

# Does China Dominate the Graphite Market?

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In this InvestorIntel interview, Tracy Weslosky talks with [Critical Minerals Institute](#)'s (CMI) Co-Chairman Jack Lifton about "[why graphite could be the next critical mineral to rise steeply in price](#)" as it is a key battery mineral.

With the graphite market currently being monopolized by China, Jack says that until battery-grade graphite, of a particular purity and shape, is mined and processed in North America, the market is going to be dependent on China. He adds, "...that's an area [graphite] that North America can probably succeed in becoming self-sufficient."

Jack goes on to discuss the recent popularity of [Lutetium](#), the heaviest rare earth element, that can potentially be used in making a room-temperature superconductor. Speaking about the rarity and limited production of lutetium globally, Jack explains why mass production of room-temperature superconductors using lutetium is improbable.

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