

Transcript of initial interview with Mr. John A. Roozendaal



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Mr. John A. Roozendaal. John Roozendaal has been a director of Global Li-Ion Graphite Corp. since the Company's incorporation. He has been a director of North American Nickel (TSXV:NAN) since April 2010. Mr. Roozendaal has been the President of VMS Ventures Inc. (TSXV:VMS) since June 2002, a director of VMS Ventures Inc. since May 2000 to the present, a director of Scout Exploration Inc. (OTCQB:SCXN) since December 2007, the President of Scout Exploration Inc. since May 2000, and the President and a director of Harvest Gold Corp. (TSXV:HVG) since December 2005. Mr. Roozendaal obtained a B.Sc. (Geology) in 1996 from Brandon University. Mr. Roozendaal is a member of the Company's audit committee.

SmallCaps Investment Research: warm welcome everyone to a new **Smallcaps** Investment interview on Research. We're excited to have Mr. John Roozendaal, the President and CEO of Global Li-Ion Graphite Corp. with us today. Global Li-Ion is a resource Company that is focused on acquisition and development of Graphite projects with an intent to supply the rapidly growing energy storage industry. The Company is listed on the Canadian Securities Exchange with ticker symbol LION. John, thank you very much for joining us today. Welcome.

John A. Roozendaal: Thank you for inviting me.

As this is our initial interview, could you give us an introduction of Global Li-Ion and its activities?

First and foremost, Global Li-Ion is positioning itself to become a principle supplier of raw graphite to the rapidly growing Lithium-Ion battery industry. We have projects in the United States, Canada and Madagascar, which we are advancing towards production.

Ultimately, through investments in a company called BEGO Technologies, we're optimizing the technology that may enable the mass production of lower cost Graphene Oxide and then Graphene. The holy grail of our space if you will.

Graphene is a material that is forecasted to revolutionize a whole range of industries and technologies, and Global Li-Ion is aiming to gain exposure to the full spectrum of that space.

Although we have several advanced-stage and leading-edge projects, our company is still at a relatively early stage. We currently have a market cap of \$14 million and trade around 40 cents Canadian.

Let's first focus on your flagship property, the Chedic Graphite project in Nevada. Can you tell us some more about the history of the property?

There is only a small amount of historical information that we have been able to gather about the project. Some limited scale mining and production activities took place back in the 1920s. The mined product was used in melting type refineries in California. After this, the property sat dormant for 80 or 90 years. It wasn't until our involvement that any modern exploration work was undertaken.

Our first work on the property was to conduct a geological survey and take samples in order to gain confidence about the potential of the project.

Next, we undertook a geophysical survey, which exploited one of the unique characteristics of graphite mineral, its conductivity. Using this survey that looked for conductive rock formations, we mapped, what we believe to be, a 550 meter long strike line of mineralization down to several hundred meters of depth.

Following the survey, we started a drilling program to understand exactly what orientation the strike is at and whether or not we can confirm the mineralization through the whole strike line.

That is where we are right now. We have just finished the first four holes of our five-hole drill program. I can't give too much details of

the results, but we are hoping to finish the program very shortly and then release the full results.

Also interesting to note is that Tesla's Gigafactory is actually located only 50 miles from our Chedic property. Knowing that graphite is an important part of an electric car's batteries, our proximity may give us an exceptional advantage.

What are your plans at Chedic for the next 12 to 18 months?

We would like to finish the aforementioned drill program very shortly and put out the results. At the same time, we want to undertake work that is required under our permit to reclaim individual sites. Then we want to submit a plan to do significantly more drilling, probably at least twice as many holes or more compared to our first campaign.

Subsequent to this, there is a requirement for a number of surveys, both biological and botanical, and several baseline studies. This ensures that we are compliant with the mining regulations and do things responsibly as good corporate citizens.

Once this is finished, we would seek approval for follow-up drilling. Our goal is to infill the holes we already have and test the mineralization of the deposit to a greater depth. This will allow us to approximate the widths and grades of the strike lines, as well as the orientation of the mineralized body. The body appears to be fairly straight which is certainly good news.

The second project that I'd like to cover is the Ambato-Arana Graphite Mine, which is located in the African country of Madagascar. This project too has a very long and vivid history. Would you give us some of the highlights?

The project has quite an interesting history, which contrary to the previous one is well documented. Since at least the 1920's there were long periods of time when graphite was extracted, mined, shipped out and sold onto

the world market from the Ambato-Arana mine. So, we are looking at a proven deposit.

The tremendous advantage in this case, is the fact that we have the mine permit in our hands, making Ambato-Arana an advanced stage project. Right now, we are looking to re-establish key infrastructure, such as the road accessing the property. This will allow us to recommence production on that property.

Early February 2018, you announced the analysis results on a graphite sample taken from the Ambato-Arana Project. Can you tell us some more about that?

This sample was taken from already processed and mined material that was sitting on the property. The reason for us to do the study was to get a better understanding of the type of graphite at the property. This is important, as the industry especially values the coarse grained high purity type graphite.

We were very pleased with the result of this study, mainly because we found that a very high percentage of the material is of high quality. Therefore, we hope that mining the deposit will result in lots of high-value material, which we aim to eventually sell onto the world market.

What are you going to do at Ambato-Arana in 2018?

As we have the mine permit in place, our steps in the next 16 months are really mainly tied to making the area ready for production. Thus, the most important step is to fix the aforementioned key infrastructure. We are also planning to upgrade the facilities in the area.

Other steps include lining up buyers for the mined commodity, as well as arranging the transport and shipment of the commercially viable product.

In October last year we learned that you acquired an option to purchase a 100% interest in the Neuron Graphite Project,

which is located in Canada. Can you give us an update on this property and Global Li-Ion's plans for it?

This interesting property is located in Manitoba, close to the mining city of Thompson, which is one of the world's largest nickel producing areas. This proximity to active mines gives us access to our property via road as well as air and rail. There is also a cheap source of electricity. Just 15 kilometers from the discovery zone, there is a hydroelectric dam. These two points establish good baseline economics. The mining friendly Manitoban jurisdiction also helps.

The deposit itself is showcasing strong potential as well. The discovery that was made on the property was extremely high-grade. Thus, we have confidence in the potential for an economically viable deposit.

At this point in time, we are in the permitting stage. We have applied for a permit to do a deep geophysical type electromagnetic survey that will again utilize the conductivity of graphite. This will provide us with a better grasp of the deposit area.

We have also applied to execute a confirmation drilling program. This is aimed at the area around holes drilled by Callinex, the company we have optioned the property from. The drilling program will allow us to get a better understanding of the dimensions, grade and the orientation of the deposit.

There is a lot of work that needs to be done, but we know that there is prize here. We just need to do our homework to see how viable the project is.

A few days ago, you acquired an interest in BEGO Technologies. What is the Company's intention there?

We like to think of BEGO as the fourth pillar of the Company that will support the three resource projects.

As much as we share the enthusiasm about the outlook of graphite, we understand that there is one major obstacle to the growth of Graphene as a material. That obstacle is cost, it is extremely expensive to create the material.

BEGO, which stands for Bio Electrochemical Graphene Oxide, is trying to solve this obstacle. They are a technology developer that uses the combination of microbiology and electrochemical processes to potentially create Graphene Oxide at much lower cost than other currently used methods.

The challenge is to advance the technology to a commercial scale. That is what BEGO is working on at the moment.

Prices for graphite have gone up significantly in 2017 on surging demand for batteries that power electric cars. Do you see this trend continuing in the coming years?

I certainly do. The main reason for this being the number of efforts by various governments across the world that want to increase the usage of electric vehicles. For example, China has mandated that as of 2019 one in every ten newly produced cars in the country has to be either an electric vehicle or a hybrid. In India, they want to have a complete fleet of electric vehicles by around 2030.

These efforts clearly show the huge opportunity. Just imagine the amount of material needed to replace the petrochemical-based transportation system we use today.

These examples also only touch upon electric vehicles, but Graphene has potential in many different areas, such as steel or conductive materials. Thus, the demand for graphite is very positive both in the short and the long run.

How do you differentiate yourself from other companies that are active in the graphite space?

First, we differentiate ourselves geographically. Through our Madagascar property we have exposure to China, India

and possibly Europe. Through our properties in Manitoba and Nevada, which is close to the aforementioned Tesla factory, we have exposure to the North American market. Thus, we are exposed to the biggest markets in the world.

Secondly, we are also pursuing the production of low-cost Graphene through our investment in BEGO Technologies. We basically have interests in both ends of the spectrum, and that is very unusual.

We believe this approach is beneficial as the 'big push' in the Graphite space might very well be the technology that allows all these materials to be converted to Graphene.

Can you tell us a little bit about yourselves and the other key executives of the Company?

My background is in Geology. I have been involved in this field and mineral exploration throughout my entire career. I also have executive experience in the public junior minor space. I held positions as a founding director in a number of mineral exploration companies with various degree of success.

One of the most recent companies I was associated with had discovered a copper deposit in Manitoba, the province of our Neuron property. This copper deposit is now in production and is being mined by Hudbay Minerals.

Jason Walsh, our Chairman, has been involved in the finance and development of junior companies across the spectrum, from technology to mining opportunities. Therefore, he is a well-rounded and experienced individual with an ability to raise capital, which is fundamentally the most important thing for a company like ours.

Finally, there is Sam Malin who has tremendous experience in geophysics as well as the energy space which he encountered through his involvement with Madagascar Oil. Due to this, he has a strong background in the country of Madagascar and Africa in general. Thus, he brings together the 'science', and the business acumen from his successes and valuable contacts.

Before we go, what would you say are the most important catalysts that investors should look out for at Global Li-Ion in 2018?

Firstly, I would say the drilling results in Nevada. I have mentioned that we are finishing the initial drilling program. Once that is done we will show the results and announce our next stage of exploration and drilling on the property.

Secondly, I would watch what happens with our Manitoba property, Neuron, as we get closer to the confirmation drilling program. We are super excited about the program, given the previously shown grade at the project.

Thirdly, I would be making sure that our project in Madagascar continues to progress towards production.

Finally, I would keep an eye on BEGO. Especially with the focus on their ability to demonstrate taking their technology to a mass production of Graphene at economic prices. If they do showcase this, it could mean an increase in the demand for graphite in general.

Excellent. John, thank you so much for taking time out of your schedule. We wish you and Global Li-Ion all the best and we certainly look forward to having you back to give us an update on the progress of Global Li-Ion.

It was a real pleasure speaking with you and thank you very much for giving the time and attention to our little venture here. Hopefully it won't be little for that much longer.

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