



# Battery Day

April 5, 2022

### Battery Day Agenda



- Welcome and Introductions
- Safety Briefing
- Tour of Demonstration **Facility**
- Presentation
- Question and Answer Session



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#### An Overview





- Manufacturer and supplier of advanced components and solutions based on proprietary graphene technology
- Largest graphene producer in the world, with approximately 35% of global nameplate capacity
- Global company headquartered in Montreal employing approximately 400 people



- Leading Tier One automotive supplier in lightweight structures and propulsion systems
- One of the fastest growing automotive suppliers since 2001
- Operating in 57 locations (including sales and engineering centers) in 10 countries: Canada (headquartered in Toronto), United States, Mexico, Brazil, Germany, Spain, Slovakia, China, South Africa, and Japan
- Over 16,000 employees worldwide

#### An Overview



- VoltaXplore is a Canadian Li-Ion Battery manufacturer for electric transportation and grid storage
- Joint venture between NanoXplore, Inc. (TSX:GRA) and Martinrea International Inc. (TSX:MRE)
- VoltaXplore benefits from NanoXplore's proprietary graphene anode technology
- VoltaXplore commissioned a 1 MWh demonstration battery facility in March 2022
- Technology has been validated
- Customer discussions are progressing well
- In mid-2022, VoltaXplore anticipates building a 2 GWh battery plant to start production in 2024, conditional on validated economics, financing and site selection

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### Plant Tour – Safety Briefing





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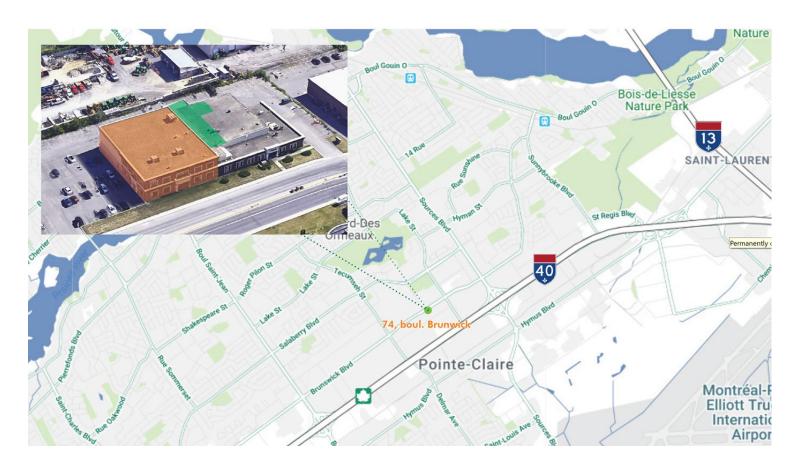
#### **VoltaXplore Demonstration Facility**



74 Brunswick Blvd, DDO, Montreal

Commissioning is done. Production started in March 2022.

18650 cylindrical battery production facility with 1MWh capacity



### 1 MWh Demonstration Facility

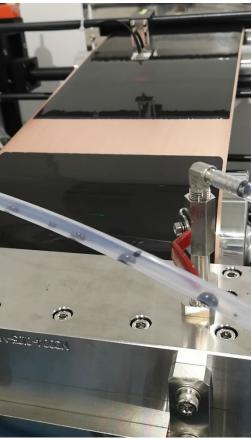




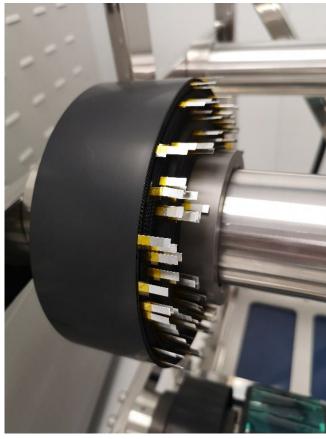
## 1 - Electrode Coating and Tab Welding







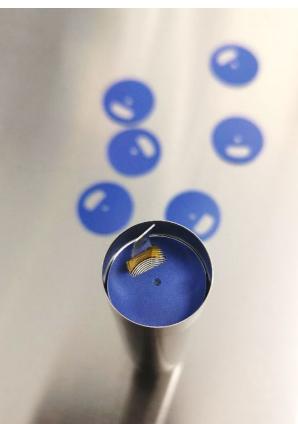




## 2 - Jelly Roll and Insulator Insertion











## 3 - Electrolyte Filling and Assembly





#### 4 - Formation







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### VoltaXplore Timeline





2021

Secure **Demonstration** facility



**Early 2022** 

**Commissioning** and SOP of **Demonstration** facility



Mid-2022

Start construction on a two GWh battery plant to start production in 2024, conditional on validated economics, financing, and site selection



Mid-2024

**SOP** of first phase (two GWh facility)

## Challenges With Existing Battery Technologies





Range anxiety continues to prevent broader adoption of battery electric vehicles (BEVs)



Rapid charging causes battery degradation, which reduces driving range



Extreme temperatures (cold or hot) will increase the degradation of the battery

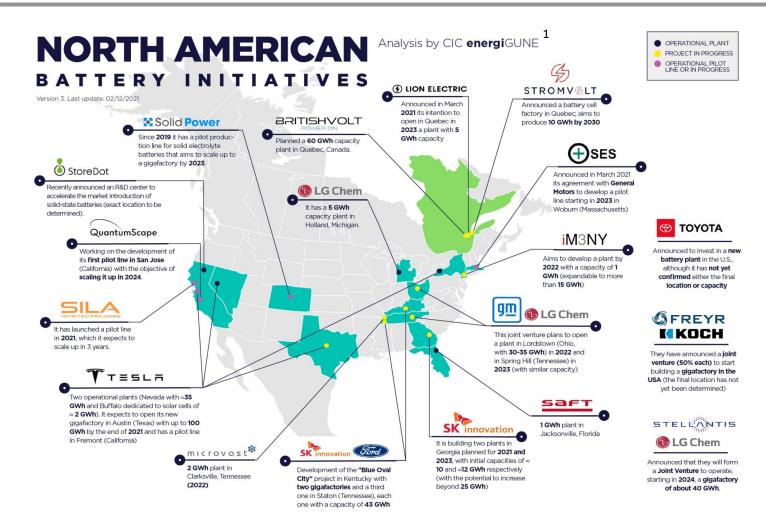


Batteries today are highly dependent on Cobalt

- Cobalt is rare and expensive
- Battery technology will need evolve to reduce dependency on Cobalt in order to bring down price (High Ni NMC and LFP cathode chemistries)

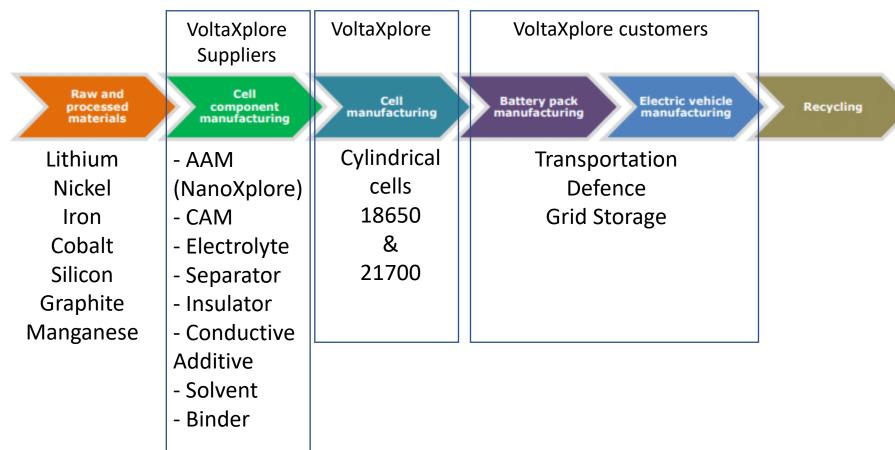
### North American Battery Initiatives





### Li-ion Battery Supply Chain





#### Spotlight on Graphene in Batteries



- **Graphene as an additive** 
  - Carbon black replacement: Replacing conductive carbon black in both anodes and cathodes enables faster charging. Currently, battery cell capacity drops at high charging speeds. Graphene enables faster charging with much lower capacity drop.
  - **Heat management**: Heat buildup deteriorates the performance of the batteries and could result in thermal run away. Adding graphene to the cell increases the heat dissipation and maintains the working temperature, making the batteries safer.

- **Graphene as an active material** 
  - *Silicon anode*: Silicon anodes are 10 times more efficient than graphite, though their lifetime is limited due to significant volume expansion upon charge and discharge. Graphene acts as a protective material around the silicon, reducing swelling and pulverization.
  - *Graphene anode*: It is proven that graphene can replace spherical graphite by enabling lithiation on the surface of carbon sheets. Accordingly, graphene shows improvement in lithiation vs. spherical graphite.

#### Advantages of Graphene-Enhanced Batteries





#### **BATTERY CAPACITY**

Graphene enables the use of silicon in anodes and improves energy density and driving range



#### **CHARGING SPEED**

High conductivity of graphene improves charging speed



#### **BATTERY LIFE**

Graphene-coated silicon spheres in anodes results in higher capacity retention



#### **BATTERY COST**

Targeting lower production cost

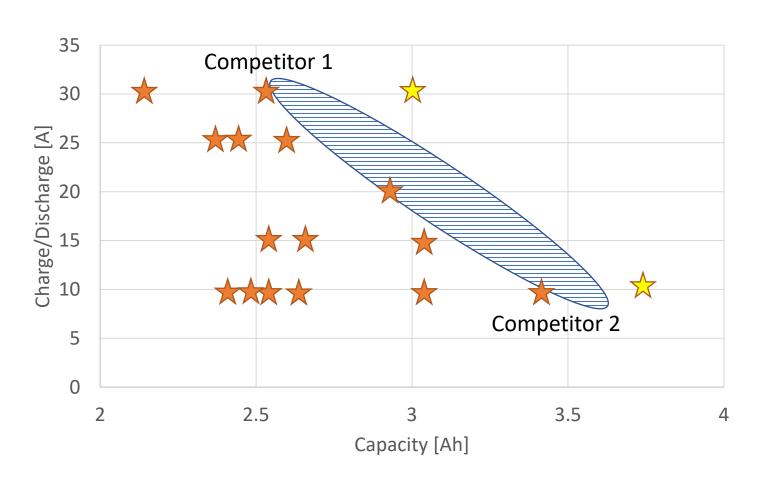


#### **IMPROVED SAFETY**

High thermal conductivity of Graphene provides greater temperature control, reducing the risk of fires

### **Capacity Map**







VoltaXplore range of performance



Competitors with similar cycle life



Competitors with short cycle life

### **Product Offering**



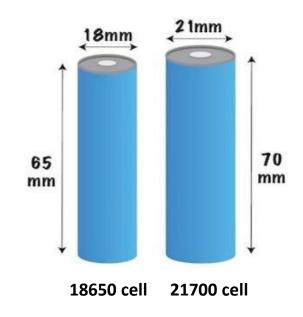
#### **18650 Battery cells:**

We are capable of producing batteries with different chemistries and designs:

**Design 1:** LFP with Graphite/Graphene Low cost, low performance, high safety (1000-2000mAh, 2000+cycle)

**Design 2:** NMC with Graphite/Graphene (2000-3000mAh, 2000+cycle) Mid performance and long cycle life

Design 3: NCA with Graphene and Silicon-Graphene (+3000mAh, 800 cycles) High performance and short life



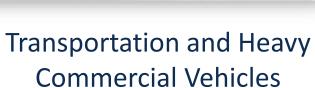
#### 21700 Battery cells:

We are looking to build 21700 cells in the Gigafactory. 21700 cells have 50% more capacity than 18650 cells.

#### Markets









Military and Defense



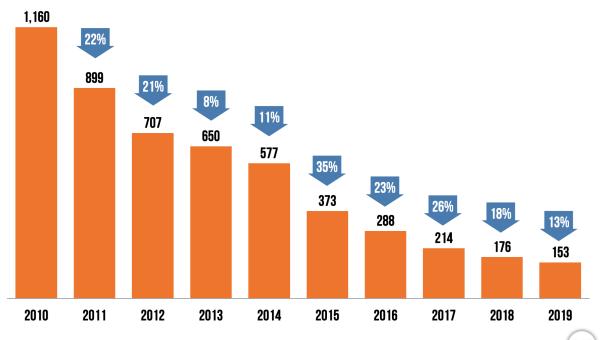
**Grid Storage** 

### Cost/kwh at Cell Level (\$US)



- Batteries need to become cheaper, pack more density, be safer and reduce dependency on Cobalt
- The cost of a battery in 2021 was approximately US\$130/kwh
- VoltaXplore is targeting to reduce this cost by enabling denser cylindrical cells, minimizing the use of cobalt, and extracting more energy by utilizing silicon additives

#### PRICE OF A LI-ION BATTERY PACK, VOLUME-WEIGHTED AVERAGE Real 2018 dollars per kilowatt hour



Source: BloombergNEF

### Estimated Project Economics (\$CAD)



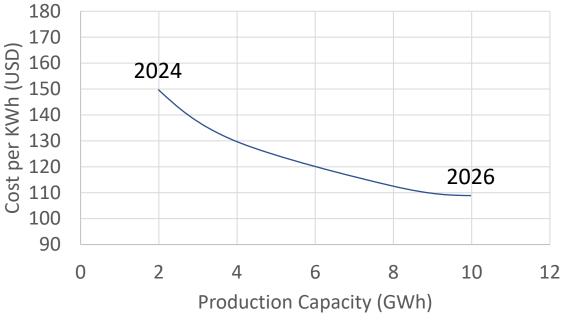
Plant Capacity: 2 GWh

Production Capacity of 21700 cells: 130M cells/year in 400,000 sq. ft. facility (around 400 employees)

- Full CAPEX: CAD\$450M

- Annual Revenue: CAD\$500M (CAD\$3.80/cell)

- Average Cost: CAD\$375M (CAD\$2.85/cell)



- **Gross Profit:** CAD\$125M (25%)

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