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### **Graphene Commercialization Update**





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# The Graphene Council

- The largest and oldest trade body for the graphene sector
- Includes the entire value chain, from raw materials to end-users
- More than 30k material scientists from academia and commerce
- Partnerships with leading industry sectors connecting hundreds of thousands of engineers and product developers, world-wide





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# The Graphene "Hype Cycle"













- TGC monitors nearly 300 companies that claim to produce graphene.
- Less than 100 companies are considered "Commercially Mature".
- Of these, we have identified 70 that we feel are the most commercially 63 mature and viable in the market.
- With the commissioning of their 4,000 mtn per annum automated facility 63 in Canada, NanoXplore has the largest commercially operating production facility with plans to take it to 10,000 mtn pa.
- Collectively, production capacity for "bulk" or multi-layer graphene 63 materials is approx. 9,000 - 10,000 mtn. per annum.







- **Production by-products, etc.**
- **TGC** has received queries from 4 different petroleum producers investigating how to produce graphene from oil distillates.



Graphene Production increasingly will use new production methods, including Laser Induced Graphene (LIG), Detonation, Flash Graphene, **Bio-Fuel by-products, Petroleum Processing by-products, Steel** 

New market entrants include HydroGraph, Tirupati Graphite, Ceylon Graphene Technologies, Green Lizard (bio-fuels) and Gerdau Graphene.

We have seen an increase of graphene companies enter into supply agreements with other producers/suppliers to reach new customers.





- There have been several notable market transactions recently that indicate the graphene supplier landscape is maturing.
  - Abalonyx, one of the earliest producers of Graphene Oxide, has been acquired by a group of private investors in Norway
  - Garmor has been acquired by Asbury Carbons with the intent of increasing capacity.
  - Mason Graphite and Thomas Swan created a new joint venture company, Black Swan, to become a new, high volume producer.
  - NanoXplore and Martinrea have formed a joint venture to produce 63 batteries that incorporate graphene materials.





# Industries and **Graphene Applications**



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Application	Type of Graphene
Additive Manufacture (3D Printing)	Bulk
Aerospace	Bulk/Monolayer
Automotive	Bulk
<b>Bio-Medical Applications</b>	Bulk/Monolayer
<b>Composites (Thermoplastics)</b>	Bulk
Composites (Thermosets)	Bulk
Concrete and Cement	Bulk
Conductive Inks	Bulk
Corrosion Resistance	Bulk
Electronic Components	Monolayer
EMI/RFI Shielding	Bulk
Energy Generation	Bulk/Monolayer
Energy Storage (Batteries / Super Capacitors)	Bulk
Epoxies and Adhesives	Bulk
Films and Coatings	Bulk/Monolayer
Lubricants	Bulk
Magnets	Bulk
Medical Applications	Bulk/Monolayer
Nanoelectromechanical Systems NEMS	Monolayer
Optoelectronics	Monolayer

Application **Photodetector Piezoelectric Effect Plasmonics and Metamaterials Plastics & Polymers Pressure Sensors Quantum Computing Rubber and Synthetics** Semiconductors Sensors **Sound Transducers** 

**Spintronics** 

**Structural Materials** 

**Textiles and Fibers** 

**Thermal Management** 

**Touch Screens** 

**Transistors** 

**Transparent Conducting** Electrodes

**Water Filtration** 

Waterproof Coating

Wearables



## **Commercial Applications & Market Forecasts**

Type of Graphene
Monolayer
Monolayer
Monolayer
Bulk
Monolayer
Monolayer
Bulk
Monolayer
Monolayer
Bulk
Monolayer
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Bulk
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Monolayer
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Bulk/Monolayer
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Bulk/Monolayer

The markets where we are seeing the greatest commercial adoption and applications include:

- **Energy Storage**
- **Cement and Concrete**
- Coatings
- Elastomers
- Composites
- **Sensors and devices** including bio-medical





Graphene has been sufficiently tested and trialed to the point we know it is effective in applications that have been listed in the previous slide (cement, coatings, plastics, composites and energy storage), each of which is forecast to require more than 100,000 mtns of graphene per annum within the next 3-6 years.

Assuming regulatory approvals will be obtained, we can confidently forecast a global market demand for bulk graphene materials across the above set of applications in the range of 300k-700k mtns per annum within the next 3-6 years (by 2024 - 2027)\*.

\*Assumes ability to scale production at market acceptable price points.



**COST / PRICE** 

**PRODUCTION METHODS, SCALING AND DISTRIBUTION** 

**MATERIAL QUALITY/CONSISTENCY** 

LACK OF KNOWLEDGE / AWARENESS

**DISPERSION / HANDIING** 

**ABSENCE OF APPLICATIONS** 

**INHERENT GRAPHENE PERFORMANCE** 

**STANDARDS / GRADES / CERTIFICATION** 

**HEALTH AND SAFETY ISSUES** 

**MATERIAL CHARACTERIZATION METHODS** 

**INFLATED EXPECTATIONS/HYPE** 

**REGULATORY / CERTIFICATION** 

LACK OF FUNDING









Over the past 10 years, the following challenges have emerged and at least in some cases, have been addressed;

- Scale production from grams to kilograms.
- Batch to batch repeatability. 63
- Scale from pilot plant to commercial scale and tonne capacity.
- Identify markets and customers beyond universities and small R&D sales.
- Identify the right price / volume mix for profitability. 63
- Customer education (awareness, information, interest, evaluation, adoption). B
- Increased regulatory scrutiny and requirements (e.g. REACH) 63
- Health and safety concerns (human exposure).
- Industry / Application adoption as a widely used material 63



The ability to produce graphene materials, at least at lab scale (proof of concept production methods).



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### **Graphene Classification Framework**

- **1.Production Method**
- 2.Raw Material
- 3. Material Form
- 4. SP2 Bonded Carbon
- 5.Structural Defects
- 6.Layers of Carbon Atoms
- 7.Z-Axis Dimensions
- 8.Particle Shape
- 9. Lateral Particle Dimensions
- 10.Particle Aspect Ratio
- 11.Bulk Density (Tapped)
- 12.Elemental Composition
- 13.Oxygen Content
- 14.Impurities
- 15.Functionalization
- 16.Surface Particle Charge
- 17.Orientation
- 18.Specific Surface Area
- 19.Crystallinity



CA	AS NUMBER			PRODUCT	
ID	NUMBER			TRADE NAME	
PF	RODUCT DESCRIPTION				
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		[	PRODUCTION		
PR	RODUCTION METHOD	Other		<b>.O`</b>	
RA	W MATERIAL	Other			
FC	ORMS OF MATERIALS	Other	(Master Batch, Pe	illet)	
CC	OMMENTS				
	TEST			METHOD	
	SP2 Bonded Carbon			Escolher um item.	
	Structural Deffects			Escolher um item.	
	Number of Layers			Escolher um item.	
	Dimensions		<b>O</b>	Escolher um item.	
	Shape and Form		0	Escolher um item.	
	Lateral Dimensions			Escolher um item.	
	Aspect Ratio	4		Escolher um item.	
	Bulk Density			Escolher um item.	
	Chemical/Elemental Composition			Escolher um item.	
	Oxygen Conten			Escolher um item.	
	Impurities			Escolher um item.	
	Functionalize on			Escolher um item.	
	Surface Particle Charge	9		Escolher um item.	
	Graphene Orientation			Escolher um item.	
	Specific Surface Area (	SSA)		Escolher um item.	
	Crystallinity			Escolher um item.	
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- **New Market entrants** As opposed to the small spinouts and entrepreneurs of the last 15 years, we see well funded new entrants to the market, often in tangent with other products (e.g. hydrogen production with graphene as a by-product).
- **Standards** Graphene companies are already applying the Graphene Classification Framework to the testing of materials and updating their Technical Data Sheets.
- **Verified Graphene Producers** We have seen strong interest in the Verified Graphene Producer program now that COVID-19 restrictions are lifting. We expect to have at least 4-5 companies verified by end of 2022.
- Scale Up, Prices Down We have entered the phase of development whereby industrial quantities of material are being transacted (10's of metric tons per order). At the same, companies are developing more efficient methods of graphene production, reducing the direct cost to produce to under \$20/kg for certain forms of graphene.
- **Industrial R&D** Major industrial companies including chemicals, petroleum, engineering, electronics, etc. have dedicated R&D departments working on incorporating graphene into physical products.



## **Graphene Commercialization Trends**











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