

Battery Age Minerals accepted as a member of the European Raw Materials Alliance

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Highlights

- Battery Age Minerals has been accepted to join the **European Raw Materials Alliance (ERMA)**.
- ERMA was established in September 2020 by the European Commission, the Executive Branch of the European Union, **to provide European countries strategic access to Critical Raw Materials (CRMs)**.
- The most recent European Commission's list of CRMs announced in 2023 includes both Gallium and Germanium.
- **Battery Age Minerals** holds claims adjacent to the historical Bleiberg mine proven to have some of the world's highest **Germanium grades (200g/t)** as well as proven **Gallium mineralisation (90-110g/t)**.ⁱ
- Membership to ERMA provides Battery Age Minerals the opportunity to collaborate with European end-users seeking reliable, secure and sustainable access to Germanium & Gallium.

Battery Age Minerals Ltd (ASX: BM8; **Battery Age** or **the Company**) is pleased to announce that it has been accepted as a member of the European Raw Materials Alliance (**ERMA**), a group created by the European Commission to foster collaboration and provide European countries strategic access to the CRM supply chain.

Battery Age Managing Director, Gerard O'Donovan commented:

"Battery Age is delighted to be accepted as a member of the ERMA. The acceptance of our application is a testament to the importance of our Bleiberg Zinc Lead Germanium project and how its importance is viewed within European markets."

"Coupled with our exploration activities, initiating discussions with end users around the need for critical minerals such as Gallium and Germanium will assist us to progress the Bleiberg project forward."

About the European Raw Materials Alliance (ERMA)

The European Union (EU) established the ERMA in September 2020 to provide European countries strategic access to the Critical Raw Materials (CRM) supply chain.

ERMA acknowledges that metals, minerals, and advanced materials underpin a globally competitive, green and digital Europe. ERMA is set up with the goal of ensuring the reliable, secure and sustainable access to raw materials.

ERMA's Action Plan on Critical Raw Materials is aimed to:

- develop resilient value chains for EU industrial ecosystems;
- reduce dependency on primary CRMs through circular use of resources, sustainable products and innovation;
- strengthen domestic sourcing of raw materials in the EU; and
- diversify sourcing from third countries and remove distortions to international trade, fully respecting the EU's international obligations.

About Battery Age Minerals Bleiberg Zinc Lead Germanium Project¹:

The adjacent Bleiberg mine, located in the Austrian Alps, has a rich mining history and has previously been a significant producer of zinc and lead ore. Notably, the Bleiberg mine was one of the largest germanium producers in the world whilst in production. The Bleiberg mine was renowned for its high-grade mineralisation and played a crucial role in the regional economy. Although not historically produced at Bleiberg, Gallium mineralisation has also been identified in the historical workings.

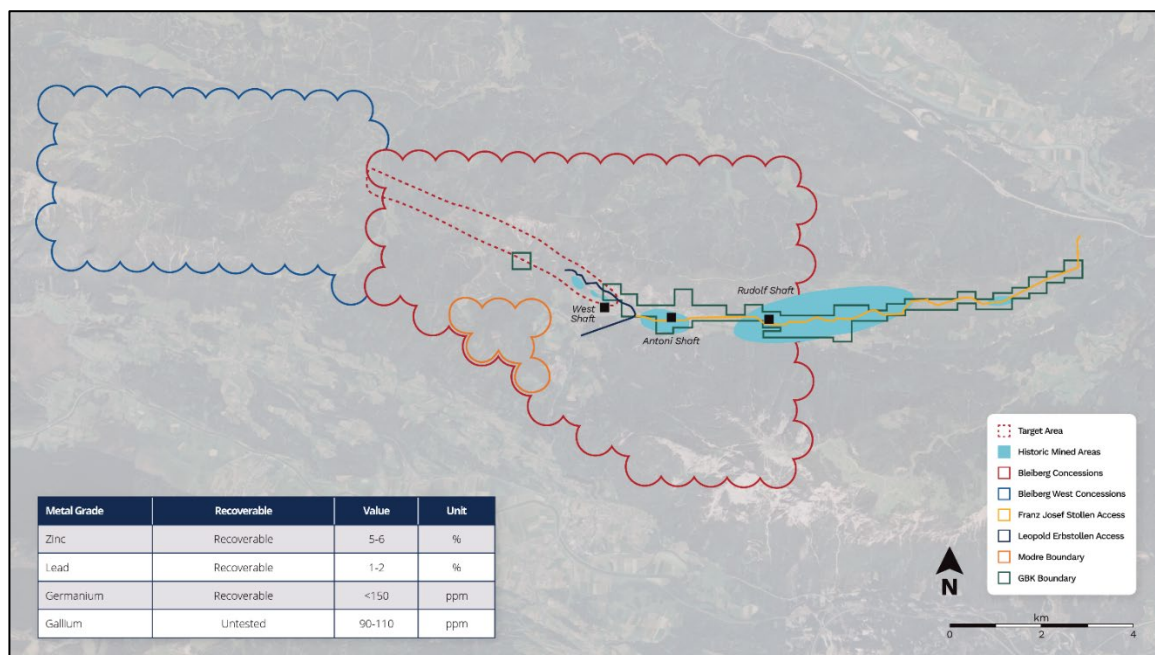


Figure 1 – Identified potential mineralised trend located along strike from historical workings. Inset table demonstrates historical data for the Bleiberg Mine from previous workings¹. Newly 100% staked claims identified in blue (Bleiberg West concessions) and existing earn-in claims shown in red (Bleiberg concessions).

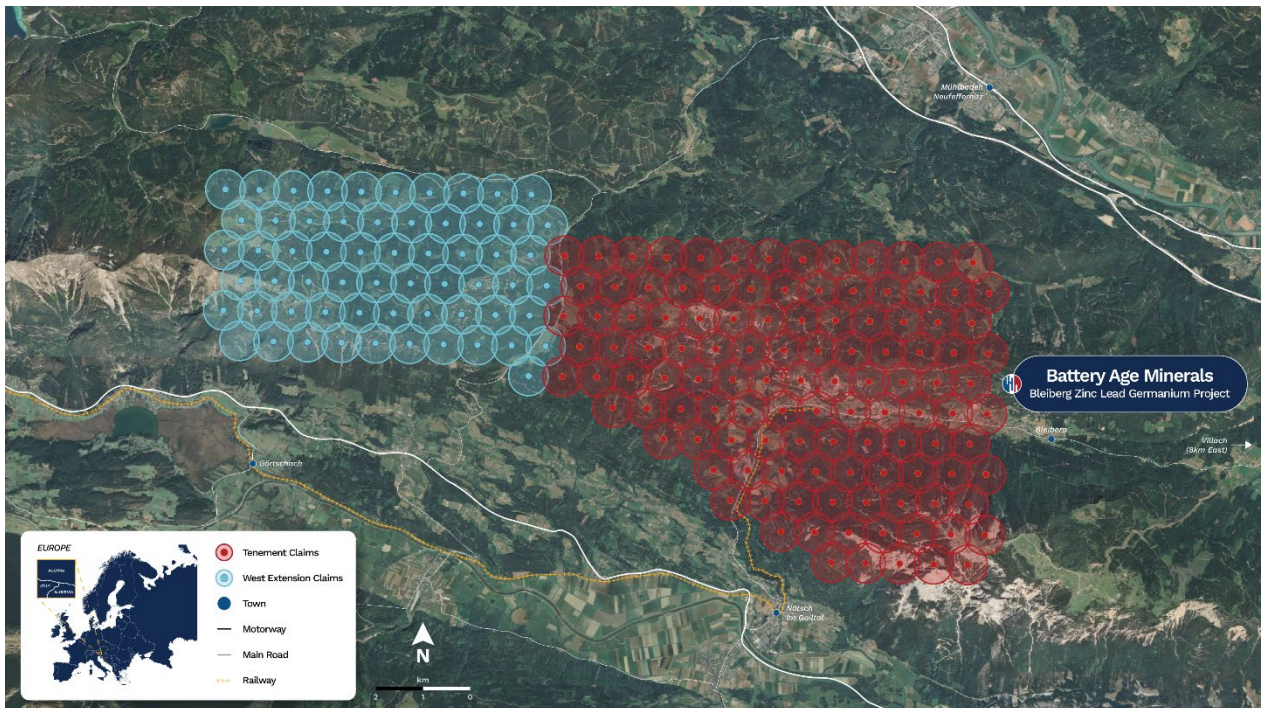


Figure 2 – 100% staked claims identified in blue and existing earn-in claims shown in red.

Germanium, a key mineral of interest at the Bleiberg Project, has a wide range of uses across various industries. Some notable applications of germanium include:

- **Electronics:** Germanium is a crucial component in the production of semi-conductors and optical fibres. It is used in the manufacturing of transistors, diodes, and other electronic devices.
- **Fiber Optics:** Germanium is utilised in the production of high-quality optical fibres, which are widely used in telecommunications for data transmission.
- **Infrared Optics:** Germanium has excellent optical properties in the infrared range, making it valuable for thermal imaging systems, night vision devices and other infrared optics applications.
- **Solar Cells:** Germanium is used as a substrate material in certain types of solar cells, particularly in high efficiency multijunction photovoltaic cells.
- **Polymerization Catalysts:** Germanium compounds serve as catalysts in the production of various types of plastics and elastomers.

Given its rich mining heritage and extensive mineralisation, the Bleiberg Earn-In¹ was secured by Battery Age as part of its relisting last year and represents a potentially very valuable critical minerals opportunity.

The Company recognises the strategic potential of the Bleiberg Project, particularly in light of recent developments with the Chinese Government announcing new restrictions and controls

¹ Refer to earn-in terms and structure set out in the Company's Prospectus dated 7 December 2022.

on Germanium and Gallium exports², and intends to progress exploration activities in the coming months.

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² Refer Thomson Reuters “China's rare earths dominance in focus after it limits germanium and gallium exports”, 5 July 2023, refer CNN “China hits back in chip war, imposing export curbs on crucial raw materials” 3 July 2023.