

## Talga Presentation at Benchmark EV Fest - Graphite vs Silicon

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## **About Talga**

Talga Group Ltd (ASX:TLG) is building a European battery anode and graphene additives supply chain, to offer advanced materials critical to its customers' innovation and the shift towards a more sustainable world. Vertical integration, including ownership of several high-grade Swedish graphite projects, provides security of supply and creates long-lasting value for stakeholders.

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## Graphite vs Silicon

Complementary or Competing?

Benchmark EV Fest 4 June 2021

Mark Thompson – Managing Director Talga Group Ltd (ASX:TLG)



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# Talga Group

Becoming a significant and vertically integrated producer of lithium-ion battery anode products and technologies

Talga is developing a fully integrated graphite anode production facility in Sweden running on 100% renewable electricity, to produce ultra-low emission material for greener Li-ion batteries

Ownership over industry-leading natural graphite deposits for processing into anode products and graphene provides complete control over supply and captures more margins

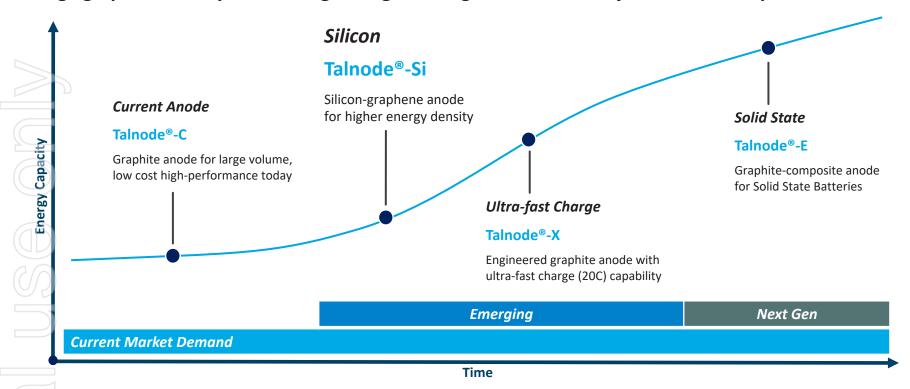
Whilst **graphite anode remains the dominant choice** the market demand shows an increased interest in silicon anode products.

Talga has designed and developed a silicon composite anode,
Talnode®-Si, utilising graphite-graphene to address the
commercial and technical issues, and complement use of silicon.



## **Talga Anode Products**

Talga graphite battery anode range designed for growth across major Li-ion developments



## Silicon Potential in Li-ion Anode

## There is interest in higher energy capacity Li-ion batteries

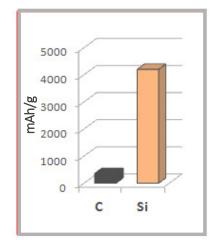
Silicon as a pure material is **theoretically** capable of >10x energy capacity of graphite in Li-ion batteries, by weight

Higher energy capacity can translate to longer range of electric vehicles or less weight (smaller batteries for same range)

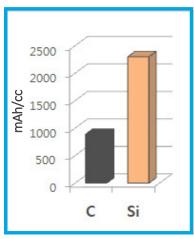
Therefore, silicon anodes seem great! But they have some big issues to overcome in practical and commercial use

Today only minor amounts are used (as an additive into graphite-based anodes) but there is much work underway

#### **Gravimetric Energy Density**



#### **Volumetric Energy Density**

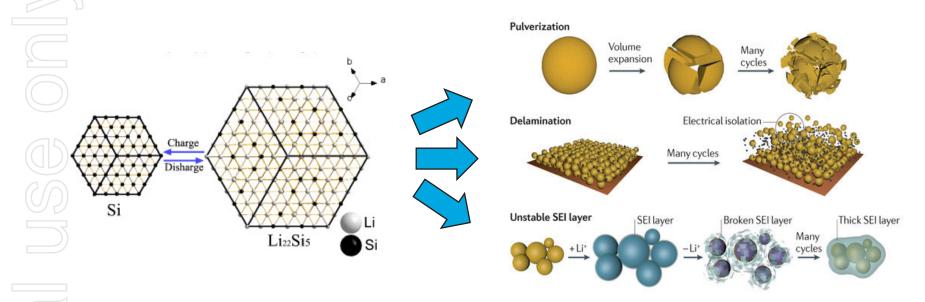




## The Many Challenges of Silicon Anodes

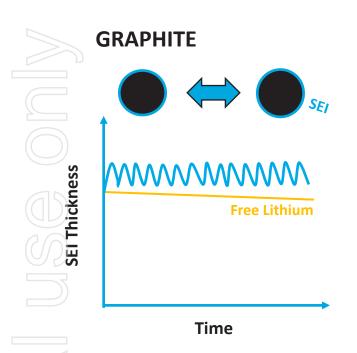
Silicon anodes have profound issues to overcome in practical use

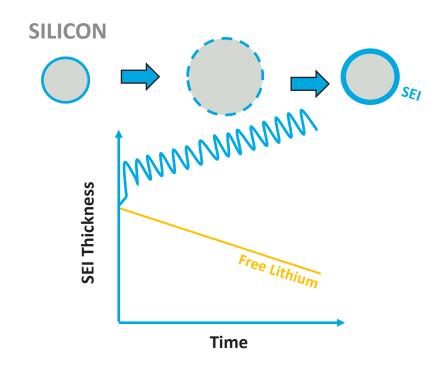
When charged/discharged Silicon changes volume by 300% (compared to graphite ~10%) causing a wide range of physio-chemical issues, including repeated cracking of the anode particles



## Silicon 'The Lithium Robber'

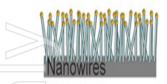
The repeated changes in volume keeps cracking the solid electrolyte interface (SEI), continuously 'robbing' lithium from cathode and electrolyte to reform it, decreasing lithiation kinetics

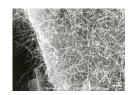


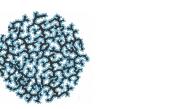


## **Possible Solutions**

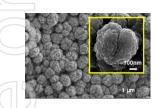
Wide range of silicon anode morphologies and composites developed but higher silicon content products tend to be most challenged by cost and scalable production outlook

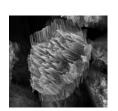


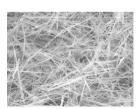


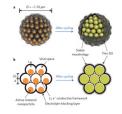


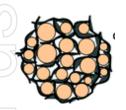


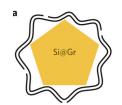


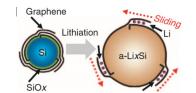












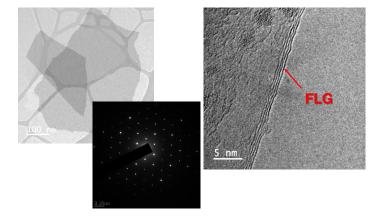


## **Graphene Can Complement Silicon**

One approach is to use graphene to help control charge kinetics and SEI during volume change

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#### **TALGA GRAPHENE**



## Talga Approach to Silicon

Design strategy for silicon composite anode

Silicon anode design strategy **starting 2018** under UK Government funded Talga-led program with Johnson Matthey, the University of Cambridge and manufacturing research group, TWI

Targeted significant but incremental gains in energy density sought by customers battery roadmaps rather than theoretical maximums

Particle design enables a range of loadings in existing commercial anode blends without re-tooling, avoid pre-lithiation and use existing commercial electrolytes

Particle design to enable high-capacity silicon loading but retain focus on high volume production process and off-the-shelf equipment



## Talnode®-Si a practical approach

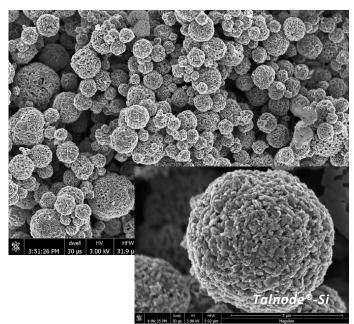
Talnode®-Si is a graphene silicon composite electrode additive with ~30-50%Wt silicon for 'dropin' blending with commercial graphite anodes

Talga's graphene additives and production technology enables silicon-loaded anodes to stabilise

Graphene works in various modes including protective coatings and nano-structures to control pulverization issues, retain kinetics and moderate SEI formation

First cycle efficiency up to 91% dependent on silicon loading. Has good cycle life (using commercial electrolytes) and coulombic efficiency, with lower production costs and large scale manufacture capability

Uses lower-cost metallurgical silicon for large volume production



SEE: ASX:TLG 19 FEB 2019 and 14 OCT 2020.

# C + Si = Complementing

Talnode®-Si activities and next steps

Scaled up sample production facilities in UK and Germany

Intellectual Property lodged and more underway

Commercial samples in multitude of testing programs with battery makers and auto companies - Large scale trials for high-performance auto brand underway

Positive feasibility study completed for mass production under UK Government Automotive Transformation Fund

Exploration of advanced commercial partners underway



# Partnerships for a greener future

Working with respected battery customers and technology & development partners









































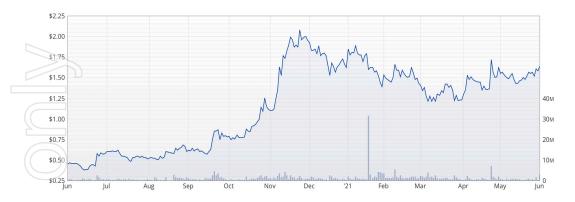






# **Corporate Overview**

#### **ASX:TLG PERFORMANCE (12 MONTHS)**



#### STOCKMARKET CODES

Primary listing in Australia on the ASX (TLG) with OTC trading in USA (TLGRF) and Germany (TGX)

### **CAPITAL STRUCTURE**

ASX Listing Code: TLG

Market Capitalisation: \$497M

Listed Shares: 303.2M

Unlisted Options: 12.9M<sup>(1)</sup>

Cash as at 31 March 2021: \$58.4M

## **MAJOR SHAREHOLDERS**

Mark Thompson – MD	4.7%
Kinetic Investment Partners	4.5%
UBS Securities Australia	2.9%
UBS AG	2.4%
Yandal Investment Pty Ltd	1.6%

Total number of shareholders 10,472

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