

NEO Battery Materials and Rockwell Automation to Collaborate on Automation of Windsor Silicon Anode Manufacturing Plant

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- Collaborating with Rockwell Automation, World's Largest Company Dedicated to Industrial Automation and Digital Transformation
- To Integrate Advanced Automation Solutions to Improve Manufacturing Efficiency, Quality Control, and Scalability for Silicon Anode Manufacturing Process
- Enabling Digital Tools for Real-Time Monitoring & Data-Driven Insights

NEO Battery Materials Ltd. (“NEO” or the “Company”) (**TSXV: NBM**) (**OTC: NBMFF**), a low-cost silicon anode materials developer that enables longer-running, rapid-charging lithium-ion batteries, is pleased to collaborate with Milwaukee, Wisconsin-based Rockwell Automation Inc. (“Rockwell”) (**NYSE: ROK**), the world's largest company dedicated to industrial automation and digital transformation. Through this collaboration, NEO aims to integrate advanced automation solutions that will improve production efficiency, quality control, and scalability at NEO's planned silicon anode manufacturing facility in Windsor, Ontario.

With NEO Battery's development of its silicon anode technology, Rockwell Automation intends to aid the Company achieving operational readiness for large-scale, commercial production. By implementing Rockwell's advanced automation and digitalization solutions, NEO will streamline its manufacturing capabilities, optimize resource use, and support a more robust, cost-effective production process. Digital tools will also enable real-time monitoring and data-driven insights, supporting enhanced decision-making and reducing leadtime to workflows.

"We are excited to grow the auto and EV battery category in our industry," said Brian Holte, Regional Vice President, North America, of Sales Strategy and Transformation at Rockwell Automation. "Supporting NEO's growth is a strategic imperative for us as we continue to establish our products and solutions to scale the company's output with higher efficiencies and ultimately growth to both company's bottom lines."

As NEO Battery Materials commercializes its facilities in Windsor, the Company envisions to expand operations in the United States to pursue silicon anode manufacturing activities and value-added projects. Rockwell Automation will be engaged to help launch further facilities, such as in Ohio, in the future.

"Teaming up with Rockwell Automation was a strategic step to help us scale our battery materials commercialization and production," said Spencer Huh, President and CEO of NEO Battery Materials. "The value proposition provided by utilizing solutions from Rockwell will help grow and streamline production, delivering the highest quality products to our customers."

About Rockwell Automation Inc.

Rockwell Automation, Inc. (NYSE: ROK), is a global leader in industrial automation and digital transformation. We connect the

imaginations of people with the potential of technology to expand what is humanly possible, making the world more productive and more sustainable. Headquartered in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, Rockwell Automation employs approximately 27,000 problem solvers dedicated to our customers in more than 100 countries. To learn more about how we are bringing the Connected Enterprise® to life across industrial enterprises, visit www.rockwellautomation.com.

About NEO Battery Materials Ltd.

NEO Battery Materials is a Canadian battery materials technology company focused on developing silicon anode materials for lithium-ion batteries in electric vehicles, electronics, and energy storage systems. With a patent-protected, low-cost manufacturing process, NEO Battery enables longer-running and ultra-fast charging batteries compared to existing state-of-the-art technologies. The Company aims to be a globally-leading producer of silicon anode materials for the electric vehicle and energy storage industries. For more information, please visit the Company's website at: <https://www.neobatterymaterials.com/>.

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