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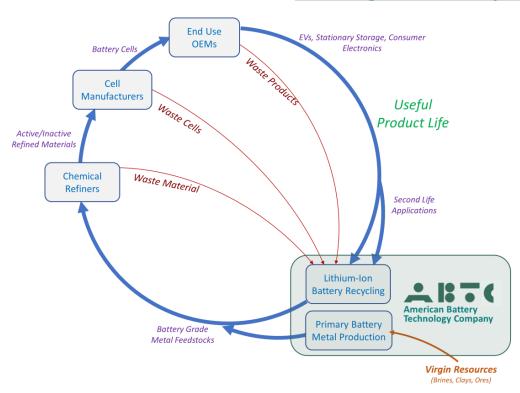
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ABTC Company Overview



Enabling Closed-Loop Circular Economy





Lithium-Ion Battery Recycling

Processing spent lithium-ion batteries to recover and reuse battery metals



Primary Metals Extraction

Manufacturing battery metals from primary resources with new scalable technologies



Resource Stewardship

Managing mineral resources on leased and owned land

Executive Team











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Opportunity: Demand for Battery Metals



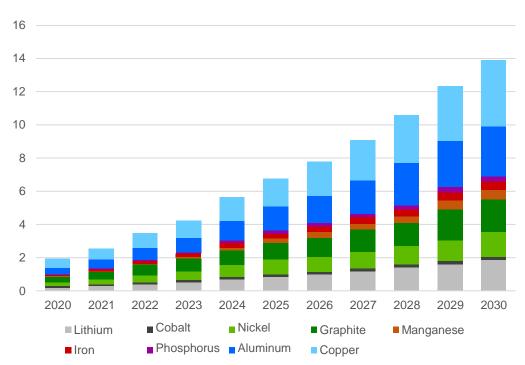
Growing Total Addressable Market

Demand for battery metals set to **grow exponentially** through 2030

Thermal refiners and traditional hydrometallurgical processes are primarily focused on Nickel and Cobalt, missing large value from other metals

The **battery recycling process of tomorrow** must be able to recover a wide range of metals in order to meet global demand

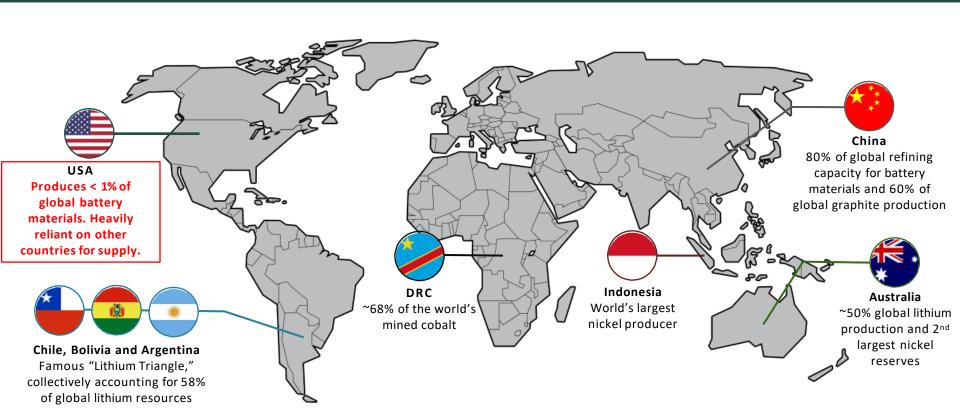
Global Battery Metals Demand (Million Tonnes/yr)



Source: BloombergNEF Battery Metals Review

Opportunity: US Critical Mineral Supply Issue





Opportunity: Regulatory Incentives



Regulatory Drivers

Government Spending



90% recycling of consumer electronics, EVs and grid storage batteries by 2030

Federal policies **require recycled materials** in cell manufacturing by 2030

\$150M in R&D spending on battery recycling & collection

ABTC already secured \$6.5M in US Grants







China

Required **recovery rates of +80%** on battery metals in effect since 2018

Set to increase required rates to +90% on Nickel, Cobalt, and Manganese

\$+60B spent to support EV industry, including R&D for battery recycling







Batteries Directive mandates that all collected batteries must be recycled

Set to increase minimum recycling efficiency rate to +75% in 2022

\$1.1B Battery Alliance project to boost battery R&D



The Open Loop

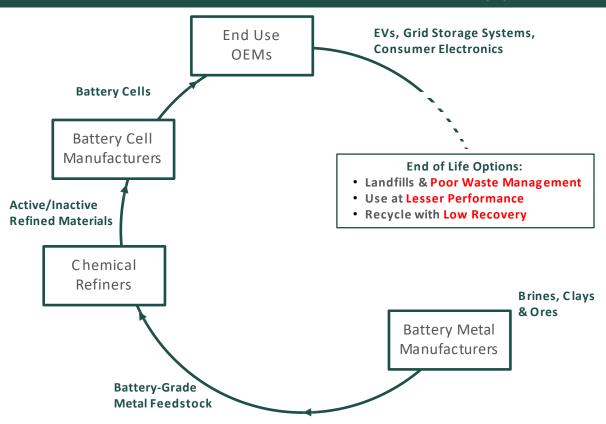


Spent Battery Dilemma

The global market is set to be flooded with lithium-ion batteries over the next decade

The current battery economy has no reliable, scalable and cost-efficient method for re-introducing spent batteries into the cycle

With battery production set to boom in the next decade, the market desperately needs better end of life options for spent batteries



Strategic De-Manufacturing Philosophy

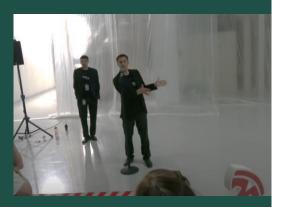


Founding Gigafactory Design Team



Tesla's Reno, Nevada Gigafactory: one of the highest volume battery plants in the world

ABTC CEO/CTO Ryan
Melsert, former Tesla
engineer, explains
fundamentals of
manufacturing processes
during Gigafactory Grand
Opening in July 2016



Treating Batteries as a Resource

Deep understanding of **raw materials processing**, refined materials synthesis,
electrode manufacturing, cell/module/pack
manufacturing

Leverage **knowledge of defect mechanisms** to undermine battery structure and increase efficiency for sorting and separation

Conduct all sorting and separation in a **fully- automated**, **hands-free process**

Current Battery Recycling Ecosystem



Current Thermal Process

<50% recovery rate

High-temperature processing

Includes discharging and dismantling

Batteries Received High-Temp Processing

Smelting

Hydromet Refining Re-Dissolve Metals

Lost:

Electrolyte Plastics Lost:

Graphite
Fluorine Emitted

Lost:

Lithium Graphite Aluminum Lost:

Manganese

Simple Hydro Process

Expensive solvents
Limited separation
Narrow design for Ni and Co

Grinding / Shredding

Limited separation of contaminants

Low removal of lesser value materials

Bulk Hydrometallurgical

Complex removal of impurities

Need for expensive solvents

Advanced Hydro Process

>90% recovery rates
Avoids high-temperature processing
Streamlined and efficient

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American Battery Technology Company

De-Manufacturing of Batteries

High separation of low-value byproducts Automated de-manufacturing process Targeted removal of contaminants

Targeted Hydrometallurgical

Simplified impurity removal Highly selective recovery of products Battery cathode specification products

Corporate Award: Circularity Challenge



In 2019, BASF, one of the largest Cathode Manufacturers in North America, hosted a global competition to identify the most promising lithium-ion battery recycling technologies in the world. The winner to receive:

- Entry into BASF accelerator program, hosted by Greentown Labs in Boston, one of the largest clean technology business incubators in the world
- o Cash grant and support funds, unlimited access to the BASF wet chemistry development laboratory
- Dedicated contacts within BASF (Cathode R&D, Cathode Manufacturing, Battery Metals Procurement, M&A)

Among 100 applications, ABTC was selected as sole winner of Battery Recycling Circularity Challenge













Corporate Award: USABC

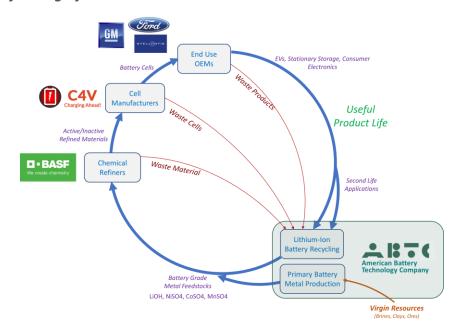


\$2M Grant from the United States Advanced Battery Consortium

October 1st, 2021

"The overall objective is to challenge the existing recycling business model and innovate towards a value driven, self sustaining model for large format lithium-ion batteries."

- Recycling of battery packs and extraction of battery metals and refining products to meet rigorous battery cathode feedstock specifications
- Synthesis of new active cathode materials (>500 kg)
- Fabrication of large-format automotive battery cells utilizing active cathode made from recycled battery metal feedstocks
- Performance testing of large format cells made from recycled vs virgin sourced battery metals



Dual Track Approach: Primary Resources

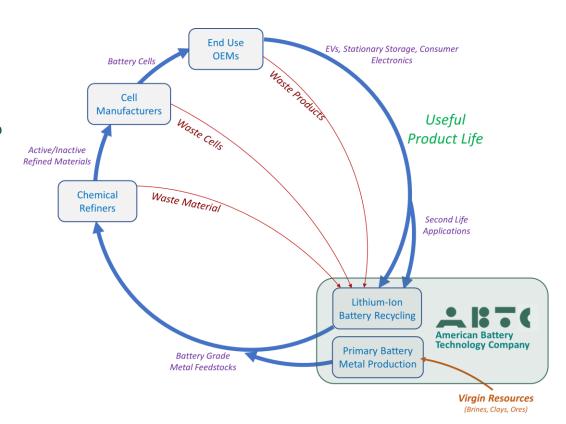


Primary Resource Extraction Technology

In addition to the recycling technology, ABTC has developed a **new sustainable lithium extraction process** that is specifically tailored to Nevada based sedimentary resources

This strengthens domestic supply of battery metals and decreases US dependence on foreign imports

ABTC also plans to secure offtake agreements with battery aggregators and black mass traders to **guarantee feedstock** for their recycling plants



Corporate Award: US DOE Grant



\$4.5M Grant for Critical Materials Innovations

Project Initiated October 1, 2021

- Utilizing lithium-rich claystone sedimentary resource as feedstock which is unique to Western Nevada
- Bench-scale validations of first-of-kind ABTC technology for selective extraction of lithium from claystone resources; drastically reduced chemical reagent consumption and environmental impact
- Construction of field demonstration ~5 MT/day system that takes in claystone resource and produces battery grade lithium hydroxide (LiOH)
- Deployment directly to the claystone resource in Western Nevada for long duration field validations

"Field Demonstration of Selective Leaching, Targeted Purification, and Electro-Chemical Production of Battery Grade Lithium Hydroxide Precursor from Domestic Claystone Resources"





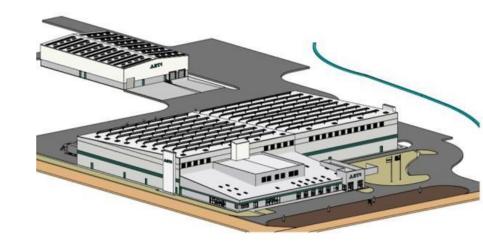


Pilot Plant: Fernley, NV



Global Development Center

- 20,000 MT/year lithium-ion battery recycling pilot plant; permitting and design-build construction commenced
- Onsite global development center supports both recycling and primary battery metal extraction technologies; analytical lab, process lab, and piloting bays
- O Global development center also helps **de-risk the project** by proving one sub-system at a time and allowing for adaptation to new battery chemistries
- O Access to low-cost electricity and utilities; nearby rail and highway infrastructure
- O Located in an Opportunity Zone
- O Scalable and repeatable opportunity for future plants



Pilot Plant: Fernley, NV



Pre-Commercial Facility Under Construction











Tonopah Flats Lithium Exploration Project



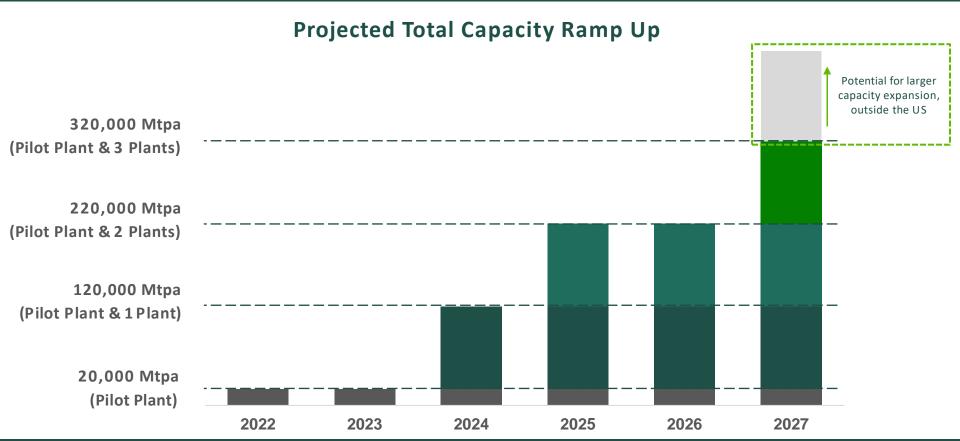
Primary Resource Development

- Exploration of 427 unpatented lode mining claims covering approximately 8,540 acres of land near Tonopah, Nevada
- Initial surface sample data demonstrated grades of anomalous reported lithium present from 260 ppm to 1,530 ppm in the project area; Samples with values of 300 ppm and up are typically considered very prospective in nature
- Commenced exploratory subsurface sampling to further develop this resource where the sample results will be used to define the extent of the deposit in footprint, depth, and the grades of the lithium



Plant Capacity Timeline





Summary



American Battery Technology Company (ABTC) is a global leader in the critical material and lithium-ion battery recycling space. The Company is focused on developing technologies for the circular economy required for the global energy transition by treating spent batteries as a valuable resource, instead of hazardous waste – providing the United States with a premier domestic source of Lithium, Nickel, Cobalt, and Manganese.



Growing Market for Battery Recycling

+15M tonnes of lithium-ion batteries worth >\$96B globally available for recycling from 2020-2030



Partnership with Industry Leaders

Close relationships with BASF, DuPont, US DOE, US Automakers, Critical Materials Institute and others



Award-Winning Process

Proprietary process that reduced e-waste and pollution while strengthening domestic supply chain



Pilot Facility to Generate Revenue in 2022

Set to process 20,000 Mtpa of battery feedstock to produce battery-grade metals



Battery Recycling & Metal Extraction

Providing disruptive and clean technology to meet accelerating demand for circular battery economy



Highly-Experienced Team

First-hand knowledge of advanced lithium-ion battery manufacturing processes at Tesla



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