

Westwater Announces Excellent Results from Independent Tests on Spherical Purified Graphite (SPG) from the Coosa Graphite Project

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[Westwater Resources Inc.](#) (“Westwater,” or the “Company”) (Nasdaq: WWR), an energy materials development company, is pleased to provide the independent test results from long-term cycling data conducted on uncoated, spherical purified graphite (SPG) from the Company’s Coosa Graphite Project.

Christopher M. Jones, President and CEO of Westwater Resources, stated, “We are pleased with the performance of our spherical graphite materials from the Coosa Graphite Project located in Alabama. In short, we have produced products for independent testing, these products have performed as designed, and this milestone achievement demonstrates some of the potential of our flagship Coosa Graphite Project. Long-term cycling data is useful for battery manufacturers and provides insights into the parameters that can help us continually improve the performance of our graphite products including our coated spherical purified graphite, thus developing a broader customer base.”

HIGHLIGHTS

- “Near theoretical” reversible capacity was achieved as 370.11 mAh/g on the first cycle.
- Purification, micronization, spherization and sizing was performed on the natural flake graphite from our Coosa Graphite Project utilizing the Company’s proprietary process. The purity level achieved was 99.95 wt%.
- Optimization on electrode formulation was achieved to extend the cycling performance. Testing under prolonged cycling conditions showed that SPG from the Coosa Graphite Project demonstrated stable performance over 150 cycles.

TEST SUMMARY

- SPG grades were formulated into battery grade coatings and cast on copper foil.
- Industry standard CR2016 coin cells were assembled and tested using graphite as the anode versus Li/Li⁺ counter electrode assembly (half cell).
- Low temperature LP81 electrolyte was utilized in the cells.
- The upper and lower voltage limits during cycling were 0.01 V and 2 V vs Li/Li⁺. Charging and discharging current rate was C/20.
- The properties of SPG from the Coosa Graphite Project are presented in the Table below.

PARAMETER	VALUE (UNITS)
TRADE NAME	ULTRA-SPG
LOSS ON IGNITION	> 99.95 (wt%)
ASH%	< 0.05 (wt%)
SCOTT VOLUME	0.51 (g/cm ³)
TAP DENSITY	0.91 (g/cm ³)
BET SURFACE AREA	6.32 m ² /g
D50	18.6 (micrometre)

- Reversible capacity, irreversible capacity and irreversible capacity loss are the most critical metrics for measuring battery performance. These parameters are obtained after the first charge and discharge cycle.
 - a. Reversible capacity: 370.11 mAh/g. Considering that 372 mAh/g is a theoretical maximum for natural graphite, the result is “near theoretical” performance.
 - b. Irreversible capacity: 416.7 mAh/g. This is the initial charge capacity.
 - c. Irreversible capacity loss (ICL): 11.2%. Although this value is acceptable, typical ICL values are less than 10%. However, the irreversible capacity reported here was achieved in a non-optimized low temperature electrolyte composition, and varying the amount of vinylene carbonate can drive the ICL value to the desired goal.
- The long-term cycling was performed on various formulations to determine the optimum electrode composition, calendared electrode density, active material loading and electrolyte formulation. These optimizations have resulted with stable cycling up to 150 cycles. Irreversible capacity loss after 150 cycles was low.

About Westwater Resources

WWR is focused on developing energy-related materials. The Company’s battery-materials projects include the Coosa Graphite Project – the most advanced natural flake graphite project in the contiguous United States – and the associated Coosa Graphite Mine located across 41,900 acres (~17,000 hectares) in east-central Alabama. In addition, the Company maintains lithium mineral properties in three prospective lithium brine basins in Nevada and Utah. Westwater’s uranium projects are located in Texas and New Mexico. In Texas, the Company has two licensed and currently idled uranium processing facilities and approximately 11,000 acres (~4,400 hectares) of prospective in-situ recovery uranium projects. In New Mexico, the Company controls mineral rights encompassing approximately 188,700 acres (~76,000 hectares) in the prolific Grants Mineral Belt, which is one of the largest concentrations of sandstone-hosted uranium deposits in the world. Incorporated in 1977 as Uranium Resources, Inc., Westwater also owns an extensive uranium information database of historic drill hole logs, assay certificates, maps and technical reports for the western United States. For more information, visit www.westwaterresources.net.

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