Update on Finalisation of Zavalievsky Graphite (ZG) Deferred Payment

Graphite producer and natural graphite anode developer Volt Resources Limited (ASX: VRC) (“Volt” or “the Company”) provides an update in relation to the deferred payment under the terms of the Share Purchase Agreements (“SPAs”) entered by Volt and the four selling shareholders (“Sellers”).

As noted in the ASX announcement dated 29 July 2022, under the terms of the SPAs entered into by Volt and the Sellers, Volt paid the Sellers the first instalment of the purchase price of US$3.8 million in July 2021. Shares representing a 70% interest in each of the ZG group companies were transferred to Volt at this time.

A second and final deferred payment of US$3.8 million was to be paid in July 2022 which is effectively an unsecured loan provided to Volt by the Sellers. Volt continues to work with Avellum, its legal advisor based in Ukraine, and other advisors in relation to offset claims for the deferred payment. The Company is currently finalising its claims which we believe will put Volt in a strong position. Volt expects to be able to either significantly reduce the deferred payment, or completely offset the deferred payment liability.

Volt has until the end of July 2024 to submit claims and it is worth noting that no proceedings have been launched yet by either party. We look forward to providing further information in relation to the claims as progress warrants.

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This announcement was authorised for release by the Board of Volt Resources Ltd.

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Volt Resources Limited ("Volt") is a critical minerals and battery materials company listed on the Australian Stock Exchange under the ASX code VRC. We are a graphite producer and an emerging natural graphite anode (a key component of lithium-ion batteries) producer. Volt has a 70% interest in the Zavalievsky Graphite (ZG) business in Ukraine. The ZG mine and processing facilities have been in operation since 1934 and are near key markets with significant developments in lithium-ion battery production. ZG benefits from an existing customer base and graphite product supply chains based on excellent transport infrastructure covering road, rail, river, and sea freight combined with reliable grid power, ample potable ground water supply and good communications[1].

Volt acquired three licence applications that are prospective for lithium-borate mineralisation. The licence applications are in respect to a total area of 291km², located in Serbia and are west and south-west of the Serbian capital, Belgrade[2].

Volt is progressing the development of its large wholly owned Bunyu Graphite Project in Tanzania. The Bunyu Graphite Project is ideally located near to critical infrastructure with sealed roads running through the project area and ready access to the deep-water port of Mtwara 140km from the Project. In 2018, Volt reported the completion of the Feasibility Study ("FS") into the Stage 1 development of the Bunyu Graphite Project. The Stage 1 development is based on a mining and processing plant annual throughput rate of 400,000 tonnes of ore to produce on average 23,700tpa of graphite products[3]. A key objective of the Stage 1 development is to establish infrastructure and market position in support of the development of the significantly larger Stage 2 expansion project at Bunyu.

[1] Refer to Volt’s ASX announcements titled “Volt to Acquire European Graphite Business following Completion of Due Diligence” dated 14 May 2021 and “Completion of the ZG Group Transaction Following Execution of New Convertible Securities Facility” dated 26 July 2021.
[3] Refer to Volt’s ASX announcement titled “Positive Stage 1 Feasibility Study Bunyu Graphite Project” dated 31 July 2018. The Company confirms that it is not aware of any new information or data that materially affects the information included in this document and that all material assumptions and technical parameters underpinning the estimates continue to apply and have not materially changed.