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# NMG Strengthens its Management Team with the Addition of Mining Construction, Legal, and Indigenous Relations Expertise as the Company Prepares for its Next Growth Phase

- + Anoop Singh, P.Eng., to join NMG as Vice President, Mining Projects, bringing demonstrated skillset in project management and construction of mining facilities
- + Josée Gagnon, LL.B, MBA, to take on the role of Vice President, Legal Affairs & Corporate Secretary, contributing her experienced advisory on business and legal issues in corporate development, commercial transactions, and project implementation
- + Kelly LeBlanc appointed to the new position of Manager, Indigenous Relations contributing her understanding of First Nations' environmental and social issues, and her capacity to develop meaningful relationships focused on respect and sustainability

MONTRÉAL, CANADA, September 28, 2022 — Nouveau Monde Graphite Inc. ("NMG" or the "Company") (NYSE: NMG, TSXV: NOU) bolsters its leadership, depth, and execution capabilities with the nomination on its management team of Anoop Singh, P.Eng., as Vice President, Mining Projects, Josée Gagnon, LL.B, MBA, as Vice President, Legal Affairs & Corporate Secretary, and Kelly LeBlanc as Manager, Indigenous Relations. These nominations coincide with NMG's preparation for the transition towards its Phase 2 integrated commercial operations as internal teams and key consultants organize resources and expertise for the Company's next development phase.

Eric Desaulniers, Founder, President, and CEO of NMG, applauded the nominations: "I welcome Anoop, Josée, and Kelly to Team Nouveau Monde; I am excited to see such talented executives rallying behind our vision of driving the transition to a green future. I am confident they will help strengthen our management approach, diversify our perspectives, enhance our collective expertise, and help guide the development of NMG as a North American natural graphite leader for the battery and EV markets. Bienvenue!"

# **Anoop Singh**

Starting on October 3, 2022, Anoop Singh is a civil engineer (McGill University) with nearly 20 years of experience in mining and heavy civil operations.

Mr. Singh will take on the role of Vice President, Mining Projects, looking after NMG's project management, engineering, procurement, and construction of the Matawinie Mine, as well as the potential development of the Lac Guéret graphite property as part of the Company's Phase 3 growth plan. He brings a demonstrated skillset in project management and construction of mining

facilities that will be leveraged within the Operations division of the Company, in close collaboration with Environment, Health and Safety, Procurement, and Engineering teams.

Prior to joining NMG, Mr. Singh was Vice President, Strategic Development and Estimating at Bird Construction (previously H.J. O'Connell) where he managed multiple mining accounts over the years for clients such as ArcelorMittal, Rio Tinto, Cliffs, Vale, and Agnico Eagle. From the execution of \$100-million-worth projects to Indigenous partnerships and the procurement and risk management of complex projects, Mr. Singh has acquired robust know-how in leading highly technical, timeline-focused contracts in the mining sector. His project portfolio includes new mine construction, reactivation of closed mines, open-pit operations, construction of tailings facilities, and other construction and support activities for several mining companies.

# Josée Gagnon

Josée Gagnon is set to join the Company on October 11, 2022. The attorney (Québec Bar, California Bar, Montréal University graduate) and MBA-recipient (HEC) executive has been assisting private and public organizations in commercial, transactional and risk management law for the past 25 years.

Mrs. Gagnon will lead legal affairs at NMG as Vice President, Legal Affairs & Corporate Secretary. Her role will call upon her experienced advisory on business and legal issues in corporate development, commercial transactions, and project implementation to support the Company's current operations, planned development, and potential expansion.

Previously, Mrs. Gagnon was Vice President and Chief Legal Officer at Just For Laughs where she ensured counsel on business activities and supported governance activities. She has also worked at Colabor Group, WSP Canada, EXP Services and Infrastructure Québec, namely, where she developed applied proficiency in contract negotiations, compliance, acquisitions, and team management within complex projects and corporate initiatives. She has contributed to the realization of the first public-private partnerships in Québec and major infrastructure projects in addition to several mergers and acquisitions, both in private practice and within companies.

# Kelly LeBlanc

As of October 24, 2022, Kelly LeBlanc will bring to Company her 15-year experience in environmental and social impact assessment, First Nations' rights and interests, and stakeholder representation and coordination, backed by a Masters in Geography and Bachelor in International Studies (Montréal University).

Mrs. LeBlanc will liaise with Indigenous communities, leaders, and organizations in her new capacity as Manager, Indigenous Relations. She will develop engagement strategies to facilitate the participation of the Indigenous workforce, businesses and communities in NMG's activities, coordinate flagship partnerships that support Indigenous community priorities, and assist diversity, equity and inclusion efforts within the Company.

Mrs. LeBlanc joins NMG after having spent more than 10 years at the Cree Nation Government where she has developed an in-depth understanding of First Nations' environmental and social issues. She has worked at reconciling interests between nature conservation and territorial development through industrial activities while promoting respect for Aboriginal rights and active dialogue between cultures and knowledge.

### **About Nouveau Monde Graphite**

NMG is striving to become a key contributor to the sustainable energy revolution. The Company is working towards developing a fully integrated source of carbon-neutral battery anode material in Québec, Canada for the growing lithium-ion and fuel cell markets. With low-cost operations and enviable ESG standards, NMG aspires to become a strategic supplier to the world's leading battery and automobile manufacturers, providing high-performing and reliable advanced materials while promoting sustainability and supply chain traceability. <a href="https://www.NMG.com">www.NMG.com</a>

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