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American Resources Policy Network Launches

- New expert panel promotes domestic resource development -

WASHINGTON, D.C. (May 9) - The American Resources Policy Network (ARPN) today announced its formation as a panel of mining policy experts and thought leaders dedicated to promoting the exploration and development of U.S. domestic metal and mineral resources.

The utility of these commodities is diversifying with many of them being indispensable ingredients for products ranging from household items to highly specialized parts in the aviation and defense industries. Meanwhile, the United States has subjected itself to a high degree of import dependency with regards to many of these critical materials. Focusing on the areas of resource security, resource policy, and resource practice, the ARPN panel provides research and analysis, commentary and policy options for reducing U.S. dependence on foreign suppliers and improving domestic resource development policies.

“We use them on a daily basis, but few of us have any idea just how important metals and minerals are to our technological advancement, economic growth, and national security, or who our suppliers are,” says Daniel McGroarty, Principal of Carmot Strategy Group, who heads up the new venture. **“Given the changing nature of geopolitical realities, however, it is crucial that we develop a better understanding of the issue and take a closer look at our domestic resource policies.”**

The ARPN panel addresses the following questions: Is the U.S. doing what it can to develop domestic supplies of critical metals and minerals? Do American laws and regulations recognize the importance of domestic resource development to economic growth and national security? What processes and practices do American resource developers employ, how do they impact communities and the environment, and how do they measure up internationally?

“As we have entered a new era of global resource scarcity, many countries are quickly adapting to these changing times by building up reserves, cutting exports, and exploring and developing their own resources,” continues McGroarty. **“The United States must ensure that it is ready to compete in this new environment, and the ARPN seeks to encourage and shape the domestic policy debate accordingly.”**

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*The American Resource Policy Network is a Carmot Strategic Group venture.
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