

American Manganese Comments on the New US Geological Survey Report, Recognizing Critical Need for Battery Materials Cobalt, Lithium, and Manganese

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Vancouver, British Columbia (FSCwire) - Larry W. Reaugh, President and Chief Executive Officer of [American Manganese Inc.](#) (TSX.V: AMY; Pink Sheets: AMYZF; Frankfurt: 2AM) (“AMI” or the “Company”) commented on the release this week of a new U.S. Government report listing 23 metals and minerals that are critical to “the nation's economic and national security of the United States.” AMY’s patented recycling process recovers three of the materials listed: cobalt, lithium and manganese – with potential to recover a fourth, graphite.

The report, “Critical Mineral Resources of the United States — Economic and Environmental Geology and Mineral Resources for Future Supply,” was issued by the US Geological Survey (USGS). At more than 800 pages, it is the first comprehensive U.S. Government report surveying the resource potential of the U.S. since 1973.

“We’re interested to see that three and potentially four of the metals and minerals on the new U.S. list are materials we’re focused on with our AMY recycling process,” said Larry Reaugh, CEO of American Manganese. The new report clearly ties the lack of access to these key battery materials to negative consequences to the U.S. national economy and national security. Our work at AMY can help reverse this trend – another signal that markets are looking for more reliable sources of critical materials supply.”

Immediately after the release of the USGS report, President Trump signed a new Executive Order entitled “A Framework for Ensuring the Strategy to Ensure Secure and Reliable Supplies of Critical Minerals.” The Executive Order directs the U.S. Secretary of the Interior in cooperation with the Secretary of Defense to prepare a list of critical minerals within 60 days, followed by recommending a U.S. Government strategy for reducing foreign dependence on those metals and minerals identified as critical.

The United States is currently import-dependent for more than 50% of its annual lithium needs, 74% of its cobalt – of which originates in conflict zones in the DRC Congo – and 100% of its manganese and graphite.

The U.S. report comes on the heels of American Manganese’s announcement on the design and budget for its new recycling plant and new IP development. AMI applied for a full US Patent for recycling spent electric vehicle lithium ion battery cathode metals in November this year.

About American Manganese Inc.

[American Manganese Inc.](#) is a diversified specialty and critical metal company focused on capitalizing on its patented technology through low cost production or recovery of electrolytic manganese products throughout the world, and recycling spent electric vehicle lithium ion rechargeable batteries.

Interest in the Company’s patented process has adjusted the focus of [American Manganese Inc.](#) toward the expansion of applying its patented technology for other purposes and materials. [American Manganese Inc.](#) aims to capitalize on its patented technology and proprietary know-how to become an industry leader in the recycling of spent electric vehicle lithium ion battery cathode materials having cathode chemistries such as: Lithium-Cobalt, Lithium-Cobalt-Nickel-Manganese, and Lithium-Manganese (Please see the Company’s July 27, 2017 press release for further details).

The company has updated their PowerPoint which can be viewed [here](#).

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