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# **"Raw materials for the green transition in new geopolitical era**

 challenges and opportunities for Europe and Sweden"

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- Business organization for Metal- Mining and Metalproducers in Sweden
- Main task is to create enabling conditions for the mining sector in Sweden
- 60+ members,
- 20 000 direct and indirect employees (100 000 for the extended mining cluster)
- 1 % of Swedish GDP (3 % the extended mining cluster)



## Svemins members = the ecosystem of mining





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#### **Demand for minerals and metals**



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Source: United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs, Population Division, World Population Prospects: The 2015 Revision Pioduced by: United Nations Department of Public Information







## **Need for materials in a mobile phone**





## A Net Zero world requiers 6x more minerals by 2040





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## Materials a bottle-neck in the green transtion?



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"Today, the data shows a looming mismatch between the world's strengthened climate ambitions and the availability of critical minerals that are essential to realising those ambitions."

Dr Fatih Birol IEA Executive Director

Källa: IEA 2021. The Role of Critical Minerals in Clean Energy Transitions; Världsbanken 2020. Minerals for Climate Action - The Mineral Intensity of the Clean Energy Transitionn

### **Raw materials in the geopolitiks**

#### CHINA ECONOMY

#### China exports zero germanium and gallium in August as national security curbs bite



2010 Senkaku boat collision incident



## Sällsynta metaller och stormaktsrivalitet

En översikt om nya strategiska resurser och risken för råvarukonflikter

Niklas H. Rossbach

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## Share of mining in the world (1850 - 2009)



Källa: EU-Commission 2016. Raw Materials Scoreboard, based on ICMM 2012. Trends in the mining and metals industry – Mining's contribution to sustainable development.



## Materials for the defence sector in EU





## EU has a strong import dependency for Raw Materials



Bilden visar andelen produktion av vissa mineral och fossila bränslen i topp tre producerade länder.



Not: Importberoende av utvinning (ej bearbetning) Källa: Study on the EU's list of Critical Raw Materials (2020)

Importberoende för utvalda metaller och mineral



Bildkälla: IEA (2021) The Role of Critical World Energy Outlook Special Report Minerals in Clean Energy Transitions.



## Low rate of recovery for many materials





Källa: SGU 2017. MineFacts: Material Economics 2021.

## Sweden has a long history of mining







Figur 20. Sveriges gruvor och mineraliseringar, år 2021. Sweden's mines and mineralisations, in 2021.



## Sweden = EUs mining nation no #1

## \* SE share of EU production (in blue)

## **\*\*** EU share of global production (in pink)



Bergverksstatistik 2021

### **Significant potential for critical Raw Material in the Nordics**

- "In mineral-richness, the Nordic bedrock can be compared with the most mineral-rich areas of the world, such as Canada, the USA, Brazil and Australia, and can supply almost all of the critical raw materials defined by the EU."
- "In addition to creating sustainable economic growth and employment, the Nordics can ensure Europe and the rest of the world access to critical raw materials produced with high sustainability, ethic and environmental standards."

https://www.nordicinnovation.org/2021/nordic-supply-potential-critical-metals-and-mineralsgreen-energy-transition-0



Figure B. Locations of deposits with known critical raw material resources and areas with known or assumed potential for additional CRM resources in the Nordic countries.



## **Potential for Critical Raw Materials**

## Estimated ore deposits with critical raw materials in Sweden





# A world leader in sustainable mining – sustainability targets

#### **Climate**

Fossil free mining operations by 2035 and fossil free processing by 2045

### Reindeer

herding

Fact-based and respectful dialogue for long-term coexistence between reindeer herding and mining

#### **Biodiversity**

Net-gain of biodiversity by 2030 in all regions where mining and exploration takes place

#### Health and

safety

#### Safe and attractive workplaces without accidents or work-related illness

#### Innovation

A global innovation leader in mining technology and mineral related research

#### Circular

Economy

Recovery of more minerals from waste streams and synergies between primary and secondary raw materials

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### Global investments into exploration (non- ferrous ore)

only 3 % goes to Europe

Source: Geological Survey of Sweden. Statistics of the Swedish Mining Industry 2021.





#### Major EU sourcing countries of - Iron ore, HREE, LREE



Percentage of EU sourcing (per country) of iron ore, heavy rare earth elements (HREE) and light rare earth elements (LREE). Even for important metals like iron, the EU is dependent on a few high-producing countries. Disruptions in the production chain in individual countries can therefore have a major impact on supply. Maintaining and strengthening competitive iron ore production in the EU is therefore crucial. The iron ore in Kiruna also contains REE and is planned to be extracted as a by-product of the iron ore, which in turn can reduce dependency on China if the processing stage can be located in the EU.



## **Critical Raw Material Act (CRMA)**

Strong political signal with benchmark targets

• 34 critical and strategic raw materials

Positive elements:

- Focus on strengthened trade relations as well as increased domestic extraction
- More efficient permitting processes
- Increased exploration in Europe





## **Critical Raw Material Regulation**







### **Europe needs Rare Earth Elements (REEs)** Mining and processing is lacking



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## EU Benchmarks by 2030 for domestic capacities

The Act sets these benchmarks along the <u>strategic raw materials</u> value chain and for the diversification of the EU supplies

At least 10% of the EU's annual consumption for extraction

At least 40% of the EU's annual consumption for processing,

At least 15% of the EU's annual consumption for recycling,

Not more than 65% of the Union's annual consumption of each strategic raw material at any relevant stage of processing from a single third country.







## **Updated Critical raw materials list 2023** (34 substances) (red = strategic)

(a) Antimony

(b) Arsenic

(c) Bauxite

(d) Baryte

(e) Beryllium

(f) Bismuth

(g) Boron

(h) Cobalt

(i) Coking Coal

(j) Copper

(k) Feldspar

(I) Fluorspar (m) Gallium (n) Germanium (o) Hafnium (p) Helium (q) Heavy Rare Earth Elements (r) Light Rare Earth Elements (s) Lithium (t) Magnesium (u) Manganese (v) Natural Graphite

(w) Nickel – battery grade (x) Niobium (y) Phosphate rock (z) Phosphorus (aa) Platinum Group Metals (bb) Scandium (cc) Silicon metal (dd) Strontium (ee) Tantalum (ff) Titanium metal (gg) Tungsten (hh) Vanadium



## **Critical Raw Materials are often** by-products from mining of other materials – and not the economic driver



- CRMs are usually not the economic driver for mining and thus not the primary targets for exploration
- CRMs are often derived as byproducts from ores of major or "carrier" metals in which the CRMs are present in low concentrations.

Reuter, MA et al., 2005.



# **Exploration and early stage financing is key to secure raw material supply in Europe**



- A lot of investments are needed for a long period of time before investments can start generating income
- Risk capital is mainly available outside EU
- De-risking early phases of the mining life cycle is key
- Most important to attract investments: EU needs to showcase that it is possible to take projects all the way from exploration to active mine



## Surface needs for mining in comparison



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## **Competeing interests**

## Areas with high potental for minerals



Metallogenitisk karta över norra Sverige. Huvudbälten med hög potential för mineraliseringar i grått (järn, legeringar, REE, fosfor), blå/lila (basmetaller), rosa (energimetaller och special metaller inkl vanadin, REE, Molybden, fosfor) och gult (ädelsmetaller). Nuvarande prospekteringstillstånd och gruvkoncessioner i grönt.

### Nature 2000-areas in northern Sweden



Natura 2000-områden (Fågeldirektivet i rött, art- och habitatsdirektivet I blått)



## **Reindeer herding area vs Mineral deposits of national interest**



Source: https://nordregio.org/maps/reindeer-herding-area-in-the-nordic-countries/ https://www.sgu.se/en/mineral-resources/legislation/mineral-deposits-of-nationalinterest/



## Why is Sweden a sustainable leader in mining?

#### Active mines in Sweden 2022



Higly productive modern and sustainable mines, with high degree of automation









The map shows deposits with ore estimates that include some critical raw materials. The map also shows discoveries where new analyses or digitised older analyses have demonstrated the presence of some critical raw materials in closed mines, in mining waste or in exploration projects.

Substantial potential in the bedrock – for both basic materials and CRMs





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## Strong technology cluster in the mining sector

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**Epiroc** 

- world leading in technology innovation for the mining sector
- partnership with the Swedish mines and academia



## No mines No electric cars

Most of the metals an electric car needs are found in Sweden's bedrock.



Source: Den Svenska Gruvan

## **Final words**

- We are entering the *era of raw materials*
- Good mineralization's are rare and hard to find to control the resources gives power
- Balancing of interests is key in permitting processes do we need to put more weight on raw materials?
- Europe is underexplored and needs to attract more investments into exploration to strengthen self sufficiency
- The best security of supply is active mines and connected value chains

