

Amboim Metals: Unlocking Angola and SADC's Critical Minerals Potential

Positioning Angola as a Hub for Sustainable Investment in the Global Energy Transition

Executive Summary

The world is undergoing a seismic shift toward clean energy. By 2040, demand for critical minerals is expected to quadruple, driven by the deployment of solar, wind, energy storage, electric vehicles, and green hydrogen technologies. Southern Africa, with nearly 30% of global critical mineral reserves, is central to this transition. Yet the region remains underexplored and underfinanced, capturing less than 10% of global exploration spending. Amboim Metals, an Australian-registered company with a dedicated focus on Angola and SADC, is positioned to bridge this financing and development gap. By aligning with the World Economic Forum's framework, Amboim Metals will deliver bankable, ESG-aligned, and regionally integrated mineral projects that attract global capital while ensuring local socio-economic transformation.

The Case for Angola and SADC

The International Energy Agency has declared that "critical minerals are vital for the energy transition but vulnerable to supply disruptions." Angola and the SADC bloc, with reserves of cobalt, lithium, graphite, copper, PGMs, and rare earths, are indispensable in diversifying global supply chains. Despite holding around 30% of global critical mineral reserves, Southern Africa attracts less than 10% of global mining exploration spending. Angola, in particular, has significant deposits of lithium and rare earth elements yet remains at an early stage of sector development.

Angola's Strategic Leverage: The Lobito Corridor

The Lobito Corridor represents one of Africa's most important infrastructure initiatives, linking the mineral-rich Copperbelt of Zambia and the DRC to Angola's Atlantic coast. Linking the Atlantic coast at the Port of Lobito in Angola to the mineral deposits of DRC provides open access to a fast, cost-effective route for transporting critical minerals to global markets. The Corridor reduces reliance on congested southern and eastern ports, accelerates export times, and lowers logistics costs. Backed by the US, EU, African Development Bank, and Africa Finance Corporation, the project exemplifies a new model of equitable international collaboration. For Amboim Metals, the Corridor is not only an export route but also a strategic artery for regional industrialization and a proof point of investor confidence in Angola's critical minerals sector.

US–EU Strategic Alliance for the Industries of the Future

Amboim Metals' positioning benefits directly from the geopolitical realignment of critical minerals supply chains. The Lobito Corridor is a contemporary example of a major infrastructure initiative in Southern Africa led by the EU and the US, emphasizing ethical sourcing, transparency, and sustainability. By tying Angola's resources to the EU's green industrial strategy and the US Inflation Reduction Act's clean energy push, Amboim Metals is aligned with industries of the future: electric vehicles, hydrogen, advanced grids, and renewable manufacturing. This geopolitical positioning ensures that investments in Angola are not isolated resource plays but integrated components of transatlantic industrial strategy.

Amboim Metals' Strategic Positioning

1. De-risked Investment Vehicle – Innovative blended finance and guarantee-backed models to attract capital. 2. ESG and Community-Centric Development – Local beneficiation, workforce development, and community inclusion to ensure sustainable value. 3. Regional Integration and Industrialization – Promotion of downstream processing and industrial clusters to grow regional economies. 4. Innovation and Green Energy Alignment – Renewable-powered mining and advanced technologies to meet ESG-driven investor appetite.

Conclusion

The energy transition is not only a climate imperative but also an economic opportunity for Africa. Amboim Metals stands ready to serve as the gateway for responsible investment into Angola and the SADC region's critical minerals sector. By leveraging global capital, regional integration, and sustainable practices, Amboim Metals will transform resource wealth into industrial growth, community prosperity, and global supply chain resilience. "Unlocking investment is crucial not only for the global transition but also to drive local economic value through job creation, infrastructure development and revenue retention, powering a sustainable future and inclusive growth" – World Economic Forum.