

 Early Warning System

DFC-2024-TECHMETPHALABO

TechMet Phalaborwa Rare Earths



## Quick Facts

<b>Countries</b>	South Africa
<b>Specific Location</b>	Phalaborwa
<b>Financial Institutions</b>	US International Development Finance Corporation (DFC)
<b>Status</b>	Approved
<b>Bank Risk Rating</b>	B
<b>Borrower</b>	TechMet Limited
<b>Sectors</b>	Mining
<b>Investment Type(s)</b>	Equity
<b>Investment Amount (USD)</b>	\$ 50.00 million
<b>Project Cost (USD)</b>	\$ 317.00 million



## Project Description

As stated by the DFC, the Phalaborwa Rare Earths Project will reprocess gypsum wastes from legacy mining activities to extract, process, and separate rare earth oxides for downstream use in permanent magnets.

The Project expects to have a positive development impact in South Africa by increasing production of rare earth oxides, which are critical minerals for a wide variety of purposes, including electric vehicle batteries and other products that support the global clean energy transition.

Global demand for magnets from rare earth oxides is expected to increase by 7.5% annually through 2040, and it is estimated that Africa holds up to 30% of the world's mineral reserves.



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According to the DFC, TechMet is raising a \$300 million equity round in support of its full portfolio. The Phalaborwa project will require approximately \$317 million of total funding.



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### Private Actors Description

As stated by the DFC, TechMet is an Irish private company limited by shares that invests in companies that mine and process various critical minerals and other metals.



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Private Actor 1	Private Actor 1 Role	Private Actor 1 Sector	Relation	Private Actor 2	Private Actor 2 Role	Private Actor 2 Sector
-	-	-	-	TechMet Limited	Client	Mining

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## Contact Information

*No project contacts provided at the time of disclosure.*

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