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BMTC Announces Formalization Into Trade Association

Washington, D.C. – Today, the Battery Materials & Technology Coalition (BMTC) is excited to announce its formalization into a 501(c)6 nonprofit organization. BMTC was founded in 2020 and has existed as an informal coalition since. At an annual meeting in November 2024, BMTC members unanimously voted to formalize into an association.

BMTC's formalization comes as the domestic battery industry is at a pivotal moment. While demand for batteries and the critical minerals and technologies that comprise them is poised to increase in the coming years, the establishment of a robust domestic battery supply chain is far from guaranteed given rising costs, lacking certainty around incentive mechanisms, and an overreliance on China for battery technology and critical minerals. BMTC will continue to serve at the important juncture between industry needs and the federal policymaking process to ensure the U.S. remains globally competitive and successfully grows its domestic battery and critical minerals supply chains.

"Today marks a significant milestone for BMTC. Formalizing into an association is an important step for BMTC and marks the beginning of a new chapter for our growth and advocacy," said **Ben Steinberg, the newly named President for BMTC**. "The last five years have been incredibly gratifying as our membership grew exponentially, and several of our contributions came to fruition – both in Washington and for our member companies across the country. We are poised to capitalize on this momentum and ensure there is government and private sector coordination to help build the entire battery supply chain."

"BMTC's transition into a trade association is a pivotal step to strengthen our voice within the battery and critical minerals industries," said inaugural **Board Chair Helena Schwarz**. "I've been involved with BMTC for several years, and it's been rewarding to see its maturation into the leading voice of the domestic battery supply chain. This transition solidifies our commitment to driving the future of the battery sector. I'm honored to serve as BMTC's first Board Chair and look forward to the important work ahead of us."

BMTC is the only D.C.-based advocacy association that represents companies from the entire battery and critical minerals supply chain – this includes companies that mine, extract, and process minerals, as well as those that manufacture battery components, cells,

and packs, and recycle end-of-life batteries. Some of BMTC's accomplishments to date include:

- Crafted the \$6 billion battery materials processing, manufacturing, and recycling grant program that was enacted in the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA).
- Worked with the White House on the Presidential Determination for battery materials to access funds within the Defense Production Act (DPA) Title III program.
- Advocated for the domestic battery supply chain in Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) tax credits, particularly domestic content and Foreign Entity of Concern (FEOC) requirements in the 30D Clean Vehicle Tax Credit and 45X Advanced Manufacturing Production Tax Credit with the Departments of Treasury and Energy.
- Coordinated with the Departments of Labor and Homeland Security on forced and child labor issues in the battery supply chain, particularly on Withhold and Release Orders (WROs) and Uyghur Forced Labor Protection Act (UFLPA) provisions.
- Worked with Congress to introduce the Critical Materials TRACE Act, which would enable the Department of Energy (DOE) to implement software and processes to track and trace critical minerals used in advanced technologies, such as batteries.
- Held numerous House caucus briefings and industry-government roundtables, including two in New York on financing battery supply chain projects in the U.S. and Canada, with key stakeholder partners such as the Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS), S&P Global, Energy Futures Initiative Foundation (EFIF) and Columbia University.
- Commissioned *The China Hazard: How Beijing Controls the Global Battery Supply Chain*, a [report](#) that uses original Chinese sources to illustrate China's strategy to control the global battery supply chain.
- Serve on the Department of Commerce and U.S. Trade Representatives' International Trade Advisory Committee (ITAC) #5 on Critical Minerals, sharing information and advocating for BMTC members on tariff issues and trade negotiations.
- Serve as a key source for media, including Bloomberg, Politico, E&E News, The Hill, Washington Post, New York Times, Wall Street Journal, Financial Times, S&P Global, NPR, and more.

BMTC is grateful to the many organizations we've had the opportunity to partner with along the way, including NAATBatt, Benchmark Mineral Intelligence, Securing America's Future Energy (SAFE), Center for Strategic & International Studies (CSIS), Energy Futures Initiative Foundation (EFIF), Third Way, National Mining Association (NMA), Columbia University's Center on Global Energy Policy (CGEP), Bipartisan Policy Center (BPC), S&P Global, the Colorado School of Mines, and the Payne Institute. We thank each of you for the role you've played in our journey and look forward to continuing our work together.

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BMTC is a coalition of companies across the United States and Canada that produce critical materials that are vital to America's national and economic security. BMTC's members are proud to produce and recycle the materials and components essential to powering innovative battery technologies, including those used in defense and space systems, energy storage systems, industrial applications, transportation, and more.