

Equity Research

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Recommendation

Buy (High Risk)

Last Price

\$0.028

Target Price

\$0.16 (Initiation)

Expected return

Capital growth 462%

Dividend yield 0%

Total expected return 462%

Company data

Market capitalisation A\$25m

Enterprise value A\$21m

Issued shares 733m

Free float 77%

Average daily vol (12mths) 1486k

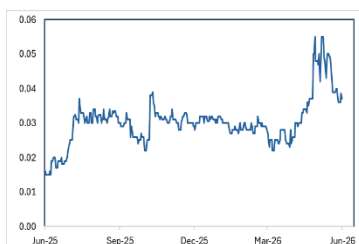
Price range (12mths) 0.015– 0.06

GICS sector Materials

Share price performance

Period	1 mth	3 mths	12 mths
Price (A\$)	0.05	0.03	0.02
Change (%)	-42.00%	-3.00%	45.00%

One year price chart



Business description

Evion Group Limited (ASX) is focused on the development of the Maniry Graphite Project in Madagascar. It also has downstream graphite exposure through its Panthera JV and potential German BAM/SPG project, and has secured an option to acquire the Carp Fluorspar Project in Nevada. Web: eviongroup.co

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Evion Group (ASX: EVG)

Unique high potential US/EU Critical Minerals play

Evion Group (EVG) is developing the Maniry Graphite Project in Madagascar and has downstream graphite exposure through its Panthera expandable graphite JV in India and potential German BAM/SPG project. Maniry's 2022 DFS highlighted the quality of the project, while Panthera is already generating EBITDA and the Carp Fluorspar Project acquisition option adds U.S. critical-minerals upside. Final Maniry mining permitting, Panthera's Stage 2 ramp-up and initial Carp exploration work are expected to provide key catalysts over the coming 12 months. We initiate research coverage with a call of Buy (High Risk) and Target Price of A\$0.16/share.

Key Points

- **Rare dual critical mineral play.** Discounted exposure to 2 high-growth, globally strategic critical mineral value chains (no other ASX play offers exposure to both). Graphite – a critical input for lithium-ion battery anodes and energy storage systems. Fluorspar – an essential source of fluorine used in battery chemistries, semiconductors, nuclear applications and industrial processes.
- **Discount valuation.** Based on the market's underappreciation of the several near-term, high likelihood catalysts that EVG can benefit from, we find EVG's EV trading at only ~15% of its Estimated Intrinsic Risked EV.
- **High quality assets.** This exposure comes via 4 high-quality assets. Three span the graphite value chain: high-grade flake graphite concentrate at the Madagascar Maniry Project; downstream exposure through the EBITDA-generating Panthera expandable graphite project in India; and BAM/SPG exposure via the potential European Project. Panthera and the planned European project offer vertical integration optionality. The 4th asset is the recent acquisition of the Carp Fluorspar Project — a brownfield, open-pittable, high-grade deposit in the tier 1 mining jurisdiction of Nevada, USA. Maniry's DFS metrics include a US\$263m pre-tax NPV₈, low C1 direct cash opex of US\$658/t, and low total capex (Stage 1: US\$79.2m).
- **Minimal Execution risk.** The Maniry Graphite Project is designated high priority by both the Madagascar Government and the EU, with final permitting imminent. The Panthera Project has commercial traction, with sales also into the US, proving EVG's ability to operate effectively across multiple jurisdictions. Independent geology work has confirmed high grade surface mineralisation at Carp
- **Strong supportive tail winds.** The US is 100% import dependent on fluorspar, and reflecting the supply deficit of this critical mineral, China is also a net importer, leading to upward pressure on prices. US initiatives such as the FAST-41 permitting pathway may support the Carp project's accelerated permitting. Western graphite dependent buyers are actively securing non-China sourced graphite supply.
- **Funding & Quality Management Team.** With \$7.5m cash expected on the balance sheet after the imminent closing of Tranche 2 of the recent Placement and a high quality management team led by David Round, which includes Arthur Sinodinos, a former Australian Ambassador to the US and a new highly experienced Head Geologist, EVG is well positioned to execute and achieve a strong re-rate.

Investment View

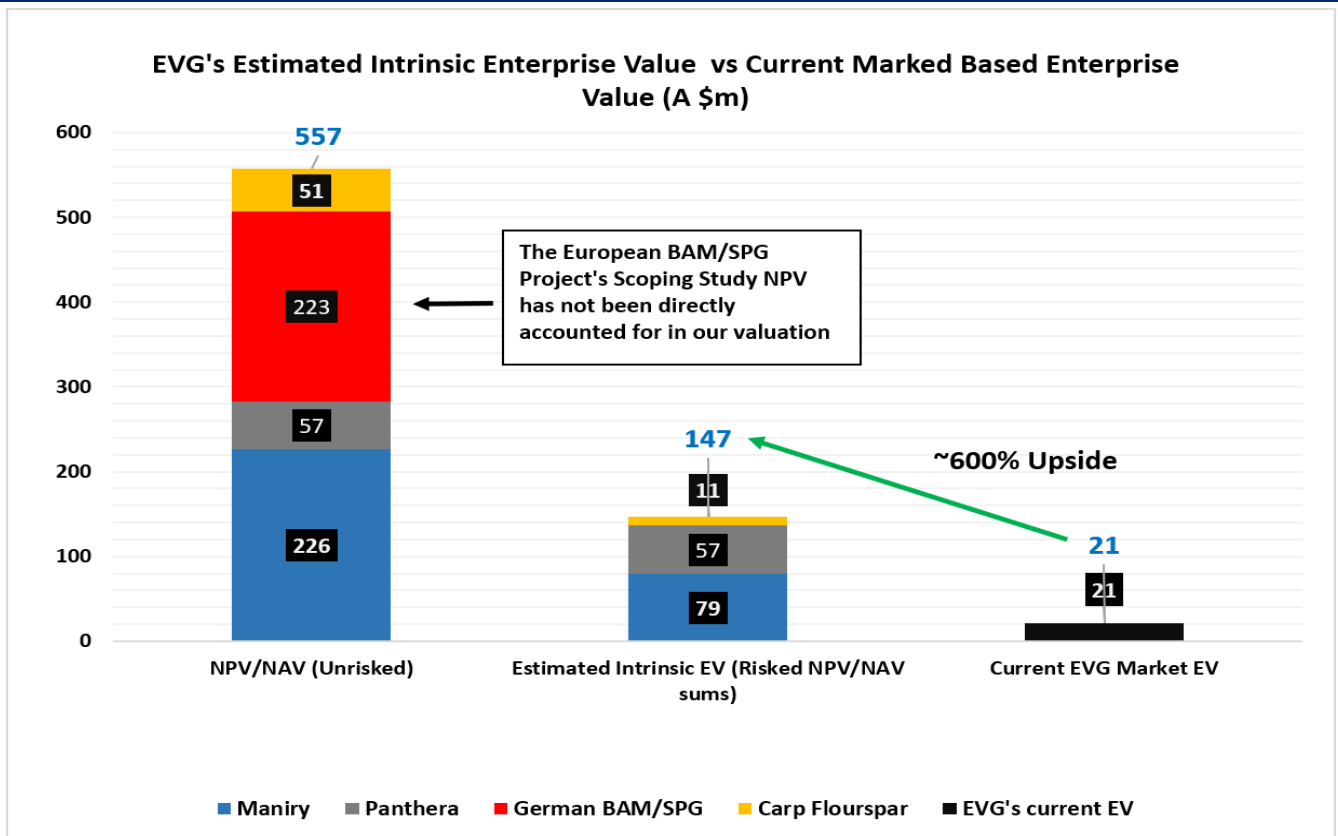
We initiate at Buy (High Risk) with a Target Price of \$0.16

Recommendation & Valuation

We commence our research coverage on Evion Group with a Target Price of \$0.16 per share based on a risked Sum of the Parts (SOTP) NAV valuation. This represents the scope of a ~ 462% upside to the last traded price of \$0.028. Consequently, we rate Evion Group as a Buy, based on a 12-month view. We also rate the stock High Risk due to its development-stage mining company status.

With each of EVG’s assets benefiting from exposure to tailwinds associated with US and EU initiatives aimed at securing critical minerals supply chains, and possessing other attributes conducive to a valuation exercise such as being associated with economic feasibility study stage NPVs (Maniry, Panthera, and the German BAM/SPG project), we have valued EVG based on a risked SOTP approach – refer Figure 1 below.

Figure 1: Valuation Summary



Source: GBA Capital

Maniry's DFS stage financial metrics are strong. The Project is also still open to material exploration upside.

Although our approach adopts conservative assumptions to adequately account for investment risk, **we find EVG to still be materially undervalued based primarily on investor underappreciation of the several strong catalysts and levers that EVG's stock price can benefit from over the next 12 months.**

- **For the Maniry Madagascar Graphite Project**

We have taken the 2022 DFS' after-tax USD NPV and conservatively cut it by 25% to reflect weaker post-2022 graphite pricing, particularly in fine-flake material where China-led oversupply and battery-anode overcapacity have pressured spot pricing. However, in doing so, our assumptions are conservative, because reasonably Maniry should not be benchmarked to depressed China fine-flake spot pricing; as Maniry is partly offset by EU Strategic Project status, 95% high-purity concentrate, a meaningful coarse-flake mix, **non-China supply-chain strategic value and very high potential EU/offtake/financing support**; in fact, EVG's management has expressed strong confidence in being able to meet the DFS' US \$1,448/t pricing assumptions based on the quality of the planned concentrate and the strong interest expressed to EVG by key tier 1 counterparties to secure non China sourced graphite supply. Medium-term demand also remains constructive, with graphite growth increasingly weighted toward fine-flake battery-anode material, leading to a potential cyclical recovery in fine-flake pricing. Lastly, there is the real scope for additional mine life / planned volume production increases vs what was envisaged at the DFS stage, which our valuation ignores (total MRE is notably higher than the Reserve that informed the NPV; **moreover, Maniry's MRE itself is based on exploring only 20% of the project area**).

We have then translated this reduced post tax USD \$ NPV to AUD \$ via an assumed USD/AUD of \$1.47 (last 5yr average) and then calculated a risked EV contribution from Maniry to EVG assuming a ratio of 0.35x EV/NPV. Once permitting is finalised (imminent given Madagascar Mines Ministry has confirmed that mining permit applications meet substantive requirements), this ratio can reasonably increase to between 0.4x and 0.5x. Implicit in this 0.35x ratio is a small conservatively defined valuation benefit (otherwise 0.30x could be used) from the planned vertical integration benefit from selling some of Maniry's graphite concentrate as an input into EVG's planned German BAM/SPG project and or its Panthera expandable graphite JV in India.

- **For the European Battery Anode (BAM) / Spheronised Purified Graphite (SPG) Project**

Our valuation conservatively does not directly benefit from any of the material 2023 Base Case NPV of US\$152m (upside case – US \$392m). As noted above, we have indirectly only captured a small portion of this value via the potential vertical integration benefit to Maniry.

- **For the Panthera Expandable Graphite 50:50 JV**

We have assumed that EVG's 50% share of the NPV from this project which equates to US \$38.9m, based on a 2022 Scoping Study, directly translates to EVG's risked EV. We deem this to be reasonable given that Panthera is already operating and

generating EBITDA, and that this 2022 NPV itself does not include (benefit from) what would likely be a notable increase should the JV scale to a larger Stage 3 level of operations, which is what EVG still anticipates (industry demand for non-China sourced expandable graphite is very strong).

- **For the Carp Fluorspar Project**

We have used alternative ways to infer what its NPV and associated risked NAV that flows through to our EV calculations for EVG could be. For a proxy for Carp's NPV, we have inferred it by estimating what a conservative NPV could be for Ares Strategic Mining's Utah project that has been awarded a 5-year fluorspar supply contract with the US DoD. The reasonable assumptions used were: 8% discount rate. 25% FCF margin. Capex of \$US 15m (much higher than Ares' original estimate), and to fairly consider residual mine value beyond Ares' currently contracted volumes, we have assumed the full potential US\$250m revenue over five years, or US\$50m p.a. gross revenue. Under a USD/AUD assumption of 1.47, this leads to an estimated AUD NPV of ~ \$51m, which is what we have assumed is the unrisks NPV for the Carp Project as well. In terms of the risked NAV that we use for EV calculations, a reasonable assumption is to assume that the AUD ~\$11m increase in ASX OD6 Metals' market cap after its March 4, 2026, announcement of its acquisition of the Quinn Fluorspar Project in Nevada is a good proxy for EVG's Carp Project as well.

- Consequently, in support of our reasonably premised, bullish investment thesis for EVG, we derived the valuation bridge (**as shown in Figure 1 above**) across the combined NPVs of EVG's 4 assets/projects to our calculation of EVG's intrinsic risked EV, and finally, alongside these, we also showcase the materially discounted EV that the market is currently valuing EVG at.
- **Figure 2** below shows our Price Targets across the Base and Upside Cases. Reflecting our reasonable approach, we have purposefully added 250m additional diluted shares to the current number of shares outstanding (34% increase vs the current number outstanding) to reflect the reasonable net impact from dilution from the exercise of options, performance shares and the imminent completion of the recent Placement's Tranche 2 (this additional 250 m diluted shares far exceeds the current number of 88.5m options that have been issued).
- Reflecting the material likelihood of several positive events occurring over the next 12 months, such as, but not limited to: imminent mining lease approval for Maniry (EVG to make the final investment decision post this), Stage 3 expansion potential for Panthera further crystallising, and prospective high quality drilling intercepts achieved at the Carp Fluorspar Project in the U.S, **our Upside Case's risked EV encapsulates a 25% premium to the Base Case's.**

The Carp Fluorspar Project benefits from brownfield project status in which historical production was sourced from only small and shallow areas of the original project site.

Figure 2: Base Case and Upside Case Price Targets

Evion Group (ASX: EVG) (A\$m)	Base Case	Upside Case
Implied EV	147	184
Cash & cash equivalents ¹	7.5	7.5
Provisions and Liabilities	-	-
Equity Value	155	192
Number of shares (m)	733	733
Assumed diluted shares (m)	250	250
Total assumed shares	983	983
Implied price (A\$)	0.16	0.19
Current price (A\$)	0.028	0.028
Upside (%)	462.40%	596.22%

Source: GBA Capital

Possible share price catalysts

We expect the gap between EVG's share price and our Valuation / Target to close over the coming 12 months, driven primarily by the following catalysts:

There are several high probability catalysts that EVG can benefit from over the next 12 month. Our upside is based on a risked based approach, hence not all of them must materialise to support our Target Price.

- Maniry's EU Strategic Project status is complemented with the likely imminent Madagascar mining permit progress.
- Maniry permitting approval then unlocks profitable offtake and project finance.
- Panthera scales toward ~2,000tpa enroute to achieving 4,000tpa and beyond level of operational scale, and becomes a cash-generating ex-China expandable graphite business.
- Carp achieves several high-grade drilling intercepts enroute to achieving a high-grade, at scale fluor spar resource in Nevada.
- The trend of key Western counterparties to seek out non-China sources of supply for key inputs such as graphite accelerates (in the face of policy and customer pressure, and to lower supply chain security risk).
- The market starts valuing EVG as a unique, Western critical minerals supply-chain play rather than just a Madagascar graphite developer.

Company Overview

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Graphite & Fluorspar Exposure

Evion Group (ASX: EVG) is a unique, materially undervalued micro-cap ASX-listed critical minerals company offering differentiated combination of graphite and fluor spar exposure, giving investors beneficial access to two bullish Western supply-

¹ Estimated Cash post close of Tranche 2 (July 2026)

EVG is the only ASX listed co. producing expandable graphite, and is one of the few non-Chinese producers of expandable graphite

chain critical mineral themes rather just a narrow play linked to graphite that is used in EV battery anodes.

In this regard, EVG is positioned as the only ASX-listed company with exposure to both graphite and fluorspar, with the added benefit of its Madagascar Maniry Graphite Project benefiting from a robust existing DFS and associated NPV (US\$263m pre-tax NPV₈) along with designation status as a Strategic Project under the European Union's Critical Raw Materials Act (only graphite project to achieve this status in Africa). This status elevates the Maniry Graphite Project's prospects for expedited commercialisation and offtake including eventual supply of graphite into Europe (EU monetary grant applications are also well advanced - 3m Euros which are set to be received post final permitting, which is imminent). As discussed more in the Valuation Section, EU Strategic Project status could lead to preferential pricing (we have conservatively not assumed this in our valuation) given the desire for non-China based secure and reliable graphite supply, and at the very least will help EVG achieve guaranteed full utilisation offtake). In contrast, the ASX offers numerous micro/small cap graphite only exposure plays, **whilst EVG via its dual critical mineral exposure can benefit from buoyancy in demand from multiple different end markets**, as shown below. This positive aspect is enhanced by the increased push for non-China sourced critical minerals in the US and EU.

- **Electric vehicles and lithium-ion batteries**
- **Semiconductors and advanced electronics**
- **Nuclear fuel processing**
- **Aluminium, steel and industrial manufacturing**

Investment Thesis

Supplementary compelling factors to our bullish investment thesis are added due to EVG offering **upside potential** and **diversification risk reduction** from three graphite projects: (1) The Madagascar Maniry Project, which aims to produce high-grade flake graphite concentrate; (2) a 50:50 JV (Panthera Graphite Technologies) in India that is already generating sales and positive EBITDA via sales to US, Europe and Asia and that produces expandable graphite (EVG is only ASX listed co. producing expandable graphite, and is one of the few non-Chinese producers of expandable graphite). (3) Extending EVG's competitive positioning is EVG's potential to become an integrated 'mine to market' vertical integration graphite story, because there is the potential for EVG to use graphite fine flake from its Maniry Project as an input to its Battery Anode Material Project in Europe, which is already associated with a robust scoping study and which aims to produce spherical purified graphite for lithium-ion battery anodes, and also as potential feedstock into Panthera. This possible dual option vertical integration could help EVG achieve higher profitability by way of selling into higher margin parts of the downstream graphite value chain. In this vein, EVG also benefits from spanning multiple graphite product verticals. Upstream, high-grade natural flake graphite concentrate from Maniry; value added expandable graphite from Panthera, and battery-anode SPG product in Germany.

The option-based acquisition of the Carp Fluorspar Project in Nevada helps to really differentiate EVG as an investment opportunity due to the inclusion of an additional strategic critical mineral in EVG's portfolio that is associated with a proven brownfield location.

The example of Ares Strategic Mining being awarded a lucrative 5-year fluorspar supply contract by the US DoD is illustrative of the criticality of fluorspar to US defense and industry. Given the Carp project's characteristics, the likelihood of EVG benefiting from a similar outcome are substantial.

Furthermore, EVG's recently announced acquisition pathway, via an option, of the Carp Fluorspar Project in the tier 1 mining jurisdiction of Nevada USA solidifies EVG's differentiated offering to investors of several different upside levers from critical mineral exposure (EVG is one of only a few ASX listed companies with US fluorspar assets). The USA is 100% import dependent of fluorspar, and fluorspar, as alluded to above, is also an essential input into several strategic end markets across: semiconductor chips and next-gen electronics, electric vehicles and battery technologies, defence and aerospace, hydrofluoric acid production and steel/aluminium production, **leading to its inclusion on the US' list of critical minerals.**

Figure 3 below details key high-level details of all 4 of EVG's assets that contribute to our bullish thesis. Underpinning this thesis are 3 key supportive, structural factors that uniquely favour EVG:

1. As noted earlier, EVG offers investors upside from the **combination of four different critical mineral asset plays** that most of its junior small cap ASX peers do not offer in the one investment vehicle: (1) graphite mine-development exposure- Maniry; (2) downstream graphite processing exposure (German BAM/SPG Plant); (3) an operating earnings generating expandable graphite project (Panthera); (4) US critical minerals exposure via the Carp Fluorspar Project.
2. This 4-asset portfolio provides investors upside and diversification benefit from 2 key critical minerals. Graphite provides investors exposure to long-duration electrification and battery-market benefits, while fluorspar adds a tighter, geopolitically sensitive industrial mineral theme with broader end-market exposure. Overarching this is the policy tailwind support from both the US and EU who are seeking to materially invest into non-Chinese critical minerals supply chains. In terms of fluorspar, given its criticality to industrial manufacturing, nuclear, defence, semiconductor and battery technologies, the US is strategically motivated to invest into building domestic supply chains. As strong evidence for this, the case of Canadian Stock Exchange listed Ares Strategic Mining should be noted. In Jan 2026, Ares was awarded a U.S. Department of Defense fluorspar supply contract. The value of the initial award, over 5 years, is ~ US\$168.9m, with the potential to increase to US\$250m. Although at the current time, Ares' project is the only permitted fluorspar mine in the U.S, the fact that the US government is committed to support domestic fluorspar supply and the fact that EVG's Carp Project is situated on BLM land (beneficial for permitting ease), in Nevada, on an established brownfield project site where historical open pit mining was conducted and with recent independent high grade surface confirmation, the prospects for EVG also benefiting from a similar outcome are material.
3. **Material Undervaluation.** Although there are still material execution risks to our investment thesis; for instance EVG still needs to finalise mining/permitting approvals for Maniry (imminent); the Carp Fluorspar Project is still early stage and needs a metallurgy tested, maiden JORC resource via drilling campaigns; the German BAM/SPG (scoping study done, at the PFS stage) and or Panthera still represent conceptual vertical integration optionality to Maniry rather than proximity to near term cash benefits, EVG is still materially undervalued. For

instance, as shown above in **Figure 1**, the market is currently valuing EVG's EV at materially less than **either the risked NAVs from the Panthera or Maniry projects**.

EVG is also well capitalised for its critical minerals leveraged growth journey. EVG recently secured commitments to raise ~A\$ 7.24m via a 2-Tranche Placement (Tranche 1 already complete ~A\$4.3m; Tranche 2 to be voted on in early July - very high odds of approval given Carp's attractiveness). Consequently, EVG will be well funded to commit to the cash capital requirements for a material part of the consideration liable under the option agreement associated with the Carp Fluorspar Project, and importantly also the relatively small capex required to ramp to Stage 2 scale for its 50:50 JV Panthera expandable graphite project that it has with Metachem Manufacturing Co (overall capex US\$500K – 750k, of which EVG is obligated to meet 50% of the requirement). As explained more below, EVG is set to benefit from significant operating leverage and scale benefits as Panthera's Stage 2 ramp completes (full financial benefits include ~ US\$ 6m of further revenue expected to flow through to the JV entity in FY2027).

Management depth has also materially improved. EVG appointed Mal Randall as Non-Executive Chair, bringing 45+ years' resources experience, including 25+ years with Rio Tinto and current/previous board roles across lithium, rare earths, graphite, uranium and other commodities. Another highlight is the appointment of Arthur Sinodinos AO, a former Australian Ambassador to the US, as a strategic advisor. Mr Sinodinos will be able to leverage his diplomatic relationships in the US to support EVG's U.S. critical-minerals push. EVG's technical execution abilities also strengthen with the appointment of Mark Fletcher as the new Head of Geology. Mark has 29 years' mining/exploration experience, including senior roles at BHP Billiton and WMC, and discovery-team experience at Olympia nickel sulphide. These new additions will work well to complement, EVG MD's David Round's extensive mining track record that includes leadership experience within the graphite segment.

Summary of Key Projects / Assets

Figure 3: Commercial Aspects of EVG's Portfolio

EVG Asset	Key Commercial Aspects
Maniry Graphite Project — Madagascar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EVG's flagship, long-term high-grade flake graphite development asset. • 2022 DFS supports a 60ktpa graphite concentrate project over a 21-year mine life (21+ with expansion). • DFS metrics include 16.2Mt reserve at 6.6% TGC, US\$263m pre-tax NPV8 and US\$205m post-tax NPV. • Low C1 direct cash opex costs US \$658/t, capex (Stage 1 – US\$ 79.2 m). • Maniry is a conventional, open-pittable graphite project with near-surface mineralisation, a moderate 2.1:1 strip ratio, and conventional metallurgy targeting 95% TGC concentrate at 90% recovery. • Total Maniry Indicated + Inferred MRE: 40.0Mt @ 6.5% TGC. • EU Strategic Project / preferred future supplier status is a major strategic differentiator. The Project is also recognised by the Madagascar

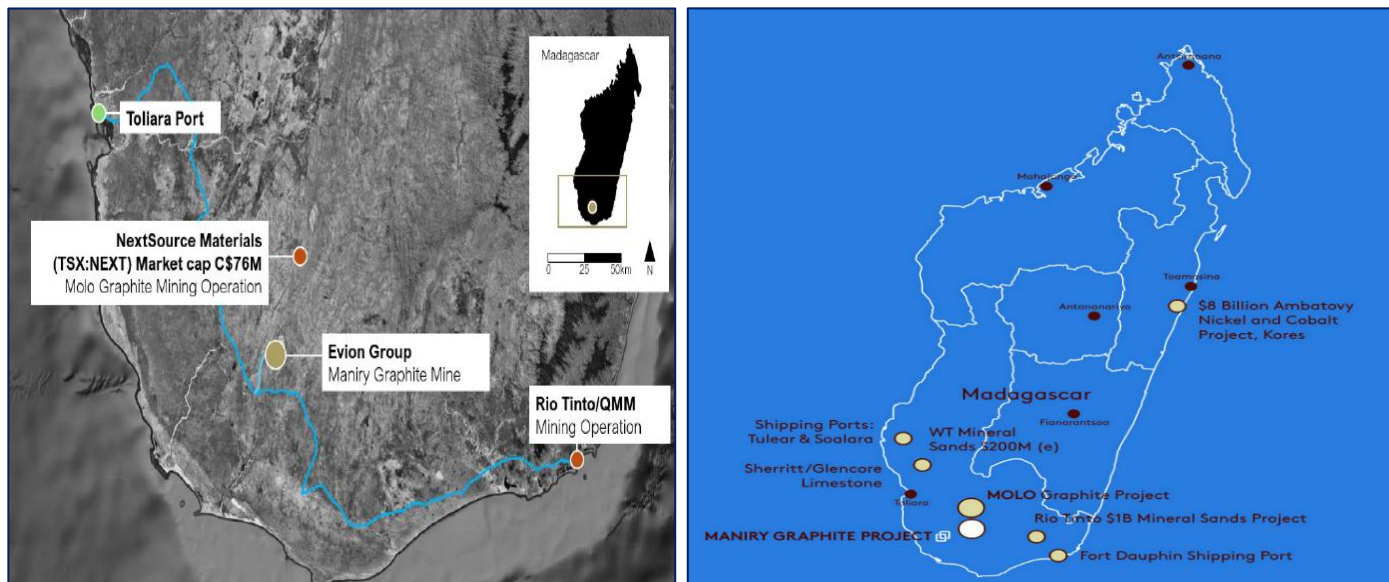
	<p>government as a priority project, leading to the high likelihood imminent final mining permitting approvals being received.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commercial benefit from EU Strategic Project Status: stronger relevance to European non-China graphite supply chains, with potential support for offtake, funding, grants, lender engagement (already in discussions) and permitting momentum. Additionally, the US is progressing extension of duty/tariff free imports from certain African countries, including Madagascar (U.S graphite export preferential treatment potential for Maniry). • Permitting has materially advanced: Madagascar’s Mines Ministry has confirmed the mining permit applications meet substantive requirements and are technically ready for processing (approvals imminent – EVG’s Final Investment Decision thereafter). • Key caveat: final mining permit conversion (from existent Exploration to Exploitation – but this is imminent), environmental approvals, offtake and project financing are still required before construction.
<p>Panthera 50:50 JV Expandable Graphite Project</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EVG’s 50:50 expandable graphite JV with Metachem near Pune, India (located in a Special Economic Zone). • Key differentiator versus many ASX graphite peers: Panthera is already operating, selling product and generating EBITDA. • FY26 audited JV revenue was US\$1.72m, with US\$530k EBITDA, despite operating at only 20–25% of name plate capacity. • Stage 1 full-rate potential: 2,500tpa, targeting US\$3.41m EBITDA at the JV level and Revenue of US\$8.25 m. Capex for Stage 1 already complete. • Stage 2 target: 4,000tpa, targeting US\$5.81m EBITDA at the JV level and Revenue of US \$13.2 m (Stage 2 development nearing completion). (Stage 3 expansion to 10ktpa envisaged by 2028/29). Material part of Stage 2 demand already secured via commercial agreements. • Commercial achievements: gives EVG near-term earnings, cashflow customer validation, downstream graphite processing credibility and a highly scalable operating platform (Stage 2 capex is minimal). Negotiations are progressing on several potential supply agreements. Reflecting increased customer demand for secure, non-Chinese sources of critical minerals, the JV achieved its first shipments to the US late last year. Feedback from US testing of the first shipment was described as “very positive,” confirming the quality of the JV’s clean-energy-produced expandable graphite. Can use graphite concentrate feedstock from Maniry, leading to vertical integration benefits. • Key caveat: all Panthera financial figures are JV-level; EVG’s economic exposure is 50%; however scope exists for future increase in ownership.
<p>European BAM / SPG Project</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Downstream battery-anode optionality: Battery Anode Material and Spheronised Purified Graphite. • Scoping study completed January 2023, supporting a potential European downstream processing route for Maniry graphite concentrate. • 15ktpa case: US\$152m pre-tax NPV8, 28.4% pre-tax IRR and US\$74m initial capex. Payback 4.67 years. • 30ktpa case: US\$392m pre-tax NPV8, 39.5% pre-tax IRR and US\$117m initial capex. Payback 3.51 years. • Commercial upside: instead of selling Maniry concentrate only as mine output, EVG could potentially convert fine flake graphite into higher value battery-anode material inside Europe.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Policy benefit: aligns with Europe’s battery-material localisation, critical-minerals security and non-China graphite processing agenda, which could support offtake, grants, debt funding and permitting engagement. • Key caveat: meaningful strategic upside and vertical integration value; however, more optional than near-term cash flow because it still needs further technical work, customer qualification, approvals, financing and execution. Hence, our valuation does not directly benefit from this project.
Carp Fluorspar Project — Nevada, USA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • U.S. critical-minerals exposure: fluorspar is strategically important and import-dependent in the U.S., with applications across semiconductors, batteries, nuclear, defence, refrigerants, steel/aluminium and fluorochemicals. • Tier-1 jurisdiction: located in Nevada, approximately 140km northeast of Las Vegas, with road access and a mining-friendly U.S. jurisdictional setting. • BLM land advantage: the project sits on Bureau of Land Management administered public land, which is generally more compatible with mineral claims and mining access than national park, wilderness or highly restricted land. • Brownfield / historical production: Carp is not a pure greenfield concept; historical shallow open-pit areas produced around 44,900t of fluorspar at approximately 69% CaF₂ between 1958 and 1971 (only the shallow part of the mineralisation was mined, adding to our bullish thesis). • High-grade confirmation: EVG independently verified high-grade surface fluorspar assays (suitable for JORC reporting), with 14 of 25 samples grading 49.83%–88.15% CaF₂. Peak assay grade well above the 60% CaF₂ metallurgical grade threshold, and close to acidspars feedstock quality (although subject to metallurgical tests, further grade enhancements possible via beneficiation). This will allow the product to access broader, higher value end markets. • Geological upside /expanded footprint: high-grade mineralisation was confirmed across multiple historic pit areas and mineralisation styles in addition to areas between pit areas, supporting the potential for district-scale continuity. EVG controls an expanded 59-claim position, comprising the original 14 contiguous unpatented lode claims plus 45 newly staked adjoining claims (strong prospectivity noted in these new staked areas which could soon be confirmed with early-stage sampling results), covering approximately 493 hectares. • Polymetallic-potential: Anomalous gold and barite-Ag-Pb-Zn mineralisation indicate potential additional precious/base-metal upside across the district. • Commercial benefit of U.S. policy: a domestic U.S. fluorspar project could attract stronger strategic interest from offtakers, government-linked funding pathways, defence/industrial supply-chain participants and downstream partners (refer Ares Strategic Mining noted above). • Key caveat: early-stage² but strategic U.S. critical-minerals option, requires drilling, resource definition, metallurgy, permitting and studies.

² Binding Sale Agreement entered into; final acquisition subject to EVG shareholder vote during early 2026 July’s Tranche 2 meeting (highly likely given significant attractiveness of the Carp asset)

Figures 4 - 6 below visually highlights key aspects of EVG’s asset portfolio. As shown in Figure 4, EVG’s Maniry Project in southern Madagascar is favourably situated near ports, other well established mining operations such as Rio’s mineral sand’s project and importantly also an existing operating graphite mine owned by NextSource Materials (TSX: NEXT). These aspects show that southern Madagascar is not an unproven mining province, including for export oriented mineral projects.

Figure 4: Maniry’s location in southern Madagascar



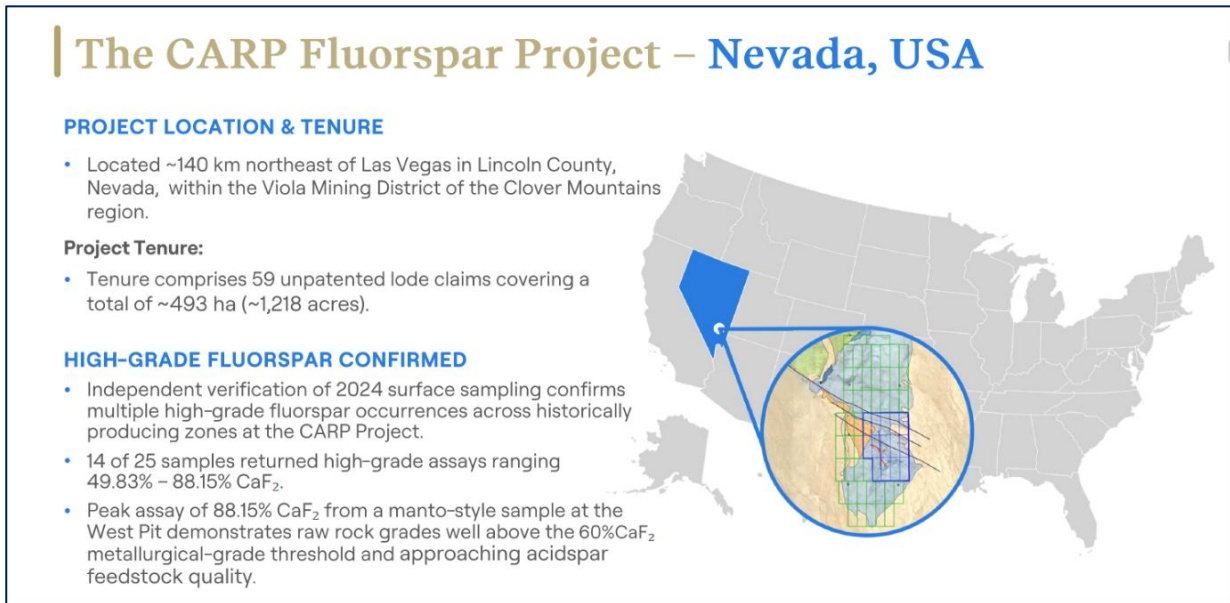
Source: Company report

Figure 5: Drone image of the Panthera Graphite Technologies 50:50 JV facility near Pune, India



Source: Company report

Figure 6 : The Carp Fluorspar Project in the tier 1 mining district of Nevada, USA



Source: Company report

Commodity Tailwinds

Exposure to several different end markets increases the chances for a base level of pricing support for both graphite and fluorspar across our investment horizon.

As per the Hague Centre for Strategic Studies, graphite represents one of the highest risks to the supply of critical minerals to Europe and a regular and consistent supply of this material needs to be secured.

Both graphite and fluorspar are officially recognised critical minerals, reflecting their strategic importance across defence, advanced manufacturing and energy-transition supply chains.

- **Graphite** is especially critical to lithium-ion battery anodes and energy storage systems.
- **Fluorspar** is essential to fluorochemicals (core demand base), semiconductors (high value strategic niche), aluminium/steel (traditional base demand), EV linked batteries (strongest emerging growth theme), nuclear applications and defence-linked industrial applications.

This criticality to several economically important end markets, means that Western nations are well incentivised to invest in building secure supply chains for these types of critical minerals.

The U.S is 100% import dependent on both graphite and fluorspar. **Hence both these minerals are on the US Critical Minerals list.** Fluorspar is also listed as a critical mineral in Australia, the EU, Canada, Japan and several other countries with the demand – supply differential expected to grow notably in the coming years. Similarly, graphite is recognised as a critical mineral across many major economies as well, including Australia, EU, Canada, India, Japan, UK, and Korea.

Supporting our bullish investment thesis is that due to this supportive, policy ecosystem in the US and in EU, EVG's proactive investment into 2 high growth, globally critical value chains will likely lead to rapid commercialisation. The Maniry Graphite Project is already the subject of favourable EU Strategic Project status (**as a result, EVG has already progressed discussions, some of which are at advanced stages, with EU funding partners including the EBRD³, grant funding channels and tier 1 potential EU offtake partners**) and is also receiving permitting approval assessment under a priority project designation in Madagascar. Similarly, the Carp Fluorspar Project also benefits from strong policy tailwinds. Potential support can come through streamlined permitting frameworks such as FAST-41, and funding or strategic supply-chain support from agencies such as the DOE, DoD and DFC. Projects with credible grade, scale, metallurgy and a clear development pathway are therefore better placed to attract government-linked funding, offtake interest and private-sector backing. Given the Carp Project's brownfield status and recent high grade surface sample confirmation, we are of the view that, in time, as EVG further develops this asset it will be able to materially benefit from these favourable aspects.

In terms of the Madagascar Maniry Graphite Project, apart from the tailwinds supporting graphite, EVG also benefits from the fact that Madagascar is the world's largest producer and exporter of natural graphite outside China.

Furthermore, in terms of microeconomic factors, as noted earlier EVG's strategic position is enhanced due to graphite exposure to both upstream and downstream graphite markets. Maniry provides natural flake graphite concentrate with battery-

³ European Bank for Reconstruction and Development

anode and expandable-graphite feedstock potential, while Panthera provides operating exposure to value-added expandable graphite used in lithium-ion batteries and advanced industrial and defence applications; whilst the German BAM/SPG project also has valuable vertical integration optionality. This broadens EVG's addressable end markets beyond a standard graphite mine play. EVG is also strategically positioned via Panthera to become one of the largest non-China producers of expandable graphite, a compelling premise for our bullish valuation on EVG given the growing non-China demand for expandable graphite.

Demand for non-China sourced critical minerals creates additional supply deficits

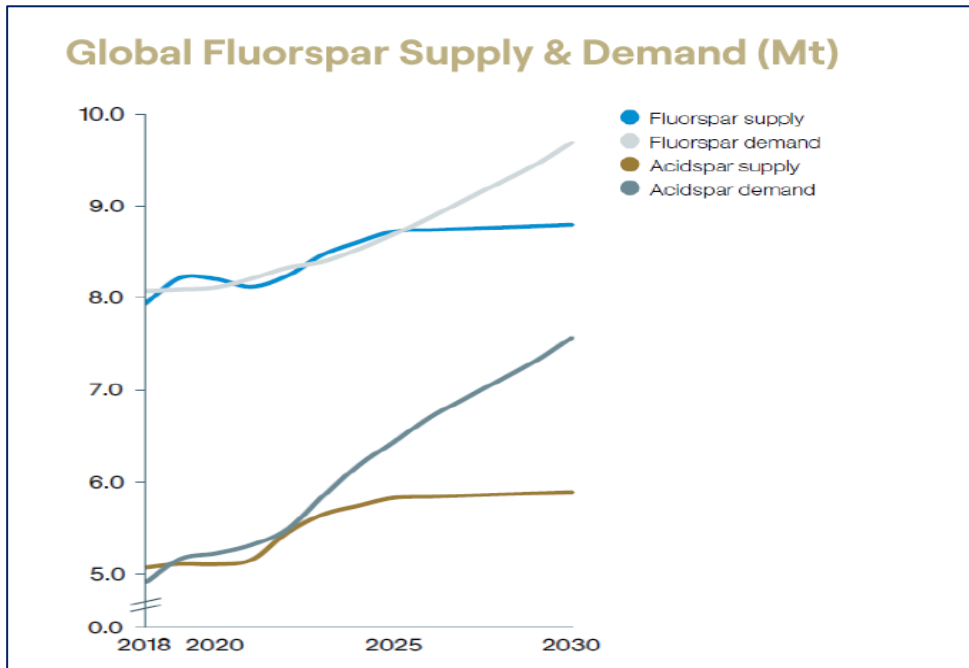
With fluorspar, as shown below in **Figures 7 and 8** the premise for a market supply deficit supporting sustained long-term upward pressure on pricing for fluorspar (EVG valuation benefit) is quite strong. This is because apart from all the strong, varied and growing sources of demand for fluorspar, the US is 100% import dependent on fluorspar and China itself, due to strong domestic demand, has even recently become a net importer of fluorspar. **Consequently, the case for Western qualified fluorspar supply shortage, which is the market EVG seeks to address is strong (because the supply shortage is also pronounced at the global level).**

With graphite related markets, the global market in recent years has shifted more toward additional supply due to China's dominance. However, this excess supply issue has been more the case for fine flake graphite. Offsetting this are the facts that:

1. East African / ex China pricing has been more resilient and differentiated.
2. EVG's Maniry Project's planned product will comprise 50% exposure to larger flake graphite
3. Recent demand uptick is actually linked to finer graphite that is used in battery-anodes.

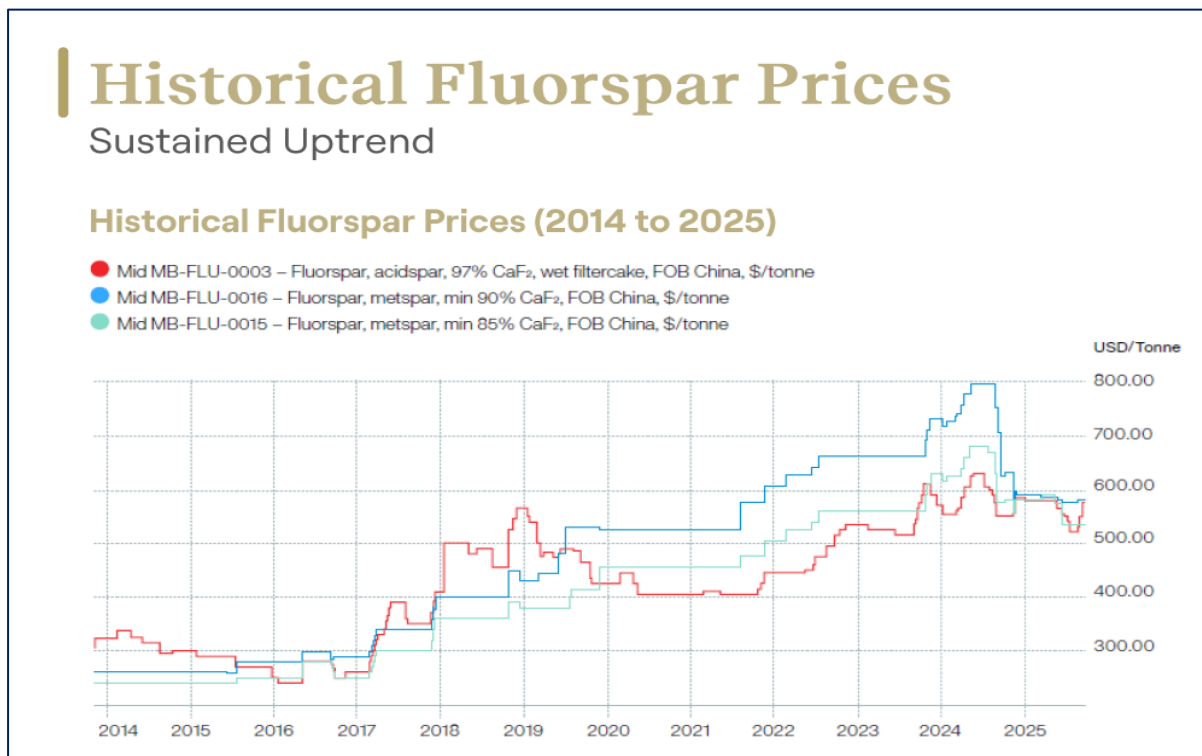
Consequently, as noted above in our Valuation and Recommendation Section, we have been additionally conservative in the assumptions that are implied for graphite pricing that inform our reasonable yet sound bullish investment thesis. These assumptions are conservative because key Western graphite counterparties such as Tesla clearly want China reduced anode supply chains. Tesla's binding graphite offtake agreement with Syrah Resources (from Syrah's USA facility) is a case in point. Although, cost is a key input into the decision process, these actions support the view that there is willingness to support higher-cost non-China supply (supply chain security). Well known Western counterparties have stated a clear intent to vertically integrate and localise key supply chain elements. EVG especially stands to benefit from this because apart from the potential of favourable term offtake agreements and financing support, Maniry's scale, metallurgy and geology lead it to also being a potential future, at scale cost competitive non-China source of graphite based on its DFS metrics.

Figure 7: Increasing supply deficits expected in the fluorspar market that will add to upward pricing pressure



Source: Company report

Figure 8: Upward momentum in fluorspar prices



Source: Company report

Examples of ASX microcaps acquiring US based Critical Minerals assets

Figure 9: Recent examples of ASX microcap valuations benefiting from US critical mineral assets exposure

Company	U.S. critical asset	T-7 avg close	T+7 avg close	% change in Stock Price
OD6 Metals ASX:OD6	Quinn Fluorspar Project, Nevada. 4 Mar 2026	\$0.053	\$0.103	94.90%
American Tungsten & Antimony Ltd ASX:AT4	Antimony Canyon Project, Utah. 19 May 2025	\$0.041	\$0.054	32.90%

Source: ASX and GBA Capital.

Reflecting the market's positive appraisal of the tangible value that ASX microcaps can benefit by obtaining critical mineral asset exposure, **Figure 9** above shows the material share price re-rates achieved by ASX microcaps (similar in size to EVG), OD6 Metals and American Tungsten and Antimony (at the time Trigg Minerals) when they acquired their first US Critical Minerals asset.

EVG also has the European Strategic Project certified, Maniry Graphite Project as well as an already EBITDA generating asset with the Panthera expandable graphite JV in India. Hence EVG is very well positioned for a strong valuation re-rate once the market becomes better aware of:

1. EVG's proven ability to operate effectively across multiple jurisdictions whilst maintaining capital management discipline (Panthera JV's EBITDA generation, and Maniry's high likelihood imminent mining lease approval are cases in point).
2. How close EVG is to reaching (1) Maniry's final mining permitting and making a final investment decision, (2) conducting and likely confirming further strong prospectivity at the Carp Fluorspar Project, and (3) ramping toward Stage 2 volumes at Panthera.

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Directors and Management

Mal Randall – Non-Executive Chair. Mr. Randall has over 45 years of technical, corporate, operations and marketing experience across the resources sector, including 25+ years with the Rio Tinto group. Mr. Randall is currently Chair of Argosy Minerals Ltd (ASX: AGY), a lithium producer in Argentina, and a Non-Executive Director of Hastings Technology Metals Ltd (ASX: HAS), an Australian rare earths development company, and Murchison Gold Ltd.

David Round – Managing Director. Mr. Round has extensive mining, JV and offtake development experience in the graphite and downstream processing sector. As Finance Director, Mr. Round developed the Company's JV Operations in India and built commercial relationships in Europe and the USA; he was previously CFO and Head of Sales of an Australian listed Graphite production company with mine in Madagascar (Graphmada Mine).

Heather Zampatti – Non-Executive Director. Ms. Zampatti was previously the Head of Wealth Management at Bell Potter Securities and has over 35 years in stockbroking, finance, investment policy, strategy and funds management. Ms. Zampatti has extensive board experience including on the Federal Government Remuneration Tribunal & Takeovers Panel, the Australian Institute of Management (WA), and ASIC Financial Services Consultative Committee.

Craig Lennon – Non-Executive Director. Mr. Lennon is the former CEO of Greenwing Resources Ltd. and Managing Director/CEO of Highlands Pacific Limited. Mr. Lennon has extensive international experience in corporate transactions including joint ventures, mergers, acquisitions, capital raising and debt funding; he is the CEO/President and former Head of Asia Pacific of Nickel 28 Capital Corp, a TSXV-listed battery metals investment company.

Financial Position

As at 31 March 2026, EVG held ~\$1.66m cash on its balance sheet. Given the acquisition costs associated with the Carp Fluorspar Project, planned exploration on Carp, expenditure requirements on existing projects/assets including Panthera's Stage 2 and general working capital and administration costs requirements, EVG recently undertook a Placement (Tranche 1 closed – raised ~\$4.3m before costs; Tranche 2 expected to close in early July and raise ~\$2.86m before costs). Consequently, we reasonably forecast EVG to have ~\$7.5m cash on its books at the time of Tranche 2 closing.

Risks of Investment

Investment in EVG carries several risks associated with investing in a development stage mining related company. These include but are not limited to:

- Maniry's permitting/offtakes and financing take longer than reasonably expected, and its capex requirement exceed the current low estimates.
- Panthera's sales remain lumpy and working capital intensive.
- Graphite market stays soft; synthetic graphite makes more inroads as a substitute for natural graphite for BAM uses (offsetting this is that synthetic graphite is a weak substitute for expandable graphite uses).
- Carp Project's exploration yields less prospectivity than expected.
- EVG undertakes several rounds of capital raises for growth capex that becomes dilutive if the projects do not commercialise as expected.

Recommendation structure

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