Recycling of automotive LiB*

To realize closed loop recycling from battery to battery

* Lithium-ion battery

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About LiB

LiB recycling project of JX



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Providing value to society as a technologybased firm

Global supply chain to support this goal



Building strong upstream, midstream, and downstream supply chains



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Main Overseas Operating Sites

Europe

TANIOBIS GmbH (Germany) JX Metals Circular Solutions Europe GmbH JX Metals Europe GmbH

Frankfurt Office Nippon LP Resources UK Limited, etc.



Middle East

Advanced Metal Industries Cluster and Toho Titanium Metal Company Limited (Saudi Arabia)

Southeast Asia

TANIOBIS Co., Ltd. (Thailand) Materials Service Complex (Thailand) Co., Ltd. Materials Service Complex Malaysia Sdn. Bhd. JX Metals Singapore Pte. Ltd. JX Metals Philippines, Inc., etc.

East Asia

JX Metals Korea Co., Ltd. JX Mining & Metals Shanghai Co., Ltd. Nikko Metals Shanghai Co., Ltd. Nikko Metals Suzhou Co., Ltd. Nikko Fuji Precision (Wuxi) Co., Ltd. JX Mining & Metals Dongguan Co., Ltd. Nikko Metals Taiwan Co., Ltd., etc.

North America

JX Metals USA, Inc. TANIOBIS USA LLC Toho Titanium America Co., Ltd., eCycle Solutions Inc etc.

South America

Chile Office Caserones Copper Mine (Chile) Escondida Mine (Chile) Los Pelambres Mine (Chile), etc.

Global zero-emission vehicle mandates and internal combustion engine bans



Source: IEA Global EV Outlook 2

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EV sales & projected battery demand (2020-2030)

The number of EV sales will increase rapidly in the future

Electric vehicle sales by region, 2022-2030



Automotive LiB demand will increase dramatically for years to come

Projected battery demand by mode and region, 2022-2030



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Structure and composition of LiB





- High energy/output density, high battery voltage
- High charge/discharge energy efficiency. Low self-discharge rate
- Can be recharged even with remaining capacity

Positive Terminal (metal jacket)

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Electrolyte: Organic electrolyte(LiPF6 etc.)

Figure: Structure and composition of square LiB

Source: Battery Association of Japan HP https://www.baj.or.jp/battery/knowledge/structure.html Items to be collected in our project

Two aspects of LiB – Critical Minerals

EV battery supply for projected demand



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Two aspects of LiB – Hazardous Waste

EOL LiB should be properly collected and safely detoxified to prevent fire, health and environmental risks

Risks

- Electric shock by residual voltage
- Ignition during transportation and storage *
- Health and environmental damage due to harmful substances in LiB*
- * Flammable organic solvent (Ethylene carbonate), electrolyte which produces hydrofluoric acid when it contacts with water (LiPF6)

Fire caused by LiB crushing at recycling facility



Source: Fire and Disaster Management Agency, Japan







12 days to extinguish the fire

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Our concept of automotive LiB recycling

Closed loop recycling from battery to battery by our own sophisticated process



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Our LiB recycling bases

- JX Metals Circular Solutions Europe GmbH
- TANIOBIS GmbH

(Frankfurt & Goslar, Germany)

- ✓ Demonstration
- ✓ Participant in HVBatCycle research consortium



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Green Innovation Fund by NEDO

Our LiB recycling project was adopted in April 2022 and has been developing more sophisticated process by using the fund

■ Theme:

"Development of closed loop recycling technology for automotive LiB"

Items:(Collaboration with academia)

- Established Life Cycle Assessment (LCA) evaluation method for LiB recycling
- Development of appropriate pre-treatment technology for automotive LiB module
- Development of advanced hydro-metallurgical process for black mass recovered from automotive LiB



HVBatCycle research consortium funded by BMWK

The HVBatCycle research consortium, led by Volkswagen has been established with the goal of keeping cathode metals, electrolyte and graphite permanently in a closed material cycle (closed loop). The project is funded by the German Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Climate Action.

Within the framework of this consortium, TANIOBIS will work to optimize the process to recover high-quality battery raw materials at a high yield using black mass provided by Volkswagen

Duration

3 years (Jan.2022 – Dec.2024) subsidised by BMWK

Partners

6 companies and 3 institutes (TANIOBIS, VW, Fraunhofer, RWTH Aachen and others)



Abbreviation

Alphabetical

AI	Aluminum	ICE	internal combustion engine
APS	Announced Pledges Scenario	Li	Lithium
BG	Battery grade	LiB	Lithium-ion battery
BMWK	Bundesministerium für Wirtschaft und Klimaschutz	Mn	Manganese
С	Carbon	NEDO	New Energy and Industrial Technology Development Organization
Со	Cobalt	Ni	Nickel
Cu	Copper	NZE	Net Zero Emissions by 2050 Scenario
EOL	end of life	OEM	original equipment manufacturer
EV	Electric Vehicle	PHEV	Plug-in Hybrid Electric Vehicle
HEV	Hybrid Electric Vehicle	STEPS	Stated Policies Scenario
HVBatCycle	High Voltage Battery Cycle	ZEV	Zero Emission Vehicle

