## The Chinese Rare Earths Monopoly Saga Continues

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The blather in the media suggesting that China could or already be weaponizing the export of their "rare earths" to the rest of the world is so one-sided that it must make the Chinese wonder if non-Chinese "analysts" and "experts" ever bother to see the world from the perspective of "others." For more than a decade China has been aggressively acquiring outright or buying the output of non-Chinese rare earth sources. At this point in time, China is the overwhelming buyer, worldwide, for example of the mineral monazite, which is produced primarily as a byproduct of the processing of heavy mineral sands, which are the source of zircon and ilmenite, source minerals for, respectively, zirconium and titanium.

## Jack Lifton talks with Neo Performance's Constantine Karayannopoulos on China's rare earths recovery

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The Technology Metals Show host Jack Lifton talks with
Constantine Karayannopoulos, President, CEO & Director of Neo
Performance Materials Inc. (TSX: NEO) about the recovery of the

Chinese rare earths industry. "The Chinese rare earths industry is recovering but so is the rare earths industry everywhere," Constantine said in an interview. "It looks like the worst is over in China and the rest of the world is showing spurts of demand in specific markets, even in automotive."

Jack and Constantine went on to discuss neodymium and praseodymium (NdPr) prices, the separated praseodymium market, and how the current market situation is affecting the prices for neodymium and praseodymium. In the interview Constantine also provided an update on Neo's magnetic materials business.

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