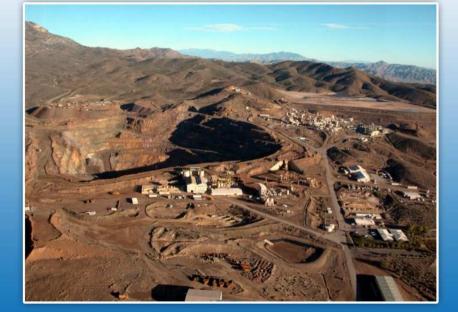


## Rare Earth Minerals: The Indispensable Resource for Clean Energy Technologies

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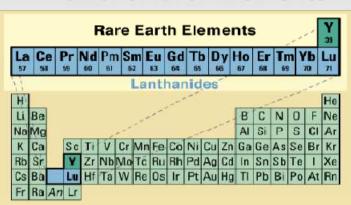
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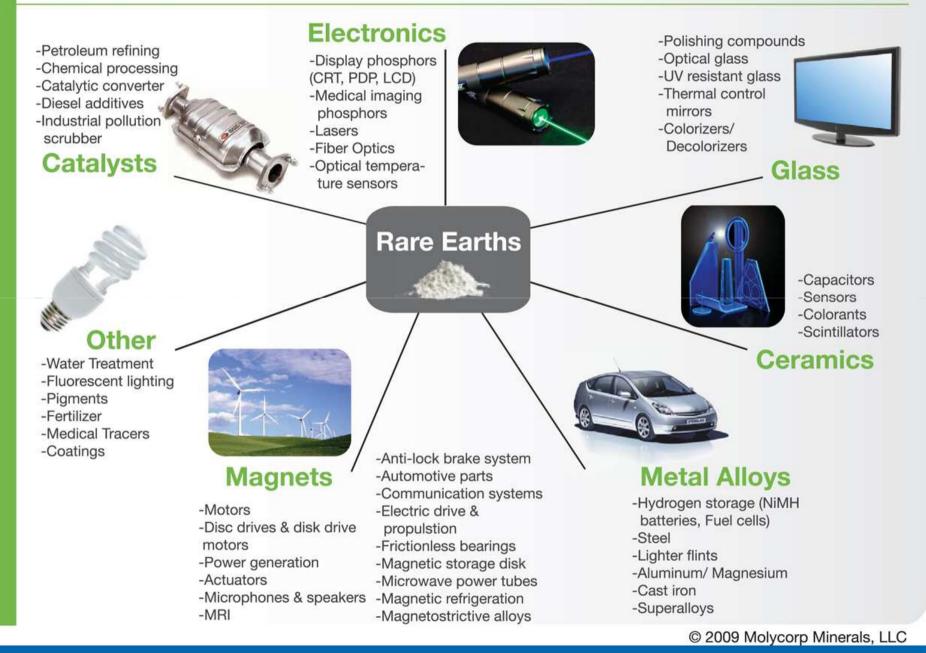
## What are "Rare Earth" Elements?

Rare earths are a group of 15 The Rare Earth Elements metals whose unique properties make them indispensable for a wide variety of emerging and critical technologies:



Clean Energy Technologies	Advanced Water Filtration	Defense Applications		
Hybrid electric	Military,	Enable a wide		
vehicles, wind	homeland	variety of critical		
power turbines,	security,	defense		
compact	domestic, and	technologies,		
fluorescent	foreign aid	including electric		
lighting, and	applications.	power generation		
more.		platforms		

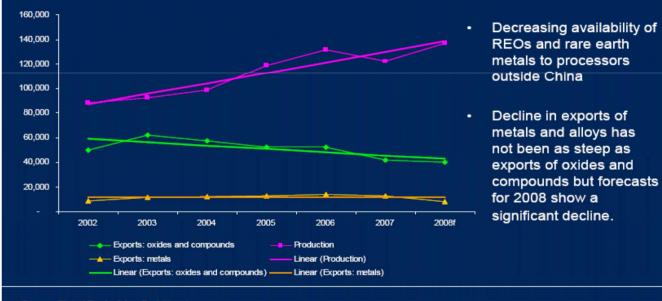
## Molycorp Applications For Rare Earth Elements





#### Rare Earth Production: Growing Rare Earth Supply Issues

# China: A widening gap between production and exports, 2002-2008



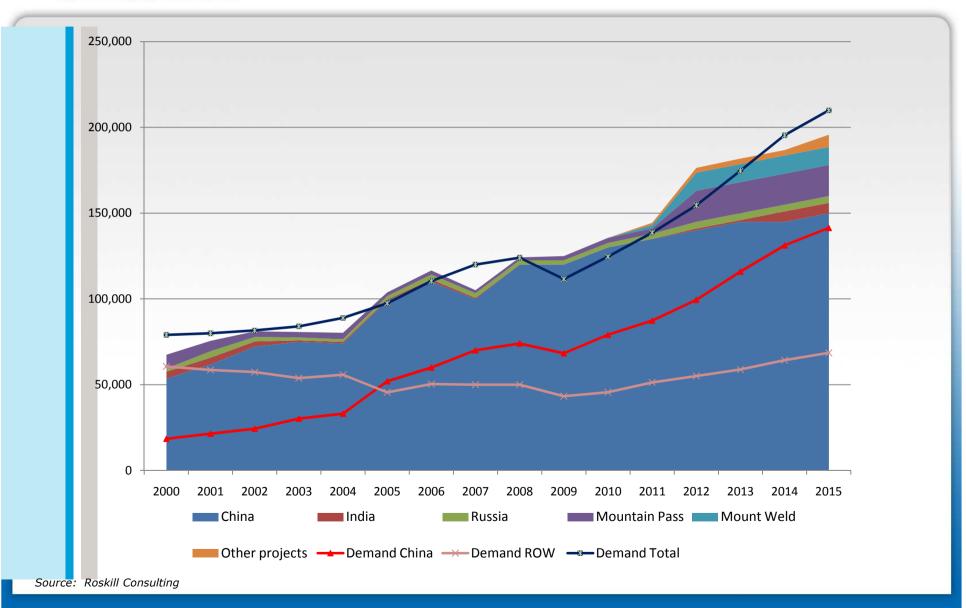
Source: Global Trade Atlas, Roskill estimates

#### Roskill

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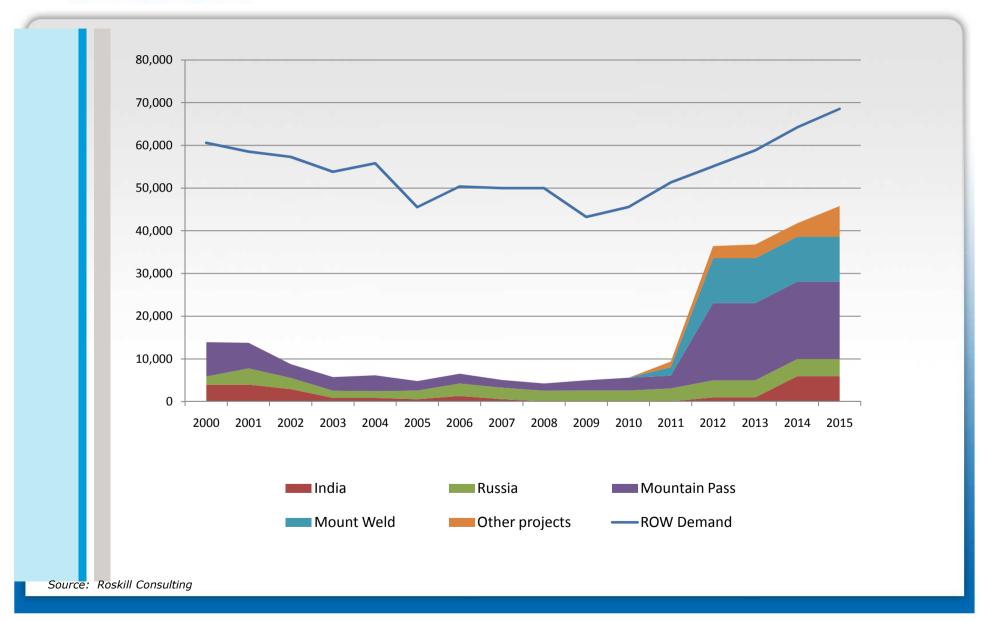
#### **Global Rare Earth Supply/Demand**





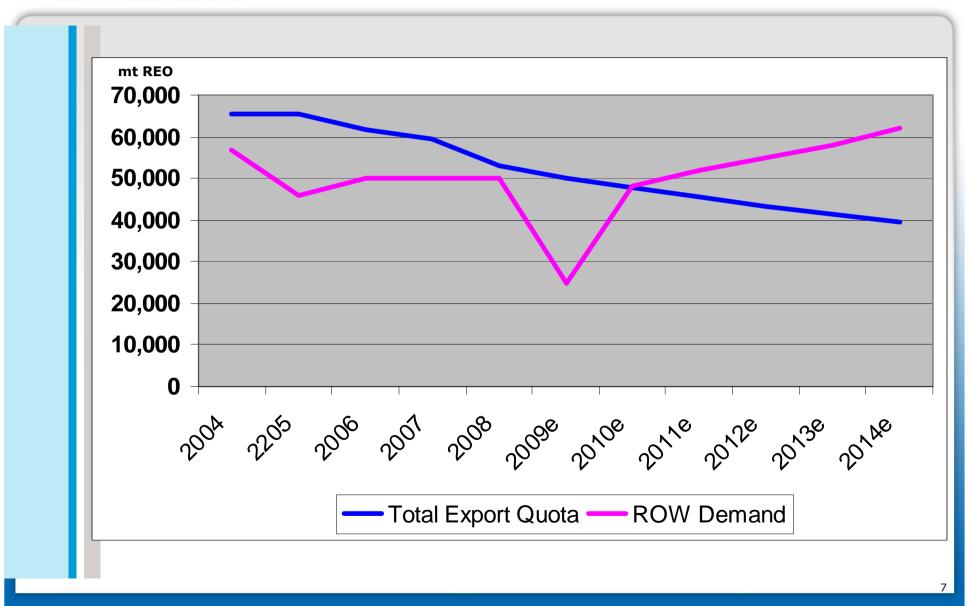
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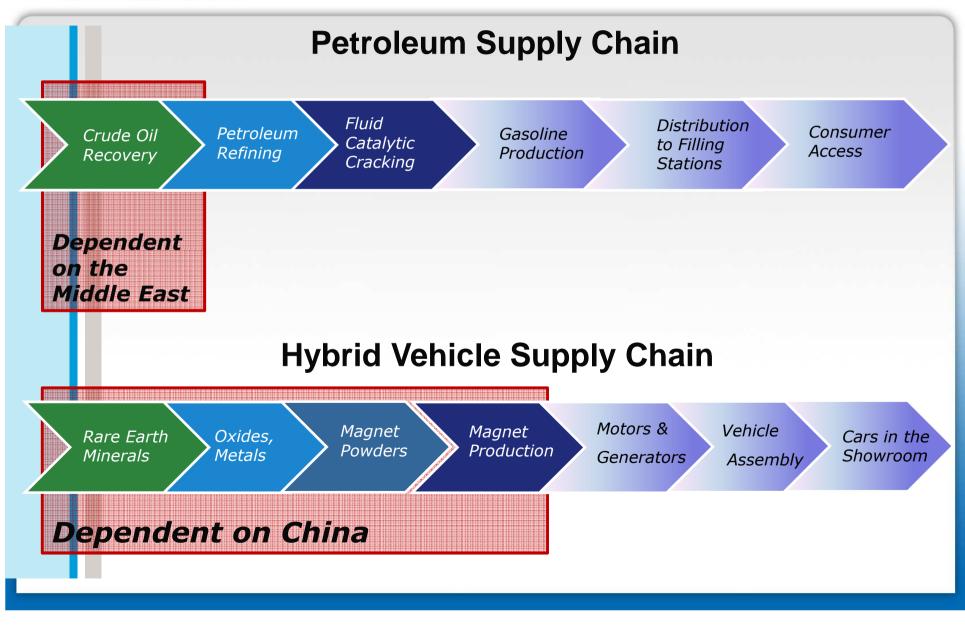


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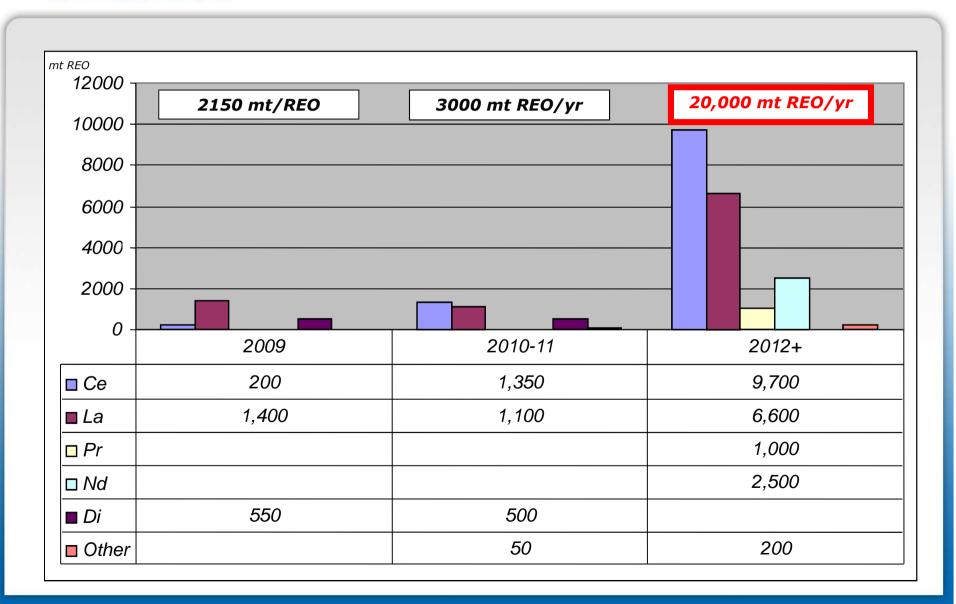


Rare Earth's or Petroleum: Trading One Dependence for Another





#### Mt. Pass Production Through 2012











**Reestablish Supply Chains** 

The name plate capacity of the plant will be 40MM lb/yr REO, expandable to about 80MM lb/yr REO

Molycorp has LOI's in hand for >145% of planned production.

Molycorp will move as far down stream as is necessary to establish viable supply chains.

"Mining to Magnets": Molycorp will produce Nd oxide, Nd metal, NdFeB alloy and partner with magnet producers to manufacture finished products.



### **Product Suite**

#### Attractive product offerings are crucial to meet our goals.

Molycorp will produce a suite of high purity (>99%) products including:

- Neodymium
- Praseodymium
- Lanthanum
- Cerium
- Europium
- Dysprosium
- Samarium
- Gadolinium
- Others as markets dictate





• 30 year Mine Permit and EIR are approved.

• More than adequate fresh water available for full production.

 Through recycling and treatment, fresh feed water will be reduced from 850 gpm to <30 gpm</li>

• Molycorp has several workable options to choose from for waste water disposal, including evaporation and recycling.



**Cost Competitiveness** 

#### **Variable Costs**

The most fundamental driver for our variable cost is HCI and NaOH consumption

Power and fuel costs are the second most significant cost

Molycorp has developed and is implementing innovative approaches and proprietary technologies that will significantly reduce these key costs, including onsite power generation and chemical recycling.



### Cost Competitiveness – Cerium Products

Cerium consumption is an issue for the entire rare earth industry.

•Traditional markets have diminished and new applications have not replaced demand.

Molycorp has developed non-traditional high volume, high value, patent protected uses for new, cerium enriched, rare earth based products.

- •Arsenic sequestration for Copper and Nickel manufacturers
- Advanced water treatment



#### Molycorp's Phased Approach: Cultivating Capacity of at least 20,000 tons/year REO

Phase I: Complete refurbishment of processing plant and produce metal. Phase II: Build alloying and magnet powder facilities. Phase III: Build magnet production and finishing facility.

	2008/ 09	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Phase I: Mining/Oxides/ Metals							
Phase II: Alloys/Powder							
Phase III: Magnets							
900 direct jobs created with addition of metals and magnet manufacturing							



Thank You for your time. Any Questions?