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[title] Imerys Graphite & Carbon increases its natural flake graphite supply capacity

In 2017, Imerys Graphite & Carbon produced its first bag of graphite in Namibia, only 13 months after the start of operations in the new Otjiwarongo mine.

“With the start of production, we are moving forward towards our goal to grow our natural graphite supply capacity and respond effectively to the increase in this industry’s demand,” says Hugues Jacquemin, Vice-President and General Manager of Imerys Graphite & Carbon.

Following recent market trends, demand for graphite has been growing significantly as sales of electric and hybrid vehicles have risen last year, increasing by more than 50%, with China now the world’s largest market for electric vehicles (EV).

In addition to Imerys Graphite & Carbon’s Canadian natural flake graphite mine, the company’s operations in Namibia are a solid reality, offering the reliability and responsibility of a great company, combined with the characteristics of this new graphite source, which reserves secure supply potentially for more than 20 years.

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Earlier in 2017, the first graphite rolled of the production line at Imerys’ new Namibia site, harnessing the surging demand for the semimetal due to soaring sales of electric cars. The new Otjiwarongo flake graphite mine, is expected to produce 20,000 tpa when at full capacity.

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Imerys’ site in #Namibia produced its first #graphite earlier in 2017, as growing sales of #electriccars increase demand for the semimetal.

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First graphite! Output of the semimetal began earlier this year at Imerys’ Namibia site as growing sales of electric cars increase demand for graphite.

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