

Critical Minerals Institute Announces Masterclass “Command Capital & Military Metals” – July 24, 2025

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*Toronto, ON – July 21, 2025 – The [Critical Minerals Institute](#) (CMI) today unveiled the next session in its acclaimed Masterclass series, “Command Capital & Military Metals,” scheduled for **Thursday, July 24, 2025, from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. EST.***

Headlining the one-hour program are two of the sector’s most sought-after thinkers:

- [Jack Lifton](#) – Co-Chair, CMI; long-time industry guru based in Detroit, whose decades-deep expertise spans rare earths, and most of the critical minerals needed for defense supply chains.
- [Christopher Ecclestone](#) – Founder & CEO, [Hallgarten + Company](#) (U.K.); widely read principal mining strategist whose independent research regularly influences global capital markets.

The interactive discussion will be moderated by [Melissa “Mel” Sanderson](#), CMI Co-Chair and former U.S. diplomat who and is quickly establishing herself as one of the most highly sought after speakers in the industry.

A Convergence of Two Perspectives

Ecclestone and Lifton approach the military-metals nexus from complementary angles: one frames the **geopolitical chessboard of export controls and capital flows**, the other dissects the **material intensity that modern defense platforms demand**.

"Chinese dual-use export bans have become a geopolitical lever; relax them and you can pull the rug from under Western supply-chain strategies," said **Christopher Ecclestone**, previewing his analysis of antimony, tungsten, and beryllium—all metals he believes "too many players misprice because they ignore Beijing's ability to toggle policy overnight."

"For each person in the military, the demand for critical minerals is about ten times that of a civilian. Critical minerals are necessary for the military; they're nice for the public," noted **Jack Lifton**, underscoring why rare earths, gallium, germanium, and high-temperature alloys have become indispensable to aerospace, naval, and land-systems engineering.

Together, the pair will chart how **capital markets, policy shifts, and materials science intersect**—and why investors who understand that nexus can gain a decisive edge.

Event Details

Title	CMI Masterclass: <i>Command Capital & Military Metals</i>
Date / Time	Thursday, July 24, 2025 · 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. EST
Format	Live virtual session (recording available to registrants)
Registration	Complimentary for CMI members · US\$25 for non-members Click Here to Register

About the Critical Minerals Institute (CMI)

CMI is the **Brain Trust of the Critical Minerals Economy**—a global hub connecting companies, capital markets, and policymakers through Masterclasses, the weekly *Critical Minerals Report*, bespoke research, and board-level advisory services. Backed by its media parent [**InvestorNews Inc.**](#), whose content receives over **120 million annual impressions** across Google News, Bloomberg, Reuters, and major AI platforms, CMI pairs unrivalled visibility with deep technical insight.

Save the date for [**CMI Summit V**](#) (May 13-14, 2026, Toronto): *“Command Capital in Critical Minerals – Aligning Government Priorities with Private Equity.”*

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