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Supply Chain Issues: Importing Metals and Minerals into Europe/UK in the Next 15 Years

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The European minerals and metals industry is faced with the trichotomy of climate change, concerns about security of supply, and enhanced requirements for responsible mining. This is a business and strategy question. If your mine/product is not compliant, then you won't be able to sell your product to the whole world. But legislation such as the Critical Minerals Act also brings a number of opportunities to European miners: subsidies, speeding up permitting, European preference, gigafactories, recycling, etc. We will look at the way that the law is shaping metals and mineral business opportunities and risks.