

Battery Age Minerals Identifies Germanium Concentrate at Historic Bleiberg Mine

HIGHLIGHTS

- **Germanium Concentrate at Bleiberg:** Recent fieldwork by Battery Age Minerals has located the presence of Germanium concentrate from historical mining operations at the Bleiberg mine in Austria, marking a significant step in the company's focus on the project.
- **Historical Significance of Bleiberg Mine:** The Bleiberg mine, with a 700-year history, was a major global producer of several critical minerals, including germanium, and has historically contributed approximately 172 tonnes of germanium, solidifying its importance in the global market¹.
- **Focus on Advanced Technological Applications:** The Company plans to conduct grade testing and specialized assessments of Germanium-76 isotope ratios, which are vital for the semiconductor industry, to evaluate the potential of Bleiberg's strategic critical materials for advanced technologies.

Battery Age Minerals Ltd (ASX: **BM8**; “**Battery Age**” or “**the Company**”) is pleased to announce that recent fieldwork, led by CEO Nigel Broomham and Chief Geological Advisor Dr. Simon Dorling, has located a sample of Germanium concentrate from historical mining and beneficiation operations at Bleiberg. This marks a significant milestone as the Company intensifies its focus on the project and its potential to address the growing demand for critical minerals essential for advanced semiconductor technologies

The Bleiberg mine, located in Austria, boasts a rich 700-year history of mining operations, making it one of Europe's most significant mineral producers. Known for its high-grade mineralisation, Bleiberg was a major global supplier of zinc, lead, germanium, molybdenum, and cadmium. During its operational period, the mine recovered approximately ~172 tonnes of germanium, cementing its status as one of the world's largest germanium producers¹.

Germanium concentrate identified from historical mining and beneficiation at Bleiberg presents a significant opportunity to support advanced technological applications. Battery Age plans to conduct grade testing to evaluate the quality of the concentrate, alongside specialized assessments of Germanium isotope ratios. Germanium has five naturally occurring isotopes, ⁷⁰Ge, ⁷²Ge, ⁷³Ge, ⁷⁴Ge, and ⁷⁶Ge. These isotopes are integral to the semiconductor industry, enhances the performance and miniaturization of technologies such as infrared optics, fiber-optic systems, and advanced transistors. These testing efforts are focused on confirming the high-grade potential of the mineralisation and establishing Bleiberg potential as a strategic supplier of critical materials for the global semiconductor market.

The Company is committed to advancing the Bleiberg Germanium Project and will announce the results of the grade testing and Germanium isotope assessments to the market as soon as they become available. Looking forward, Dr. Dorling and Mr. Broomham will prepare documentation for the Company's maiden drilling permit, with plans to submit this before the end of calendar year 2024.



Figure 1: Bleiberg Zinc Lead Germanium Project located in the state of Carinthia, Austria.

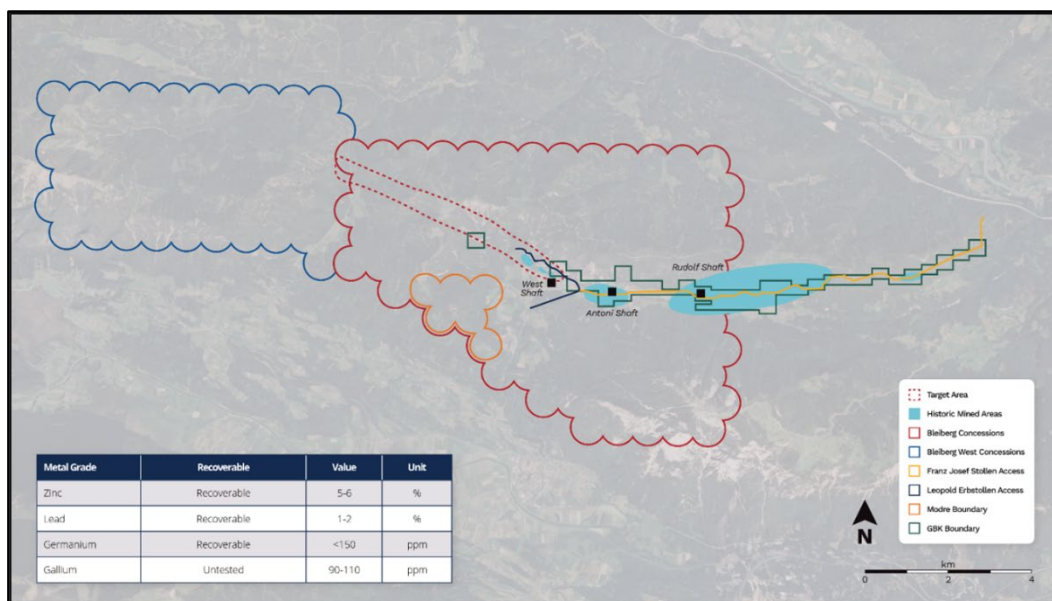


Figure 2: Identified mineralised trend located along strike from historical workings. Inset table demonstrates historical data for the Bleiberg Mine from previous workings¹.

Battery Age CEO, Nigel Broomham, commented:

"We are thrilled to locate a sample of Germanium concentrate at the Bleiberg mine. With its rich history and high-grade mineralisation, Bleiberg holds immense potential as a strategic source of critical minerals for the rapidly growing semiconductor industry. The recent sanctions imposed by China on germanium exports further highlight the critical need for alternative and secure supply sources. As we move forward with grade testing and specialized assessments of Germanium-76, together with the preparation for our 2025 exploration activities, we increase our confidence that this project will position us at the forefront of supplying materials essential for advanced technologies, and we look forward to sharing the results with the market in due course."

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