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# CMA NEWS

## CMA International Joins Ministerial Roundtable

Riyadh, Saudi Arabia | 14 - 16 January 2025

From 14 to 16 January, Dennis Gibson, Chairman of the Critical Minerals Association USA attended the Future Minerals Forum in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. He joined and took part in the Future Minerals Forum's 2025 Ministerial Roundtable. Serving as the world's largest ministerial gathering of minerals and metals in the world, the Roundtable convened over 70 governments, including senior officials from Saudi Arabia, Algeria, Australia, Mexico, South Africa, Argentina, Germany, Angola, South Korea, Pakistan, and Ghana. The Roundtable also included 35 international organisations and NGOs, including the World Bank, United Nations, and CMA International.

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*CMA Australia will be participating in the Sydney leg of Benchmark's World Tour....*

## Benchmark Minerals Intelligence World Tour 2025

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17 Feb 2025

Museum of Contemporary Art

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### Melbourne

19 Feb 2025

State Library Victoria

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### Perth

21 Feb 2025

ANZAC Club

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*CMA member, ERM shares news on EU sustainability regulation changes, from their UK team...*

## **BLOG**



# **The EU Omnibus Regulation: Preparing for changes to European sustainability disclosure regulations**

**London | 29 January 2025**

The European Union is embarking on a journey to streamline and simplify its corporate sustainability rules through the proposed EU omnibus regulation. By consolidating the Corporate Sustainability Reporting Directive (CSRD), the Corporate Sustainability Due Diligence Directive (CSDDD), and the EU Taxonomy, the EU aims to reduce compliance burdens while addressing concerns over Europe's economic competitiveness and regulatory complexity.

### **What is the EU omnibus?**

In November 2024, the President of the European Commission Ursula von der Leyen indicated that the European Union (EU) was considering consolidating the CSRD, CSDDD, and EU Taxonomy into one omnibus to reduce the regulatory burden for companies.

This announcement followed growing concerns over the complexity of the three rules and the time and resources it would take for companies to comply with them. In September 2024, former Italian Prime Minister Mario Draghi [released](#) The future of European competitiveness – A competitiveness strategy for Europe, a report which highlighted regulatory barriers as a primary reason for the EU's stagnant economy.

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# AUSTRALIAN NEWS

## Fleet Space, Ma'aden partner to accelerate critical minerals discovery in Saudi Arabia

Australian space exploration company Fleet Space Technologies and smart solutions provider Tahreez announced Monday the signing of a memorandum of understanding (MoU) outlining a partnership with Saudi Arabian Mining Co. (Ma'aden)...

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## AustralianSuper takes \$100m hit from collapse of cobalt miner Jervois

AustralianSuper's big bet on cobalt has failed after bankrupt miner Jervois Global agreed to be taken private, erasing hundreds of millions of dollars of shareholder capital...

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## Aluminium to forge Australia's manufacturing future

The Federal Government has announced a landmark \$2 billion green aluminium production credit to support Australia's transition to renewable energy and bolster its aluminium industry...

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## AusSuper-backed Syrah big winner as US funds critical minerals projects

ASX-listed graphite producer Syrah Resources has received nearly \$270m in additional backing from US taxpayers as debate rages in Australia about tax credits for the critical minerals sector...

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## What lithium plans does Rio have in store for 2025?

It's fair to say that lithium had a tough 2024. The critical mineral has faced faltering prices for quite some time, primarily caused by a supply surplus and an increase in lithium supplies from countries such as China...

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## Meet the world's largest lithium resource

Australia might be the largest lithium producer globally, producing 52 per cent of the world's total, but Lithium Americas has laid claim to the world's largest lithium resource.

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## China flexes lithium dominance with plans for tech-export curbs

China is planning tougher scrutiny on exports of technology to make battery materials, as Beijing looks to protect its grip on a crucial supply chain amid rising global trade tensions.

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## China's lithium reserves now second-largest globally

China has overtaken Australia as the country with the second-largest known lithium reserves in the world, according to new data from China's Ministry of Natural Resources...

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## Saudi Arabia intensifies critical minerals push with \$160 billion investment in Vision 2030

Saudi Arabia is accelerating strategic plans to expand the country's future energy interests, recently unveiling an increased focus on critical mineral opportunities...

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## Critical minerals and India's role in securing a low carbon global economy

Access to an uninterrupted supply of critical minerals such as copper, lithium, nickel, and cobalt, and future metals like aluminium, zinc and silver, are essential to the global economy successfully embracing and transitioning to a low carbon future...

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World Economic Forum | 17 Jan 2025

## UK to sign critical minerals partnership with Saudi Arabia

Britain will sign a minerals cooperation partnership with Saudi Arabia that could help strengthen supply chains, create opportunities for British businesses and attract investment into the UK, the British government said on Tuesday...

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## Trump is fixated on Greenland — a vast Arctic island with massive resource potential

U.S. President-elect Donald Trump's pursuit to acquire Greenland could well be motivated by critical minerals, with mining executives and researchers describing the island's massive resource potential as an "enormous opportunity..."

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## Canada minister says retaliatory tariffs could include critical minerals

Canada is preparing a list of potential US retaliatory tariffs and some of those could be on critical minerals, Energy and Natural Resources Minister Jonathan Wilkinson said on Thursday...

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## Securing critical minerals vital to national security, official says

Secure sourcing of critical minerals is critical to the defense industrial base, which uses them to produce virtually every Defense Department system, from unmanned aerial systems and fighter jets to submarines, said Adam Burstein...

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## Cooperate, not compete: ASEAN's critical mineral strategy for energy transition

Countries around the globe are pushing toward the net-zero emissions goal. The energy transition needed to support this goal hinges on strong political will and support, yet policymakers often face the dual challenge of balancing environmental objectives and economic growth...

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## Trump's EV rollback not expected to suppress appetite for critical minerals

U.S. President Donald Trump's rollback of electric vehicle targets may temporarily slow demand for lithium and other critical minerals, but is unlikely to hamper the mining industry amid surging global EV demand, analysts and industry leaders said...

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## **CHARTS: The coming critical minerals trade war is BRICS short of a load**

The incoming Trump administration's threat of tariffs on friend and foe has muddled the already cloudy outlook for mining and metals in 2025...

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## **The minerals security partnership under the South Korean leadership**

Securing the supply chains for minerals and materials has become a top priority for countries with advanced technology manufacturing. The United States and South Korea are two such countries that have set out to mitigate risks that can arise from potential disruptions to minerals supply chains...

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## **Responsible mining and Australia's leadership opportunity in Africa**

As global demand for critical minerals surges, Africa has become a pivotal region for resource extraction. More than 170 Australian mining firms operate in 35 African countries positioning Australia as a key player in the continent's mining sector...

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## Critical minerals boom drives mining sector consolidation

It seems like the mining sector is following in the footsteps of oil and gas with the era of the megamerger in full swing. There is great speculation about the potential merger between industry giants Rio Tinto and Glencore and expectations for more mergers across the board...

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## Critical minerals global expert optimistic about supply

Late in 2024 I had the privilege of sitting down with one of the world's leading experts on critical minerals, Gavin Mudd, director of the centre for critical minerals intelligence at the British Geological Survey...

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## The critical minerals race will heat up in 2025

The race for minerals to power renewable technologies is set to ramp up in 2025 as governments in Europe and North America compete to secure access to crucial materials and break China's grip on the supply chain...

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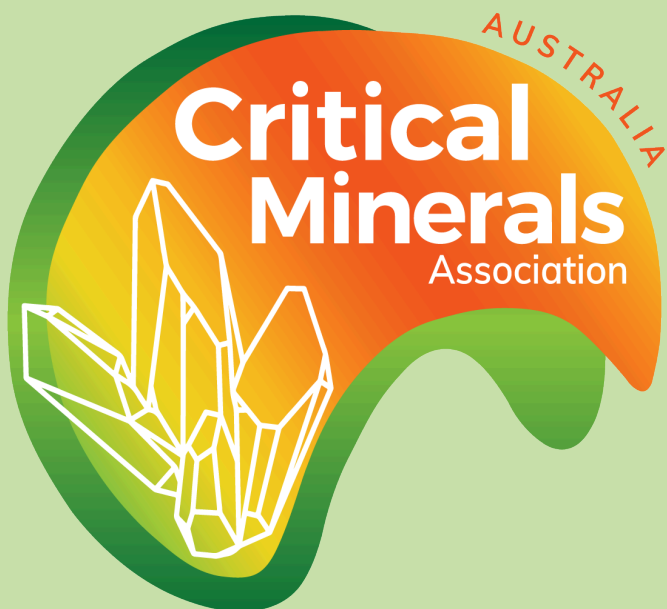
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	DATE(S)	EVENT	HOSTS/PARTNERS	LOCATION
JAN	14-16 JAN	<a href="#">Future Minerals Forum</a>	Saudi Arabia's Ministry of Industry and Mineral Resources	Riyadh, Saudi Arabia
FEB	3-6 FEB	<a href="#">Mining Inadaba</a>	HYVE	Cape Town, South Africa
	17 FEB	<a href="#">Benchmark Minerals Intelligence Sydney</a>	BenchMark	Sydney, Australia
	19 FEB	<a href="#">Benchmark Minerals Intelligence Melbourne</a>	BenchMark	Melbourne, Australia
	21 FEB	<a href="#">Benchmark Minerals Intelligence Perth</a>	BenchMark	Perth, Australia
	20-21 FEB	<a href="#">Mines and Money</a>	Mines and Money	Miami, USA
MAR	2-5 MAR	<a href="#">PDAC 2025</a>	PDAC	Toronto, Canada
APR	14 APR	<a href="#">Paydirt Conference</a>	Paydirt	Perth, Australia
SEP	2-4 SEP	<a href="#">AusIMM Critical Minerals Conference 2025</a>	AusIMM	Perth, Australia
OCT	21-23 OCT	<a href="#">IMARC 2025</a>	IMARC	Sydney, Australia



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