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# GRAPHITE

The Driving Force Behind Green Technology



LOMIKO METALS®

TSX-V:LMR OTC: LMRMF FSE: DH8B



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**C**  
Carbon

**15th** most abundant element in the Earth's crust

Carbon occurs naturally in **3** forms:

DIAMONDS

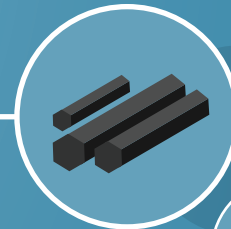


AMORPHOUS  
Coal, charcoal, etc



**GRAPHITE**

Occurs in **3** forms:



**FLAKE**



Lump / Vein



Amorphous



Demand for flake graphite is being driven upwards by green technology

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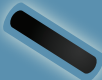
## GRAPHITE FACTS



Highest natural strength / stiffness of any material



Lightest weight of all reinforcements



Corrosion and heat resistant



An excellent conductor of electricity and heat



An excellent lubricant

# THE GRAPHITE MARKET

## SUPPLY



**70%** of the world's graphite market.

**40%**

Flake Graphite



**60%**

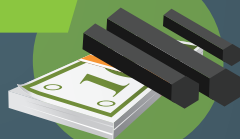
Amorphous Graphite

## Highest price Lowest supply

High purity crystal flake graphite supply is very limited. Only this kind of natural graphite can be used for Li-ion batteries, fuel cells, and other green tech.

High Carbon Purity

Large Flake Size



Carbon Flake Purity directly affects the price of the resource

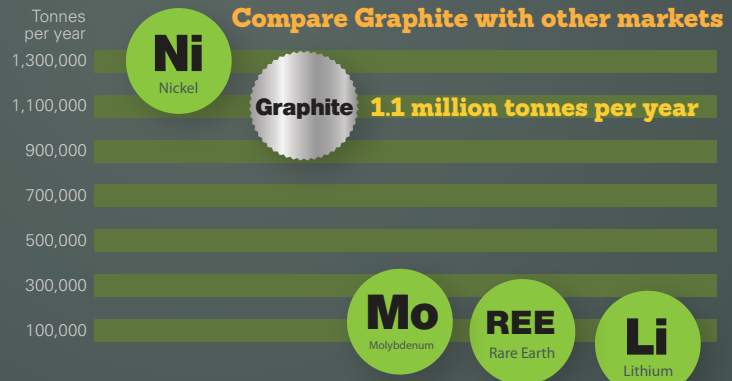
## DEMAND



**5%** growth in the last decade.  
Driven by Asian steel and auto markets

**USD \$12,000,000,000**

(Estimated worldwide Graphite market in 2011)





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# GREEN TECHNOLOGY

## DRIVING GRAPHITE DEMAND



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### LITHIUM ION BATTERIES



**Lithium ion batteries** are found in many modern electronic devices.

In a Li-ion battery, graphite is used as the anode.

In the near future, use of electric cars will increase dramatically. **Electric car batteries** contain a significant amount of graphite.

For example:



#### FACT

There is actually **10-20x** more graphite in a Lithium Ion battery than Lithium



**15g**

The amount of graphite in a smartphone battery



**3 MILLION+**

The number of electric vehicles expected to be in use by 2017

### FUEL CELLS

**Fuel Cells** have the potential to use as much graphite as all other uses.\*

**Proton Exchange Membrane technology** requires large amounts of graphite, and is the most likely technology to be developed for use in light vehicles, buildings, and smaller applications.†

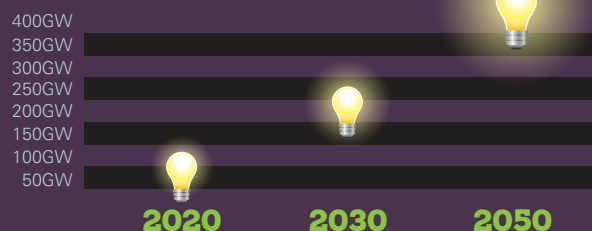
\*US Geological Survey  
†US Department of Energy

### NUCLEAR POWER

China is currently developing and testing **Pebble Bed reactor designs**.\*  
In April 2011, China began building a 210 MW fourth-generation nuclear reactor using high temperature gas-cooled Pebble Bed technology.



**CHINA** is aiming to exponentially expand its nuclear power program:



#### FACT

A 1GW Pebble Bed Reactor needs 3,000 tonnes of graphite to start up and up to 1,000 tonnes to operate annually

### GRAPHENE

Graphite flakes are made of many layers of **graphene** stacked on top of each other, with weak bonds holding them together.

Carbon atoms arranged in a honeycomb pattern can be arranged in sheets that are only one atom thick.

**1mm**

is the thickness of **3 million** stacked sheets of graphene

Research has shown that **GRAPHENE** has unique properties:



- 1000x** the electrical current capacity of Copper wire
- 200x** stronger than structural steel
- 10x** better heat conductivity than Copper
- 20%** flexibility without any damage

**Graphene could make technology thinner, transparent, flexible, and more powerful.**



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