

# Leo Power of Search Minerals on its Rare Earths Project in Canada and Recent \$5M Government Grant

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In this InvestorIntel interview during PDAC 2023, Chris Thompson talks with Leo Power, Interim President, CEO, and Chairman of [Search Minerals Inc.](#) (TSXV: SMY | OTCQB: SHCMF) about its rare earths project in Newfoundland and Labrador.

Leo discusses the recent announcement that the Canadian government has granted \$5 million towards building the Company's \$9.3 million demonstration plant to test its direct extraction technology to separate rare earths from ore.

He provides an overview of Search's two significant deposits, Deep Fox and Foxtrot, and its 2022 Preliminary Economic Assessment ("PEA") that outlined a 26-year mine life to produce the valuable magnet rare earths – neodymium (Nd), praseodymium (Pr), terbium (Tb), and dysprosium (Dy).

Finally, Leo outlines catalysts for this year that includes starting to work on the Feasibility report and further regional exploration.

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Search Minerals is focused on finding and developing Critical Rare Earths Elements (CREE), zirconium (Zr), and hafnium (Hf) resources within the emerging Port Hope Simpson – St. Lewis CREE District of South East Labrador. Search controls two deposits (Foxtrot and Deep Fox), two drill-ready prospects (Fox Meadow and Silver Fox), and numerous other regional rare earths (“REE”) prospects, including Fox Valley, Foxy Lady, and Awesome Fox, along a 64 km long belt forming an REE District in Labrador. Search has completed a preliminary economic assessment (“PEA”) report for Deep Fox and Foxtrot.

Search Minerals has continued to optimize its patented Hydrometallurgy Direct Extraction Process technology with support from the Department of Industry, Energy and Technology, the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador, and from the Atlantic Canada Opportunity Agency. It has completed two pilot plant operations and produced highly purified mixed rare earth carbonate concentrate and mixed REO concentrate for separation and refining.

Search Minerals was selected to participate in the Government of Canada Accelerated Growth Service (“AGS”) initiative, which supports high-growth companies. AGS, as a ‘one-stop shop’ model, provides Search with coordinated access to Government of Canada resources as Search continues to move quickly to production and contribute to the establishment of a stable and secure rare earth element North American and European supply chain.

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