

 Early Warning System

DFC-2026-ORIONCMCUSAL

Orion CMC USA LP (Debt)



Quick Facts

Financial Institutions	US International Development Finance Corporation (DFC)
Status	Approved
Bank Risk Rating	A
Borrower	Critical Minerals Consortium (Orion Resource Partners)
Sectors	Finance, Mining
Investment Type(s)	Equity, Loan
Investment Amount (USD)	\$ 600.00 million
Loan Amount (USD)	\$ 600.00 million



Project Description

As stated by the DFC, the Critical Minerals Consortium (CMC) consists of a permanent capital vehicle funded by DFC equity and debt, which will invest with several other vehicles managed by Orion through the Critical Minerals Platform. The CMC Platform will invest in strategic critical minerals mining projects.

The global shift towards new energy and advanced technologies has driven up the demand for critical minerals like lithium, cobalt, and rare earth elements. Over the past 20 years, annual trade in energy-related critical minerals has increased seven-fold, and demand is expected to triple by 2030. The increase in demand presents significant economic growth opportunities for resource-rich developing countries, where mining often constitutes over 50% of exports and a substantial portion of GDP. These countries face challenges as they seek to maximize benefits from mineral resources, such as inadequate infrastructure, outdated technology, and a lack of skilled labor, along with a reliance on informal employment, which contributes to job insecurity and exacerbates already high unemployment rates.

The Project will address these challenges by investing in a pipeline of diverse mining assets across a range of geographies and critical minerals. Investment in the extraction and processing of these minerals is expected to stimulate local job creation and spur economic growth through tax revenue, royalties, local procurement, and increased export revenues.



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Financial Intermediary

Financial Intermediary: A commercial bank or financial institution that receives funds from a development bank. A financial intermediary then lends these funds to their clients (private actors) in the form of loans, bonds, guarantees and equity shares. Financial intermediaries include insurance, pension and equity funds. The direct financial relationship is between the development bank and the financial intermediary.

- [Orion Resource Partners](#) (Financial Intermediary)



Private Actors Description

As stated by the DFC, Orion Resource Partners is an American asset manager headquartered in New York, NY.

According to Reuters, the Critical Minerals Consortium plans to form a third regional leg of investment to add to [US\\$ 1.8 billion raised by the group](#) last year to bolster Western access to copper, lithium, rare earths and other critical minerals.

It is led by mining-focused private equity house Orion Resource Partners, and backed by the U.S. International Development Finance Corporation (DFC), and Abu Dhabi's sovereign wealth fund ADQ.



Contact Information

No project contacts provided at the time of disclosure.

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Bank Documents

- [Project Disclosure](#) [Original Source]

Media

- [Orion CMC in advanced discussions for three Asian partnerships \(Reuters, June 2026\)](#)
- [Proposed acquisition by US-backed Orion Critical Mineral Consortium of a strategic stake in Glencore](#)