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ASX ANNOUNCEMENT

U.S. House passes AGOA Extension through 2028 – Madagascar Graphite exports positioned to benefit

Evion Group NL (“Evion” or “the Company”) (ASX: EVG) notes that the United States House of Representatives has passed H.R. 6500, the African Growth and Opportunity Act (“AGOA”) Extension Act, providing for a three-year extension of AGOA through 31 December 2028. The legislation will now advance to the U.S. Senate for further consideration.¹

The AGOA Extension Act is intended to extend and modify certain trade provisions under AGOA, a U.S. trade preference program that supports economic development in eligible African countries. The bill proposes to extend the **duty-free treatment for imports from specific countries in Africa, including Madagascar.**

The overall purpose of the legislation is to strengthen trade relations with African nations by providing extended access to the U.S. market, which may support economic development in these countries.

As one of Madagascar’s largest trading partners², the United States’ decision to extend AGOA provides continued certainty around duty-free access for products exported from Madagascar.

The Embassy of Madagascar has reported active engagement in advocating for the reauthorisation of AGOA. **Ambassador Solo Andry Lantsoa Rakotomalala**, Co-Chair of the AGOA Subcommittee of the African Diplomatic Corps in Washington DC, described the House vote as a significant milestone, emphasising that AGOA remains the cornerstone of strategic value chains between the United States and Africa.

Evion Managing Director, Mr David Round, commented: *“Trade support from the USA for African nations, like Madagascar, offers Madagascar the opportunity to further expand its trade of graphite and other critical minerals with the USA and Europe.*

As one of the largest exporters of graphite to the USA and Europe, Madagascar is perfectly positioned capitalise on these positive trade initiatives.

With global powers seeking to establish strong supply channels of critical minerals for security and new energy purposes, Madagascar presents the USA and Europe with a reliable and consistent supply of world class graphite products. The progress of this legislation is a major step forward for Evion and our projects short term development”.

This announcement has been authorised by David Round, Managing Director, Evion Group NL.

¹ <https://www.congress.gov/bill/119th-congress/house-bill/6500>

² [Madagascar Trade | WITS Data](#)

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Company Profile

Evion Group (ASX:EVG) is a vertically integrated graphite developer positioned for growth with projects being developed in Madagascar, India and Europe. We are the only Graphite Project outside of Europe to receive recognition by the European Union CRA as a preferred supply of graphite to Europe for the future.³



Our EU Strategic Project status can deliver the following key advantages to Evion:

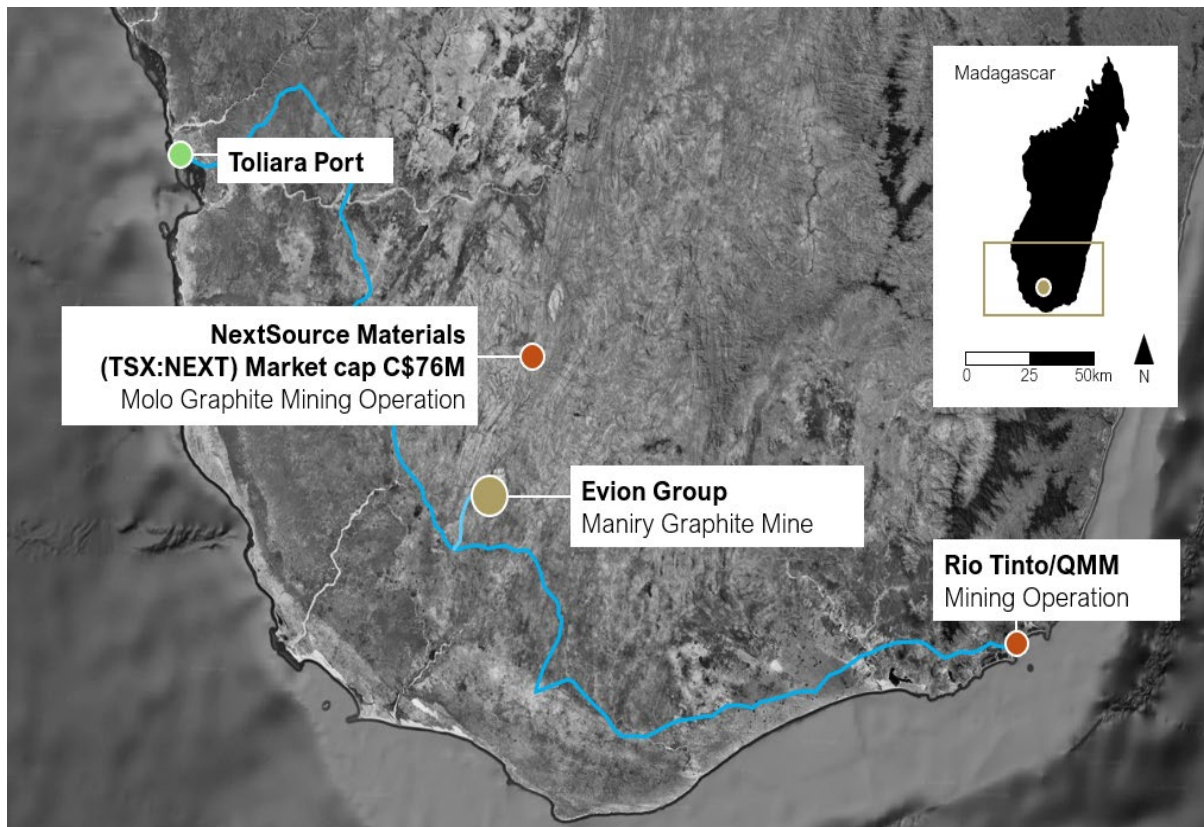
- **Accelerated permitting processes:** Facilitates more efficient regulatory approvals, significantly reducing potential delays and supporting timely project advancement.
- **Strengthened financing opportunities:** Through a dedicated taskforce under the CRM Board, which oversees collaboration between EU and national, public and private financial institutions to support project financing.
- **Increased attractiveness to strategic stakeholders:** Enhances engagement with potential lenders, investors, offtake partners, and government-supported funding initiatives, positioning Evion as a preferred partner in the European critical minerals landscape.

The Maniry Project in southern Madagascar seeks to connect a substantial high-grade graphite resource to accelerating global markets serving the world's electrification such as battery anode manufacturers. Madagascar is the world's largest producer and exporter of natural graphite outside China. A Definitive Feasibility Study (DFS) completed in 2022 reported Maniry could produce up to 60 kilotonnes of graphite concentrate per annum for up to 21 years and had a real, pre-tax Net Present Value (NPV₈) of US\$263 million⁴.

Evion Group is progressing an opportunity to feed fine flake product for Maniry to its Battery Anode Material Project in Germany which is focused on producing up to 30,000 tonnes per year.

³ ASX announcements 5 June 2025 and 29 July 2025

⁴ Refer to ASX release dated 3 November 2022 - BlackEarth completes positive DFS for Maniry Project.



Maniry Project location in Madagascar

Panthera Graphite Technologies is a 50:50 joint venture (JV) established with Metachem Manufacturing Co, an experienced expandable graphite producer near the city of Pune in India with over 20 years' operating history.

Panthera's production facility is located in a Special Economic Zone, adjacent to key transport infrastructure. Operations commenced Q4 2024, with the first shipment made in March 2025.

Battery Anode Material (BAM) Plant

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