

**ASX Announcement**

ASX: AZ9

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**PHASE 3 DRILLING AND EXPLORATION COMMENCES AT  
OVAL CU-NI-PGE DISCOVERY****HIGHLIGHTS**

- **Phase 3 drilling follows up AZ9’s outstanding 2024 discovery**
- **Fully funded drilling program, supported by \$3.969M recently raised via an equity placement**
- **Diamond drilling campaign will test and evaluate high-priority DHEM conductive plates, deeper gravity anomalies, and step-out extensions**
- **Program aims to expand high-grade mineralisation and define the structural controls of the Oval Cu-Ni-PGE system**
- **Assay results are expected within May 2025, with metallurgical test work ongoing.**
- **Approvals were received for Phase 3 and expanded exploration work in 2025, including regional areas of interest, including the newly discovered Copper Ridge Cu-Au prospect**

Commenting on the program, **Asian Battery Metals’ Managing Director, Gan-Ochir Zunduisuren**, said:

"We are excited to launch the Phase 3 drilling program at Oval, following the exceptional results achieved last year. With a fully funded program and a clear strategy to test deeper extensions and new areas of interest, we look forward to further defining the high-grade copper-nickel sulphide system. The broader expanded program, including deeper geophysics across the full tenement area and a larger drilling program is planned later in the year, subject to the results of this phase. Every step forward in this program brings us closer to unlocking the full potential of the Oval Cu-Ni-PGE discovery."

**Phase 3 Drilling Program: Advancing a High-Grade Discovery**

**Asian Battery Metals PLC (ABM or the Company, ASX: AZ9)** is pleased to announce the commencement of its Phase 3 drilling program at the highly prospective Oval Cu-Ni-PGE discovery, part of the Yambat Project in Mongolia. This program builds on the highly successful 2024 exploration campaign that identified a significant copper-nickel sulphide system,

highlighted by discovery hole **OVD021**, which intersected **8.8m @ 6.08% Cu, 3.19% Ni, 1.63g/t E3<sup>1</sup>, 0.11% Co from 107.2m<sup>2</sup>**.

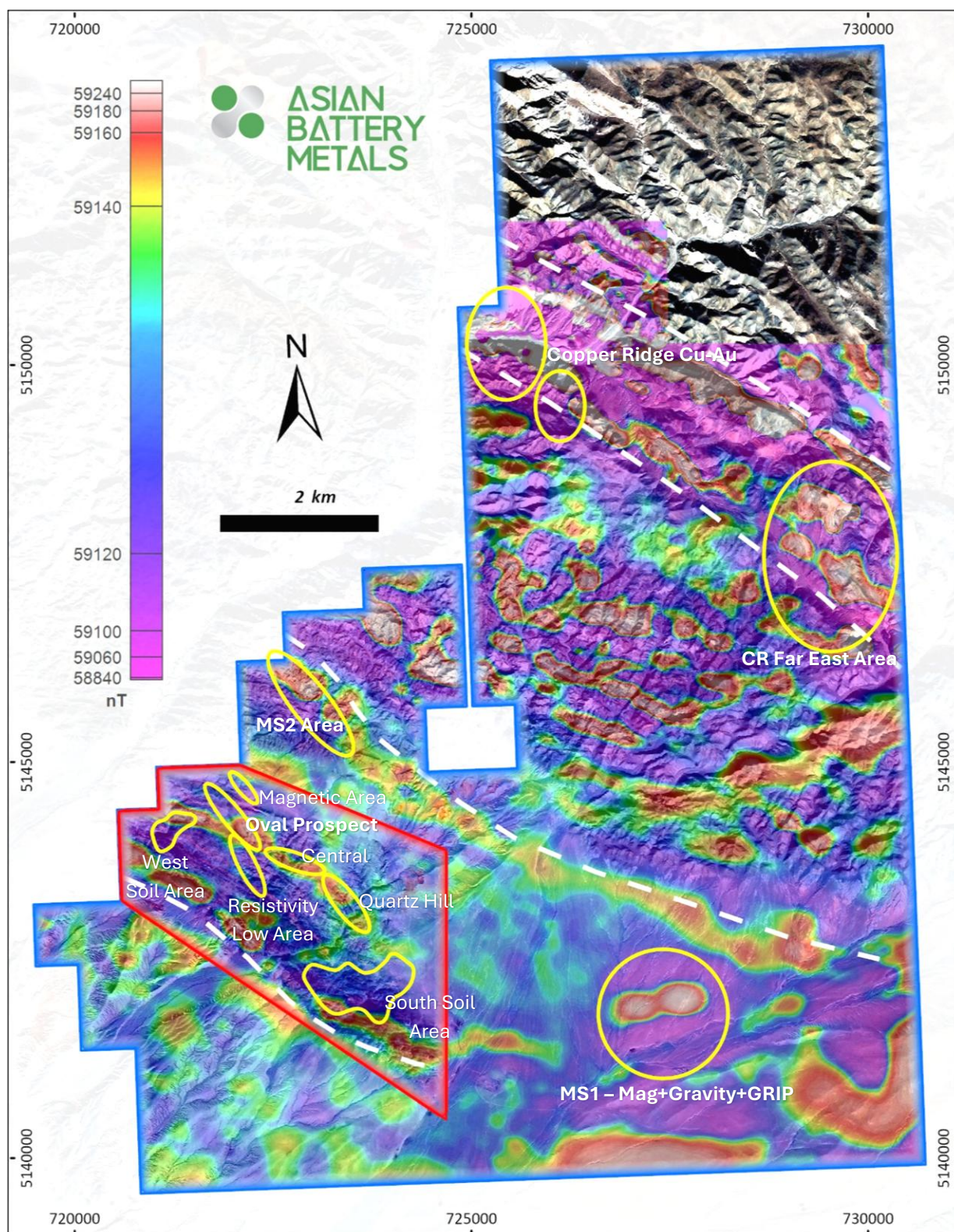


Figure 1. Target area map on ground magnetics (AGC) with tenement boundary of Yambat project

<sup>1</sup> E3 – includes precious metals Pt, Pd, and Au as a simple sum of the components.

<sup>2</sup> Refer to ASX announcement dated 28 October 2024 “Outstanding Copper-Nickel Discovery” and 31 October 2024 “Oval and Copper Ridge Announcement Clarification”.

Phase 3 drilling will comprise a minimum of 1,500 metres of diamond drilling and includes Downhole Electromagnetic (DHEM) surveys on all new drill holes. The program, which will run through to mid-May 2025, is a key step in advancing the Oval Cu-Ni-PGE discovery and its resource potential. The company has engaged Litho Drilling LLC, a leading Mongolian drilling service provider with expertise in major copper projects, to carry out the drilling work.

Phase 3 drilling program will focus on:

- Testing new and modified DHEM conductive plates in the Oval and North Oval areas;
- Step-out drilling targeting potential extensions of the mineralised system (for detailed program objectives, refer to the ASX announcement dated 18 February 2025 “Priority Areas Identified for Phase 3 Drilling at Oval” as updated by the 19 February 2024 announcement); and
- Deep drilling (~550m) beneath the southern Oval gabbroic intrusion to investigate a compelling gravity inversion anomaly<sup>3</sup>.

### **Funding & Strategic Positioning**

AZ9 recently completed a \$3.969M equity placement, ensuring the company is fully funded to execute its 2025 expanded exploration program. This strong financial position allows AZ9 to systematically test high-priority areas of interest and advance its understanding of the Oval Cu-Ni-PGE system’s scale and continuity. The funding enables strategic options to expand the exploration effort at Oval Cu-Ni, Copper Ridge Cu-Au and other regional areas of interest in 2025 subject to positive results.

### **Metallurgical Test Work Underway**

In parallel with the drilling program, the Company has commenced metallurgical test work at ALS Metallurgy in Perth, Australia, focusing on:

- Determining recovery rates for key metals, including Cu, Ni, Au, Pt, Pd, and Co; and
- Assessing ore processing characteristics across mineralisation styles (massive sulphide, dense disseminated/net-textured, and moderate/weak disseminated).

Test results are expected in Q3 2025, providing valuable insights into potential development pathways.

### **Next Steps**

- Drilling operations through to May 2025.
- Initial assay results are expected in May 2025.
- Metallurgical test work results are anticipated in Q3 2025.

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**About Asian Battery Metals PLC**

Asian Battery Metals PLC is a mineral exploration and development company focused on advancing the 100% owned Yambat (Oval Cu-Ni-PGE, Copper Ridge Cu-Au), Khukh Tag Graphite and Tsagaan Ders Lithium projects in Mongolia.

For more information and to register for investor updates, please visit [www.asianbatterymetals.com](http://www.asianbatterymetals.com).

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## **PREVIOUS ASX ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMPLIANCE STATEMENT**

This announcement refers to the Oval Cu-Ni-PGE discovery.

Previous ASX announcements on the Oval Cu-Ni-PGE discovery are:

30 April 2024 – Prospectus  
 6 August 2024 – Regional Drilling Identifies New Copper and Nickel Targets  
 7 August 2024 – Updated JORC Table  
 18 September 2024 – Massive Sulphide Mineralisation Confirmed at Yambat Project  
 23 September 2024 – Updated Announcement – Yambat Project Drilling Program Results  
 28 October 2024 – Outstanding Copper-Nickel Discovery  
 31 October 2024 – Oval and Copper Ridge Announcement Clarification  
 06 November 2024 – Drilling Recommenced At Oval Cu-Ni-PGE Project  
 22 November 2024 – Additional Massive Sulphide Mineralisation Confirmed at North Oval  
 25 November 2024 – Massive Sulphide Intercepted From DHEM Targeting  
 02 December 2024 – Massive Sulphide Intercepts Continue in OVD027  
 16 December 2024 – High Grade Assay Results Confirmed at North Oval  
 13 January 2025 – High Grade Massive Sulphide Intercepts Confirmed At Oval  
 12 February 2025 – Updated Investor Presentation  
 18 February 2025 – Priority Drilling Areas Identified at Oval Cu-Ni Project for 2025 phase 3 exploration  
 19 February 2025 – Updated Announcement - Priority Drilling Areas Identified

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