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Dear Darren,

Critical Mineral Strategy

I am writing to bring to your attention our new [Critical Minerals Strategy](#), which the government has published today.

Almost every part of modern daily life relies on minerals, often mined thousands of miles away. Critical minerals will become even more important as we seek to bolster our energy security and domestic industrial resilience – in light of Russia’s illegal invasion of Ukraine – and as we move away from volatile, expensive fossil fuels. The world in 2040 is expected to need four times as many critical minerals for clean energy technologies as it does today.¹

However, critical mineral supply chains are complex and opaque, the market is volatile and distorted, and China is the dominant player. This creates a situation where UK jobs and industries rely on minerals vulnerable to market shocks, geopolitical events and logistical disruptions, at a time when global demand for these minerals is rising faster than ever.

It is vital that we make our supply chains more resilient and more diverse to support British industries of the future, deliver on our energy transition and protect our national security. This government is taking action to ensure we remain in the game.

The UK’s first ever Critical Minerals Strategy sets out our plan to secure our supply chains, by boosting domestic capability in a way that generates new jobs and wealth, attracting investment and playing a leading role in solving global challenges with our international partners.

Through the Strategy, we will:

- Accelerate growth of the UK’s domestic capabilities;
- Collaborate with international partners; and
- Enhance international markets to make them more responsive, transparent and responsible.

This Strategy will help create the more secure, more resilient supply chains needed for a clean, safe and prosperous future. It is available at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/uk-critical-mineral-strategy>

¹ IEA, [The Role of Critical Minerals in Clean Energy Transitions](#), 2021

I will place a copy of the Critical Mineral Strategy alongside a copy of this letter in the Libraries of the House.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kwasi Kwarteng', written in a cursive style.

RT HON KWASI KWARTENG MP
Secretary of State for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy