

# 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 &amp; 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 <a href="#">Click Here to Register</a>

# 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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