

## **NOUVEAU MONDE IS PROUD TO BE RECOGNIZED AS A TSX VENTURE TOP 50 COMPANY**

**MONTREAL, QUÉBEC, February 24, 2020** – Nouveau Monde Graphite Inc. (“Nouveau Monde” or the “Company”) (TSXV: NOU; OTCQX: NMGRF; Frankfurt: NM9) was today included within the 2021 TSX Venture 50®, a list of the top 50 companies listed on the TSX Venture Exchange.

The TSX Venture 50® is made-up of the top 10 companies listed on the TSX Venture Exchange, in each of five major industry sectors – mining, oil & gas, technology & life sciences, diversified industries and clean technology. The companies are selected based on three equally weighted criteria, which are market capitalization growth, share price appreciation, and trading volume. Nouveau Monde was named as part of the mining industries category.

*Eric Desaulniers, President and CEO of Nouveau Monde, stated:* “We are once again very pleased to be recognized in this way, and I’d like to [personally thank all of our stakeholders](#) as we advance one of the most important graphite-based, battery anode materials stories in the world. Making the TSX Venture Top 50 tells us that we have the support of shareholders and that the market likes the direction in which we are moving. We truly do have a unique value proposition with the aim of becoming the only fully integrated, carbon-neutral graphite anode material producer of scale outside of China. The EV and renewable energy sectors are picking up speed; we will be there to meet part of the demand as our commercial-scale operations are set to begin in 2023.”

*Arne H. Frandsen, Chairman of Nouveau Monde, continued:* “During the course of 2020, Nouveau Monde delivered an impressive market performance, offering strong return to our shareholders. This strong performance was backed by real progress, especially at our value-added products facilities at Bécancour. Nouveau Monde has successfully positioned itself to become one of the world’s major anode materials producers, servicing the growing EV and renewable energy storage markets. As we continue to grow, it is pleasing to see that the interest in our stock has increased significantly.”

### **Crunching the Numbers**

When Nouveau Monde discovered the Matawinie project in Q1 2015, there were three lithium-ion battery megafactories with 57 GWh of capacity in the pipeline. Six years on and the global battery arms race has seen these numbers grow rapidly: [Benchmark Mineral Intelligence's \(“Benchmark”\) most recent lithium-ion battery megafactory assessment](#) there were 186 megafactories with 3,152.7 GWh of capacity in the pipeline representing a demand for more than 3,500 ktpa of graphite anode growth only for this market segment.

## **Beyond Canadian Investors, Canada as a Whole is Acknowledging the Upcoming Energy Revolution**

Last week, Canada’s House of Commons made a public statement in regards to the electric vehicle and battery supply chains: “That, pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the committee undertake a study of no less than six meetings on positioning Canada as a responsible source in critical minerals and battery value chains in support of renewable energy and clean technology in the post-COVID-19 economy; that the committee hear from witnesses not limited to but including Natural Resource Canada, mining sector firms and electric-vehicle battery producers and; that the committee report its findings to the House.”

Simon Moores, Benchmark’s Managing Director, was invited to address the House of Commons on February 22, as the opening speaker, and as part of a discussion panel on Canada’s role in building a domestic and global lithium-ion battery ecosystem for the global adoption of low carbon technologies. Simon Moores commented: “Canada has sizable potential to be one of the global leaders of upstream of the lithium-ion battery ecosystem that the world is beginning to build out. Of course, we are familiar with Canada’s huge base of key battery raw materials such as nickel, lithium, cobalt, graphite, copper, and manganese. But the potential to add these into high value chemicals, cathodes, anodes and even engage in the production of lithium-ion batteries offers the country a major slice of this growing lithium ion and electric vehicle economic pie.” (Source: <https://www.benchmarkminerals.com/membership/benchmark-invited-to-appear-before-canadas-house-of-commons/>)

## **About Nouveau Monde**

Nouveau Monde is working to position itself as a key element in the sustainable energy revolution. The Company is developing a fully integrated source of environmentally friendly battery anode materials in Quebec, Canada. Targeting a launch of its commercial operations at full capacity in 2023, the Company is developing advanced carbon neutral solutions of graphite-based materials for the rapidly expanding fuel cell and lithium-ion battery markets. With its low-cost operations and high ESG standards, Nouveau Monde aspires to become a strategic supplier to major battery and vehicle manufacturers all over the world, ensuring a robust and reliable supply of advanced materials while ensuring the traceability of the supply chain.

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