

## **Following Shareholder Approval, NMG Set to Close Aggregate US\$37.5M Private Placements by Mitsui and Pallinghurst**

- + Approval by NMG shareholders of private placements for an aggregate amount of US\$37.5M by strategic partner Mitsui and long-time investor Pallinghurst in accordance with Regulation-61-101.
- + Private placements scheduled to close on May 2, 2024, with the surrender and cancellation of Mitsui and Pallinghurst’s convertible notes dated November 8, 2022.

**MONTREAL, CANADA, May 1, 2024** – Nouveau Monde Graphite Inc. (“NMG” or the “Company”) ([NYSE:NMG](#), [TSXV: NOU](#)) announces that, at the special meeting of the Company’s shareholders (“Shareholders”) held today, Shareholders approved the [previously announced aggregate US\\$37.5-million private placements](#) from Mitsui & Co., Ltd. (“Mitsui”) ([TYO: 8031](#)) and Pallinghurst Bond Limited (“Pallinghurst”) that will be completed by NMG issuing common shares and warrants in exchange for the surrender and cancellation of each of Mitsui’s and Pallinghurst’s convertible notes dated November 8, 2022, as amended and restated on April 11, 2023 (the “Related Party Private Placements”).

Mitsui had committed to a private placement of US\$25 million and Pallinghurst to a private placement of US\$12.5 million, in each case subject to the approval of disinterested Shareholders of each transaction in accordance with Regulation 61-101 *Protection of Minority Security Holders in Special Transactions* (“Regulation 61-101”) and Policy 5.9 – *Protection of Minority Security Holders in Special Transactions* (“Policy 5.9”) and to regulatory approvals.

As per Regulation 61-101, the Company’s disinterested directors engaged Fort Capital Partners British Columbia (“Fort Capital Partners”) to carry out a valuation analysis and fairness opinion (the “Valuation and Fairness Opinion”). The Valuation and Fairness Opinion concluded that the Related Party Private Placements are fair, from a financial point of view, to Shareholders (other than Mitsui and Pallinghurst).

### **Matters Voted at the Special Meeting**

Shareholders adopted all resolutions submitted for their approval, including the Related Party Private Placements. The complete voting results for each item of business are as follows:

RESOLUTIONS	IN FAVOR		WITHHELD	
	Votes	%	Votes	%
Mitsui Private Placement	43,333,378	99.36%	278,086	0.64%
Pallinghurst Private Placement	31,165,461	99.11%	281,398	0.89%
Creation of a new control person, being Mitsui	43,422,952	99.57%	188,512	0.43%
Creation of a new control person, being General Motors LLC	30,951,993	99.49%	159,471	0.51%
Creation of a new control person, being Panasonic Holdings Corporation	43,488,962	99.72%	122,502	0.28%

### Closing of the Related Party Private Placements

NMG, Mitsui and Pallinghurst are scheduled to close the Related Party Private Placements on May 2, 2024, subject to the final acceptance of the TSX Venture Exchange.

Mitsui is exchanging its convertible note, dated November 8, 2022, as amended and restated on April 11, 2023, for 12,500,000 Common Shares in the capital of NMG (the “Common Shares”) and 12,500,000 Common Share purchase warrants on the same pricing and other terms as the previously announced US\$25 million equity investment in NMG (the “Tranche 1 Investment”) by Panasonic Holdings Corporation and General Motors LLC (the “Anchor Customers”). NMG will also enter into an investor rights agreement (the “Investor Rights Agreement”) with Mitsui at the closing of their investment. Pursuant to the Investor Rights Agreement, Mitsui will be required to “lock-up” its securities for a period of 12 months from the date of their investment. The Investor Rights Agreement also provides Mitsui with certain rights relating to its investment in NMG, namely certain board nomination and anti-dilution rights. Mitsui will be subject to a standstill limitation whereby it will not be able to increase its holdings beyond 20% of the issued and outstanding Common Shares for a period of three years.

Pallinghurst is exchanging its convertible note, dated November 8, 2022, as amended and restated on April 11, 2023, for 6,250,000 Common Shares and 6,250,000 Common Share purchase warrants on the same pricing and other terms as the Tranche 1 Investment with the Anchor Customers. NMG will enter into a registration rights agreement with Pallinghurst at the closing of their investment.

Concurrently with the redemption, surrender and cancellation of Mitsui’s and Pallinghurst’s convertible notes, 1,579,043 common shares that have been reserved for issuance will be issued as fully paid and non-assessable common shares.

### About Nouveau Monde Graphite

Nouveau Monde Graphite is an integrated company developing responsible mining and advanced manufacturing operations to supply the global economy with carbon-neutral active anode material to power EV and renewable energy storage systems. The Company is developing a fully integrated ore-to-battery-material source of graphite-based active anode material in Québec, Canada. With enviable ESG standards and structuring partnerships with anchor customers, NMG is set to become a strategic supplier to the world’s leading lithium-ion battery and EV manufacturers, providing high-performing and reliable advanced materials while promoting sustainability and supply chain traceability. [www.NMG.com](http://www.NMG.com)

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changes in China's policy regarding restrictions on Chinese graphite materials exportations, political and social acceptability risk, environmental regulation risk, currency and exchange rate risk, technological developments, and general economic conditions, as well as earnings, capital expenditure, cash flow and capital structure risks and general business risks. A further description of risks and uncertainties can be found in NMG's Annual Information Form dated March 27, 2024, including in the section thereof captioned "Risk Factors", which is available on SEDAR+ at [www.sedarplus.ca](http://www.sedarplus.ca) and on EDGAR at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov). Unpredictable or unknown factors not discussed in this Cautionary Note could also have material adverse effects on forward-looking statements.

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