

# Falcon Energy Materials' Pilot Plant on Schedule for First CSPG Production in Q4 2025

#### **PRESS RELEASE**

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**Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates, June 26, 2025 – Falcon Energy Materials plc** (TSX-V: FLCN) ("**Falcon**" or the "**Company**") is pleased to announce that it has purchased all the equipment for its pilot plant (the "**Pilot Plant**"), which will be located at Jorf Lasfar, near Casablanca, in the Kingdom of Morocco ("**Morocco**"). The Pilot Plant is planned to produce large-scale samples of coated spherical purified graphite ("**CSPG**") for future Falcon customers.

#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

- All key equipment for the Pilot Plant has been ordered with deliveries underway;
- First CSPG samples expected to be available for customer testing in September 2025;
- Pilot Plant commissioning expected to be completed by Q4 2025;
- Offtake discussions are progressing with Shanshan and key customers;
- Feasibility Study remains on schedule for publication in Q4 2025.

"We are pleased to confirm that Falcon is on track to make the first CSPG samples available to future customers late summer", commented Matthieu Bos, Chief Executive Officer of Falcon. "This will be an important milestone and move us towards our goal to build a large-scale anode production facility to provide a diversified supply of critical materials to the European and North America."

## **Pilot Plant Development at Jorf Lasfar**

Falcon has selected the site of its partner Fluoralpha S.A. ("Fluoralpha") in Morocco as the ideal and strategic location for the development of the Pilot Plant. Fluoralpha has provided Falcon with a site within its industrial zone at Jorf Lasfar for the Pilot Plant (the "Site"). Fluoralpha is also expected to become a key supplier to Falcon of anhydrous hydrofluoric acid ("AHF"), a critical reagent in CSPG production.

With support from its technical partner, Hensen Graphite & Carbon Corporation ("**Hensen**"), Falcon has purchased all necessary equipment to produce large-scale CSPG samples for potential customers. The first components have been delivered to Hensen in China, where the Pilot Plant will be assembled and tested. Initial CSPG samples are expected to be ready for customer testing by September 2025.

The Pilot Plant will have a production capacity of approximately 100kg of CSPG per day (30 tonnes annually, if operated on a continuous basis), enabling Falcon to supply product at scale for customers



qualification- an essential step in advancing offtake agreements for Falcon's proposed 25,000tpa commercial-scale anode plant (the "**Anode Plant**").

Following successful assembly and testing in China, the Pilot Plant equipment is scheduled for shipment to Morocco in late September 2025, with full commissioning at the Site expected in Q4 2025.

"We are very pleased with the progress made in collaboration with Hensen," added Mr. Bos. "Together with Fluoralpha will are developing the first large-scale CSPG pilot plant in Morocco, putting Morocco-further establishing the country as an emerging hub for battery cell manufacturing. "We are not only building a pilot facility, we are investing in Morocco to develop the first industrial scale natural graphite anode plant outside China".

# **Commercial Discussions Progressing with Future Customers**

The Pilot Plant is essential to further Falcon's commercial discussions with potential customers. Falcon's commercial partner, Shanghai Shanshan New Material Co., LTD ("**Shanshan**") has initiated discussions with downstream customers. Multiple parties have already expressed interest in Falcon's CSPG product and are awaiting pilot samples to begin qualification testing.

### Feasibility Study on Schedule for Q4 2025

Falcon, in collaboration with Hensen, continues work on a NI 43-101 compliant feasibility study (the "Feasibility Study") for the development of the Anode Plant. The Study is being prepared by Dorfner Anzaplan UK Limited ("Anzaplan"), a leading European engineering and consulting firm.

Completion of the Feasibility Study is expected in Q4 2025. The study will also form the basis for the Environmental Impact Assessment and is a key component of the permitting process in Morocco.

## **ABOUT FALCON ENERGY MATERIALS PLC**

Falcon Energy Materials plc (TSX-V: FLCN) aims to become a fully integrated supplier of battery anode materials. The Company's integrated business model would result in the creation of a mine-to-market active anode material producer, hosting a large high-purity graphite production mine in the Republic of Guinea, and a value-added, coated spherical purified graphite conversion facility in Morocco.

With attractive operating costs, proximity to European end-markets and strong ESG credentials, the Company is poised to become a reliable supplier while promoting sustainability and supply chain transparency. Falcon is committed to generating sustainable, long-term benefits that are shared with the host countries and communities where it operates.

For additional information, please visit Falcon's website at <a href="https://www.falconem.net">www.falconem.net</a>

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Forward-looking information is based upon certain assumptions and other important factors and assumptions subject to significant business, geological, economic and competitive uncertainties and contingencies that, if untrue, could cause the actual results, performance or achievements of the Company to be materially different from future results, performance or achievements expressed or implied by such information or statements. There can be no assurance that such information or statements will prove to be accurate. Key assumptions upon which the Company's forward-looking information is based include, without limitation, (1) the Company's capacity to execute on its strategic and operational plans, including its ability to develop the Pilot Plant and Anode Plant on the anticipated timeline and budget; (2) stable political, social, and legal conditions in Morocco and Republic of Guinea and the absence of significant disruptions affecting operations due to civil unrest, regulatory changes, or other external factors; (3) that economic and market conditions, including interest rates, inflation, exchange rates, and commodity prices, remain consistent with current expectations; (4) the ability of Falcon to secure additional financing or strategic investment on favourable terms, if and when needed, to fund projects development; and (5) the assumption that no material adverse events will occur that prevent Falcon from achieving its objective of becoming a fully integrated supplier of battery anode materials.

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