

Nouveau Monde Graphite Announces the Completion of its C\$22 million Capital Raise and Will Proceed to Construction of its Value-Added Product Demonstration Plant

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- C\$12 million capital raised, in addition to the C\$10 million capital raised in April 2019 from cornerstone shareholder Pallinguurst
- With funding now secured, Nouveau Monde's value-added product demonstration plant will proceed to construction in the near term
- Insiders, directors and officers showed strong support, subscribing for additional equity
- The Annual General and Special Meeting of Shareholders was held on June 21, 2019, where eight directors were elected

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SAINT-MICHEL-DES-SAINTS, Québec, June 28, 2019 -- Nouveau [Nouveau Monde Graphite Inc.](#) ("Nouveau Monde" or the "Corporation") (TSX VENTURE: NOU) (OTCQX: NMGRF) (FRANKFURT: NM9) is pleased to announce that it has completed a private placement of 42,345,213 common shares (the "Shares") in the capital of the Corporation at a price of C\$0.235 per Share for aggregate gross proceeds of C\$9,951,125 (the "Private Placement"). The Private Placement forms part of the financing strategy of the Corporation announced on April 3, 2019.

The Corporation also announces that it has closed an unsecured financing with Pallinguurst Graphite Limited ("Pallinguurst") for an aggregate amount of C\$2,000,000, which minimises shareholder dilution and bears interest at a rate of 9% per year (the "Financing"). The capital and the accrued interest shall be repaid at the latest on June 27, 2020.

Together with the proceeds of the private placement announced on April 3, 2019 and the Financing, the proceeds of the Private Placement (collectively, the "Combined Equity Raise") are expected to provide Nouveau Monde with sufficient funding for its next stage of development of the Matawinie project (the "Matawinie Project"). Specifically, the proceeds from the Combined Equity Raise will be used to:

- Fund the continued operation of the existing graphite flake plant, allowing product qualification purposes with end customers and process optimisation prior to full commercial operation;
- The construction of a demonstration plant for value-added products, for the growing lithium-ion battery and expandable graphite markets; and
- For working capital and general corporate purposes.

The following insiders, directors and officers, showing strong support for the Corporation, subscribed for a total of 33,090,320 Shares in the Private Placement amounting to C\$7,776,225, as follows: cornerstone shareholder, Pallinguurst, subscribed for 8,525,000 Shares (for an amount of C\$2,003,375) to maintain its 19.99% ownership interest; the Government of Québec, through its agent Ressources Québec Inc., subscribed for 20,000,000 Shares (for an amount of C\$4,700,000); Charles-Armand Turpin subscribed for 4,255,320 Shares (for an amount of C\$1,000,000); Éric Desaulniers subscribed for 50,000 Shares (for an amount of C\$11,750); Charles-Olivier Tarte subscribed for 50,000 Shares (for an amount of C\$11,750); Karl Trudeau subscribed for 50,000 Shares (for an amount of C\$11,750) and Patrice Boulanger subscribed for 75,000 Shares (for an amount of C\$17,625).

The Shares issued in the context of the Private Placement are subject to a four (4) months plus one (1) day

statutory hold period ending on October 28, 2019.

The Private Placement to insiders and the Financing with Pallinghurst constitute “related party transactions” within the meaning of *Regulation 61-101 respecting Protection of Minority Security Holders in Special Transactions* (“Regulation 61-101”) and TSXV Corporate Finance Policy 5.9 – *Protection of Minority Security Holders in Special Transactions*. The directors of the Corporation have determined that the exemptions from formal valuation and minority approval requirements provided for respectively under subsections 5.5(a) and 5.7(1)(a) of Regulation 61-101 can be relied on as neither the fair market value of the Shares issued to the insiders, together with the value of the Financing, nor the fair market value of the consideration paid exceed 25% of the Corporation’s market capitalization. None of the Corporation’s directors has expressed any contrary views or disagreements with respect to the foregoing. The Corporation did not file a material change report 21 days prior to the expected closing date of the Private Placement and the Financing as the details of the participation of the related parties of the Corporation had not been confirmed at that time.

The Corporation paid brokerage, investment banking or similar fees of only C\$18,000 to Pareto Securities Ltd. and C\$18,000 to Platinum Broking Company Limited for services rendered in connection with a portion of the Private Placement.

Annual General and Special Meeting of Shareholders

The Corporation held Friday, June 21, 2019 at 10:00 am the Annual General and Special Meeting of Shareholders whereby the following eight candidates were all elected as board directors: Yannick Beaulieu, Patrice Boulanger, Éric Desaulniers, Nathalie Jodoin, Marc Prud’homme, Christopher Shepherd, Arne H. Frandsen and Pierre Renaud. Guy Bourassa withdrew his candidacy as a director.

During the Meeting, shareholders also appointed PricewaterhouseCoopers S.R.L./S.E.N.C.R.L. as the Company’s external auditor.

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About Nouveau Monde Graphite

In 2015, Nouveau Monde discovered a major and high-quality graphite deposit on its Matawinie property, located in Saint-Michel-des-Saints, 150 km North of Montréal. The Corporation completed a Feasibility Study, which revealed strong economics with projected high-quality graphite concentrate production level of 100,000 tonnes per year over a 26-year period. Nouveau Monde will operate its demonstration plant until 2020. During this period, the Corporation expects the production of 2,000 tonnes of concentrated flake graphite to qualify its products with North American and international clients.

Moreover, in a vertical integration and sustainable development perspective, Nouveau Monde is planning the establishment of a large-scale graphite downstream transformation facility, catering the needs of the booming lithium-ion battery and expandable graphite markets.

With over 60 years of experience in the world of graphite, Nouveau Monde’s team develops its project with the utmost respect of neighbouring communities, while favouring a minimal ecological footprint. Nouveau Monde’s project is privileged by direct access to the workforce and infrastructure needed to operate its mining project, and it can also rely on an abundant, affordable and renewable source of hydroelectricity.

Cautionary Statement on Forward-Looking Information

All statements, other than statements of historical fact, contained in this press release including, but not limited to, those relating to the intended use of proceeds of the Combined Equity Raise, the Corporation's long-term potential, its cost advantage and its reserves, the development, construction, operation and commissioning of the Matawinie Project and generally, the above "About Nouveau Monde" paragraph which essentially describes the Corporation's outlook, constitute "forward-looking information" or "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of certain securities laws, and are based on expectations, estimates and projections as of the time of this press release. Forward-looking statements are necessarily based upon a number of estimates and assumptions that, while considered reasonable by the Corporation as of the time of such statements, are inherently subject to significant business, economic and competitive uncertainties and contingencies. These estimates and assumptions may prove to be incorrect. Many of these uncertainties and contingencies can directly or indirectly affect, and could cause, actual results to differ materially from those expressed or implied in any forward-looking statements and future events, could differ materially from those anticipated in such statements.

By their very nature, forward-looking statements involve inherent risks and uncertainties, both general and specific, and risks exist that estimates, forecasts, projections and other forward-looking statements will not be achieved or that assumptions do not reflect future experience. Forward-looking statements are provided for the purpose of providing information about management's endeavors to develop the Matawinie Project and, more generally, its expectations and plans relating to the future. Readers are cautioned not to place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements as a number of important risk factors and future events could cause the actual outcomes to differ materially from the beliefs, plans, objectives, expectations, anticipations, estimates, assumptions and intentions expressed in such forward-looking statements. All of the forward-looking statements made in this press release are qualified by these cautionary statements and those made in our other filings with the securities regulators of Canada including, but not limited to, the cautionary statements made in the "Risk Factors" section of the Corporation's Annual Information Form dated April 30, 2019. The Corporation disclaims any intention or obligation to update or revise any forward-looking statements or to explain any material difference between subsequent actual events and such forward-looking statements, except to the extent required by applicable law.

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