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China to Invest in Canada Mining Despite Limits: Envoy – Bloomberg

March 15 – China's ambassador says the country will continue to do business in Canada's domestic critical minerals sector despite Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's "unfortunate" crackdown on foreign investment.

Majority of Ontarians disagree with Federal Minister's statement that government should stop investing in new road infrastructure – GlobeNewswire

March 14 – A clear majority of Ontarians support the construction and expansion of new road infrastructure, including transformational projects like Highway 413, the Bradford Bypass, and the Ring of Fire. A new public opinion survey released this morning reaffirms that the people of Ontario are steadfast in their support to see these projects built.

Nickel faces existential moment with half of mines unprofitable – The Malaysian Times

March 14 –Many of the world's biggest nickel mines are facing an increasingly bleak future as they wake up to an existential threat: A near-limitless supply of low-cost metal from Indonesia. With roughly half of all nickel operations unprofitable at recent prices, the bosses of the largest mining companies two weeks ago sounded a warning that there was little prospect of a recovery. The potential collapse of nickel mining from Australia to New Caledonia comes at a time when western governments are scrambling to secure the supply chains needed to decarbonise the global economy. But in an ironic twist, Indonesia's coal-fired nickel output is pricing out greener metal that's so far failed to command a market premium.

<u>Unctad develops digital solution to promote new critical mineral discoveries – Creamer Media's Mining</u> <u>Weekly</u>

March 13 – To prevent a production gap of critical and <u>energy</u> minerals amid burgeoning demand to keep global warming within the 1.5 °C targeted under the Paris Agreement, the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (Unctad) has developed a solution for digitalising and sharing data to facilitate the discovery of new natural <u>resources</u>.

Critical minerals mining industry requires more of everything – KPMG survey

March 12 – Nine in 10 (91 per cent) Canadian mining leaders are optimistic that Canada can be a world leader in critical minerals, yet the overwhelming majority (98 per cent) say their companies require more investment, government commitment, and favourable tax policies to support its growth, finds a KPMG in Canada survey conducted last month.

<u>Federal budget may include legislative changes to streamline environmental regulation on large resource</u> <u>projects – Globe and Mail</u>

March 12 – Last October, the court ruled that the federal government doesn't have nearly as much



jurisdiction to regulate resource projects as it assumed it had under the Constitution. Currently, mines, oil and gas projects and pipelines are regulated based on a roughly 50/50 split between the federal government and the provinces through two separate and often overlapping processes. Ottawa's oversight should instead be restricted to certain areas, such as assessing the impact of projects on fisheries, the bird population, species at risk and Indigenous rights, the top court said.