

# Battery Minerals raises \$5m to progress Montepuez graphite project

Heavily over-subscribed placement ensures the Company remains on track to capitalise on the lithium battery boom

## Highlights

- Battery Minerals has received commitments for \$5 million via a share placement at 2.5c per share
- Placement was more than 50% over-subscribed with strong demand from existing shareholders and institutional investors
- Proceeds will be used to continue development of the Montepuez Graphite Project in Mozambique, where first shipment is planned 15 months from financing
- Battery Minerals' project finance process for its first graphite project is progressing well

Battery Minerals Limited (ASX: BAT) is pleased to advise that its strategy to develop the Montepuez Graphite Project in Mozambique is well on track, with the Company receiving firm commitments for \$5 million in a share placement.

The placement was at 2.5 cents per share with a free one-for-two listed option exercisable at 10c with an expiry date of July 2023 (ASX Code: BATO). The Placement will be done in two tranches, with the second tranche of shares and all options subject to shareholder approval at the annual general meeting to be held next month.

The proceeds of the raising will be used to continue the ongoing development of the Montepuez Graphite Project, for which Battery Minerals is currently undertaking a thorough project financing process.

Battery Minerals welcomes the continued support of its largest shareholder, Farjoy Pty Ltd, which will settle in Tranche 2 of the Placement along with the Battery Minerals Board and management team. Morgans Corporate Limited and Hartleys Limited acted as Joint Lead Managers to the Placement.

Battery Minerals Managing Director David Flanagan said the highly successful fundraising marked another step towards the realisation of the Montepuez Graphite Project.

*"We were overwhelmed with the support shown by a range of existing shareholders and new investors," Mr Flanagan said. "We look forward to rewarding them with the completion of project financing and development and ultimately success at Montepuez."*

## **Placement**

Under the Placement, BAT will issue approximately 204 million shares at 2.5c per share ("New Shares") in two tranches to professional, institutional and sophisticated investors. New Shares will rank equally with existing shares on issue. Subject to shareholder approval, Placement investors will

receive one listed 10 cent option with an expiry date of July 2023 (ASX Code: BATO) for every two shares subscribed for. These options are already quoted and can be traded on ASX.

The Placement will be undertaken in two tranches:

- Approximately 160 million New Shares will be issued in the first tranche under the Company's placement capacity pursuant to ASX Listing Rules 7.1, and
- the balance of 44 million New Shares and all 102 million options will be issued subject to shareholder approval at the annual general meeting of Battery Mineral shareholders planned for late May 2019.
- On completion of the second tranche of the placement, the Company will have raised \$5.1 million in aggregate before costs.

#### Indicative Timetable\*:

Milestone	Indicative Date and Time*
Tranche 1 New Share Settlement	11 April 2019
Tranche 1 New Share Allotment	12 April 2019
Dispatch Options Prospectus	1 May 2019
Annual General Meeting of Shareholders	21 May 2019
Issue date of Tranche 2 New Shares and all Placement options	27 May 2019

\* The Company may change any of the Indicative Timetable at its discretion (even if the Offer has opened or applications have been received). If the Annual General Meeting is not held in late May 2019, the Tranche 2 Issue Date, Trading Date and Despatch Date will take place on later dates.

#### Use of Funds

The funds raised via the Placement will primarily be applied towards advancing its Montepuez Graphite Project in the Cabo Delgado Province of Mozambique. Specifically the funds will be used for:

- Montepuez graphite project work including, design, approvals, community & operating costs;
- Continued work on the Balama Central Graphite Project; and
- General working capital.

#### Background Information on Battery Minerals

Battery Minerals Limited ("Battery Minerals") is an ASX listed Australian company with two world-class graphite deposits in Mozambique, being Montepuez and Balama Central. Battery Minerals has produced high quality graphite flake concentrate at multiple laboratories. Subject to completing project financing, Battery Minerals intends to commence graphite flake concentrate production from its Montepuez Graphite Project at rates of 50,000tpa at an average flake concentrate grade of 96% TGC.

In December 2017 and January 2018, Battery Minerals signed four binding offtake agreements for up to 41,000tpa of graphite concentrate, representing over 80% of Montepuez's forecast annual production. In H1 FY2018, the Mozambican Government has granted Battery Minerals a Mining Licence and its Environmental License for the Montepuez Graphite Project.

As Battery Minerals executes subsequent expansions, subject to the completion of all necessary studies, permits, construction, financing arrangements, infrastructure access, it expects production to grow to over 100,000 tonnes per annum graphite flake concentrate from its Montepuez Graphite Project.

Battery Minerals has also now announced a feasibility study on its Balama Central project, which comprises a Stage 1 production rate of 58,000tpa (B1).

Combined with Montepuez and subject to continued positive economic, social and technical investigations, Balama Central provides scope for self-funded growth from a 50,000tpa production-rate to at least 150,000tpa.

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