

TORONTO, ONTARIO--(Marketwired - May 16, 2017) - [Great Lakes Graphite Inc.](#) ("GLK" or the "Company") (TSX VENTURE:GLK)(OTC PINK:GLKIF)(FRANKFURT:8GL) announces today that the Company has closed a new non-brokered private-placement offering for a total of 2,212,500 units of Company equity.

The private placement consisted of an offering of 2,212,500 units (a "Unit") at a price of \$CDN 0.08 per Unit, for gross proceeds of \$CDN \$177,000. Each Unit will consist of one common share of Great Lakes and one common share-purchase warrant (the "Warrants"); each Warrant will entitle the holder to purchase one additional Great Lakes common share at a price of \$CDN 0.10 for a period of twenty-four (24) months after the closing of the Offering.

The Warrants are subject to an acceleration provision that states if, at any time, the Company's common shares have a closing price on the Exchange at or above a price of \$0.14 per share for a period of 10 consecutive trading days, the Company may give notice by news release that expiration of the warrants will be accelerated to 21 days from the date of providing such notice.

No finder's or other fees were paid for this private placement. All securities issued by the Offering will be subject to a hold period of four months plus one day. The Offering is subject to regulatory approval.

Great Lakes Graphite will use the net proceeds of the Private Placement for working capital including the production, electrochemical testing and characterization of substantial amounts (hundreds of kilograms) of Spherical Purified Graphite ("SPG") and Coated Spherical Purified Graphite ("CSPG"). These materials are particularly well-suited for use in anodes for lithium-ion batteries and for anodes and additives and other components in lead-acid batteries and redox flow batteries. The material will be used to fulfill backlogged requests for material from existing battery manufacturers and other potential end users.

About Great Lakes Graphite: Great Lakes Graphite is an industrial minerals processing company supplying customers with innovative, high quality value-added carbon products.

There is no significant graphite production in North America now. As pricing and demand continue to rise, Great Lakes Graphite is one of the first new domestic suppliers to a growing regional customer base. We continually work to deliver products of the best quality with outstanding customer service.

The Company is party to an agreement for long-term supply of high quality natural graphite concentrate from Brazil (see news release dated 03/23/15). Great Lakes Graphite is presently working with an established US-based processor for toll micronization services. The Company has partnered with Ashland Advanced Materials for commercial-scale purification operations at Ashland's 110,000 square foot purification facility located in Niagara, New York.

Through our partner relationships, Great Lakes Graphite began selling micronized synthetic graphite beginning in 2016 and now supplies micronized and high purity micronized natural flake graphite products to a growing customer base.

Further information regarding Great Lakes can be found on the Company's website at: www.GreatLakesGraphite.com.

Great Lakes Graphite trades with symbol GLK on the TSX Venture Exchange and currently has 125,656,830 shares outstanding.

Neither TSX Venture Exchange nor its Regulation Services Provider (as that term is defined in policies of the TSX Venture Exchange) accepts responsibility for the adequacy or accuracy of this release.

Caution Regarding Forward Looking Information: Certain statements in this press release may constitute "forward looking information" which involves known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors which may cause the actual results, performance or achievements of the Company to be materially different from any future results, performance or achievements expressed or implied by such forward looking information. When used in this press release, such forward looking information may use such words as "may", "will", "expect", "believe", "plan" and other similar terminology. Forward looking information is provided for the purpose of presenting information about management's current expectations relating to the future events and the operating performance of the Company, and readers are cautioned that such information may not be appropriate for other purposes. The forward looking statements involve a number of risks and uncertainties. These risks and uncertainties include, but are not limited to, the ability of the Company to fulfill the orders and future orders, regulatory requirements, general economic, market or business conditions and future developments in the sectors of the economy in which the business of Great Lakes operates. The foregoing list of factors is not exhaustive. Please see the Company's financial statements, MD&A and other documents available on www.sedar.com, for a more detailed description of the risk factors. The Company undertakes no obligation to update publicly or revise any forward looking information, whether a result of new information, future results or otherwise, except as required by law.

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