



To: U.S. Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
Atten: Sen. Joe Manchin III, Chairman
Sen. John Barrasso, Ranking Member
From: Mr. David Wilcox
Date: November 2, 2021

Re: Critical Minerals, Chinese Strategy, National Security, and Domestic Solutions to America's Supply Chains

Evolution Metals Corp. (EMC) wishes to follow-up on the letter we submitted and was referenced in the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources hearing held on June 24, 2020. The view of the supply chain crisis is strongly aligned across the aisle.

Just recently, China began the process of merging three rare earths processors (Minmetals, Chinalco, and the Ganzhou government) into one enormous company, only behind in size globally to China Northern Rare Earth Group. These two Chinese rare earths producers give China even more monopolistic power.

Following the Executive Branch's directive, E.O. 14017, we must ask you to unleash our domestic resources.

Domestically, there are tailings, sometimes referred to as "dumps", which contain critical minerals. These can be in coal, copper, asbestos, iron ore, and many other types of mining projects. The tailings simply need to be reprocessed, i.e. no additional new mining. This will not solve the entire crisis but certainly has the benefits of job creation and environmental reclamation of mine sites. This approach can secure a supply chain with significantly reduced environmental impact, in a timely manner.

EMC stresses the urgency for the Government to support legislation and finance a domestic battery metals and rare earths processing facility.

EMC is focused on establishing a secure, robust, and reliable supply chain for the United States and its allies. Our focus is on bringing back jobs and manufacturing capabilities, while supporting a transition to a green economy.

Best regards,

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