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Next Graphite's Joint Venture Delivers Samples to Producer In Advance of Product Delivery

First Shipment of At Least 2,000 Tonnes Remains on Target for July 2016

NEW YORK, NY and WINDHOEK, REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA / ACCESSWIRE / May 17, 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 that, as required under its Letter of Intent (see News Release dated, March 24, 2016), a 1.6 tonne sample has been delivered to the producer in order for it to test the material in its plant.

Additionally, construction and installation of bulk equipment on-site, including separation screens and sorting bays, has commenced in order to fulfill delivery of specified graphite.

Under the terms of the LOI, up to 5,000 metric tonnes of graphitic material grading between 40 and 50% Cg (carbon as graphite) will be delivered over the course of the next year, with a first shipment of at least 2,000 tonnes of graphitic material to be made during July 2016.

Next Graphite's recently renewed Prospecting License covers its 96,000-acre Aukam property including three existing adits and onsite heaps of graphite-bearing rock. Previous reports confirmed samples achieving 32% to 69% graphite content, with the highest sample recorded at 82% graphite.

"Important progress continues at our Aukam site," said Cliff Bream, CEO of Next Graphite. "We and our JV partner are preparing for initial customer deliveries of pre-processed graphite this summer. We are also planning on finalizing the farm-out agreement with our partner in the weeks ahead, which will set the stage for construction of our Aukam processing facility."

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 estimated to contain a significant amount of high grade, vein type graphitic material, and is close to the port city of Luderitz. Global graphite demand is being driven by the development of new markets for clean and efficient energy alternatives, smart grid infrastructure and military capabilities. The completion of GPNE's Aukam Graphite Mine re-launch and development

activities are expected to result in a significant investment into Namibia commencing in 2016.

For more information, please visit: www.nextgraphite.com.

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