

Critical Metals' Russell Fryer on the Rising Tide for Copper and Cobalt in Africa

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In this InvestorNews interview with host Tracy Weslosky, Russell Fryer, CEO and Executive Director of [Critical Metals PLC](#) (LSE: CRTM), shared insights into the [strategic developments](#) at their past-producing Molulu Copper/Cobalt Project in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC). Russell outlined plans for essential infrastructure improvements, particularly the rehabilitation of a 28km road crucial for local logistics, which will facilitate the resumption of copper ore sales from Molulu. He also highlighted the positive outlook for the copper market, mentioning, "Copper prices have actually changed a lot... We saw the Bank of America come out and say they expect a 30% rise in the copper price within the next 12 months."

Russell also provided an update on the drill program aimed at enriching the company's mining block model and developing a JORC-compliant report, which are key steps toward escalating the Molulu project towards production. Additionally, Russell discussed the company's strategic move to expand Critical Metals' investor base with an upcoming listing on the US OTCQB market.

The interview also delved into the potential financial backing from the US Government, with Russell discussing the recent receipt of a term sheet for an \$11 million loan, supported by loan guarantees. This financial support highlights the confidence in the viability of Critical Metals' operations in the region to bring critical minerals to the global market.

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London listed Critical Metals plc is focused on identifying low CAPEX and OPEX brown-field projects with near-term production and cash-flow, concentrating on minerals that have strategic importance to future global economic growth. In line with this, and with an off-take partner already in place, the Company is currently focused on recommencing production at the formerly producing Molulu Copper/Cobalt Project in the Katangan Copperbelt in Democratic Republic of Congo ('DRC').

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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.

Technology Metals Report (01.19.2024): Rainbow Rare

Earths Discovery, Middle East Critical Minerals Chess Play, and ANSTO Invests in Critical Minerals Research

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Key highlights in this Technology Metals Report include significant developments such as Rainbow Rare Earths Limited's discovery in South Africa, China's unveiling of the new heavy rare earth mineral Bayanoboite-Y, and the Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation (ANSTO)'s \$13.9 million funding for critical minerals research.

CMI Masterclass: The Middle East's Escalating Investment Interest in Africa's Critical Minerals

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The "CMI Masterclass: The Middle East's Escalating Investment Interest in Africa's Critical Minerals" hosted by Tracy Weslosky, Director of the [Critical Minerals Institute](#) (CMI), brought together a panel of experts including CMI Directors Melissa "Mel" Sanderson, Jack Lifton, and Russell Fryer. The masterclass delved into the growing trend of Middle Eastern

investment in Africa's critical minerals sector. The discussion opened with an exploration of why this trend is significant for investors and the global market. The panelists examined the reasons behind the Middle Eastern capital flow towards Africa's rich mineral resources, emphasizing its strategic importance in the global supply chain and the potential it holds for reshaping the critical minerals industry.

The conversation then shifted to the implications of this trend for American companies, particularly those committed to sustainability. A key question raised was whether Middle Eastern investments in Africa could influence or deter support from the American investment community. This part of the discussion also touched upon the competitive dynamics between China and the Middle East in Africa, considering their respective investment strategies and objectives.

Finally, the masterclass addressed the broader impacts of Middle Eastern investments in the sector, using the example of Robert Friedland's company, which received a significant investment from the Middle East. This case study led to a discussion on the potential positives and negatives of attracting Middle Eastern capital. While acknowledging the immediate financial benefits, the panelists debated the long-term implications of such investments. They explored the strategic, economic, and geopolitical ramifications, weighing the short-term gains against possible long-term challenges. This comprehensive analysis provided a nuanced understanding of the complex interplay between investment, sustainability, and global geopolitics in the critical minerals sector. To enjoy the full CMI Masterclass, [click here](#)

Navigating the Critical Mineral Investment Trail in the Congo: Experts Weigh in on the CMI Masterclass

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The Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) has long been recognized for its vast mineral wealth. But with this abundance comes complexity. Recently, the Critical Minerals Institute (CMI) Masterclass series provided a deep dive into this rich, multifaceted topic, led by two individuals with considerable firsthand experience in the DRC: Melissa 'Mel' Sanderson, a Director for American Rare Earths Limited (ASX: ARR | OTCQB: ARRF), and Russell Fryer, CEO and Chairman of Critical Metals PLC (LSE: CRTM). Both Mel and Russell are members for the CMI Board, committed to education and B2B resources in the critical minerals sector.

Russell Fryer of Critical Metals Plc Discusses Production from its Critical Minerals Mine in the DRC

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In this InvestorIntel interview during PDAC 2023, Peter Clausi

talks with Russell Fryer, Executive Director of [Critical Metals Plc](#) (LSE: CRTM) about some recent transactions which allowed the Company to now own 70% of the Molulu Project in the Democratic Republic of Congo (“DRC”).

Russel mentions that the copper and cobalt mine is cash flow generating as it went into production in January of this year, which is an “achievement for a small-cap company” listed on the London Stock Exchange.

He also discusses the potential for further acquisitions and he works through a pipeline of potential target projects.

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The Company will continue to identify future assets that are in line with its stated acquisition objective of low CAPEX and OPEX projects with near-term production, concentrating on minerals that are perceived to have strategic importance to future economic growth and generate significant value for shareholders.

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Critical Metals Russell Fryer on getting the Molulu Cobalt and Copper Mine Back into Production

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In this InvestorIntel interview, Tracy Weslosky interviews [Critical Metals PLC](#)'s (LSE: CRTM) CEO and Chairman Russell Fryer to discuss an update on Critical Metals' Molulu Mine, an ex-producing copper cobalt mine in the Democratic Republic of Congo ("DRC").

Providing a timeline for production on the Molulu Mine, Russell shares an update on when Critical Metals may begin to generate revenue from the mine. He goes on to talk about the 'King of Mining' Ian Hannam becoming a significant shareholder in Critical Metals. Discussing the strength of their team that he has put in place at Molulu already, Russell references the recent appointment of John Greeff as the Mine Manager.

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Russell Fryer on the role of critical minerals in an Economic World War III

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In this InvestorIntel interview, host Tracy Weslosky interviews [Critical Metals PLC](https://www.criticalmetalsplc.com)'s (LSE: CRTM) CEO and Chairman Russell Fryer about existing market conditions and why some experts forecast that World War III will be driven by economics and a shortage of

natural resources. Citing increasing demand for critical minerals and their role in achieving a decarbonized economy, Russell explains how we are arguably already on the precipice of an Economic World War III.

Russell says that an Economic World War III will not be about missiles, tanks, and boots on the ground; but will be a war where leading countries want to control the flow of minerals that other countries require to run their economies. He goes on to talk about the criticality of copper and cobalt as the world transitions towards green energy. Adding that while copper is an important metal to conduct electricity that cobalt is a key component for building nuclear power plants – without which, we are “never going to have a Nuclear Renaissance”.

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Invitation for Trump to join Lifton on the Technology Metals Show to discuss the Critical Materials Executive Order issued yesterday

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This morning I raced through Fallon, Kimmel, Corden and Colbert as I do every morning with a cup of coffee. The idea? Hit the ground running having enjoyed the late-night talk show hosts translations of the news events from the day before...

Henry Weingarten doesn't understand why I cannot commit to a [follow up interview](#), he's right – we need one. After all, in our last interview he forecasted everything from who will win the Presidential election to a bullish graphite, gold and media market this Fall. Undoubtedly we would all like to know what percentage of forecasts he is making on our capital markets that are right and which ones are wrong. Alright, we will get this done and live by next week.

Reviewing the emails, Russell Fryer of [Critical Metals PLC](#) (LON:

CRTM) alerted many of this AM to the [Executive Order on Addressing the Threat to the Domestic Supply Chain from Reliance on Critical Minerals from Foreign Adversaries](#) that was published on the White House site yesterday.

Russell adds in his email: "The use of the term 'foreign adversaries' is quite a strong phrase, designed and inserted to call out China..." He then adds his summary points of interest:

1. the United States develops secure critical minerals supply chains that do not depend on resources or processing from foreign adversaries. (i.e. China)
2. the United States develops globally competitive, substantial, and resilient domestic commercial supply chain capabilities for critical minerals mining and processing.
3. reduce the vulnerability of the United States to the disruption of critical mineral supply chains through cooperation and coordination with partners and allies, including the private sector
4. build resilient critical mineral supply chains, including through initiatives to help allies build reliable critical mineral supply chains within their own territories

OK, thanks Russell and kudos on listing Critical Metals PLC in London earlier this week, we are all watching to see what you do next.

Now Trump? While the content of this Executive Order is unquestionably of great interest to me and my associates in this sector, why wasn't Trump busy investing in how to clean up his post debate mess is of great interest to me. Experts tell me that the positive he is doing for critical materials will continue no matter who becomes President this Fall, but it does makes it hard to communicate what I deem to be a very positive action on his behalf when he is **not** behaving like a gentleman.

For the record, talkative is fine. After all, rare earths' experts are exceptionally talkative...

In fact, I was speaking with Jack Lifton earlier this last week and asked him about a new editorial candidate for InvestorIntel to do a regular column on our sector, and his response to one candidate was "he's good, but if you ask him the time, he will give you the history of how time was created."

My point? Give us Trump for the Technology Metals Show and I will have no challenge being the moderator with Jack Lifton as I am used to strong driven communicators with passionate positions on why we should all be buying their stock. On that note I would like to personally extend an invitation for President Trump to be on the Technology Metals Show and have Jack Lifton interview him on this Executive Order?

Now why will this work? It will work, because we are all on the same side here...when it comes to our North American issues around sustainability, we all agree. No one should ever be solely reliant on one nation for all of our Technology Metals.

See a theme here?

Before I change the point here, yes, I do plan on asking Ron Wortel to write a piece on this order ASAP. Why Ron? Well in a conversation with Ron yesterday in discussions about him taking on a regular moderator role of a critical materials editorial board (this clever idea was suggested to me by Jeff Green and his team at J.A. Green & Company last week). Ron was discussing his history in rare earths, and you know what? I think he can do it and do it well. Ron's style is understated and many of us enjoy reading well done text that is written by knowledgeable professionals that understand the business...you will of course tell me what you think – you always do.

Alright, I am running to go assist Raj Shah on putting together a Top 20 InvestorChannel Watchlist of graphite companies today. Would like to thank Julie Pacquet of [Nouveau Monde Graphite Inc.](#) (TSXV: NOU | OTCQX: NMGRF) for being the catalyst of this idea.

On a final note I am going to start calling out 'flags on the field' of the capital markets and today I would like to highlight an analyst who did what I deemed a 'smackdown' on another rare earths company in an eblast I received yesterday. Let me add, I have grown weary of advising him that his content is not my friend and have been unsuccessfully and getting off of his darn list, but hey this is simple.

How can you call out other critical material company when you sit on Boards and are presently raising funds for your own company (in the same sector of course)? When are we as investors simply going to build a wall for you and insist that you not climb over it? Consider this my brick, and as I have told you before – why can you not just market yourself without tearing someone else down, especially when you do not know what is going on.

It seems we have analysts that could use a brush up on professional behavior as well.

Enjoy your day, we will get Mr Weingarten set up for an interview, finish the InvestorChannel Graphite Watchlist, and attempt to get the news release written on the new Investor Talks video meeting series and in your inbox by Friday afternoon.

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