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RE: ***Strengthening Critical Minerals Supply Chains in North America: The Key Role of Québec***

Welcome!

On behalf of the [New York Section of SME](http://www.smeny.org) and [SME](http://www.smenet.org) – an international Society of AIME of more than 13,000 professionals serving the minerals industry in more than 100 countries – thank you for joining us. We hope you find this event to be informative, and helpful whether your interest reflects you being an investor or consumer of critical minerals or a local community stakeholder, official or operator.

Notably Quebec and NY SME in recent years have enjoyed more than several successful collaborative efforts to foster interest and provide forums for all to discuss and learn about the importance mineral resources have on our everyday lives. Our efforts continue today in this forum about *Strengthening Critical Minerals Supply Chains in North America* in part highlighting the *Key Role of Québec*.

The eight panel discussions, led by more than 30 experts, include mining and minerals processing executives, economic and business analysts and bankers, advisors and investors. Also speaking today are representatives from Canada's Province of Quebec, its Minister of [Energy and Natural Resources \(MERN\)](http://www.mern.ca), Jonatan Julien and [Quebec's Government of Office in New York](http://www.quebec.ca) Delegate General, Catherine Loubier.

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Sponsors' support goes beyond NY SME programs, e.g. Shearman & Sterling's team and staff assistance to shift to an e-platform. We also thank today's moderators for their time, efforts of coordinating and planning.

Finally, we thank all of you for joining us. NY SME hopes you enjoy and learn from today's and future NY SME events. We welcome your suggestions and invite you to help strengthen and expand future NY SME programming. Contact NY SME at info@smeny.org. Join us, [become a NY SME member](http://www.smenet.org)!

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