

### 22 November 2024

# EBRD CASH RECEIVED, INVESTMENT UNDERSCORES GLOBAL SIGNIFICANCE

Sarytogan Graphite Limited (ASX: SGA, "the Company" or "Sarytogan") is pleased to advise that the cash for the Tranche 1 equity investment has been received from the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (the EBRD).

**A\$2,641,210** cash has been received in Australia and the share registry has been instructed to issue 16,507,563 shares to the EBRD. EBRD will now hold **9.99%** of the issued capital of the Company.

This equity investment has been completed at a price of **A\$0.16 per share** as previously agreed. This is more than a **100% premium** to the intra-day trading yesterday below A\$0.08.

Tranche 2 will be for a further equity investment to bring the total to **A\$5,000,000** and 31,250,000 shares at the agreed price of \$0.16 for 17.36% of the issued capital in Sarytogan. This is subject to customary conditions precedent including approval from Australia's Foreign Investment Review Board (FIRB). Tranche 2 is anticipated to be completed well ahead of the long-stop date agreed with the EBRD of 8 February 2025.

The EBRD has sought approval from FIRB to invest up to the 19.99% maximum under the takeover provisions of the *Corporations Act 2001* in further placements over the next 12 months. Note that any investment beyond the agreed Tranche 2 is at the EBRD's absolute discretion.

As reported in the last quarterly cash flow report, the Company had curtailed discretionary activities in recent months to prudently manage our cash position. With the cash now received, several value adding work streams that have been prepared will now be awarded, including:

- Milling of the 20t bulk sample in Kazakhstan, followed by airfreight of samples to Australia
  and then to the USA for generation of several hundred kilograms of samples for customer
  and vendor test work.
- Testing of the "Micro80C" product for use as the carbon raiser to make ductile cast-iron, to compliment the recent successful testing of grey cast-iron made with Micro80C (refer ASX Announcement 28 October 2024).
- Recruitment of key management positions.

Managing Director Sean Gregory commented:

"This equity investment from the EBRD has greatly uplifted the standing and credibility of the Company to a level that belies our current market capitalisation. Over the last 2 months I have travelled to Astana, Sydney and London meeting Kazakh government officials and institutional-grade stockbrokers and investors. The support of the Kazakh Government has been exceptional as has the level of interest from institutional investors. All recognise the extraordinary depth of technical and legal due diligence that the Company has passed to achieve this important milestone. We warmly welcome the EBRD as our second largest shareholder and congratulate them for their initiative to support junior mining companies in the pursuit of globally strategic goals."



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## **About Sarytogan**

The Sarytogan Graphite Deposit is in the Karaganda region of Central Kazakhstan. It is 190km by highway from the industrial city of Karaganda, the 4th largest city in Kazakhstan (Figure 1).



Figure 1 - Sarytogan Graphite Deposit location.

The Sarytogan Graphite Deposit was first explored during the Soviet era in the 1980s with sampling by trenching and diamond drilling. Sarytogan's 100% owned subsidiary Ushtogan LLP resumed exploration in 2018. An Indicated and Inferred Mineral Resource has recently been estimated for the project by AMC Consultants totalling **229Mt @ 28.9% TGC** (Table 1), refer ASX Announcement 27 March 2023).



Table 1 - Sarytogan Graphite Deposit Mineral Resource (> 15% TGC).

Zone	Classification (JORC Code)	In-Situ Tonnage (Mt)	Total Graphitic Carbon (IGC %)	Contained Graphite (Mt)
North	Indicated	87	29.1	25
	Inferred	81	29.6	24
	Total	168	29.3	49
Central	Indicated	39	28.1	11
	Inferred	21	26.9	6
	Total	60	27.7	17
Total	Indicated	126	28.8	36
	Inferred	103	29.1	30
	Total	229	28.9	66

Sarytogan has produced bulk flotation concentrates at higher than **80% C** and further upgraded the concentrate up to **99.9992% C** "five nines purity" by thermal purification, without any chemical pre-treatment (refer ASX Announcement 5 March 2024). Sarytogan envisages three product types:

- Microcrystalline graphite at 80-85% C ("Micro80C") for traditional uses,
- Ultra-High Purity Fines (UHPF) for advanced industrial use including batteries, and
- Spherical Purified Graphite (USPG and CSPG) for use in lithium-ion batteries.

A Pre-Feasibility Study (PFS) was completed in August 2024 that outlined a staged development plan to match market penetration, minimise initial capital expenditure and deliver attractive financial returns.

An Ore Reserve of **8.6 Mt @ 30.0% TGC** (Table 2) was estimated using the Guidelines of the 2012 Edition JORC Code (refer ASX announcement 12 August 2024).

Table 2 - August 2024 Sarytogan Probable Ore Reserve estimate

Ore mass	TGC	Concentrate mass	Concentrate grade	TGC in conc. Mass
kt	%	kt	%	kt
8,587	30.0	2,654	81.4	2,160

#### Notes.

- Tonnes and grades are as processed and are dry.
- The block mass pull varies as it is dependent on the TGC grade, concentrate grade (fixed) and process recovery (fixed) resulting in a variable cut-off grade, block by block. The cut-off is approximately 20% TGC with minimal mass below 20% TGC contributing.

Sarytogan is also progressing copper porphyry exploration, initially at its Bainazar project and subsequently across a planned portfolio of copper exploration projects to be assembled across the highly prospective Central Asian Orogenic Belt.

## **Compliance Statements**

The information in this report that relates to other Exploration Results is cross referenced to the relevant announcements in the text. These reports are available at www.asx.com.au. The information in this report that relates to Sarytogan Mineral Resources was first reported in ASX announcement dated 27 March 2023. The information in this report that relates to Sarytogan Ore Reserves was first reported in ASX announcement dated 12 August 2024.



The Company confirms that it is not aware of any new information or data that materially affects the information included in relevant market announcements and, in the case of estimates of Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves, that all material assumptions and technical parameters underpinning the estimates in the relevant market announcement continue to apply and have not materially changed. The Company confirms that the form and context in which the Competent Persons' findings are presented have not been materially modified from the original market announcements.

The Company confirms that all the material assumptions underpinning the production target, or the forecast financial information derived from the production target, in the initial public report (12 August 2024) continue to apply and have not materially changed.