

*Operating, optimising and expanding the Graphmada large flake graphite mine in Madagascar* 

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## Investment Thesis\_



### ONLY ASX LISTED GRAPHITE PRODUCER

One of only five publically listed graphite producers in the world and the only Australian ASX listed graphite producer.

### ASSET PURCHASED AT MATERIAL DISCOUNT

Graphmada graphite mine purchased for ~A\$5 million, having previously sold for ~A\$50 million, with an additional ~A\$16 million invested by previous owners.

### 40 YEAR LONG LIFE LOW MINING COST OPERATIONS

40 year mining permits in place, containing four premium quality, large flake, graphite deposits hosted in weathered graphitic gneiss, a soft, easily minable rock that incurs low mining costs.

### REVENUE GENERATING ASSET IN GROWTH MARKET

With all associated mining infrastructure and logistics in place, the mine currently produces and sells a range of graphite concentrates into multiple high growth market segments, to customers in India, the United States and Europe.

### PRODUCTION VOLUME GROWTH THROUGH OPTIMISATION

Optimisation program underway, targeting lower operating costs, production volume growth and premium concentrate grades.

### EXPANSION PLANS BEING IMPLEMENTED

Drilling to materially grow existing resource inventories, with plans for a second processing plant to significantly expand production.

## Capital Market Snapshot\_

CAPITAL STRUCTURE (ASX: BSM)

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(as at 8 March 2017)	,
Shares outstanding	1,368 million
Options Outstanding	471 million <sup>1</sup>
Cash & Receivables	A\$3.2 million <sup>2</sup>
Share Price (ASX)	A\$0.012
Market Capitalisation	A\$16 million
No Debt	

### SHARE PRICE CHART

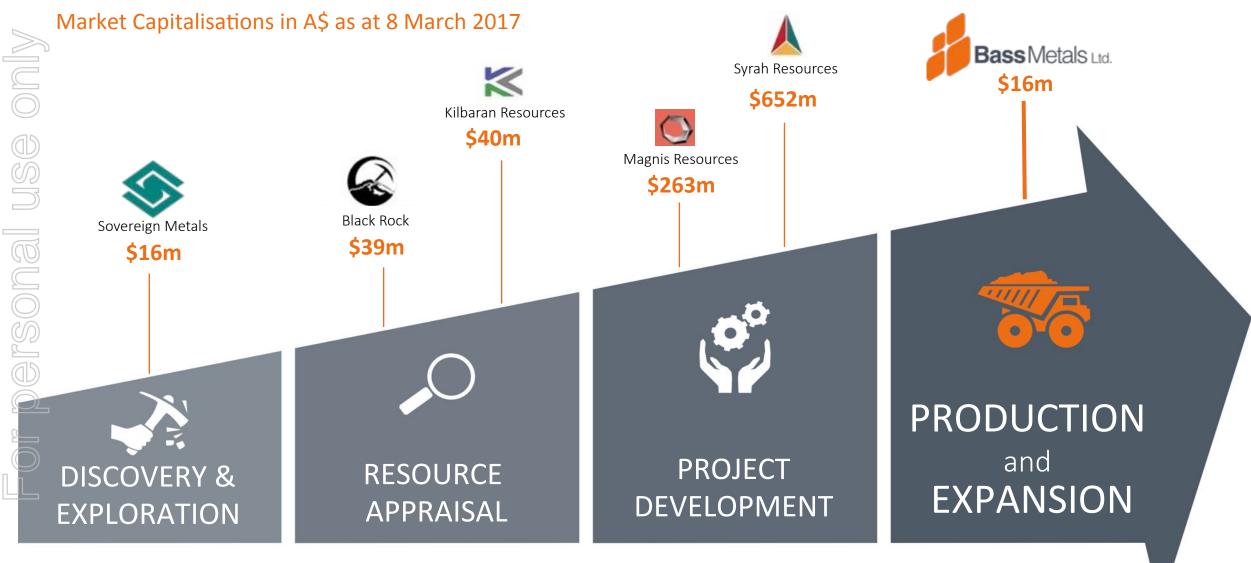


### SHAREHOLDERS

Executives and Directors <sup>3</sup>	8%
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<sup>1</sup> Excludes 126,394,220 unlisted options – see Appendix 3B released to the ASX on the 1st of September 2016 for further detail. <sup>2</sup> Cash and Receivables includes A\$1.05m receivables outstanding from Lion Gold.

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Pathway to production

# Board & Management\_

### Rick Anthon – Non-Executive Chairman

30 years experience in both corporate and commercial law, is a director of a number of resource companies, and is currently Manager of Corporate and Legal at Orocobre Ltd, Australia's premier Lithium producer.

### Jeffrey Marvin – Non-Executive Director

20 years working with corporate management and investors to bring international mineral projects to public markets.

#### Peter Wright – Non-Executive Director

Mr. Wright has 20 years advising on capital markets, investor relations, acquisitions and divestments, particularly in industrial minerals and metals markets. Mr. Wright is also currently Executive Director of Bizzell Capital Partners, a Brisbane based corporate advisory and funds management firm.

#### Tim McManus – Chief Executive Officer

<sup>2</sup>25 years' as a mining professional with significant experience at senior management level across all facets of project assessment, development and operations. Previous roles include CEO of ASX listed Elementos Ltd, Chief Geologist for Xstrata, and Partner – Barclays Natural Resource Investments: Metallurgical Coal Management Team.

#### David Round – Chief Financial Officer & Company Secretary

An accountant with extensive resource sector experience as CFO and Company Secretary to a number of resource development and mining companies.

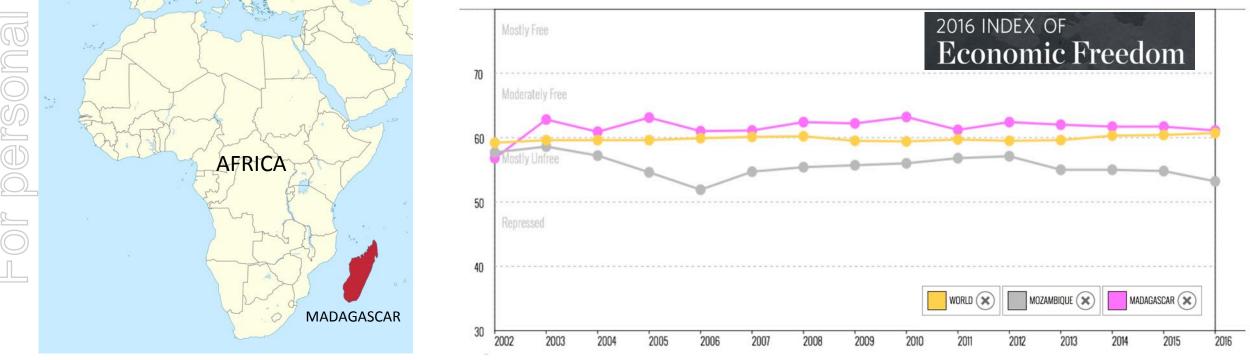


# Madagascar\_

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Madagascar has produced benchmark quality graphite for over 100 years due to a high proportion of high purity, large flake, <sup>D</sup>premium quality crystalline graphite, low operating costs and well developed export infrastructure.

Madagascar is an island country in the Indian Ocean, off the coast of Southeast Africa, and has been a democracy since 1960. It is governed under a French legal system with Hery Rajaonarimampianina as President. It has a population of approximately 24 million and an estimated 2016 GDP of \$9.2 billion USD. The Corporate Tax rate is a low 20% with a low 2% Mining Royalty. Its capital city is Antananarivo and its main export port is the port of Toamasina situated on the east coast.



Index of Economic Freedom, an annual guide published by The Wall Street Journal and The Heritage Foundation.

# Graphmada Overview

Graphmada is an operating mine with four large flake premium quality graphite deposits within its permits:

- Loharano recent mining
- Mahefedok trial mining
- Mahela to be developed
- Ambatofafana to be developed

With shallow, low cost mining, and an established 6000tpa nameplate capacity processing plant.

With modern facilities and infrastructure, including an on-site doctor and pharmacy, laboratory, housing and offices, water and communications.

LOHARANO DEPOSIT*	TONNAGE	GRADE (CUTOFF 2%)	CONTAINED GRAPHITE
Indicated	0.4 Mt	5.1%	22 Kt
Inferred	5.3 Mt	4.0 %	213 Kt
Total Resources <sup>1</sup>	5.7 Mt	4.1%	235 Kt

Table subject to rounding errors

\*Loharano Deposit JORC Resources represent only the top 6 meters of mineralisation at Loharano.

### LOCATION

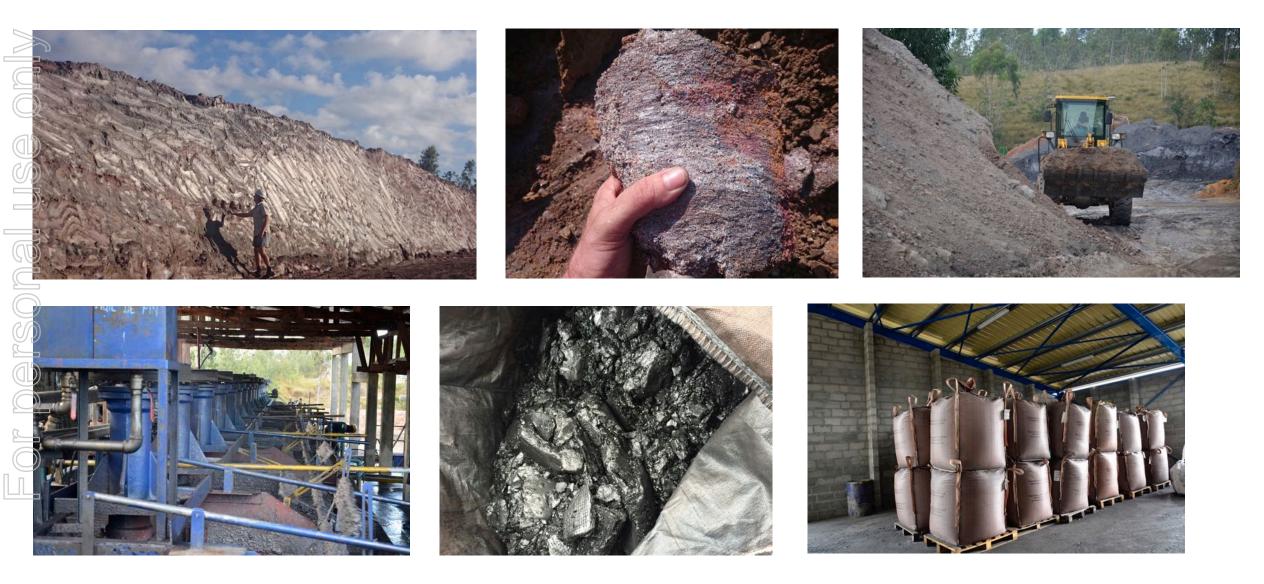


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<sup>1</sup>These estimates were prepared and first disclosed by Stratmin under the JORC Code 2004. The estimates have not been updated to JORC Code 2012 on the basis that the information has not materially changed since it was last reported. Reference is made to the Company's announcement of 2 September 2015 which provides further detail regarding this information.

### Production Tour\_\_\_\_\_





# Sales & Logistics.

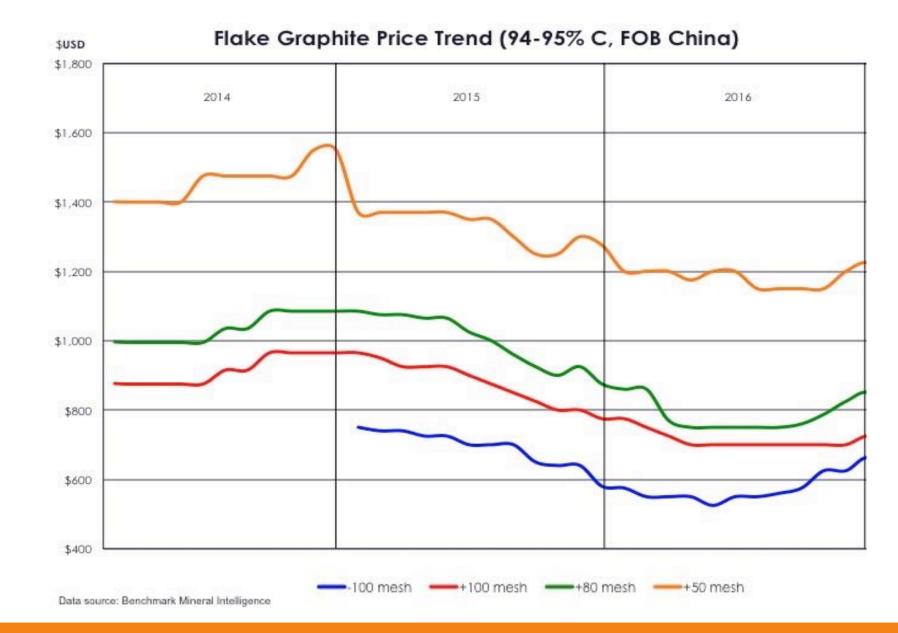
Existing sales are provided in 1 tonne bags or 50 kg bags and placed into 20 tonne containers for shipment from the export port of Tamatave, located 110 km by sealed road from the Graphmada Mine.



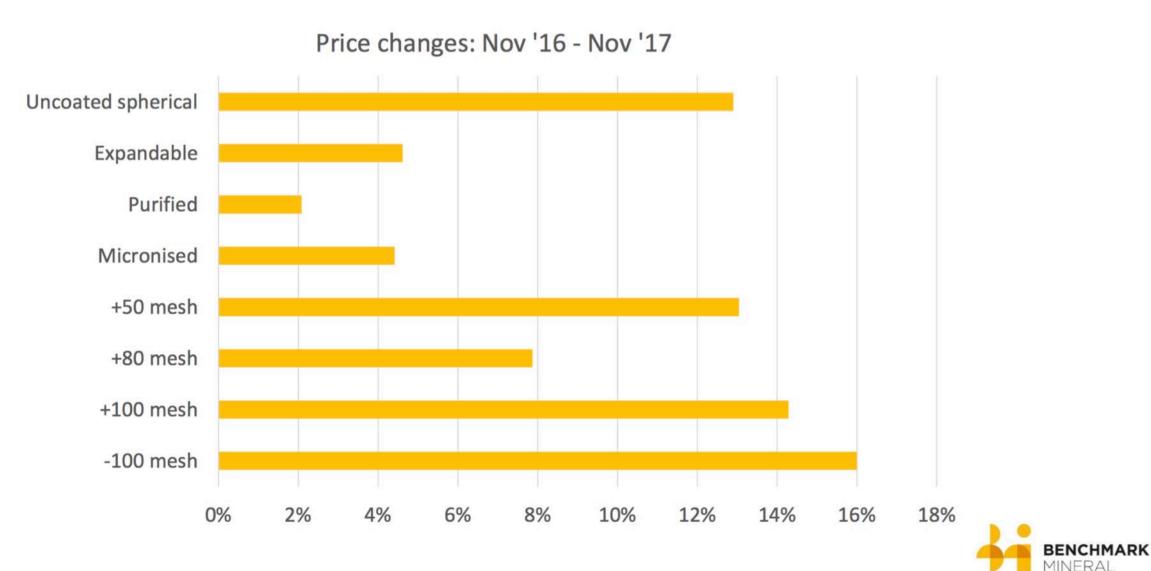


## Recent Pricing.





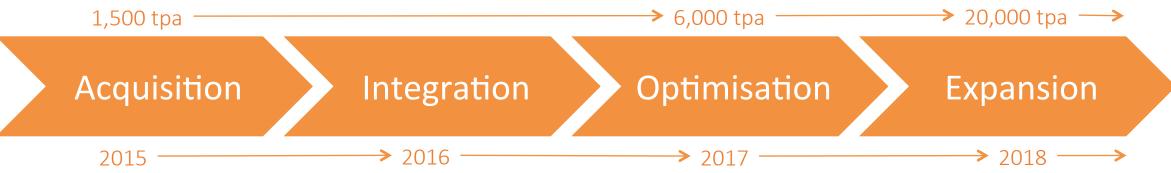
### Near Term Price Growth\_



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## Asset Strategy\_

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First investment in Graphmada September 2015.

100% of Graphmada acquired from Stratmin Global Resources PLC on 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2016. Commenced studies to optimise mining and processing.

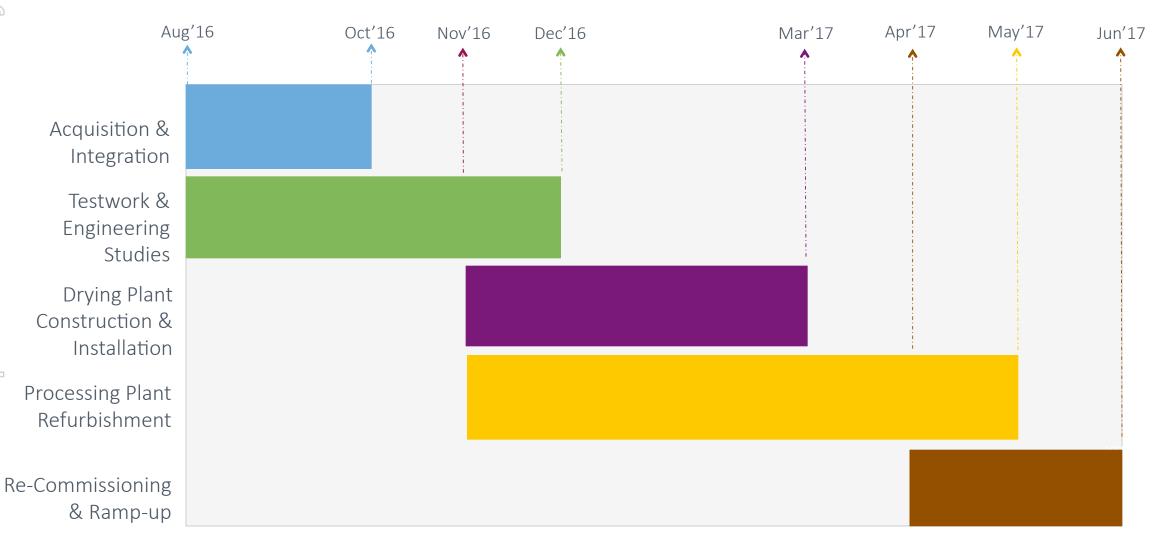
Graphmada Care community engagement program commenced September 2016. Drilling to materially grow existing resource inventories.

Optimisation program underway, targeting lower operating costs, production volume growth and premium concentrate grades. Expansion Study scheduled for completion.

Second processing plant installed to expand operations to >20kt capacity by 2018.

# Optimisation Program: Price Catalysts \_

### GRAPHMADA MINE OPTIMISATION TIMELINE



# Optimised Sales

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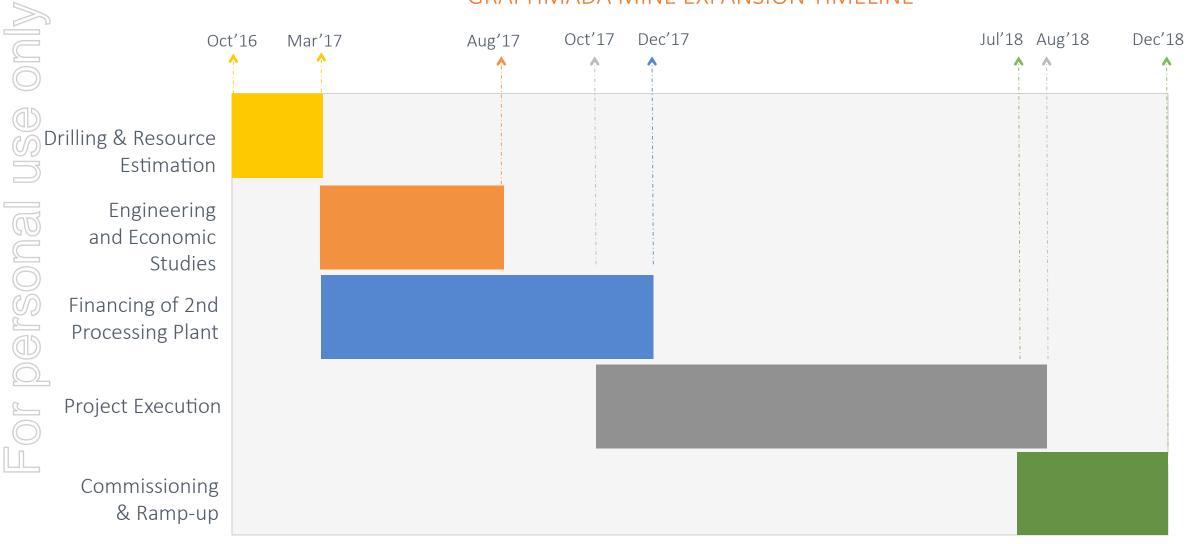
Increasing sales revenues through production volume growth of higher value concentrates; achieved through increasing throughput of higher margin ore and optimising processing for higher grade and larger flake final concentrates.

	CONCENTRATE ALES	Optimisation		ONCENTRATE ALES
+50 (>300 micron)	85%-94% (LOI)	Graphmada Product	+35 (>500 micron)	94%-98% (LOI)
+80 (>180 micron)	85%-94% (LOI)	Sales Classification	+50 (>300 micron)	94%-98% (LOI)
<b>-80</b> (<180 micron)	85%-94% (LOI)	FINE TO MEDIUM ~40% LARGE TO	+80 (>180 micron)	94%-98% (LOI)
Mixed	85%-94% (LOI)	JUMBO ~60%	-80 (<180 micron)	94%-98% (LOI)
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## Expansion Program: Price Catalysts



#### GRAPHMADA MINE EXPANSION TIMELINE



### Capital Initiatives\_

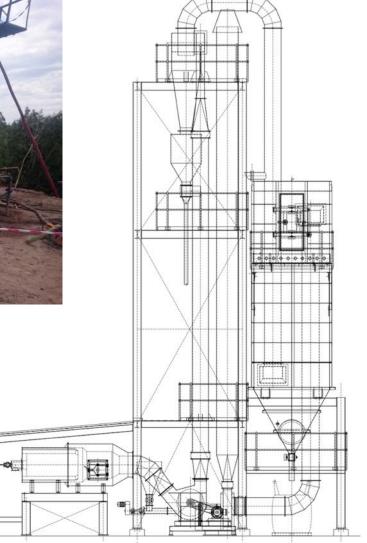












Drying & Packaging Plant currently under construction

# Community Engagement





Bass Metals runs a Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) program called Graphmada Care.

The program is based on the commitment by the Company to develop its business through strong local partnerships built on five pillars:

#### EDUCATION

HEALTH

PRODUCTION

TRANSPARENCY

EMPOWERMENT





## Summary\_



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The information in this report that relates to Mineral Resources is based on information compiled by Tim McManus, a Competent Person who is a member of the Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy and a full-time employee of the Company.

Tim McManus has sufficient experience that is relevant to the style of mineralisation and type of deposit under consideration and to the activity being undertaken to qualify as a Competent Person as defined in the 2012 Edition of the Australasian Code for Reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves. Tim McManus consents to the inclusion of the information in this report in the form and context in which it appears.

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The information for the JORC Mineral Resource Summary is extracted from the ASX Announcement "Strategic investment in producing graphite asset" released 2 September 2015, which is available to view on <u>www.asx.com.au</u>. Bass Metals Ltd. confirms that it is not aware of any new information or data that materially affects the information included in the original market announcement and 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 Person's findings are presented have not been materially modified from the original market announcements.

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