

# The Critical Minerals Institute's Jack Lifton on Vital Metals, the SRC and Ionic Clays and Rare Earths

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In this InvestorIntel interview, Tracy Weslosky talks with [Critical Minerals Institute's](#) (CMI) Co-Chairman Jack Lifton attempts to explain what [Vital Metals Limited's](#) recent [announcement](#) about “pausing all construction-related activities at the Saskatoon processing facility” means. Clarifying and reinforcing what the Saskatoon Research Council (SRC) has stated online, we would like to redirect our audience to the [SRC website](#) where they state: “SRC wants to clarify that its Rare Earth Processing Facility currently under construction is on schedule and on budget and will be fully operational by the end of 2024.”

Jack also shares his insight on a column written by CMI Co-Chairman Ian Chalmers titled [Are Ionic Adsorption Clay Deposits a Game-Changer for the Supply of Rare Earths](#). He then goes on to discuss [Appia Rare Earths & Uranium Corp.'s](#) (“Appia”) (CSE: API | OTCQX: APAAF) recent acquisition of a [Brazilian rare earths ionic clay project](#), Explaining that ionic clays can be a source of critical heavy rare earths, he explains how Appia may be the “only possible provider of this super critical material for the North American market.”

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