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Rare Earths, Fluorspar, Niobium and Tantalum in Québec, Canada



COMMERCE RESOURCES TRANSITIONS TO GROWTH UNDER NEW LEADERSHIP OF MINING VETERAN ROSS CARROLL

With Chris Grove at the helm, Commerce Resources Corp. has developed Ashram into the largest rare earth and fluorspar deposit in the Western Hemisphere, setting it up to be one of the lowest-cost rare earth producers globally. After an extensive global search for a leader to guide the company's next growth phase, the highly experienced resources executive Ross Carroll was [announced](#) recently as the new President and CEO. He also joins the company's Board of Directors. Chris Grove has resigned as President, CEO and Director, and will become the company's Director of Corporate Development, assisting Ross Carroll with his vast knowledge of the Ashram Project and critical minerals landscape in North America.

As Commerce Resources is gearing up to dual-list on the Australian Securities Exchange (ASX), Melbourne-based Ross Carroll will expand the company's horizons beyond the TSX Venture Exchange while simultaneously ramping up discussions with the Québec Government. Canadian-listed companies heading Down Under for a secondary listing on the ASX not only seek a possible uptick in value through an expanded shareholder base in ["a more liquid, more highly-valued and more broadly-followed market"](#), but more importantly, to access larger pools of capital for financing mine development projects, particularly in energy transition metals like rare earths and lithium.

Commenting on his appointment, Ross said in the news-release: "I am excited about the significant potential the Ashram Project offers. It is very rare that you get the opportunity to work on a Tier-1 project in a Tier-1 jurisdiction like this, and I look forward to being involved in the delivery of

the project at a time when [...] North America needs additional critical mineral projects."

On [LinkedIn](#), Ross commented: "[...] I'm looking forward to working with the team to bring Ashram into development and then production."

Company Details



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↙ Chart Canada (TSX.V)

Canada Symbol (TSX.V): [CCE](#)
Current Price: \$0.12 CAD (08/19/2024)
Market Capitalization: \$20 Million CAD



↙ Chart Germany (Tradegate)

German Symbol / WKN: [D7H0 / A2PQKV](#)
Current Price: €0.0765 EUR (08/19/2024)
Market Capitalization: €13 Million EUR

All \$-figures in CAD unless otherwise stated



Ross Carroll · 1st
CEO, CFO, Commercial Director
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I am excited to advise that I will be joining the strong team at Commerce Resources Corp as President and CEO. Commerce owns 100% of the Ashram Rare Earth and Fluorspar deposit located in Quebec, Canada. Ashram is one of the largest undeveloped Rare Earth projects in the world and is set to be a low cost producer. Further potential exists with the current Niobium drilling program as we continue to add value to the deposit.

I'm looking forward to working with the team to bring Ashram into development and then production.

Read the full announcement here:

Highly Experienced Mining Executive Ross Carroll Appointed as President and CEO of Commerce Resources Corp. to Drive Development of World-Class...

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ROSS CARROLL has multiple decades of experience overseeing finance, M&A and strategy, operations and major projects across the natural resources sector. He has a proven track record of leadership and strategic oversight. His international experience spans Australia, USA, Africa, Latin America, and Asia, having worked with leading companies such as [BHP](#) (Australia's largest company and with \$204 billion AUD currently the world's largest mining company by market capitalisation), [Woodside Energy](#) (Australia's largest oil and gas company), [Macmahon Holdings](#) (a diversified mining services contractor with leading capabilities in surface and underground mining, civil construction and resources engineering with a current market capitalization of \$690 million AUD), and [MMG](#) (a Melbourne-based global copper, gold, silver, lead and zinc miner with \$4.3 billion USD revenue in 2023 and a current market capitalization of \$5.3 billion AUD).

Most recently, during his 8 years as CFO of **MMG** (until June 2024), Ross oversaw its growth into a significant international base metals producer, including the delivery of the [Dugald River Project](#) in Australia (one of the world's top-10 zinc operations), the recent acquisition of the \$1.875 billion USD [Khoemacau Copper Mine](#) in Botswana, and numerous debt refinancings and equity raises. Prior to MMG, Ross was CEO of **Macmahon**, a major and well-regarded Australian mining contractor, for which company he worked for 8 years (also as Chief Operating Officer - Mining as well as CFO and Director International Mining). Prior to Macmahon, Ross served as CFO of **Woodside Energy** (currently the 14th most valued company on the ASX). Ross started his career at **BHP** in 1987, for which leading mining company he worked for 18 years (until 2005) in Melbourne, San Francisco, Newman-Pilbara, Perth and Houston-Texas.

Ross holds a Bachelor's degree in Commerce from the University of Melbourne and is a Certified Public Accountant with the Australian Society of Certified Practising Accountants. He is also a member of the Australian Institute of Company Directors and previously served on the Executive Committee of the Western Australian Chamber of Mines.



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About

Energetic and enterprising Senior Executive, with over a decade of experience overseeing finance strategy, operations, major projects and commercial performance in mining, oil and gas, construction, and contracting industries. A trusted executive performing COO, CFO and CEO roles, and exposed to listed Company Boards/ Directorships of major Subsidiary boards. Broad business experience and an international footprint in Australia, USA, North and Central Asia, Africa, Latin America and South East Asia, working for BHP Billiton, Woodside Energy, Macmahon Holdings and MMG. Diverse thinking, cultural sensitivity, and open mindedness, when working with cross functional local management, international teams, and C-level executives, fosters an open dialogue to drive strategic initiatives. Emotionally intelligent, builds capability and functionality, energizing business environments through:

- Providing sharp insights into financial trends and opportunities to drive profitability, overseeing major company decisions, operations, and overall direction.
- Leading and engaging with various communication and working styles, organizational structures, navigating internal environments, local customs, cultural nuances, and foreign stakeholders.
- Leveraging broad experience in CFO, Legal, Risk and Audit and all growth areas including strategy, major projects, M&A, Business Development, and Investor Relations.
- Building and developing engaged teams who are goal focused and accomplishment driven.

Experience



Chief Financial Officer
MMG Limited
Jan 2016 - Jun 2024 · 8 yrs 6 mos
Melbourne, Australia



Macmahon
8 yrs 3 mos

- **Chief Executive Officer**
Sep 2012 - Jan 2015 · 2 yrs 5 mos
Perth, Australia
Macmahon is a mid-tier ASX listed contractor that operated in both the Mining and Construction sectors. At its peak, it employed 5000 people and operated across Australia, New Zealand, South East Asia, Mongolia ...see more
- **Chief Operating Officer - Mining**
Apr 2011 - Sep 2012 · 1 yr 6 mos
- **CFO and Director International Mining**
Nov 2006 - Apr 2011 · 4 yrs 6 mos



Chief Financial Officer
Woodside Energy
2005 - 2006 · 1 yr

Woodside Energy is Australia's largest Oil and Gas Company and consistently sits within the top 10 ASX listed entities in Australia. It operates in Australia and throughout Africa, USA and the Middle East



Vice President - Finance and Planning - Petroleum Americas and Global Exploration
BHP Billiton
Aug 2003 - Mar 2005 · 1 yr 8 mos
Houston, Texas, USA



BHP Billiton
16 yrs

- **Vice President Commercial - BHP Billiton Iron Ore**
2001 - 2003 · 2 yrs
Perth, Australia
- **Vice President Finance - Iron Ore**
Jun 2000 - Jun 2001 · 1 yr 1 mo
Perth, Australia
- **Financial Controller - Iron Ore**
May 1999 - Jun 2000 · 1 yr 2 mos
Perth, Australia
- **Manager Finance & Administration - Mining - Iron Ore**
Feb 1996 - May 1999 · 3 yrs 4 mos
Newman - Pilbara WA
- **Manager Accounting - World Minerals**
Jan 1995 - Feb 1996 · 1 yr 2 mos
San Francisco Bay Area
- **Various Finance positions**
Feb 1987 - Jan 1995 · 8 yrs
Melbourne, Australia



Excerpts from “Canadian miners head Down Under as mining IPOs on TSX dry up” (S&P Global, February 2024):

Toronto-listed miners that have dual-listed on the Australian Securities Exchange in the last six years outnumbered ASX-listed miners that have dual-listed on Canadian boards three to one, according to an S&P Global Commodity Insights analysis.

Five ASX-listed miners have dual-listed on Canadian bourses since 2018, according to TMX Group Ltd., which owns both the Toronto Stock Exchange and TSX Venture Exchange (TSX-V). That compares with 15 Toronto-listed metals and mining companies that dual-listed on the Australian exchange in the same period, according to the ASX...

More stringent securities regulation and less investment by big funds in Canada as well as a concentration of mining investors Down Under may have given Australia an edge in attracting cash and backing mining equities, experts said.

“Canada is the mining capital of the world,” Cam Currie, a senior investment adviser at Canaccord Genuity Wealth Management and head of the Currie Metals & Mining Group, told the Mineral Exploration Roundup conference in Vancouver on Jan. 23. “But what we’re seeing right now is [a] transition over to Australia, because they have these ... innovation funds that invest in the resource industry.”

BDO corporate finance partner Adam Myers told Commodity Insights that the TSX “isn’t showing as much love as the Australian market ... which is re-emerging as the early-stage resources hot spot.” [...]

While Canada has generous tax incentives, Australia appears to back its juniors through easier financing rules and broader market participation, giving them an edge over their Canadian counterparts, especially in the past few years, according to Peter Grosskopf, CEO of SCP Resource Finance LP.



Photo: Bloomberg

Less onerous market rules over financings and the resale of stock help attract investors in Australia, the government of which also encourages pension funds, among others, to hold mining equities, Grosskopf, former CEO of Sprott Inc., told Commodity Insights...

Grosskopf said government support has been one of the main factors creating a more robust market on the ASX. “It’s mostly driven by flows and the availability of larger investors to be brought into financings; and it is a more liquid, more highly-valued and more broadly-followed market,” Grosskopf said.

The ASX has the world’s fifth-largest pension pool with assets of A\$3.5 trillion, which is forecast to exceed A\$9 trillion in the next 20 years, Galpin said.

Currie said Canadian markets are heavily influenced by US trends, such as a money flows moving into technology stocks, while Australia’s equity market focuses more on mining.

“They don’t have the distraction of US equity markets across the border,” Currie said.

Why Australians invest in Canadian mining projects

“For one, Canada also offers tax incentives for mining companies. These include concentrating, smelting, and refining, as well as for exploration programs. Such incentives from the federal and provincial/territorial governments reduce the tax burden for resources companies doing business in Canada and other countries. The country’s Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and his government have proposed a 30% investment tax credit for expenses related to the exploration of critical minerals. This incentive also encompasses investors that are planning to buy shares in certain critical minerals companies.” [\(Source\)](#)

“Canada’s generous flow-through share system – which enables Canadian investors to get a tax deduction for financing dollars aimed at exploration in the country – has seen “an incredible amount of Australian dollars coming in and investing in the Canadian space,” Kendra Johnston, managing director at investment fund manager PearTree Canada, told Commodity Insights.” [\(Source\)](#)



Global Business Reports Interview with Chris Grove

gbreports.com on July 10, 2024

What have been the main developments for Commerce Resources over the past year?

Commerce Resources recently announced significant advancements and simplifications in the mineral processing and hydrometallurgical flowsheets for the Ashram deposit. The Ashram deposit has the most attractive of the standard fundamentals that typically allow a rare earth element (REE) project to go into commercial production with positive economics, and considering that we have the best versions of both mineralogy and geology, we can produce an extremely high percentage floatation product with greater than 30% TREO. Due to the high grade of the flotation concentrates, we can then reduce the number of steps in the hydrometallurgy to produce a finished end product that is above 98% TREO with extremely high recoveries. We expect that simplifying the process design flowsheet will lower our operating cost, and the actual economics of this will be detailed in our updated preliminary economic assessment which we hope to release by Q4 2024.

Can you elaborate on the timeline for the Ashram project?

Rather than focusing on one business plan which will be detailed in a PFS, Commerce Resources decided to update our PEA as it gives a wider scope to present the total blue sky for the project. The strategy is to produce a commercially marketable product on site which can then be shipped to REE processors globally, however, we are also looking at downstream processing to produce separated oxides, specifically, neodymium praseodymium oxide, which is the ideal feedstock for a metallization facility that would deliver their end products to a magnet manufacturer. The percentage of products we will produce as mixed rare earth carbonates or downstream oxides



In November 2023, Commerce Resources [announced](#) the appointment of Jeremy Robinson as a new Director:

Jeremy brings with him a wealth of experience in the mineral exploration industry and has held various leadership roles in prominent mining companies. His expertise and vision align well with Commerce's goals, and the Company looks forward to benefiting from his guidance in the coming years. He is an experienced resources executive having 20 years' experience in the industry ranging from Business Development to Managing Director positions with a specific focus on critical minerals including rare earths. He is the principal and founder of [Churchill Strategic Investments Group](#) which has financed multiple

junior explorers and developers across the ASX and TSX. He currently serves as a director of RareX Ltd., Cosmos Exploration Ltd., Ardiden Ltd., Kincora Copper Ltd., and BBX Minerals Ltd. Jeremy stated: "I am excited to be both investing in and joining the board of Commerce Resources as it looks to deliver on the promise of this world-class critical minerals project in Canada."

will be determined in a PFS after the scenarios are detailed in our updated PEA. An updated PEA will allow us to be re-rated by both the market and the industry in terms of putting a value on the Ashram project and give us a wider range of commercial opportunities in terms of potentially securing an industry partner who recognizes the strong fundamentals of the deposit and who will then ideally deploy capital into Commerce Resources in a non-dilutive project level investment which could allow us to complete a PFS and a BFS. If we are successful in releasing our PEA by Q4 2024, it may be possible to complete a PFS by the end of Q2 2025 and a BFS and environmental and social assessment certificate by mid-2026, whereafter we will be in a position to apply for a mining permit to be in full commercial production by 2028.

How has the North American rare earth supply chain progressed over the past 12 months?

The fact is that Canada has the most demanding mining legislation in the world, making it exponentially more challenging to raise the needed capital to satisfy the demands of the mining legislation. To address this challenge, Commerce Resources has appointed two Australian directors and plans to secure a listing on the ASX, hopefully trading there by September 2024. To illustrate this difference, peer group companies of Commerce Resources are

trading on the ASX at market caps of 10 to 50 times our market cap on the TSX Venture Exchange.

What will be the importance of Québec in developing the North American rare earths supply chain?

Québec has a huge opportunity to significantly contribute to the development of the North American rare earth supply chain due to the Ashram project being second to none in terms of its fundamentals that typically allow economic production of REEs. In November 2023, the federal government launched a CA\$1.5 billion budget for the Critical Minerals Infrastructure Fund. Commerce Resources applied to that fund in February 2024 and were required to include letters of support from other companies active in the same parts of Nunavik as us. We were fortunate to receive approximately a half dozen letters of support from our peers in the area.

Why is Commerce Resources a great story moving forward?

Due to forces beyond our control, Commerce Resources is currently at a market cap that is an attractive entry point for any investor as we continue to advance our Ashram project in one of the world's best mining jurisdictions, Québec, with additional blue sky potential of our high-grade niobium claims proximal to the Ashram deposit.



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[Report #36](#) "RIVAL IN THE REE SPACE: Commerce at eye level with the only two major REE miners in the western world"

[Report #35](#) "Major Step Forward: Commerce succeeds in producing marketable mixed rare earth carbonate sample"

[Report #34](#) "All Roads Lead To Ashram, Eventually"

[Report #33](#) "Research & Advisory Firm looks into the Ashram REE & Fluorspar Project from Commerce"

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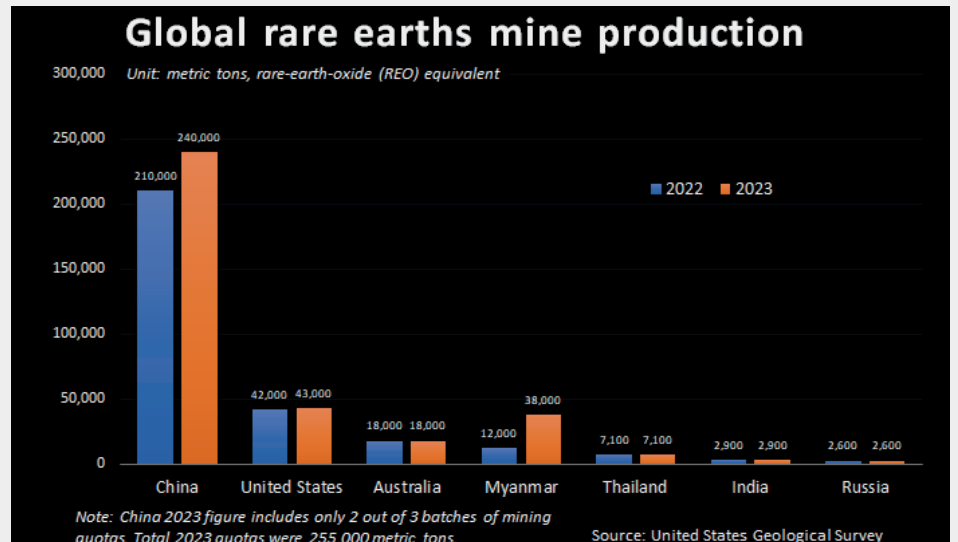
[Report #26](#) "Win-Win Situation to Develop One of the Most Attractive Niobium Prospects in North America"

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"China has unveiled a list of rare earth regulations aimed at protecting supplies in the name of national security, laying out rules on the mining, smelting and trade in the critical materials used to make products from magnets in electric vehicles to consumer electronics. The regulations [...] say rare earth resources belong to the state, and that the government will oversee the development of the industry around rare earths - a group of 17 minerals of which China has in recent years become the world's dominant producer, accounting for nearly 90% of global refined output. China's rare earths regulations also come as the EU gears up to impose provisional tariffs on Chinese EVs..." (Source: [Reuters](#) on June 29, 2024)

[Report #21](#) "Commerce well positioned for robust REE demand growth"

[Report #20](#) "Commerce records highest niobium mineralized sample to date"

[Report #19](#) "Carbonatites: The Cornerstones of the Rare Earth Space"

[Report #18](#) "REE Boom 2.0 in the making?"

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