

MARKET COMMENTARY

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As a general rule, the most successful man in life is the man who has the best information

Aussie lithium miners tapped out; who else is there?

Battery and automakers hoping to lock up a supply of lithium for electric vehicle batteries should probably forget about looking Down Under.

That is because nearly all the lithium the country produces, and will produce for quite a while, has been spoken for. This is quite an impressive statement to make, considering that Australia is the world's number one lithium miner.

The next three on the list - China, Chile, and Argentina - are all facing supply problems.

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Big copper mines cutting output

In the short-term, prices rise and prices fall, but the money is made by looking into the future and it is long-term supply and demand that copper miners, explorers, and ahead-of-the-herd investors look to.

It is here the market is extremely bullish on copper. Copper mine production is expected to increase for the next year or so, then drop off significantly. Four to six million tonnes of added capacity are needed by 2025. By 2035, we are looking at a 15-million-tonne supply deficit.

Defense Metals has sights set on rare earths, uranium

We need domestic, i.e. North American, sources of critical metals that can eliminate our dependence on hostile foreign powers like China and Russia, thereby allowing us to regain control over our high technology and defense.

Defense Metals Corp (TSX-V:DEFN), a British Columbia company, is aiming to bring a deposit of rare earths, needed for numerous civilian and military applications, into production.

Defense Metals is also engaged in uranium exploration. The company has acquired two properties, Geiger and Klaproth, located in the eastern part of the Athabasca Basin in northern Saskatchewan. Often called "the Persian Gulf of uranium", the Athabasca Basin is home to many of the world's high-grade prolific uranium mines.

How the USA lost the plot on rare earths

Chinese manufactured and supplied rare earths are in America's most advanced war fighting and defence technologies, like the brand new F-35! It is simply incomprehensible that the United States slumbered into a position of near utter dependency on China for rare earth metals.

So, how did the USA come to rely on China for the high technology metals needed to defend itself? It is a heck of a story...

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