# SYRAH RESOURCES

Syrah completes furnace installation at Vidalia to enable AAM production

## **Highlights**

- Installation of furnace at Vidalia, USA enables Syrah to demonstrate vertically integrated natural graphite AAM production capability at commercial scale
- AAM production from Vidalia will streamline in-progress product qualification processes
- Further positions Syrah as the most progressed vertically integrated natural graphite AAM supply option outside China

Syrah Resources Limited (ASX: SYR) ("Syrah" or "Company") is pleased to announce the installation of a furnace at its Active Anode Material Project in Vidalia, USA, ("Vidalia"), which enables Active Anode Material ("AAM") production using natural graphite from Syrah's Balama Graphite Operation. This represents a significant milestone for Syrah on its path to becoming a vertically integrated producer of natural graphite AAM, as production from the furnace is the final stage in the processing of natural graphite for use in lithium-ion batteries.

Purified spherical graphite (anode precursor), produced and coated at Vidalia, was toll treated to AAM in Q4 2020 to accelerate product qualification. Syrah will use the furnace installed at Vidalia for fully integrated AAM production for ongoing product qualification, which is an iterative process of product testing with potential customers.

Sites/ Location	Balama Graphite Operation <sup>1</sup>		>	Vidalia AAM Project <sup>2</sup>		
Value Add Steps					<b>\$</b>	•
	MINING CO	ONCENTRATION	MILLING/ SHAPING	PURIFICATION	CARBON COATING	THERMAL TREATMENT
Syrah's Vertically Integrated Production Capability	✓	✓	<b>√</b>	✓	<b>√</b>	✓

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Balama Graphite Operation has capacity to produce 350ktpa natural graphite.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> With the installation of the furnace, Vidalia has capacity to produce AAM on-site for ongoing product qualification. Bankable Feasibility Study (ASX release dated 1 December 2020) assessed options to expand the AAM facility to 10ktpa and 40ktpa AAM production capability.

Syrah Managing Director and CEO Shaun Verner said, "In our view, this milestone further positions Syrah as the most progressed ex-China option for vertically integrated supply of natural graphite AAM for USA and European battery makers and OEMs. We have been very encouraged by initial feedback from in-progress product testing and qualification processes. Syrah remains on track to become an important supplier of natural graphite AAM to ex-Asia markets."

Syrah is progressing detailed design on the initial expansion of production capacity at Vidalia. A Final Investment Decision ("FID") for the construction of a 10ktpa AAM facility at Vidalia is planned during H2 2021, subject to end customer commitments and strategic / financial partnerships.





Figure 1: Main furnace chamber (left) and furnace control station (right) at Vidalia.

#### This release was authorised on behalf of the Syrah Board by

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#### **About Syrah Resources**

Syrah Resources (ASX code: SYR) is an Australian Stock Exchange listed industrial minerals and technology company with its flagship Balama Graphite Operation in Mozambique and a downstream Battery Anode Material Project in the United States. Syrah's vision is to be the world's leading supplier of superior quality graphite products, working closely with customers and the supply chain to add value in battery and industrial markets.

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