

Nano Science, Technology and Industry Scoreboard

Scale-up of Graphene Oxide Production for Membrane Applications

2020-08-04

Not-for-profit organization Next Generation Manufacturing Canada, also known as NGen, granted Zen Graphene Solutions and Evercloak Inc. \$125,000 each as part for a project entitled "Advancing Large-Scale Graphene and Thin-Film Membrane Manufacturing."

The project is aimed at supporting the scale-up of graphene oxide production by <u>ZEN</u> so that the miner can supply it to <u>Evercloak</u>. The nanomaterials manufacturer, on the other hand, will work on scaling up its membrane production process.

"Graphene has long promised to deliver immense benefits across a diverse range of technology applications. This collaborative project between Zen and Evercloak will fundamentally transform the manufacturing of graphene thin films and will bring forward environmentally friendly solutions in strategic clean technology areas including energy efficiency separation processes, batteries and solar cells to generate sustainable solutions for Canadians," John Laughlin, MGEn's CTO, said in a media statement.

Evercloak's patent-pending HydroAM printer is capable of depositing both 1D and 2D nanomaterials and transferring these ultra-thin films onto flexible substrates with a controlled density for various applications ranging from transparent conductors for flexible electronics to more efficient membranes for industrial separations.

To support this work, Zen will optimize and scale-up the electrochemical exfoliation process that was developed by a team at the University of Guelph to produce graphene oxide from Albany Pure Graphite.

The trademarked product is sourced from the company's microcrystalline Albany deposit in northeastern Ontario.

