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CMA AUSTRALIA NEWS

The CMA Australia team would like to thank the readership for its support during 2024 and wish you a very happy new year for 2025!

We would also like to take the opportunity to shout out to the newsletter team who continue to do a fantastic job in keeping us updated on all of the latest critical minerals news!



AUSTRALIAN NEWS

BHP president calls for competitive reforms

BHP president Australia Geraldine Slattery emphasised the need for Australia's resources sector to adopt a competitive mindset during her address at the Melbourne Mining Club this week...

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Idemitsu claims \$75m stake in vanadium player

Idemitsu Australia, through its subsidiary Idemitsu Debella, has increased its stake in Vecco Group to 51 per cent, committing over \$75 million to the company's integrated critical minerals and vanadium electrolyte project...

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Iluka celebrates funding win

Iluka Resources is partnering with the Federal Government to deliver its Eneabba rare earths refinery in Western Australia. The partnership aligns with the government's 'Future Made in Australia' agenda, supporting the achievement of policy objectives related to supply chain resilience and facilitating an Australian rare earths industry...

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'Future Made in Australia' Bill greenlit by Senate

The Federal Government's Future Made in Australia (Production Tax Credit and Other Measures) Bill 2024 has been passed in the Senate, positioning Australia to become a global decarbonisation leader...

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New life for mine waste

The Western Australian Government has joined forces with the the Minerals Research Institute of WA (MRIWA) to accelerate industry-scale mineral carbonation using mine waste...

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Clean energy investor to drive decarbonisation in mining

Clean Energy Finance Corporation (CEFC) and Resource Capital Funds (RCF) will work together to fast-track decarbonisation in the mining industry...

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Federal Government grants bolster critical minerals

The Federal Government has handed out a further \$21 million in grants to support emerging critical minerals projects...

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Victoria green lights two mineral sands projects

The Victorian Government has granted ministerial approval to two mineral sands projects, marking the first time such projects have been given the green light since 2008...

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Rio Tinto launches \$150 million partnership

Rio Tinto and Imperial College London have teamed up to launch the Rio Tinto Centre for Future Materials, aimed at accelerating the development of new sustainable technologies required for the energy transition...

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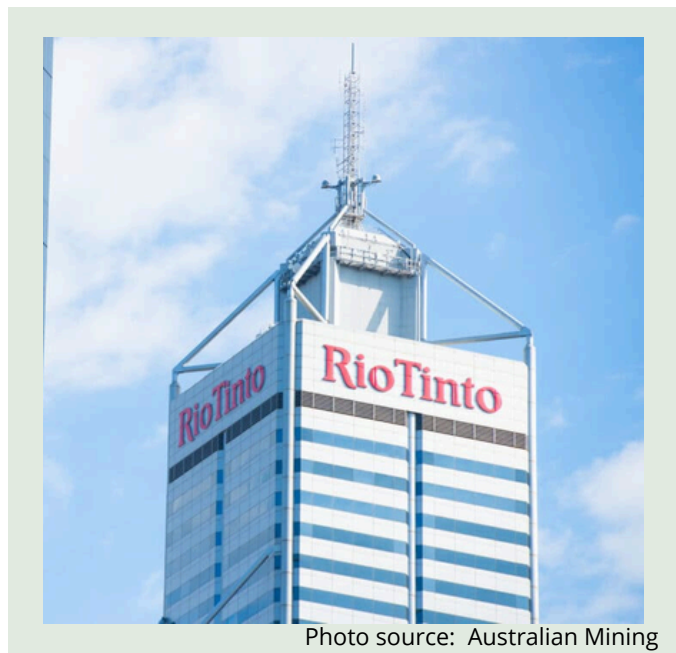


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Rio Tinto invests billions in Rincon lithium project

Rio Tinto has approved a \$2.5 billion expansion of the Rincon project in Argentina, the company's first commercial scale lithium operation...

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Arafura's Nolans project globally recognised

Arafura Rare Earths' Nolans project in the Northern Territory has gained international recognition for its importance to the critical mineral supply chain...

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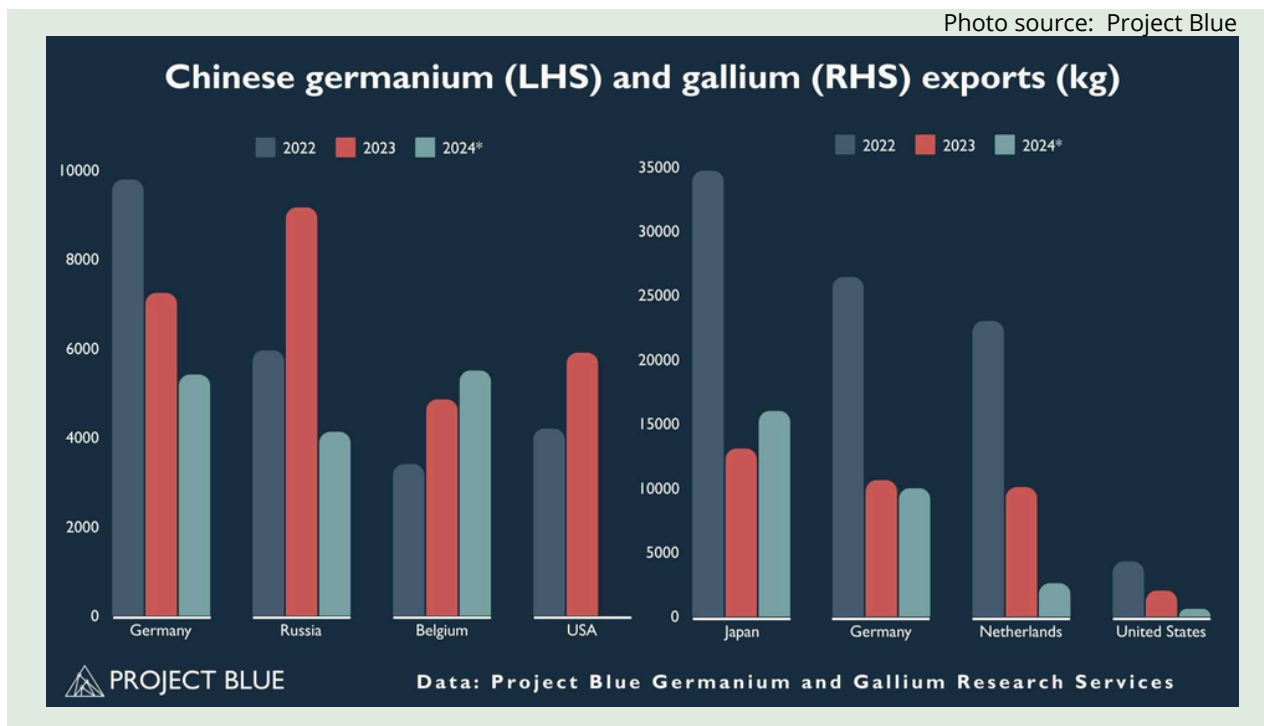


What will be the impact of gallium and germanium export bans to the USA?

China's export restrictions on antimony, gallium, germanium and graphite will have differing impacts...

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Chinese battery majors double down on domestic battery production in Europe

Major investments from Chinese battery giants, CATL and Gotion sees them double down on European investment in a boost to Europe's battery hopes...

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Honda and Nissan consider merger in response to a faltering EV sales share and growing China presence

Japanese carmakers Honda and Nissan are reported to be considering a merger to combat a dwindling global market share in the EV sector...

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How will the announcements from China impact graphite exports to the USA?

For the graphite market, China plans to tighten end-user and end-use export controls on dual-use items...

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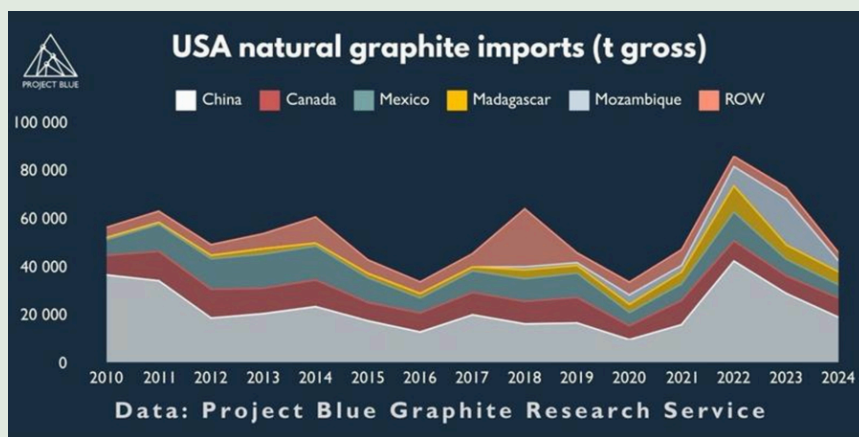


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Calendar of events 2024/2025

Do you know of an upcoming event that's not listed?
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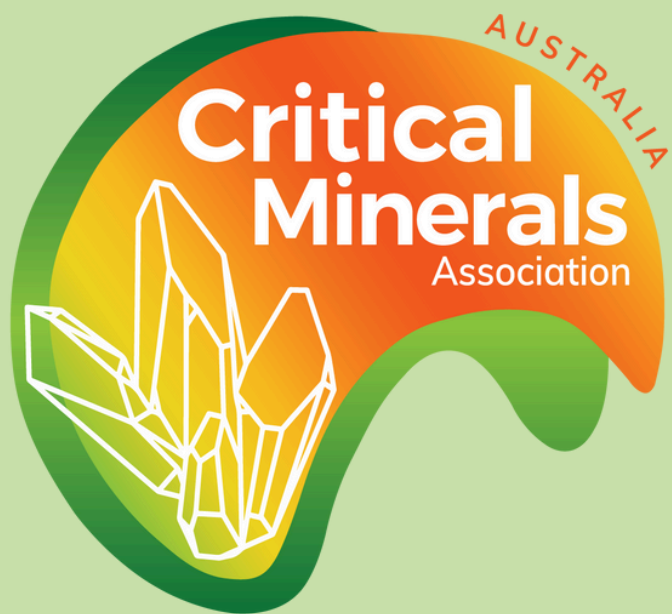
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| DEC | 2 DEC | CMA Annual Conference | Critical Minerals Association | London, UK |
| | 3 DEC - 5 DEC | Resourcing Tomorrow 2024 | Mines and Money | London, UK |
| JAN | 14-16 JAN | Future Minerals Forum | Saudi Arabia's Ministry of Industry and Mineral Resources | Riyadh, Saudi Arabia |



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