

# **NEO Battery to Showcase Drone Battery Portfolio at Baltic SSD Expo 2026 and Partners with Korea Anti-Drone Industry Association**

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[NEO Battery Materials Ltd.](#) ("NEO" or the "Company") (TSXV: NBM) (OTC: NBMFF), a low-cost, silicon-enhanced battery developer that enables longer-running, rapid-charging batteries for drones, robotics, and physical AI, is pleased to showcase the Company's strike and surveillance drone battery portfolio at the Supply, Security & Defense Expo 2026 in Estonia. NEO is further pleased to announce a new partnership with the Korea Anti-Drone Industry Association to advance drone and counter-unmanned aerial system (cUAS) technologies.

#### Supply, Security & Defense Expo 2026 - Tallinn, Estonia

The Company will be exhibiting and presenting June 10-11, 2026, at the Baltic region's leading defense, security, and supply chain event. Supply, Security & Defense Expo 2026 ("SSD Expo 2026") convenes defense contractors, dual-use technology innovators, EU defense funds, and Baltic military organizations and ministries of defense. For more information on SSD Expo 2026, please visit: <https://2026.supplysecurity.eu/>.

With the launch of NEO's high-power and energy strike drone battery portfolio (see news release dated June 4, 2026), the participation in SSD Expo 2026 supports the Company's planned entry into the European defense market. NEO intends to actively market various drone and robotics battery products within Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania - Baltic Sea countries focused on allocating defense spending on unmanned cUAS and surveillance systems<sup>1,2</sup>. At the event, the Company aims to connect with potential customers, suppliers, and strategic partners and will deliver a keynote presentation on supply chain resiliency for advanced energy storage.

#### Korea Anti-Drone Industry Association Partnership

NEO is also pleased to partner with the Korea Anti-Drone Industry Association ("KADIA") through a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). KADIA is a leading national organization with a mission to strengthen South Korea's national resilience against drone threats and advance cUAS innovation and cooperation between domestic and international markets.

Mr. Byeong Hui Yang, Chairman of KADIA, commented, "Onshoring the production of advanced energy storage solutions is considered a national security concern for South Korea. With this partnership, KADIA will provide several distribution channels for NEO to engage with various cUAS manufacturers, system integrators, and research institutions. We are committed to working closely together to deliver substantive, meaningful results."

Under the MOU framework, NEO and KADIA aim to (i) collaborate on research and development across drone and cUAS technologies; (ii) coordinate policy and procurement responses for evolving standards/requirements of domestic and international cUAS markets; and (iii) achieve commercial deployment by shared analysis of emerging technology trends. The collaboration is intended to align NEO's battery technology expertise with the operational requirements of cUAS platforms and to advocate for Korea-manufactured battery solutions (i.e. establishment of regional non-Chinese battery supply chains) within the domestic defense and security markets.

<sup>1</sup>AeroTime: Estonia drops ~\$500 million CV90 order, shifts funds to drones, air defense (<https://www.aerotime.aero/articles/estonia-halts-cv90-buy-shifts-funds-drones-air-defense>)

<sup>2</sup>Central European Times: Baltic states ramp up air, missile defences (<https://centraleuropeantimes.com/baltic-states-ramp-up-air-missile-defences/>)

#### About NEO Battery Materials Ltd.

NEO Battery Materials is a Canadian-South Korean battery technology company focused on developing and producing silicon-enhanced lithium-ion batteries in drones, robotics, physical AI, electric vehicles, and energy storage systems. With a patent-protected, low-cost silicon manufacturing process, NEO Battery enables longer-running and ultra-fast charging properties and provides end-to-end battery solutions from materials selection, cell architecture, and process optimization. The Company aims to be a globally-leading producer of high-performance lithium-ion batteries and materials, building a secure, robust battery supply chain for Western manufacturers. For more information, please visit the Company's website at: <https://www.neobatterymaterials.com/>.

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