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Unlocking the Arabian Shield: Round 11 Exploration Opportunities



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Vision 2030 : Mining sector to become **3rd pillar** of the Kingdom's national economic industries.



US\$2.5 tn of untapped mineral wealth offers significant exploration opportunities.



Rapidly growing demand: Pipeline 11 Mega projects exceeding US\$1 trillion until 2030.



Robust infrastructure and skilled workforce strengthen Saudi Arabia's global mining status.



Financial incentives: Exploration Enablement Program; and Saudi Industrial Development Fund co-funding of **CAPEX**

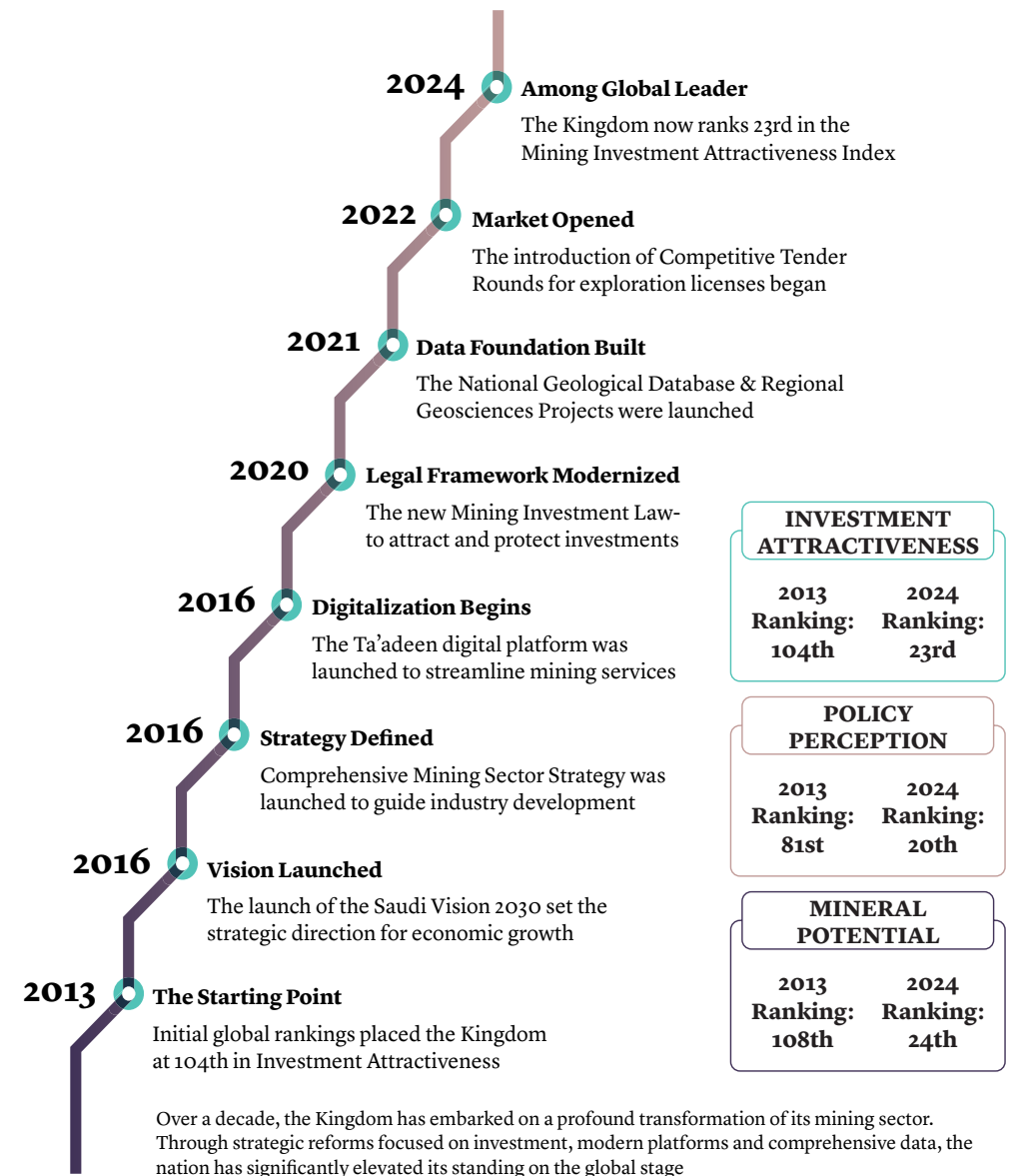


Modernized mining code aligns with global EHS standards.

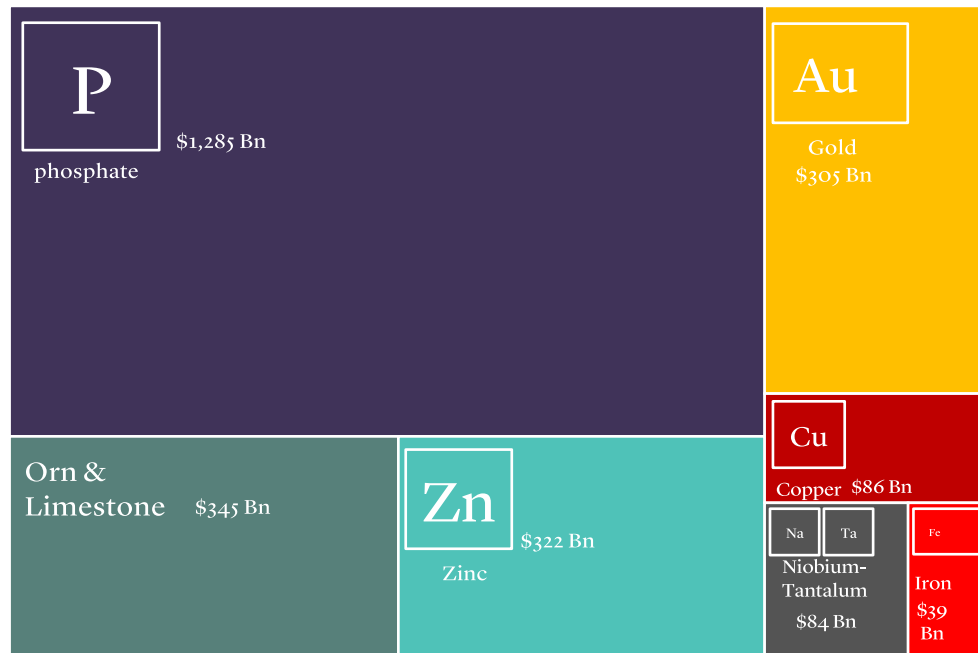
The Kingdom's Journey To Global Mining Leadership:

10 Years of Transformation

Charting the course to unlock the nation's mineral future



The Arabian Shield hosts an estimated \$2.5T in untapped mineral potential, with statistical "discovery gaps" indicating high probability of new district-scale discoveries



Proof points & future facing minerals

Anchored by prominent & strategic deposits like Mansourah-Massarrah & Jabal Sayid

Significant endowment of strategic minerals for the energy transition, including REEs, Lithium & Na-Ta

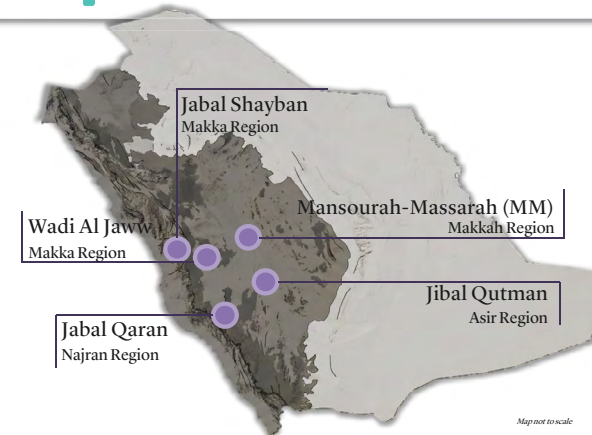
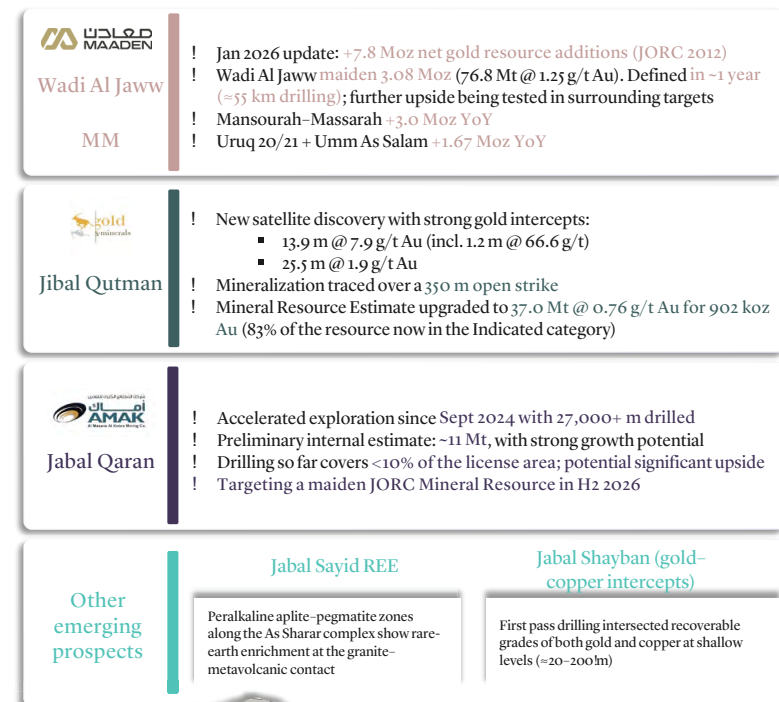


Missing pieces: Many deposits from a typical discovery "bell curve", are missing, indicating massive undiscovered potential



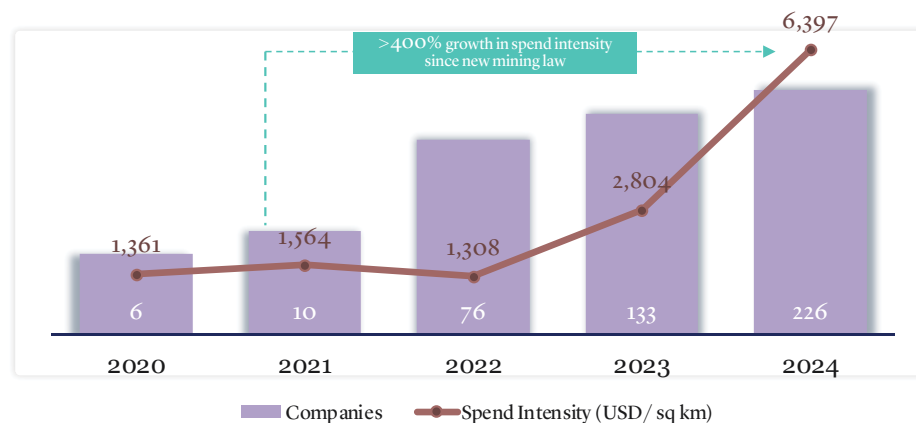
Proven systems: Already hosts multiple mineral systems across the mineralized belts

Accelerated exploration is already converting potential into Tier-1 discoveries, including significant resource expansions: +7.8 MoZ YoY net gold resource addition by Maaden

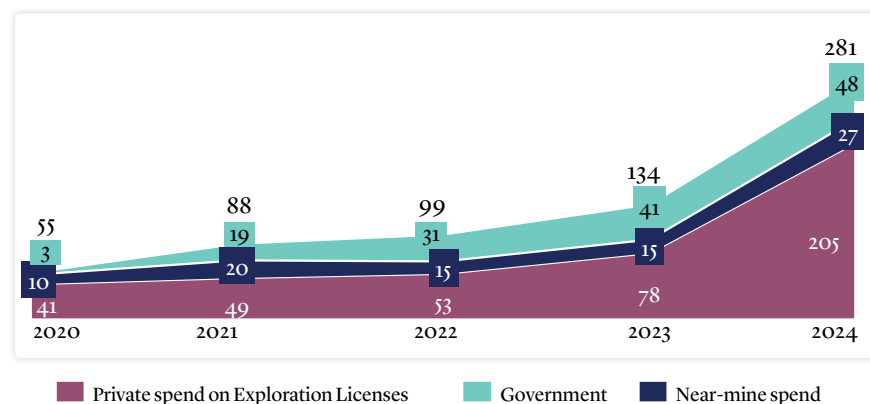


KSA has witnessed a rise in exploration spend intensity- five-fold increase, attracting leading companies to the country

Growth in active exploration companies & spend intensity' in KSA (2020-2025)

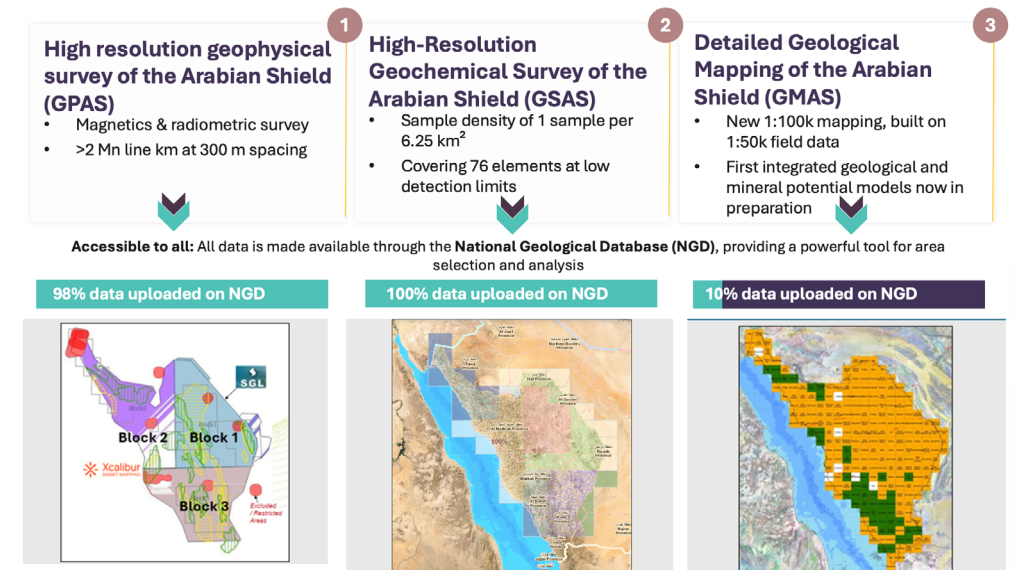


Total exploration spend (private sector and government), Mn USD



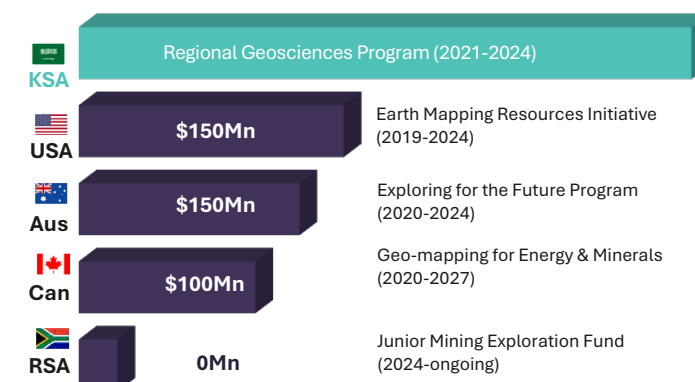
1Spend intensity calculated for active exploration license area

To unlock this mineral potential, the government is actively de-risking exploration by providing world-class, pre-competitive data through the Regional Geosciences Program (RGP)



Saudi's RGP is among the world's largest public geoscience program

\$347 Mn



The Khnaiguiyah project validates the new ecosystem, achieving a 3x resource expansion and permitting timelines 80% faster than global benchmarks

01. High-Quality Investment Entry



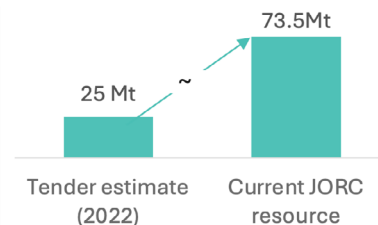
- **Winner:** Moxico Resources & Ajlan Bros Holding (50/50 JV).
- **Mechanism:** Saudi's first competitive exploration tender round (Sept 2022).
- **Bid value:** 73M USD

02. Geological Validation (Resource Expansion)

Resource: 73.5 Mt @ 2.26% Zn, 0.20% Cu, 1.65% Mn containing 1,664.5 kt Zn, 145.0 kt Cu, 1,214.0 kt Mn

Target output: 136kt pa Zinc / 28kt pa Copper.

Mine life: >17 years.



03. Accelerated Permitting (Time-to-Mine)

- Exploration License Awarded (Sept 2022)
 - Feasibility Study Completed (Jan 2023 – July 2025)
 - Mining License Application (August 2025)
 - Mining License Granted (December 2025)
- ~5 Months**

- **Global benchmark:** 3-5 years for permits in tier-1 jurisdictions.
- **Saudi advantage:** Streamlined 'Taadeen' platform + Mining Investment LaW reduced processing to <6 months.

Awarded Sep 2022 > JORC Resource +3x (25 > 73.5 Mt) > Mining Licence in ~5 months > Construction Q1 2026; Production targeted 2028

Building on proven momentum and a clear legal framework, targeted, merit-based incentives share early-stage risk across the value chain

From early-stage exploration to downstream processing

Upstream	Mid- Down Stream			
\$2mn/ license	Attractive project financing	Mining Infrastructure Enablement Initiative	5 yrs	30%
Grants for Green field Exploration projects (EEP)	Access to significant co-funding for CAPEX	Supports delivery of last-mile infra for mining sites	Royalty fees exemption	Discounts for each local downstream processing up to 90%
				

Additional incentives

30-5%0 salary coverage for Saudi employees

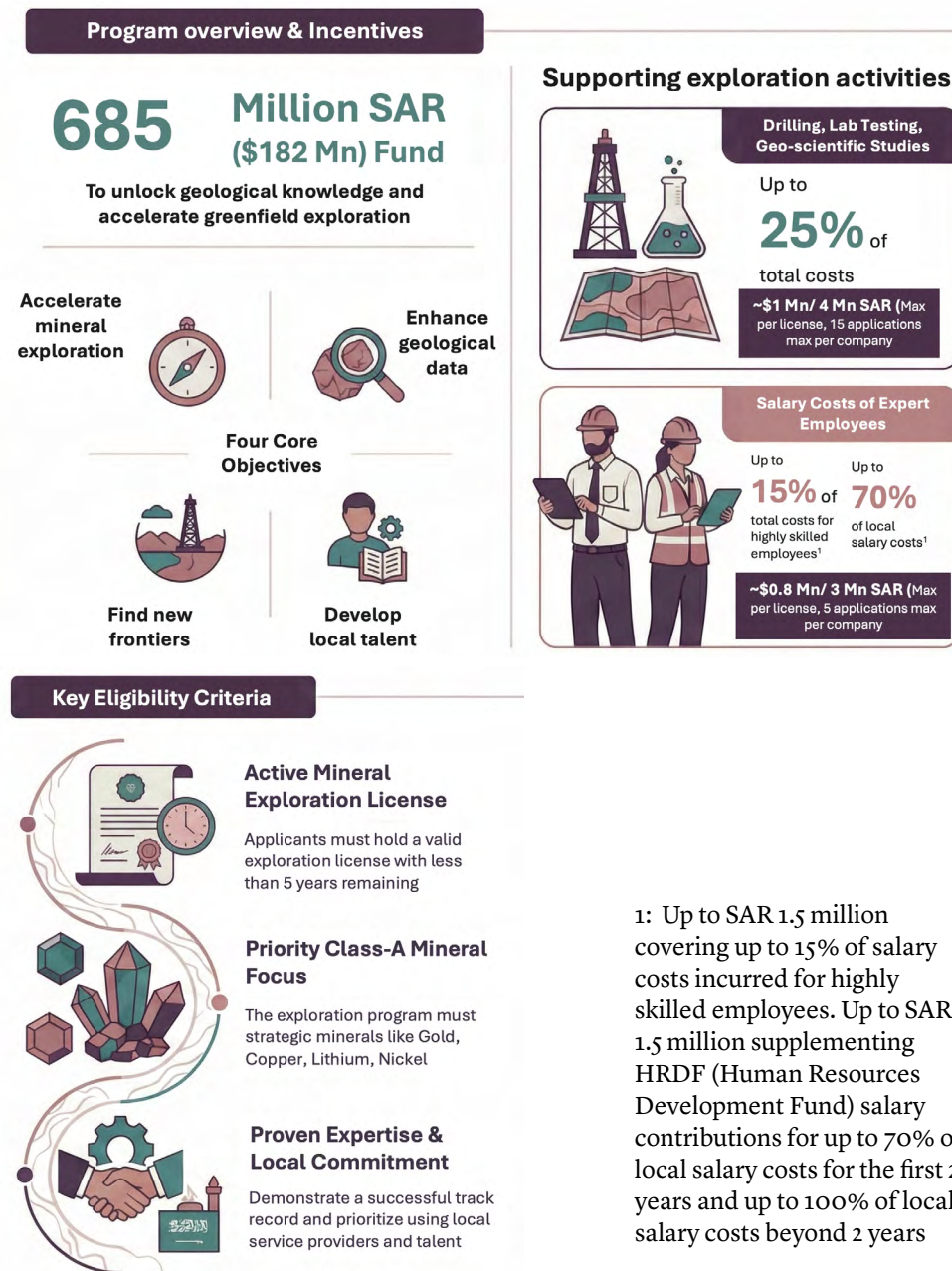
Customs duties exemptions on industrial machinery, MRO, and raw materials

100%! foreign direct business ownership !

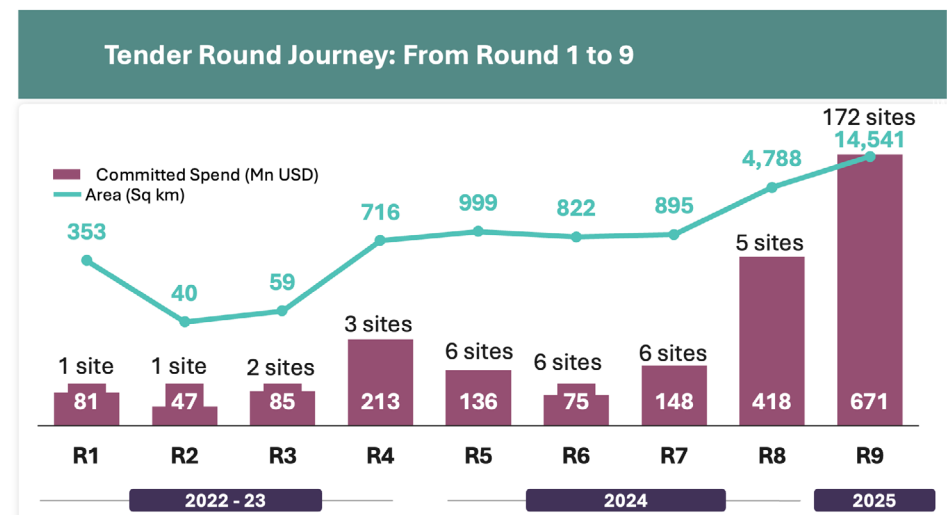
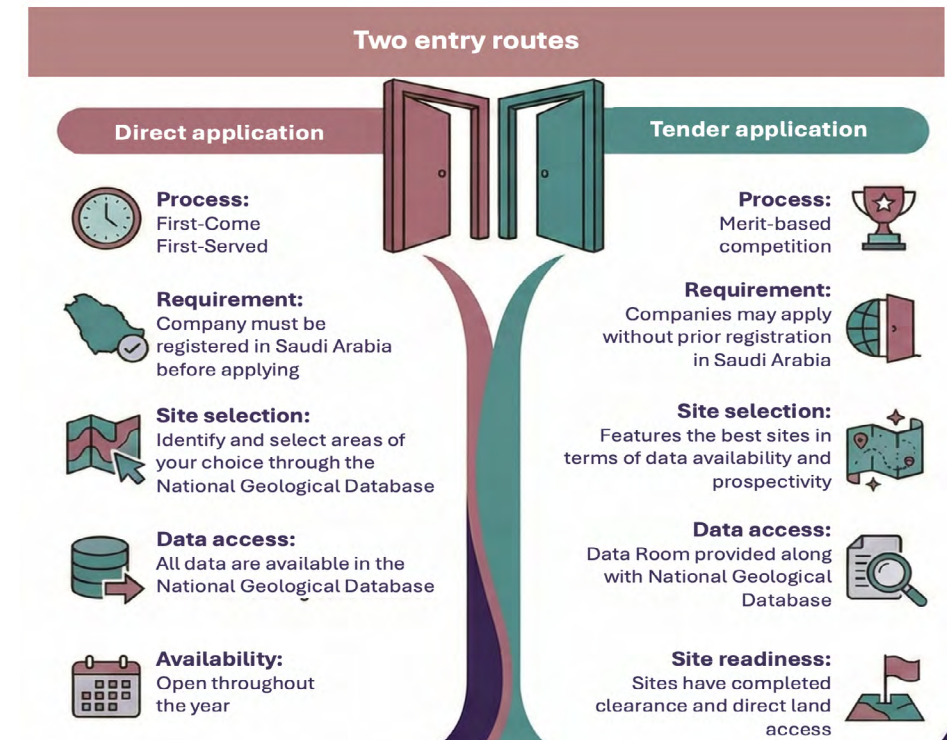
20%! Corporate Tax

40+ locations across KSA with competitive land & utility prices

Exploration Enablement Program (EEP) was launched to de-risk mining investments and accelerate exploration in the Kingdom



Supported by both direct and tender application pathways, KSA's licensing system has expanded substantially



Between 2026 and 2027, 17 highly prospective belts spanning ~35,000 km² present a major opportunity with compelling potential for gold, base metals, and other commodities

The opportunities At a glance



17 highly prospective belts

A portfolio of promising mineral sites will be open for bidding across 2026 and 2027



~35,000 km² total area

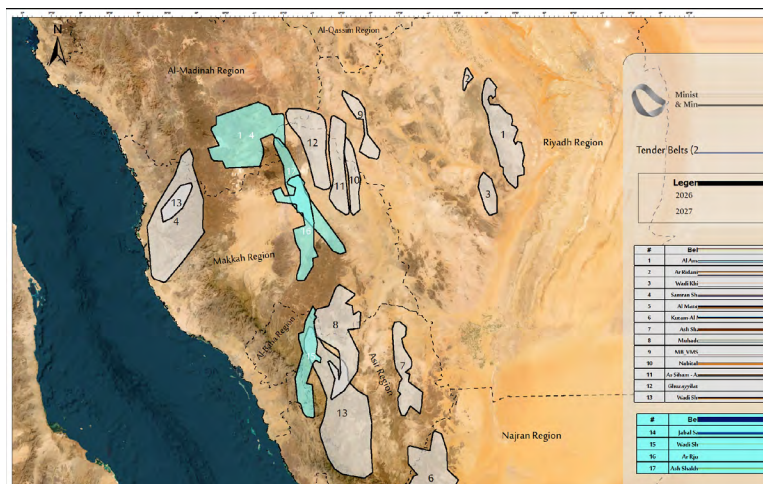
The tender covers a vast expanse of land with significant mineralogical potential



Rich in key commodities

Offers compelling potential for gold & base metals (VMS) deposits

Tender belts & schedule (2026-27)



Key eligibility criteria for participation



Corporate & legal

Incorporated in KSA (minimum SAR 100k) and licensed for exploration, or commit to incorporate within 90 days of award



Integrity & compliance

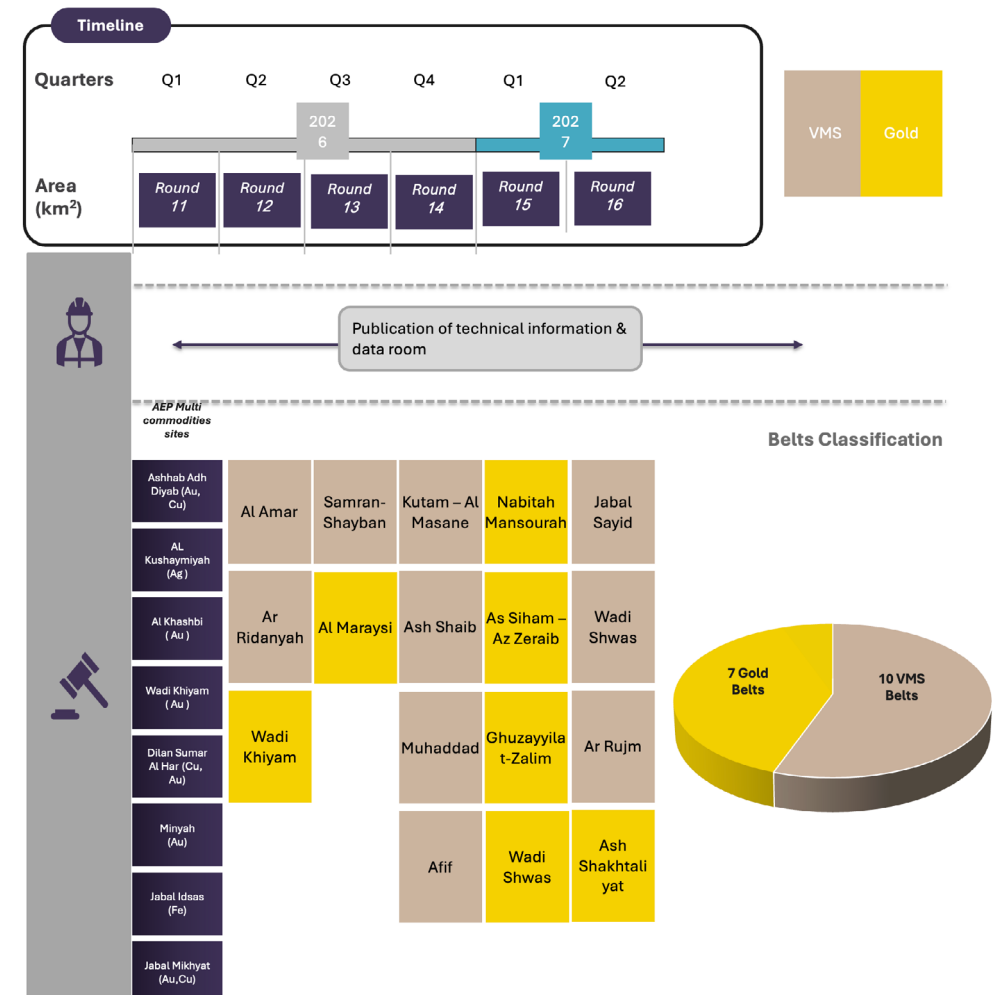
No insolvency, bribery/ corruption, mineral- rights withdrawal (past 10 years)



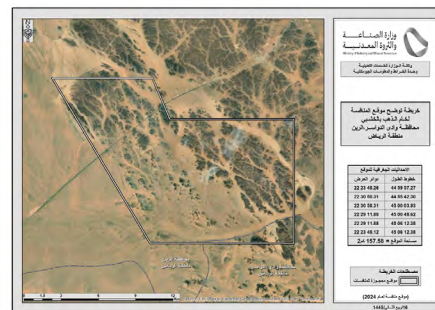
Financial capacity

Capacity to meet SAR 225k per 100 km² (first 2 years)

These strategic mineral belts will be tendered through a phased roadmap of six licensing rounds, commencing in Q1 2026 with the 8 AEP sites of Round 11

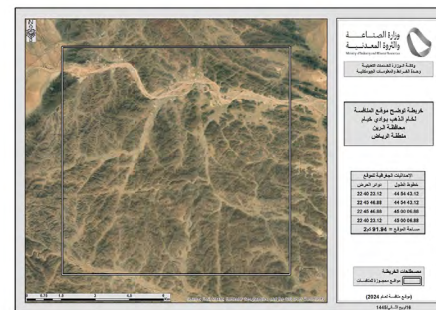


Round 11 offers 8 AEP sites totaling 1,878 km² as a special round of more matured sites, and the opportunity is open now for PQQ



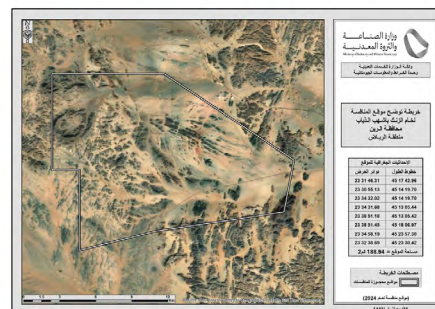
Gold

Site Name	Region	Area (km ²)
Al Khashbi	Riyadh	157.58



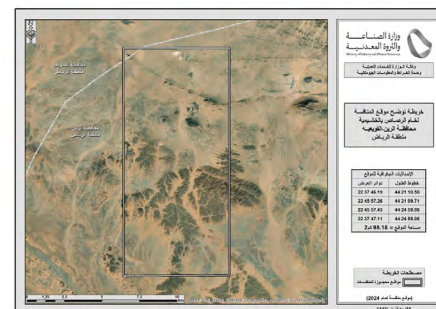
Gold

Site Name	Region	Area (km ²)
Wadi Khiyam	Riyadh	91.98



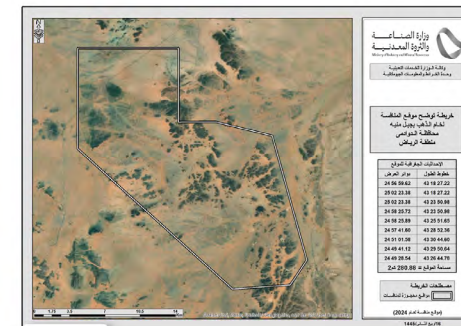
Gold-Copper

Site Name	Region	Area (km ²)
Ashab adh Dhaib	Riyadh	188.94



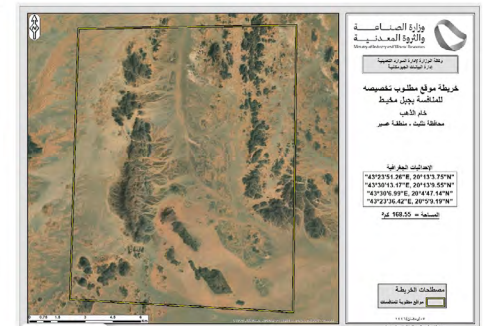
Silver

Site Name	Region	Area (km ²)
Al Kushaymiyah	Riyadh	98.15



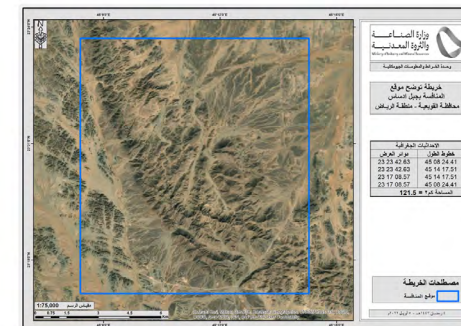
Gold

Site Name	Region	Area (km ²)
Jabal Minyah	Riyadh	280.88



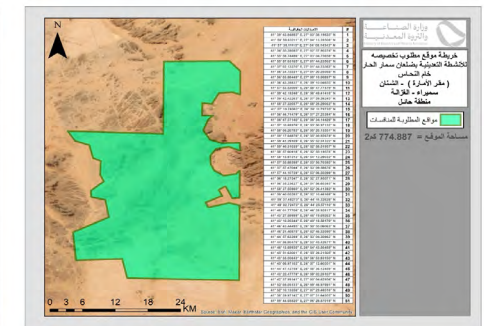
Gold

Site Name	Region	Area (km ²)
Jabal Mikhayat	Assir	168.55



Iron

Site Name	Region	Area (km ²)
Jabal Idsas	Riyadh	121.5



Gold-Copper

Site Name	Region	Area (km ²)
Dilan Sumar Al Har (Jabal aqab)	Riyadh	774

Dilan Sumar Al Har is an advanced gold-copper prospect in Round 11, backed by extensive drilling, geophysics, and a defined exploration target enabling rapid progress toward a maiden resource

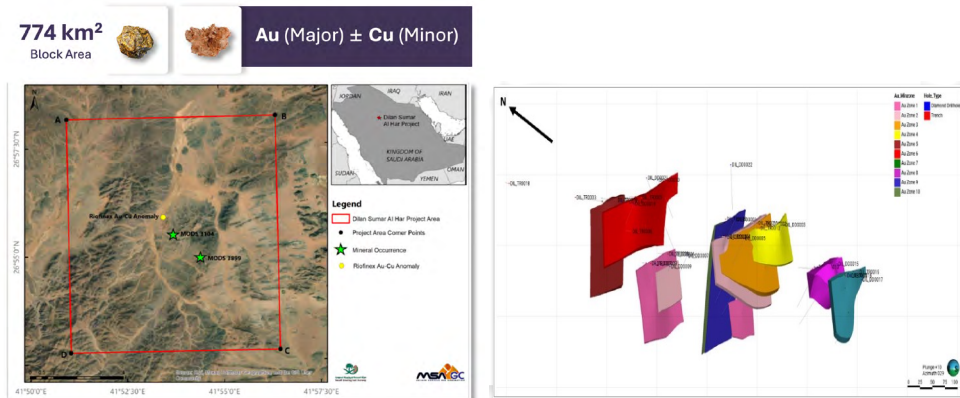


Fig: Satellite image showing the location MODS 3104, MODS 3899 and RF Cu-Au anomaly

Ashab adh Dhiab is a high-grade shear-hosted gold prospect with Cu-Zn sulphides and a defined exploration target

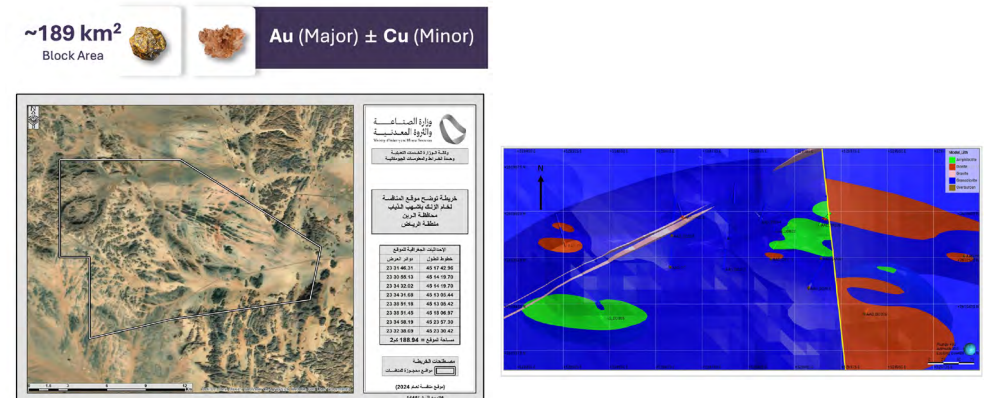
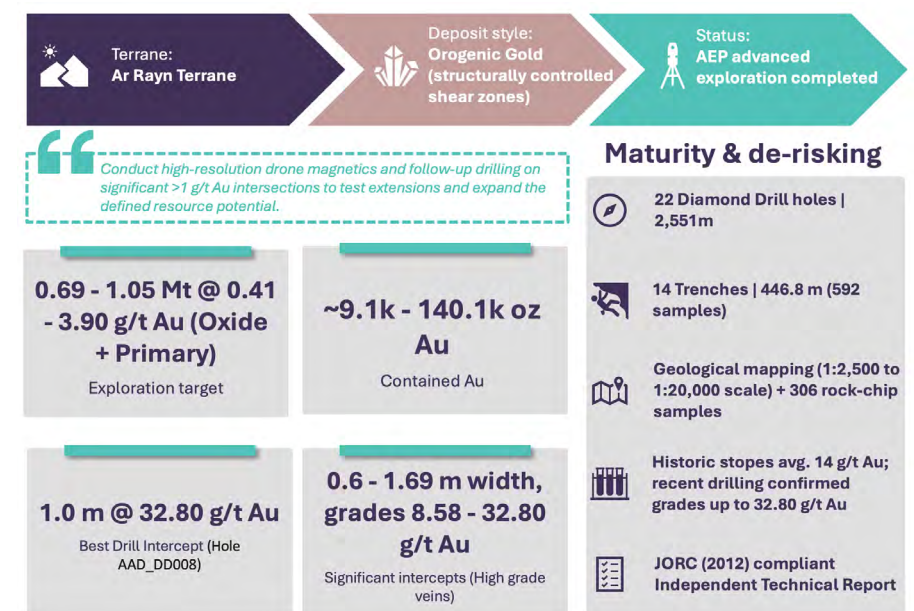
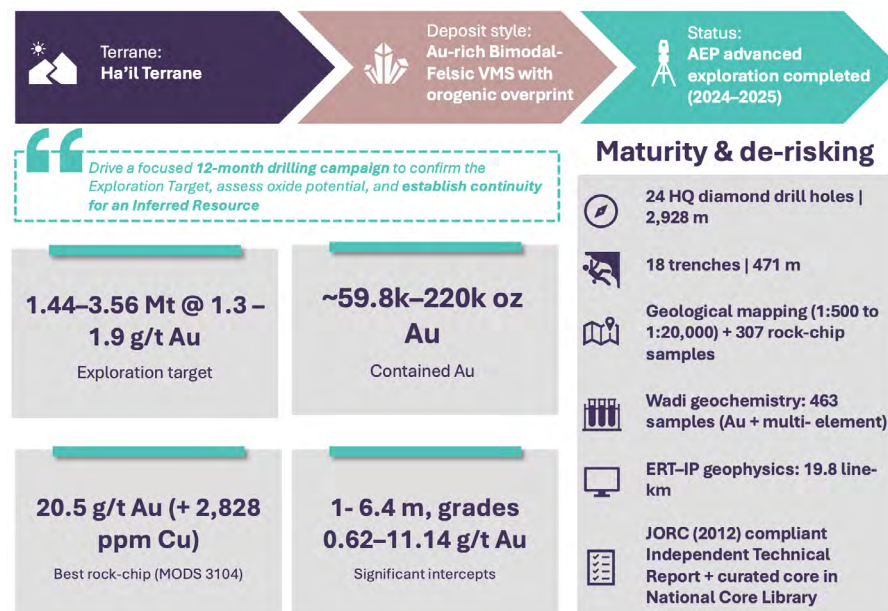


Fig: Satellite image showing the location 0174, 1510, 4317, 0169

Fig: Ashab Adh Dhiab geological model showing oxidised zones



Wadi Khiyam is a district-scale orogenic gold system spanning a ~50 km structural belt, validated by high-grade trench intercepts and new vein discoveries



Fig: Satellite image showing the location MODS 0095, MODS 0096, MODS 0097, MODS 0098, MODS 2268, MODS 2269, MODS 3626 & MODS 1621

Fig: WKY wadi- sub-samples laid out for pXRF analysis

Jabal Idsas is a terrane-scale iron-oxide system, with fault-controlled massive magnetite lenses and district-scale replacement magnetite

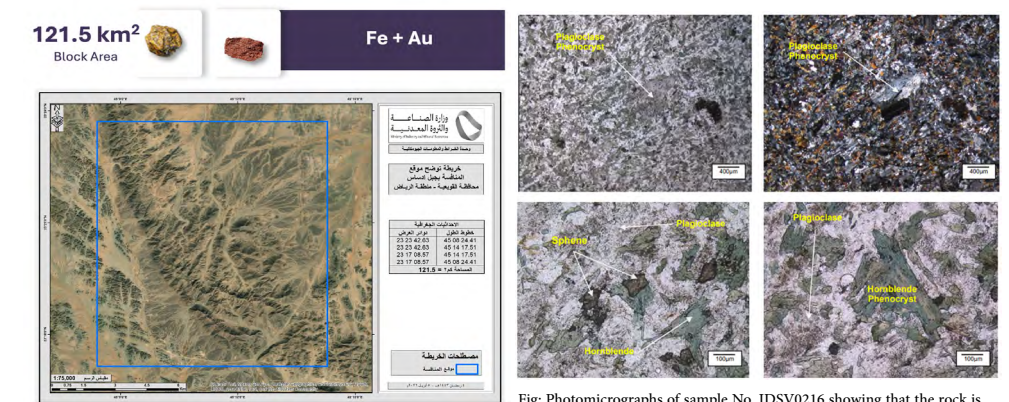
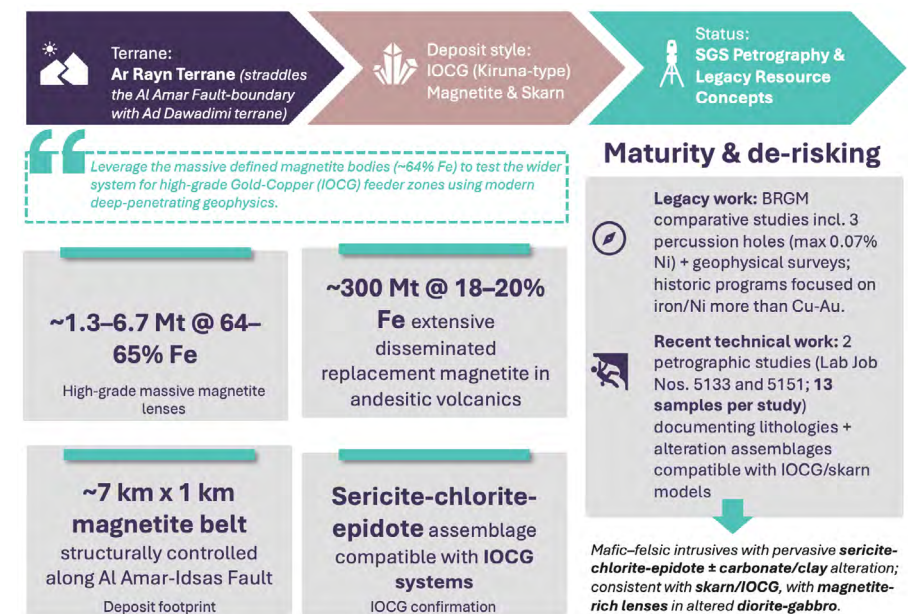
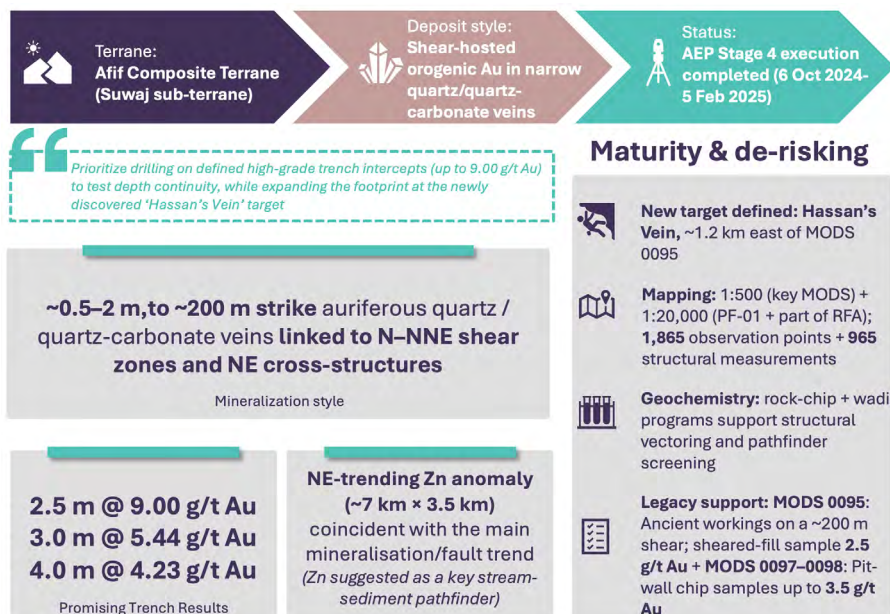


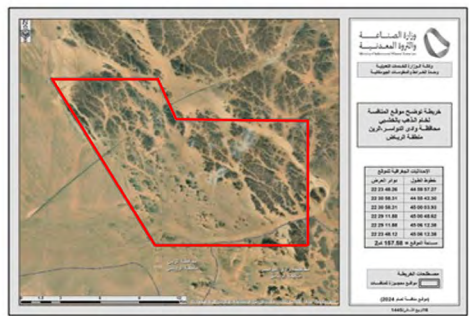
Fig: Satellite image showing the location of Jabal Idsas



Al Khashabi is a shear-hosted, vein-style orogenic gold cluster in the Wadi Khiyam Gold Belt, with multi-mineral occurrences and trench intercepts confirming high-grade shoots

158 km²
Block Area

Au (Major) ± Cu (Minor)



Sampling Highlights

549 Wadi Samples

205 rock chip samples

209 trench samples

Fig: Satellite image showing the location MODS 0444, MODS 0428, MODS 0430, MODS 0429, MODS 0432, MODS 0427 & MODS 0431

Fig: Typical rock-chip sample collected from potentially mineralised outcrop at Al Khashabi

Al Khashimiyah is a structurally controlled Ag-Zn-Pb quartz-jasperoid lode system with locally strong historic grades.

98 km²
Block Area

Ag
(Major commodity)

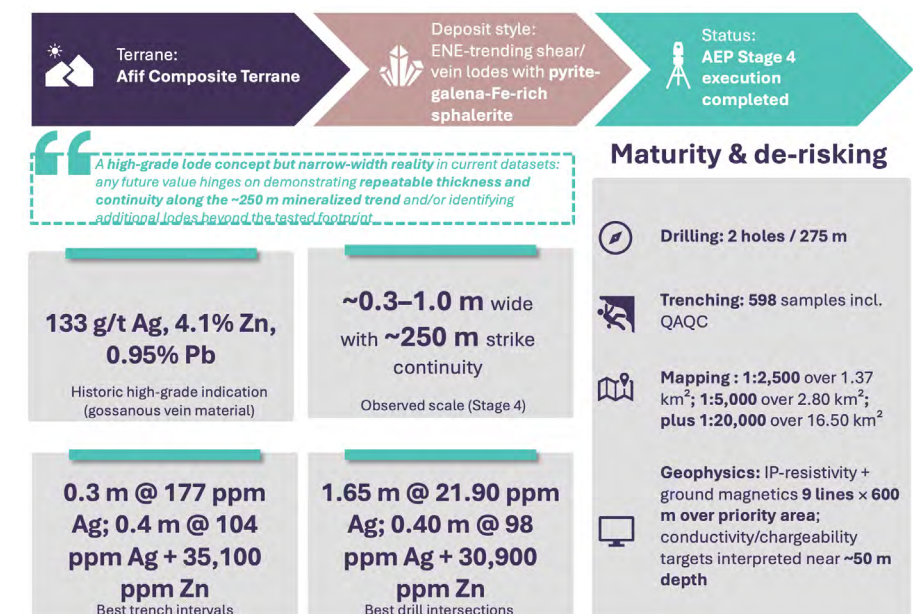
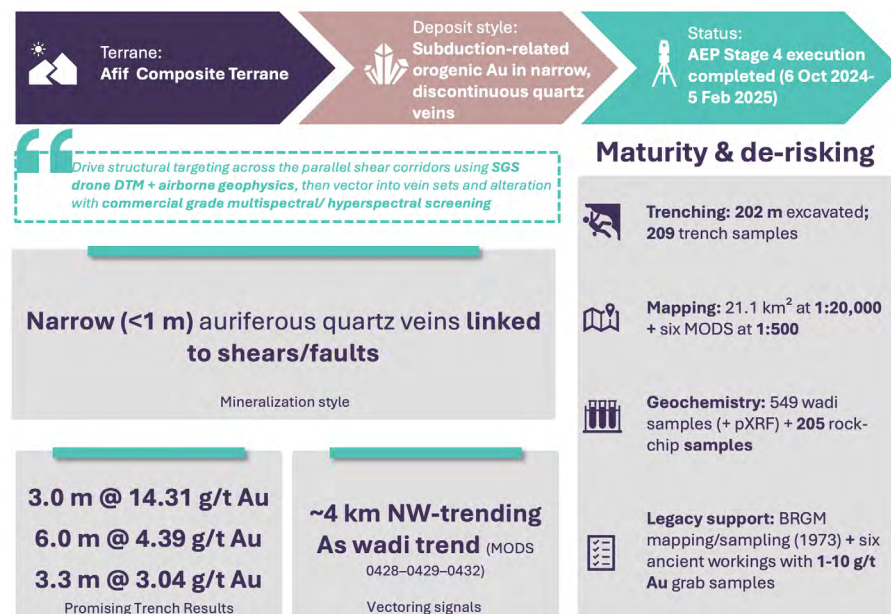


Legacy Work:

Pyrite, galena, and sphalerite occur within the jasperoid. Gossanous quartz veins returned grades of 133 g/t Ag, 4.1% Zn, and 0.95% Pb

Riofinex interpreted the area as part of the southern extension of the Ad Dawadimi terrane, based on similarities in vein structure, mineralogy, and metal content to the Ad Dawadimi silver belt

Fig: Satellite image showing the location of Al Khashimiyah / Al Kushay-maiyah



Jabal Mikhyat is a Fault Zone-hosted orogenic gold vein district with workings over ~7.5 km, historic high-grade dump/vein assays, and new IP/resistivity anomalies defining priority targets

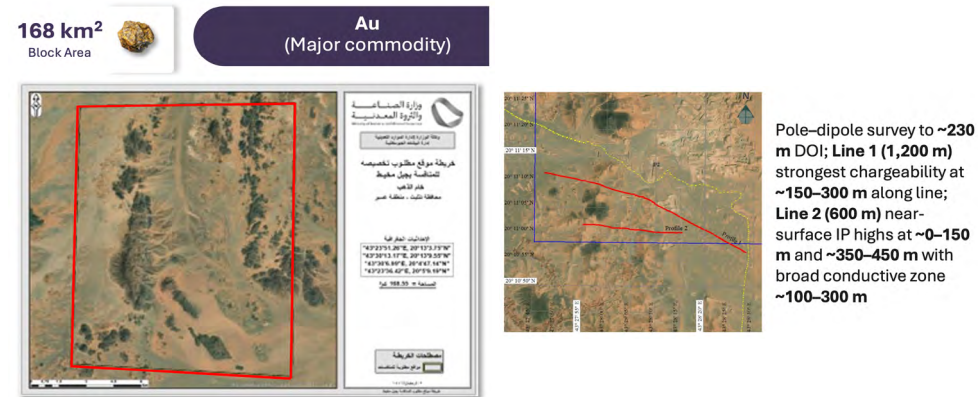


Fig: Satellite image showing the location of Jabal Mikhyat

Fig: Location of Electrical Survey Lines in the Southwestern Portion of Priority Area 2

Jabal Maniyeh is an Au-Sn-W quartz-vein system in the Suwaj Suite, supported by multi-episode geochemical anomalies (Sn-W-F; W-Bi ± Ag) and 2025 ERT/IP datasets

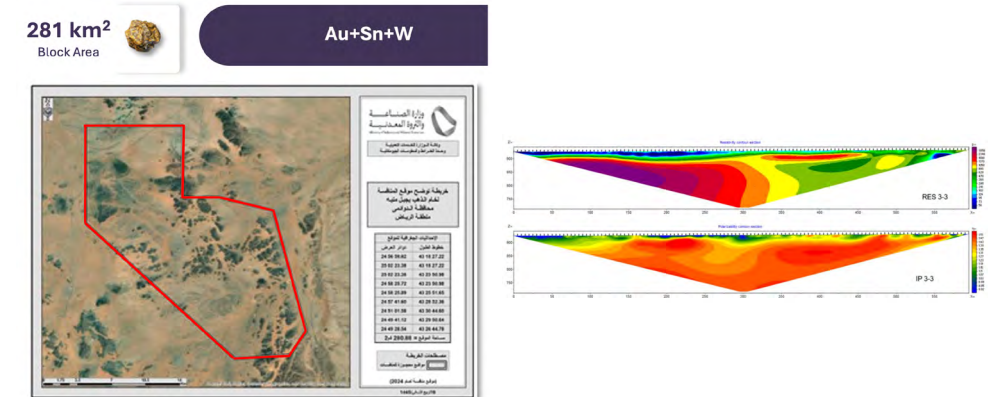
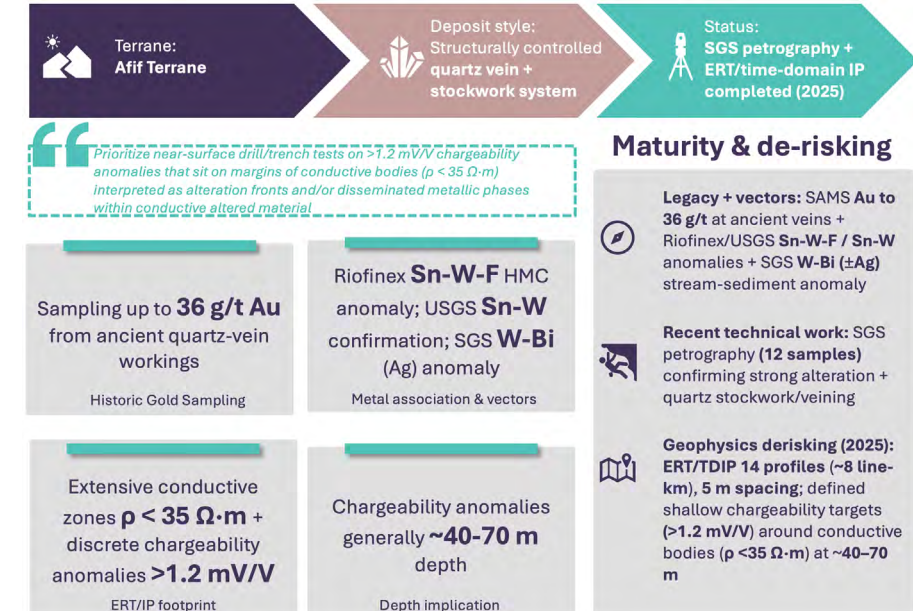
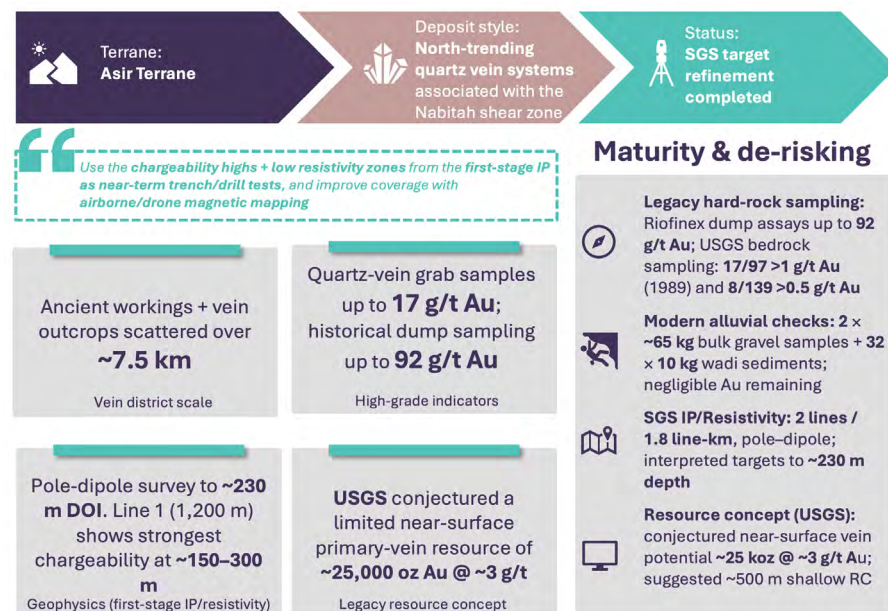


Fig: Satellite image showing the location of Jabal Maniyeh

Fig: Shows resistivity and chargeability distribution along profile 3-3 within the study area



The time to act is Now: Pre-qualify for Round 11 & partner with us in developing the world's next major minerals hub

Your opportunity

Access belt-scale, de-risked exploration ground through a transparent & competitive process

Our commitment

We provide the best sites in terms of data availability & prospectivity & stable regulatory framework to support your success

Next steps

Engage with our team to discuss your investment plans



Scan to access the
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DAWN OF A GLOBAL CAUSE

The Fifth Edition of the Future Minerals Forum (FMF)

January 13–15, 2026



Key Statistics of the 5th Edition of FMF

- 01.** Attended by more than 21,500 participants from 170 countries, including mining ministers, experts, leaders of major global mining companies, international organizations, academic and financial institutions.
- 02.** Announcement of 132 agreements and memoranda of understanding, alongside a package of exploration, investment, and mineral industry projects valued at SAR 100 billion.
- 03.** 450 speakers from around the world took part in 147 sessions, panel discussions and workshops across the three-day program
- 04.** 360 senior CEOs and leaders from global companies, investment entities, and financial institutions linked to the mining sector and mineral value chains participated in the Forum's 3-day agenda.
- 05.** The Ministerial Roundtable saw a record participation of 91 countries, including G20 member states.
- 06.** 64 government and non-governmental entities, as well as multilateral organizations participated in the Ministerial Roundtable, reflecting broad partnerships and a diverse range of stakeholders supporting the mining ecosystem and mineral value chains.
- 07.** FMF 2026's exhibition hosted 274 exhibitors from leading organizations and companies operating in the mining sector and across mineral value chains.
- 08.** FMF 2026 featured 13 international pavilions, including Australia, Canada, the United Kingdom, Germany, France, Sweden, Austria, Brazil, Egypt, Morocco, Pakistan, Mauritania, and Sudan.

Key Outcomes of FMF 2026 and the Ministerial Roundtable (1/2)

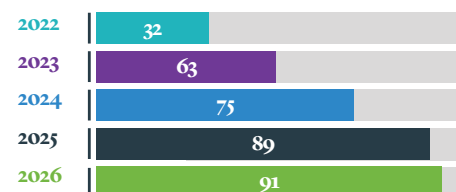
- 01.**
 - The Ministry of Industry and Mineral Resources, in partnership with NIDLP launched the Future Minerals Pioneers, a global innovative competition with three tracks: smart technologies, safety and security, and resource sustainability.
 - Winners of the first edition were awarded at FMF 2026.
- 02.** The Ministry of Industry and Mineral Resources launched a **Startup Derby** at FMF26 to strengthen the venture capital ecosystem by:
 - Connecting entrepreneurs with investors and decision-makers
 - Accelerating innovative technical solutions
 - Turning ideas into investment opportunities within the Kingdom's mining ecosystem
- 03.** The Ministry of Industry and Mineral Resources signed three memoranda of understanding on mineral resources with Chile, Canada, and Brazil to strengthen technical and investment cooperation in the mining sector and mineral industries.
- 04.** The Forum strengthened its role as a global mining platform by signing a cooperation agreement with the World Economic Forum (WEF) under the theme "**Securing Minerals for Global Development and Prosperity.**" The partnership runs until September 2027, with FMF serving as the main platform for implementation and dialogue.
- 05.** The Ministry of Industry and Mineral Resources announced 100% completion of geophysical and geochemical surveys across the Arabian Shield, with exploration spending increasing from USD 54.6 million (SAR 204.75 million) in 2020 to USD 280.5 million (SAR 1.052 billion) in 2024.
- 06.** The Ministry of Industry and Mineral Resources announced that the Kingdom has offered over 33,000 km² through transparent tender rounds across round one to nine. Round nine alone awarded 172 mining sites to 24 companies and consortia — the largest round to date.

Key Outcomes of FMF 2026 and the Ministerial Roundtable (2/2)

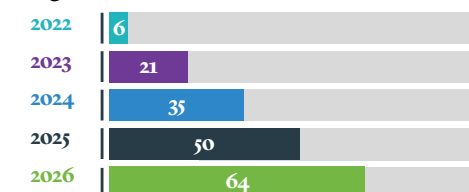
- 07.** The Ministry of Industry and Mineral Resources launched the **Mining Infrastructure Enablement Initiative** in partnership with the Saudi Authority for Industrial Cities and Technology Zones (MODON). The first project under this initiative is a 75-kilometer treated-water pipeline to support development in the Jabal Sayid area.
- 08.** The Ministry of Industry and Mineral Resources launched the **Saudi School of Mines**, through a strategic partnership with King Abdulaziz University, to align educational outcomes with investment opportunities and address human capital deficits in the sector.
- 09.**
 - At the Ministerial Roundtable, the World Bank announced a new strategy for minerals and metals, focused on supporting countries boost their mineral development and value chains, into processing and regional manufacturing to create more value and jobs.
 - The strategy comprises three pillars:
 - Policy, governance and institutions
 - Foundational infrastructure; and
 - Private sector mobilization and innovation
- 10.**
 - The Forum brought stakeholders together to discuss transparency and strengthen supply chain resilience.
 - The Ministerial Roundtable announced a new collaboration between the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) and the Saudi Standards Metrology and Quality Organization (SASO) to develop responsible mining standards, reduce global inconsistencies that have weakened confidence and complicated supply chains.
- 11.** Previous FMF editions have focused on closing funding gaps and managing high investment risks in exploration and development.
FMF26 in collaboration with the Bank of Montreal (BMO), launched a Gateway to Funding to address financing challenges, by connecting companies and investors through structured presentations and innovative funding tools.
- 12.** FMF launched the Future Minerals Barometer report, developed in partnership with McKinsey & Company and sector-leading experts.
The FMF Barometer sets the first comprehensive baseline for how governments, companies, and investors are advancing resilient, responsible mineral supply chains. It integrates data, market intelligence, stakeholder sentiment, and project-level evidence into a single authoritative platform to guide global decision-making.

Evolution of FMF in Numbers

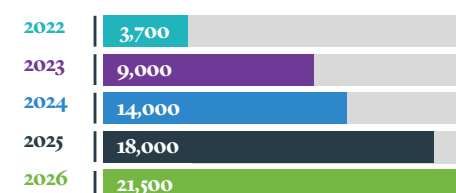
Growing Attendance at the Ministerial Roundtable



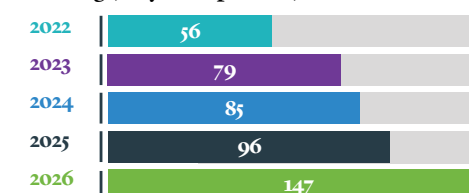
Governmental and non-governmental organizations



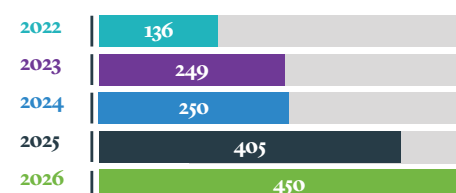
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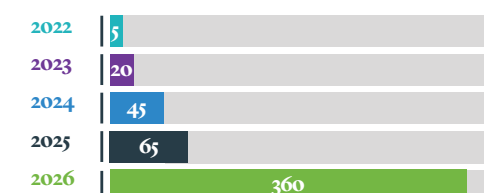
Forum Sessions: Panel Discussions, Bilateral Meetings, Keynote Speeches, and Technical Talks



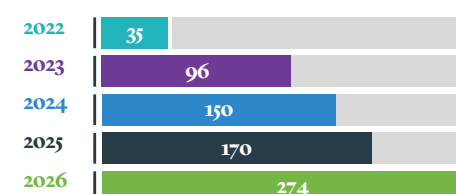
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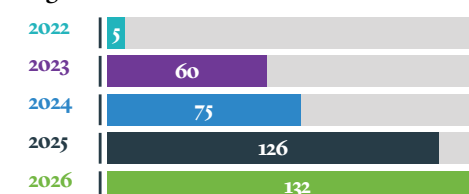
Attendance of Senior CEOs



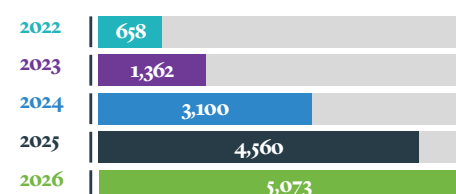
Sponsors and Exhibitors



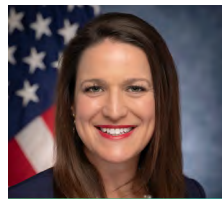
Memoranda of Understanding and Agreements



Business Meetings



Prominent High-Level Officials and Ministerial Roundtable Attendees



Audrey Robertson

Assistant Secretary of Energy for the Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, United States of America



Claude Gierl

Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Energy and Natural Resources, Canada



Luis Lucero

Minister of Mining, Argentina



Benjamin Gallezot

Interministerial Delegate for Strategic Mineral and Metal Supplies, French Republic



Alexandre Silveira

Minister of Mines and Energy, Federative Republic of Brazil



Dele Henry Alake

Minister of Solid Minerals Development, Federal Republic of Nigeria



Ali Pervaiz Malik

Federal Minister for Petroleum and Water Resources, Islamic Republic of Pakistan



Louis Watum Kabamba

Minister of Mines, Democratic Republic of the Congo



Karim Badawi

Minister of Petroleum and Mineral Resources, Arab Republic of Egypt



Paul Kabuswe

Minister of Mines and Minerals Development, Republic of Zambia



Yersain Nagaspayev

Minister of Industry and Construction, Republic of Kazakhstan



Aurora Williams Baussa

Minister of Mining, Republic of Chile



Lonkhokhela Dlamini

Minister of Natural Resources and Energy, Kingdom of Eswatini



David Copley

Special Assistant to the President of the United States on the National Security Council, The White House, United States of America



Leila Benali

Minister of Energy Transition and Sustainable Development, Kingdom of Morocco



Valerie Levkov

Vice President for Infrastructure, World Bank Group

Key Speakers: Leaders from Major Mining & Metal Companies and International Institutions



Dominic Barton

Chairman of the Board, Rio Tinto
Market capitalization: USD 141 billion



Scott Brison

Vice Chair, Investment & Corporate Banking, BMO Capital Markets (Bank of Montreal)
Market capitalization: USD 96.73 billion



Bob Wilt

CEO, Ma'aden
Market capitalization: USD 75 billion



Gustavo Pimenta

CEO, Vale
Market capitalization: USD 63 billion



Iván Arriagada

CEO, Antofagasta plc
Market capitalization: USD 35 billion



Robert Friedland

Founder of Ivanhoe Mines, Ivanhoe Electric, and I-Pulse
Market capitalization: USD 23 billion



Catherine Raw

Chief Development Officer, BHP
Market capitalization: USD 250 billion



Michael Steinmann

President and CEO, Pan American Silver
Market capitalization: USD 23.7 billion



Tristan Pascall

CEO, First Quantum Minerals
Market capitalization: USD 21 billion



Graham Kerr

CEO and Managing Director, South32
Market capitalization: USD 17.6 billion



Dale Henderson

CEO and Managing Director, Pilbara Minerals (PLS)
Market capitalization: USD 17 billion



William (Bill) Oplinger

President and CEO, Alcoa
Market capitalization: USD 17 billion



Adam Lundin

Chairman of the Board, Lundin Mining
Market capitalization: USD 15 billion



Wang Qinghai

Chairman of the Board, JCHX Mining
Market capitalization: USD 6.7 billion

Testimonials and Praises for FMF26



"The Future Minerals Forum is being held at a critical time, as the world shifts toward the energy transition and green technologies, especially while supplies of critical minerals are at such a sensitive stage."

Ali Pervaiz Malik,
Federal Minister for Petroleum and Water Resources,
Pakistan



"The Future Minerals Forum is a pivotal platform that brings together world leaders, financial institutions, stakeholders, and CEOs of major mining companies for dialogue and the exchange of ideas and visions in the sector."

Louis Watum Kabamba,
Minister of Mines, Democratic Republic of the Congo



"The Future Minerals Forum is a global model to be emulated, and Zambia opens its doors to Saudi investment."

Paul Chanda Kabuswe,
Minister of Mines and Minerals Development, Zambia



"The Future Minerals Forum has become a global platform for serious discussions about the future of the mining industry."

Dr. Leila Benali,
Minister of Energy Transition and Sustainable
Development, Kingdom of Morocco



"I would like to express my sincere thanks to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and to the Future Minerals Forum for providing a platform to build a more resilient supply chain in the minerals sector."

Karim Badawi,
Minister of Petroleum and Mineral Resources, Egypt



Saudi Arabia has presented FMF to the world, which in just four years has become the 'Davos of Mining.' No country in the world, including Canada, the United States, or African nations can gather and host representatives from more than 100 countries the way the Kingdom does."

Scott Brison,
Vice Chair, Investment & Corporate Banking, BMO
Capital Markets (Bank of Montreal)



"A big thank you to our host, the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia for organizing this wonderful event."

David Copley,
Special Assistant to the President of the United
States on the National Security Council, The White
House



"The Future Minerals Forum has grown to become a successful platform that brings stakeholders together and supports international cooperation in mining, through in-depth discussions."

Benjamin Gallezot,
Ministerial Delegate for Strategic Mineral and Metal
Supplies, France



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