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Mining

Mineral/Metal	Primary Domain(s) & Uses	Key Context (Why It's Important Today)
Copper	Build (construction), Fuel & Power (electrical grids, renewables), Move (electric vehicles)	Central to electrification and renewable energy infrastructure; demand is surging .
Iron Ore	Build (steel for buildings and infrastructure)	Fundamental for global construction and urbanization .
Gold	Make (jewelry, electronics), Financial reserves	Traditionally a safe-haven asset; also used in technology and luxury goods .
Lithium, Cobalt, Nickel, Graphite	Move (batteries for electric vehicles and electronics)	Critical minerals for the rapid growth of electric transportation and energy storage .
Rare Earth Elements (REEs)	Make (permanent magnets, electronics, defense), Move (EV motors), Fuel & Power (wind turbines)	Essential for high-tech, defense, and green technologies; supply chain is highly concentrated .
Potash & Phosphate	Feed (fertilizers for agriculture)	Vital for global food security and agricultural productivity .
Coal	Fuel & Power (electricity generation)	Still accounts for a significant portion of global electricity generation, despite the energy transition .
Aluminum	Build (construction), Make (consumer goods, vehicles)	Lightweight metal crucial for various manufacturing and construction sectors .
Uranium	Fuel & Power (nuclear energy)	Key input for nuclear power, which is gaining renewed momentum as a low-carbon energy source .

Zinc, Tin, Manganese

Build (steel alloying, corrosion protection),
Make (soldier, batteries)

Important industrial metals with diverse applications in manufacturing and infrastructure .
