Gold - CA $5,744.54/oz | Silver - CA $82.86/oz | Copper - CA $8.56/lb

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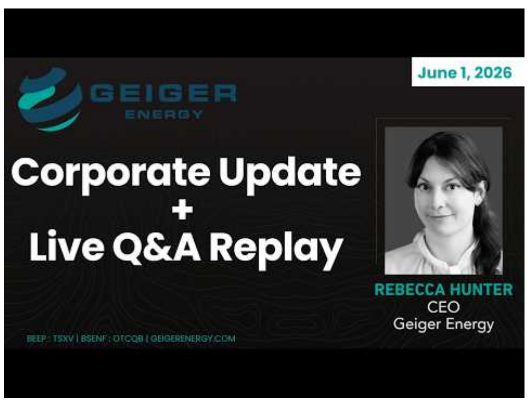

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After years of mining being treated as a relic, the dirty cousin of the economy, tolerated but rarely invited to the head table, it is a welcome change to hear a sitting Prime Minister speak about critical metals as a matter of sovereignty, security, and national purpose.

You stood at the G7 and said what many of us in the industry have known for years… securing mineral supply is the foundation on which everything else is built. Defence, energy, infrastructure, technology, manufacturing, electrification, none of it happens without metal.

But we do not need government to replace the market.

Sovereign funds, grants, contribution agreements, and headline announcements all have their place. But the discovery, financing, and development of mines has never been driven by government selection. It has been driven by risk capital, technical judgment, entrepreneurial determination and the free market.

The market is an expert at allocating capital when the rules are clear.

A credible geological team with a real deposit can raise money in Toronto, Vancouver, London, Zurich, New York, Sydney, or the Middle East if investors believe there is a path to development.

The issue is not whether capital exists. The issue is whether Canada gives that capital the certainty to show up.

Investors can price geological risk. They can price commodity risk, financing risk, construction risk, and even political risk. What they cannot price is silence. They cannot fund a process where no one knows whether a project will receive a decision, or whether that decision will take five years, ten years, or never come at all.

Tear down the permitting and bureaucracy walls. Clear the path. Let the market do what it does best, and the world will fund the projects that deserve to be built.

Government should not be in the business of picking the two dozen projects it thinks deserve to succeed. However well-intentioned, that approach inevitably favours the connected and the administratively capable. It risks substituting committee judgment for the collective judgment of every risk-taker on earth.

We also do not need more layers. We need fewer walls.

Canadian mining is among the most heavily regulated industries in the world, and that is not a complaint. We operate to high environmental, technical, safety, and consultation standards. That is part of Canada’s advantage.

The problem is not the existence of rules. The problem is the absence of an end. A process without a firm timeline is not a process. It is uncertainty dressed up as diligence.

At some point, investors, teams, suppliers, Indigenous partners, local communities, and governments need to know whether a project can move forward or not. A timely no is manageable. A slow no is destructive and often the worst answer of all.

So here is what the industry needs to put Canada back on top, and it may be the cheapest and most powerful thing government can provide: Clarity.

You have spoken about two-year timelines and a single review. Make that real. Make it binding.

If Canada can provide a clear, time-certain permitting regime, capital in all its forms will come and not in small amounts. A clear permitting framework would attract many times more private investment than government could ever appropriately allocate. More importantly, it would direct that capital toward the projects with the best geology, the best economics, the best teams, and the clearest path to production, not the best lobbyists.

Canada is looking for a way to become more sovereign, less reliant on partners, more productive, and less exposed in a world that has become more hostile. The answer is under our feet.

The metal is here. The expertise is here. The exchanges are here. The financiers, engineers, geologists, Indigenous partners, builders, operators, and entrepreneurs are here. Capital goes where it is welcome. It stays where the rules are clear.

So yes, Mr. Prime Minister, speak proudly about critical minerals. Put them at the centre of Canada's economic and security strategy. Use government where government is needed, by setting the rules of the game in a clear and transparent manner.

Give projects a timely yes or a timely no.

Tear down this wall, and the world will fund the deserving.

Stephen Stewart
Chairman
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