

#### ENERGY MATERIALS FOR THE 21ST CENTURY

**Q2 2021 RESULTS** 

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#### WESTWATER — ENSURING THE SAFETY OF OUR EMPLOYEES

- To ensure the health and safety of our employees and the communities where we work:
  - In accordance with local and CDC guidelines, we have re-opened our office in Centennial.
  - We continue to ensure that our employees are permitted and encouraged to take time off due to illness or the illness of those around them without penalty.



## WESTWATER — ENSURING THE HEALTH AND GROWTH OF OUR BUSINESS

- We continue to work with our business partners to maintain our advanced battery graphite product development schedule:
  - Our Pilot Program produced a total of over 13 metric tonnes of battery graphite.
  - We secured the site for our intended processing plant near Kellyton, Alabama together with financial incentives from the state, county and industrial development boards.
  - We continue to work to ensure adequate financial liquidity to support our key operations and business activities:
    - We have a cash balance of \$119 million as of June 30.
  - Westwater is proceeding in its case for compensation from the Republic of Turkey
    - Our hearing is scheduled for September 2021.
    - Westwater requests \$36.5 million plus fees.



# STOCK & FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT

Shares outstanding <sup>1</sup>	33.5 million	Share Price (8/10/2021)	\$4.36	
Options/RSUs 1	619,468	Market Capitalization (8/10/2021)	\$ 146.0 million	
Cash and Equivalents	\$119.1 million	Debt	\$0	
Liquidity (3 Mo. Avg.)	1.5 million shs/day	52 Wk Hi-Low	\$14.50 - \$1.34	

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Shares and Options/RSUs Outstanding are as of June 30, 2021.



# FINANCIAL SUMMARY

(\$ in 000, Except Per Share)	Q2 2021	Q2 2020	Variance
Net Cash Used in Operations (1)	\$(9,133)	\$(6,065)	51%
Product Development Expenses	\$(2,109)	\$(175)	n/m
General and Administrative (2)	\$(2,198)	\$(1,659)	32%
Net Loss from Continuing Operations	\$(3,480)	\$(1,436)	59%
Net Loss from Discontinued Operations	\$-0-	\$(1,031)	n/m
Net Loss (2)	\$(3,480)	\$(2,467)	41%
Net Loss Per Share (2)	\$(0.11)	\$(0.43)	-77%
Avg. Weighted Shares Outstanding	32,431,919	5,786,117	461%
(1): Presented on a year-to-date basis. (2): Q2 2020 Includes discontinued operations.			



## **WWR CORE VALUES**

#### Our Core Values are based on Continuous Improvement in:



- Each Other Our Environment Our Assets
- The Communities Where We Work Our Reputation



- Effective and efficient use of our shareholders' assets
  - Focus on first quartile cost performance



- Highest level of performance every day
- Improving our processes; Conservative promises well kept



## **EXECUTING OUR BUSINESS PLAN**

#### FEASIBILITY STUDY INPUTS

- The Pilot Program provided key inputs for the Definitive Feasibility Study.
- Study results are on time for Q3 delivery





- More than 13,000 kg of products produced for testing by WWR and prospective customers
- Samples are in prospective customers' hands



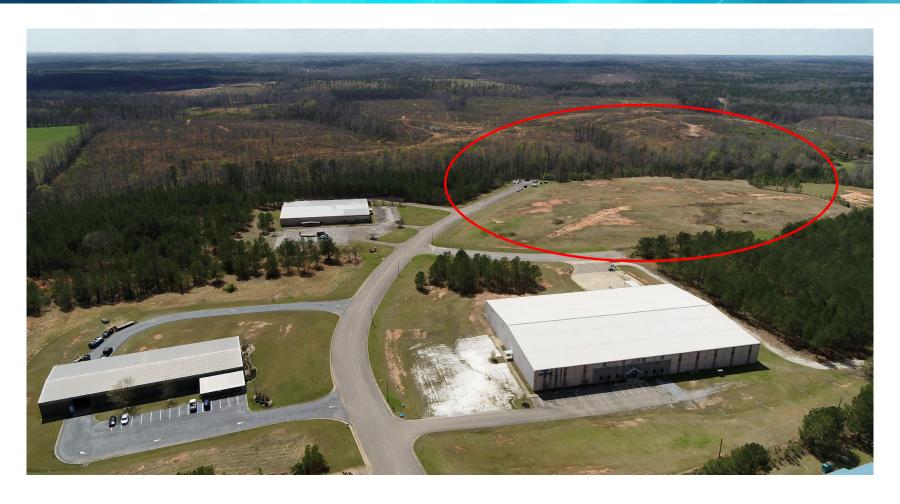
## KELLYTON, ALABAMA SELECTED FOR GRAPHITE PROCESSING PLANT SITE

On June 22, community leaders from the State of Alabama, Coosa County, Alexander City and the Lake Martin Industrial Development Board celebrated the unveiling of the project with the Westwater/Alabama **Graphite Products** management team





# **KELLYTON PROJECT SITE**



Future Site of Kellyton Processing Facility



## COOSA GRAPHITE PROJECT KEY ATTRIBUTES



## Proprietary Technology

- High Purity Conversion
- Simple and Robust Process



## Cost Advantage

- U.S. Manufactured Battery Grade Graphite
- Vanadium Potentially Improves Project Economics



## Sustainability

- Environmentally Sustainable Process
- Our graphite can save over 200,000 tons/yr of CO2 emissions



## BATTERY MARKET SEGMENTS OVERVIEW

• 23% growth rate expected over next 10 years		
Predominantly Lithium Ion Batteries		
<ul> <li>US Government and Automakers announced a goal of 50% of all autos sold will Electric Vehicle by 2050</li> </ul>		
• 11% growth rate expected over the next 10 years		
• Qualification cycle (>5 yr)		
Enabling technology for wind and solar power		
• 3% CAGR with well-established value chain		
Many sub-segments and players		
• Qualification cycle (1 – 3 yr)		
Defense Aerospace Military and Medical with		
major players in North America		
Government and major contract base business		
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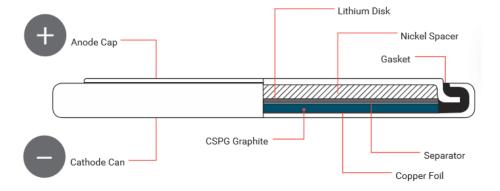




### GRAPHITE IS A MAJOR COMPONENT OF ALL BATTERIES

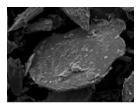
#### Why Graphite Matters:

- A critical component of all types of batteries including lead-acid, alkaline power cells and non-rechargeable lithium cells
- Coated Purified Spherical Graphite (CPSG) is a critical component in lithium-ion batteries \*
- The US Government has defined graphite as "Critical to the nation's security and prosperity" and Presidential Executive Orders ask US Government Agencies to act with alacrity\*\*





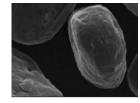
GRAPHITE MINING ALABAMA, USA



SECONDARY PROCESSING 99.99% Cg PURITY



PRIMARY PROCESSING 96.7% Cg PURITY (Across All Flake sizes)



SPECIALTY CSPG GRAPHITE FOR LI-ION BATTERIES

<sup>\*</sup> Roskill Natural and Synthetic Graphite Report, May 2017



#### THE COOSA GRAPHITE PROJECT PROVIDES KEY ADVANTAGES

The Coosa Graphite Project is a <u>near-term source of</u> domestic U.S. battery-grade graphite

- Samples are being sent to potential customers.
- Westwater's graphite will be produced using environmentally sustainable processes in the United States.
- Westwater's graphite products serve important battery markets.
- Westwater's vanadium discovery at Coosa could contribute revenues exploration is underway.





### PROPRIETARY PURIFICATION TECHNOLOGY

- Westwater has developed a new technology for graphite purification.
- We have filed a Provisional Patent Application with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office for this technology:
  - Our purification methodology has a more sustainable footprint than those currently used in China where environmentally damaging and expensive-to-manage hydrofluoric acid is used.
  - This process yields graphitic carbon (Cg) grade of more than 99.95%. The process allows for flexible feedstock and consistent performance.
  - Our process consists of three process steps including (I) caustic roasting of the graphite concentrate sample, (2) acid leaching of the roasted sample and (3) thermal treatment of the sample.



### BUSINESS PLAN FOR THE COOSA GRAPHITE PROJECT - OVERVIEW

### Project Plan

- Westwater's Feasibility Study, led by Samuel Engineering, is underway for expected completion in Q3.
- Exploration Drilling has begun for vanadium and to further define the Coosa Graphite Deposit.
- Full scale production expected from purchased feedstock producing battery-grade graphite.
- Westwater expects to begin mining at the Coosa graphite deposit in Alabama beginning in 2028



## **GRAPHITE PROJECT PLAN**

	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028
Feasibility Study		Complete mid year 2021							
Full-Scale Plant				Commer	cial Prod	uction			
Feedstock Purchase	No	n-China I	Vatural (	Graphite (	Source				
Coosa Mining							US- Ba	ased Fee	dstock

- Customer qualification using pilot plant products and ensuring the same product specifications and quality in commercial plant
- Natural graphite feedstock secured with contract through 2027
- Ensuring adequate financial liquidity to support our key operations and business activities



# **OUR TEAM: TENURED LEADERS IN ENERGY MINERALS DEVELOPMENT**

Christopher M. Jones, President and CEO	<ul> <li>Joined in March 2013; more than 40 years of industry experience; licensed Professional Engineer (US and Canada), taking projects from concept to production</li> <li>B.S. in Mining Engineering from South Dakota School of Mines; MBA from Colorado State University</li> </ul>
Jeffrey L.Vigil, VP Finance and CFO	<ul> <li>Joined in June 2013; more than 40 years of financial experience, in mining and manufacturing</li> <li>B.S. in Accounting from the University of Wyoming; licensed CPA</li> </ul>
Chad M. Potter Chief Operating Officer	<ul> <li>Joined in August 2021; more than 25 years of operational and executive experience in the metals industry</li> <li>B.S. in Business from Wright State University; MBA from Morehead State University</li> </ul>
Steven M. Cates Chief Accounting Officer	<ul> <li>Joined in May 2021; nearly 20 years of financial experience in mining, oil &amp; gas and public accounting</li> <li>B.S. in Accounting from the University of Redlands; licensed CPA</li> </ul>
Dain A. McCoig, VP Operations	<ul> <li>Joined in 2004; experienced in all phases of ISR development and production; licensed Professional Engineer in Texas</li> <li>B.S. in Mechanical Engineering from Colorado School of Mines</li> </ul>
Cevat Er VP- Technical Services	<ul> <li>Joined in 2015. Founder of SRK Ankara, with 30 years of Turkish and US mining and environmental experience taking projects from concept to production</li> <li>M.Sc. from University of Arizona, and B.S. Geological Engineering</li> </ul>
John W. Lawrence, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary	<ul> <li>Joined in 2012; more than 35 years of experience in law and licensing across nuclear fuel cycle</li> <li>B.S. in Nuclear Engineering from Purdue University and a J.D. from Catholic University, Columbus School of Law</li> </ul>
Jay Wago, VP Marketing and Sales	<ul> <li>Joined in 2020, more than 20 years experience in sales and marketing to the lithium ion and electric vehicle markets in the US and Asia.</li> </ul>



#### **EXPERIENCE MATTERS**

Energy minerals exploration and development requires discipline and diligent capital stewardship:

- We have restructured and recapitalized the Company, positioning Westwater as a green energy materials company with a laser focus on battery-grade graphite products
- Experienced management team with a demonstrated history in finance and green energy development from concept to production



#### WHY WESTWATER AS AN INVESTMENT?

- We have a battery-grade graphite development business with strong upside potential
- Graphite has been designated a critical mineral by the U.S. Government
- Proven management team with experience in energy minerals development and financial management
- Anticipate catalysts in the remainder of 2021
  - Coosa exploration results
  - Feasibility Study results
  - Coosa Graphite Project development



#### ENERGY MATERIALS FOR THE TWENTY-FIRST CENTURY

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