

SEG 2023 Conference: Resourcing the Green Transition

The Green Transition Squeezes as it Embraces

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Expect a 3-D future for mining and minerals. Despite pushback against ESG investment strategies, demonstrating that vested interests feel increasingly squeezed, Decarbonization will shape our economies for decades to come. Already eyes are turning down to the seabed and upwards to space in search of the necessary materials. But the second D, Deglobalization, is very likely to force exploration and production closer to home to ensure security of supply, simultaneously triggering greater interest in circular supply chains and new forms of NIMBYism. The third D, Demographics, will fan the flames, with younger people increasingly feeling betrayed by older generations as the planet comes to the boil - to quote UN Secretary-General António Guterres. The resulting market dynamics will test global and corporate forms of governance to the limit.