CRITICAL AND STRATEGIC MINERALS
A FAST-GROWING INDUSTRY, BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES TO SEIZE

Québec, Partner in Your Success

- Clean and renewable energy at a competitive price
- The most diversified supply of minerals in Canada
- A competitive, reliable and modern mining regime favouring investors
- Tax tools for mineral producers and explorers: refundable tax credits, deductions, allowances
- Measures supporting research and innovation
- Technological and scientific expertise, knowhow, a skilled workforce
- Many institutional and state investors
- A stable political context and a predictable legal framework
- Practices recognized for promoting social acceptability: standards and tools for the environment, workers and local and Indigenous communities
- An advantageous geographic position, facilitating access to the U.S., Asian and European markets
- Modern treaties and partnerships with First Nations

A Territory Rich in CSMs, A Concerted Plan to Develop Them

Québec has adopted a plan to promote the growth of CSM value chains and attain a prime position in this new economic sector.

Concrete actions and public investments of $90M by 2025

- Accelerate investments in geoscientific knowledge acquisition and in exploration to reveal Québec’s full CSM potential
- Encourage better coordination among R&D stakeholders to increase synergy and innovation
- Consolidate the multiuser transportation, energy and telecommunications networks
- Provide financial support to innovative projects in exploration, transformation, recycling, artificial intelligence and R&D
- Stimulate investments in Québec and support companies in their development projects

$90M
For the development of critical and strategic minerals (CSMs)
In synergy with other government actions, to go further

$55M
Allocated to the development of the lithium-ion battery industry

$300M
In the field of artificial intelligence

$1B
For the development of structuring projects in the mining and hydrocarbon sectors (Natural Resources and Energy Capital Fund)

500 specialists
Working on electric vehicle projects at the Institut de recherché d’Hydro-Québec

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PROJECTS IN ABUNDANCE, IMMENSE POTENTIAL!

Critical and Strategic Minerals in Québec

**Graphite**
Several graphite projects are underway in Québec.

- Lac-des-îles
  - Imerys Graphite and Canada Carbon
- Lac Guéret
  - Mason Graphite
- Matatavîne
  - Nouveau Monde Graphite
- Lac Knife
  - Focus Graphite Inc.

**Titanium or Vanadium**
Québec is the world’s largest producer of titanium in the form of ilmenite.

- Lac Tio
  - Rio Tinto Fer et Titane
- BlackRock
  - BlackRock Metals Inc.
- Vanadium-Lac Doré
  - VanadiumCorp Resource Inc.

**Lithium**
Québec has high lithium potential.

- North American Lithium**
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- Whabouchi
  - Nemaska Lithium
- Authier
  - Sayona Québec

**Nickel, Copper, Cobalt and Platinum Group Elements**
Two mines extract cobalt and platinum group elements as nickel by-products.

- Raglan
  - Glencore Canada Corporation
- Nunavik Nickel
  - Canadian Royalties Inc.
- Dumont Nickel
  - Magneto Investments Limited Partnership
- Bravo
  - Jien Nunavik Mining Exploration Ltd.

**Rare Earth Elements**
Québec has several rare earth deposits and is recognized as having global potential.

- Kwyjibo
  - SOQUEM
- Eldor (Ashram)
  - Commerce Resources Corporation
- Strange Lake - Zone B
  - Tonqat Metals Ltd.

**Niobium**
Québec is the second largest producer of niobium in the world and the only producer in the Northern Hemisphere.

- Niobec
  - Magris Resources Inc.
- Crevier
  - Les Minéraux Crevier inc.

**Zinc and Copper**
A copper smelter and refinery and a zinc refinery are in operation in Québec.

- Bracemac-McLeod
  - Glencore Canada Corporation
- Langlois (Grevet)**
  - Breakwater Resources
- Abcourt
  - Abcourt Mines Inc.
- Lac Scott
  - Les Ressources Yorbeau inc.

* The zinc and copper resources are not represented on the map.
** Mines in maintenance