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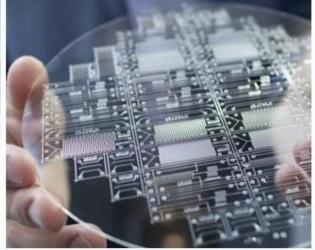




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It has been an important opportunity to connect with international stakeholders and strategic business partners, delving into the issues concerning the entire fluorine value chain from an increasingly sustainable perspective.

Tommaso Guilini, Chairman, Fluorsid SpA, Italy

Thank you for an excellent conference. This was my second Fluorine Forum attendance and definitely the best one so far.

Johan Brits, Project Director, Sepfluor, South Africa

The conference was fabulous, and it was nice getting together with everyone after the COVID years!

Bill Dobbs, Arena Fluor Materials LLC, Canada

Great event, congrats to the organising team! It was also an eye opener to realise how critical is the supply of fluoride to the EV battery materials.

Michael Gendron, Category Manager, Rio Tinto, Canada

The Koura team had a great week in Hanoi meeting with other producers and consumers of fluorine. Special thanks to IMFORMED, and to Masan High-Tech Materials who allowed us to visit their impressive Nui Phao mine.

Dustin Glazier, Product Manager Fluorspar, Koura, USA

Best Forum to date. Thanks for organising.

John Zielinski, Executive Buyer, Chemours, USA



#### **WEDNESDAY 12 OCTOBER**

- 08:00 **Registration**
- 09:00 Welcome & Introduction
  Ismene Clarke, Director & Mike O'Driscoll, Director, IMFORMED, UK

#### **OVERVIEW**

- 09:30 Acidspar market: the view from Vietnam
  William Parry-Jones, Head of Sales & Marketing Vietnam/Tungsten Raw
  Materials, Masan High-Tech Materials Corp., Vietnam
- 10:00 Global fluorspar supply: what is changing in the industry? Euston Witbooi, Research Analyst, Project Blue, South Africa

#### 10:30 COFFEE BREAK

#### MINING & PROCESSING

- 11:30 Sustainable mining at the world's largest developed fluorspar source
  Wiekus Coetzer, Global Head of Mining, Koura Global, Mexico
- 12:00 The role of make-up water, gangue mineralogy & electrokinetic potential in fluorite flotation
  Johan Brits, Project Executive, SepFluor Ltd, South Africa

12:30 LUNCH

West Lake Summit Room 19th Floor



#### **WEDNESDAY 12 OCTOBER**

#### REGIONAL SUPPLY: PAKISTAN | EUROPE

- 14:00 Pakistan: Fluorspar and Gateway to Critical Minerals Shahid Hamid Jafri, CEO, Perfect Associates Ltd, Pakistan
- 14:30 New European source of fluorspar with by-product lithium Peter Robinson, Managing Director, Fluorspar Ventures Ltd, UK

15:00 COFFEE BREAK





15:30 ROUNDTABLE BREAKOUT SESSION

Informal networking & discussion Hosted & themed Roundtables

Exploration/Mining/Supply

Hosts: Peter Robinson, Managing Director, Fluorspar Ventures Ltd, UK;

Mongolia

Host: The Mongolian Fluorspar Association

Processing/FSA

Host: Johan Brits, Project Executive, SepFluor Ltd, South Africa

Fluorochemicals

Host: Samantha Wietlisbach, Director Minerals Research and Analysis,

S&P Global Commodity Insights, Switzerland

Li-ion batteries/EV

Hosts: Oliver Rhode, CEO, XENOPS Chemicals GmbH & Co. KG, Germany;

Chris Potgieter, Director, BFluor Chemicals (Pty) Ltd, South Africa

17:30 CLOSE OF DAY 1



#### **THURSDAY 13 OCTOBER**

08:30 Registration

#### MARKETS 1: FLUOROCHEMICALS

- 09:00 Fluorochemicals trends & outlook
  John D. Zielinski, Executive Buyer, Chemours, USA
- 09:30 Hydrofluoric acid: fundamental precursor for organic & inorganic fluorochemicals review & outlook
  Samantha Wietlisbach, Director Minerals Research and Analysis,
  S&P Global Commodity Insights, Switzerland
- 10:00 Diversification opportunities: FSA to HF, HF to AIF3, HF to LiF/LiPF6

Emre Sen, Sales Manager-Fluorine Technologies, Buss ChemTech AG, Switzerland

#### 10:30 COFFEE BREAK



#### **THURSDAY 13 OCTOBER**

#### MARKETS 2: EV BATTERIES | ALUMINIUM

- 11:30 The unknown raw material disconnect: impact of e-mobility on fluorspar demand
  Oliver Rhode, CEO, XENOPS Chemicals GmbH & Co. KG, Germany
- 12:00 The role of fluorine in battery systems: Beyond electrolytes Chris Potgieter, Director, BFluor Chemicals (Pty) Ltd, South Africa
- 12:30 Comparison of LBD and HBD aluminium fluoride in aluminium smelting

Hanna Sjoberg, CEO, Alufluor AB, Sweden & & Jesper Holmquist, Commercial Director, Alufluor AB, Sweden

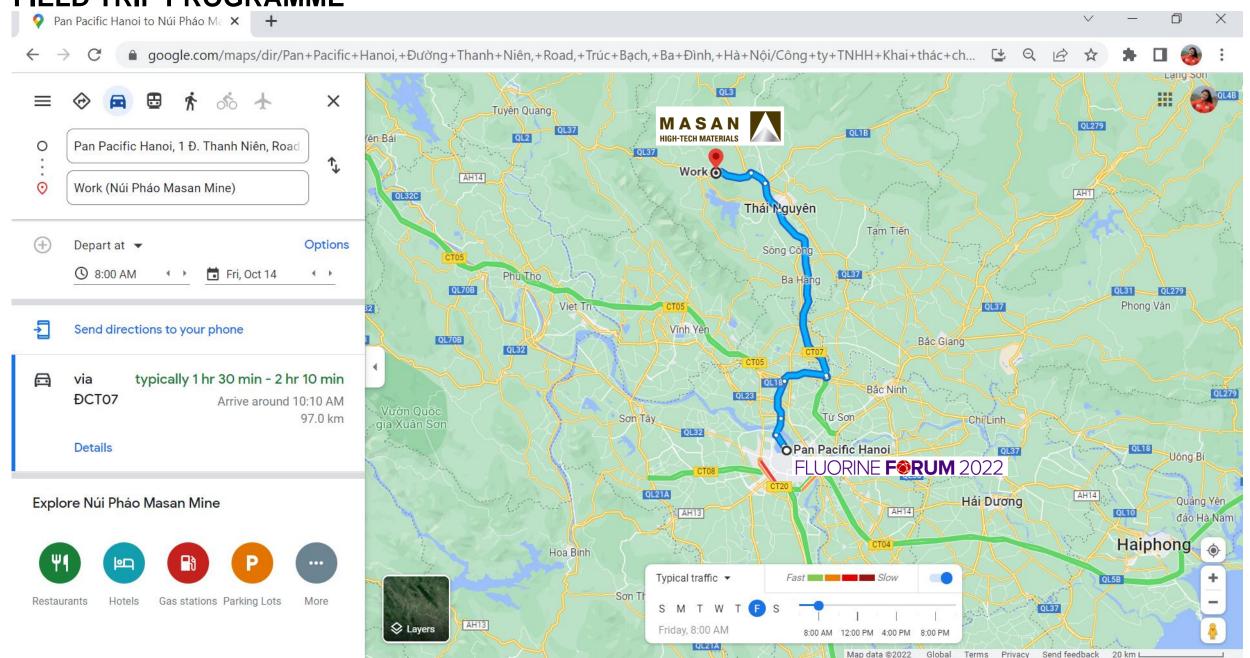
#### 13:00 LUNCH & CLOSE OF CONFERENCE

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#### FIELD TRIP PROGRAMME





## SETTING THE SCENE

## Fluorspar market overview

Supply & Market Highlights

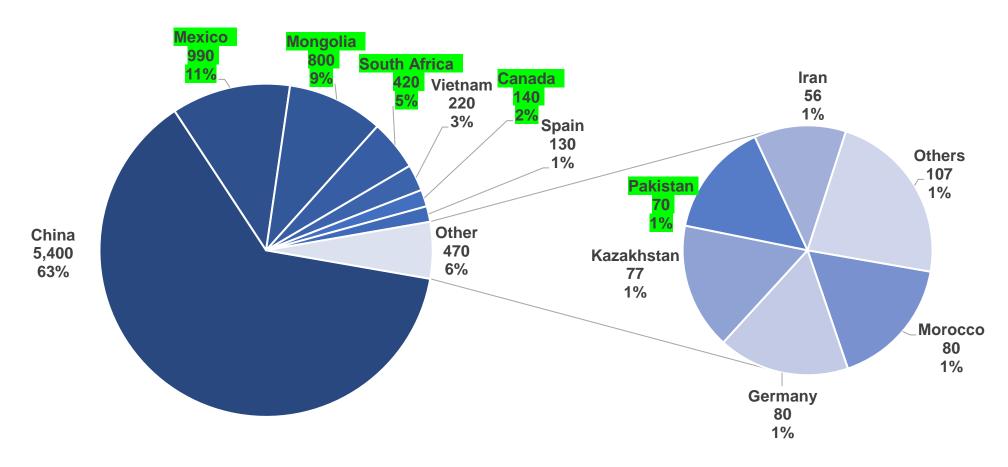






#### **World fluorspar production 2021**

Total: 8.6m tonnes; 7.6m tonnes 2020 (charts below in '000s tonnes)

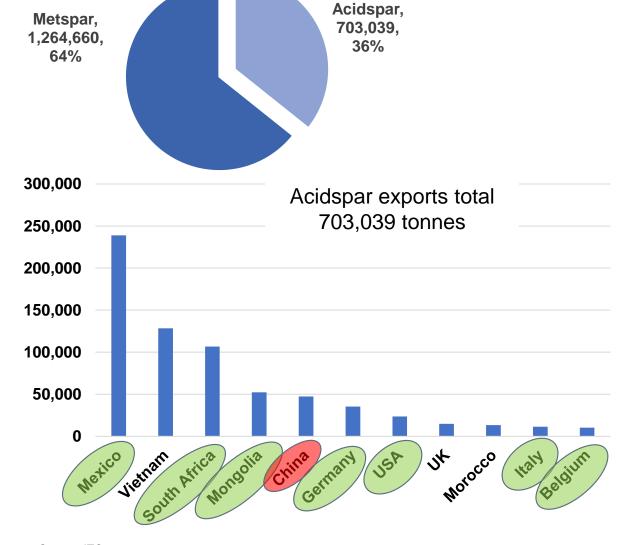


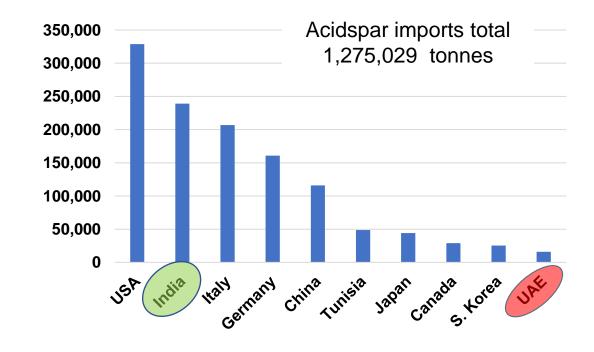
Source: USGS 2022



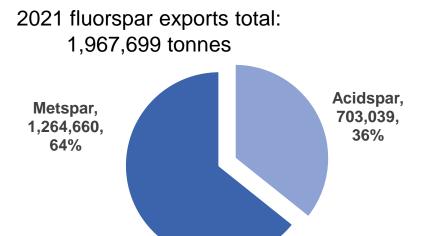






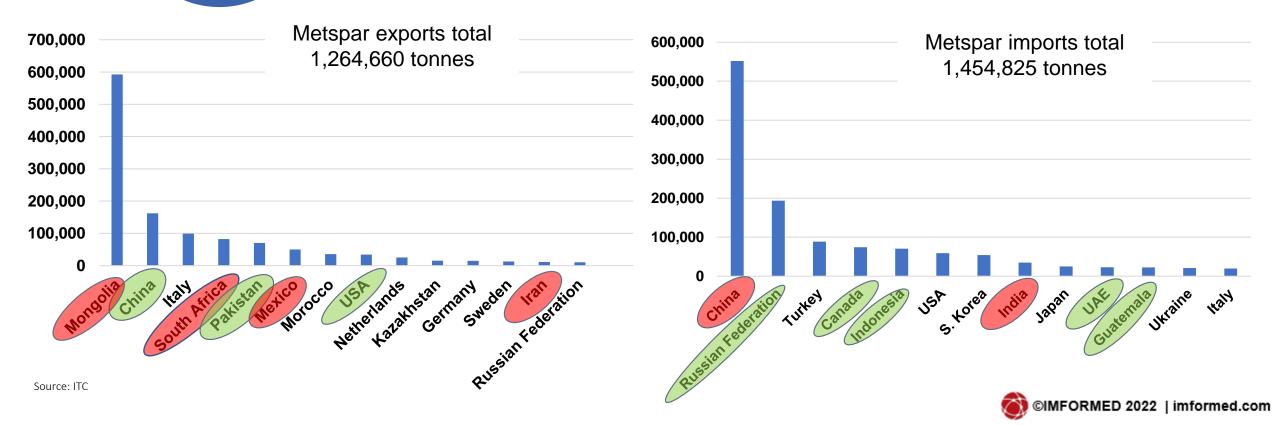






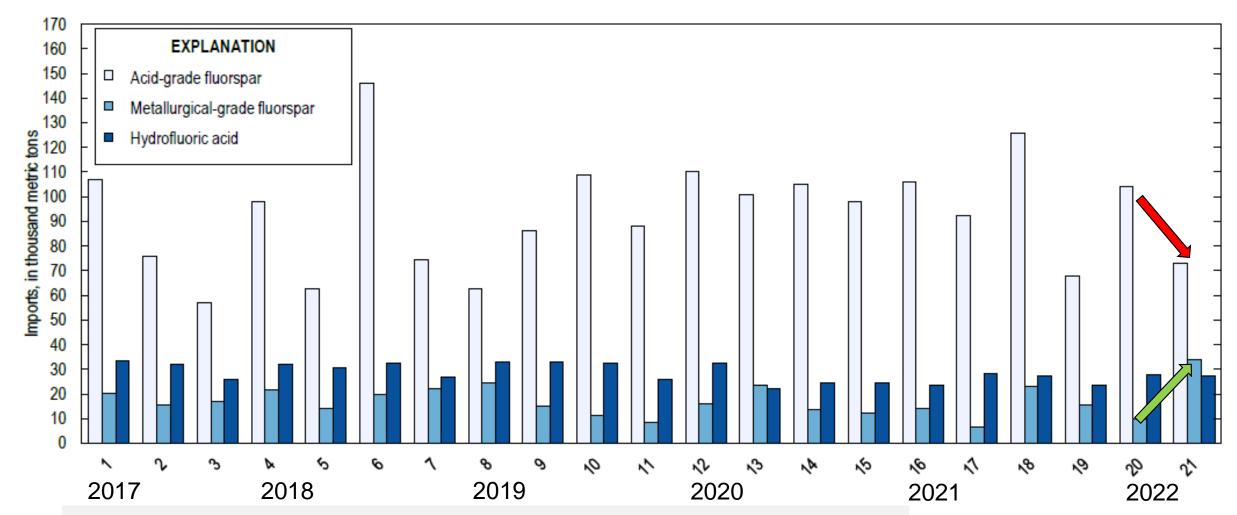
#### World fluorspar trade 2021

Metspar exports & imports



#### **US** fluorspar import trends

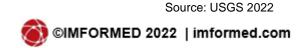
000s tonnes; Q2 2017- Q2 2022



US Q2 fluorspar imports 107,000 tonnes

73,100t acidspar: -21% on Q221, -30% on Q122; Mexico (57%), China (38%)

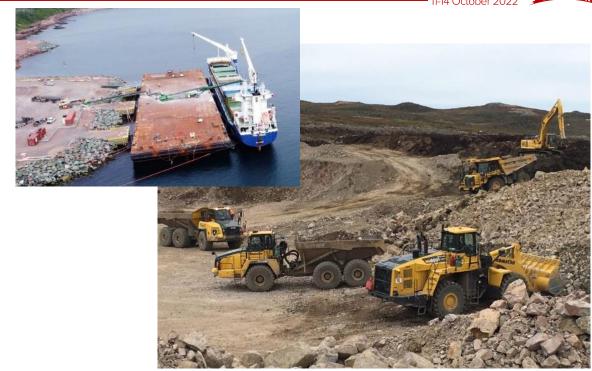
33,800t metspar: +400% on Q121, +240% on Q122; Mexico (95%)





#### **Supply highlights**

- Canada Fluorspar: Feb. 2022 idled in receivership, new owner & restart "imminent".
- Koura Global: Q1-Q2+ 2022 force majeure for fluorspar supply contracts owing to geotechnical and safety issues at mine ramp at Las Cuevas Mine; remedial work ongoing;
  - ➤ H1 2022 Mexico fluorspar production 499,000t, slight decrease from H121
  - ➤ H1 2022 Mexico exports: acidspar decreased by 46%; metspar decreased by 52%
- Prices reaction: in Q1 initially increased to \$500/t, eased later to \$450-500/t





#### **Supply highlights**

- **SAMINE:** Dec. 2021 El Hammam underground fluorspar mine in Morocco closed.
- Ares Strategic Mining: developing Lost Sheep Fluorspar Project, Spor Mountain area (a former fluorspar mining district), Juab county, Utah, 214 km south-west Salt Lake City;
  - ➤ July 2022: received plant equipment and materials for construction of 3-storey metspar plant in co-operation with strategic partner, Mujim Group, China (fluorspar processor in China, Laos, and Thailand).
  - ➤ Aug. 2022: approval of US\$4.92m financing from US Dept. of Agriculture.
- **Mineraria Gerrai:** plans to restart fluorspar production at Silius mine, Sardinia, Italy. Preparation works until end-2023, estimated ready for production early 2024.
- Other potential sources: project developments in UK, Germany/Czech Rep.,; potential in South Africa and Australia; FSA plant interest increasing.
  - ➤ eg. Arkema/Nutrien \$150m., 40,000 tpa AHF plant at Aurora, North Carolina, scheduled to start up 2022.





#### **Market drivers**

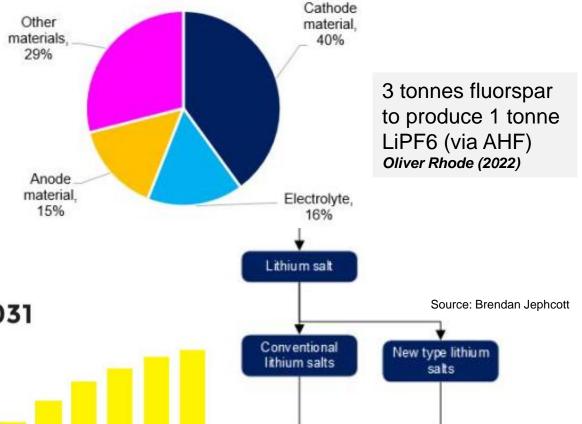
- Fluorochemicals evolution: ongoing development of new generation low GWP fluorochemicals in refrigerant and other applications.
  - ➤ April 2022: new EC proposals to strengthen F-gas regulation with more stringent HFC bans from 1 January 2027; acceleration of phase down could see current allowable quota slashed by around 50% in 2024.
  - ➤ Sept. 2022: US ratification of Kigali Amendment to phase down HFC refrigerants (138<sup>th</sup> country). Commits countries to cut production and consumption of HFCs by >80% over the next 30 years; estimated to prevent up to 80bn tonnes CO₂ equivalent emissions by 2050.
  - eg. Oct. 2022: Arkema plans to increase supply of low GWP HFO 1233zd through plants in China and the USA
  - ➤ eg. July 2022: Koura new refrigerant R468C as a lower GWP alternative to R410A or R32.



#### **Market drivers**

- Lithium ion battery evolution:
  - Fluorine essential feedstock raw material for LiPF6, LiFSI (electrolyte) and PVDF (binder), important components of lithiumion batteries (LIB).
  - Also for HF used in graphite (anode material) processing (although other ecofriendly processes emerging).

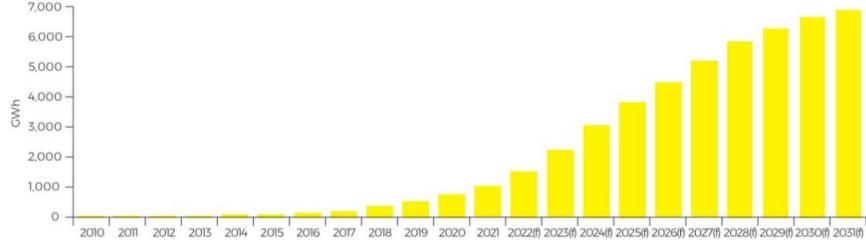
#### Lithium-ion Battery Composition



LiPF6

LiBF4





Source: Benchmark Mineral Intelligence



LiBOB

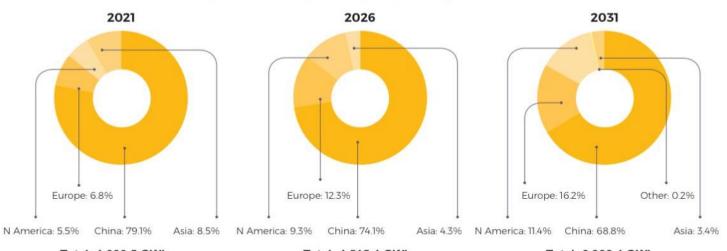
LIODEB

LiTFSI

Li2DFB LiPO2F2

#### Market drivers: LIB market geography

#### **Lithium ion Battery Cell Capacity by Region**



Total: 1,036.5 GWh Total: 4,515.4 GWh Total: 6,988.4 GWh

Source: Benchmark Mineral Intelligence

Turkey: 0.4%

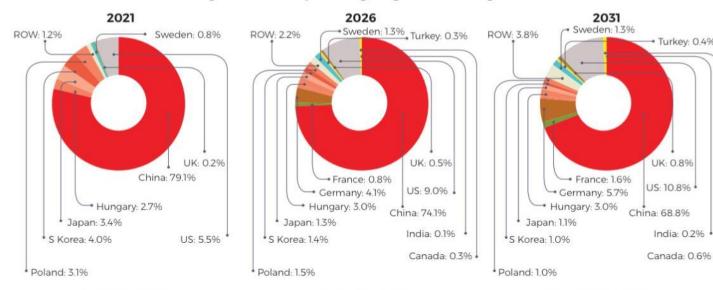
UK: 0.8%

India: 0.2%

Total: 6,988.4 GWh

#### Lithium ion Battery Cell Capacity by Country

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China **79%** 

8% Asia (ex-China)

**7**% Europe

5% **USA** 

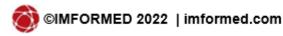
"The 10 year trajectory has started to shift towards more FV battery capacity in US and Europe, but not by much.

China still on track to hold the way of industrial power in EV battery manufacturing (~70%) in 2031."



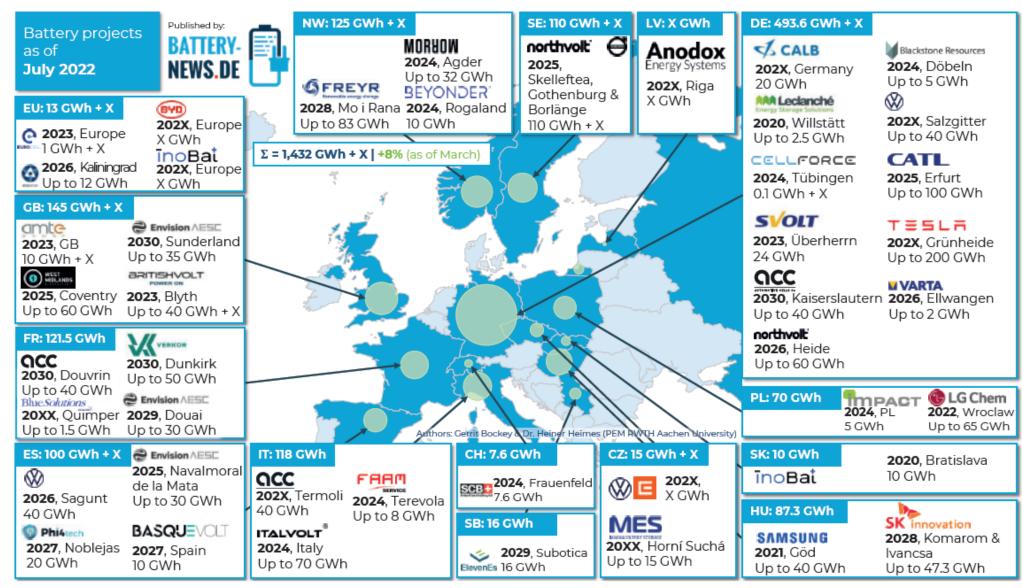
Simon Moores, CEO, **Benchmark Mineral** Intelligence

Source: Benchmark Mineral Intelligence





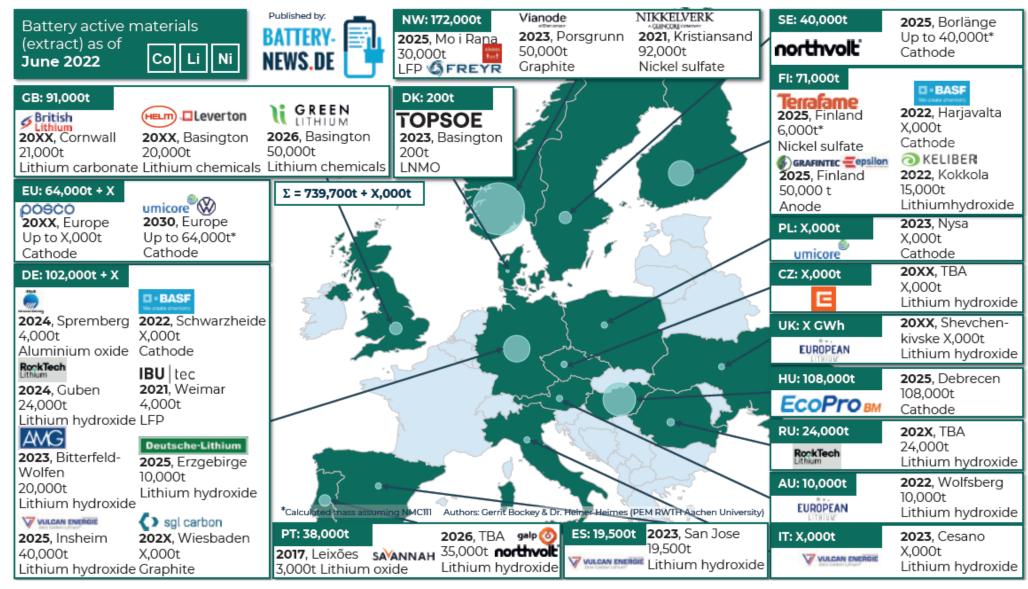
#### Market drivers: LIB market geography – Europe manufacturing site projects



Source: www.battery-atlas.eu



#### Market drivers: LIB market geography – Europe active raw material projects



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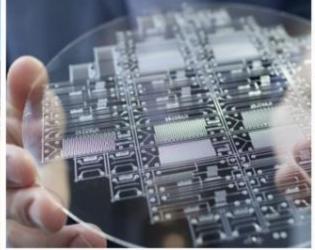


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