HERE’S HOW YOU CAN PLAY

the World’s First Graphene IPO
Dear *Oil & Energy Investor* Reader,

Graphene is one of the most versatile materials ever discovered: it is transparent, 200 times stronger than steel by weight, and one of the best known conductors of heat and electricity.

To put that strength into perspective, it would take the equivalent of an elephant balanced on a pencil to break through a tinfoil-like sheet of graphene.

And yet the structure of the material is deceptively simple, being just a flat hexagonal lattice of carbon atoms one layer thick. This makes it one of the thinnest known materials.

Hailed as the “Miracle Material,” graphene has potential uses in everything from medicine and biotech, to power transmission, batteries, and TVs.

But until now, there’s been no pure investment play in graphene. That is about to change, with the world’s first graphene IPO set to happen later this year in Canada.

This is your chance to get in on the ground floor in the world’s first pure play on graphene. And while being first-to-market is a huge advantage, this company has plenty more going for it…
Graphene’s Many Uses

Graphene was first successfully isolated in 2004 by Profs. Andre Geim and Konstantin Novoselov at the University of Manchester. The scientific community was so excited by their work on graphene that the two professors were awarded the Nobel Prize in Physics for their work on graphene only six years later.

Graphene’s low weight, amazing strength, and high conductivity make it ideal for a number of uses. It is already being used in some smartphone touchscreens, to lend strength to tennis racquets, and as a lubricant in oil-drilling fluids.

And because it transports electricity much more efficiently than conventional materials, such as copper, graphene is currently being considered by the U.S. Navy as a replacement for the copper power lines on today’s warships. Graphene would make for lighter ships with fewer cooling needs.

Graphene can also withstand extreme energy loads 1,000 times better than copper. The Navy has an urgent need for a better electricity transfer system, as it is beginning to launch all-electric vessels and is testing electronic weapons such as railguns (which use electromagnets to launch explosives at twice the speed of naval guns) and lasers (that shoot down incoming missiles and drones). The first all-electric warship, the stealth missile destroyer USS Zumwalt (pictured), was launched in 2013, and two other ships of this class are currently under active construction.

Graphene’s conductive properties and transparency also make it an ideal alternative to indium-tin-oxide (ITO), an essential compound in LCD monitors and TVs. There are worries about long-term dependence on ITO, as reserves of the compound’s base metal indium are small.
Other potential uses for graphene include higher capacity batteries, faster computer chips, more efficient solar cells, and much more. These are all growing markets, and the potential for graphene to revolutionize them all has long fascinated investors.

Your Opportunity to Invest in Graphene

Now, at long last, graphene is coming to market. The world’s first graphene IPO is about to take place in Canada later this year, with a preliminary date of March 8, 2016. This will be the first chance ever for everyday investors to make a pure play on the future of graphene.

The company in question, Graphene Lighting Plc, started as a spin-off from the University of Manchester’s National Graphene Institute. The University of Manchester is where Prof. Andre Geim and Prof. Konstantin Novoselov did their Nobel prize-winning work on graphene.

In fact, Prof. Andre Geim is one of the planned members of the company’s board of directors and will be providing technical advice on product development, which speaks to the scientific expertise available to this company. Not many tech startups can boast that level of know-how.

Graphene Lighting is now being acquired by a Canadian company and will be listed on the Toronto Venture Exchange once the deal goes through.

Their product? A graphene-coated LED lightbulb, which will be cheaper, last longer, and be 10% more energy efficient than current LED light bulbs. It is expected to hit store shelves this year, marking graphene’s entrance into the global LED lighting market, which is projected to reach a whopping $70 billion by 2020.

Given the company’s scientific expertise, however, this is just the beginning. The uses for graphene range from computer chips and electricity transmission to fluid lubricants and stronger composite materials, and Graphene Lighting’s background and expertise make it well-suited to introduce graphene into further markets.
How a British Graphene Spin-Off Ended Up in Canada

International mergers can sound complicated, especially when dealing with smaller tech companies, but the world’s first graphene IPO is much simpler than it looks.

Graphene Lighting Plc started as a spin-off from the University of Manchester’s National Graphene Institute, and is now being acquired by Canadian Oriana Resources Corp. (NEX:OUP.H).

Oriana Resources is a “capital pool company” listed on Toronto’s TSX Venture Exchange in Toronto (but its stock is frozen until the merger goes through), which means that it has no commercial operations and no assets other than cash. Within 24 months of listing, the TSX requires such companies to acquire businesses or assets in a “qualifying transaction,” after which the capital pool company becomes a normal company listed on the TSX Venture Exchange.

Oriana’s acquisition of Graphene Lighting is precisely this kind of “qualifying transaction.” In this case, it involves making Graphene Lighting a fully owned subsidiary of Oriana through a share exchange.

The merger is currently scheduled to go through on March 8, 2016, but this is subject to change. Once the takeover is complete, the name and stock ticker of the merged company must be publicly announced. The shares should resume trading on the TSX Venture Exchange immediately after that.

Dr. Kent Moors, our Global Energy Strategist, will have more on Graphene Lighting and other exciting graphene developments as soon as they happen in his free newsletter, Oil & Energy Investor.

The company already has a contract with Taiwanese manufacturer ASE Global to produce the graphene light bulb. The light bulb is also CE- and ETL-certified, meaning it is allowed for sale in Europe and North America.

But Graphene Lighting will be more than a product company. It also has right of first refusal to acquire Lumeneering Innovations Inc., an Ontario-based company that works with utilities to upgrade lighting systems, such as those in ski resorts and hockey arenas, with LED systems.

This acquisition would allow Graphene Lighting to be an integrated producer and installer of graphene lighting systems, selling not only...
graphene light bulbs but also installation and maintenance services ("lighting-as-a-service"), and tapping into a steadier revenue stream. And that’s just the beginning.

After its listing on the TSX Venture Exchange, the Toronto Stock Exchange’s sister-exchange that focuses on emerging companies, goes through later this year (see sidebar), Graphene Lighting will be the graphene pure play investors have been waiting for.

Any online broker that gives access to Canadian stocks should let you trade on the TSX Venture Exchange without any problems. With graphene’s amazing properties and this company’s Nobel prize-winning expertise, this IPO is definitely one to keep a close eye on. ☀️
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