

Lomiko Metals' Belinda Labatte on the global graphite shortfall expected in 2023

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In this InvestorIntel interview, Tracy Weslosky interviews [Lomiko Metals Inc.](#)'s (TSXV: LMR | OTCQB: LMRMF) CEO and Director Belinda Labatte about how Lomiko is developing a [sustainable approach](#) to critical minerals development in North America. Providing an update on their La Loutre Graphite Project in Québec, Belinda explains how Lomiko is well positioned to be part of the solution for the global graphite shortage that experts anticipate we will start to see in 2023.

As interest in North American source for natural flake graphite continues to grow, Belinda discusses how the shortfall in graphite supply may increase to 8 million tons by 2040. Speaking on the strength of Lomiko's management team that has experience in getting exploration plays to production, Belinda states, "We know how to take a project all the way through the stages of development."

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King discusses Global Graphite Shortage and Lomiko Metals with Belinda Labatte and Gordana Slepcev

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Belinda Labatte, and COO Gordana Slepcev about the coming global graphite shortage. With the recent [drill results](#) further extending graphite mineralization in multiple zones at the La Loutre Graphite Project in Québec, Belinda provides an update on Lomiko's portfolio of critical minerals projects in Quebec.

With the Canadian Government announcing that all new vehicle sales will be electric by 2035, Belinda explains how the graphite supply shortage may increase to 8 million tons by 2040. Gordana says that 95% of the anode in a lithium-ion battery is composed of graphite. She goes on to discuss how graphite from Lomiko's La Loutre Project may be suitable for anode battery applications which require graphite concentrate of 99.95%.

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Gordana Slepcev of Lomiko Metals talks about their 18,000m drill program and graphite's ESG future

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In this InvestorIntel interview with host Tracy Weslosky, [Lomiko Metals Inc.](#)'s (TSXV: LMR | OTCQB: LMRMF) COO Gordana Slepcev talks about the company's aggressive [18,000 m drill program](#) currently underway at their La Loutre graphite project in Quebec with first results expected later this summer.

In the interview, which can also be viewed in full on the InvestorIntel YouTube channel ([click here](#)), Gordana discusses progress on the 120 drill holes on targets named the "Electric Vehicle Zone" and the "Battery Zone" at La Loutre. "The names of the zones are aspirational of where we want to be we want to be," Gordana told Tracy, "a supplier of critical minerals, especially the graphite for these new and emerging

technologies.” Gordana goes on to say that initial lab purification results from Lomiko’s La Loutre graphite project have resulted in over 99.9% purity and low contaminant levels, so “some of the physical and chemical characteristics of the graphite are excellent – better than we actually expected for this first pass.”

Gordana also talks about the importance of Lomiko’s commitment to being an ESG company. “The only way to go forward,” she says “is by adopting all these ESG principles, and we are spearheading that. The reality is in order to decarbonize our future we have to decarbonize transport,” and she says graphite will be an important part of that transformation.

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and Laurentides regions. Located 180 kilometres northwest of Montreal, the property consists of one large, continuous block with 48 minerals claims totaling 2,867 hectares (28.7km²). Lomiko Metals published a July 29, 2021 Preliminary Economic Estimate (PEA) which indicated the project had a 15-year mine life producing per year 100,000 tonnes of graphite concentrate at 95% Cg or a total of 1.5Mt of graphite concentrate. This report was prepared as National Instrument 43-101 Technical Report for Lomiko Metals Inc. by Ausenco Engineering Canada Inc., Hemmera Envirochem Inc., Moose Mountain Technical Services, and Metpro Management Inc., collectively the Report Authors.

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Jack Lifton with Belinda

Labatte of Lomiko Metals on Canada's growing EV industry and the competitive advantages of the Quebec graphite industry

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Jack Lifton interviews CEO and Director Belinda Labatte on an update on [Lomiko Metals Inc.](#) (TSXV: LMR | OTCQB: LMRMF). In this compelling conversation with Jack, Belinda participates in a discussion on not only Canada's vision for the competitive development of an EV supply chain, but the competitive advantages of the Quebec graphite industry.

In this InvestorIntel interview, which may also be viewed on YouTube ([click here to subscribe to the InvestorIntel Channel](#)), Belinda Labatte pointed out the fragility of the present graphite supply chain in North America given that "100% of the processing of graphite occurs in China and about 90% of the material comes from China." Highlighting the huge demand for graphite in Quebec and the rest of North America, Belinda went on to also provide [an update](#) on Lomiko's UL ECOLOGO® certification for mineral exploration to validate Lomiko's responsible business practices.

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Offering exposure to Graphite and Lithium, Lomiko Metals may be one to watch

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With all the news of the Russia-Ukraine crisis, many investors may not be aware of what's been happening with critical materials. For example, lithium prices are up almost 10 times over the past 14 months from US\$7,000/t to today's US\$67,424/t ([CNY 426,500/t](#)). Graphite prices look set to gain next in 2022. This is because electric vehicle (EV) batteries use a lot of lithium and graphite, and EV sales are booming, having risen by [108%](#) in 2021, to reach [6.75 million](#) vehicles. Given the popularity of EVs, I am expecting sales to exceed 10 million units in 2022, which means battery manufacturers will need a lot more lithium, graphite and other key metals.

BMI forecasts graphite deficits to begin from 2022 as demand for graphite grows strongly



Source: [Lomiko company presentation](#)

Today's company is a junior miner with a focus on developing both its graphite project and its earn-in lithium project. The Company is [Lomiko Metals Inc.](#) (TSXV: LMR | OTCQB: LMRMF) (Lomiko).

Lomiko has two projects in Canada:

- **La Loutre Project** (flagship) (100% interest) – A development stage graphite project in southern Quebec.
- **Bourier Project** (70% earn in interest) – An exploration stage lithium project with multiple visible pegmatites in James Bay, Quebec Canada.

La Loutre Project (100% interest)

[The La Loutre Project](#) is spread over 2,867 ha and located 45 km by road from the city of Mont-Tremblant, in the Laurentides administrative region, Quebec, Canada. The Project has access to power, infrastructure & labor and is 192 km by highway to the Port of Montreal.

The Resource has an [Indicated contained graphite of 1.044Mt @ 4.51% graphite](#) and an Inferred contained graphite of 1.877Mt @ 4.01% graphite, based on a cut-off grade of 1.5% graphite.

The company's [PEA](#) indicated an [after-tax NPV8% of C\\$185.6 million, after-tax IRR of 21.5%](#), with a 15 year mine life producing about 100,000 tons/pa, based on a graphite price of US\$916/t graphite (Cg). The initial CapEx was estimated at C\$236.1 million, including mine pre-production, processing, infrastructure (roads, power line construction, co-disposal tailings facility, ancillary buildings, and water management). The OpEx was estimated at a cash cost of US\$386 per tonne of graphite concentrate or a AISC of US\$406/t graphite.

The key to note is that if we get higher graphite prices then the NPV will improve very significantly. For example, based on Lomiko's [sensitivity analysis](#) the Project NPV would rise to C\$601 million if graphite prices rose to \$1,681/t.

La Loutre PEA highlights and location map



Source: [Lomiko company presentation](#)

The next steps for the Project include completing 4 full seasons of Environmental Baseline studies by the end of 2022, an updated Mineral Resource NI 43-101 Technical Report by October 2022, initiating and completing metallurgical studies to determine a processing method and product quality system, completing value-added testing for spherical graphite and battery compatibility.

Following the above would be the regular next steps of further feasibility studies (PFS, BFS), potential off-take agreements and project funding. So there is still quite a long way to go for the La Loutre Project, but at least it's off to a solid start and the Project is in Canada.

The Bourier Project (potential to earn in up to 70%)

[The Bourier Project](#) is potentially a new lithium field in an established lithium district. It is owned by Critical Elements Lithium Corporation (TSXV: CRE | OTCQX: CRECF), which has entered into an agreement with Lomiko Metals whereby Lomiko may acquire up to 70% of the property by funding exploration activities and other considerations.

The Project consists of 10,252 hectares (102.52 km²) located on the Nemiscau greenstone belt and is south-east of the Istchee region in James Bay, Quebec, Canada.

The Project is still at a very early stage of exploration; however, GoldSpot's AI analysis has revealed considerable lithium potential. Lomiko [states](#): "A total of 99 pegmatite bodies were added to the current geological map, highlighting previously unknown potential for economic lithium mineralization."

The next steps include surface sampling of the initial 15

targets then a drilling campaign on key identified target areas.

The Bourier Project with an initial 15 exploration targets



Source: [Lomiko company presentation](#)

Closing remarks

This decade there is no getting away from the fact that the world will need a huge amount more of the key EV metals. Even last week the Pentagon [announced](#) a plan to boost rare earths and lithium stockpiles. The current Russia-Ukraine crisis volatility is resulting in lower stock prices for many EV metal companies which is opening up a great potential buying opportunity for long term investors.

Lomiko offers exposure to two Canadian Projects – The La Loutre Project with a good sized and reasonable grade graphite resource and a solid PEA, and the Bourier Project which has promising early-stage lithium exploration potential.

Lomiko Metals trades on a market cap of only [C\\$19 million](#), which must be the best opportunity valued graphite-lithium junior in town. One to watch in 2022.