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## **Talga launches fully underwritten A\$25M placement to accelerate Vittangi Anode Project development**

- Talga is undertaking a fully underwritten placement within its existing Listing Rule 7.1 placement capacity to raise A\$25 million
- Proceeds will be used to fund the Electric Vehicle Anode (EVA) pilot plant as part of the development of the Vittangi Anode Project located in northern Sweden
- Placement issue price of A\$1.450 per share, representing a discount of 17.8% to the last closing price of A\$1.765 per share as at 14 December 2020 and a 17.3% to the 1-month volume weighted average price (VWAP) of A\$1.754
- Talga is also undertaking a non-underwritten Share Purchase Plan for all eligible shareholders to raise up to A\$10 million at the same issue price as the Placement<sup>1</sup>

Battery anode Company Talga Group Ltd (“**Talga**” or “**the Company**”) (**ASX:TLG**) is pleased to announce the launch of a fully underwritten institutional placement of new fully paid ordinary shares (“**New Shares**”) to raise A\$25 million (before costs) (“**Placement**”) and a non-underwritten Share Purchase Plan to eligible shareholders to raise up to A\$10 million<sup>1</sup> (“**SPP**”).

### **Use of Proceeds**

The A\$25 million gross proceeds from the Placement will be applied towards:

- building the Electric Vehicle Anode (EVA) pilot plant (A\$22 million); and
- general working capital including transaction costs and supporting the ongoing project development (A\$3 million).

Any SPP proceeds will be used for additional working capital and to support the future development of Vittangi.

**Talga Managing Director, Mark Thompson commented:** *“The proceeds from the raising will be used towards constructing and operating our EVA pilot plant in 2021 as a key step to finalise the EV customer validation processes currently underway.*”

*The EV revolution is here today and Talga is ideally positioned to build a new low-cost, large-scale graphite anode supply chain outside of Asia to serve the European and North American markets. Our recently announced Niska scoping study confirms the scalability of our project and supports a 450% increase to our current European anode production plans, taking our planned total anode production to meet approximately 100GWh of annual Li-ion battery capacity in 2025-26.*

*The unique properties of our Vittangi graphite deposit result in materially higher anode yields. This, in combination with access to low-cost 100% renewable power and proximity to our end customers, means that Talga will be able to deliver a graphite anode with a fraction of the emissions footprint compared to incumbent synthetic products.”*

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<sup>1</sup> The Company may, in its absolute discretion, scale back SPP applications above this cap or apply a higher cap to the SPP and scale back applications over the higher cap.



## Details of the Placement

Talga is undertaking a Placement of New Shares to eligible institutional and professional investors to raise A\$25 million.

New Shares under the Placement will be issued at A\$1.450 per New Share ("**Placement Price**"), representing a 17.8% discount to Talga's last traded price of A\$1.765 and a 17.3% to the 30-day volume weighted average price (VWAP) of A\$1.754. The Placement will result in the issue of 17,241,380 New Shares, representing approximately 6.5% of Talga's existing fully paid ordinary shares on issue.

The Placement is being conducted today, Tuesday, 15 December 2020, and Talga's shares will remain in trading halt pending completion of the Placement.

The Placement is within Talga's existing placement capacity under ASX Listing Rule 7.1 and accordingly no shareholder approval is required in connection with the Placement.

The Placement is being managed and underwritten by Morgan Stanley Australia Securities Limited.

## Details of the Share Purchase Plan

Following the completion of the Placement, Talga will offer all eligible shareholders in Australia and New Zealand the opportunity to participate in the non-underwritten SPP to raise up to A\$10 million<sup>2</sup>. Eligible shareholders may apply for up to A\$30,000 of New Shares under the SPP.

The record date for the SPP is 5:00pm (Perth time) on Monday, 14 December 2020. The SPP offer period is anticipated to be open from Monday, 21 December 2020 to Friday, January 15, 2021, subject to Talga's discretion to amend these dates by making an ASX announcement.

Under the SPP, Talga shares will be offered at the same issue price as the Placement of A\$1.450.

The Talga Board has determined to cap the SPP at A\$10 million. As the SPP is not underwritten, the SPP may raise more or less than this amount. If the SPP raises more than A\$10 million, Talga may decide in its absolute discretion to accept applications (in whole or in part) that result in the SPP raising more than A\$10 million. If Talga decides to conduct any scale back of applications, for example because the aggregate amount applied for under the SPP exceeds Talga's requirements, the scale back will be applied to the extent and in the manner Talga sees fit, which may include taking into account a number of factors such as the size of an applicant's shareholding at the record date, the extent to which the applicant has sold or purchased shares since the record date, whether the applicant has multiple registered holdings, the date on which the application was made and the total applications received from eligible shareholders.

Further information regarding the SPP (including terms and conditions of the SPP) will be provided to eligible shareholders in the SPP offer booklet, which will be provided following the completion of the Placement. Eligible shareholders wishing to acquire New Shares under the SPP will need to apply in accordance with the instructions in the SPP booklet. Participation in the SPP is optional.

## General

New Shares issued under the Placement and SPP will rank equally with existing fully paid Talga shares on issue.

Under the ASX listing rules, Talga Directors are not entitled to participate in the Placement, but can participate in the SPP if they are eligible shareholders.

Further details on the Placement and SPP are set out in the investor presentation released by Talga to ASX on Tuesday, 15 December 2020. The investor presentation contains important information including key risks and foreign selling restrictions with respect to the Placement.

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Event	Date
Record date for eligibility to participate in SPP	5.00pm (Perth time), Monday, 14 December 2020
Trading halt	Tuesday, 15 December 2020
Launch of Placement offer and Investor Presentation	Tuesday, 15 December 2020
Announcement of outcome of Placement	Wednesday, 16 December 2020
Trading halt lifted – trading resumes on ASX	Wednesday, 16 December 2020
Settlement of Placement Shares	Friday, 18 December 2020
Allotment and normal trading of Placement Shares	Monday, 21 December 2020
SPP Offer Documents made available and SPP offer open date	Monday, 21 December 2020
SPP closing date	5.00pm (Perth time), Friday, 15 January 2021
Announcement of results of SPP offer and settlement of SPP	Wednesday, 20 January 2021
Allotment and issue of new shares under the SPP	Wednesday, 27 January 2021
Normal trading of SPP shares and dispatch of holding statements	Thursday, 28 January 2021

The timetable is indicative only and remains subject to change at Talga's discretion, subject to compliance with applicable laws and the ASX Listing Rules. Talga reserves the right to change the timetable or cancel or withdraw the Placement or the SPP at any time before relevant new Shares are issued, subject to regulatory requirements.

Talga encourages eligible shareholders who wish to participate to act promptly in submitting their application forms. The Company reserves the right to close the SPP early or to accept late applications, in its sole and absolute discretion, should it be considered necessary to do so, by making an announcement to ASX. The commencement and quotation of New Shares is subject to confirmation from ASX.

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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.

Company website: [www.talgagroup.com](http://www.talgagroup.com)



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### **Additional disclaimer**

Morgan Stanley Australia Securities Limited (ABN 55 078 652 276) is acting as lead manager and underwriter of the Placement. The SPP is not underwritten.

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### **Financial data and rounding**

All dollar values are in Australian dollars (A\$ or AUD) unless otherwise stated. The financial information contained in this announcement may not necessarily be in statutory format. Investors should be aware that financial data in this announcement includes "non-IFRS financial information" under the Australian Securities and Investments Commission's Regulatory Guide 230.

### **Past performance**

Past performance and pro forma historical financial information is given for illustrative purposes only. It should not be relied on and is not indicative of future performance including future security prices.

### **Forward-looking statements**

This announcement contains certain forward-looking statements. The words 'anticipate', 'believe', 'aim', 'estimate', 'expect', 'intend', 'may', 'plan', 'project', 'will', 'should', 'seek' and similar expressions are intended to identify forward-looking statements. Indications of, and guidance on, future earnings and financial position and performance are also forward-looking statements.

These forward-looking statements are based on assumptions and contingencies that are subject to change without notice and involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors, many of which are beyond the control of the Company and its Affiliates. Refer to the 'Key risks' on slides 47 to 52 of the investor presentation released by the Company to ASX on 15 December 2020 ("**Investor Presentation**") for a summary of certain risk factors that may affect the Company.

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## **Niska Scoping Study**

The Niska Scoping Study is a preliminary technical and economic study of the potential viability of developing the Niska South, Niska North and Nunasvaara North graphite deposits by constructing an integrated mining and refining operation to produce Talga's anode products for Li-ion batteries. It is based on low level technical and economic assessments that are not sufficient to support the estimation of ore reserves or to provide assurance of an economic development case. Further evaluation work and appropriate studies are required before the Company will be in a position to estimate any ore reserves or to provide any assurance of an economic development case or certainty that the conclusions of the Scoping Study will be realised.

The Scoping Study is based on the material assumptions outlined in the announcement of 7 December 2020. These include assumptions about the availability of funding. While Talga considers all of the material assumptions to be based on reasonable grounds, there is no certainty that they will prove to be correct or that the range of outcomes indicated by the Scoping Study will be achieved. To achieve the range of outcomes indicated in the Scoping Study, funding in the order of US\$1,000 million plus contingencies may be required. Investors should note that there is no certainty that the Company will be able to raise that amount of funding when needed. It is also possible that such funding may only be available on terms that may be dilutive to or otherwise affect the value of the Company's existing shares. It is also possible that the Company could pursue other 'value realisation' strategies such as a sale, partial sale or joint venture of the project. If it does, this could materially reduce the Company's proportionate ownership of the deposits covered by the Niska Scoping Study. Given the uncertainties involved, investors should not make any investment decisions based solely on the results of the Scoping Study.

The Company first reported the Niska Scoping Study production targets and forecast financial information referred to in this presentation in accordance with Listing Rules 5.16 and 5.17 in its announcement titled "Niska Scoping Study Outlines Pathway to Globally Significant Battery Anode Production" dated 7 December 2020. The Company confirms that all material assumptions underpinning those production targets and forecast financial information derived from those production targets continue to apply and have not materially changed.

## **Pre-Feasibility Study**

The Company first reported the Vittangi Anode Project production targets and forecast financial information referred to in this presentation in accordance with Listing Rules 5.16 and 5.17 in its announcement titled 'Outstanding PFS results support Vittangi graphite development' dated 23 May 2019. The Company confirms that all material assumptions underpinning those production targets and forecast financial information derived from those production targets continue to apply and have not materially changed.

## **General**

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