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Next Graphite Begins Bulk-Sampling Program

NEW YORK, NY / ACCESSWIRE / June 20, 2016 Next Graphite, Inc. (OTC PINK: GPNE) ("Next Graphite," "GPNE" or the "Company"), a graphite exploration/development stage company in the African Republic of Namibia, is pleased to announce the start-up of the bulk sampling of graphitic material from the dumps at the Aukam graphite project in southern Namibia.

Site construction, including quarters for 30 workers and the building and installation of a screen, has been completed on schedule and on budget. Preparation for the bulk-sampling program including finalizing the infrastructure and clearing graphitic material from the adits and stockpiling on the dumps has also been completed.

The heavy equipment has arrived on site and work is under way. The bulk-sampling program is focussed on separating the graphitic material found in the Aukam dumps from the waste country rock by screening loads of dump material then hand-sorting the screened product. Approximately 500 tonnes of dump material are currently being screened and sorted each day.

Seven sub-samples from a 1.6 tonne sample of screened dump material were recently assayed and averaged 59.4% carbon as graphite (see news release dated June 14, 2016).

"We are very pleased that our joint venture has the bulk-sampling program up and running on schedule and on budget," said Cliff Bream, Chief Executive Officer of Next Graphite. "The rate of screening and hand sorting the dump material has exceeded our expectations, and we congratulate our contractors on this achievement."

As outlined in our joint venture's Letter of Intent (see news release dated March 24, 2016), the Company intends to send up to 5,000 tonnes of graphitic material to the graphite producer, with an initial shipment of 2,000 to 3,000 tonnes in the July-August timeframe as a result of this program.

About Next Graphite, Inc.:

Next Graphite, Inc. is an exploration / development stage company targeting the growing global graphite production industry with the Company's Africa-based Aukam Graphite Project. The Aukam Graphite Mine was established in 1940 in the current Republic of Namibia and produced USD \$30 million of graphite at today's prices. The site is located on 34,082 hectares in southern Namibia close to the port city of Luderitz and is estimated to contain a significant amount of high grade, vein type graphitic material.

The property hosts three underground adits that were mined periodically between 1940 and 1974. Five dumps from the historical mining occur on the property and 73 samples from the

lower three dumps were assayed and averaged 42% Cg. Next Graphite's joint venture is planning a bulk-sampling program at Aukam, and has a letter of intent to sell the graphitic material produced during the program. Next also intends to put the historical mine back into production and is working on an application for a mining license. The Company maintains high safety and environmental standards and has a comprehensive strategy of social engagement.

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