

Neo Announces the Completion of the Sale of its Quapaw, Oklahoma Rare Metals Facility

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December 31, 2024 ([Source](#)) – Neo Performance Materials Inc. (“**Neo**” or the “**Company**”) (TSX: [NEO](#)) announced today that it has completed the sale of its equity ownership interest (the “**Transaction**”) in Neo Rare Metals (Oklahoma), LLC (“**Quapaw**”) to Kevin Reading, the current General Manager and co-founder of the facility (the “**Purchaser**”).

The Purchaser acquired Neo’s 80% equity interest in Quapaw for an aggregate cash purchase price equal to US\$1.5 million. The Transaction also includes a seven-year agreement wherein Quapaw will purchase gallium from, and purchase and transfer gallium scrap to the Company’s recycling facility in Peterborough, Ontario (see press release dated August 6, 2024).

The completion of this Transaction marks a key step in Neo’s operational transformation, as the Company continues to streamline its business globally and optimize its asset portfolio to support its long-term scale and growth ambitions.

“With the completion of this sale, Neo is well positioned to reinforce our core operations to maximize shareholder value,” said Rahim Suleman, President and Chief Executive Officer of Neo. *“Mr. Reading has been a valued partner, and we look forward to continuing our partnership with the entrepreneurial owner-operator team at Quapaw.”*

The Quapaw facility is a leading producer in North America of

gallium trichloride, which is used in applications such as LED lighting (white LED), lithium batteries, integrated circuit chips, and capacitors.

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satisfy the conditions of the Transaction, in a timely manner by the outside date or at all, risks of a material adverse change the Company's assets or revenues, or risks of unknown liabilities that may arise.

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