

# Carbon Revolution Secures New \$25 Million Financing Agreement with OIC and Existing Lenders

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GEELONG, Australia, Dec. 23, 2024 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Carbon Revolution plc (Nasdaq: CREV) (the "Company"), a Tier 1 OEM supplier and the leading global manufacturer of lightweight advanced technology automotive carbon fiber wheels, today announced that it has reached an agreement with Orion Infrastructure Capital ("OIC") for a further US\$25 million financing, which will be released in five tranches, each equal to US\$5 million, subject to satisfying certain release conditions. In connection with the release of each of the five tranches of US\$5 million, the Company will issue to OIC and the lenders under the US\$60 million PIUS loan entered into in May 2023 ("Existing Noteholders"), penny warrants to purchase an aggregate number of shares equal to 5.0% of the Company's shares outstanding.

The original US\$110 million funding agreement with OIC included the US\$70 million previously drawn and provided for up to US\$40 million of additional funding by OIC, of which this US\$25 million has now been secured. In connection with this further US\$25 million, Existing Noteholders have also agreed to release up to US\$2 million of existing loan reserves in five equal tranches of US\$400,000 concurrent with the five OIC funding tranches. Following this combined US\$27 million of additional funding, both OIC and the Existing Noteholders have also agreed to partial payment in kind, in lieu of cash, for certain interest payments.

The first of these five funding tranches closed on Friday December 20, 2024.

The incremental \$25 million of capital, reserve release and changes to interest terms, are intended to support the ongoing liquidity of the business and fund the Company as it works to satisfy the demand from Carbon Revolution's OEM customers. The Company is making substantial investments in capacity and throughput and has a number of new programs entering, or expected to enter, production in the near-term.

"OIC continues to be a great funding partner for Carbon Revolution, sharing our vision for our world-leading technology," said Jake Dingle, CEO of Carbon Revolution. "This capital supports the ongoing liquidity of the business and underpins the continued delivery of our production capacity increase and the near-term launch of a number of new OEM programs."

"We are firm believers in Carbon Revolution and the transformative impact of their lightweighting value proposition," said Chris Leary, Investment Partner & Head of Infra Equity at OIC. "The progress made by the Company on its capacity investments and increasing the efficiency of its production, as the only company capable of producing carbon fiber wheels at scale, has further demonstrated the unparalleled value to automotive OEMs as they modernize their product portfolios."

The terms and conditions of the financing are summarized in the Company's filing with the SEC, which can be accessed here.

The Company continues to work diligently to file its Annual Report as promptly as practical to regain compliance with Nasdaq Listing Rule 5250(c)(1) as described here.

#### **About Carbon Revolution plc**

Carbon Revolution plc (Nasdaq: CREV) (the "Company" or "Carbon Revolution") is the parent of Carbon Revolution Pty Ltd, an early-stage growth company which has successfully innovated, commercialized and industrialized the advanced manufacture of carbon fiber wheels for the global automotive industry. The Company has progressed from single prototypes to designing and manufacturing lightweight wheels for cars and SUVs in the high performance, premium and luxury segments, for the world's most prestigious automotive brands. Carbon Revolution is creating a significant and sustainable advanced technology business that supplies its lightweight wheel technology to automotive manufacturers around the world.

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These forward-looking statements are subject to a number of risks and uncertainties, including (i) the ability to maintain the listing of Carbon Revolution's securities on Nasdaq or any other exchange on which such securities may be listed in the future; (ii) the failure to realize the benefits of being listed on a U.S. securities exchange and publicly-traded in the United States; (iii) Carbon Revolution's liquidity, including its ability to pay its obligations and to issue equity, refinance its indebtedness or otherwise obtain financing at all or on acceptable terms, (iv) risks related to its ability to meet financial covenants and other key covenants under existing financing arrangements or to obtain waivers or forbearance from compliance with such covenants, which could result in the acceleration of outstanding indebtedness, (v) changes in domestic and foreign business, market, financial, political and legal conditions; (vi) risks related to the rollout of Carbon Revolution's business strategy and the timing of expected business milestones; (vii) the effects of competition on Carbon Revolution's future business and the ability of the combined company to grow and manage growth, establish and maintain relationships with customers and retain its management and key employees; (viii) risks related to domestic and international political and macroeconomic uncertainty, including the Russia-Ukraine and conflicts in the Middle East; (ix) the outcome of any legal proceedings that may be instituted against Carbon Revolution; (x) the impact of pandemic and governmental responses on any of the foregoing risks; (xi) risks related to

Carbon Revolution's industry; (xii) changes in laws and regulations; and (xiii) those factors discussed in the documents Carbon Revolution filed with the SEC, including the Shell Company Report on Form 20-F.

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