):	27
Pre-Tax payback period (years):	2.8
After Tax payback period (years):	3.3
Initial Capital Expenditure (Capex) (\$M CAD):	\$236.5
Operating Expenses (Opex) (Average over LOM \$M CAD):	\$25.9
Average sales price of graphite concentrate 2022 (USD/t):	\$1,679

\* Unless otherwise noted, all monetary figures presented herein are expressed

in Canadian Dollars with a USD/CAD conversion rate of 1.35.

<sup>1</sup> <u>Cautionary Note</u>: There is no certainty that the economic forecasts will be realized.

# Table 2: Operational Highlights<sup>1</sup>:

Annual average ROM to the concentrator (tonnes):	365,32
Annual average production of graphite concentrate (tonnes):	47,781
Mineral processing plant graphite recovery:	86% to 91%
<sup>1</sup> Cautionary Note: There is no certainty that these operational forecasts	s will be realized.

# FSU Technical Report

A technical report detailing the FSU for the Lac Knife project and prepared in accordance with National Instrument (NI) 43-101 guidelines, is now available on SEDAR Plus (<u>www.sedarplus.ca/</u>). It was filed on SEDAR PLUS on April 16, 2023, ahead of the deadline which is 45 days of the above referenced release.

# Updated Mineral Resource Estimate

The updated Mineral Resource Estimate (MRE) prepared by DRA shows that the Lac Knife Project has 12.0 million tonnes (Mt) of Indicated resources grading 15.34 % graphitic carbon (Cg) for an estimated content of 1.7 Mt of in-situ natural flake graphite, and 0.6 Mt of Inferred resources grading 16.90% Cg for an estimated content of 0.1 Mt of in-situ natural flake graphite. A cut-off grade (COG) of 4% was used to determine the MRE as shown in Table 3.

This updated MRE follows infill and exploration drilling completed on the Project since the Feasibility Study (FS), which was published in 2014. A total of seventy-five (75) holes, with a cumulative length of 11,204 metres, were drilled between 2014 and 2018, since the effective date of the previous MRE.

Of these 75 holes, a total of 65 holes, for a cumulative length of 8,072 metres, were drilled in 2014, of which 26 holes were exploration holes and 39s were definition drilling to tighten up the FS resource definition area. A total of ten (10) holes, for a cumulative length of 3,132 metres, were later drilled in 2018 to test the graphite potential in the deep western side of the open pit shell footprint as defined in the 2014 Feasibility Study.

# Table 3: Updated Mineral Resources Statement (at 4.0% Cg Cut-Off):

Classification	Tonnes (Mt)	Graphitic Carbon (%)	Concentrate (Mt)	
Measured: <sup>1,2,3</sup>	-	-	-	
Indicated: 1,2,3	12.0	15.34	1.7	
Total Measured and Indicated:	12.0	15.34	1.7	
Inferred: <sup>1,2,3,4</sup>	0.6	16.90	0.1	

Notes:

- 1. Mineral Resources are inclusive of Mineral Reserves.
- 2. The Mineral Resources were estimated following the Canadian Institute of Mining, Metallurgy and Petroleum (CIM), CIM Standards on Mineral Resources and Reserves, Definitions and Guidelines prepared by the CIM Standing Committee on Reserve Definitions and adopted by CIM Council
- 3. Mineral Resources which are not Mineral Reserves do not have demonstrated economic viability. The estimate of Mineral Resources may be materially affected by environmental, permitting, legal, title, taxation, sociopolitical, marketing, or other relevant issues.
- 4. The Inferred Mineral Resource in this estimate has a lower level of confidence that that applied to an Indicated Mineral Resource and must not be converted to a Mineral Reserve. It is reasonably expected that the majority of the Inferred Mineral Resource could be upgraded to an Indicated Mineral Resource with continued exploration.
- 5. Resources are constrained by a Pseudoflow optimized pit shell using HxGn MinePlan software. Pit shell is defined using 45-degree slope, \$CAD 1,475/t concentrate sales price, \$CAD 5.91/t ore mining costs, \$CAD 34.42/t processing costs, \$CAD 10.53/t G&A and \$CAD 265.00/t for concentrate transportation costs, 90.7% process recovery, 97.8%concentrate grade and an assumed 50,000 tpy concentrate production.
- 6. The Effective Date is March 6, 2023.
- 7. Numbers may not add due to rounding.

The MRE is based on the integration of geological, structural and grade information included in the resource drill hole database received and recorded solely from diamond core.

#### Mining

The mining activities will be performed by open pit methods using a conventional shovel and haul truck operation. The mining production schedule is based on one shift of 10 hours, 7 days a week. The mine life is scheduled to be 27 years with total ore mined of 9,310,000 tonnes grading 14.97% Cg (Table 4).

#### Updated Mineral Reserve Estimate

The open pit design includes 9,310 kilotonnes (kt) of Probable Mineral Reserves at a grade of 14.97% Cg. To access these reserves, 4,719 kt of overburden and 19,073 kt of waste rock must be mined (Table 4). This total waste quantity of 23,775 kt results in a stripping ratio of 2.6 to 1.

Classification	Tonnage (million tonnes)	Graphitic carbon (Cg) grade (%)
Proven:	-	-
Probable:	9.31	14.97
Proven and Probable:	9.31	14.97

#### Table 4: Updated Mineral Reserves Statement:

#### Notes:

1. Estimate of Mineral Reserves has been estimated by the Reserves QP.

- 2. The Mineral Reserves are reported in accordance with the CIM Standards on Mineral Resources and Reserves, Definitions and Guidelines prepared by the CIM Standing Committee on Reserve Definitions and adopted by the CIM Council.
- 3. The effective date of the estimate is March 6, 2023.
- 4. Mineral Reserves are included in Mineral Resources.
- 5. Pit shell was developed using a 45-degree pit slope, concentrate sales price of \$1,375\$/tonne of concentrate, mining costs of \$5.91/tonne of ore, \$5.40 \$/tonne of waste, and 3.71\$/tonne of overburden, processing costs of 34.42 \$/tonne of ore processed, G&A cost of \$10.53 \$/tonne ore processed and transportation costs of 265 \$/tonne of concentrate, 90.7% process recovery and 97.8% concentrate grade and an assumed 50,000-tonne per annum (tpa) concentrate production.
- 6. The Mineral Reserves are inclusive of mining dilution and ore loss.
- 7. The open pit Mineral Reserves are estimated using a cut-off grade of 5.1 % Cg.
- 8. The strip ratio for the open pits is 2.6 to 1.
- 9. The Mineral Reserves are stated as dry tonnes processed at the crusher.
- 10. All figures are in metric tonnes.
- 11. Totals may not add due to rounding.

The pit optimization analysis was completed using the MSOPit module of HxGN MinePlan®. The optimizer uses the Pseudoflow algorithm to determine the economic pit limits based on input of mining and processing costs, and revenue per block. In compliance with NI 43-101 guidelines regarding the Standards of Disclosure for Mineral Projects, only blocks classified in the Measured and Indicated

categories drive the pit optimization. Inferred resource blocks are treated as waste, bearing no economic value.

The pit that has been designed for the Lac Knife deposit is approximately 1,130 metres long and 400 metres wide at surface with a maximum pit depth of 150 metres. The total surface area of the pit is roughly 319,000 metres square (m<sup>2</sup>). The open pit design incorporates 10-metre high benches and follows the pit slope recommendations from the 2014 geotechnical investigation.

# Graphite Sales Price Assumption and Price by Size Fraction:

The graphite concentrate sales price used for the FSU was established at US\$ 1,679 /tonne which is a five-year average as the projections over the life of the mine. The selling price was determined using pricing information and calculations from the Benchmark Mineral Intelligence (Benchmark) Flake Graphite Price Index. Benchmark is an independent credible source who compiles international graphite prices for various commercial size fractions and concentrate purities. The Lac Knife graphite concentrate value was calculated based on the weighted average of each size fraction and purity obtained during metallurgical testing. Table 5 presents graphite concentrate values in US\$ for various size fractions value obtained through Benchmark Mineral Intelligence.

Graphite Concentrate	Weight	Purity	Production	<b>Average Price</b>
Size Fraction	(%)	(%Cg)	(tonnes /year)	(\$US/t)
+48 mesh product:	10.0	99.7	5,000	\$2,040
-48 +80 mesh product:	23.0	99.7	11,488	\$1,868
-80 +150 mesh product:	31.3	99.4	15,655	\$1,762
-150 +400 mesh product:	31.3	97	15,638	\$1,579
-400 mesh to tailings (not in				
weighted average):	4.4	86.8	2,219	\$0
Weighted Average:	100	98.2	47,781	\$1,679

# Table 5: Lac Knife graphite concentrate values in US\$ for the various size fractions.

#### Economic Evaluation

The capital cost estimate, summarized below, covers the development of the mine, ore processing facilities, and infrastructure required for the Lac Knife Project. It is based on the application of standard costing methods of achieving an FSU which provides an accuracy of  $\pm 15$  % and follows AACE Class 3 Guidelines. The operating cost covers mining, transportation, processing, tailings and water management, general and administration fees, as well as infrastructure and services.

The Capital Expenditures in Table 6 outline what is required to construct the mine, processing plant, power line and all associated infrastructure that is estimated at a total of \$236.5 million.

Area	Initial	Sustaining	LOM
	Cost	Cost	Cost
Mine Development:	8.07	13.71	21.78
Mine Equipment and Facilities:	19.66	6.11	25.77
Crushing and Concentrator:	99.24	0.50	99.74
Tailings Management:	22.73	30.21	52.94
Infrastructure:	32.50	0	32.50
Indirect Costs:	29.30	0	29.30
Contingency:	25.00	0	25.00
Total Capital Expenditure	236.50	50.53	287.03

### Table 6: Lac Knife Project Capital Expenditure (\$ CAN M).

The operating cost per tonne of concentrate produced is \$540.48 as indicated in Table 7. One key variable that allows for low production costs is Lac Knife's project location, which benefits from relatively easy access to low-cost hydroelectric power from Hydro Québec at the intersection of the access road and Provincial Highway 389.

# Table7: Lac Knife Operating Expenditures (27 Year Average).

Area	\$/Tonne of
	Concentrate
Mining Costs:	129.76
Processing Costs:	310.56
Tailings Costs:	4.38
General Administration Mine Site:	95.78
Total Operating Costs:	540.48

<sup>1</sup> <u>Cautionary Note</u>: There is no certainty that the economic forecasts will be realized.

### Next Steps

Work on the Environmental and Social Assessment (ESIA) study is scheduled to resume in March and be completed by the end of 2023, while the Mine Closure Plan is planned for submission in the fall of 2023. Focus continues to communicate, meet, and listen to local communities and will be stepping up these efforts now that the feasibility study is completed, and the scale and impacts of the Project are better understood.

DRA's financial model does not include potential value-added, purified, spheronized, and coated battery-grade graphite in its financial and operational calculations.

The exchange rate used is \$0.736 US Dollars per Canadian Dollar. Table 1 provides the Net Present Values calculated at various discounted cash flow rates for the Base Case production scenario of 47,781 tonnes of graphite concentrate produced annually. The financial analysis in the FS study used a five-year average price of US\$1,679 per tonne, which is a weighted average for the various graphite concentrates that are classified by flake size and valued by their carbon content.

# Qualified Persons:

The FSU technical information disclosed by the Company on March 6, 2023, was approved by Daniel Gagnon, P. Eng., Vice President Mining, Ghislain Prevost, P. Eng., Lead Mining Engineer, Jordan Zampini, P. Eng., Senior Process Engineer, and Claude Bisaillon, P.Eng., Senior Geotechnical Engineer, from DRA Global Limited, and all individuals that are Qualified Persons ("QP") under NI 43-101 guidelines and all independent of the issuer.

DRA consultant Schadrac Ibrango, P.Geo. (QC), PhD, MBA, is responsible for estimating the mineral resources and has reviewed and approved the contents of this press release. Mr. Ibrango is a Qualified Person ("QP"), independent of Focus Graphite, within the meaning of NI 43-101 – Standards of Disclosure for Mineral Projects of the Canadian Securities Administrators.

Mr. Leon C. Botham, MSCE, P.E., P.Eng. (SK/BC/ON/NT/YT) from NewFields Canada Mining & Environment ULC was responsible for the filtered tailings storage system as well as the water management system and has reviewed and approved the contents of this press release. Mr. Botham is a Qualified Person ("QP"), independent of Focus Graphite, within the meaning of NI 43-101 – Standards of Disclosure for Mineral Projects of the Canadian Securities Administrators.

Mr. Denys Vermette, géo. (QC)., M.Sc., M.Sc.A. from IOS Services Geoscientifiques Inc. was responsible for the section on environmental studies presented in the Technical Report and has reviewed and approved the contents of this press release. Mr. Vermette is a Qualified Person ("QP"), independent of Focus Graphite, within the meaning of NI 43-101 – Standards of Disclosure for Mineral Projects of the Canadian Securities Administrators.

Mr. Marc-André Bernier, géo. (QC), P.Geo. (ON), M.Sc., Senior Geoscientist for Table Jamésienne de Concertation Minière, a consultant to the Company and a Qualified Person ("QP") as defined under NI 43 – 101 Standards of Disclosure for Mineral Projects has reviewed and approved the non-technical content this news release.

# Update for the Three Months Period Ended June 30, 2023

On April 5, 2023, the Company presented the highlights of the Lac Knife project Feasibility Study Update (FSU) to designated representatives of the band council of the Innu Takuaikan Uashat mak Maniutenam's First Nation (ITUM). Copies of the presentation were submitted to the band council representatives following the meeting. A second meeting with ITUM band council representatives to further discuss the Company's improved mine waste and mine tailings storage facility and surface, waste and mill process water management and treatment system is in the planning stage for this fall.

On April 19, 2023, the Company announced the filing of the National Instrument 43-101 ("NI 43-101") technical report (the "Technical Report") in support of the FSU for the Lac Knife project. The Technical Report was prepared in accordance with Canadian Securities Administrators' NI 43-101 Standards of Disclosure for Mineral Projects and Form 43-101F1, and is available for review on SEDAR (www.sedarplus.ca/) and on Focus' website (www.focusgraphite.com/).

The highlights of the Feasibility Study Update that were reported in the Company's March 6, 2023, news release have been slightly adjusted by DRA, but these adjustments have no material affects on the profitability of the Project (Table 1).

Table 1: Adjusted FSU Financial Highlights <sup>*,1</sup> .				
Description	March 6, 2023	April 17, 2023		
Pre-Tax NPV @ 8% discount rate (\$M CAD):	\$500.9	\$500.6		
After Tax NPV @ 8% discount rate (\$M CAD):	\$285.7	\$284.8		
Pre-Tax IRR (%):	28.70%	29.10%		
After Tax IRR (%):	22.4%	22.57%		
Life of Mine (LOM) (years):	27	27		
Pre-Tax payback period (years):	2.8	2.88		
After Tax payback period (years):	3.3	3.38		
Initial Capital Expenditure (Capex) (\$M CAD):	\$236.5	\$236.5		
Operating Expenses (Opex) (Average over LOM \$M CAD, per year):	\$25.9	\$25.9		
Average sales price of graphite concentrate 2022 (USD/t):	\$1,679	\$1,679		
* Unless otherwise noted, all monetary figures presented herein are express	sed in Canadian Do	ollars with a		
USD/CAD conversion rate of 1.35.				

<sup>1</sup> <u>Cautionary Note</u> : There is no certainty that the economic forecasts will be realized.

The FSU was conducted with engineering and estimation methods appropriate to target an accuracy of 15% that is standard and realistic for capital and operating cost estimates for this level of study, that is required prior to detailed engineering. Based on an extensive risk review exercise the contingency is 12%. Capital Expenditures reported below itemize cost requirements for mine construction, processing plant, power line and all associated infrastructure estimated at \$236.5 million (Table 2).

# Table 2: Lac Knife Project Capital Expenditure (\$ CAN M).

Area	Initial
	Cost
Mine Development:	8.07
Mine Equipment and Facilities:	19.66
Crushing and Concentrator:	99.24
Tailings Management:	22.73
Infrastructure:	32.50
Indirect Costs:	29.30
Contingency:	25.00
Total Capital Expenditure:	236.50

The operating costs, as reported March 6, 2023, have been slightly adjusted but have no material affects on the profitability of the Project. As shown in Table 3, the operating cost for the process area is higher than those shown in the March 6, 2023, press release as the total process operating costs were calculated on the total concentrate produced rather than the concentrate sold. However, as shown in the table below, the total overall yearly operating cost remained the same at \$25.9 million.

# Table 3: Lac Knife Operating Expenditures (27 Year Average) (\$/Tonne of Concentrate).

Description	March 6, 2023	April 17, 2023
Mining Cost:	129.76	129.76
Processing Costs:	310.56	330.82
Tailings Costs:	4.38	4.38
General Administration Mine Site:	95.78	95.78
Total Operating Costs:	540.48	560.75
<sup>1</sup> Cautionary Note : There is no certainty that	the economic forecasts w	vill be realized.

On June 5, 2023, the Company presented the highlights of the Lac Knife project Feasibility Study Update technical report to City of Fermont officials, including the mayor of Fermont. A copy of the presentation along with a French version of the FSU technical report executive summary were submitted to city officials following the meeting.

The Company's dedicated website for the Lac Knife project which is designed to be accessible to local communities and encourage them to ask questions on any aspect of the project (<u>www.lacknife.com/</u>) was also updated during the quarter ended June 30, 2023, to incorporate new elements from the FSU technical report. The website is managed by Mu-Conseils of Baie-Comeau, Québec.

Work performed on the Lac Knife project during the quarters ended June 30, September 30, and December 31, 2023, was limited to data compilation and analysis, and the preparation of technical reports by IOS Geosciences Inc. (IOS) related to geological mapping, outcrop and overburden stripping and sampling activities, and condemnation and geotechnical drilling program carried out by IOS at Lac Knife in the fall of 2021. Work on the Lac Knife project environmental and social impact assessment (ESIA) study by IOS and other Focus technical services providers remained on hold pending additional financing by the Company. Focus continued its efforts throughout the year to raise capital to try to find a strategic partner to help fund the completion of the ESIA study and the continued development of the Lac Knife project.

# Second Technical Presentation to ITUM officials

On December 18, 2023, The Company made a second technical presentation to senior representatives of Innu Takuaikan Uashat mak Mani-utenam (ITUM) First Nation of Sept-Îles and Maliotenam, Québec, on whose Nitassinan (ancestral lands) the Lac Knife project is located. The presentation aimed to introduce and explain the designs of the waste rock and mine tailings storage facility (TSF) and surface runoff and process water collection and treatment systems planned for the Lac Knife project. Focus emphasized the series of measures the Company will implement to prevent the generation acid mine drainage (AMD) in the waste rock and tailings piles and to neutralize any AMD throughout the life of the Lac Knife mine and for decades beyond.

# 2024 Operations highlights

No exploration, mineral resource appraisal or environmental and social impact assessment (ESIA) activities were carried out on the Lac Knife project during the quarters ended March 31 and June 30, 2024.

On July 23, 2024, IOS Geosciences Inc. (IOS) reported that the preparation of the following technical reports was underway:

- IOS's technical report for the fall 2021 property scale condemnation drilling and open pit wall core drilling programs (technical report to be completed and submitted to the Québec MRNF for assessment work credits application by December 11, 2024, at the latest);
- IOS's technical report for the fall 2021 geotechnical drilling program (technical report to be completed and submitted to the Québec MRNF for assessment work credits application); and
- IOS's technical reports for the 2020 surface water geochemical survey and for the fall 2023 historic drill core sampling program (IOS technical reports to be submitted to the Québec MRNF in 2026).

IOS also reported that the technical report for the 2023 Lac Knife project feasibility study update (FSU) by DRA Americas inc. and collaborators was submitted to the Québec MRNF for assessment work

credits application on May 1, 2024. The technical report was accepted by the MRNF and is now available on the MRNF's SIGEOM-Examine website at <u>https://sigeom.mines.gouv.qc.ca/signet/classes/l1102\_index?entt=LG&I=F</u>, under assessment work report no. GM 73570.

### Update for the Three-Months Period Ended September 30, 2024

No exploration or mineral resource appraisal work was conducted on the Lac Knife project during the quarter ended September 30, 2024.

Work on the Environmental and social impact assessment (ESIA) study during the quarter was limited to drill core characterization and drill core sample preparation activities at IOS laboratory facilities in Saguenay, Québec. The drill core intercepts that were processed are from fall 2021 condemnation drilling and pit wall core drilling programs carried out by IOS (drill holes LK-21-306 to 319). Drill core processing activities consisted of sample splitting (1,195.335 metres), crushing (319 samples) and grinding and sub-sampling (188 samples), in preparation for graphitic carbon (Cg) and total sulfur (S(tot)) determinations and for multielement geochemical analysis; drill core sample density measurement (207 samples); and drill core sample grain size analyses (20 samples).

A total of 107 drill core samples from drill holes LK-21-106 to 314, plus 11 reference samples for QA/QC determination, were expedited to Activation Laboratories (ActLabs) Ancaster, Ontario, for geochemical analysis as September 30, 2024. Analytical results are expected the end of the year.

As of November 18, 2024, the Company had not yet received IOS Geosciences Inc.'s technical reports on the 2021 property-scale condemnation drilling and Lac Knife open pit wall core drilling programs.

# Lac Knife Project Development Outlook

Focus continues its efforts to raise new capital and to try to find a strategic partner to hep fund the field, laboratory and desktop investigations needed to answer the remaining Series II questions by the Québec MELCCFP on the Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA) study for the Lac Knife project, a critical component of the Québec government environmental review process, the next stage in the development of the project.

Focus also continues to communicate, meet, and listen to local communities and the Company plans to increase these efforts over the coming months as part of the ongoing ESIA study for the Lac Knife project, conditional to new financings. Focus' partnership with Mu-Conseils will assist the Company develop effective strategies to engage communities, build constructive relationships and achieve social acceptability for the Lac Knife project.

# Manicouagan Reservoir Area Graphite Projects, Côte-Nord Administrative District of Québec

The Manicouagan Reservoir area graphite projects currently comprises of two contiguous properties, Lac Tétépisca (acquired in August 2011) and Lac Tétépisca Nord (staked in fiscal year 2012). Together, they form one single block of 124 map-designated claims (CDC) claims (total area: 6,676.99 ha) now collectively referred to as the Lac Tétépisca project. The Lac Tétépisca project also includes a block of two contiguous CDC claims located 10 km to the South of the Lac Tétépisca property's southern limit (Lac Guéret claim block: total area: 108.15 ha).

The Lac Tétépisca project is located in the north-eastern part of the Grenville geological province of Québec, in the Gagnon Group which is characterized by various gneiss and meta-sediments that were metamorphosed to the upper amphibolite and granulite facies. The graphite and iron-rich meta-sedimentary formations of the Gagnon Group were derived from the Paleoproterozoic Labrador Trough sedimentary basin. These projects are located within 10 to 20 km from the Lac Guéret graphite deposit at the Uatnan property held by Nouveau Monde Graphite Inc.

As of November 22, 2024, all 73 CDC claims forming the Lac Tétépisca property were listed as "active" on GESTIM Plus, the Québec government's online mining title management system (<u>https://gestim.mines.gouv.qc.ca/</u>), with the next scheduled biennial claim renewal for six (6) CDC claims to be performed by December 2, 2025 at the latest, and the following biennial renewal for 32 CDC claims to be performed by August 21, 2026. The two (2) CDC claims forming the Lac Guéret claims block (CDC 2547381 and 2547382) which is part of the Lac Tétépisca property, are also listed as "active" on GESTIM Plus, with their next biennial claim renewal to be performed by November 27, 2025.

As of November 22, 2024, all 51 CDC claims forming the Company's Lac Tétépisca Nord property were listed as "active" on GESTIM Plus, with the next biennial renewal for all 51 claims to be performed by December 2, 2025, at the latest. IOS Geosciences Inc. who manage the Company's claims in Québec anticipate that all but one of the 51 CDC claims can be renewed using available assessment work credits or using excess credits drawn from nearby claims.

# Lac Tétépisca Property

The Lac Tétépisca property consists of 73 contiguous CDC claims and two (2) isolated contiguous CDC claims covering a total area of 4,038.14 hectares (ha) in the southwest Manicouagan reservoir area, 234 km north-northwest of the city of Baie-Comeau, Québec. The property is accessible year-round by logging roads which start from Route 389. It was previously part of SOQUEM Inc. and Quinto Technology Inc.'s former Lac Guéret-Nord project. Focus purchased 100% of the mineral rights in the Lac Tétépisca property in August 2011, which at the time comprised 67 CDC claims. Between August and November 2013, Focus added 29 contiguous CDC to the claim block. During the year ended September 30, 2014, six (6) claims were transferred from the Lac Tétépisca Nord property to the Lac Tétépisca property, increasing the number of claims to 102.

During the year ended September 30, 2015, Focus wrote down the cost of the Lac Tétépisca property by \$173,414, subsequent to the Company allowing 15 CDC claims to lapse. The results of the exploration work completed on these 15 claims were not encouraging and did not warrant further exploration. On September 30, 2015, the Lac Tétépisca property comprised 87 CDC claims. The property was subsequently further reduced from 87 CDC claims to 62 CDC claims and then later expanded to the current 75 CDC claims.

Focus commenced reconnaissance work at the lac Tétépisca property in 2011. During the summer of 2012, systematic ground geophysical prospecting and outcrop sampling by Focus geologists led to the discovery of a 900-metre a long by approximately 100-metre-wide N035° trending graphite bearing corridor on the Lac Tétépisca property termed the "Manicouagan-Ouest Graphitic Corridor" (MOGC) prospect.

From 2012 to 2020, Focus completed a series of follow-up exploration and mineral resource appraisal investigations targeting the MOGC prospect and then extending to the remainder of the Lac Tétépisca property. These investigations included: Geological mapping, ground and airborne geophysical surveying (MAG-EM); ultrahigh resolution airborne magnetometer surveying (MAG) and high-definition airborne LiDAR topographic surveying; target specific mechanical trenching and channel sampling; benchtop scale metallurgical testing; along with four (4) exploration and definition core drilling targeting the MOGC prospect totalling 106 inclined diamond drill holes and 16,467 metres of drilling.

This work culminated in the publication by Focus on February 17, 2022, of a maiden mineral estimate (MRE) for the MOGC prospect at the Lac Tétépisca property. The MRE was prepared by DRA Global Limited's ("DRA") Montréal, Québec office, following Canadian Institute of Mining's (CIM) 2019 Mineral Resources and Mineral Reserves Best Practice Guidelines and NI 43-101 standards of disclosure for mineral projects. The MRE has an effective date of September 17, 2021. The MRE technical report was filed on SEDAR Plus on April 5, 2022.

# MRE Highlights<sup>1</sup>:

- Pit-constrained of 59.3 Mt tonnes ("Mt") grading 10.61% Graphitic Carbon1 ("Cg") for an estimated content of 6.3 Mt of natural flake graphite (in-situ).
- Additional Inferred mineral resource of 14.9 Mt grading 11.06% Cg1 for an estimated content of 1.6 Mt of natural flake graphite (in-situ).
- The MRE is established for the unoxidized profile of the deposit, from surface to a vertical depth of about 200 metres with an average true thickness of about 85 metres. The deposit remains open along strike to the Southwest and at depth.
- The MOGC deposit currently ranks as one of the largest undeveloped flake graphite deposits in Québec.

<sup>1</sup>A cut-off grade of 3.9% Cg was applied to all estimates.

For complete details on the maiden mineral resource estimate for the Lac Tétépisca project, please consult the NI 43-101 technical report prepared by DRA Americas Inc. and dated April 4, 2022. The technical report is available on SEDAR Plus (<u>www.sedarplus.ca/</u>), under Focus Graphite Inc.'s profile.

Subsequent to publication of the maiden MRE on February 17, 2022, between March 3 and November 17, 2022, the Company completed an additional 14,900.5 metres of core drilling from 74 holes at the Lac Tétépisca property. Of the 74 holes, 27 (total: 6,640,2 metres) were deep definition holes positioned along strike of the Company's Manicouagan Ouest Graphitic Corridor ("MOGC") graphite deposit with the goal of extending the MOGC deposit at depth and converting Inferred resources of the Indicated resource category as part of a future updated mineral resource estimate (MRE) for the MOGC deposit.

The remaining 47 drill holes (total: 8,260.3 metres) tested two high priority graphitic targets at the Lac Tétépisca property within a 5-kilometre radius of the MOGC deposit and in search of satellite deposits. The Southwest MOGC target encompasses the southwestern extension of the linear kilometre-scale ground geophysical Magnetic (MAG) - Electromagnetic ("EM") anomaly which hosts the MOGC deposit while the West Limb target tested a second linear kilometre-scale MAG-EM anomaly which is parallel to the MOGC deposit and is located 2.5 kilometres to the West.

As of September 30, 2024, Focus has received complete analytical results from IOS Géosciences Inc. (IOS), who is managing the drilling program, for the 27 definition holes drilled along strike of the MOGC deposit, and for the first 11 exploration holes drilled at the Southwest MOGC target. The Company has released the highlights from the 38 drill holes. Please consult Focus' website at <u>www.focusgraphite.com/</u> for the news releases on the highlights of the 2022 exploration and definition core drilling program at the Lac Tétépisca project.

IOS expects to receive the analytical results for the remaining 47 exploration holes drilled at the Southwest MOGC and West Limb targets in 2022 by December 31, 2024. Focus will receive the analytical results once they have passed IOS's stringent QA\QC measures.

# Focus Awarded \$350,000 Grant from the Québec Government to Develop a Geometallurgical Model of its MOGC Graphite Deposit, at Lac Tétépisca, Québec

Subsquent to publication on February 17, 2022, of the maiden MRE for the MOGC prospect at the Lac Tétépisca project, on June 16, 2022, the Company announced it has been awarded a grant of up to \$350,000 by Québec's Ministry of Energy and Natural Resources ("MERN"; now "MRNF"). The grant will be used to finance a geometallurgical study of the MOGC graphite deposit. The grant award is part of the MERN's program to support mineral exploration for minerals needed for green and renewable energy technologies as outlined in its 2020-2025 Plan for the Development of Critical and Strategic Minerals.

The funding will be used to conduct a series of mineralogical, metallurgical, and geoenvironmental tests, the results of which will be integrated with geological, geochemical, and geostatistical information to create a spatially based predictive model of the MOGC deposit. Potential applications of the predictive model include mapping the in-situ distribution of flake sizes and flake value; mapping the distribution of potentially acid generating (PAG) sulphide minerals; and identifying metallurgical processing attributes that will affect the purity of the graphite concentrates along with the recovery of value-added coarse (+48 mesh) flake.

Focus has commissioned IOS Services Géoscientifiques Inc. ("IOS") of Saguenay, Québec to design and conduct the geometallurgical test work program. Work on the geometallurgical study was scheduled to commence in January 2023, but was postponed to the quarter ended March 31 2024, while the Company renegotiated the terms of the funding agreement with the Québec MRNF. On June 21, 2024, the Company and the MRNF signed an addendum to the original August 18, 2022, Funding Agreement for the MOGC deposit geometallurgical study based on results of IOS's work as outlined in their April 18, 2024 interim technical report to the MRNF and on IOS' revised work program for calendar years 2024-2025 and 2025-2026.

# Focus Exploration and Development Programs (2011 to 2023)

A comprehensive reporting of the exploration and mineral resources appraisal work programs conducted on the Lac Tétépisca project by Focus from 2011 to 2023, including program and technical report highlights is provided in previous Company MD&A reports.

Please refer to Focus' MD&A report for the quarter ended June 30, 2024, available on SEDAR-Plus (<u>www.sedarplus.ca/</u>) under Focus Graphite Inc., for the latest version of the reporting.

### 2023 Operations Highlights

Focus Reports 92.42 metres grading 14.28% Graphitic Carbon (Cg) in hole LT-22-131; 86.66 metres grading 15.00% Cg in hole LT-22-130; and 91.83 metres grading 13.84% Cg in hole LT-22-132 from the 2022 Definition Drilling Program at Lac Tétépisca

On February 1, 2023, Focus reported the highlights of the first five (5) holes from the Company's 2022 exploration and definition drilling program at its 100% owned Lac Tétépisca graphite project, located southwest of the Manicouagan Reservoir in the Côte-Nord administrative region of Québec, on the *Nitassinan* of the Pessamit Innu.

Between March 3 and November 17, 2022, Focus completed 14,900.5 metres of core drilling from 74 holes, including 6,640.2 metres of definition drilling from 27 deep holes collared along strike of its Manicouagan Ouest Graphitic Corridor ("MOGC") deposit. The results reported on February 1 are for five (5) deep definition holes drilled on sections at 50-metre intervals over a 200-metre strike length section of the MOGC deposit, between Line 6+50S and Line 8+50S.

#### Highlights:

- <u>Hole LT-22-130</u>, drilled at -65° to a vertical depth of 198.5 metres on Section L6+50S, intersected 86.66 metres\* grading 15.00% Cg (from 93.6 metres to 197.3 metres\*\*; Table 1), including:
  - o 60.1 metres\* grading 17.71% Cg (from 105.0 metres to 177.0 metres\*\*).
- <u>Hole LT-22-131</u>, drilled at -65° to a vertical depth of 198.5 metres on Section L7+00S, intersected 92.42 metres\* grading 14.28% Cg (from 90.0 metres to 200.7 metres\*\*; Table 1), including:
  - o 67.0 metres\* grading 16.03% Cg (from 106.9 metres to 198.6 metres\*\*).
- <u>Hole LT-22-132</u>, drilled at -65° to a vertical depth of 201.2 metres on Section L7+50S, intersected 91.83 metres\* grading 13.84% Cg (from 86.5 metres to 196.4 metres\*\*; Table 1), including:
  - $\circ$  53.75 metres\* grading 16.43% Cg (from 101.7 metres to 166.0 metres\*\*); and,
  - 16.08 metres\* grading 16.44% Cg (from 174.8 metres to 194.0 metres\*\*).
- <u>Hole LT-22-133</u>, drilled at -62° to a vertical depth of 209.3 metres on Section L8+00S, intersected 75.72 metres\* grading 16.28% Cg (from 125.5 metres to 213.2 metres\*\*; Table 1).
- <u>Hole LT-22-134</u>, drilled at -62° to a vertical depth of 219.4 metres on Section L8+50S, intersected 83.01 metres\* grading 15.74% Cg (from 119.0 metres to 215.2 metres\*\*; Table 1).
  - \* True thickness \*\* Core length

Drill core analytical results are now being delivered to Focus at a rate of about one hole per week and they will be released by the Company as they are received from COREM and ACTLABS laboratories and compiled, processed and QA\QC-verified by IOS who designed the 2022 drilling program and are managing the analytical program for the Lac Tétépisca project for Focus. Please monitor the Company's website at (www.focusgraphite.com) and regulatory filings on SEDAR (www.sedar.com) for the latest news on the Lac Tétépisca project.

Geological sections showing the results of the first five (5) drill holes from the 2022 drilling program at Lac Tétépisca together with results from 2014 to 2020 drilling along with a map showing the location of the drill holes are available on the Company's website at <u>www.focusgraphite.com</u>.

# Table 1. Highlights for the first five (5) drill holes from the 2022 deep definition core drilling program targeting the MOCG deposit.

Hole ID	Section	Az	Dip	Length	True Depth	from	to	Intercept	length (m)	Graphitic Carbon
HOLE ID	Section	(deg)	(deg)	(m)	(m)	(m)	(m)	Downhole	True width	grade (%Cg)
LT-22-130	L6+50S	302	65	219,1	198,5	93 <i>,</i> 55	197,30	103,75	86,66	15,00
					Including	105,00	177,00	72,00	60,14	17,71
					Including	184,25	196,25	12,00	10,02	12,62
LT-22-131	L7+00S	302	65	219,0	198,5	90,00	200,65	110,65	92,42	14,28
					Including	106,85	198,65	80,25	67,03	16,03
LT-22-132	L7+50S	302	65	222,0	201,2	86,50	196,45	109,95	91,83	13,84
					Including	101,65	166,00	64,35	<i>53,75</i>	16,43
					Including	174,75	194,00	19,25	16,08	16,44
LT-22-133	L8+00S	302	62	237,0	209,3	111,00	117,30	6,30	5,44	6,32
					and	125,45	213,20	87,75	75,72	16,28
					Including	129,60	212,40	82,80	71,45	16,91
LT-22-134	L8+50S	302	62	248,5	219,4	119,00	215,20	96,20	83,01	15,74
					Including	126,80	213,80	87,00	75,07	16,92

#### Notes:

(1) True thicknesses are reported in this news release and are calculated based on a dip of -58.5° for the mineralised envelope. Core descriptions, sampling information and analytical results were captured in Geotic<sup>™</sup> core logging software, and then exported to LeapFrog<sup>™</sup> software for three-dimensional (3-D) rendering. The 3-D mineralisation envelope has an azimuth of N035.5° and dips at -58.5° to the south-east according to the 3-D model. The drill holes crosscut the envelope of the main mineralised zone's strike (80°) and dips (60°) at high angle.

(2) "Best intercepts" and "significant mineralisation" are defined as Cg grading a minimum of 5.0% over at least 6.0 metres with internal dilution set at a maximum of 7.0 metres consecutive and no external dilution. "Best subintercepts" are defined as Cg grading a minimum of 10.0% over 6.0 meres with same limitations on dilution. The 5% cg and 10% Cg cut-offs are used solely to delineate the extent of the mineralised envelopes corresponding to "Best intercepts" and "Best sub-intercepts", respectively. Economic cut-offs based on geological, metallurgical, mining, and economic factors, parameters and considerations will be determined as part of the mineral resource estimate update planned for the Lac Tétépisca project later in 2023 and through subsequent technical studies.

(3) Barren core intervals within the mineralised envelope of the MOGC that were not analysed are considered as 0.0% Cg internal dilution.

(4) Analyses were performed by COREM of Quebec City, an ISO/IEC 17025:2005 certified facility using LECO combustion in induction furnace and infrared spectrometry (code LSA-M-B10) and are reported as graphitic carbon (Cg) and total sulphur.

(5) QA/QC program: IOS introduced 10% reference samples, including certified and internal reference materials, duplicates, and blank samples. Ten percent of the drill core samples were also analyzed by COREM for total, organic and inorganic, carbon. Duplicates of the same 10% of the drill core samples were also sent to ACTLABS Laboratories of Ancaster, Ontario (ISO/IEC 17025:2005 with CAN-P-1579) for interlaboratory verification where they were analyzed for graphitic carbon, total sulphur and for trace metals by ICP-MS after aqua-regia digestion.

The 2022 core drilling program at the Lac Tétépisca project was designed and operated by IOS Services Géoscientifiques Inc. (IOS") under the supervision of Table Jamésienne de Concertation Minière (TJCM), acting as technical adviser to the Company. Drilling was performed by Forage G4 of Val-d'Or, Québec using a single drill rig. Drilling commenced on March 3, 2022, and ended on November 17, 2022.

The drilling program consisted of systematic definition drilling along strike of the Company's MOGG deposit together with exploration drilling at the nearby West Limb and Southwest MOGC geophysical (MAG-TDEM) targets. A total of 74 holes were completed, from LT-22-107 to LT-22-179 (total: 14,900.5 metres), including 27 deep holes drilled along a 1.5-kilometre strike length of the MOGC deposit (total: 6,640.2 metres); 29 exploration holes drilled on the West Limb target (total: 5,421.6 metres), and 18 exploration holes drilled on the Southwest MOGC target (total: 2,838.8 metres). Drilling completed on the MOGC deposit includes seven (7) 300 m-length vertical HQ-diameter holes, 19 high angled holes drilled to a vertical depth of 200 metres, plus a short hole drilled at moderate angle (LT-22-173A).

No work was conducted by IOS Géoscinces Inc. (IOS) on the geometallurgical study of the MOGC deposit during the quarter ended March 31, 2023.

# Focus Graphite Reports 77.14 m Grading 17.63% Graphitic Carbon (Cg) in Hole LT-22-135 from its 2022 Definition Drilling Program at Lac Tétépisca Project, Québec

On April 20, 2023, the Company released the results for an additional nine (9) holes from the 2022 exploration and definition drilling program at its Lac Tétépisca project. The results reported are for five (5) deep definition holes drilled on sections at a 50-metre spacing over a 200-metre strike length section of the MOGC deposit's south end, between Line 9+00S and Line 11+00S; and four (4) deep definition holes drilled between Line 2+00S and Line 3+50S at the north end of the deposit (Table 6).

# Highlights:

• <u>Hole LT-22-135</u>, drilled at -65° to a vertical depth of 190.3 metres on Section L9+00S, intersected 77.14 metres\* grading 17.63% Cg (from 92.85 metres to 183.6 metres\*\*; Table 6).

<u>Hole LT-22-136</u>, drilled at -680 to a vertical depth of 191.9 metres on Section L9+50S intersected 88.44 metres\* grading 12.60% Cg (from 57.66 metres to 166.2 metres\*\*; Table 6), including:

- o 51.56 metres\* grading 16.21% Cg (from 95.45 metres to 159.00 metres\*\*).
- <u>Hole LT-22-137</u>, drilled at -68° to a vertical depth of 191.9 metres on Section L10+00S, intersected 42.47 metres\* grading 10.36% Cg (from 97.00 metres to 149.20 metres\*\*; Table 6), including:
  - o 22.49 metres\* grading 14.31% Cg (from 98.20 metres to 126.00 metres\*\*).
- <u>Hole LT-22-124</u>, drilled at -62° to a vertical depth of 196.0 metres on Section L3+50S intersected 76.60 metres\* grading 10.83% Cg (from 110.30 metres to 198.55 metres\*\*; Table 6), including:
  - o 34.28 metres\* grading 14.86% Cg (from 110.30 metres to 149.90 metres\*\*).
- <u>Hole LT-22-121</u>, drilled at -70° to a vertical depth of 247.9 metres on Section L2+00S, intersected two mineralized horizons (Table 6):
  - o 34.71 metres\* grading 15.64% Cg (from 99.00 metres to 143.20 metres\*\*) and,
  - o 56.41 metres\* grading 9.62% Cg (from 158.70 metres to 229.50 metres\*\*).
- Holes LT-22-122 and LT-22-123, drilled on Sections L2+50S and L3+00S, respectively, intersected the southwest extensions of the two mineralized horizons intersected in hole LT-22-121, with similar thicknesses and grades.
- Holes LT-22-138 and LT-22-139, drilled on Sections L10+50S and L11+00S, respectively, intersected at depth the mineralized horizon reported in holes LT-20-89 and LT-17-66, with similar grades but greater thickness, although discontinuities are noticed.

\* True thickness \*\* Core length

# Table 6. Highlights for the nine (9) drill holes from the 2022 deep definition core drilling program targeting the MOCG deposit released on April 20, 2023.

Hole ID	Section	Azimut	Dip	Length	True	From	То	Interce	ept Length	Graphitic
		(deg)	(deg)	(m)	Depth	(m)	(m)	Core	True width	Carbon Grade
					(m)			(m)	(m)	(% Cg)
LT-22-121	L2+00S	302	-70	263.85	113.84	99.00	143.20	44.20	34.71	15.64
-	-	-	-	-	including:	103.95	140.00	36.05	28.31	18.00
-	-	-	-	-	182.36	158.70	229.50	70.80	56.41	9.62
-	-	-	-	-	including:	167.40	212.80	45.40	36.08	11.66
LT-22-122	L2+50S	302	-65	227.75	98.53	87.30	130.40	43.10	36.23	14.41
-	-	-	-	-	including:	88.05	123.70	35.65	29.98	16.17
-	-	-	-	-	154.03	145.40	195.05	49.65	41.08	8.91
-	-	-	-	-	including:	150.80	181.75	30.95	25.85	10.64
LT-22-123	L3+00S	302	-70	233.00	150.13	99.55	219.7	120.15	96.08	9.59
-	-	-	-	-	including:	106.45	136.20	29.75	23.53	16.42
-	-	-	-	-	including:	160.55	190.65	30.10	24.01	11.85
LT-22-124	L3+50S	302	-62	222.00	136.50	110.30	198.55	88.25	76.60	10.83
-	-	-	-	-	including:	110.30	149.90	39.60	34.28	14.86
-	-	-	-	-	including:	160.75	171.80	11.05	9.58	14.27
LT-22-135	L9+00S	302	-65	210.00	123.90	92.85	183.60	90.75	77.14	17.63
-	-	-	-	-	including:	94.50	181.50	87.00	73.94	18.13
LT-22-136	L9+50S	302	-68	207.00	103.63	57.60	166.20	108.60	88.44	12.60
-	-	-	-	-	including:	73.60	87.00	13.40	10.87	12.02
-	-	-	-	-	including:	95.45	159.00	63.55	51.56	16.21
LT-22-137	L10+00S	302	-68	207.00	70.95	65.35	86.80	21.45	17.20	7.68
-	-	-	-	-	114.516	97.00	149.20	52.20	42.47	10.36
-	-	-	-	-	including:	98.20	126.00	27.80	22.49	14.31
LT-22-138	L10+50S	302	-65	212.90	63.60	56.60	84.20	27.60	23.25	6.57
-	-	-	-	-	103.719	98.00	132.05	34.05	28.76	10.87
-	-	-	-	-	including:	99.60	119.30	19.70	16.64	12.89
LT-22-139	L11+00S	302	-75	243.00	122.72	109.60	144.50	34.90	25.36	9.36
-	-	-	-	-	including:	109.60	135.70	26.10	18.97	10.15

#### Notes:

(1) True thicknesses are reported in this news release and are calculated based on a dip of -58.5° for the mineralised envelope. Core descriptions, sampling information and analytical results were captured in Geotic<sup>™</sup> core logging software, and then exported to LeapFrog<sup>tm</sup> software for three-dimensional (3-D) rendering. The 3-D mineralisation envelope has an azimuth of N035.5° and dips at -58.5° to the south-east according to the 3-D model. The drill holes crosscut the envelope of the main mineralised zone's strike (80°) and dips (60°) at high angle.

(2) "Best intercepts" and "significant mineralisation" are defined as Cg grading a minimum of 5.0% over at least 6.0 metres with internal dilution set at a maximum of 7.0 metres consecutive and no external dilution. "Best subintercepts" are defined as Cg grading a minimum of 10.0% over 6.0 metres with same limitations on dilution. The 5% cg and 10% Cg cut-offs are used solely to delineate the extent of the mineralised envelopes corresponding to "Best intercepts" and "Best sub-intercepts", respectively. Economic cut-offs based on geological, metallurgical, mining, and economic factors, parameters and considerations will be determined as part of the mineral resource estimate update planned for the Lac Tétépisca project later in 2023 and through subsequent technical studies.

(3) Barren core intervals within the mineralised envelope of the MOGC that were not analysed are considered as 0.0% Cg internal dilution.

(4) Analyses were performed by COREM of Quebec City, an ISO/IEC 17025:2005 certified facility using LECO combustion in induction furnace and infrared spectrometry (code LSA-M-B10) and are reported as graphitic carbon (Cg) and total sulphur.

(5) QA/QC program: IOS introduced 10% reference samples, including certified and internal reference materials, duplicates, and blank samples. Ten percent of the drill core samples were also analyzed by COREM for total, organic and inorganic, carbon. Duplicates of the same 10% of the drill core samples were also sent to ACTLABS Laboratories of Ancaster, Ontario (ISO/IEC 17025:2005 with CAN-P-1579) for interlaboratory verification where they were analyzed for graphitic carbon, total sulphur and for trace metals by ICP-MS after aqua-regia digestion.

Drill core analytical results continue to be delivered to Focus at a rate of about one hole per week and they will be released by the Company as they are received from ActLabs, with interlaboratory checks at COREM laboratories, and compiled, processed and QA\QC-verified by IOS Géosciences Inc. ("IOS") who designed the 2022 drilling program and are managing the analytical program for the Lac Tétépisca project.

No work was conducted on the geometallurgical study of the MOGC deposit during the quarter ended September 30, 2023.

Focus Graphite Reports Additional Significant Graphitic Carbon (Cg) Intercepts from 2022 Deep Definition Drilling Program at Lac Tété0pisca, Québec, Including 91.26 Metres Grading 13.25% Cg in Hole LT-22-129

On August 1, 2023, the Company released the highlights of an additional twelve (12) holes from the 2022 exploration and definition drilling program at its Lac Tétépisca graphite project, Manicouagan Ouest Graphitic Corridor ("MOGC") graphite deposit. The results reported are for: Five (5) deep definition holes drilled on five (5) sections at a 50-metre spacing over a 200-metre strike length section of the MOGC deposit's north end, between Lines 4+00S and 5+50S (Table 1); two (2) deep definition holes collared at the same location on Line 10+50S at the south end of the deposit, but with different azimuths (Table 1); and five (5) exploration holes drilled on two almost north trending sections at the east end of the Southwest MOGC target (Table 2).

# Highlights:

- <u>Hole LT-22-129</u>, drilled at 302°/-65° to a vertical depth of 209.96 metres on Section L6+00S, intersected 91.26 metres\* grading 13.25% Cg (from 104.90 metres to 212.15 metres\*\*; Table 1), including:
  - o 36.00 metres\* grading 18.30% Cg (from 112.45 metres to 154.90 metres\*\*), and
  - o 25.14 metres\* grading 14.83% Cg (from 164.60 metres to 194.15 metres\*\*).
- <u>Hole LT-22-125</u>, drilled at 302°/-65° to a vertical depth of 271.84 metres on Section L4+00S intersected 94.06 metres\* grading 10.45% Cg (from 110.50 metres to 223.00 metres\*\*; Table 1), including:
  - 33.65 metres\* grading 16.81% Cg (from 116.90 metres to 150.55 metres\*\*).
- <u>Hole LT-22-126</u>, drilled at 302°/-64° to a vertical depth of 225.25 metres on Section L4+50S, intersected 90.13 metres\* grading 10.66% Cg (from 114.00 metres to 220.05 metres\*\*; Table 1), including:
  - o 23.84 metres\* grading 16.01% Cg (from 117.85 metres to 146.00 metres\*\*), and
  - o 29.89 metres\* grading 10.99% Cg (from 163.35 metres to 198.45 metres\*\*).
- <u>Hole LT-22-127</u>, drilled at 302°/-62° to a vertical depth of 213.11 metres on Section L5+00S, intersected 86.21 metres\* grading 10.17% Cg (from 111.00 metres to 210.00 metres\*\*; Table 1), including:
  - o 19.28 metres\* grading 16.51% Cg (from 120.40 metres to 142.60 metres\*\*), and
  - 16.18 metres\* grading 14.19% Cg (from 168.15 metres to 186.70 metres\*\*).
- <u>Hole LT-22-128</u>, drilled at 302°/-64° to a vertical depth of 214.69 metres on Section L5+50S intersected 67.50 metres\* grading 13.50% Cg (from 110.65 metres to 189.85 metres\*\*; Table 1), including:
  - o 19.98 metres\* grading 18.94% Cg (from 115.10 metres to 138.60 metres\*\*), and
  - 22.07 metres\* grading 17.14% Cg (from 163.00 metres to 188.80 metres\*\*).
- <u>Hole LT-22-173</u>, drilled at 315°/-88° to a vertical depth of 313.77 metres on Section L10+50S, intersected 26.58 metres\* grading 13.11% Cg (from 137.80 m to 181.80 metres\*\*; Table 1).

- <u>Hole LT-22-173A</u>, drilled at 315°/-45° to a vertical depth of 106.09 metres on Section L10+50S intersected 24.22 metres\* grading 6.90% Cg (from 51.00 metres to 71.00 metres\*\*; Table 1).
- <u>Hole LT-22-141</u>, drilled at -350°/-45° to a vertical depth of 161.39 metres at the east end of the Southwest MOGC target on Section L0+00, intersected 20.29 metres\* grading 9.71% Cg (from 189.00 metres to 211.00 metres; Table 2), including:
  - o 11.07 metres\* grading 14.76% Cg (from 199.00 metres to 211.00 metres\*\*).
- <u>Hole LT-22-144</u>, drilled at -350°/-45° on Sections L1+75W to a vertical depth of 104.9 metres at the east end of the Southwest MOGC target intersected 12.79 metres\* grading 5.08% Cg (from 52.00 metres to 66.00 metres\*\*) and 14.68 metres\* grading 6.42% Cg (from 126.50 metres to 142.50 metres\*\*; Table 2).
  - \* True thickness \*\* Core length

The results released on August 1, 2023, bridge the gap between the holes whose results Focus released earlier in 2023. Plotted together, these results confirm the occurrence of continuous significant graphitic mineralization to a vertical depth up to 200 metres from surface, along strike of the deposit over a total distance of 950 metres. The deep definition drilling results also indicate a thickening of the graphitic mineralization below the central section of the MOGC deposit, with mineralization of at least 10% Cg over a minimum thickness of 75.0 metres intercepted at depth on all sections between L3+00S and L9+50S.

The five (5) exploration holes drilled at the northern end of the Southwest MOGC target whose results were also reported on August 1, 2024 (Table 2), all intersected significant graphitic mineralization (defined under note 2 below) with the best intercept recorded in hole LT-22-141 drilled on Section L0+00S, with 20.29 metres\* grading 9.71% Cg (from 189.00 metres to 211.00 metres\*\*; Table 2), including 11.07 metres\* grading 14.76% Cg (from 199.00 metres to 211.00 metres\*\*). The graphitic zones so far intersected at the Southwest MOCG target are thinner than those in the MOGC deposit and are not located at the same stratigraphic levels. Detail structural 3-D modelling is underway to connect these two segments of the deposit.

Drill hole	Grid line/	Azimuth	Plunge	Hole	True	From:	To:	Significan	t intersections	Graphitic
ID	Station			length	depth			Core	True	carbon
		(deg.)	(deg.)	( <b>m</b> )	(m)***	(m)	( <b>m</b> )	length	thickness	grade
								(m)	( <b>m</b> )	(% Cg)
LT-22-125	L04+00S	302	-65	245.85	151.04	110.50	223.00	112.50	94.06	10.45
-	-	-	-	-	Including	116.90	150.55	33.65	28.10	16.81
-	-	-	-	-	Including	184.25	191.40	7.15	5.98	17.23
-	-	-	-	-	Including	201,45	210,00	8,55	7,16	10,33
LT-22-126	L04+50S	302	-64	252,00	149.53	114,00	220,05	106,05	90,13	10,66
-	-	-	-	-	Including	117,85	146,00	28,15	23,84	16,01
-	-	-	-	-	Including	163,35	198,45	35,10	29,89	10,99
LT-22-127	L05+00S	302	-62	243,00	141.19	111,00	210,00	99,00	86,21	10,17
-	-	-	-	-	Including	120,40	142,60	22,20	19,28	16,51
-	-	-	-	-	Including	168.15	186.70	18.55	16.18	14.19
-	-	-	-	-	Including	201.10	208.15	7.05	6.17	11.36
LT-22-128	L05+50S	302	-64	240.20	134.83	110.65	189.85	79.20	67.50	13.50
-	-	-	-	-	Including	115.10	138.60	23.50	19.98	18.94
-	-	-	-	-	Including	163.00	188.80	25.80	22.07	17.14
LT-22-129	L06+00S	302	-65	234.00	142.56	104.90	212.15	107.25	91.26	13.25
-	-	-	-	-	Including	112.45	154.90	42.45	36.00	18.30

# Table 1. Highlights of the seven (7) latest drill holes from the 2022 deep definition core drilling<br/>program at the MOCG deposit

-	-	-	-	-	Including	164.60	194.15	29.55	25.14	14.83
LT-22-173	L10+50S	315	-88	315.00	81.68	77.80	85.80	8.00	4.67	8.20
-	-	-	-	-	105.61	95.80	115.80	20.00	11.86	8.03
-	-	-	-	-	159.36	137.80	181.80	44.00	26.58	13.11
-	-	-	-	-	Including	139.80	181.80	42.00	25.35	13.39
LT-22- 173A	L10+50S	0	-43	315.00	42.30	51.00	71.00	20.00	14.25	6.90
-	-	-	-	-	67.95	81.00	115.00	34.00	24.22	9.90
-	-	-	-	-	Including	81.00	95.00	14.00	9.97	12.10

Table 2. Highlights from the fist five (5) drill holes from the 2022 exploration drilling program at
the Southwest MOGC target.

Drill hole	Grid line/	Azimuth	Plunge	Hole	True	From:	To:	Significan	t intersections	Graphitic
ID	Station			length	depth			Core	True	carbon
		(deg.)	(deg.)	( <b>m</b> )	(m)***	(m)	( <b>m</b> )	length	thickness	grade
								( <b>m</b> )	( <b>m</b> )	(% Cg)
LT-22-140	L0+00S	350	-45	156.55	82.48	109.50	123.60	14.10	12.84	6.08
LT-22-141	L0+00S	350	-45	230.55	86.88	118.50	126.50	8.00	7.30	5.77
-	-	-	-	-	140.39	189.00	211.00	22.00	20.29	9.71
-	-	-	-	-	Including	199.00	211.00	12.00	11.07	14.76
LT-22-142	L0+00S	350	-45	102.30	25.11	30.00	42.00	12.00	11.01	6.70
LT-22-143	L1+75S	350	-45	181.05	92.53	127.15	134.15	7.00	6.38	8.94
LT-22-144	L1+75S	350	-45	149.75	41.59	52.00	66.00	14.00	12.79	5.08
-	-	-	-	-	94.29	126.50	142.50	16.00	14.68	6.42

\*\*\* Vertical depth of the mid-point of the main mineralized intersection.

#### Notes:

(1) True thicknesses are reported in this news release and are based on the local dip of the mineralised envelope as calculated on 3-D model. Core descriptions, sampling information and analytical results were captured in Geotic<sup>™</sup> core logging software, and then exported to LeapFrog<sup>tm</sup> software for three-dimensional (3-D) rendering. The 3-D mineralisation envelope of MOCG has an azimuth of N035.5° and dips at -58.5° to the south-east. The drill holes crosscut the envelope of the main mineralised zone's strike (80°) and dips (60°) at high angle.

(2) "Best intercepts" and "significant mineralisation" are defined as Cg grading a minimum of 5.0% over at least 6.0 metres with internal dilution set at a maximum of 7.0 metres consecutive and no external dilution. "Best subintercepts" are defined as Cg grading a minimum of 10.0% over 6.0 metres with same limitations on dilution. The 5% cg and 10% Cg cut-offs are used solely to delineate the extent of the mineralised envelopes corresponding to "Best intercepts" and "Best sub-intercepts", respectively. Economic cut-offs based on geological, metallurgical, mining, and economic factors, parameters and considerations will be determined as part of the mineral resource estimate update planned for the Lac Tétépisca project later in 2023 and through subsequent technical studies.

(3) Barren core intervals within the mineralised envelope of the MOGC that were not analysed are considered as 0.0% Cg internal dilution.

(4) Analyses were performed by Activation Laboratories of Ancaster, Ont., an ISO/IEC 17025:2005 certified facility using combustion in induction furnace and infrared spectrometry (code 5D - C Graphitic) and are reported as graphitic carbon (Cg) and total sulphur.

(5) QA/QC program: IOS introduced 10% reference samples, including certified and internal reference materials, duplicates, and blank samples. Ten percent of the drill core samples were duplicated and analyzed by COREM for graphitic, total, organic and inorganic carbon as well as total sulphur. The same 10% of the drill core samples were also analysed by ACTLABS Laboratories of Ancaster, Ontario (ISO/IEC 17025:2005 with CAN-P-1579) for for trace metals by ICP-MS after aqua-regia digestion.

Drill core sample preparation for the remaining six (6) deep definition holes from the 2022 deep definition drilling program is ongoing at IOS Services Géoscientifiques Inc. (IOS) laboratory facilities in Saguenay,

Québec, but sample expeditions to ACTLABS and COREM for geochemical analyses have been delayed until funding is in place to continue and complete the drill core analytical program.

Drill core sample preparation work remained mostly on hold at IOS Laboratories in Saguenay, Québec, during the quarter ended September 30, 2023, with 186 core samples collected from 415.95 metres of drill core and no new samples submitted to COREM Laboratories in Québec-City or ActLabs in Ancaster, Ontario for geochemical analysis.

As of November 15, 2023, the Company has received graphitic carbon (Cg) assay results for 21 out of the 27 deep definition holes drilled on the MOGC deposit in 2022, along with analytical results for the first five (5) exploration holes drilled on the Southwest MOGC target.

The start of the geometallurgical study of the MOGC deposit remained on hold during the quarter ended September 30, 2023.

No exploration, mineral resource appraisal or environmental and social impact assessment (ESIA) work was conducted on the Lac Tétépisca property during the quarter ended December 31, 2023. Drill core sample preparation work related to the Company's 2022 exploration and deep definition core drilling program continued throughout the quarter at IOS's laboratory facilities in Saguenay, Québec, albeit at a reduced pace.

#### **2024 Operations Highlights**

No exploration, mineral resource appraisal or environmental and social impact assessment (ESIA) work was conducted on the Lac Tétépisca property during the quarter ended March 31, 2024.

On February 1, 2024, IOS Geosciences Inc. (IOS) reported that during the quarter ended December 31, 2023, IOS personnel at its sample preparation laboratory had split 4,861 metres of drill core from the 2022 exploration and deep definition and drilling program; crushed and ground 1,730 split-core samples; and performed density measurements on 2,587 samples. All prepared samples remain in secure storage at IOS laboratory facilities in Saguenay, Québec, pending the Company's decision to send the samples to Activation Laboratories (ActLabs) in Ancaster, Ontario, and to COREM Laboratories in Québec City, for graphitic carbon (Cg) and total sulphur (S(tot)) determinations and for multi-element geochemical analysis.

On March 26, 2024, the Company instructed IOS to resume sending prepared drill core samples to ActLabs and to COREM, for graphitic carbon (Cg) and total sulphur (S(tot)) determinations, and for multi-element geochemical analysis. Priority was assigned to analyzing the drill core samples from the seven (7) remaining deep definition drill holes from the 2022 definition core drilling program performed along the strike of the MOGC graphite deposit (holes LT-22-173 to LT-22-179).

No exploration, mineral resource appraisal or environmental and social impact assessment (ESIA) work was conducted on the Lac Tétépisca property during the quarter ended June 30, 2024. Processing of drill core samples from the 2022 exploration and definition core drilling program at the Lac Tétépisca property (core splitting, sampling, crushing, grinding and resampling) continued throughout the reporting period at IOS laboratory facilities in Saguenay, Québec, along with the expediting of drill core samples (+QA/QC samples) to Activation Laboratory (ActLabs) of Ancaster, Ontario, for geochemical analysis.

On April 18, 2024, The Company received IOS Geosciences Inc.'s interim technical report to the Québec MRNF on research work underway as part of the geometallurgical study of the MOGC graphite deposit.

IOS is developing an optical method to measure in-situ graphite flake size and it has tested the method on a series of 24 polished thin sections of selected samples of graphite mineralization from the MOGC deposit. Various issues encountered during the initial testing have been addressed and another series of tests are to be conducted over the next six months. The goal of this work is to determine the relationship between graphitic carbon (Cg) grades and flake graphite particle sizes in various facies of mineralization to determine how these relationships can impact future mineral resources estimations and metallurgical recovery. IOS also submitted a revised work program and budget to the MRNF and Focus to complete the geometallurgical study over the next 12 months.

On May 2, 2024, IOS reported that a total of 1,173 drill core samples from holes 922-22-163 to 922-22-168 and 922-22-174 to 922-22-179 plus 159 QA/QC samples (blanks, standards and duplicates) have been sent to ActLabs, in Ancaster, Ontario, for graphitic carbon (Cg) and total sulphur (S(tot)) determinations, and for major and trace element geochemical analysis.

On June 21, 2024, the Company and the Québec MRNF signed an addendum to the original August 18, 2022, Funding Agreement for the MOGC deposit geometallurgical study based on results of IOS's work as outlined in their April 18, 2024 interim technical report to the MRNF and on IOS' revised work program for calendar years 2024-2025 and 2025-2026. The Company subsequently received the second of three payments scheduled under the Funding Agreement with the MRNF (\$87,500, per Article 2 (2) of the Addendum Agreement)).

# Focus Graphite intersects 82.91 metres at 13.81% Cg at the Lac Tétépisca project in Québec

On July 11, 2024, Focus reported the highlights from the final seven (7) deep definition holes drilled along a 950-metre strike length of the MOGC flake graphite deposit to a minimum vertical depth of 300 metres vertical depth (drill holes LT-22-173 to179; Table 1) together with the highlights of six (6) exploration holes drilled at the nearby Southwest MOGC target (drill holes LT-22-163 to 168; Table 2).

#### Highlights:

- All seven (7) deep definition holes drilled along the strike of the MOGC deposit returned significant graphitic mineralization\*, demonstrated excellent continuity at depth, and showed potential for expansion.
- Significant graphitic mineralisation has now been intersected at vertical depths ranging from 160 to 300 metres in all but one 50-metre spaced sections along a 950-metre strike length of our MOGC deposit. This demonstrates the excellent continuity of the mineralization at depth as well as the potential to extend the deposit below a vertical depth of 200 metres.
- <u>Best intersection</u>: Hole LT-22-176, drilled at 300°/-88° to a vertical depth of 309.00 metres on Section L6+50S in the central sector of the Manicouagan Ouest Graphitic Corridor (MOGC) graphite deposit intersected 82.91 metres (true thickness) grading 13.81% Cg (from 138.50 to 267.00 metres core length) including:
  - 93 metres (true thickness) grading 15.24% Cg (from 154.10 to 263.85 metres core length).

\* Significant mineralization is defined as a graphitic carbon (Cg) grading a minimum of 5.0% over at least 6.0 metres true thickness with internal dilution set at a maximum of 7.0 metres consecutive and no external dilution.

With the results of the seven (7) deep definition drill holes released, Focus has now received and processed the results of all 27 definition holes drilled along strike of the MOGC graphite deposit in 2022, a key milestone on the Company's path to delivering an updated mineral resource estimate for the Lac Tétépisca project.

# Table 1. Highlights from the final seven drill holes from the 2022 deep definition core drilling<br/>program at the MOGC deposit.

Drill hole	Grid line/	Azimuth	Plunge	Hole	True	From:	To:	Significant in	tersections	Graphitic
ID	Station			length	depth			Core	True	carbon
		(degrees)	(degrees)	(m)	(m)	(m)	(m)	length	thickness	grade
								(m)	(m)	(% Cg)
LT-22-173*	L10+50S	315	-88	315.0	313.36	61.80	181.80	120.00	73.05	8.11
-	-	-	-	-	Including:	139.80	181.80	42.00	25.35	13.39
LT-22-174	L9+50S	300	-88	321.0	320.43	81.50	225.95	144.45	82.19	10.82
-	-	-	-	-	Including:	105.50	124.50	19.00	10.57	12.29
-	-	-	-	-	Including:	141.90	193.95	52.05	29.85	17.23
LT-22-175	L8+50S	300	-88	384.0	380.31	164.30	338.35	174.05	112.28	8.93
-	-	-	-	-	Including:	188.10	226.05	37.95	24.42	18.97
-	-	-	-	-	Including:	267.00	288.60	21.60	14.10	11.08
LT-22-176	L6+50S	300	-88	309.0	306.79	138.50	267.00	128.50	82.91	13.81
-	-	-	-	-	Including:	154.10	263.85	109.75	70.93	15.24
LT-22-177	L5+00S	300	-88	324.0	321.48	157.55	291.95	134.40	86.38	11.68

-	-	-	-	-	Including:	167.90	202.60	34.70	22.05	18.05
-	-	-	-	-	Including:	223.05	273.90	50.85	33.02	13.44
LT-22-178	L3+50S	300	-88	354.0	352.90	157.85	302.40	144.55	83.65	9.90
-	-	-	-	-	Including:	157.85	194.00	36.15	20.92	16.75
-	-	-	-	-	Including:	234.35	251.05	16.70	9.66	13.31
-	-	-	-	-	Including:	261.10	268.35	7.25	4.20	19.16
LT-22-179	L2+50S	300	-88	306.0	305.81	126.10	283.10	157.00	86.95	8.96
-	-	-	-	-	Including:	127.85	171.25	43.40	24.04	14.04
-	-	-	-	-	Including:	221.40	232.90	11.50	6.37	16.87

\* Revised highlights following the reanalysis of selected drill core samples

# Table 2. Highlights from the six exploration holes drilled at the Southwest MOGC target in 2022 released today.

Drill hole	Grid line/	Azimuth	Plunge	Hole	True total	From:	n: To: Significant intersections Gra			Graphitic	
ID	Station			length	depth			Core	True	carbon	
		(degrees)	(degrees)	(m)	(m)	(m)	(m)	length	thickness	grade	
								(m)	(m)	(% Cg)	
LT-22-163	L12+25SW	18	-45	204.0	148.19	No significant intercepts (<5% COG over 6.0 m true thickness)					
LT-22-164	L12+25SW	18	-45	153.0	108.48	No sign	ificant inte	ercepts (<5% COG over 6	5.0 m true thic	kness)	
LT-22-165	L10+50SW	360	-45	159.0	112.45	No sign	ificant inte	ercepts (<5% COG over 6	5.0 m true thic	kness)	
LT-22-166	L10+50SW	360	-45	198.0	135.39	86,80	96,80	10,00	9,11	6,08	
LT-22-167	L8+75SW	10	-45	150.0	104.21	No sign	ificant inte	ercepts (<5% COG over 6	5.0 m true thic	kness)	
LT-22-168	L8+75SW	10	-45	201.0	152.50	No sign	ificant inte	ercepts (<5% COG over 6	5.0 m true thic	kness)	

#### Notes:

(1) True thicknesses are reported in this news release and are based on the local dip of the mineralised envelope as calculated on 3-D model. Core descriptions, sampling information and analytical results were captured in Geotic<sup>™</sup> core logging software, and then exported to LeapFrog<sup>Im</sup> software for three-dimensional (3-D) rendering. The 3-D mineralisation envelope of MOCG has an azimuth of N035.5° and dips at -58.5° to the south-east. The drill holes crosscut the envelope of the main mineralised zone's strike (80°) and dips (60°) at high angle.

(2) "Best intercepts" and "significant graphitic mineralisation" are defined as Cg grading a minimum of 5.0% over at least 6.0 metres with internal dilution set at a maximum of 7.0 metres consecutive and no external dilution. "Best sub-intercepts" are defined as Cg grading a minimum of 10.0% over 6.0 metres with same limitations on dilution. The 5% cg and 10% Cg cut-offs are used solely to delineate the extent of the mineralised envelopes corresponding to "Best intercepts" and "Best sub-intercepts", respectively. Economic cut-offs based on geological, metallurgical, mining, and economic factors, parameters and considerations will be determined as part of the mineral resource estimate update planned for the Lac Tétépisca project later through subsequent technical studies.

(3) Barren core intervals within the mineralised envelope of the MOGC that were not analysed are considered as 0.0% Cg internal dilution.

(4) Analyses were performed by Activation Laboratories of Ancaster, Ont., an ISO/IEC 17025:2005 certified facility using combustion in induction furnace and infrared spectrometry (code 5D – C Graphitic) and are reported as graphitic carbon (Cg) and total sulphur.

(5) QA/QC program: IOS introduced 15.4% reference samples, including certified and internal reference materials, duplicates, and blank samples. Ten percent of the drill core samples were duplicated and analyzed by COREM for graphitic, total, organic and inorganic carbon as well as total sulphur. The same 10% of the drill core samples were also analysed by ACTLABS Laboratories of Ancaster, Ontario (ISO/IEC 17025:2005 with CAN-P-1579) for trace metals by ICP-MS after aqua-regia digestion.

#### Southwest MOCG exploration drill results

Drilling at the Southwest MOGC target consisted of 18 exploration holes totalling 2,838.8 metres. Highlights from six (6) exploration holes drilled at the western end of the target were also reported by the Company on July 11, 2024 (Table 2). Only one drill hole intersected significant graphitic mineralization: Hole LT-22-166, drilled at 360°/-45° to a vertical depth of 135.39 metres on Section L10+50 SW, intersected 9.11 metres (true thickness) grading 6.08% Cg (from 86.80 to 96.80 metres core length).

The graphitic zones so far intersected at the Southwest MOCG target are thinner than those in the MOGC deposit and are not located at the same stratigraphic levels. Detailed structural 3-D modelling is underway by IOS Geosciences Inc. to try to connect the MOGC deposit with the SW MOGC target.

Drilling at the West Limb target in 2022 consisted of 29 exploration holes totalling 5,421.6 metres. Results from drilling at this target are still outstanding and will be released once they have been received and processed by IOS and the Company.

## 2022 drill program: design, operation, and quality control

The 2022 drilling program was designed and operated by IOS Géosciences Inc. (IOS) of Saguenay, Québec, under the supervision of Table Jamésienne de Concertation Minière (TJCM) of Chibougamau, Québec, acting as technical adviser to the Company. Drilling was performed by Forage G4 of Val-d'Or, Québec using a single drill rig.

## Sample preparation and analysis

Starting in March 2022, drill core boxes for each hole were packaged by sequential numbers onto pallets in the field by IOS personnel and then shipped by truck every two weeks to IOS's facilities in Saguenay where they are currently archived. Sampling has been conducted with a diamond saw, with NQ-diameter core from the Southwest MOGC and West Limb targets being halved, while all HQ-diameter core from the MOGC deposit was quartered. Sample preparation work at IOS consisting of crushing and grinding and the insertion in the sample sequences of QA/QC samples. A total of 1,005 pulverized splits from the currently disclosed set of drill holes were sent to Activation Laboratories (ActLabs) in Ancaster, Ontario (ISO/IEC 17025:2005 with CAN-P-1579) for graphitic carbon (code 5D – C Graphitic) and total sulphur analysis (code 4F - S) using an Electra induction furnace with infrared spectroscopy. A subset of 10% of samples was analyzed for 35 trace element analysis using ICP-OES and ICP-MS after an aqua-regia digestion at Activation Laboratories (Code 1E2 - Aqua Regia). This brings the total number of core samples analyzed under the project to more than 9,800, excluding reference materials and duplicates.

## Quality Assurance / Quality Control

The analytical quality control program for the Lac Tétépisca project has been implemented by an IOScertified chemist and is identical to the one used for previous drill programs at Lac Tétépisca and at the Company's Lac Knife project. Under the QA/QC program, the current set of analyses included 108 duplicates of the core samples, or about 10 % of the samples, which were analyzed by COREM for graphitic carbon duplicated analyses (code LSA-M-B10), total sulphur (code 4F – S), total carbon (code LSA-M-B45), organic carbon (code LSA-M-B58) and inorganic carbon (code LSA-M-B11). A total of 155 reference materials (about 15.4%) were inserted in the sample sequences, either certified or internal reference material samples (CDN-GR1, CMRI12, Oreas-723, OREAS-724, OREAS-725, CGL-003, CGL-004, NCS-DC-60119, NCS-DC-60120), duplicates (quarter-split core or grinding duplicates), and preparation and analyses blanks.

#### Update for the quarter ended September 30, 2024

No new exploration or mineral resources appraisal work was undertaken at the Lac Tétépisca property during the quarter ended September 30, 2024.

On July 24, 2024, IOS Geosciences Inc. reported that they had processed 86 drill core samples from exploration drill holes LT-22-169 to 171 (splitting, sampling, crushing, grinding and resampling). A first batch of 78 drill core samples plus 18 standard reference material samples (QA/QC) was expedited to ActLabs in Ancasster, Ontario, for graphitic carbon, total carbon, organic carbo, inorganic carbon and total sulfur determinations and for multielement geochemical analysis, while a second batch of 78 drill core samples plus one standard reference material sample were expedited to COREM laboratories in Québec-City for comparative total sulfur and graphitic, inorganic, organic and total carbon determinations and for comparative multielement geochemical analysis. As of September 30, 2024, the analytical results from holes LT-22-169 to 171 were pending from ActLabs and COREM.

Subsequent to the quarter ended September 30, 2024, on October 8, IOS reported the following laboratory activities related to the 2022 exploration and definition core drilling program had been completed since their last report dated July 24, 2024:

- Drill core splitting: 233.9 metres of dolomitic marble intercepts from drill holes LT-22-130 to 132.
- Drill core sample crushing: 58 samples from drill holes LT-22-112 and 113 (graphite mineralisation and wall rock);
- Drill core sample sent out for assaying:

- 502 mineralised samples from drill holes LT-22-172, LT-22-147 and LT-22-107 to 111, including 80 reference material samples (QA/QC) sent to Actlabs and COREM for graphitic carbon (Cg), inorganic carbon, total carbon, organic carbon, total sulfur (C(tot)), and multielement analysis.
- 629 samples of dolomitic marble intercepts from drill holes LT-22-107, 110, 112 to 115, 118 to 120, 130, 140, 141, 143, 144, 148 to 154,156 to 159, 166, 168, 169, 171, and 175 to 179, including 64 reference material samples (QA/QC) sent to Actlabs for whole rock (XRF) and multielement analysis.

IOS expects to receive the analytical results for the above listed drill holes by December 31, 2024. Focus will receive the analytical results once they have passed IOS's stringent QA\QC measures.

## Exploration and Development Outlook

With the receipt and processing of the analytical results for the 27 additional definition holes drilled along the strike of the MOGC graphite deposit in 2022, and with upcoming results from exploration drilling at the Southwest MOGC and West Limb targets, Focus looks forward to launching the updated mineral resources estimate for the Lac Tétépisca project and to planning phase II exploration drilling at the Southwest MOGC and West Limb targets. To undertake these activities, the Company will have to raise additional capital or find a strategic partner to help fund the continued development of the project.

A key element of Focus' development strategy for its MOGC graphite deposit is engaging the Innu Nation of Pessamit to become active participants in the environmental and social impact assessment (ESIA) of the Lac Tétépisca project, as well as in the decision-making process at each new stage of the mineral resource appraisal process. To this end, in 2022, the Company began formal discussions with the Pessamit Innu band council over the signing of a Pre-Development Agreement (PDA) on the Lac Tétépisca project. Focus expects to resume talks with the Pessamit Innu band council as soon as it is ready to commence baseline environmental studies and any new drilling on the project.

## Lac Tétépisca Nord Property

The Lac Tétépisca Nord graphite property consists of 51 contiguous CDC claims covering 2,747.00 ha located 5 km to the north of the Company's Lac Tétépisca property. The Lac Tétépisca Nord claim block was map-staked during the fall of 2012 following the publication of a new government airborne geophysical survey which identified graphite, and iron-rich meta-sedimentary formations like those encountered at Lac Tétépisca and Lac Guinécourt.

During the year ended September 30, 2014, six CDC claims were transferred from Lac Tétépisca project to the Lac Tétépisca Nord project, decreasing the number of the claims to 51.

As of November 22, 2024, all 51 CDC claims forming the Company's Lac Tétépisca Nord property were listed as "active" on GESTIM Plus, with the next biennial renewal for all 51 claims to be performed by December 2, 2025, at the latest. IOS Geosciences Inc. who manage the Company's claims in Québec anticipate that all but one of the 51 CDC claims can be renewed using available assessment work credits or using excess credits drawn from nearby claims.

## Focus Exploration and Development Programs (2013 to 2023)

A comprehensive reporting of the exploration and mineral resources appraisal work programs conducted on the Lac Tétépisca Nord property by Focus from 2013 to 2023, including program and technical report highlights is provided in previous Company MD&A reports.

Please refer to the Company's MD&A report for the quarter ended June 30, 2024, available on SEDARPlus (<u>www.sedarplus.ca/</u>) under Focus Graphite Inc., for the latest version of the reporting.

#### 2023 Operations Highlights

No work was conducted on the Lac Tétépisca Nord property during the quarter ended March 31, and June 30, 2023.

On July 11, 2023, the Company received IOS's technical report for the fall 2022 target specific prospecting, geological mapping and outcrop sampling program at the Lac Tétépisca project during the fall of 2022. The principal aim of the geological survey was to investigate a series of high intensity magnetic anomalies from the ultrahigh resolution magnetic (MAG) survey that was flown over the

Lac Tétépisca project in September 2022, and search for new significant graphite mineralization. Ground geophysical surveying, outcrop stripping and sampling identified units of graphitic paragneisses from the Nault formation in four distinct areas of the project: The West Limb of the MOGC deposit, Zone V, Lac Tétépisca Nord and East Knob.

The West Limb graphitic zone was mapped over 320 metres and three samples were collected from small hand-dug pits (samples 92290088 (1.95% Cg); 92290089 (3.24% Cg); and 92290090 (6.27% Cg)). This graphitic zone hosts historical sample 531422 which returned 31.1% Cg in 2014. Other mineralised outcrops were observed along strike potentially extending the length of the West Limb graphitic zone to one (1) km. The graphitic zone is interpreted by IOS to be narrow in width.

The Zone V graphitic zone is interpreted to be a smaller satellite synform of the MOGC deposit synform. Grab samples collected along a 400 m stretch of the graphitic paragneiss unit forming the east limb of the satellite synform returned values of 4.81% to 16.00% Cg but continuity of the graphitic mineralization along strike could not be confirmed. The thickness of the Zone 5 graphitic zone is estimated at 6 to 7 m. No graphite bearing outcrops were recoded along the west limb of the satellite synform. IOS recommends using an excavator to further investigate the Zone V graphitic zone.

Four (4) conductive zones covering a total surface area of 20 square kilometres (km<sup>2</sup>) were investigated on the Lac Tétépisca Nord property all of which were explained by the presence of graphitic paragneiss with mineralization ranging from disseminated to massive. The average Cg grade of the 21 grab rock samples collected on the Lac Tétépisca Nord property was 5.93% C-graph, including nine samples which graded between 3.49% to 35.80% Cg. All the graphitic zones identified to the west of drillhole TN-16-06 are new discoveries. IOS recommends following up the new graphite occurrences with mechanical trenching particularly at sample site 92290074 (massive graphite-sulphide facies).

Finally, the investigation of the East Knob magnetic anomaly which is located 1.2 kilometres to the east of the MOGC graphite deposit, turned up a short, 90-metre long, by up to 10-metre wide graphitic zone associated with a band of oxide facies iron formation. IOS recommends mechanical trenching work to further investigate this graphitic zone.

No work was conducted on the Lac Tétépisca Nord property during the quarters ended September 30, 2023 and December 2023.

#### 2024 Operations Highlights

No work was conducted on the Lac Tétépisca Nord property during the quarters ended March 30, June 30 and September 30, 2024.

Focus will consider follow up exploration and mineral resources appraisal work programs at the Lac Tétépisca Nord property, once new funding is in place and the Company has engaged the Innu First Nation of Pessamit, Québec, as collaborators in the ESIA study for the Lac Tétépisca project.

#### **Qualified Person**

The above scientific and technical information regarding exploration activities as defined in National Instrument (NI) 43-101 s. 1.1, was either prepared or reviewed and was approved by Marc-André Bernier, géo. (Québec), P.Geo. (Ontario), M.Sc., a consultant to the Company, and a Qualified Person under National Instrument (NI) 43-101 Standards of Disclosure for Mineral Projects.

## **Financial Information**

The following selected financial data is derived from the audited financial statements of the Company, which were prepared in accordance with IFRS.

## Selected Financial Information

	Restated		Restated	
	Year	Year	· Year	
	ended	ended	ended	
	September 30, 2024	September 30, 2023	September 30, 2022	
	\$	\$	\$	
Statements of Comprehensive Loss				
Loss from Operations	(2,000,387)	(4,958,286)	(5,197,369)	
Interest Income	24,642	299,803	391,962	
Net loss and Comprehensive Loss	(1,975,745)	(4,658,483)	(4,805,407)	
Basic and Diluted Net Loss per Common Share	(0.03)	(0.08)	(0.09)	
Basic and Diluted Weighted-Average				
Number of Common Shares Outstanding	60,461,788	57,289,282	53,701,248	
Statements of Cash Flows				
Cash Flows From Operating Activities	(1,109,716)	(2,647,964)	(1,041,875)	
Cash Flows From Investing Activities	185,852	195,899	(7,647,865)	
Cash Flows From Financing Activities	787,841	1,115,993	5,228,029	
Decrease in Cash	(136,023)	(1,336,072)	(3,461,711)	
		Restated		
	September 30, 2024	'September 30, 2023		
	\$	\$	\$	
Statements of Financial Position				
Cash	1,688	137,711	1,473,783	
Total Liabilities	5,575,008	5,725,547	6,027,954	
Shareholders' Equity	(5,475,007)	(4,489,952)	(1,643,985)	
Total Assets	100,001	1,235,595	4,496,469	

## **Dividend Payment**

Since its incorporation, the Company has not paid any cash dividends on its outstanding common shares. Any future dividend payment will depend on the Company's financial needs to fund its exploration and development programs, future growth, and any other factors the board may deem necessary to consider. It is highly unlikely that any dividends will be paid in the near future.

## **Operating Expenses**

During the fiscal year ended September 30, 2024, the Company realized losses from operations of \$2,000,387, compared to (\$4,958,286 for 2023 Restated).

This decrease in operating expenses and the loss from operations was mostly attributed to the following:

- Management and consulting fees were \$420,581 for the year ended September 30, 2024, compared to \$570,320 incurred in 2023. The decrease is attributed to the Company completing its first phase of testing of the Lac Knife project graphite performance in coin cells constructed by an entity in the US.
- Stock- based compensation was \$329,008 for the year ended September 30, 2024, compared to \$894,251 in 2023. The decrease is attributed to fewer options vesting in 2024.
- Exploration and evaluation expense was \$537,390 for the year ended September 30, 2024, compared to \$2,881,724 incurred in 2023. The Company changed its accounting policy with respect to exploration and evaluation expenditures on mineral exploration properties, such that exploration and evaluation expenditures, including acquisition costs, are now expensed as incurred. The accounting policy change is

intended to improve the relevance and reliability of the financial statements. Previously, these costs were capitalized and carried at cost less any recognized impairment loss. In accordance with IFRS, the change in accounting policy has been applied retrospectively.

#### Net Losses for the Year Ended September 30, 2024

During the year ended September 30, 2024, the Company realized a net loss of \$1,975,745 (representing a loss of \$0.03 per share) compared to \$4,658,483 (representing a loss \$0.08 per share) for 2023. The other income (expenses) are attributed to the following;

#### Loss On Sale of Marketable Securities

On July 6, 2020 the Company sold its interest in the Eastmain-Leran property Eastmain mineral asset, to a third party, Mont Royal Resources Ltd. ("Mont Royal"). In December 2023, the Company received 2,734,858 common shares of Mont Royal, with a fair value of \$400,000. The shares were issued to the Company in accordance with the Mineral Property Acquisition Agreement (Note 7). During the year ended September 30, 2024, the Company sold the 2,734,858 common shares for gross proceeds of \$185,852, recognizing a loss on sale of marketable securities of \$214,148.

Other Income Related to Flow-Through Shares

In December 2018, the Company closed a flow-through private placement for gross proceeds of \$1,275,000. In February 2019, with an effective date of December 31, 2018, the related tax deductions were renounced to investors under the look-back rule, which permits the Company to renounce flow-through expenditures to investors in advance of incurring all of the required exploration expenditures. Under the look-back rule, the Company has twelve months following the effective date of renunciation to incur any required exploration expenditures not yet incurred at the effective date of renunciation. Focus did not incur the required exploration expenditures until October 2020, which was after the December 31, 2019 deadline. As a result, during the year ended September 30, 2020, the Company recorded a provision in the amount of \$1,170,000, representing the estimated liability resulting from the missed deadline. The provision includes Part XII.6 tax and the Quebec equivalent, as well as estimated investors indemnification exposure. During the year ended September 30, 2021, the Company made payments to the Canada Revenue Agency and Revenu Quebec for a total amount of \$240,603 and has reduced the provision accordingly, to \$929,397.

In December 2021, the Company closed a flow-through private placement for gross proceeds of \$5,200,000. The proceeds from the financing were allocated between share capital (\$4,622,222) and a deferred liability (\$577,778), using the residual method, where the liability component represents the Company's obligation to pass on the tax deductions to investors. The Company has incurred all of the required flow-through expenditures and reduced the deferred liability to \$Nil, recognizing other income related to flow through shares of \$346,666 during the year ended September 30, 2022 and \$231,112 during the year ended September 30, 2023.

In December 2022, the Company closed a flow-through private placement for gross proceeds of \$642,616 (Note 11). The proceeds from the financing were allocated between share capital (\$444,888) and a deferred liability (\$197,728), using the residual method, where the liability component represents the Company's obligation to pass on the tax deductions to investors. The Company has incurred all of the required flow-through expenditures and reduced the deferred liability to \$Nil, recognizing other income related to flow through shares of \$197,728 during the year ended September 30, 2024.

In December 2023, the Company closed a flow-through private placement for gross proceeds of \$300,200 (Note 11). The proceeds from the financing were allocated between share capital (\$268,600) and a deferred liability (\$31,600), using the residual method, where the liability component represents the Company's obligation to pass on the tax deductions to investors. Further to the renunciation of the tax deductions to investors in February 2024, with an effective date of December 31, 2023, the Company has reduced the initial liability by the percentage of the required exploration expenditures which have been incurred to September 30, 2024. As at September 30, 2024, the remaining liability is \$13,466.

In May 2024, the Company closed a flow-through private placement for gross proceeds of \$400,001 (Note 11). The proceeds from the financing were allocated between share capital (\$352,942) and a deferred liability (\$47,059), using the residual method, where the liability component represents the Company's obligation to pass on the tax deductions to investors. As at September 30, 2024, the Company has not incurred any of the required flow-through expenditures.

## **Quarterly Information**

The following summarized financial data has been prepared in accordance with IFRS.

Quarter Ended	Other Income (Loss) \$	Net Earnings (Loss) \$	Earnings (Loss) per Share \$
30/09/24	(162,319)	(1,032,549)	(0.03)
30/06/24	-	(290,503)	(0.001)
31/03/24	(194,148)	(551,247)	(0.01)
31/12/23 30/09/23 30/06/23 31/03/23 31/12/22 30/09/22	381,109 302,453 (186,797) 2,670 181,477 283,275	(1,032,549) (310,229) (482,195) (604,787) (511,728) 17,800	(0.002) (0.01) (0.01) (0.01) (0.01) (0.01)
30/06/22	85,611	(600,119)	(0.10)
31/03/22	20,550	(754,699)	(0.01)
31/12/21	2,526	(3,468,389)	(0.07)

During the quarter ended December 31, 2021, the Company recognised a net loss of \$3,468,389 following the recognition of stock-based compensation of \$3,023,372 (all of which relate to equity-settled stock-based payment transactions) attributed to 38,550,000 stock options granted to Directors, Officers, employees and consultants, on November 2, 2021, at an exercise price of \$0.05 per share, expiring on November 2, 2026 and an additional 2,500,000 stock options granted to consultants, on November 4, 2021, at an exercise price of \$0.05 per share, expiring on November 4, 2021, at an exercise price of \$0.05 per share, expiring on November 4, 2026.

During the year ended September 30, 2024, the Company changed its accounting policy with respect to exploration and evaluation expenditures on mineral exploration properties, such that exploration and evaluation expenditures, including acquisition costs, are now expensed as incurred. The accounting policy change is intended to improve the relevance and reliability of the financial statements. Previously, these costs were capitalized and carried at cost less any recognized impairment loss. In accordance with IFRS, the change in accounting policy has been applied retrospectively with the impact on comparative financial statements detailed in Note 20.

#### Liquidity and Capital Resources

As at September 30, 2024, the Company had a working capital deficit of \$5,387,507, including \$1,688 in cash and current liabilities totalling \$5,487,508, compared to a working capital deficiency of \$4,462,593 at September 30, 2023. The Company will require additional financing, through various means including but not limited to equity financing, to continue exploring, evaluating, and developing its projects. There is no assurance that the Company will be successful in raising the additional required funds.

Subsequent to the year ended September 30, 2024, the Company announced the closing of the first and second tranches of an equity financing raising an aggregate of \$452,500 by issuing 6,033,336 Units as disclosed in the Corporate Developments section.

On January 8, 2025, the Company issued 11,533,333 common shares to JJJY Holdings Inc. ("JJJY"), a company owned by a director of the Company, in settlement of \$865,000 of debt owed to JJJY.

#### **Commitment and Proposed Transactions**

As of September 30, 2024, and as of the date of this report, the Company did not have any commitments outstanding other than the offtake agreements previously disclosed. There are no undisclosed pending proposed transactions that would materially affect the performance or operation of the Company.

## **Contractual Obligations and Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements**

As of September 30, 2024, and as of the date of this report, the Company has no off-balance sheet arrangements and contractual obligations other than the offtake agreements previously disclosed in the 'Technical' sections of the MD&A.

## **Changes in Accounting Policies Including Initial Adoption**

Refer to Note 3 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies, Standards, Amendments and Interpretations of the audited interim financial statement for the year ended September 30, 2024.

### Judgments, Estimates and Assumptions

When preparing the financial statements, Management makes a number of judgments, estimates and assumptions about recognition and measurement of assets, liabilities, income and expenses. Refer to Note 3(b) for a summary of the Judgments, Estimates, and Assumptions.

#### **Transactions with Related Parties**

All entities identified below meet the definition of a related party by virtue of being controlled or significantly influenced by a director or a member of key management of the Company. Unless otherwise stated, none of these transactions incorporated special terms and conditions and no guarantees were given or received.

As at	September 30, 2024	September 30, 2023
	\$	\$
Included in amounts due from related parties Grafoid Inc.	17,718	51,967
Included in accounts payable and accrued liabilities Braille Energy Systems Inc.	4,989	-
Included in amounts due to related parties JJJY Holdings Inc.	2,300,000	2,300,000

All amounts above are unsecured, non-interest bearing, and due upon demand.

#### Transactions with Key Management Personnel

The following table reflects compensation of key management personnel, including the CEO, CFO and Directors:

	2024	2023
	\$	\$
Salaries	175,000	123,958
Consulting fees	101,256	143,860
Stock-based compensation	278,402	749,828
	554,658	1,017,646

#### **Mining Property Book Value**

At the end of each reporting period, management reviews the carrying values of its resource properties and intangible assets to determine whether any write-downs are necessary. Following this analysis, management determined that no write-downs were required for the year ended September 30, 2023.

## **Financial Instruments**

The Company's financial instruments consist of cash, amounts due from related parties, other receivables, long-term receivable, accounts payable and accrued liabilities, other current liabilities, amounts due to related parties and long-term liability. The fair value of the other financial instruments approximates their carrying value due to their short-term nature.

The classification of financial instruments is as follows:

As at	September 30, 2024	Restated (Note 20) September 30, 2023
		\$
Financial assets		
Amortized cost		
Cash	1,688	137,711
Amounts due from related parties (Note 17)	17,718	51,967
Other receivables	10,894	10,894
Long-term receivable	-	771,707
Total financial assets	30,300	972,279
Financial liabilities		
Amortized cost		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	(2,197,586)	(2,185,922)
Other current liabilities (Note 8)	(929,397)	(929,397)
Amounts due to related parties (Note 17)	(2,300,000)	(2,300,000)
Long-term liability (Note 9)	-	(60,000)
Total financial liabilities	(5,426,983)	(5,475,319)

## **Outstanding Share Data**

Common shares and convertible securities outstanding at January 28, 2025, consist of the following:

Securities	Expiry Date	Range of Exercise Price	Number of Securities Outstanding
Common shares	-	-	80,030,836
Options	Up to Nov 2026	\$0.50 to \$1.20	8,305,000
Warrants	Up to Sept 2025	\$0.10 - \$0.94	7,297,770

#### Subsequent Event

Focus Graphite Announces The Close of Its Equity Financing

Refer to 'Corporate Development Highlights'

Focus Graphite Announces The Approval of Amended Equity Incentive Plan

Refer to 'Corporate Development Highlights'

Focus Graphite Announces Proposed Debt Settlement

Refer to 'Corporate Development Highlights'

Focus Graphite Grants Options

Refer to 'Corporate Development Highlights'

### **Risk Exposure and Management**

The Company thoroughly examines the various financial risks to which it is exposed and assesses the impact and likelihood of those risks. These risks include credit risk, liquidity risk, currency risk and interest rate risk. Where material, these risks are reviewed and monitored by the Board of Directors

## Market Risk

Market risk is the risk that changes in market prices, such as interest rates, foreign exchange rates and equity prices will affect the Company's income or the value of its holdings of financial instruments. The COVID-19 pandemic continues to have an extenuating impact on the economy and financial markets.

The objective of market risk management is to manage and control market risk exposures within acceptable parameters, while optimizing the return.

## Credit, Liquidity, Interest Rate, and Price Risk

The Company thoroughly examines the various financial risks to which it is exposed and assesses the impact and likelihood of those risks. These risks include credit risk, liquidity risk and interest rate risk. Where material, these risks are reviewed and monitored by the Board of Directors.

## Credit Risk

Credit risk is the risk of an unexpected loss if a party to its financial instruments fails to meet its contractual obligations. The Company's financial assets exposed to credit risk are primarily composed of cash, amounts due from related parties, other receivables and long-term receivable and maximum exposure is equal to the carrying values of these assets, totalling \$30,300 at September 30, 2024 (2023 - \$972,279). The Company's cash is held at several reputable financial institutions with high external credit ratings. The exposure to credit risk for the Company's receivables is considered immaterial. It is Management's opinion that the Company is not exposed to significant credit risk.

None of the Company's financial assets are secured by collateral or other credit enhancements.

Management considers that all the above financial assets that are not impaired or past due for each of the reporting dates are of good credit quality. There are no financial assets that are past due but not impaired for the periods presented.

#### Liquidity Risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Company will not be able to meet its financial obligations as they fall due. The Company manages its liquidity needs by carefully monitoring cash outflows due in day-to-day business. As at September 30, 2024, the Company had a working capital deficiency of \$5,387,507. During the year ended September 30, 2024, the Company had negative cash flows from operations of \$1,109,716 (2023 - \$2,647,964). The Company's ability to realize its assets and discharge its liabilities in the normal course of business, meet its corporate administrative expenses and continue its exploration activities in fiscal 2025, is dependent upon Management's ability to obtain additional financing, through various means including but not limited to equity financing. No assurance can be given that any such additional financing will be available, or that it can be obtained on terms favorable to the Company.

As at September 30, 2024, the Company has financial liabilities of \$5,426,983 (2023 - \$5,475,319) all of which are due within twelve months (2023 - \$5,415,319).

#### **Currency Risk**

Currency risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in foreign exchange rates. The Company has limited exposure to financial risk arising from fluctuations in foreign exchange rates given that its transactions are carried out primarily in Canadian dollars.

### **Interest Rate Risk**

Interest rate risk is the risk that the future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market interest rates. The Company's financial assets exposed to interest rate risk include cash held in interest bearing bank accounts with variable interest rates. The Company has not entered into any derivative contracts to manage this risk. The Company's policy as it relates to its cash balances is to invest excess cash in highly liquid, low-risk, short-term interest-bearing investments with maturities of 360 days or less from the original date of acquisition. As at September 30, 2024, the Company had cash balances of \$1,688 (\$137,711 as at September 30, 2023) and interest income derived from these investments during the year ended September 30, 2024 was \$197 (2023 - \$8,038). The \$60,000 loan received under the Canadian federal government's CEBA program (Note 9) was interest free if repaid within the required timeframe, so there was no associated interest rate risk.

The Company has limited exposure to financial risk arising from fluctuations in variable interest rates earned on cash given the low interest rates currently in effect and the low volatility of these rates.

## **Other Price Risk**

The Company holds publicly listed shares of a company in the mineral exploration industry. The Company is exposed to other price risk regarding these shares as unfavorable market conditions could result in the disposal ended at less than their value

## **Capital Management**

The Company manages its capital to ensure its ability to continue as a going concern and to provide an adequate return to its shareholders as well as ensuring that all flow-through monies obtained are utilized in exploration activities and spent by the required deadline. In the management of capital, the Company includes the components of shareholders' equity. As long as the Company is in the exploration stage of its mining properties, it is not the intention of the Company to contract additional debt obligations to finance its work programs. The Company manages the capital structure and makes adjustments to it in light of changes in economic conditions and the risk characteristics of the underlying assets. To maintain or adjust the capital structure, the Company may attempt to issue new shares. When financing conditions are not optimal, the Company may enter into option agreements or find other solutions to continue its activities or may slow its activities until conditions improve.

The Company is not subject to any capital requirements imposed by a lending institution or regulatory body, other than those of the TSX Venture Exchange ("TSXV") which require adequate working capital or financial resources of the greater of (i) \$50,000 and (ii) an amount required in order to maintain operations and cover general and administrative expenses for a period of 6 months. As of September 30, 2024, the Company was non-compliant with respect to the above TSXV capital requirement. Any impact of non-compliance is at the discretion of the TSXV.

#### **Contingent Liability**

The Company may, from time to time, be involved in various claims, legal proceedings or complaints arising in the ordinary course of business. The Company cannot reasonably predict the likelihood or outcome of any such actions. The Company does not believe that adverse decisions in any other pending or threatened proceedings related to any matter, or any amount which may be required to be paid by reason thereof, will have a material effect on the financial condition or future results of operations.

As at September 30, 2024, two legal claims remained ongoing against the Company by a former officer of the Company. The pleadings are closed in the first action, which was commenced in 2021. However, the exchange of productions remains ongoing and examinations for discovery have not been completed. In the second action, which was commenced in 2022, the pleadings are not closed, productions have not been exchanged, and examinations for discovery have not been completed. As such, it is too early to evaluate these claims.

#### **Properties Titles**

According of exploration expenditures and pay to the Quebec government a rent per claim for every 2 year renewal period. To ensure the Company's mineral claims are kept in good standing, the Company engaged the services of a third to the mining law and regulations of the Province of Quebec, the

Company, to renew its claims, must do a minimum party professional mineral claim management entity to manage the renewal of its mineral claims.

## **Additional Financing**

The Company requires additional funds to finance the exploration or development work on the Company's properties, to pay for the renewal of the claims forming the properties and to cover the costs of managing the Company. The main sources of funds available to the Company are the issuance of additional shares or the sale of interests in its properties. There can be no assurance that the Company will be successful in its efforts to arrange additional financing on terms satisfactory to the Company. Refer to the 'Going Concern Assumption' section of the MD&A.

### Conditions of the Industry in General

The exploration and development of mineral resources involves significant risks. Although the discovery of a deposit can prove extremely lucrative, few properties where exploration and development work are conducted progress to producing mines. Significant expenditures are necessary to find and establish ore reserves, out the metallurgical processes and build the processing plant and mining operations. It is not possible to provide assurance that the exploration and development programs contemplated by the Company will generate a profitable mine.

Economic viability of a deposit depends on many factors, of which some are due to the particular characteristics of the deposit, in particular its size, its average grade, and its proximity to infrastructures as well as the cyclic character of the prices of metals as well as governmental regulations, royalties, limits of production, import and export of minerals and protection of the environment. The impact of these factors cannot be evaluated in a precise way, but their effect can negatively impact the project's potential profitability.

Mining activities comprise high risks. The activities of the Company are subject to all the dangers and the risks usually dependent on the exploration and the development, including the unusual and unforeseen geological formations, explosions, collapses, floods and other situations which can occur during drilling and the removal of material and of which any could cause physical or material or environmental injuries and, possibly, legal responsibility.

#### **Government Regulation**

The activities of the Company are subject to, among others, various federal, provincial and local laws, which relate to the exploration and development, tax, standard of work, disease and occupational safety, the safety in mines, toxic substances, and protection of the environment.

The exploration and development activities are subject to legislative measures mandated by federal, provincial and local governments to the protection of the environment. These laws impose high standards on the mining industry, in order to control the waste material from the exploration, development, production, and processing related activities on projects and reduce or eliminate possible environmental impacts.

#### **Risks of Lawsuits and No Insurable Risks**

The Company could be held responsible for pollution or for other risks against which it could not be insured or against which it could choose not to be insured, being given the high cost of the premiums or for other reasons. The payment of sums in this respect could involve the loss of the assets of the Company.

## **Conflicts of Interests**

Some of the directors and officers of the Company are also engaged as directors or officers of other company's involved in the exploration and development of mineral resources. Such engagement could result in conflicts of interest. When a conflict of interest exists, the affected directors and/or officers declare their interest and abstain to vote on any resolution in which they have a conflict of interest.

#### Permits, Licences, and Authorizations

The activities of the Company require obtaining and maintaining permits and licences from various governmental authorities. The Company considers that it holds all the permits and licences required for

its exploration activities; it currently carries on, in accordance with the relevant laws and by-laws. Changes brought to the by-laws could affect these permits and licence. Nothing guarantees that the Company can obtain all the permits and all the necessary licences in order to continue its exploration and development activities, to build mines and processing plants and exploit any future reserves.

Moreover, if the Company begins the exploitation of a project, it will have to obtain the necessary mine permits and licences and to conform to all the required obligations concerning the use of water, removal of waste etc. It cannot be guaranteed that the Company will be able to obtain these permits and licences, nor that it will be able to conform to their requirements.

## Dependence on the Management

The Company is dependent on its management team. The loss of its services could have an unfavorable impact on the Company.

## Price of Graphite

The price of the Company's common shares, its financial results, and its future exploration and development activities may be negatively impacted by a fall of the price of graphite. This may also impact the Company's ability to finance its activities on favorable terms. The Company has no control over the fluctuation of graphite prices which may be affected by the sale or the purchase of graphite and graphite end products by end users, brokers, central banks and financial institutions, interest rates, foreign exchange rates, the rates of inflation, of deflation, the fluctuations in the value of the Canadian dollar and the currencies, the regional and global supply and demand of graphite, regional and global economic policies, particularly in China and other countries that produce graphite.

## **Environmental Risk**

The Company is subject to various environmental incidents that can occur during exploration work. The Company maintains an environmental management system including operational plans and practices.

## Pandemic Risk

The outbreak and spread of COVID-19, declared a pandemic by the World Health Organization, has already had significant human, political, and economic consequences around the world. COVID-19 is still evolving, and its full impact remains to be determined. However, its effects include financial market volatility, interest rate cuts, disrupted movement of people and diminished consumer confidence. The effects of the coronavirus may be difficult to assess or predict with meaningful precision both generally and as an industry- or issuer-specific basis. This is an uncertain issue where actual effects will depend on many factors beyond the control of the Company.

#### Disclosure Controls and Procedures and Internal Controls over Financial Reporting

Disclosure controls and procedures ("DC&P") are intended to provide reasonable assurance that material information is gathered and reported to senior management to permit timely decisions regarding public disclosure. Internal controls over financial reporting ("ICFR") are intended to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of consolidated financial statements for external purposes in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles.

TSX Venture-listed companies are not required to provide representations in their annual and interim filings relating to the establishment and maintenance of DC&P and ICFR, as defined in Multinational Instrument MI 52-109. In particular, the CEO and CFO certifying officers do not make any representations relating to the establishment and maintenance of (a) controls and other procedures designed to provide reasonable assurance that information required to be disclosed by the issuer in its annual filings, interim filings or other reports filed or submitted under securities legislation is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in securities legislation, and (b) processes to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of consolidated financial statements for external purposes in accordance with the issuer's GAAP.

# Additional Information and Continuous Disclosure

This Management's Discussion and Analysis has been prepared as of January 28, 2025. Additional information on the Company is available through regular filings on SEDAR (<u>www.sedar.com</u>).

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**Chief Financial Officer**