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CERENERGY® BATTERY PROJECT SECURES €46.11M GERMAN GOVERNMENT GRANT APPROVAL

Highlights

- Altech Batteries GmbH's CERENERGY® battery project has received conditional binding funding approval under Germany's federal "STARK" economic development program¹.
- The approval relates to a grant covering approximately 30% of eligible project CAPEX, with funding of up to €46.11M.
- The funding commitment is conditional on achieving full project financial close by 30 June 2026 and parliamentary approval of funds under Germany's 2026 Federal Budget.

Conditional Binding Funding Commitment

Altech Batteries Ltd ("Altech" or "Company") is pleased to announce that binding conditional funding approval in the amount of 46.11 million Euro has now been granted for the CERENERGY® Sodium-Chloride Solid-State battery project in Saxony, Germany. The grant approval materially de-risks project funding and supports progression toward construction of the planned 120 MWh CERENERGY® battery manufacturing facility in Saxony, Germany.

The funding is being provided as part of the federal STARK program, which is supported by the Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy in cooperation with the EU. The aim of this program is to lead regions undergoing structural change into an ecologically, economically and socially sustainable future.

With the approval of the funding, the project has successfully completed the second and decisive stage of the approval process. The funding covers approximately 30% of the eligible investment costs and represents a significant milestone for the construction of the planned 120 MWh CERENERGY® battery factory in Germany.

¹ STARK – Stärkung der Transformationsdynamik und Aufbruch in den Revieren und an den Kohlekraftwerkstandorten. The STARK program supports investment projects that transform process towards an ecologically, economically, and socially sustainable economic structure in the coal regions and is initiated by the German Federal Government and supported by the EU

This decision underscores the importance of the innovative CERENERGY® technology, which is being developed in collaboration with the Fraunhofer Society. The Sodium-Chloride Solid-State battery offers a safe, sustainable and strategically independent alternative to lithium-ion batteries and is expected to play an important role in future stationary energy storage solutions – especially for the European market.

Mr Daniel Raihani, Managing Director & Chief Executive Officer, commented “Securing conditional binding funding approval of up to €46.11 million under Germany’s STARK program is a major milestone for the CERENERGY® project. The support reflects the strategic importance of establishing advanced, non-lithium energy storage manufacturing capability in Europe and recognises the technical progress achieved to date in collaboration with Fraunhofer IKTS.

“Importantly, the grant materially de-risks the project’s capital structure by covering approximately 30% of eligible investment costs and provides a strong foundation as we progress toward full project financing and construction of the planned 120 MWh production facility in Saxony, Germany.

“We remain focused on completing financial close by mid-2026 and advancing the CERENERGY® technology toward commercial deployment to support long-duration, safe and sustainable stationary energy storage solutions for the European market”.

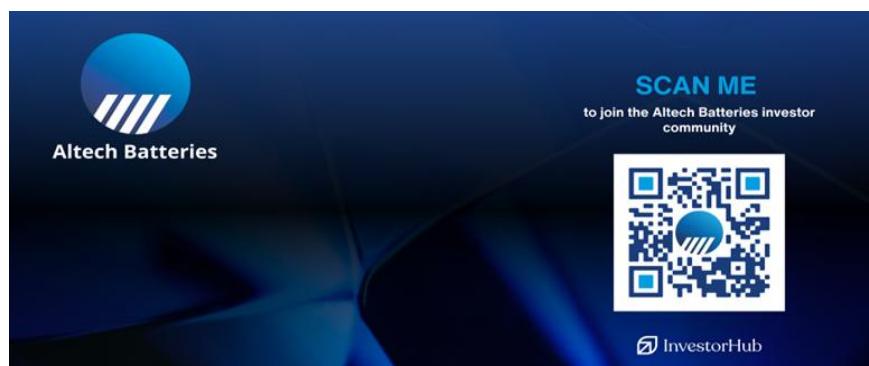
As is customary for projects of this size, the funding commitment is subject to final financial close of the CERENERGY® battery project by June 2026 and budgetary approval of the funds in the 2026 federal budget.

Altech would like to thank all the institutions involved for their support and confidence in the future viability of this key technology.

Authorised by: The Board

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About Altech Batteries Ltd (ASX:ATC) (FRA:A3Y)

CERENERGY® Batteries Project

Altech Batteries Ltd is a specialty battery technology company that has a joint venture agreement with world leading German government battery institute Fraunhofer IKTS ("Fraunhofer") to commercialise the revolutionary CERENERGY® Sodium Chloride Solid State (SCSS) Battery. CERENERGY® batteries are the game-changing alternative to lithium-ion batteries. CERENERGY® batteries are fire and explosion-proof; have a life span of more than 15 years and operate in extreme cold and desert climates. The battery technology uses table salt and is lithium-free; cobalt-free; graphite-free; and copper-free, eliminating exposure to critical metal price rises and supply chain concerns.

The joint venture is commercialising its CERENERGY® battery, with plans to construct a 120 MWh production facility on Altech's land in Saxony, Germany. The facility intends to produce CERENERGY® battery modules to provide grid storage solutions to the market.



Silumina Anodes™ Battery Materials Project

Altech Batteries Ltd has licenced its proprietary high purity alumina coating technology to 100% owned subsidiary Altech Industries Germany GmbH (AIG), which has finalised a Definitive Feasibility Study to commercialise an 8,000tpa silicon alumina coating plant in the state of Saxony, Germany to supply its Silumina Anodes™ product to the burgeoning European electric vehicle market.

This Company's game changing technology incorporates high-capacity silicon into lithium-ion batteries. Through in house R&D, the Company has cracked the "silicon code" and successfully achieved a 30% higher energy battery with improved cyclability or battery life. Higher density batteries result in smaller, lighter batteries and substantially less greenhouse gases, and is the future for the EV market. The Company's proprietary silicon product is registered as Silumina Anodes™.

The Company is in the race to get its patented technology to market, and has completed a Definitive Feasibility Study for the construction of a 8,000tpa Silumina Anodes™ material plant at AIG's industrial site within the Schwarze Pumpe Industrial Park in Saxony, Germany. The European silicon feedstock supply partner for this plant will be Ferroglobe. The project has also received green accreditation from the independent Norwegian Centre of International Climate and Environmental Research (CICERO). To support the development, AIG has commenced construction of a pilot plant adjacent to the proposed project site to allow the qualification process for its Silumina Anodes™ product. AIG has executed NDAs with German and North American automakers and battery material supply chain companies.

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