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## Zoom In! – Japanese-German Energy Transition Talks

### Critical Minerals for the Energy Transition

### Japanese-German Energy Partnership Team

25 October 2023, 10:00-11:00 CET (17:00-18:00 JST)

#### Introduction:

“Zoom In! – Japanese-German Energy Transition Talks” is a series jointly organized by the Japanese-German Energy Partnership Team and the German-Japanese Energy Transition Council (GJETC) on behalf of the Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Climate Action (BMWK). It focuses on current developments regarding the energy transition in both countries. Each session zooms in on a specific topic and offers decision-makers from policy, industry and research a platform for in-depth information and discussion on the current status, development and potential for different energy transition policies and technologies in Germany and Japan.

The third session will focus on "Critical Minerals" and the challenges associated with establishing and maintaining reliable, sustainable and resilient supply chains. Critical minerals such as copper, lithium, nickel, cobalt and rare earths are essential ingredients in many of today's fast-growing clean energy technologies - from solar panels, wind turbines, electrolysers and power grids to batteries in electric vehicles. Demand for rare minerals is growing rapidly as the clean energy transition gains momentum in both Germany and Japan. The German government already adopted a raw materials strategy in 2020. Japan similarly published an international resources strategy in the same year. However, due to Russia's war against Ukraine and geopolitical shifts, among other things, the circumstances have changed significantly since then, so that the issue has become even more central to current policy debates. Against this background, Japan and the EU have already agreed on a strategic partnership earlier this year to work more closely together on security and supply chain issues.

**Language:** English, Japanese (simultaneous translation)

**Online:** via Zoom ([registration here](#))

**Moderator:** Norman Langbecker, Regional Manager Japan, Korea, South Pacific, OAV

**10:00 – 10:05 Welcome and opening remarks**

(17:00 – 17:05) Norman Langbecker, Regional Manager Japan, Korea, South Pacific, OAV

**10:05 – 10:25 Germany's "Raw Materials Strategy" and the EU's "Critical Raw Materials Act"**

(17:05 – 17:25) Dr. Sven-Uwe Schulz, Head of Unit "Evaluation of Mineral Resources", German Mineral Resources Agency (DERA)

**10:25 – 10:45 Japan's "International Resources Strategy" and current policy developments**

(17:25 – 17:45) Mr. Kenichi Kurihara, Deputy Director General, Metals Strategy Department, Japan Organization for Metals and Energy Security (JOGMEC)

**10:45 – 11:00 Q&A and conclusion**

(17:45 – 18:00)

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