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StrategicREM, LLC Signs MOU in Malaysia to Build a Dedicated U.S. Rare Earth Supply Chain Independent of China

SEATTLE, WA - StrategicREM, a Seattle-based startup announced the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on **Tuesday, June 30, 2026,** with its Malaysian strategic partners, marking a major milestone in U.S and Malaysian industrial cooperation. The novel partnership will establish a dedicated rare earth supply chain for the United States **outside of China.** The agreement marks a significant step toward strengthening global supply chain resilience and securing critical materials essential for advanced manufacturing, clean energy technologies, etc. The partnership aims to establish long-term commercial frameworks that ensure stable, transparent, and sustainable access to rare earths for U.S. industries.

Under the MOU, the parties have committed to a coordinated plan to develop upstream and downstream rare earth capabilities, including mining/extraction, processing, separation, and value-added manufacturing, ensuring U.S. manufacturers have reliable access to the rare earth elements essential for AI, electric vehicles, semiconductors, aerospace systems, renewable energy technologies, next gen telecommunications, semiconductors, rare earth magnets, etc.

"This agreement represents a strategic shift in how the United States sources critical minerals," said Dan Uhm, President and Co-Founder. "By working closely with Malaysia, we are building a secure, diversified supply chain that reduces dependency on China and supports the next generation of American innovation. StrategicREM was founded to solve one of America's most urgent current industrial challenges, securing a stable and transparent supply of rare earths."

StrategicREM's model differs sharply from the traditional approaches taken by other rare-earth companies. While firms such as **Lynas**, **USA Rare Earth**, and **MP Materials** have collectively received **billions of dollars in federal grants, loans, and private investment**, the United States still lacks a functioning, end-to-end supply chain capable of delivering rare earths to the U.S.

StrategicREM's approach is novel because it does not rely on the slow, capital-intensive, model that has stalled U.S. progress. Instead, the company is building a distributed, partnership-driven supply chain that leverages Malaysia's existing mineral resources, emerging processing infrastructure, and commitment to responsible development. This model significantly accelerates deployment, reduces capital risk, and creates a scalable pathway for delivering finished rare earth materials directly to U.S. industries.

The MOU marks the beginning of a long-term partnership that strengthens U.S. supply chain resilience while supporting Malaysia's growth as a global leader in responsible critical-minerals development.

StrategicREM, LLC will announce additional commercial partners, investment commitments, and project timelines as the initiative moves into its implementation phase.

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