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Europe launches RESourceEU: A turning point for raw materials security

Brussels, 03 December 2025 – The RESourceEU announcement is a major step in the right direction for fostering resilient and responsible raw material value chains for Europe. While awaiting the fine print and concrete actions, Euromines lauds the Commission's prioritisation of:

- **Access to finance** with a €3bn facility to support Strategic Projects.
- **Permitting** by introducing a CRM Permitting Act to streamline procedures and provide legal certainty.
- **Market infrastructure and liquidity:** Creating mechanisms for transparent pricing and liquidity support.

If these measures arrive as planned and interact in lockstep, Europe will take a major step towards resilient value chains.

Yet, Europe is not alone, and competitors will not leave the stage: RESourceEU must also align with Standards Based Market concepts under the G7 framework and expand its focus from low-volume high strategic value raw materials to bulk commodities. The suite of solutions necessary is not complete without the means to de-risk early-stage investments, foster exploration and provide guarantee schemes for large scale projects.

Furthermore, for it to succeed, it must be underpinned with substantive guidance on value chain integration and cooperation possibilities. It should focus on the economy that we would like to develop by clustering producers and off takers and incentivising "made in Europe". **Value chain integration** is key, by clustering extraction, processing, and manufacturing to anchor strategic industries in Europe.

"Europe cannot afford to treat raw materials as an afterthought," said Rolf Kuby, Director General of Euromines. "RESourceEU must turn ambition into action, financing, infrastructure, and permitting reforms are essential to secure Europe's industrial future."

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