



BENCHMARK SUMMIT 2026

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London

Tuesday 20th October | 116 Pall Mall

9:30am	Registration & Networking Breakfast
10:00am	Benchmark Workshop: Battery Demand & Commodities Update • Battery demand outlook • Sector-by-sector breakdown of key raw materials powering the clean energy transition • Adam Webb, Head of Energy Raw Materials, Benchmark Mineral Intelligence • Will Roberts, Automotive Research Lead, Benchmark Mineral Intelligence • Daisy Jennings-Gray, Head of Prices, Benchmark Mineral Intelligence
11:30am	Interactive Workshop Session: Natural Graphite's Role in Tier-1 Anode Supply • The overlooked anode: why graphite is the supply chain's weak link • Anodes in focus: the next battleground in battery raw materials • Breaking the graphite bottleneck: can the west scale anode supply? • Mark Thompson, Founder & Managing Director, Talga Group • Shruti Kashyap, Product Director - Graphite & Battery Chemicals, Benchmark Mineral Intelligence
12:00pm	Networking Lunch
1:00 pm	Welcome & Opening Remarks • Adam Panayi, Chief Research Officer, Benchmark Mineral Intelligence
1:10pm	Spotlight Presentation: Winning Before EVs: A Faster Path Through Profit-led Adoption • Jorge Diaz Schneider, CEO, ION Energy Systems
1:30pm	Keynote Presentation <i>(Session title to be confirmed)</i> • Senior representative, Standard Lithium
1:50pm	Keynote Presentation <i>(Session title to be confirmed)</i> • Brent Wilson, CEO, Galvanic Energy
2:00pm	Panel Discussion: Lithium Supply, Strategy & Innovation: The Next Phase of Global Growth An overview of the lithium market outlook, including supply growth, project development, and evolving market dynamics. • Moderated by Daisy Jennings-Gray, Head of Prices, Benchmark Mineral Intelligence • Ignacio Celorrio, Executive Vice President, Lithium Argentina • Francesco Gattiglio, Vice President External Affairs Europe, Albemarle • Steve Kesler, Non-Executive Chairman, CleanTech Lithium • Brent Wilson, CEO, Galvanic Energy
2:40pm	Networking Break
3:00pm	Panel Discussion: Copper's Global Demand Outlook Analyzing copper's crucial role in new energy comprehensive market forecast out to 2050. • Juan Ignacio Diaz, President & CEO, International Copper Association • James Deckelman, CEO, Deepsea Minerals • Further speakers to be confirmed



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Fireside Chat: The UK Critical Minerals Strategy

Exploring the UK government's role in supporting critical mineral supply chains

- Oliver Richards, Head of Critical Minerals and Mining (International), **UK Department for Business and Trade**

3:55pm

Panel Discussion: Investment Landscape & Financing Opportunities

Exploring funding trends, investment strategies, and financing solutions to support battery, EV, and critical minerals projects.

- Moderated by Daniel Fletcher-Manuel, Director of Indexing & Derivatives, **Benchmark Mineral Intelligence**
- Adam Matthews, Chief Responsible Investment Officer, **Church of England Pensions Board**
- Paulo Castellari, CEO, **Appian Capital Advisory**
- Pedro Valle-e-Azevedo, Executive Director, **Siemens Financial Services**

4:30pm

Fireside Chat: From Pilot Mountain to the Pentagon - Financing US Critical Minerals

- J.T. Starzecki, Executive Chairman, **Guardian Metal Resources**

4:45pm

Closing Remarks & Future Outlook

Key takeaways from the day and a forward-looking perspective on the role of critical minerals in the global energy transition.

- Adam Panayi, Chief Research Officer, **Benchmark Mineral Intelligence**

4:50pm

Networking Reception