

# EcoGraf Limited Appoints Epanko Project Development Executive

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## Project Execution Specialist to Lead Epanko Development and Expansion Program

[EcoGraf Ltd.](#) (EcoGraf or the Company) (ASX: EGR; FSE: FMK; OTCQX: ECGFF) is pleased to advise that it has engaged former Anglo-American executive Mr Chrisjan Van Wyk to lead development of the Epanko Graphite Project.

Chrisjan has almost 30 years' industry experience in the development and operation of multiple mining operations in Africa and a demonstrated track record of delivering large and complex projects on time and within budget.

His qualifications include:

- Masters of Engineering (Project Management) from the University of Pretoria, South Africa; and
- Bachelor of Engineering from the University of Stellenbosch, South Africa

Commencing his career within the African EPC and EPCM construction sector with global engineering consultancy Hatch and leading international mineral processing experts Bateman, Chrisjan has been involved in the design and construction of a range of mining, mineral processing and waste management projects. He subsequently joined Anglo American where he held a variety of project management roles with accountability for the successful delivery of new mine and infrastructure developments, project expansions and operational improvements.

More recently Chrisjan was Project Director for the A\$700m Khoemacau Copper Project in Botswana, leading the owner's team and managing the EPCM contractor to complete the project development within budget and schedule, successfully commissioning the new operation while also managing the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Chrisjan's key accountabilities at EcoGraf include managing all engineering, technical, environmental and social disciplines for the planned construction of the initial 60,000 tonne per annum Epanko Graphite Project, together with leading workstreams on future Epanko expansion options and development of the Merelani-Arusha Graphite Project.

Based in South Africa, Chrisjan has extensive experience operating across Africa, developing high performance in-country teams and building positive relationships with key community and Government stakeholders.

Chrisjan has recently visited the Epanko site with EcoGraf's Chief Operating Officer Mr Dale Harris and the company's technical team.

This announcement is authorised for release by Andrew Spinks, Managing Director.

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#### About EcoGraf

EcoGraf is building a vertically integrated battery anode materials business to produce high purity graphite products for the lithium-ion battery and advanced manufacturing markets. Over US\$30 million has been invested to date to create a highly attractive graphite mining and mineral processing business.

In Tanzania, the Company is developing the TanzGraphite natural flake graphite business, commencing with the Epanko Graphite Project, to provide a long-term, scalable supply of feedstock for EcoGraf&TRADE; battery anode material processing facilities, together with high quality large flake graphite products for specialised industrial applications.

Using its environmentally superior EcoGraf HFfree&TRADE; purification technology, the Company will upgrade the flake graphite to produce 99.95%C high performance battery anode material to supply electric vehicle, battery and anode manufacturers in Asia, Europe and North America as the world transitions to clean, renewable energy.

Battery recycling is critical to improving supply chain sustainability and the Company's successful application of the EcoGraf&TRADE; purification process to recycle battery anode material provides it with a unique ability to support customers to reduce CO<sub>2</sub> emissions and lower battery costs.

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