





GREEN ENGINEERING SILICA AND SILICON MATERIALS TECHNOLOGY



### HPQ - A TECHNOLOGY PROCESS INNOVATOR COMPANY FOCUSED ON GREEN ENGINEERING PROCESSES

### **TRANSFORMING THE GLOBAL ECONOMY TO ACHIEVE NET-ZERO EMISSIONS BY 2050**

- Will require US \$9.2 trillion in annual average spending on physical assets
- Representing an increase of US\$ 3.5 trillion compared to current spending levels

McKinsey & Company – The net zero transition January 2022

### HPQ DEVELOPING NEW GREEN PROCESSES CRUCIAL FOR REACHING THAT GOAL:

- Focuses on environmentally friendly processes
- Leverages advanced technologies and expertise
- Aims to make critical materials needed for net-zero emissions
- Contributes to the global effort of achieving net-zero emissions
- Involves collaboration with world-class technology partners





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The Corporation is a technology company engaged in green engineering processes that is: 1) Developing the Fumed Silica Reactor (FSE), a new plasma process that will allow a direct Quartz to Fumed Silica transformation; 2) Developing the PUREVAP<sup>™</sup> Quartz Reduction Reactor (QRR), a new carbothermic process to transform Quartz into green Silicon (patent granted in the United States & pending in other jurisdictions); 3) Aiming to become a manufacture of green Silicon anode materials; 4) Working with NOVACIUM SAS developing a compact process for the production of green hydrogen via hydrolysis of silicon and other materials; and 5) Developing the PUREVAP<sup>™</sup> Nano Silicon (Si) Reactor (NSiR), (Patent Pending) a new process to transform Silicon (Si) chunks into Spherical Nano powders and Nano wires for the next generation of Lithium-ion batteries.

The terms Silicon, Silicon Metal and Si are used interchangeably. Metallurgical Grade Silicon or MG Si refers to Silicon Metal of a purity between 98.0% Si and 99.5% Si. High Purity (HP Si) or Upgraded Metallurgical Grade Silicon (UMG Si) refers to Silicon Metal of a purity between 99.9% Si and 99.99% Si.



# - INVESTMENT HIGHLIGHTS

### **HPQ - GREEN ENGINEERING VERTICALS**



#### **HPO GREEN FUMED SILICA INITIATIVES**

Green engineering Fumed Silica manufacturing directly from Quartz using proprietary new low-cost one-step process

- Material produced has applications in a wide range of industries (pharmaceuticals, agriculture, renewables and more)
- One-Step Plasma based process, no hazardous chemical, no HCl release, 86% reduction in energy & related carbon footprint
- Technology protected by HPQ-owned patent application

#### **HPO GREEN SILICON INITIATIVES**

Green engineering Silicon manufacturing with proprietary low-cost transformation technologies

- Transforming Silica (Quartz, SiO<sub>2</sub>), in one step, into High Purity Silicon (3N+ Si) in a greener and more efficient manner
- Manufacturing Silicon material perfectly suited for high values applications (SiOx for Batteries, Silicon Nitride, and more)
- Technologies protected by multiple HPQ and Novacium owned patent applications

#### HPO GREEN HYDROGEN - A NEW CHEMICAL BASE APPROACH TO MAKE HYDROGEN WITHOUT ELECTICITY

Developing, with Novacium SAS, a new autonomous process to make hydrogen via hydrolysis of Silicon & other materials

MEASURED AND ACHIEVABLE 3-YEAR GROWTH PLANS TO START COMMERCIALIZING OUR TECHNOLOGIES

EXPERIENCED MANAGEMENT TEAM & BOARD SUPPORTED BY TECH PARTNER PYROGENESIS CANADA INC

STRONG INSTITUTIONAL SUPPORT FROM MAJOR SHAREHOLDER IO INVESTISSEMENT OUEBEC



# **GREEN FUMED SILICA INITIATIVE**

- Commercial grade Fumed Silica material produced at lab scale Samples sent to multiple third parties under NDA in 2023 ٠
- Pilot plant to validate scalability of Fumed Silica Reactor process Q2-Q3 2024 ٠
- Commercialisation: Securing off-take agreement early 2024, starting small scale commercial production end Q4 2024 ٠



### - FUMED SILICA REACTOR: A GREEN TECHNOLOGY

- Fumed Silica (Pyrogenic Silica) is a versatile value-added white microscopic powder with high surface area & low bulk density
- Due to its unique properties commercial applications encompass various industries including personal care, pharmaceuticals, agriculture (food & feed), adhesives, sealants, construction, batteries and automotive to name a few
- In 2022, sales of Fumed silica, also known as Pyrogenic Silica, reached US\$1.3 billion [1], accounting for about 16% of the total US\$7.8 billion Specialty Silica Market [2]
- The remaining 84% (US\$6.5 billion) comprises other materials, such as Precipitated Silica, Fused Silica, Silica Gel, and Colloidal Silica.



- In 2021, HPQ signed an agreement with PyroGenesis covering the development of a new Fumed Silica Reactor and the future commercialization of silica materials (Fumed, Precipitated and Fused Silica) produced by the process.
- Included in the agreement, the \$2 million stated cost of constructing and operating the 50 tonnes per year (TPY) commercial pilot plant will be covered by the following parties:
  - The Federal Government of Canada (SDTC) will pay  $\approx$  33% of the cost,
  - The Quebec Government (TED) will pay  $\approx$  30% of the cost,

- HPQ Silica Polvere Inc (an HPQ subsidiary) will pay  $\approx$  29% of the cost, and
- PyroGenesis Canada Inc will cover the remaining  $\approx$  8% and act as operator
- ▶ In 2023, commercial grade fumed silica was produced using a lab scale Fumed Silica Reactor.
- In Q3 2023, samples were sent to multiple major Fumed Silica producers under NDA for analysis and review of commercial potential





Fumed Silica Market (%) by Industry

### — TRADITONAL FUMED SILICA PROCESS VS NEW PROCESS



Quartz SiO2

Fumed Silica Reactor

Energy Consumption: 15,000 kWh needed to produce 1 MT

Fumed Silica

- Eliminate Hydrogen Chloride Gas (HCI) releases, and
- Reduce Capex to a small fraction of Capex required to build a new traditional plant
- Process only requires 15,000 kWh/MT, vs 110,000 kWh/MT for traditional process
  - An 86% reduction in the energy footprint, reducing even more indirect  $CO_2$  emissions



# - FUMED SILICA INDICATIVE TIMELINE

Fast track to commercialisation and monetization

PROJECTS	2023		2024		2025		2026	
FUMED	Small scale testing of	Engineering – Construction –	Pilot plant	Producing Fumed Sil scale stating at 50 T		250 TD	Y Fumed Silica commercial plants	
SILICA	different Fumed Silica Pilot Plant configurations	Commissioning	validation of technology	conceptual and feasibility engineering studies to scale up to 250 TPY per unit	Equipment Procurement		nstruction – Commissioning	

#### FUMED SILICA INITIATIVE UPCOMING CATALYSTS

- Silica Reactor pilot plant
- Sinalize equipment decision and procurement process
- Finalize ongoing small-scale testing
- Produce commercial grade Fumed Silica at lab scale
- Send Samples to multiple Companies under NDA involved in Fumed Silica
- Negotiate Offtake or other type of transaction with a party under NDA
- Building and commissioning test a pilot plant



- Start testing program to produce 170 kg/day continuous feed, thereby validating scalability of Fumed Silica Reactor
- Validate that the Fumed Silica Reactor can also produce Precipitated and fused silica
- Start commercial production and selling of Fumed Silica



## - GREEN SILICON INITIATIVE

- PUREVAP<sup>™</sup> QRR STATUS: Pilot plant and pre-commercialisation phase Goal: commercial scale production by 2026 ٠
- SILICON ANODE BATTERY MATERIAL STATUS: Material ready for testing end 2023 200 TPA plant planned end 2024 •















# - SILICON AND ITS MARKETS

Silicon (Si) or Silicon Metal, is a semi-conductor material and the second most abundant element in earth's crust. Like all other energy metals (lithium, graphite, cobalt, nickel, etc.) it does not exist in its pure state and is expensive to extract!

The United States, the EU and Australia have declared Silicon a critical raw material as a wide range of modern technologies depend on it to make various numbers of industrial and consumer products

# Environmental issues related to Silicon manufacturing processes presently available are becoming key factor for end users

- ► To extract silicon commercially from Quartz (SiO2) an expensive & energy intensive carbothermic process, first invented in 1899, is still used
- Depending on final application, (Solar, Electronics, Batteries) Chemical grade Silicon (99.5% Si) must either be purified or engineered

#### Metallurgical and Chemical grade Silicon (Si) demand estimated to reach 3.8 M tonnes, worth between US\$ 15 B and US\$ 20 B, by 2025 [1]

- ▶ The bulk of the growth will be driven by demand for chemical-grade Silicon (99.5% Si)
- New plants will be needed to meet demand
- Traditional processes to make Silicon have a significant obstacle for new entrants: access to process know-how
- Most of the "low-hanging fruit" has been picked, and near-term alternatives to Chinese supply are limited



## - SILICON CHALLENGES HPQ OPPORTUNITIES

- **01** THE SILICON MARKET IS RIPE FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF NEW TECHNOLOGIES
- 02 HPQ GREEN ENGINEERING IS FOCUSED ON DEVELOPING NEW GREEN PROCESS TO MAKE SILICON
- **03** HPQ : LOW-COST GREEN MANUFACTURING OF HIGH PURITY SILICON

#### **THE PUREVAP™ QUARTZ REDUCTION REACTOR (QRR)**

- ▶ A low capex, opex & carbon footprint process to make up to 4N+ Si in one step
- Multiple patent applications protect this technology's proprietary process
- ► HPQ is gaining unique Silicon process know-how
- Significant strides are being made toward commercial validation
- ▶ HPQ Green 3N to 4N+ Silicon opens many unique high-value product lines



#### Quartz (SiO<sub>2</sub>) to High Purity Silicon (Si) – PUREVAP<sup>™</sup> QRR Process





# - PUREVAP<sup>™</sup> QRR - A UNIQUE SCALABLE PROCESS

#### A NEW AND INCREDIBLY VERSATILE PROCESS VERSUS CONVENTIONAL PROCESS DATING FROM 1899

#### Conventional plants produce 98 % to 99.5 % Purity Silicon (Si):

- Scalable by minimum increments of about 40,000 tonnes per year (TPY)
- Minimum investment needed to build a new plant around US\$ 300 M [1]
- o Need 6 tonnes (t) of Feedstock to produce 1 t of Silicon (Si) [2]
- o On average, it costs about US\$ 2,000/t to make 98% Si (MG Si) [3]
- o 2N+ (99.5%) Si production requires oxidative refining increasing opex cost
- 3N+ (99.9%) Si requires additional purification further increasing its costs

#### PUREVAP<sup>™</sup> QRR process can produce 99.9+ % Silicon (Si) in one step:

- o Scalable by minimum increments of up to 2,500 TPY per QRR Reactor
  - Minimum investment 85% 90% less than conventional plant [4]
- o Only need 4.5 t of feedstock to produce 1 t of Si
  - o 3N to 4N+ Si produce in one step using 25% less feedstock,
    - > Could translate into a  $\approx$  10% opex cost reduction [5]
- QRR process expected to make 3N to 4N Si for < US\$ 2,000/t [6]</li>
- HPQ QRR will make silicon-based materials perfectly suited for battery and other high-value applications for less than any competitors







# - PUREVAP<sup>TM</sup> QRR - AND THE GREENEST PROCESS! USHERING ZERO CO<sub>2</sub> SILICON METAL MANUFACTURING

#### Conventional Silicon production emits 105 million tonnes CO<sub>2</sub> per year worldwide [1]

- Silica (SiO<sub>2</sub>) reduction requires a carbon reductant (Coal, Coke, or Charcoal)
- Conventional processes are done in Open Electric Arc Furnaces (OEAF) at high temperatures > 1,800 C
- The carbothermic process alone results in 5 tonnes (t) of CO2 emissions per tonne (t) of silicon produced [2]
- Only one option to reduce the carbothermic carbon footprint it's replacing fossilbased carbon with an organic carbon source [3]
- While mitigating a part of their overall carbon footprint, it will never allow conventional silicon producers to produce zero CO<sub>2</sub> emissions silicon metal

#### PUREVAP<sup>™</sup> QRR ZERO CO<sub>2</sub> SILICON METAL MANUFACTURING

- The QRR, by design, is a Closed Electric Arc Furnace (CEAF) with the ability to operate under controlled atmospheric condition
- The CO(g) generated during the carbothermic reaction remains unoxidized by oxygen and can be readily captured for further utilization
- By using an organic carbon source, the QRR will produce Zero CO<sub>2</sub> Silicon Metal and could even generate Carbon Credits

# HPQ intends to commercialize its Zero+ $CO_2$ Silicon Metal under the brand name SILICIUM<sub>X</sub>







# - HPQ SILICON MARKETS & APPLICATIONS

# The market opportunities for HPQ Green Silicon or $SILICIUM_X$ are vast and will be propelled by the following key factors:

- Demand for **GREEN** High Purity Silicon (3N to 4N Si) **SILICIUM**<sub>X</sub> as feedstock to:
  - > Low carbon Silicon base anode material for Li-Ion batteries
  - > Low carbon Silicon for high-value applications like Silicon Nitride
- Auto & EV manufacturers could use HPQ Metallurgical Grade Silicon (98.5% Si)
  SILICIUM<sub>x</sub> to make their vehicles lighter, stronger, while reducing their carbon footprint
- Chemical Grade Silicon (99.5% Si) demand is driving a need for new plants because of its usage as feedstock to make:
- Silicones, an end market growing at a 7.4% CAGR, expected to reach US\$ 30.9 B by 2030 [1]
- Polysilicon for solar & electronics, an end market growing at 13.2 % CAGR expected to surpass US\$ 27 B By 2030 [2]

### **HPQ PUREVAP<sup>TM</sup> QRR:** THE ONLY ZERO $CO_2$ EMISSION OPTION FOR THE NEW PLANTS NEEDED TO MEET SILICON DEMAND





# — PUREVAP<sup>™</sup> QRR – a technology suited for today Si Global trends Business environment for Silicon driven by global trends combined with

structural industrial changes



### **SILICON GLOBAL TRENDS**

- 1. Strong demand fundamentals worldwide in all sector (Polysilicon, Silicones, aluminium and EV transition)
- 2. Increase costs and volatility of key inputs (Energy, quartz, coal, and CO<sub>2</sub> Pricing)
  - Advantage QRR Uses 25% less feedstock
  - Advantage QRR Only carbon free process available
- 3. Limited capacity coming online
  - Advantage QRR Scalable process small capex to enter
- 4. Reduction of Chinese exports due to local demand
- 5. Demand plus reshoring = demand for new plants
  - Advantage QRR First new process in over 100 years
- 6. Growing emphasis on decarbonization
  - Advantage QRR Only carbon free process available



# - PUREVAP<sup>TM</sup> QRR INDICATIVE TIMELINE

• HPQ commercialisation plans well positioned to capitalize on Silicon market opportunities

	PROJECTS	PROJECTS 2023		2024		2025	2026		
	PUREVAP™ QRR	Gen3 QRR Pilot plant technology validation Gen4 Conceptual engineering Studies		ring	Gen4	Gen4 PUREVAP™ QRR comm	proid plant (a)	Start of	
			Engineering Studies	Gen4 Preliminary Equipment Engineering Studies Procurement & Financing			commercial production		

#### **QRR PILOT PLANT MILESTONES REACHED TO DATE**

- The pilot plant started and produced 2N+ Silicon in one step from the start
- ✓ Validated the 2,500-time scale-up from the GEN2 PUREVAP™ QRR
- Validated semi-continuous batch production capability of the reactor
- Produced 3N+ Silicon (battery-grade silicon) in one step
- Completing a successful Silicon pour

#### **QRR UPCOMING CATALYSTS**

- Operating the system commercially (6 continuous production cycles per day, with each cycle yielding 20 kg of Silicon per pour)
- Producing Silicon materials for HPQ Silicon anodes initiative
- Starting Gen4 Conceptual Engineering studies
- Securing grant financing for the proof-of-concept studies related to HPQ Green Silicon capability
- Starting the proof-of-concept studies related to HPQ Green Silicon initiative







### - HPQ SILICON FOR BATTERY INITIATIVE



1. HPQ's aims to provide silicon-based (Si) material for anodes by the end of Q4 2023 – Q1 2024

- 2. HPQ plans to commission commission its first 200 tonnes per year (TPY) production line of siliconbased anode material by end Q4 2024 – Q1 2025
- 3. HPQ targets 2,500 TPY production of silicon-based anode material using the high purity silicon produced by the PUREVAP<sup>™</sup> Gen4 QRR



### - SILICON-BASED (SiO<sub>x</sub>) ANODES MATERIAL OPPORTUNITY

- Electric Vehicle Demand is growing exponentially
- Resulting battery raw material demand to stress supplies
- ► Graphite:
  - o Is the largest (by %) key mineral in an EV battery
  - o Demand exceeds supply for the first time in 2022 [1]
  - o Deficit projected to grow to 8M tonnes by 2040 [2]
- Replacing a small percentage (5 to 10%) [3] of graphite in the anode chemistry with silicon-based (SiO<sub>x</sub>) anodes material could:
  - 1. Improve battery performance
  - 2. Address the ongoing graphite deficit



# Silicon-based (Si) anode material for batteries demand is projected to exceed 300K Tonnes (t) by 2030, worth about US\$ 15 B [4]

### Silicon in Battery Anodes: A Promising Solution to Drive the Acceleration of the Electric Vehicle (EV) Transition



• With HPQ's PUREVAP<sup>™</sup> QRR and Novacium's proprietary expertise combined, we are well-positioned to seize this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity



### - HPQ / NOVACIUM BATTERY INITIATIVE VS COMPETITION





# - HPQ SILICON FOR BATTERY INITIATIVE

On track for commercialisation and monetization starting Q4 2024 - Q1 2025

PROJECTS	5 2023		2024	2026		
BATTERY INITIATIVE	Testing industrial equipment that can make micron size Si Powders	Design pathway to manufacture commercially Silicon Based Anode material	Finalize Silicon Based Anode material production pathway Set up & start a production line that can produce up to 200 Tonnes Per Year (TPY)	material up to a capacity capable of handling the	duction capacity to make Silicon Based Anode he 2,500 MT of feedstock coming from our first commercial plant in 2026	/

#### **BATTERY INITIATIVE UPCOMING CATALYSTS**

- Producing small quantity (15 kg) of 3N+ micron size (<5 microns) Si powder
- Producing larger quantity of 3N+ micron size (<5 micron) Si powder (≥ 800 Kg)</p>
- Samples delivered to world-leading high-performance material company
- Developing a pathway to secure access to high-purity silicon feedstock
- Secure the services of an experienced senior-level executive to oversee the project
- Having the material tested at different high-level research centers
- Finalizing pathway to manufacture commercially 200 TPA of Silicon Base anode material
- Testing material to see if Novacium patented surface treatment process can improve battery performance
- Start marketing of material to prospective buyers/shipping samples to them
- Finalize site emplacement and start an equipment procurement process



## **GREEN HYDROGEN INITIATIVE**

- Grant financing to completed end 2023, first commercial prototype ready Q4 2024 •
- Commercialisation and sales of systems starting in 2025





#### **ONGOING COLLABORATION WITH HPQ**

### Since Novacium onboarding in Q3 2022, the collaboration has been focused on the following three areas:

- 1. R&D assistance and collaboration on HPQ's processes (PUREVAP™ RRQ):
  - a) Supporting, optimizing and sharing knowledge and know-how, etc.

#### (Two new QRR patents already filed)

- 2. Collaborating on complementary R&D to develop innovative processes in the following niche sectors:
  - a) Manufacturing SiO<sub>x</sub> particles for silicon anode battery material and Manufacturing Micron Size High purity Si particles for high-value Si based applications

#### (Work crucial to HPQ Battery Initiative)

- a) Manufacturing carbon particles or super-capacitor applications
- 3. Capitalizing on their knowledge and know-how in the hydrogen sector, the technical team is developing:
  - a) An autonomous process for making hydrogen via hydrolysis of silicon and other materials







# - HPQ / NOVACIUM HYDROGEN INITIATIVE

HARNESSING HYDROGEN POTENTIAL WHILE ELIMINATING LIMITING FACTORS



Navigating Today Hydrogen Supply Chain:

Re-imagining the Hydrogen Supply Chain: Towards an Autonomous, Decentralized, and Safer Journey !



# - HPQ / NOVACIUM HYDROGEN INITIATIVE

#### Combustible

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First commercial prototype H2 Station :

Will produce 11M<sup>3</sup> of Hydrogen per day

That Hydrogen can be used to generate 33 KWhr







# - HPQ / NOVACIUM HYDROGEN INITIATIVE

On track for to have a systems available for sales early 2025 or earlier

PROJECTS	2023	2024	2025	2026
HYDROGEN	Developing, a new autonomous process for making hydrogen via	Building commercial prototype capable of producing 11m <sup>3</sup> of Hydrogen per	Start commercialisa autonomous H2 generator ca	
TECHS	hydrolysis of silicon and other materials	day via hydrolysis of silicon and other materials	Scaling Up work to increas	e capacity of the systems
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# - NANO SILICON OPPORTUNITY

NANO SILICON MATERIAL STATUS: a nascent industry and technology ٠



## ─ PUREVAP<sup>™</sup> NSiR

#### A new process to transform Silicon (Si) chunks into Spherical Nano powders and Nano wires



Material produced by **PyroGenesis** during proof-of-concept test



SILICON NANOPOWDERS



SILICON NANOWIRES

Nano silicon materials are currently in a nascent stage of development and technology, and it is expected to take time for this industry to mature

We are prioritizing investments in SiOx-based anode materials due to strong market interest, deferring our focus on Nano Reactor technology given the nascent stage of nano silicon materials.



# - VALUE PROPOSITION: DEVELOP & MONETIZE

 Commercialisation and monetization starting in end 2024 with Fumed Silica, follow by Batteries and Hydrogen in 2025



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### - HPQ INNOVATIONS: INDICATIVE TIMELINE

STARTED IN 2015, HPQ HAS IMPLEMENTED AN INNOVATION DRIVEN TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY

PROJECTS	20:	23		2024			2025	5	2026	
FUMED	Small scale testing o	of Engineerin Constructio	0	Pilot plant			ing Fumed Silica starting 50 TPY			
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### - UPCOMING CATALYSTS

#### 01. FUMED SILICA PROJECT

Finalize ongoing small-scale testing

- Send Samples to potential client under NDA
  - Negotiate Offtake or other type of transaction with a party under NDA
  - Building and commissioning Fumed Silica Reactor pilot plant, validate scaling up

#### **02. PUREVAP™ QRR PROJECT**

- Completing a successful Silicon Pour
  - Operating the system commercially
- Producing Silicon materials for HPQ Silicon anodes initiative
  - Starting Gen4 conceptual engineering studies

#### **03. BATTERY INITIATIVE**

- Secure the services of an experienced senior-level executive to oversee the project
  - Material test at High-Level research center
  - Finalizing pathway to manufacture commercially 200 TPA of Silicon base anode materials

#### 04. HYDROGEN INITIATIVE

- Finish design of a new autonomous process for making hydrogen via hydrolysis
- Securing grant financing to build the first commercial prototype of Hydrogen reactor







#### HPQ CAPITAL STRUCTURE

Major Investors	Basic	Fully Diluted
IQ (Investissement Québec)	8,7%	8,0%
PyroGenesis Canada Inc.	5,6%	6.8%
Management & Board	6.3%	10.4%
Strategic Investors	6.0%	5.0%

52 weeks	
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	Price	Low	High
(As of Oct 18, 2023)	\$.260	\$ 0,195	\$ 0,42
Basic Shares Outstanding			
Options (Average Price \$0.6	1 / Duration 2	2,71 years)	
Warrants (Average Price \$0.	.585)		
Fully Diluted Shares Outstar	nding		
Market Capitalization (Basic	)		
Market Capitalization (Fully	Diluted)		
Cash and Cash equivalent a	vailable for p	rojects advanc	ements



## - MANAGEMENT, BOARD & OTHERS



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- a) HPQ Silica Polvere Inc ("Polvere") is a 100% owned HPQ subsidiary. HPQ acquired the Fumed Silica Reactor intellectual properties from PyroGenesis Canada Inc ("PCI"), subcontracted to them the R&D associated with developing the technologies, agreed to an exclusive equipment procurement deal and granted PCI a royalty payment equal of 10% of Polvere Fumed Silica sales, with set minimums. PCI does have the option to sale its Royalty in exchange for 50% of HPQ equity stake in Polvere.
- [1] Fumed Silica Market Outlook (2022-2030) (<u>https://www.factmr.com/report/2301/fumed-silica-market</u>), Specialty Silica Market projected to reach \$13.4 billion by 2030, exhibiting a CAGR of 7.0%, Says Coherent Market Insights (CMI). <u>Link to source</u>, Specialty Silica Market projected to reach \$13.4 billion by 2030, exhibiting a CAGR of 7.0%, Says Coherent Market Insights (CMI). <u>Link to source</u>

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- [1] Information from PPC SE website indicated that the 2015 cost to build their 32,000 metric tons PCC Bakki Silicon Project located on the outskirts of Húsavík in the north of Iceland was around US\$ 300 M.
- [2] From Ferroglobe PLC investor presentation dated October 17, 2017 (Page 11).
- [3] Data compiled from information found on page 28 of a presentation made by CRU International Limited ("CRU") at its CRU Silicon Market Virtual Forum 2020.
- [4] Management refers to public information found in PyroGenesis February 2, 2023, release that indicated that the cost to build one 2,500 tonnes per year (TPY) PUREVAP<sup>™</sup> QRR reactor was around \$20 M, and the cost to build two 2,500 TPY reactors would be around \$40M. Therefore, as noted on page 7 point 1 above, the cost to build a traditional plant is US\$ 300M; therefore 40/300 = .13 which represents a minimum investment 86% less than conventional process. These numbers will be further validated and refine after the completion of the GEN4 Conceptual and Preliminary engineering studies.
- [5] From Ferroglobe PLC investor presentation dated October 17, 2017 (Page 11) we know that traditional process need 6 tonnes to make one tonne, so if we only need 4.5, that equal to 25% less feedstock
- [6] Management refers to public information from Ferroglobe PLC investor presentation dated January 2017 (Page 6). According to this information, approximately 45% of the total cost of producing Metallurgical grade Silicon (98.5% 99.5% Si) is attributed to feedstock expenses, primarily quartz and reductant. Reaching a conversion efficiency exceeding 75% would result in a reduction of about one-third of the required amount of feedstock needed to make silicon metal. Therefore, this reduction in feedstock usage could result in an HPQ cost advantage of over 14% (45% \* 33%) compared to traditional methods.

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- [1] From Green14 web site.
- [2] Gudrun Saevarsdottir, Thordur Magnusson & Halvor Kvande. (2021) Reducing the Carbon Footprint: Primary Production of Aluminum and Silicon with Changing Energy Systems. Journal of Sustainable Metallurgy, 7, 846-857.
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- [1] The Global Silicone Market Size is expected to grow from USD 16.3 billion in 2021 to USD 30.9 billion by 2030, at a CAGR of 7.4% during the forecast period 2021-2030. as per the latest research report by Spherical Insights & Consulting.
- [2] The global polysilicon market size was valued at USD 8.87 billion in 2021 and is projected to reach USD 27.07 billion by 2030 at a CAGR of 13.2% from 2022 to 2030 as per the latest research report by Strait Research Spherical Insights & Consulting



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- [1] From Ferroglobe PLC investor presentation dated July 12, 2022 (Page 78)
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- [1] July 2022 article by Rick Mills in .mining.com intitled Graphite deficit starting this year as demand for ev battery anode ingredient exceeds supply
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- [3] The Royal Society of Chemistry 2020 Sustainable Energy Fuels, 2020, 4, 5387–5416
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- c) Novacium SAS. In 2022, HPQ partnered with three leading French research engineers to create Novacium, a "jeune entreprise innovante (J.E.I)" based in Lyon, France, working in high-added-value material fields connected to renewable energy. While presently HPQ only owns 20% of the equity of Novacium, the covenants regarding the operations of Novacium are such that accounting rules require that we consolidate Novacium operations in our financial statement, making Novacium a de-facto subsidiary of HPQ Silicon Inc.
- [4] Deloitte's 2023 global green hydrogen outlook, page 13

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- 5 Global Nano Silicon Powder Market 2023 New Updated Research Report. The global Nano Silicon Powder market size is estimated to be worth USD 112.8 million in 2022. It is forecast to a readjusted size of USD 139.6 million by 2028 with a CAGR of 3.6 Percent during the forecast period 2022-2028.



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