

## U.S., Ukraine Seal historic agreement on vital minerals



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WASHINGTON – The United States and Ukraine have signed a landmark agreement to collaborate on critical mineral development, aimed at bolstering Ukraine’s post-war recovery and securing essential resources for clean energy technologies.

The agreement, announced in Washington on Wednesday, establishes a jointly managed

Reconstruction Investment Fund that will channel U.S. and private investment into Ukraine's rich reserves of minerals such as lithium, titanium, manganese, and graphite. These materials are vital to sectors like electric vehicles, renewable energy, and national defense.

U.S. Special Presidential Envoy for Climate John Podesta described the pact as "historic," emphasizing its strategic importance in creating resilient supply chains and reducing dependence on adversarial nations. "This is not just a minerals deal," he said. "It's a forward-looking partnership for economic and energy security."

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy praised the move as a step toward sustainable economic revival and deeper integration with Western allies. He said Ukraine's natural resources can now be developed responsibly to support both national recovery and global markets.

The 10-year deal will prioritize transparent investment, environmental safeguards, and fast-tracked infrastructure support. It also reflects Washington's broader strategy to secure supply chains for critical materials amid growing geopolitical competition.

Economic analysts have welcomed the partnership, seeing it as a dual victory supporting Ukraine's rebuilding efforts while advancing American industrial goals in the global transition to clean energy.

The minerals deal comes as part of a broader U.S. commitment to Ukraine, extending beyond

military assistance to long-term economic collaboration that can help stabilize and rebuild the war torn nation.