

# SEG 2023 Conference: Resourcing the Green Transition

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## **Managing and Benefiting from ESG Challenges in the Development of Critical Minerals in the UK**

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The term “ESG” is now widely used but not always clearly understood. A closer examination of the environmental, social, and governance aspects in the context of developing a critical mineral project in the UK shows that there are many challenges but also many opportunities to implement a 21st-century project. The talk will examine the issues of resource use efficiency, the human factors, and the complexity of the governance issues—from legislation, planning and permitting, and lender and investor frameworks to ESG reporting—and suggest some of the approaches to address these.