



NOVONIX and ICoNiChem Enter into Collaboration Agreement Focused on Sustainable Cathode Material Feedstock

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BRISBANE, Australia, Oct. 09, 2024 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- NOVONIX Limited (NASDAQ: NVX, ASX: NVX) ("NOVONIX" or "the Company"), a leading battery materials and technology company, and [ICoNiChem Widnes Limited](#) ("ICoNiChem"), a world leader in the production and commercialization of cobalt and nickel salts based in the UK, have announced the signing of a Joint Collaboration Agreement focused on the development of nickel-based cathode active materials ("CAM").

NOVONIX and ICoNiChem have been selected for funding under the 2024 Canada-UK critical minerals call for proposals, which is focused on advancing projects related to critical minerals essential for industries like renewable energy, electric vehicles, and electronics. To support their participation in the project, NOVONIX Battery Technology Solutions Inc., a Canadian division of NOVONIX, is receiving advisory services and up to CAD \$127,928 in funding from the National Research Council of Canada Industrial Research Assistance Program ("NRC IRAP"), while ICoNiChem is receiving support through Innovate UK. The 2-year project, with a total budget of CAD \$515,686 between NOVONIX and ICoNiChem, aims to further improve the sustainability of the NOVONIX all-dry, zero-waste technology by incorporating recycled metal feedstock, such as cobalt and nickel carbonates and oxides, into the process.

Dr. Chris Burns, CEO of NOVONIX said, "NOVONIX will utilize its patented all-dry, zero-waste synthesis process to synthesize, test, and analyze cathode active materials that will incorporate ICoNiChem's recycled cobalt and nickel. Our involvement reflects our continued commitment to advancing sustainable solutions, reducing cathode processing cost, and strengthening the critical mineral supply chain across North America, the UK, and beyond."

Berk Sengul, Managing Director of ICoNiChem said "This is a fantastic opportunity to work with a world class company like NOVONIX to develop a UK supply chain for nickel-based cathode active materials. The project will strengthen ICoNiChem's position as a global player in cobalt and nickel materials"

ICoNiChem will provide various recycled materials, including cobalt and nickel carbonates or oxides, throughout the project to compare and demonstrate optimal performance in cathode powders. The project will utilize NOVONIX's cathode pilot line, as well as other services from NOVONIX Battery Technology Solutions, to support the characterization of project materials including their physical and electrochemical performance. Materials will be built into full scale pouch cells to benchmark performance relative to other leading cathode materials.

Upon successful completion of milestones, NOVONIX may enter into commercial agreements for ICoNiChem products with the goal of integrating recycled feed into its CAM production processes moving forward.

This announcement has been authorized for release by NOVONIX Chairman, Admiral Robert J. Natter, USN Ret.

About NOVONIX All-Dry, Zero-Waste, Cathode Pilot Line

In July 2023, NOVONIX commissioned its all-dry, zero-waste cathode pilot line and announced its production of material that matched the performance of leading cathode materials from existing suppliers in full-cell testing. Since then, the Company has shared the [results](#) of an independent engineering study by Hatch Ltd. that shows the potentially significant cost savings and waste reduction of NOVONIX's cathode synthesis process compared to the conventional wet process.

NOVONIX was recently granted a [patent](#) for its all-dry, zero-waste cathode synthesis technology in Japan, a key market for the production and use of CAM. The Company has continued to produce various grades of mid- and high-nickel cathode material to specifications of potential commercialization partners and began sampling these pilot scale materials. A white paper was recently published to highlight the performance of its mid-nickel materials.

About NOVONIX

NOVONIX is a leading battery technology company revolutionizing the global lithium-ion battery industry with innovative, sustainable technologies, high-performance materials, and more efficient production methods. The Company manufactures industry-leading battery cell testing equipment, is growing its high-performance synthetic graphite anode material manufacturing operations, and has developed an all-dry, zero-waste cathode synthesis process. Through advanced R&D capabilities, proprietary technology, and strategic partnerships, NOVONIX has gained a prominent position in the electric vehicle and energy storage systems battery industry and is powering a cleaner energy future.

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About ICoNiChem

Born out of The Shepherd Chemical Company, ICoNiChem Widnes Ltd was created by an amicable divestiture from Shepherd in August 2016 by GIL (Grove Investments Ltd). On 9th December 2020 the shareholders of ICoNiChem Group Limited agreed to accept an unsolicited offer for the sale of the entire share capital of ICoNiChem Group Limited to Cengiz Holding in Turkey. The site has produced inorganic salts of Cobalt and Nickel in the North West of England uninterrupted for over 40 years.

The ICoNiChem mission is to grow the specialty chemical business based on quality and manufacturing excellence using 100% ethically sourced feedstocks including recycled materials from Li-ion batteries. This will provide consumers with products using sustainable transition metal compounds developed by a compact focused organisation, which bring real benefits to people in a modern world.

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