

Critical Metals Russell Fryer on Copper and Cobalt Plans for Production in 2024

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In a revealing interview at PDAC 2024, InvestorNews host Tracy Weslosky engaged with Russell Fryer, CEO and Executive Director of Critical Metals PLC (LSE: CRTM), shedding light on the company's strategic operations in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) and its forward-looking goals. Fryer discussed the evolving political climate in the DRC, highlighting the peaceful presidential election in December 2023 as evidence of the country's commitment to democracy and the rule of law, which is crucial for investors considering Congo-based companies. He underscored the significance of the DRC in the global supply of cobalt, essential for green energy, and the high-grade copper reserves, vital as other regions face diminishing supplies.

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July 4, 2018 – “Today minerals are traced in the Congo. You have got tin, tantalum, tungsten, cobalt, which are considered conflict metals. The early incumbent system is all paper-based

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Tracy Weslosky: Lance I think you are basically going to be the first ethical supplier of DRC cobalt. Is that correct?

Lance Hooper: Yeah, that is our plan Tracy in the next quarter. We have put a number of the building blocks in place; initial supply agreement. Right now we are building out depot infrastructure and implementing the mineral traceability system that we have developed in the last 3 months.

Tracy Weslosky: InvestorIntel audience, here is what we have. We have cobalt, which is in demand around the world and, of course, we have technology with blockchain. Can you explain to us a little bit more about how you are utilizing blockchain technology to change the cobalt industry?

Lance Hooper: Sure. Today minerals are traced in the Congo. You have got tin, tantalum, tungsten, cobalt, which are considered conflict metals. The early incumbent system is all paper-based log books. We think that blockchain is a significant way to improve mineral provenance and certify where it has come from, how it is produced and essentially it is a distributed ledger and it is really facilitating and automating trust between counterparties in the supply chain. We are the intermediary between artisanal miners and our offtake partner...to access the complete interview, [click here](#)

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