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Alabama Graphite Appoints Auburn University Professor Emeritus Dr. Robert Cook, P.G. as Strategic Advisor

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TORONTO, CANADA — (June 19, 2017) — <u>Alabama Graphite Corp.</u> ("<u>AGC</u>" or the "<u>Company</u>") (TSX-V:<u>CSPG</u>) (OTCQB:<u>CSPGF</u>) (FRANKFURT:<u>1AG</u> - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rx9pxAjuOe0) is pleased to announce Dr. Robert. B. Cook, P.G., Ph.D., M.S., E.M., has been appointed as Strategic Advisor to the Company. Dr. Cook is one of America's most accomplished professional geologists, with more than 40 years of experience in both the state of Alabama and surrounding region. Dr. Cook is a Professor Emeritus in the Department of Geology at <u>Auburn University</u> in Auburn, Alabama and headed the University's Department of Geology for more than two decades. Dr. Cook's professional specialties are mineral exploration, environmental geology, and mining.

Dr. Cook holds a Doctorate degree and Master of Science graduate degree in Geology from the University of Georgia, in addition to a degree in Mining Engineering from the Colorado School of Mines. Dr. Cook has consulted for the United States Department of Defense ("DoD"), the National Aeronautics and Space Administration ("NASA"), the United States Department of Justice ("DOJ"), and the United Nations ("UN"). Dr. Cook has been a member of American Institute of Mining and Metallurgical Engineers, Alabama Academy of Science, Geological Society of America, Alabama Geological Society, Georgia Geological Society, and the Society of Exploration Geochemists, among several other professional organizations.

Honored with the Robert B. Cook Endowed Chair in Geology, established at Auburn University in 2009, Dr. Cook's publication record includes over 200 papers and articles, as well as two state mineralogies (Alabama and Georgia), a U.S. Geological Survey Professional Paper, and a variety

of Alabama state geological survey bulletins. An Executive Editor of *Rocks and Minerals* magazine for more than 25 years, Dr. Cook is a Fellow of the Society of Economic Geologists, Inc. ("SEG"), and a registered Professional Geologist (P.G.) in Alabama, Georgia and Florida. The uranium mineral **bobcookite** was named in his honor by a group of American and Russian scientists.

President and Chief Executive Officer Donald Baxter, stated, "We are honored to have an Alabama-based expert geologist advising the Company and further validating our world-class Coosa Graphite Project, the only graphite project in the contiguous United States. Dr. Cook's profound understanding of the geology of Alabama and the region will be invaluable with assisting with the supervision of the ongoing development and permitting process for Coosa, in addition to continued mineral exploration for new battery-materials-related targets, as well as advising on mine planning and further resource development."

On behalf of the Board of Directors of ALABAMA GRAPHITE CORP.

Donald K. D. Baxter, P.Eng.

President, Chief Executive Officer and Executive Director

QUALIFIED PERSON

Jesse R. Edmondson, P.G., a registered Professional Geologist in the State of Alabama and Project Geologist of Alabama Graphite Corp., is a Qualified Person as defined by National Instrument 43-101 ("N.I. 43-101") guidelines, and has reviewed and approved the content of this news release.

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ABOUT ALABAMA GRAPHITE CORP. (AGC)

Alabama Graphite Corp. is a Canadian-based flake graphite exploration and development company as well as an aspiring battery materials production and technology company. The Company operates through its wholly owned subsidiary, Alabama Graphite Company Inc. (a company registered in the state of Alabama). With an advancing flake graphite project in the United States of America, Alabama Graphite Corp intends to become a reliable, long-term U.S. supplier of specialty high-purity graphite products. A highly-experienced team leads the Company with more than 100 years of combined graphite mining, graphite processing, specialty graphite products and applications, and graphite sales experience. Alabama Graphite Corp. is focused on the exploration and development of its flagship Coosa Graphite Project in Coosa County, Alabama, and its Bama Mine Project in Chilton County, Alabama as well the research and development of its proprietary manufacturing and technological processing process of battery materials.

Alabama Graphite Corp. holds a 100% interest in the mineral rights for these two U.S.-based graphite projects, which are both located on private land. The two projects encompass more than 43,000 acres and are located in a geopolitically stable, mining-friendly jurisdiction with significant historical production of crystalline flake graphite in the flake graphite belt of central

Alabama, also known as the Alabama Graphite Belt (source: U.S. Bureau of Mines). A significant portion of the Alabama deposits are characterized by graphite-bearing material that is oxidized and has been weathered into extremely soft rock. Both projects have infrastructure in place, are within close proximity to major highways, rail, power and water, and are approximately three hours (by truck or train) to the Port of Mobile, the Alabama Port Authority's deep-seawater port and the ninth largest port by tonnage in the United States (source: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers/USACE). The state of Alabama's hospitable climate allows for year-round mining operations and the world's largest marble quarry (which operates 24 hours a day, 365 days a year in Sylacauga, Alabama), is located within a 30-minute drive of the Coosa Graphite Project.

On November 30, 2015, Alabama Graphite Corp. announced the results of PEA for the Coosa Graphite Project, indicating a potentially low-cost project with potential positive economics. Please refer to the Company's technical report titled "Alabama Graphite Corp. Preliminary Economic Assessment (PEA) on the Coosa graphite Project, Alabama, USA" dated November 27, 2015, prepared by independent engineering firms AGP Mining Consultants Inc. and Metal Mining Consultants Inc., and filed on SEDAR at www.sedar.com.

* Note: A Preliminary Economic Assessment ("PEA") is preliminary in nature. A PEA includes Inferred Mineral Resources that are considered too speculative geologically to have economic considerations applied to them that would enable them to be categorized as Mineral Reserves and there is no certainty that the Preliminary Economic Assessment will be realized. Inferred Mineral Resources represent material that is considered too speculative to be included in economic evaluations. Additional trenching and/or drilling will be required to convert Inferred Mineral Resources to Measured or Indicated Mineral Resources. Mineral Resources that are not Mineral Resource will be converted into a Mineral Reserve.

Alabama Graphite Corp. is a proud member of the National Association of Advanced Technology Batteries International ("NAATBatt International"), a U.S.-based, not-for-profit trade association commercializing advanced electrochemical energy-storage technology for emerging, high-tech applications.

For further information and updates on the Company or to sign up for <u>Alabama Graphite Corp.</u> <u>News</u>, please visit <u>www.alabamagraphite.com</u> or follow, like and subscribe to us on <u>Twitter</u>, <u>Facebook</u>, <u>YouTube</u>, and <u>LinkedIn</u>.

AGC'S COMMITMENT TO ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

AGC's graphite is purified via the Company's propriety, low-temperature thermal purification process. AGC's environmentally responsible and sustainable graphite purification process does not utilize caustic chemicals or harsh acids that are commonly regarded as dangerous and environmentally harmful (e.g. hydrofluoric acid — as is commonly used in Chinese graphite production hydrochloric acid, sulfuric acid, nitric acids, or alkali roasting, caustic-soda roasting, etc.), nor does the process require copious amounts of clean water or costly, energy-intensive high-temperature thermal upgrading. Please refer to the Company's February 17, 2017 announcement, 'Alabama Graphite Corp. Achieves 99.99997% Graphite Purity via Proprietary, Environmentally Responsible and Sustainable Purification Process; Exceeds Nuclear Graphite Purity Requirements.'

For more information about AGC's specialty, secondary processing to produce its CSPG please refer to the June 2016 comprehensive independent report, 'Alabama Graphite's Coated Spherical Purified Graphite for the Lithium-ion Battery Industry,' written, researched and prepared by Dr.

<u>Gareth P. Hatch, CEng, FIMMM, FIET</u>, prior to his joining the AGC Board of Directors. Dr. Hatch is also President of <u>Innovation Metals Corp.</u>, Founding Principal of <u>Technology Metals Research, LLC</u>, and Independent Director of the Company.

FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This press release contains forward-looking information under applicable Canadian securities laws ("forward-looking statements"), which may include, without limitation, statements with respect to any potential relationships between the Company and any end users and/or the DoD. The forward-looking statements are based on the beliefs of management and reflect Alabama Graphite Corp.'s current expectations. When used in this press release, the words "estimate", "project", "belief", "anticipate", "intend", "expect", "plan", "predict", "may" or "should" and the negative of these words or such variations thereon or comparable terminology are intended to identify forward-looking statements. Such statements reflect the current view of Alabama Graphite Corp. with respect to risks and uncertainties that may cause actual results to differ materially from those contemplated in those forward-looking statements.

By their nature, forward-looking statements involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors which may cause our actual results, performance or achievements, or other future events, to be materially different from any future results, performance or achievements expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements. Such factors include, among other things, the interpretation and actual results of current exploration activities; changes in project parameters as plans continue to be refined; future prices of graphite; possible variations in grade or recovery rates; failure of equipment or processes to operate as anticipated; the failure of contracted parties to perform; labor disputes and other risks of the mining industry; delays in obtaining governmental approvals or financing or in the completion of exploration, as well as those factors disclosed in the Company's publicly filed documents. Forward-looking statements are also based on a number of assumptions, including that contracted parties provide goods and/or services on the agreed timeframes, that equipment necessary for exploration is available as scheduled and does not incur unforeseen breakdowns, that no labor shortages or delays are incurred, that plant and equipment function as specified, that no unusual geological or technical problems occur, and that laboratory and other related services are available and perform as contracted. Forwardlooking statements are made based on management's beliefs, estimates and opinions on the date that statements are made and Alabama Graphite Corp. undertakes no obligation to update forward-looking statements (unless required by law) if these beliefs, estimates and opinions or other circumstances should change. Investors are cautioned against attributing undue certainty to forward-looking statements. Alabama Graphite Corp. cautions that the foregoing list of material factors and assumptions are not exhaustive. When relying on Alabama Graphite Corp. forwardlooking statements to make decisions, investors and others should carefully consider the foregoing factors and assumptions and other uncertainties and potential events.

Alabama Graphite Corp. has also assumed that the material factors and assumptions will not cause any forward-looking statements to differ materially from actual results or events. However, the list of these factors and assumptions is not exhaustive and is subject to change and there can be no assurance that such assumptions will reflect the actual outcome of such items or factors.

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