Ali Haji of American Tungsten Corp. to Speak on Restoring Domestic Tungsten Supply Amid Growing National Security Concerns

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May 05, 2026 – TORONTO, ONTARIO – As global supply chains continue to fracture under geopolitical pressure and resource nationalism, tungsten has emerged as one of the most strategically constrained and essential critical minerals. Against this backdrop, Ali Haji, CEO & Director of American Tungsten Corp. (CSE: TUNG | OTCQB: TUNGF), will deliver a featured presentation at CMI Summit 5: *"The New Critical Minerals Economy,"* taking place May 13–14, 2026, at the Historic National Club in Toronto.

Mr. Haji will present on Day 2 (**Thursday, May 14**) from **9:00–9:20 AM**, with a talk titled:
"American Tungsten: Advancing Early Leadership in Domestic Tungsten Supply."

At a time when China continues to dominate global tungsten supply, Western governments and defense sectors are urgently seeking secure, domestic sources of this vital material—used extensively in aerospace, defense systems, semiconductors, and advanced manufacturing. Mr. Haji's presentation will focus on how American Tungsten Corp. is positioning itself to become a near-term, North American solution to this supply imbalance.

"Tungsten has moved from the margins of industrial supply chains

to the center of national security," said Ali Haji, CEO & Director of American Tungsten Corp. "**With global supply highly concentrated and Western inventories effectively depleted, the question is no longer *if* domestic production must return—but *who* can deliver it responsibly.** American Tungsten is progressing through a defined development pathway aimed at establishing domestic tungsten supply, with initial production targeted by the end of the year."

Critical Minerals Institute (CMI) Co-Chair Jack Lifton underscored the urgency of the situation:
"Tungsten is a textbook example of what happens when the West outsources its industrial base and loses control of strategic materials. Today, we are almost entirely dependent on foreign supply chains for a metal that underpins defense, aerospace, and advanced manufacturing. That is not a market inefficiency—it is a national vulnerability. The companies that matter now are those that can move from concept to production on a credible timeline, and in that regard, American Tungsten is positioning itself where it needs to be—on the critical path to supply security."

CMI Summit 5 will convene global leaders across mining, finance, government, and industry to examine the evolving dynamics of critical minerals supply chains. With a program centered on capital allocation, policy frameworks, and technological demand drivers, the event will highlight actionable strategies in what is rapidly becoming a resource-defined geopolitical landscape.

Mr. Haji's session is expected to provide both strategic insight and tangible pathways toward rebuilding tungsten supply resilience in North America—an issue that sits at the intersection of national security and industrial competitiveness.

About American Tungsten Corp.

American Tungsten Corp. (CSE: TUNG | OTCQB: TUNGF) is a Canadian exploration company focused on high-potential tungsten and magnetite assets in North America. The Company is advancing the IMA Mine Project in Idaho to commercial production, addressing critical metal scarcity in North America. The Company's IMA Mine Project is a historic and high-quality underground tungsten past-producing property on private-patented land well above the water table with significant infrastructure. The Company holds an exclusive option to acquire full ownership (subject to a 2% royalty) and has expanded its land position with 113 additional federal claims covering nearly 2,000 acres.

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