Critical Minerals Institute Announces CMI Summit 5: “The New Critical Minerals Economy” – Toronto, May 13–14, 2026

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March 29, 2026 – TORONTO, ONTARIO – Capital is rapidly repositioning around critical minerals – but the question is no longer where to invest, it is who will control the supply chains.

At a moment when capital flows, industrial policy, and geopolitical strategy are converging around the same finite set of resources, the Critical Minerals Institute (CMI) will convene its flagship annual gathering – CMI Summit 5: “The New Critical Minerals Economy” – on Wednesday and Thursday, May 13–14, 2026, at the Historic National Club in Toronto, Canada – a forum designed to shape the market, not follow it. **To register as a CMI 5 Delegate**, click here

This is not simply a conference – it is a strategic forum where investment thesis meets execution reality. As institutional capital searches for scalable exposure to critical minerals, and governments accelerate efforts to secure domestic and allied supply chains, the market is entering a new phase—one defined less by discovery and more by control, processing capability, and downstream integration.

CMI Summit 5 is designed to address precisely this transition. Over two days, senior executives, policymakers, institutional investors, and technical experts will engage in a rigorously structured program of keynote addresses, deep-dive

presentations, and high-level panel discussions. The focus is not theoretical—it is operational: how capital is deployed, how projects move into production, how bottlenecks in processing and permitting are resolved, and how durable, allied supply chains are constructed in a fragmented geopolitical landscape.

Well-known for its intellectually serious programming, **CMI Summit 5** features an exceptional roster of confirmed speakers and participants who are actively shaping the evolution of the global critical minerals' ecosystem. These include Lewis Black, Almonty Industries Inc. (NASDAQ: ALM | TSX: AII | ASX: AII); Constantine Karayannopoulos, Neo Performance Materials Inc. (TSX: NEO | OTCQX: NOPMF); Pini Althaus, Cove Capital LLC; Pat Ryan, Ucore Rare Metals Inc. (TSXV: UCU | OTCQX: UURAF); Kamran M. Khozan, CVMR Corporation; David Argyle, Arlington Innovation Partners (AIP); Terry Lynch, Power Metallic Mines Inc. (TSXV: PNPN | OTCQB: PNPNF); Ali Haji, American Tungsten Corp. (CSE: TUNG | OTCQB: TUNGF); Craig Lindsay, Resolution Minerals Ltd. (ASX: RML | OTCQB: RLMLF); Roy Bonnell, Allied Critical Metals Inc. (CSE: ACM | OTCQB: ACMIF | FSE: 0VJ0); Feisal Somji, Sio Silica Corporation; Jim Atkinson, Antimony Resources Corp. (CSE: ATMY | OTCQB: ATMYF); Robin Dunbar, Grid Metals Corp. (TSXV: GRDM | OTCQB: MSMGF); Marcy Kiesman, Quantum Critical Metals Corp. (TSXV: LEAP | OTCQB: ATOXF); Denis Clement, Critical Minerals Americas Inc. (CMAI); Mark Wall, American Rare Earths Limited (ASX: ARR | OTCQX: ARRNF | ADR: AMRRY); Guy Bourassa, Scandium Canada Ltd. (TSXV: SCD); Gary Lewis, AE Fuels Corporation (TSXV: AEF | OTCQB: NRGFF); Michael Hargett, CVMR Corporation; Mark Tory, Defense Metals Corp. (TSXV: DEFN | OTCQB: DFMTF); Debra Bennethum, Energy Fuels Inc. (NYSE American: UUUU | TSX: EFR); Alex Moyes, USA Rare Earth, Inc. (NASDAQ: USAR); Tom Drivas, Appia Rare Earths & Uranium Corp. (CSE: API | OTCQB: APAAF); Nicole Brewster, Renforth Resources Inc. (CSE: RFR); Brett Marsh, Spartan Metals Corp. (TSXV: W |

OTCQB: SPRMF); Douglas Morrison, Centre for Excellence in Mining Innovation (CEMI); Ellie Saklatvala, Argus Media; Christopher Berlet, Stakeholder Gold Corp. (TSXV: SRC | OTCQB: SKHRF); Nick Parry, Hermitage Consulting; along Critical Minerals Institute (CMI) Directors Jack Lifton, Mel Sanderson, Tracy Hughes, Peter Clausi, Stephen Burega, Alastair Neill, Alister MacDonald and Stephen Lautens.

This carefully curated speaker list reflects a deliberate emphasis on operators and decision-makers—those directly responsible for deploying capital, advancing projects, and building the infrastructure required to support a new era of industrial policy and supply chain resilience.

Jack Lifton, Co-Chairman of the Critical Minerals Institute (CMI), stated:

"Critical minerals are now the currency of industrial power. The global conversation has shifted from identifying deposits to mastering processing and control of the value chain. CMI Summit 5 brings together the capital and expertise required to confront the defining challenge of our time—the processing bottleneck."

Melissa "Mel" Sanderson, Co-Chair of the Critical Minerals Institute (CMI), added:

"The 'defining challenge' of this moment is alignment between the relative strengths of each potential partner – governments, investors and industry. Shaping and defending reliable critical supply chains is the hurdle confronting us all in a time of unprecedented global flux. Whether this challenge can ultimately be achieved remains an open question."

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