

# Nouveau Monde's Eric Desaulniers on China's Decision to Restrict the Export of Graphite

written by InvestorNews | October 20, 2023

In a recent episode of InvestorNews, Tracy Weslosky sat down with Eric Desaulniers, MSc, Géo, President & CEO of [Nouveau Monde Graphite Inc.](#) (NYSE: NMG | TSXV: NOU), to discuss China's surprising decision to implement export permits for certain graphite products starting December 1st. Eric remarked, "Waking up to this news was unexpected, but not entirely surprising. China's decision to restrict the export of battery materials, starting with graphite, comes sooner than many experts anticipated."

With the booming demand for electric vehicles, which require five times more graphite than any other critical mineral, Tracy delved into the implications of China's move on graphite supply. Eric highlighted China's dominant position, controlling nearly 100% of natural graphite processing. "This strategic decision by China impacts many companies in the U.S. that are scaling up cell production," he said. He was proud to mention that Nouveau Monde stands out, developing one of the largest and most sophisticated natural graphite operations outside of China.

The changing dynamics are also influencing Nouveau Monde's partnerships, particularly with giants like Panasonic. The recent developments have intensified their ongoing discussions. As Eric pointed out, the challenge will be detaching from China's supply chain, especially amid skyrocketing cell production demand. "Our goal is to be a viable alternative, and

this current pricing scenario outside China underscores the need for that,” Eric emphasized.

To access the complete interview, [click here](#)

Don’t miss other InvestorNews interviews. Subscribe to the InvestorNews YouTube channel by [clicking here](#)

## About Nouveau Monde Graphite Inc.

Nouveau Monde Graphite is striving to become a key contributor to the sustainable energy revolution. The Company is working towards developing a fully integrated source of carbon-neutral battery anode material in Québec, Canada, for the growing lithium-ion and fuel cell markets. With enviable ESG standards, NMG aspires to become a strategic supplier to the world’s leading battery and automobile manufacturers, providing high-performing and reliable advanced materials while promoting sustainability and supply chain traceability.

To know more about Nouveau Monde Graphite Inc., [click here](#)

***Disclaimer:*** This interview, which was produced by InvestorNews Inc. (“InvestorNews”), does not contain, nor does it purport to contain, a summary of all material information concerning the Company, including important disclosure and risk factors associated with the Company, its business and an investment in its securities. InvestorNews offers no representations or warranties that any of the information contained in this interview is accurate or complete.

*This interview and any transcriptions or reproductions thereof (collectively, this “presentation”) does not constitute, or form part of, any offer or invitation to sell or issue, or any solicitation of any offer to subscribe for or purchase any securities in the Company. The information in this presentation*

is provided for informational purposes only and may be subject to updating, completion or revision, and except as may be required by applicable securities laws, the Company disclaims any intent or obligation to update any information herein. This presentation may contain “forward-looking statements” within the meaning of applicable Canadian securities legislation. Forward-looking statements are based on the opinions and assumptions of the management of the Company as of the date made. They are inherently susceptible to uncertainty and other factors that could cause actual events/results to differ materially from these forward-looking statements. Additional risks and uncertainties, including those that the Company does not know about now or that it currently deems immaterial, may also adversely affect the Company’s business or any investment therein.

Any projections given are principally intended for use as objectives and are not intended, and should not be taken, as assurances that the projected results will be obtained by the Company. The assumptions used may not prove to be accurate and a potential decline in the Company’s financial condition or results of operations may negatively impact the value of its securities. This presentation should not be considered as the giving of investment advice by the Company or any of its directors, officers, agents, employees or advisors. Each person to whom this presentation is made available must make its own independent assessment of the Company after making such investigations and taking such advice as may be deemed necessary. Prospective investors are urged to review the Company’s profile on [SedarPlus.ca](https://www.sedarplus.ca) and to carry out independent investigations in order to determine their interest in investing in the Company.