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SCHEDULE:

DAY 1 (17 NOV.)

Securing Strategic Value Chains

The Role of Lithium, Antimony, Gallium and Graphite Materials in Europe's Green and Digital Transition

12:00 Registration and Light Lunch

12:50 Welcome and Institutional Remarks

- Raymond Devaux President, I2A
- Katarzyna Palaczanis Board Member, CRM Alliance
- **Peter Handley** Moderator

13:00 Opening Keynote: Europe's Critical Raw Materials Act: What's Next? Securing access to critical raw materials is one of Europe's key strategic challenges. As the Critical Raw Materials Act takes shape, attention turns to what's effective, what gaps remain, and how policy can drive industrial resilience and sustainability.

- TBC
 - Critical Raw Materials and the EU's economic and defence resilience
- Joris Teer Research Analyst, European Institute for Security Studies
 Outlook for securing Critical Raw Materials
- Hendrik Engelkamp Policy Officer, RoHS Directive & CRMA coordination
 The EU's Circularity Ambitions for CRMs
- Nicolas Goffaux MineSpans Asset Leader, McKinsey
 Global Strategic Outlook: Materials Under Pressure: Global Dynamics, Local Realities



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14:30 Coffee Break

15:00 Spotlight Talks:

Lesser-known materials like antimony, lithium, graphite, gallium, and germanium are vital to Europe's energy, tech, and defence sectors. As demand rises, securing their supply and strategic use will be key to long-term resilience.

- TBC

 Antimony, Lithium, Siliceous: The Overlooked Enabler of Resilience
- Anton Aranzabal Director General, Graftech/President, ECGA

 The role of graphite in Europe's economic and defence resilience
- Solomon Cefai Senior Price Reporter, Fastmarkets/Minor Metals Trade Association Gallium and Germanium: Geopolitical Dynamics Shaping Minor Metals Markets

16:15 Innovation & Circularity: From Primary to Secondary: Unlocking the Circular Potential

Transitioning from primary to secondary raw materials is key to unlocking circular potential. Innovation in recycling and material recovery can drive sustainability, reduce dependency, and strengthen industrial resilience.

- Michael Blakeney President, CRM Alliance/Head of Government and Public Affairs,
 Cobalt Institute
- Stian Madshus Deputy CEO, Vianode
- Hans Vercammen Division Director Specialty Chemicals, Campine

17:00 Closing Remarks

• Michael Blakeney – President, CRM Alliance