

The logo for Mason Graphite, featuring the words "MASON GRAPHITE" in a bold, white, sans-serif font. The text is contained within a dark rectangular box with a thin white border. The background of the entire page is a dark, textured image of what appears to be a graphite mine or processing site.

## **MASON GRAPHITE CLOSSES \$45 MILLION BOUGHT DEAL PRIVATE PLACEMENT OFFERING**

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**Mason Graphite Inc.** (“Mason Graphite” or the “Company”) (TSX.V: LLG; OTCQX: MGPHF) is pleased to announce that it has closed the bought deal private placement offering announced on December 12, 2017.

The Company issued, on a bought deal basis, a total of 18,750,000 common shares (the “Shares”) at a price of \$2.40 per Share (the “Offering”).

The Offering was underwritten by a syndicate led by National Bank Financial Inc., and including Paradigm Capital Inc., Cormark Securities Inc., BMO Nesbitt Burns Inc., Canaccord Genuity Corp., Eight Capital and TD Securities Inc. (collectively, the “Underwriters”).

As previously disclosed, the net proceeds of the Offering will be used for development and construction expenses related to the Company’s Lac Guéret graphite mine and Baie-Comeau, Québec concentrator plant project (the “Project”), the majority of which the Company expects to incur over the next twelve months, and for general corporate purposes. Development and construction expenses represent a portion of the Project’s estimated \$200 million capital expenditure budget.

“We are pleased by the strong ongoing support we’ve received from investors during the Offering” says Benoît Gascon, Mason Graphite’s President & Chief Executive Officer. “These investments constitute a further endorsement of the quality and viability of the Project. This Offering represents an important milestone for the Company, and will enable us to continue working towards the successful realization of the Project, which is progressing according to the previously disclosed plan.”

All securities issued at the closing of the Offering will be subject to a four month hold period under applicable Canadian securities legislation and the policies of the TSX Venture Exchange, which expires on May 5, 2018.

In connection with the Offering, the Underwriters received a cash commission equal to 5.0% of the gross proceeds raised under the Offering.

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## **About Mason Graphite and the Lac Guéret Project**

Mason Graphite is a Canadian mining and processing company focused on the development of its 100% owned Lac Guéret natural graphite deposit located in northeastern Québec. The Company is led by a highly experienced team that has over five decades of experience in graphite production, sales, and research and development. For more information, visit [www.masongraphite.com](http://www.masongraphite.com).

**Mason Graphite Inc.** On behalf of the Board

Benoît Gascon, CPA, CA, President & Chief Executive Officer

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*(iii) the possibility of write-downs and impairments; (iv) the risk associated with exploration, development and operations of mineral deposits; (v) the risk associated with establishing title to mineral properties and assets; (vi) the risks associated with entering into joint ventures; (vii) fluctuations in commodity prices; (viii) the risks associated with uninsurable risks arising during the course of exploration, development and production; (ix) competition faced by the issuer in securing experienced personnel and financing; (x) access to adequate infrastructure to support mining, processing, development and exploration activities; (xi) the risks associated with changes in the mining regulatory regime governing the issuer; (xii) the risks associated with the various environmental regulations the issuer is subject to; (xiii) risks related to regulatory and permitting delays; (xiv) risks related to potential conflicts of interest; (xv) the reliance on key personnel; (xvi) liquidity risks; (xvii) the risk of potential dilution through the issue of common shares; (xviii) the Company does not anticipate declaring dividends in the near term; (xix) the risk of litigation; and (xx) risk management.*

*Forward-looking information is based on assumptions management believes to be reasonable at the time such statements are made, including but not limited to, continued exploration activities, no material adverse change in metal prices, exploration and development plans proceeding in accordance with plans and such plans achieving their stated expected outcomes, receipt of required regulatory approvals, and such other assumptions and factors as set out herein. Although the Company has attempted to identify important factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those contained in the forward-looking information, there may be other factors that cause results not to be as anticipated, estimated or intended. There can be no assurance that such forward-looking information will prove to be accurate, as actual results and future events could differ materially from those anticipated in such forward-looking information. Such forward-looking information has been provided for the purpose of assisting investors in understanding the Company's business, operations and exploration plans and may not be appropriate for other purposes. Accordingly, readers should not place undue reliance on forward-looking information. Forward-looking information is made as of the date of this press release, and the Company does not undertake to update such forward-looking information except in accordance with applicable securities laws.*

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