Greg Fenton of Zentek discusses recent news including a NASDAQ listing and a distribution agreement

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In this InvestorIntel interview with host Tracy Weslosky, Zentek
Ltd. (NASDAQ: ZTEK | TSXV: ZEN) CEO and Director Greg Fenton
talks about Zentek's substantial recent newsflow, including
listing on NASDAQ and announcing sales and distribution of
ZenGUARD™ coated-masks through Mark's in Canada.

In the interview, which can also be viewed in full on the InvestorIntel YouTube channel (click here), Greg Fenton talks about other recent announcements including the start of Phase 2 testing of ZenGUARD™ antimicrobial coating on HVAC filters under a contract with Innovation Solutions Canada (ISC). He goes on to say that on the success of Phase 2, Zentek can add the Government of Canada as a client as well as opening up new opportunities for sales and distribution. Greg also provides an update on Zentek's portfolio of patents including the filing of a provisional patent for their fire-retardant additive.

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With technology for the real world, Zentek's graphene nanotech masks are now on store shelves

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At the start of the year, I was asked to pick a name that I thought could be the "stock to watch in 2022". Naturally the tendency is to step a little further out the risk curve because where's the fun in picking something like Enbridge, Inc. (TSX: ENB | NYSE: ENB) and being up 15% year-to-date plus dividend when you could be up 130% over that same time period with a stock like Ensign Energy Services, Inc. (TSX: ESI). In reality, I would have been a hero if I had picked either of those in light of what the majority of the market has done since the start of 2022. However, I went down the technology route (or should I say rout) and the name I picked has been swept lower in a market beating up anything resembling tech. On top of that, the company I selected was also the focus of a short report,

although that appears to have been <u>addressed in March</u> and seems to be a non-issue. But technology stocks are still seeing some pretty unpleasant days here and there, and the pain may not be over yet.

Nevertheless, until the year is over, I still have time to be vindicated with my 2022 pick — Zentek Ltd. (NASDAQ: ZTEK | TSXV: ZEN), which is certainly doing better than Shopify, Inc. (TSX: SHOP | NYSE: SHOP) but sadly that's not setting the bar too high. Reader's will recall that Zentek is an IP development and commercialization company focused on next-gen healthcare solutions in the areas of prevention, detection, and treatment. Zentek is currently focused on commercializing ZenGUARD $^{\text{TM}}$, a patent-pending coating shown to have 99% antimicrobial activity, including against COVID-19, and the potential to use similar compounds as products against infectious diseases.

The focus on ZenGUARD™ is paying off with an announcement last week of the <u>sales and distribution of ZenGUARD™ Masks</u> through Mark's, a member of the Canadian Tire Family of Companies. Mark's, which operates over 380 stores across Canada, has placed an initial order for ZenGUARD™ coated masks to be sold at select stores and online. Mark's VP Iain Summers is quoted as saying "We are relentlessly focused on innovative new technologies and products that help keep Canadians safe and comfortable. Zentek, and their ZenGUARD™ masks are a great made-in-Canada innovation using a technology that, when applied to essential masks, provides ultimate protection, while maintaining comfort and breathability. It's the right fit for our customers." This news helped Zentek stock rally 14% on the day.

It was the progress the Company was making with ZenGUARD™ and their other unique IP opportunities that led to Zentek being my stock to watch. Other technologies under development include an icephobic coating that can potentially be used to improve

aircraft and drone safety and sustainability. The Company anticipates applications for aircraft, wind turbines, ocean vessels, and building structures to increase safety and efficiency outcomes in ice-forming weather conditions. The Company recently reported excellent results in three rounds of testing of its icephobic coating, including laboratory tests, real-world flights and applications related to drone operations in adverse weather. Next steps include testing its coating for sand and rain erosion, and other tests are being planned that will evaluate the coating as part of a hybrid ice protection system, where the icephobic properties are combined with a heated de-icing system with the aim to improve efficiency of current ice protection methods used in general and commercial aviation.

In April, Zentek provided an update on a previously awarded R&D test contract through the Innovation Solutions Canada (ISC) Testing Stream to test ZENGuard™ coated HVAC filters with interest from 3 different units within the National Research Council of Canada. After completion of Phase 1 testing where its ZenGUARD™ coating was successful in reducing airborne organisms from passing through coated filter material while not inhibiting air flow, it will now proceed to Phase 2 testing within its ISC Testing Stream contract. Phase 2 testing in a real-world classroom environment is aimed to generate additional safety and efficacy data. The importance of indoor air quality and improving health is a top priority for numerous organizations globally, including the Canadian and U.S. governments, and could be an important commercialization milestone for Zentek in this critical area.

Sure all these initiatives were already on the go at the start of the year, but in my opinion, the Company is making great strides in pushing these projects to the revenue generation stage. In fact, ZenGAURD™ actually started generating revenue in

the final quarter of 2021. Additionally, Zentek raised C\$33 million in January and have a quarterly cash burn rate of roughly C\$2-C\$2.5 million per quarter (and no debt), so they should be fine for available capital. With a market cap of roughly C\$247 million there are plenty of creative and unique opportunities being developed to propel this Company into the future and vindicate my selection.

How NASDAQ listed Zentek is a 'wow' company with enormous potential to tap into several multi-billion dollar industries.

written by InvestorNews | May 24, 2022 Every once in a while investors will come across a 'wow' company. This is a company that just wows you with their performance and their stock price.

For me the 'wow' company of the last year is <u>Zentek Ltd.</u> (NASDAQ: ZTEK | TSXV: ZEN). Just take a look at the stock chart below, showing the stock rising a staggering 9.7x over the past approximately year and a half. The good news for investors is that the recent pullback allows for a better entry price than when the stock peaked at C\$6.50.

Zentek Ltd (TSXV: ZEN) 5 year stock price chart

Source: Yahoo Finance

Today I give a brief summary of Zentek for new investors and an update on their progress in 2022.

Zentek's business summary

Zentek <u>describe</u> themselves as "an IP development and commercialization company focused on next-gen healthcare solutions in the areas of prevention, detection and treatment." I prefer to think of them as a nanotechnology and graphene company (they were formerly known as ZEN Graphene Solutions) that has expanded into multiple areas of commercialization; particularly into the healthcare sector with a product for prevention, detection and treatment of numerous pathogens.

Areas/products of commercialization for Zentek include:

- ZenGUARD™ A patent-pending 'graphene-silver coating' shown to have 99% antimicrobial activity, including against COVID-19. The coating can be used for PPE applications (including nitrile gloves, gowns, footwear coverings and surgical caps) and also in air purifiers. According to Zentek: "ZenGUARD™-coated masks removed 98.9% more bacteria and 97.8% more virus compared to a typical ASTM Level 3, 3-ply uncoated, resulting in over 99.99% BFE and VFE ratings." ZenGUARD™ has Health Canada approval (Medical Device Establishment License, "MDEL") and production facilities are being readied for first orders. Zentek is commercializing ZENGuard™ with mask manufacturer Trebor Rx, but can also work with other manufacturers.
- Pathogen Detection Technology (aptamer-enabled) A low cost, rapid, saliva testing, scalable technology to detect

- numerous pathogens, initially to be used for COVID-19 testing.
- Antimicrobial therapies In-vitro testing shows 99.9% effectiveness against bacteria, fungi and viruses.
- Air conditioner filter coating Zentek has experimented with past partners to use graphene oxide coated filters to help remove moisture from the air and make air conditioners up to 75% more energy efficient.
- Icephobic graphene coatings Potential to significantly increase safety for vehicles such as drones, aircraft, ocean vessels, wind turbines, and other applications where, in cold weather climates, there is the potential for ice to accrete on surfaces. An 'icephobic' surface repels ice build up.
- Others Graphene tires, graphene in concrete, <u>fuel</u> additives (potential to reduce GHG emissions from diesel and bio-diesel fuels by as much as 10%), and graphene for batteries.

Zentek's latest news and progress in 2022

Zentek announced on February 18, 2022 the development of graphene-wrapped silicon anodes. Zentek CEO Greg Fenton stated: "Not only were the researchers able to demonstrate good performance with laboratory-scale half-cells, the performance was also validated with commercial lithium iron phosphate cathodes suggesting they could be a drop-in solution for enhancing already available battery technologies. We look forward to continuing our support of their research and development to potentially bring this technology to market. The company has begun discussions with a potential industry partner."

As <u>reported</u> on February 28, 2022, Zentek's Guelph production facility is now fully licensed and permitted for ZenGUARD™

production and substantially all equipment has been received to ramp-up industrial scale capacity. First orders have been received and the ZenGUARD™ international patent is due shortly. As <u>reported</u> on January 13, Zentek has entered into a binding letter of intent with GMAF Circular Medico ApS to produce and sell ZENGuard™-enhanced GMAF trademarked recyclable surgical masks.

With regards to the Pathogen Detection Technology, Zentek continues to work to bring the product to market as soon as practicable, which will require having a working prototype prepared, having conducted baseline studies, and having made applications to regulatory bodies.

With regards to Zentek's icephobic coatings, they are currently <u>undergoing full flight trials</u> on a specially equipped research aircraft under real world ice-forming weather conditions.

Zentek's new manufacturing facility in Guelph, Ontario, Canada is set for commissioning shortly

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Source: Zentek website

Closing remarks

Zentek really is a 'wow' company with enormous potential to tap into several multi-billion dollar industries. Focusing on pathogens (viruses, bacteria, fungi) prevention, detection, and treatment is simply staggering. Then there are multiple other applications for Zentek's products, the most recent being graphene-wrapped silicon anodes that can potentially be used to create better EV batteries and the icephobic coatings opportunity.

In terms of commercialization, Zentek is already advancing with

ZenGUARD™ in terms of a production facility and orders, with the ZenGUARD™ patent due very soon and production from Zentek's new Guelph facility set to begin very soon.

Finally, Zentek is now getting the exposure it deserves with a NASDAQ listing that began on March 22, 2022, under the ticker "ZTEK". Not surprisingly the stock <u>rose 25.93%</u> on March 23.

Zentek has C\$32 million in cash, no debt, and looks like being a 'wow' company again in 2022. Stay tuned.

Disclosure: The author is long Zentek (TSXV: ZEN).

Greg Fenton and Byron King discuss Zentek's highly innovative graphene Icephobic coatings for aircraft and wind turbine lifetime and safety improvement

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In a recent InvestorIntel interview, Byron King spoke with Greg Fenton, CEO and Director of Zentek Ltd. (TSXV: ZEN) about the results from testing on Zentek's Icephobic coating that provides an effective de-icing and anti-icing solution for drone and wind turbine markets and about Zentek's "imminent" listing on the Nasdaq.

In this InvestorIntel interview, which may also be viewed on YouTube (click here to subscribe to the InvestorIntel Channel), Greg Fenton highlighted the application of Zentek's icephobic coating in aviation, drones, powerlines and wind turbines and explained how it can improve safety and efficiency while retaining its icephobic properties for years. Speaking about the next step of testing Zentek's icephobic coating for sand and rain erosion, Greg pointed out how Zentek plans to take its products to the marketplace without having to incur huge capital expenditure.

To watch the full interview, <u>click here</u>.

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Greg Fenton on Zentek's approval for Nasdaq listing and the expanding use of its highly effective anti-microbial ZenGUARD™ coating

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In a recent InvestorIntel interview, Tracy Weslosky spoke with Greg Fenton, CEO and Director of Zentek Ltd. (TSXV: ZEN) about Zentek's recent news release on receiving approval to list on the Nasdaq and about engaging Vimta Labs to begin studies of ZenGUARD™ active ingredient as a potential treatment of infectious skin disease.

In this InvestorIntel interview, which may also be viewed on YouTube (click here to subscribe to the InvestorIntel Channel), Greg Fenton provided an update on Zentek's "unique and innovative" ZenGUARD™ antimicrobial coating which is "proven to be more than 99% effective in reducing the physical spread of the SARS-CoV-2" and other pathogens. He went on to say that Zentek will be publishing the patent application for the ZenGUARD™ antimicrobial coating on March 21, 2022.

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Bristow goes with technology and selects the stock to watch in 2022

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Welcome to 2022! I'm cautiously optimistic that this will be the year we get to put Covid in the rear-view mirror and get on with life without always waiting for the next shoe to drop (or a new variant to take hold). I'm happy to put 2021 in the history books and anticipate the bright future that could be. In that vein, I'd like to look ahead to what I think could be an exciting story for 2022. Now don't get me wrong, I'm not saying this is my top pick or suggesting it will go up. This is simply my perspective on a company that has a lot going on that could be rewarded by the market this year.

The path of least resistance, after this week's market action, would be to pick a uranium stock. Between how this group performed in 2021 and even more impressively, the first couple

of trading days of 2022, it would certainly make for an easy article to write. I'm also a fan of junior base and precious metal mining companies, especially ones with plenty of results pending, but not today. The future is technology, so my exciting stock for 2022 is a technology company that posted a respectable 35% return in 2021 but is well positioned for 2022. It also happened to evolve out of a junior mining exploration company so it's the best of both worlds.

If you haven't figured out what company I'm talking about yet, it's Zentek Ltd. (TSXV: ZEN), formerly known as ZEN Graphene Solutions Ltd. There is so much going on at Zentek it's hard to know where to start. The Company currently describes itself as an IP development and commercialization company focused on nextgen healthcare solutions in the areas of prevention, detection and treatment. Zentek is currently focused on commercializing ZENGuard™, a patent-pending coating shown to have 99% antimicrobial activity, including against COVID-19, and the potential to use similar compounds as products against infectious diseases. The Company also has an exclusive agreement to be the global commercializing partner for a newly developed aptamer-based rapid pathogen detection technology. But that's just the tip of the iceberg in my opinion.

The near-term catalyst is all about the antimicrobial coating ZENGuard™, which was developed as a virucidal graphene-oxide ("GO") based compound to be applied as a coating onto fabrics, which included personal protective equipment such as face masks in an effort to increase protection afforded by such products. In September 2021 the Company received Health Canada approval for the sale of ZENGuard™ coated masks and entered into a binding definitive license and supply agreement with Trebor Rx Corp. for the supply of ZENGuard™ to coat face masks and potentially other health care products. To date, Trebor has

purchased, and the Company has delivered, quantities of ZENGuard™ coating sufficient for the production of 10,000,000 masks currently done via third parties. However, development is underway of the Company's industrial scale facility to produce ZENGuard™ and to coat materials. The Company anticipates assembly and installation of the industrial scale production equipment to be completed during Q1 2022, at which point production is expected to commence while commissioning, optimization and production ramp-up occurs over the following two to three months. Once this industrial process is in operation, the Company expects the production capacity of ZENGuard™ to increase significantly.

Zentek recently closed a bought deal public offering and a nonbrokered private placement for aggregate proceeds of C\$33 million to assist in the build out of their facility as well as research and development, acceleration of business growth opportunities and working capital. Other growth opportunities include the development of a new carbon-based nanotechnologyenhanced <u>icephobic coating</u> to reduce ice accretion. The Company anticipates applications for aircraft, wind turbines, ocean vessels, and building structures to increase safety and efficiency outcomes in ice-forming weather conditions. In late November Zentek announced it had been awarded an R&D test contract through the Innovation Solutions Canada Testing Stream to test ZENGuard™ coated HVAC filters with interest from 3 different units within the National Research Council of Canada. Other innovations include the <u>development of a stable diesel</u> fuel additive, which increased the performance of diesel fuel by up to 10% in initial testing.

There is an awful lot going on at Zentek so I would encourage you to go check out their <u>website</u> to learn more because I've only scratched the surface of this stock to watch in 2022. Granted it's not a small cap with a market cap of roughly \$466

million after the closing of the latest capital raise earlier this week. Nevertheless, there are plenty of near-term catalysts with having their own production facility operational in the next few months and some pretty creative and unique opportunities being developed to propel this Company into the future.

Zentek is well positioned to commercialize several revolutionary nanotech graphene health products in 2022

Zentek Ltd. (TSXV: ZEN) (formerly ZEN Graphene Solutions Ltd.) is a trail blazing company in the world of nanotechnology and graphene, particularly in the healthcare sector. That is because not only does it make its own graphene but Zen has also partnered with other companies to expand the uses of graphene in areas such as (graphene coated) masks clothing, and other PPE, as well as COVID-19 rapid saliva tests, graphene colloidal antiviral/bacterial/fungal detection, and, hopefully, improved air purifiers, and air conditioning systems using graphene filtration.

Zentek summarizes this by saying that "Nanotechnology and graphene have the potential to protect against pathogens, detect

and treat disease, clean our water, make building materials stronger and produce cleaner energy. With almost limitless potential to improve people's lives, we are uniquely positioned to create significant value through our next-generation healthcare solutions and beyond. []"

Zentek is currently focusing on commercializing into health care prevention, detection, and treatment



Source: Zentek Company presentation

Zentek's vision is for a healthier and safer world through nanotechnology, and its mission is to develop innovative nanotechnologies, with their partners, that improve people's lives. What a great basis to grow a company from.

Zentek's stock price has risen 281% over the past year after more than quadrupling the year before. From the March 1, 2020 low of C\$0.30 the stock has risen a whopping 20.7x, now sitting at C\$6.20. Tesla and some junior lithium stocks are the only stocks I know that have achieved a 20x return in the past 2 years. This puts Zentek up there with the most elite performers on the stock market in recent times.

What's next for Zentek

- A Nasdaq listing On October 13, 2021, Zentek (then ZEN Graphene Solutions) announced that it has submitted an application to list its common stock on The Nasdaq Capital Market® ("Nasdaq") and that it has retained Donohoe Advisory Associates, LLC, to assist with the listing process. That process is ongoing with no listing date yet announced.
- ZENGuard™ international patent application to complete

- **soon.** ZENGuard[™] is a graphene-silver 'coating' with 99% antimicrobial activity, including against COVID-19. Zentek is commercializing ZENGuard[™] with mask manufacturer, Trebor Rx, to produce masks, filters and gloves. ZENGuard[™] is Health Canada approved. Zentek's coating can also be used on all types of personal protective equipment including masks, gloves, clothes, and shields to reduce the spread of pathogens including COVID-19. Similar products can be used in air purification systems. There is also the potential (if approved) to use similar compounds as pharmaceutical products against infectious diseases.
- Zentek's Pathogen Detection Technology (aptamer-enabled) initially for COVID-19 to be launched by Q1, 2022. Zentek has the worldwide exclusive rights to commercialize a rapid, saliva-based COVID-19 antigen testing technology. The key differentiating factor here is that the test can detect much lower quantities of virus compared to other tests, thereby being able to potentially detect low viral loads at the early stages of infection when the patient may be asymptomatic. The test is exceptionally accurate (similar to current PCR tests), saliva-based, affordable, scalable and provides results in under 10 minutes. The test still requires final Health Canada and FDA approval. Zentek recently <u>announced</u> the development of an improved aptamer with a higher binding affinity for the COVID-19 Delta variant as well as reduced result production time of the aptamer-based sensor from 18 hours to 30 minutes with more consistent results. Zentek also announced this month that it "has been selected as one of three technologies for phase 1 of the Innovation Solutions Canada (ISC) challenge to develop a portable detection device for SARS-CoV-2 in wastewater. ZEN has received a \$148,000 award from ISC to develop its first prototype."

Zentek CEO, Greg Fenton, recently <u>stated</u>: "In collaboration with our partners, including Dr. Li and his entire McMaster team, we have made tremendous progress advancing our aptamer-based rapid detection platform toward commercialization. A key aspect of the technology is its adaptability through the production of new aptamers to detect different pathogens leveraging the existing platform — and the process of building out this aptamer and disease-detection library is well underway with our colleagues at McMaster."

ZENGuard[™] has enormous potential to scale up from current capacity of coatings for 32 million masks per month to a potential ~800 million masks per month by Q1, 2022

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Source: Zentek Company presentation

Closing remarks

Zentek has come a long way in the past 2 years with enormous technological progress in its graphene based nanotechnology products with a renewed health focus to prevent, detect, and, hopefully, soon treat pathogens, including COVID-19. This has been achieved via a number of collaborations, partnerships, patents, and approval by regulatory bodies.

The result of all these efforts should now start to show in 2022 as Zentek's commercial rollout of its innovative nanotech graphene products gains speed, led by its revolutionary ZENGuard™ coating and the company's rapidly advancing Pathogen Detection Technology collaboration.

Zentek trades on a market cap of C\$551 million and continues to outperform the market.

Disclosure: The author is long ZEN Graphene Solutions (TSXV:

Greg Fenton on the significant medical market interest in Zentek's ZENGuard™ nanotech coatings, plus its new carbon-based icephobic coating

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In this InvestorIntel interview, which may also be viewed on YouTube (click here to subscribe to the InvestorIntel Channel), Greg Fenton said that the company's recent change of name from ZEN Graphene Solutions Ltd. to Zentek Ltd. reflects its evolution from a mining company to a technology company, developing intellectual properties. Having recently applied for an up listing to the Nasdaq, Greg said that Zentek is primarily focused on nanotechnology-enabled healthcare solutions, and continues to develop intellectual properties for other industries as well.

To watch the full interview, <u>click here</u>.

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ZEN Graphene's Greg Fenton discusses Health Canada's approval of the 'gold standard' for face masks

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In this InvestorIntel interview, which may also be viewed on

YouTube (click here to subscribe to the InvestorIntel Channel), Greg said that the graphene based **ZEN**Guard™ coating on a mask kills airborne pathogens like bacteria, fungi and viruses. Explaining why it is the 'gold standard' for face masks, Greg discusses how as a result of the review, Health Canada has validated that **ZEN**Guard™-enhanced surgical masks are safe for use by Canadians.

Responding to the questions on the technology associated with the **ZEN**Guard™ masks, Greg provides insight into the impact of this approval and what this means for ZEN Graphene. This includes the application of their biocidal coating in other spaces such as the HVAC market.

To watch the full interview, <u>click here</u>.

About ZEN Graphene Solutions Ltd.

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ZEN Graphene is changing the world one nanomaterial at a time

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Scientists have not unanimously settled on a precise definition of nanomaterials, but agree that they are partially characterized by their tiny size, measured in nanometers. A nanometer is one millionth of a millimeter — approximately 100,000 times smaller than the diameter of a human hair. For a while, nanomaterials were going to save the world by making everything faster, stronger and maybe even higher. But Olympic motto aside, there was a lot of hype about nanomaterials and a decade(s) later not much to show for all that optimism. Or maybe there is if you look in the right places.

Nano-sized particles exist in nature and can be created from a variety of products, such as carbon or minerals like silver, but nanomaterials by definition must have at least one dimension that is less than approximately 100 nanometers. One such company that is making progress in the world of nanomaterials is ZEN Graphene Solutions Ltd. (TSXV: ZEN), despite starting life as a mining company. In fact, the Company still maintains its unique Albany Graphite Project, which provides the company with a potential long-term competitive advantage in the graphene market. The unique genesis of the Albany deposit, resulting in very fine-grained graphite crystallites, yields an ideal graphite precursor material for conversion to high-value graphene, graphene oxide and graphene quantum dots that can be used in a wide variety of applications.

However, don't kid yourself into thinking this is a mining story. It is very much a technology story that has evolved out

of the special characteristics of the graphite available at the Albany deposit. ZEN has a broad reach as far as solutions being derived from nanomaterials. Front and center is the ZENGuard™ antimicrobial coating which can be utilized on PPE, filtration media (HVAC filters) and other materials such as paper, cardboard etc. as a preventative 'catch-and-kill' mechanism. The Company has developed a non-toxic, antimicrobial coating that is 99+% effective against numerous pathogens, including COVID-19, with initial testing showing a further 98% effectiveness after 108 days. ZENGuard™ on masks, gloves and other PPE to protect front-line workers, the public and reduce the spread of pathogens (including and beyond COVID-19) has an estimated global market of US\$52 billion. While the potential market for ZENGuard[™] on air filters to kill airborne pathogens in homes, schools, hospitals and commercial and industrial spaces is estimated at US\$66 billion. Not a bad starting point.

As a spin-out from the focus on everything COVID-19, ZEN recently announced exclusive worldwide rights to commercialize rapid, saliva-based COVID-19 antigen testing technology in partnership with McMaster University. This technology is exceptionally accurate (similar to current PCR tests), saliva-based, affordable, scalable and provides results in under 10 minutes. It appears we aren't going to rid ourselves of this pesky virus anytime soon. So perhaps the best solution to getting on with some semblance of normal is accurate, rapid testing.

Being an optimist and looking beyond COVID-19 and hopefully no other mutation or pathogens running amok in public, we find that ZEN has developed a stable diesel fuel additive, which increased the performance of diesel fuel by up to 10% in initial testing. Greg Fenton, ZEN CEO commented: "With global market estimates for diesel fuel alone near \$1 trillion, the size of the challenge to reduce emissions from this level of demand is

massive, but so is the opportunity for novel solutions to help us be more efficient in our usage." Regardless of whether you want zero emissions tomorrow, as long as everyone continues to order stuff off Amazon and you want fresh fruit in your grocery store, diesel demand is going to be with us for a while. So rather than be an environmental zealot, why not embrace solutions that help reduce emissions in the interim until we can finally achieve our ultimate goal. Which is a good segue into research ZEN is doing into lower-cost, reduced weight, higher performance and capacity energy storage applications by developing graphene-wrapped silicon anodes for Li-ion batteries.

Then there's the classic stereotype of nanomaterials making everything better. ZEN has its fingers in corrosion protective coating for reduced corrosion and enhanced longevity for steel. Polymers that enhance strength, longevity, and conductivity that can be used as versatile replacements for metallic electromagnetic shields. There's also enhanced strength and electrical conductivity aluminum for the automotive industry and enhanced strength and longevity cement based composites for the construction industry. I'm probably missing something but you get the picture.

On a final note, on June 16th ZEN and Trebor Rx Corp. provided an update on the <u>Health Canada review process</u> for the ZENGuard[™]-enhanced, ASTM level 3 surgical mask. Clearly, the sooner they can get approvals and get mask production underway, the sooner they can start to realize the revenue from the <u>Trebor agreement</u> signed in November 2020 or a minimum of 100 million masks/filters. As a prospective investor, this is the news I'm eagerly awaiting.