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Mining & Critical Minerals in Angola

From world-class diamonds to copper, rare earths and the Lobito Corridor, Angola's next resource frontier.

DIAMONDS
Top-tier producer by value

FRONTIER MINERALS
Copper · rare earths · lithium

TRADE ARTERY
The Lobito Corridor

Angola is one of the world's great diamond provinces, and is determined to become much more. Beyond Catoca and a new generation of kimberlite mines, Angola is opening ground for copper, iron ore, phosphates, rare earths and lithium, while the Lobito Corridor rewires the region's logistics. This guide maps the opportunity and the rules.

1 The landscape

Diamonds FLAGSHIP

Among the world's largest producers by value. Catoca ranks among the biggest mines globally, and the new Luele mine adds one of the largest deposits discovered this century. Marketing runs through the official channel, Sodiam.

Critical & battery minerals FRONTIER

Copper exploration along extensions of the Central African Copperbelt, with lithium and cobalt prospects under active licensing.

Rare earths NDPR

The Longonjo project, developed by UK-listed Pensana, is set to make Angola a producer of magnet-metal rare earths.

Bulk & industrial IRON · PHOSPHATES

Iron ore in the Cassinga region, phosphates and construction minerals serve domestic industry and export.

2 Where UK firms fit

- **Exploration & geoscience**, surveys, drilling services, resource modelling
- **Mining technology & equipment**, supply, maintenance, automation
- **ESG, standards & assurance**, environmental and social services, traceability, certification
- **Processing & beneficiation**, Angola prioritises in-country value addition
- **Logistics & corridor services**, freight, warehousing and services along the Lobito Corridor

3 Rules of the game

1 Licence through the system

Mineral rights run under the Mining Code, granted via the Ministry of Mineral Resources, Oil & Gas (MIREMPET) and the national minerals agency, from exploration permits to mining titles.

2 Know the diamond channel

Diamond output is marketed through **Sodiam** within the Kimberley Process, build your model around the official channel.

3 Build local partnerships

State participation and local-content expectations are part of the framework; most entrants pair with Angolan partners.

4 Register the investment

File with **AIPEX** for the CRIP, repatriation rights and incentives, mining attracts sector incentives in development zones.

5 Plan logistics early

Power, water and transport drive mining economics, the Lobito Corridor is changing the calculus for the central belt.

4 The Lobito Corridor

The refurbished Benguela railway links the Atlantic port of Lobito to the DRC–Zambia Copperbelt, operated under a private international concession with backing from the United States, the EU and development lenders. For miners and service firms it dramatically shortens the route to market, and it is seeding investment in energy, agriculture and logistics all along the line.

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Mining-ready introductions

We connect members with licensed local partners, geoscience, legal and ESG specialists, and logistics operators on the corridor, and we engage with UK trade bodies promoting British mining capability in Angola. Email **info@ukaoconnect.com**.

5 Key bodies

MIREMPET
Mining policy & licensing

ANRM
National Agency of Mineral Resources, titles & cadastre

Sodiam
Official diamond marketing channel

AIPEX
Investment registration & incentives, our institutional partner

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