

## HAZER AND MITSUI AGREE TO ADVANCE COLLABORATION ON HAZER GRAPHITE

### Highlights:

- Hazer and Mitsui advance collaboration for graphite marketing following positive market feedback.
- Steel making and chemicals industries confirmed as potentially high-confidence markets.
- Near-term China supply constraints favourably benefit Hazer's market position as a future large-scale graphite producer.

**PERTH, AUSTRALIA; 30 October 2023:** Hazer Group Limited ("Hazer" or "the Company") (ASX: HZR) has signed an extension of the previously announced non-binding Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU") with Mitsui & Co., Ltd. ("Mitsui", Tokyo, Japan), a global trading and investment company based in Japan, to advance activities relating to the joint investigation of the potential markets for Hazer graphite.

Under the original MOU (ref. announcement 16 November 2022), Hazer and Mitsui agreed to conduct an initial marketing survey of applications for Hazer's low emissions graphite in the steel making and chemicals industries, utilising Mitsui's global network. Following detailed evaluation and testing, the parties have received positive market feedback and successfully identified several potential customers showing initial interest in Hazer graphite.

As a result, the parties have agreed to progress to the next phase of joint investigation, which involves further product evaluation and testing of larger samples to be provided from Hazer's Commercial Demonstration Plant ("CDP") which is expected to commence operations in 2023.

In addition to the joint market investigation for Hazer graphite, Hazer and Mitsui have agreed to jointly explore other potential commercial opportunities on mutually agreeable terms.

**Mr. Ken Ito, General Manager of Mitsui's Coal & Carbon Solutions Division said:** *"We are pleased to be proceeding to the next phase of our joint investigation in partnership with Hazer to explore markets for Hazer's unique graphite product. Initial market investigations have delivered positive feedback from large industrial companies seeking to accelerate their decarbonisation strategies."*

**Hazer's CEO and MD Glenn Corrie said:** *"Graphite is one of the world's critical minerals and Hazer is well positioned as a future large-scale producer at a time when there is significant uncertainty in the supply outlook for graphite resulting from China's announcement to restrict exports. It is a privilege to be extending our strategic relationship with Mitsui, a highly respected and reputable partner with leading commodity market understanding, vision and reach. The positive market feedback from potential customers is very encouraging and we are excited about unlocking the market and monetisation opportunities for Hazer graphite as we move into the commercialization phase of our strategy."*

The term of the MOU is extended by one year and can be further extended by mutual agreement. Each party has agreed to cover their own costs incurred and the arrangement does not restrict either party from discussing, entering into or implementing a similar transaction or similar relationship with third parties.

This announcement was authorised for release by the Board of the Company.

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## **ABOUT HAZER GROUP LIMITED**

Hazer Group Limited ("Hazer" or "the Company") is an ASX-listed technology development company undertaking the commercialisation of the Hazer Process, a low-emission hydrogen and graphite production process. The Hazer Process enables the effective conversion of natural gas and similar methane feedstocks, into hydrogen and high-quality graphite, using iron ore as a process catalyst.

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