

## BM8 Appoints DGWA as European Strategic Corporate Advisor and Commences EU Engagement Program

### HIGHLIGHTS

- **Supports EU CRMA Alignment:** Engagement strategy focused on positioning Bleiberg within the European Union's Critical Raw Materials Act framework.
- **High-Level EU Engagement Program Commencing:** CEO to conduct meetings in Berlin and Vienna with key parties involved in critical minerals policy, supply-chain security and strategic raw-material planning.
- **Bleiberg a Strategic Germanium Opportunity:** Historic concentrate grades up to 1,500 g/t germanium and ~5.5 million ounces of past production underpin exceptional EU supply-chain relevance.
- **Extensive Drill Targets Defined:** Over 6 km of priority targets identified across the historic mining corridor, supported by 100+ years of geological datasets.
- **Large-Scale Tenure Position in Austria:** Battery Age has an interest in more than 330 km<sup>2</sup> of highly prospective ground across Bleiberg and Hochobir, one of the largest germanium-focused landholdings in the EU.
- **Strategic Timing Amid Global Supply-Chain Tightness:** EU, US and allied nations prioritising germanium and gallium security following export restrictions from China.
- **Strengthened Pathway to European Partnerships:** DGWA to assist in facilitating introductions to strategic industry groups, technology supply chains and EU-aligned investors

**Battery Age Minerals Ltd** (ASX: **BM8**; “**Battery Age**” or the “**Company**”) is pleased to announce the appointment of DGWA, a European Investment Banking and Corporate Advisory firm, as its strategic European corporate advisor.

This partnership strengthens Battery Age's strategy to engage directly with Europe's most influential industrial, policy and investment stakeholders at a time when the European Union is rapidly advancing its Critical Raw Materials Act (CRMA) and prioritising secure, transparent, and sustainable supply chains for strategic metals including germanium and gallium.

DGWA will work closely with Battery Age to facilitate and broaden access to Europe's corporate, institutional and governmental landscape, supporting the Company as it positions the Bleiberg Zinc Germanium Project as a potential cornerstone asset for Europe's high-tech, semiconductor, defence, optics and clean-energy sectors.

## European Engagement Program Aligned with EU CRMA

As part of this strategic initiative, Battery Age CEO Nigel Broomham will undertake European engagements with key stakeholders involved in:

- Critical minerals policy and implementation
- Strategic raw-materials planning
- Industrial supply-chain security (including semiconductor and advanced-materials demand centres)
- EU-aligned investment and strategic-partnership frameworks

These meetings form a coordinated effort to elevate Battery Age's profile within Europe's critical-minerals ecosystem and to support the Company's vision of positioning Bleiberg as a future, EU-sourced supply of germanium and related specialty metals.

## Bleiberg – A Unique Germanium Opportunity in the EU

Bleiberg Mine is one of Europe's most historically significant germanium producers, historically ranking as one of the largest global sources of refined germanium, with more than **300 tonnes** produced and concentrate grades reaching **up to 1,500 g/t germanium** (refer ASX release 17 April 2025<sup>2</sup>).

Key highlights underpinning its strategic relevance include:

- **Exceptionally high-grade concentrates** well above modern global economic thresholds
- **Direct-to-refinery potential** due to high germanium grades, providing possible ESG and cost advantages
- **Over 6 km of drill targets** across historically mined high-grade horizons (ASX 29 Aug 2024; 1 Oct 2024)
- **One of the largest germanium-prospective land positions globally**, with BM8 holding interests in >330 km<sup>2</sup> across Bleiberg and Hochobir (ASX 29 Jan 2025)

With China maintaining export controls on germanium and gallium, the EU has explicitly prioritised secure, domestic and allied supply sources under the CRMA placing BM8 in a strategically favourable position.

### Battery Age CEO, Nigel Broomham, commented:

*"Appointing DGWA is a deliberate and strategic step to deepen our engagement with key European stakeholders at a time when the region is rapidly reshaping its approach to critical-raw-materials security. DGWA's role goes far beyond investor relations, they will support us in building the right relationships with key European industrial groups, technology supply chains, policy bodies and capital markets."*

*"My upcoming engagements in Europe will centre on aligning Bleiberg with the objectives of the EU Critical Raw Materials Act and ensuring that Battery Age is well recognised in discussions around secure, sustainable supply of germanium and associated specialty metals."*

*"Bleiberg's combination of its historic grade, scale and geopolitically aligned jurisdiction makes it one of the most compelling germanium opportunities in the Western world, and we look forward to expanding our visibility across the EU."*



Figure 1: Bleiberg Zinc Lead Germanium Project located in the state of Carinthia, Austria<sup>1,4,5</sup>.

**Stefan Müller, CEO of DGWA, noted:**

*"Battery Age Minerals is uniquely positioned to address Europe's urgent need for secure, responsibly sourced critical raw materials. The Bleiberg Zinc-Lead-Germanium Project represents a rare and advanced opportunity to re-establish a cornerstone of the European critical minerals supply. We look forward to supporting Battery Age as the company strengthens its presence across the European investment landscape."*



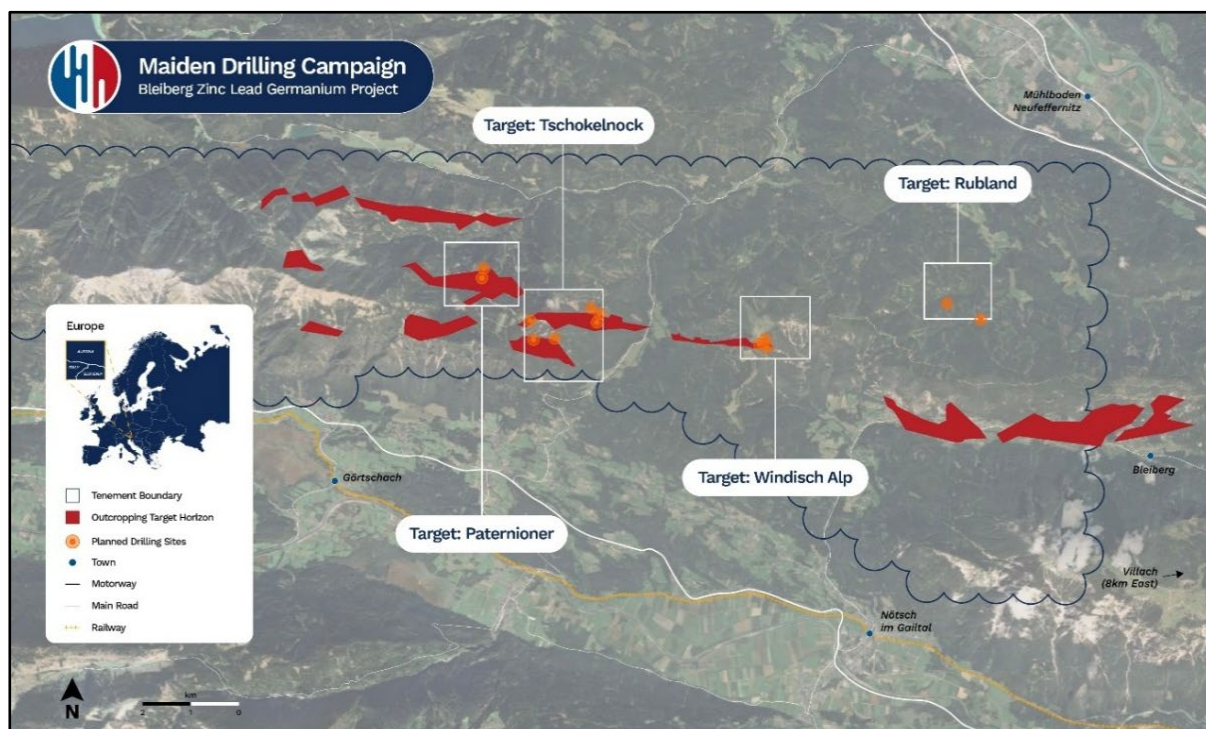


Figure 2: Bleiberg maiden drilling program – permitted drilling locations

## Germanium: Strategic Relevance in a Changing Global Market

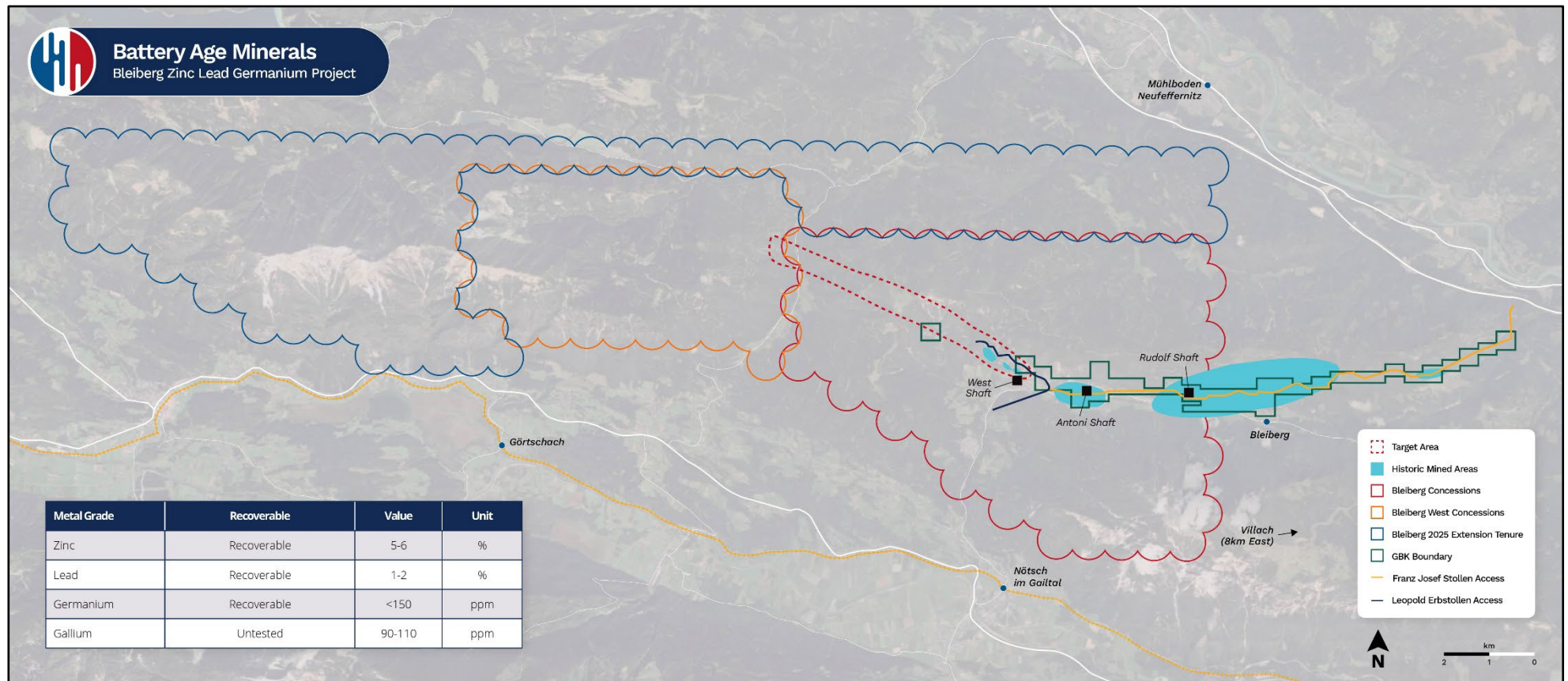
Germanium plays a vital role in advanced technologies, including semiconductors, fibre and infrared optics, solar energy systems, and military-grade photonics. Its importance is growing rapidly due to its use in silicon-germanium (SiGe) chips, which underpin the next wave of high-speed, energy-efficient electronics.

Following the introduction of export sanctions by China, the world's leading producer, on both germanium and gallium in 2024, concerns around global supply chain security have intensified. This triggered policy responses across key markets, with the European Union officially recognising germanium and gallium as a strategic raw materials under its Critical Raw Materials Act.

In this evolving geopolitical and industrial landscape, Battery Age considers the Bleiberg Project to be uniquely positioned to support Europe's drive for secure, sustainable and domestic sources of germanium and gallium.

## About DGWA

DGWA, the German Institute for Asset and Equity Allocation and Valuation ("Deutsche Gesellschaft für Wertpapieranalyse GmbH"), is a European Investment Banking and Corporate Advisory firm based in Frankfurt, Germany. The management team has a 30-year track record in trading, investing, and analysing SMEs around the world. DGWA has been involved in over 250 IPOs, financings, bond issues, dual listings, and corporate finance transactions as well as corresponding road shows and awareness campaigns.



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