

# Rockland Aims to Secure the Pentagon's Optics with Utah Beryllium

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July 18, 2025 – Beryllium is the metal that keeps missiles on target and fighter-jet mirrors razor-sharp, yet for 56 years the world has relied on a single Utah mine to get it. [Rockland Resources Ltd.](#) (CSE: RKL | OTCQB: BERLF) believes that choke-point is untenable—and that its three new claims in Juab County can help pry open the bottleneck before demand from next-generation weapons systems eclipses supply.

Rockland President Will Rascan starts every pitch with the physics. “It’s a third lighter than aluminum, 50% stiffer than steel,” he told InvestorNews host Peter Clausi. That blend of featherweight strength underpins everything from satellite frames to neutron-moderating reactor parts, but nearly two-thirds of global output still comes from one berthrandite deposit at Spor Mountain, mined by Materion Corp. (NYSE: MTRN). “It’s a unique situation whereby really the U.S. is the dominant supplier,” Rascan said, “so critical-mineral security is front and center.”

Rockland’s Utah portfolio—Meteor, Beryllium Butte, and Claybank—rings Materion’s pit like a crescent moon. Beryllium Butte, first staked for lithium, coughed up assays strong enough to “bring Materion to the table,” Rascan noted. Claybank, just three kilometers northeast of the Spor Mountain mine, comes with 31 historical holes grading up to 0.6 percent BeO. “Geos are on the ground sampling as we speak,” Rascan said, with twinning and a maiden resource next on the docket.

Stand inside a missile silo and look up: the inertial-navigation gyroscopes that keep warheads on course are built on beryllium's ghostly rigidity. The metal's six-times-steel stiffness prevents warping under launch-g forces; its blistering thermal conductivity scatters heat in optical mirrors, so images stay precise through supersonic dogfights. It fortifies X-ray windows, guides satellites, and—in oxide form—insulates power transistors aboard probes orbiting Jupiter. Yet beryllium dust is toxic, scarring lungs; machining is done in sealed cells, respirators clamped tight. Ore still comes chiefly from Materion's lone Utah mine and Defense Logistics Agency stockpiles. The Pentagon calls the element irreplaceable for high-g seekers and strategic optics—"a single-point vulnerability hiding in plain sight," as one defense analyst put it.

Rockland's path to value runs through processing, not just drilling. "Ultimately the value is going to be in processing beryllium to a form called beryllium hydroxide," Rascan said. To shortcut the learning curve, he raided Materion's talent bench. Chris Dorn, an MIT-trained metallurgist who once ran Materion's international sales, now serves as technical consigliere. On July 9 the company [added](#) Phil Sabey, fresh from 34 years managing technology and quality at Materion's Utah works. "Phil brings a wealth of knowledge and experience," Rascan said in the appointment release. Sabey returned the compliment: "Rockland has positioned itself both strategically and geographically relative to the beryllium deposits presently being exploited by Materion."

Gold still glitters in Rockland's closet—its Cole project sits in Ontario's 20-million-ounce Red Lake camp—but Rascan concedes the asset needs "capital, human capital." A spin-out is under review so the Utah campaign won't starve. "We feel the value is not currently being given to shareholders in its present state,"

he told Clausi.

For now, every corporate move points back to element 4. Flanked by ex-Materion experts, Rascan is advancing three neighboring Utah properties—Meteor, Beryllium Butte, and Claybank—each perched in the shadow of the world’s lone major beryllium mine, he is betting that Rockland can help rewrite the supply script before the Pentagon’s next procurement cycle demands a new chapter.

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