

ASX Announcement

PREMIUM HIGH GRADE RESULTS FROM MANIRY GRAPHITE PILOT PROGRAM

Highlights

- Further refinement to the Stage 2 Pilot Plant design has continued over the past two weeks with very positive outcomes achieved
- Additional Testwork undertaken has focused on achieving even higher increases to concentrate grades with spectacular outcomes results have demonstrated that over 31% of BEM's product can be produced at an Fixed Carbon ("FC") level above 96.5%
- Furthermore, test results achieved have indicated that the designed flowsheet can achieve an average FC level of 96.5% for all large and jumbo flake product testing, grades which are currently attracting significant price premiums in the graphite market
- These results further validate Maniry's graphite product potential as highly attractive for downstream processing and feed for the rapidly expanding electric vehicle ("EV") markets
- Further analysis of concentrate tests resulted in an average fixed carbon level of 96.77% for greater than 80% of the jumbo and large flake product tested making this product some of the highest value graphite concentrate produced in the world
- Further testing will continue for remainder of April and May 2021 with a final report to be published thereafter

Commenting on this appointment, BlackEarth Managing Director, Tom Revy, said: *"Following the very encouraging initial test results, we decided to focus on achieving even higher fixed carbon grades from our large and jumbo flake products which made up over 39% of our initial results. Premiums relating to very high grade large flake material have the potential to add significant value to our Maniry Graphite Project.*

Our additional testing has resulted in an average fixed carbon level of 96.65% for all of our product which is an outstanding result.

These are great results and we are actively continuing this test program and looking forward to producing the final reports. The additional test results further demonstrate that, in our opinion, graphite from Madgascar will be in very high demand in the future as a key and major supplier of product to the Electric Vehicle ("EV") and expanding alternative energy markets"

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Figure 1 – Grinding Circuit



Figure 2 – Flotation Circuit

Additional modification to Plant design and results

Following the very positive results from initial testing and design, BlackEarth Management made minor modification to a draft circuit plan design with the goal of achieving higher Fixed Carbon ("FC") results from all concentrate produced. Whilst the amount of large and jumbo flake was marginally lower in total (from previous test results) this was negated by substantial and massive improvements to overall FC levels achieved :-

	Size fraction Yield %	Cumulative Yield, %	Fixed Carbon %	US Standard Classification (1)
+0.5	0.51	0.51	96.81	P35 – Jumbo flake
-0.5+0.3	14.00	14.51	96.77	P50 - Jumbo
-0.3+0.18	17.12	31.63	96.54	P80 - Large
-0.18+0.15	14.13	45.76	96.70	P100 - Medium
-0.15+0.074	38.54	84.30	96.81	P150 - Fine
-0.074	15.70	100.00	96.19	M150 - Fine
Total	100.00		96.65	

Ref (1) - https://www.csaglobal.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/07/PaydirtMarch.pdf

Source - verification test 4 after design changes to achieve higher FC levels

Benefits of results achieved

The updated test 4 results indicate that concentrate can be produced to an exceptionally higher average FC level of 96.65% whilst retaining 31.65% of production at large and jumbo flake. These are outstanding results and provide BlackEarth management with a variety of production options in a defined production cycle.

Whilst concentrate produced to a 94-95% FC level is highly desired for the EV and battery production market, product already processed to a level exceeding 96.5% FC is very rare in the world supply market and will achieve a material pricing premium.

Growth in Demand and Concentrate Pricing

Recent reports have indicated a current world wide shortage of jumbo flake graphite and projected short term shortage of all concentrate grades over the next few years (figure 4).

As a result, material price increases have occurred and are projected to continue to grow as the strong demand for concentrate exceeds supplies in the next few years as indicated in figure 5.

Graphite Prices US\$mt (94 – 95FC product)

Concentrate 94 – 95FC	Price 2020	Price 2021	2022 est	2023 est	2024 – 28 est
P80 Large Flake FOB Price	US\$710	815	925	1,025	1,050 – 1,100
M100 Fine Flake – FOB Price	US\$485	590	700	800	825 - 885

Figure 5 - Source – UBS commodities report 3 March 2021

Continued Growth in demand for Graphite

The worldwide demand for graphite has grown in recent years and the impact and explosion in demand for EV energy is fuelling a faster level of growth with potential graphite shortages in the near future as outlined below.

Graphite Supply and Demand Forecast



Figure 4 - Source:Benchmark Mineral Intelligence

Megafactory demand for Graphite

Much of the demand for Graphite relates to the ongoing growth and future demand for battery powered and alternative energy.

The impact of the building of 'megafactories' on the demand of graphite concentrate is projected to see demand for graphite anodes (used in the manufacture of lithium-ion batteries) to expand from 293,000 tonnes in 2021 (est) to 4,835,000 (est) tonnes by 2028 (figure 6).

Natural Flake Graphite Demand

	2021e	2022e	2023e	2024e	2025e	2026e	2027e	2028e	2029e	2030e
Rechargeable Battery Summary										
Rechargeable Li-ion battery demand gWh	273	422	655	959	1,363	1,835	2,425	3,055	3,777	4,605
Graphite anode feedstock demand :ktpa	293	451	697	1017	1432	1926	2547	3208	3965	4835
of which										
Natural Spherical Coated Graphite :ktpa	161	248	384	559	787	1060	1401	1764	2181	2659
Synthetic graphite feedstock :ktpa	132	203	314	458	644	867	1146	1444	1784	2176
Graphite anode feedstock demand :ktpa	293	451	697	1017	1432	1926	2547	3208	3965	4835
Proportion Natural %	55%	55%	55%	55%	55%	55%	55%	55%	55%	55%
Spherical Coated Graphite Demand :ktpa	161	248	384	559	787	1060	1401	1764	2181	2659
Wastage / Yield Loss %	50%	50%	50%	50%	50%	50%	50%	50%	50%	50%
EV Flake Demand :ktpa	323	496	767	1119	1575	2119	2801	3529	4362	5319
Non-EV Flake Demand :ktpa	527	533	539	541	543	549	556	563	571	578
Total Flake Natural Graphite Demand :ktpa	849	1030	1307	1660	2117	2668	3357	4092	4932	5897

Figure 6 – UBS Commodity Report March 2021

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The information in this document that relates to Exploration Results, Exploration Targets and Mineral Resources is based on information compiled by Annick Manfrino, a Competent Person who is a member of the Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy and a full-time employee of the Company.

Annick Manfrino has sufficient experience that is relevant to the style of mineralization and type of deposit under consideration and to the activity being undertaken to qualify as a Competent Person as defined in the 2012 Edition of the Australasian Code for Reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves.

Annick Manfrino consents to the inclusion of the information in this document in the form and context in which it appears.

JORC Code, 2012 Edition – Table 1

Section 1 Sampling Techniques and Data

(Criteria in this section apply to all succeeding sections.)

Criteria	Commentary
Sampling	Drilling
lechniques	 the drill hole database only consists of diamond drill holes
	 sampling consists of 2m composite samples of quarter core with breaks at lithological discontinuities - typical 3-5Kg
	 samples are cut using a diamond blade core saw
	 duplicate samples are collected every 20th sample for QAQC purposes
	 standards (CRMs) are inserted every 20th sample for QAQC purposes
	 sampling is considered to be comprehensive and representative
	 quarter cores are sent for analysis, the remaining core material is retained and stored in BEM's secure core shed
	 metallurgical samples were obtained from diamond drilling using ½ cores. A split of crushed sample was used for metallurgical test work
	 downstream testwork was based on a split sample taken from concentrate produced in previous metallurgical testwork program which results were reported on 18th December 2018
	Trenching
	 trenches are dug perpendicular to the strike of mineralised units with a JCB backhoe loader
	 trained geologists log and systematically sample the trenches using a rock hammer at 2m intervals
	CRMs are inserted ~every 20 th samples for QAQC purposes
	Bulk Sample – 60 tonnes
	A 60t bulk sample, was taken in the same location in the east strata of the Razafy deposit (digging site centred on 487,040mE, 7,285,860mN). This samples was taken from the same location as the previous 250 kgs Stage 1 Pilot Test Program as announced on 26 February 2020
	The excavation location was chosen between drillholes MNDD047 and MNDD048, with trench MNT012 confirming the location of the strata and carbon grades, in an area where the mineralisation is thick and the base of oxidation close to the topographical surface
Drilling techniques	diamond drilling only
	 core size is HQ and NQ typically in 0.5-1.5m runs
	 core from a select number of drill holes are orientated

Drill sample	core recovery is routinely recorded every metre by trained geologists
recovery	 no bias or relationship has been observed between recovery and grade
	 recovery is typically +80% within weathered rock, and +95% in fresh rock
Logging	Drilling
	 all drill holes are logged by qualified and experienced geologists
	 logging includes descriptions of geotechnical, mineralisation, structural and lithological aspects of the core and is digitally recorded using an industry standard code system
	cores are systematically photographed
	 the data collected offers sufficient detail for the purpose of interpretation and further studies
	Trenching
	 all trenches are logged by qualified and experienced geologists
	 logging includes descriptions of mineralisation, structural and lithological aspects of the encountered rocks and is digitally recorded using an industry standard code system
	 the data collected offers sufficient detail for the purpose of interpretation and further studies
Sub-sampling	Drilling
techniques and sample preparation	quarter cores are cut using a diamond core saw and collected for assay
	 2 metre composite sampling is deemed to be comprehensive and representative for the style/type of mineralisation under investigation
	• duplicate samples are taken (remaining quarter core) every 20th sample
	 sample preparation from quarter core to pulp is undertaken at BEM's sample preparation facility in Antananarivo (former Intertek-Genalysis facility)
	Trenching
	 the base of the trench is chipped to obtain a representative sample over 2m intervals. Although the sampling technique is not ideal, the technique is deemed satisfactory for this exploratory phase of work
	 QAQC measured are deemed satisfactory for this type of sampling and exploratory phase of work
	 the sample size (3kg) is deemed satisfactory to the grain size of the materia being sampled
	 sample preparation from 3Kg chip sample to pulp is undertaken at BEM's sample preparation facility in Antananarivo

		further studies
	Tre	enching
	٠	all trenches are logged by qualified and experienced geologists
	•	logging includes descriptions of mineralisation, structural and lithological aspects of the encountered rocks and is digitally recorded using an industry standard code system
	•	the data collected offers sufficient detail for the purpose of interpretation and further studies
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	•	duplicate samples are taken (remaining quarter core) every 20th sample
	•	sample preparation from quarter core to pulp is undertaken at BEM's sample preparation facility in Antananarivo (former Intertek-Genalysis facility)
	Tre	enching
	•	the base of the trench is chipped to obtain a representative sample over 2m intervals. Although the sampling technique is not ideal, the technique is deemed satisfactory for this exploratory phase of work
	•	QAQC measured are deemed satisfactory for this type of sampling and exploratory phase of work
	•	the sample size (3kg) is deemed satisfactory to the grain size of the material being sampled
	•	sample preparation from 3Kg chip sample to pulp is undertaken at BEM's sample preparation facility in Antananarivo
	Bu	Ik Samples–60 tonnes
	•	a dense grid sampling (0.5mx1m lines, for a total of 39 samples of 1kg) covering the complete excavation area was completed mid depth of the excavation of the 60t bulk sample for close space analysis of the mineralisation continuity and full control of the quality of the excavated material. The samples were prepared at BEM's Antananarivo preparation laboratory for analysis at Intertek Perth
	•	in both instances, portable XRF measurements were completed during

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Criteria	Commentary					
	excavation in parallel to the sampling					
Quality of assay	Drilling & Trenching					
data and laboratory tests	 assaying is undertaken by Intertek Genalysis in Perth (Aus) 					
	 samples are pulverised to 75 microns, roasted to 420°C and digested with a weak acid. Final analysis is undertaken by CS analyser (Code: C73/CSA) 					
	 standards and duplicates (duplicates only for core, not for trench samples) are inserted every 20th sample by the BEM technical team in addition to the internal QAQC from the laboratory. No issues been observed with QAQC 					
	Bulk Sample – 60tonnes					
	 for the 60t bulk sample, the 39 samples of the dense grid sampling were analysed at Intertek Perth. The 60t bulk sample was also analysed by BGRIMM as part of the metallurgical testing 					
	Metallurgical Tests					
	 metallurgical work was undertaken by BGRIMM technology Group in Beijing. The metallurgical test work comprised. 					
	 Head assay, mineralogy and comminution testing 					
	 Primary milling optimisation rougher flotation 					
	 Cleaner flotation and re grind optimisation 					
	 Locked cycle flotation test 					
	 Concentrate assay and sizing 					
	Industry standard test methods and analytical techniques have been employed					
Verification of	significant intersections have been verified by alternative company personnel					
assaying	 no twin holes have been completed 					
	 all data is recorded digitally using a standard logging system and files are stored in an industry standard database 					
Location of data	Drilling					
points	 Razafy: all collars have been located using a DGPS (accurate to 1cm) Projection and grid systems used: UTM (WGS84 Z38S). The down hole azimuth and dip is recorded using a Magshot down hole instrument (accurate to 1deg) 					
	 Haja: topography and collar survey data is based on measurements taken on GPS handheld device 					
	Trenching					
	 all XYZ surveying is collected using a handheld Garmin GPS accurate to ±4m 					
	 Projection and Grid system used: UTM (WGS84) Z38S 					
	Bulk Sample – 60 tonnes					
	 the limits of the 60t bulk sample excavation were surveyed using a GPS handheld device, as were the end points of the dense grid sampling lines covering the excavation site at mid-depth 					
Data spacing and	Drilling					

Criteria	Commentary			
distribution	 the drill hole grid spacing is 100m along strike by 30m across strike at Razafy, and 50m across strike at Haja 			
	 the drill hole spacing allowed to follow the graphitic mineralisation outlines from section to section and down dip 			
	 samples have been composited to 2m length within the mineralised lenses interpreted to complete the statistical analysis, variography and estimation 			
	Trenching			
	 the geologist in charge of the program systematically samples all visible mineralised units as well as the lithologies either side of these this data is not thought to be appropriate for resource estimation purposes no sample compositing has been applied. 			
Orientation of data	Drilling			
in relation to geological	 the drilling grid matches the strike of the orebody 			
structure	 the orientation of the drilling is not expected to introduce sampling bias as drill holes intersect the mineralisation at a sufficient angle to the dip of the orebody, in addition, the mineralisation envelopes are interpreted in three-dimensions 			
	Trenching			
	• the trenches are oriented perpendicular to the perceived orientation of the outcropping mineralisation, but since sampling is two-dimensional and not perpendicular to the dip of mineralisation, reported intercepts will be wider than the true width of the mineralised unit			
	Bulk Sample – 60 tonnes			
	the 60t bulk sample was excavated within an area of approximately 7m along strike by 3m across strike			
Sample security	Drilling			
	 samples are cut and sampled on site before being transported to BEM's sample preparation facility in Antananarivo 			
	 sample pulps are freighted by plane to Intertek Genalysis in Perth (Aus) for assaying 			
	 the remaining core samples are kept in a secure facility adjacent to BEM's offices in Antananarivo 			
	Trenching			
	 samples are packaged and stored in secure storage from time of gathering to sample preparation 			
	Bulk Sample – 60 tonnes			
	 the material was bagged on site into bulk bags, and loaded on trucks 			
	• the 60t bulk sample was trucked to the port of Toliara, loaded in a container, shipped to China and delivered to BGRIMM			
Audits or reviews	 sampling procedures has been reviewed by external auditors Sigma Blue Pty. Ltd. and OMNI GeoX Pty. Ltd, with site visits at the beginning of the programmes 			

Section 2 Reporting of Exploration Results

(Criteria listed in section 1 also apply to this section.)

Criteria	Commentary
Mineral tenement and land tenure	 work was undertaken upon permits 5391, 5393, 5394, 25094, 25605, 39751
status	the tenements are located within the inland South West of Madagascar
	 tenements are held 100% by BlackEarth Madagascar SARL, a wholly owned subsidiary of BlackEarth Minerals NL through Madagascar Graphite Ltd
	no overriding royalties are in place
	there is no native title agreement required
	 tenure does not coincide with any historical sites or national parkland
	 tenements are currently secure and in good standing
Exploration done	regional mapping by BRGM
by other parties	 historical diamond drilling and trenching by Malagasy Minerals. Ltd. (2014- 2016)
Geology	The project overlies a prominent 20km wide zone consisting of a folded assemblage of graphite and quartz-feldspar schists, quartzite and marble units, with lesser intercalated amphibolite and leucogneiss. This zone, termed the Ampanihy Belt is a core component of the Neoproterozoic Graphite System. The belt is interpreted as a ductile shear zone accreted from rocks of volcanic and sedimentary origins
Drillhole Information	refer to Section 1
Data aggregation methods	 cut offs of 5%, 10% 15% and 20% graphitic carbon have been used for aggregated reported intercepts
	no cutting of high grades is applied
	all trench samples represent a 2m interval length
2	 metallurgical sample bulk samples were composited and subject to two stage crushing to a nominal -3.35mm and mixed to form a master composite. The master composite was there rotary split in to test work charges.
Relationship between mineralisation	• sampling does not occur perpendicular to the dip of mineralisation and therefore is not truly representative of the true width of the mineralised unit
widths and intercept lengths	 the dip of the mineralised units is known from previous drilling and/or the trenching logging
	the dip of the mineralised unit is shown within the diagrams
Diagrams	refer to body of text above for diagrams and tabulated intercepts when applicable
Balanced reporting	all significant results that are material to the project have been reported
	 any data that has not been released has been deemed insignificant
Other substantive exploration data	no other exploration related data has been collected that requires reporting

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	Database integrity
AD	Site visits
	Geological interpretati
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Criteria	Commentary
Further work	 future exploration work at Maniry is likely to include further mapping, trenching and drilling Additional downstream processing including purification of spheronised graphite products for Li-ion battery anodes. This will be followed by electrochemical cell testing to examine the purified, spheronised material's performance.
	 additional downstream processing including purification of spheronised graphite products for Li-ion battery anodes is planned. This will be followed by electrochemical cell testing to examine the purified, spheronised material's performance

Section 3 Estimation and Reporting of Mineral Resources

(Criteria listed in section 1, and where relevant in section 2, also apply to this section.)

Criteria	Commentary
Database	 the drill hole database has been loaded in an industry standard database
integrity	 validation for duplicates, missing data, outliers, erroneous intervals is completed before proceeding to the interpretation and analysis
Site visits	 Annick Manfrino, Competent Person for the resource estimate visited the site during the drilling programme in March-April 2018
	 drilling, sampling and sample preparation procedures were reviewed and are considered of industry standard
Geological	Razafy
interpretati on	 the confidence in the geological interpretation of the graphitic lenses is considered robust for the purpose of estimating and reporting Indicated and Inferred resource
	• graphite mineralisation hosted within graphitic schists and gneiss, visibly recognizable from the background rock
	 the complete extent of the two main lenses outcrop and can be followed by surface mapping
	 trenches have been used with success in early exploration stages to confirm the strike continuity
	 no major faulting or other structural disruption has been mapped in the deposit area and the location of the drilling intercepts of the graphitic mineralisation confirms the position of the lenses anticipated from the trenches observations
	 the boundary between graphitic schists and gneiss and the surrounding material is usually sharp with TGC below 0.5% in the background material changing to +3% grades in the graphitic lenses, leaving few options to shift the boundaries position when interpreting the mineralised body
	 mineralisation envelopes were interpreted at a nominal +3% TGC cut-off grade
	• only rare occurrences of non-mineralised material are included in the two main lenses
	 logged graphitic rich zones correspond extremely well with TGC assay results
	 no alternative interpretation has been considered at present
	 the weathered horizon (oxide) can easily be interpreted from the sulphur depression observed in the assay data. The oxide horizon is approximately 20m thick. The transition zone is usually of very limited thickness when present

Criteria	Commentary
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	 the confidence in the geological interpretation of the graphitic lenses at Haja is considered robust for the purpose of estimating and reporting a resource of the Inferred category
þ	• graphite mineralisation hosted within graphitic schists and gneiss, visibly recognizable from the background rock
	 the complete extent of the Haja lenses outcrop and can be followed by surface mapping
	• trenches have been used with success in early exploration stages to confirm the strike continuity
	 no major faulting or other structural disruption has been mapped in the deposit area and the location of the drilling intercepts of the graphitic mineralisation confirms the position of the lenses anticipated from the trenches observations
	• the boundary between graphitic schists and gneiss and the surrounding material is usually sharp with TGC below 0.5% in the background material changing to +1.5% grades in the graphitic lenses, leaving few options to shift the boundaries position when interpreting the mineralised body
	 mineralisation envelopes were interpreted at a nominal +1.5% TGC cut-off grade
	 the Haja orebody is composed of three adjacent parallel lenses dipping 25° to the east which often coalesce into a single body
	 logged graphitic rich zones correspond extremely well with TGC assay results
	 no alternative interpretation has been considered at present
	 the base of the weathered horizons- oxide & transition- can be interpreted from the sharp change in sulphur grades
Dimensions	Razafy
	 the Mineral Resource encompasses the Razafy deposit and a new prospect named Razafy East
	 the Razafy deposit comprises two major lenses – East Main d West Main lenses-, and four minor lenses adjacent to the main zone
	• the solids interpreting the two main zones are 1450m long with a maximum plan width of 65m for the East main lens, and 60m for the West main lens in the south part of the deposit
	 the two main lenses extend 155m depth below surface and define the lowest depth below surface at which a resource has been estimated
	 the Razafy block model extents 1625m along strike, 900m across strike and 200m depth to cover the East Razafy prospect area
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	 Haja the resource model is based on six fences of drill holes 100m apart with drill holes separated by 50m on section
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Criteria	Commentary
techniques	distances to which blocks can be extrapolated from drill holes
	 drill sections are spaced regularly at a 100m (with the exception of the first northern section which is 200m away from the second section), with dril lholes spaced at 30m across sections
D	 kriging parameters for both TGC and sulphur were obtained from modelling the directional variograms (normal variograms) for the two main lenses
	 nugget values are 20% of the total sill for both elements
	 the grade estimation was completed using Geovia GEMS mining software with partial blocks to honour the volume of the grade envelope solids
	 the block model is based on 25m along strike by 5m across strike by 5m Z, which is considered adequate given the current drill spacing of 100m section lines by 30m spacing
	 mineralised envelopes were used as hard boundaries during interpolation
	 the base of oxide was used as a hard boundary for the sulphur estimation but as a soft boundary for the TGC estimation
	 no top-cut measure was used as there is no evidence of outliers. The maximum TGC value for the 2m sample assays is 15%
	 the grade estimates -TGC & sulphur- were validated visually and statistically and honour spatially and statistically the input data
	no previous estimate exists for this deposit
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	 TGC and sulphur have been estimated by ordinary kriging using Geovia GEMS mining software
	 mineralised envelopes were used as hard boundaries for the TGC during the interpolation
	oxidation zones were used as hard boundaries for the interpolation of Sulphur
	 no top-cut was used for TGC but the influence of grades above 6.5% TGC was limited to 70mx70mx6m during interpolation. The 6.5% TGC grade corresponds to a statistical change in the data distribution. The maximum TGC value is 11.45%
	no top-cut measure was used for sulphur
	 the grade estimates -TGC & sulphur- were validated visually and statistically and honour spatially and statistically the input data
	no previous estimate exists for this deposit
Moisture	 the resource is reported for Razafy and Haja on a dry tonnage basis
Cut-off parameters	 the resource is reported for Razafy at a 6% TGC cut-off grade and a 5% TGC cut-off grade for Haja. These cutoff grades are in line with other reported Mineral Resources in East Africa
	 a Scoping Study has been completed on Razafy – refer to this study for cut-off grade calculations
	 no mining studies have been completed to date for Haja and cut-off grade calculations are not available
Mining factors or assumptions	 based on the orientation, thickness and depth to which the graphitic lenses have been modeled and their estimated TGC, the potential mining method is considered to be open pit mining for both deposits
Metallurgical	Razafy

Criteria	Commentary
factors or assumptions	 metallurgical testwork program has been undertaken on drill core samples taken from a drill program completed in 2018. A total of 20 diamond drill holes were sampled, to create representative composite samples
	 sample preparation was undertaken by ALS Metallurgy in Perth WA. BatteryLimits
	 sub samples (2x 1 kg) were issued to BGRIMM technology group for initial confirmatory flotation testwork. The samples were stage ground in a rod mill to 100% passing 1mm. The samples underwent rougher flotation and up to 6 stages of regrind polishing and 9 stages of cleaner flotation. multiple stages of cleaning (up to 6), with recleaning. The results indicated that high grade (94% TGC) concentrates can be produced at a recovery of 87% in open circuit
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	 in accordance with Clause 49 of the JORC code (2012), the product specifications and general product marketability were considered to support the Mineral Resource Estimate for Industrial Minerals
	 independent preliminary flotation testwork completed by ALS Global Laboratory (Perth, WA) on three composites are reported in previous announcements and shows that:
	 16% to 37% in overall weight of concentrate is of large or greater flake size category (+ 180 micron) at a concentrate grade above 97% TGC
	 overall concentrate grades range from 93.6% to 95.6% TGC
Environmen- tal factors or assumptions	 it is assumed that the processing of ore will have minimal environmental impact. This is based upon other graphite processing operations and basic assumptions on how graphite ore will be processed at Maniry
Bulk density	Razafy
	 the bulk density used to report the Razafy Mineral Resource is based on 19 measurements made by the water displacement method by the Intertek Perth laboratory
	 a 2.07t/m³ value was used for the oxide material and 2.17t/m³ for the fresh material
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	 the bulk density data used to report the resource comprises 56 measurements made by caliper method on competent fresh core drilled during the 2018 BEM's drilling campaign which cover the depth and extent of the deposit. The data has been averaged in 20m vertical slices, and corresponding values assigned to the block model range from 2.05 m/t³ in the weathered material to a maximum of 2.69 m/t³ at the lowest depth. The average density of the resource reported is 2.20m/t³
Classificat	Razafy
ion	 the two main lenses are continuous over the strike of the deposit. They can be followed on surface by mapping without interruption and are not disrupted by faulting
	 trenching completed during the early exploration stages, but not used in the resource estimate, confirm the location at surface of the thickness of the mineralisation estimated by the model
	 with a 100m drill section spacing and search ellipse of 140mx50mx12m, extrapolation of blocks is limited

• all minor lenses, including the East Razafy prospect have been classified as Inferred material

	Criteria	Commentary
		 for the East and West main lenses, the kriging slope of regression obtained for the TGC estimate was used to separate Indicated from Inferred resource at depth. Blocks with a slope of regression greater than 0.5 were classified as Indicated, the other blocks were classified as Inferred
7		 the classification is based on a high degree of geological understanding of the mineralisation occurrence and spatial distribution, correlated by systematic drilling information with limited extrapolation
		 the Mineral Resource estimate appropriately reflects the view of the Competent Person
		Наја
		 the Haja lenses are continuous over the length of the deposit drilled
		 the mineralisation can be followed at surface from mapping and with the trenches available. Graphitic mineralisation is easily visually distinguished from the surrounding background rock from its colour and the presence of visible graphitic flakes
		 the trenches completed during the early exploration stages, but not used in the resource estimate, confirm the location at surface of the thickness of the mineralisation estimated by the model
		 at either strike end of the deposit, extrapolation has been limited by the wireframed envelopes which were extended 50m from the first and last drill hole fences
		• downdip, the mineralisation was extrapolated no more than 70m from the last drill hole intercepts on which the wireframes are based
		• all material inside the wireframe envelopes within the ranges detailed above has been classified as inferred material
		 the classification of the resource estimate appropriately reflects the view of the Competent Person
	Audits or reviews	 no audit nor review were undertaken for the Razafy and Haja Mineral Resource estimates
	Discussion of relative	• the relative accuracy of the Mineral Resource estimates is reflected in the reporting of the resources as per the guidelines of the JORC Code 2012 edition
	accuracy/ confidence	no other estimation method or geostatistical assessment has been performed
		 the Mineral Resource estimates of the Razafy and Haja deposits are global estimates of tonnes and grades
		 tonnages and grades above the nominated cut-off grades applied on TGC are provided in the body of the announcement
		 the contained graphite values were calculated by multiplying the TGC grades (%) by the estimated tonnage on a block by block basis
		 no production data is available to reconcile results with