

VANCOUVER, B.C., Oct. 11, 2017 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- [Ceylon Graphite Corp.](#) (“Ceylon”) (TSX-V:CYL) (OTC:CYLYF) (FSE:CCY) announces it has signed an agreement to acquire all of the issued and outstanding shares of JADS Enterprises (Private) Ltd., a local Sri Lankan mining company that has five graphite exploration Grid units (“GRIDs”) and an exploration license in the Malsiripura/Kurunegela region in central Sri Lanka. The acquisition of JADS will take the total number of GRIDs under Ceylon’s umbrella in Sri Lanka from 116 to 121.

Historical drilling records, from over 30 exploration holes at the Panliyadda sites, suggests the potential for high quality vein/lump graphite in these 5 GRIDs. The chart below outlines these results:

Panliyadda Core Sample Summary

Hole ID	Y	X	Z	Azimuth	Angle	Hole depth	Depth from	Depth to	Description
PLB0001	850340	448516	345	-66	150.1				
PLB0002	850356	44497	330	-66	193.5				
PLB0003	850369	448459	326	-66	75.2		65	65.05	Graphite Fracture
							72	72.05	Graphite Fracture
PLB0004	850373	448459	328	-66	200		41	41.05	Graphite Fracture
							63.7	66	Graphite bearing zone
							67.5	67.8	30cm Graphite vein
							78	78.05	Graphite Fracture
							88.2	88.25	Graphite Fracture
							90.57	91.07	50cm Graphite Vein
							102	102.4	40cm Graphite Vein
							117	117.05	Graphite Fracture
PLB0005	850354	448501	358	-77	195.3				
PLB0006	850369	448425	327	-50	250				
PLB0007	850372	448454	336	-50	159		65	65.05	Graphite Fracture
							117.5	117.55	Graphite Fracture
							120	140	Graphite bearing zone
PLB0008	850373	448459	327	-75	171.1		36	36.05	Graphite Fracture
							38	38.4	40cm Graphite Vein
PLB0009	850206	448396	292	-50	147		78	78.05	Graphite Fracture
PLB0010	850206	448396	292	-70	151.1				
PLB0011	850172	448357	285	-70	86.8				
PLB0012	850171	448358	285	-50	67.7		53.7	53.75	Graphite Fracture
PLB0013	850115	448442	280	-50	172.45				
PLB0014	850115	448442	280	-70	183.6				
PLB0015	850203	448476	311	-80	74.85				
PLB0016	850378	448429	320	-50	103.85		68.9	68.95	Graphite Fracture
							74.15	74.2	Graphite Fracture
PLB0017	850172	448335	266	-70	27.2				
PLB0018	850378	448429	320	-80	156.8		83.5	83.55	Graphite Fracture
PLB0019	850172	448335	275	-50	108.75				
PLB0020	850418	448462	330	-50	174.8		76.6	76.65	Graphite Fracture
PLB0021	850419	448463	330	-80	88.5				
							68	68.05	Graphite Fracture
							83.8	83.85	Graphite Fracture
PLB0022	850138	448375	274	-60	199.82				
PLB0023	850207	448412	290	-60	171.45				
PLB0024	850207	448434	290	-85	253.4				
PLB0025	850220	448360	265	-70	292.8				
PLB0026	850138	448406	265	-60	328.4		28	31.7	Graphite bearing zone
PLB0027	850129	448356	265	-60	167.54				
PLB0028	850206	448396	290	-60	186.65				
PLB0029	850129	448356	265	-60	83.54				
PLB0030	850206	44396	290	-70	376.7		99	99.05	Graphite Fracture

Upon completion of the acquisition, Ceylon intends to conduct a limited drilling program on the Panliyadda site of the Malsiripura

property to confirm the quality and quantity of the graphite mineralization, and develop a mine plan. Upon completion of the drilling program, and provided the results of that program are favourable, Ceylon intends to apply for a Class B Mining License, with the ultimate goal of establishing mining operations.

#### Appointment of new General Manager

Ceylon is also pleased to announce that it has appointed Mr. Janaka Ratnayake to position of General Manager of Operations for Ceylon Graphite in Sri Lanka. He will be responsible for all of the Company's exploration and mining related business in Sri Lanka.

Mr. Ratnayake is a highly experienced mining engineer and mine manager, and considered to be an expert on graphite mining. He started his career in 1996 at AMG's Graphit Kropfmühl GmbH working as an engineer in its Bogala Graphite Mine. Mr. Ratnayake spent over 10 years with GSMB (Geological Survey and Mines Bureau in the position of Mining Engineer and Chief Mining Engineer). He has worked in Australia in senior mining positions and was, until recently, the Mines Manager at Kahatagaha Graphite Lanka Limited, the largest graphite mine in Sri Lanka.

Bharat Parashar, Ceylon Graphite's Chief Executive Officer, said: "We welcome Janaka to the Ceylon team, his experience and leadership will greatly strengthen our operational capabilities. We are progressing as per plan albeit a little slower than anticipated due to heavier than expected monsoons. Despite this delay, we expect to enter a production phase by the end of the calendar year. We anticipate that the acquisition of JADS will provide Ceylon with a more substantial resource base and positively impact both the quantum of graphite we will bring to the market and our production time lines."

"The graphite market continues to grow at a very attractive rate. Allied Market Research, recently reported that the global graphite market was valued at \$13,004 million in 2015, and is expected to reach \$18,769 million by 2022, at a compounded annual growth rate of approximately 5.4%. The electric vehicle market and the renewable energy industry continue to be the main drivers behind this anticipated growth. As these industries grow we anticipate the value of high quality graphite, the likes of which is available primarily in Sri Lanka, will increase."

#### Qualified Person

Robert Marvin, P. Geo (ONT) is a Qualified Person under National Instrument 43-101, and has reviewed and approved the geological information provided in this news release. Mr. Marvin is a Director of Ceylon.

About Ceylon [Graphite Corp.](#)

[Ceylon Graphite Corp.](#) is a public company listed on the TSX Venture Exchange that is in the business of exploring for and development of graphite in Sri Lanka. The Government of Sri Lanka has granted the company exploration rights in a land package of over 100km<sup>2</sup>. These exploration GRIDs (each a square kilometre in area) cover areas of historic graphite production from the early twentieth century, and represent a majority of the known graphite occurrences in Sri Lanka. Sri Lankan graphite is known to be some of the purest in the world, and currently accounts for less than 1% of the world graphite production.

Further information regarding Ceylon is available at [www.ceylongraphite.com](http://www.ceylongraphite.com)

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global graphite industry, and in particular, the growth in the value of high quality graphite. Such forward-looking statements reflect management's current beliefs and are based on assumptions made by and information currently available to Ceylon including the assumption that, the drilling exercises will confirm the presence of high quality graphite, sufficient financial resources will be available, the records from the drilling exercises prove to be accurate, there will be no unanticipated delays or costs materially affecting Ceylon's exploration, development and production, there will be no material adverse change in metal prices, all necessary consents, licenses, permits and approvals will be obtained, including a Class B Mining License and Class A Mining License and the market generally, and in particular the electric vehicle and renewable energy industries, will continue to rely on high quality graphite. Investors are cautioned that these forward looking statements are neither promises nor guarantees, and are subject to risks and uncertainties that may cause future results to differ materially from those expected. Risk factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from the results expressed or implied by the forward-looking information include, among other things, an inability to reach a final acquisition agreement, inaccurate results from the drilling exercises, a failure to obtain or delays in obtaining the required regulatory licenses, permits, approvals and consents, an inability to access financing as needed, a general economic downturn, a volatile stock price, labour strikes, political unrest, changes in the mining regulatory regime governing Ceylon, a failure to comply with environmental regulations and a weakening of market and industry reliance on high quality graphite. Ceylon cautions the reader that the above list of risk factors is not exhaustive.

These forward-looking statements are made as of the date hereof and, except as required under applicable securities legislation, Ceylon Graphite does not assume any obligation to update or revise them to reflect new events or circumstances. All of the forward-looking statements made in this press release are qualified by these cautionary statements and by those made in our filings with SEDAR in Canada (available at [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com)).