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## WELCOME TO OUR NEWSLETTER

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Dear Toraphene Friends and Investors

I am excited to send you the first of many future updates now that most of our fundraising process has been finalised or is near completion. Apologies for some of the unforeseen administrative delays we have had in relation to this.

In addition to more formal business updates for our investors, we will also provide an overview of some key company milestones achieved in recent months and share some of the most important events in the global effort to solve the plastic crisis.

### **Business Update**

We have been generally scaling up our activities these last few months. As a result of promotion of our fundraising campaign, we have been extremely engaged in discussions with some very interesting companies that are potential partners in developing new Toraphene solutions. We will update you on the progress of these discussions in due course.

You may have seen the strength test of our [Toraphene bag](#) shared on our social media. We have begun setting up our bag production and should soon be ready to produce sufficient production runs for potential new customers.



## Team Update

Toraphene is a company based in the UK, with team operations spanning from the US West Coast to Europe. Our sales team is focused on securing joint development agreements to bring new products to market as well as on selling our existing products such as our home compostable shopping bags.

Our UK-based technical team is currently working on biopolymer innovations using our patented process of embedding proprietary graphene compounds into renewable substrates to enhance their performance.

Our Europe-based marketing team is actively engaging a growing group of Toraphene supporters on our social channels.

We are happy to report our Toraphene Team is gradually expanding as we ramp up our activity and we are truly committed to reducing the amount of single use plastic on this planet.

## Media Update

As you may already know, especially if you follow us on social media, our crowdfunding campaign gained widespread media attention. We were featured in Fortune Magazine, which described Toraphene as the entrepreneurs bringing the wonder substance, graphene, to market and Packaging Insights, who commented one of the most critical aspects of Toraphene is its economic viability.

If you have not done so, please follow us on social media. Your support in sharing our message and developments really make a difference for us in gaining new connections and greater visibility for Toraphene in a cost-efficient way.

## Industry developments

We are closely following industry developments to stay up-to-date with relevant future partners and upcoming legislation that targets the minimisation of plastic. We have found some important articles highlighting the important difference between compostability and biodegradability and the myths of biodegradable plastics.

We are also monitoring the outcome of a potential landmark case in California, where the environmental group Earth Island Institute is challenging big consumer companies touting products as recyclable when they are not.

## Surfers against sewage - special mention



We also want to make a special mention of Surfers against Sewage, who launched their [Million Mile Beach Clean](#) this week in the UK. They are asking the public to join them in clearing plastic and litter from their local beaches, rivers and parks as part of a million-mile cleanup to mark the emergence from lockdown. In their recently-commissioned research, they discovered that more than a fifth of people have increased purchases of single-use plastic during the pandemic. We wanted to support them in their very worthwhile mission.

### How can you help?

Creating truly innovative solutions is complex, and we focus on product development through close collaboration. We are seeking to assemble a consortium of non-competing companies that require a similar solution (such as Toraphene layered barrier packaging or double layer paper packaging to replace plastic) and are interested in collectively developing a specific product with us.

Send any suggestions and/or introductions to us at [hello@toraphene.com](mailto:hello@toraphene.com)

That is all from us for now and thank you again for your support.

Best regards,

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