



China increases global mining activities for green technology, causing tensions to escalate

Description

A surge in Chinese mining projects across the world has led to growing tensions with local communities, as China expands its role in extracting critical minerals like lithium and cobalt. These minerals are crucial for green technologies, such as electric vehicles and solar panels, making them high industrial priorities for China.

In Argentina, Ai Qing faced a riot at the lithium extraction site she works at, highlighting the challenges of Chinese investments abroad. Similarly, in the DR Congo, Christophe Kabwita opposes the Ruashi cobalt mine owned by a Chinese company, citing safety concerns and environmental damage.

Meanwhile, on Indonesia's Obi Island, villagers resist relocation to make way for a Chinese-owned mine, as reports of environmental degradation and military intimidation surface. Allegations of human rights abuses and ecological harm have been levied against Chinese mining companies in various countries.

While China's dominance in mineral refining has made green technologies more accessible globally, concerns over the impact of its mining operations abroad persist. As Chinese workers continue to be dispatched to mining projects worldwide, cultural and language barriers inhibit interactions with local communities. Despite the economic benefits, tensions and challenges persist in balancing mining profits with environmental and social responsibility.

As global demand for critical minerals grows, it is imperative for mining companies, including Chinese firms, to address grievances raised by local communities and adhere to ethical and sustainable practices. The story of Ai Qing, Christophe Kabwita, and others underscores the complex dynamics of Chinese mining investments abroad.

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Vocabulary List:

1. **Tensions** // (noun): A feeling of nervousness and excitement before an important or difficult event.
2. **Dominance** // (noun): Power and influence over others.
3. **Allegations** // (noun): Unproven accusations or assertions.
4. **Incidents** // (noun): Events that are noteworthy or unusual.
5. **Resist** // (verb): To withstand or oppose something.
6. **Dispatched** // (verb): Sending off to a destination or for a purpose.

Vocabulary quizzes

Multiple Choice (Select the Correct answer for each question.)

1. What type of investor typically lacks experience and knowledge in investing?

- Option: A) Professional
- Option: B) Amateur
- Option: C) Expert
- Option: D) Novice

2. What term describes investments that have unpredictable price changes?

- Option: A) Steady
- Option: B) Stable
- Option: C) Volatile
- Option: D) Consistent

3. Which word best describes misleading or falsely attractive investment schemes?



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- Option: A) Transparent
Option: B) Honest
Option: C) Deceptive
Option: D) Genuine
4. What term denotes wrongful or criminal deception intended to result in financial gain?
Option: A) Honesty
Option: B) Compliance
Option: C) Fraud
Option: D) Integrity
5. What does it mean to give someone the authority or power to do something?
Option: A) Constrain
Option: B) Hinder
Option: C) Empower
Option: D) Suppress
6. What term is used for assertions made without proof against someone?
Option: A) Truths
Option: B) Allegations
Option: C) Confessions
Option: D) Evidence
7. What term describes the action of taking the first step or move?
Option: A) Inaction
Option: B) Indecision
Option: C) Initiative
Option: D) Hesitation
8. What word refers to the act of increasing in size or scope?
Option: A) Contraction
Option: B) Reduction
Option: C) Expansion
Option: D) Limitation
9. What term is used to describe following laws rules and regulations?
Option: A) Defiance
Option: B) Nonconformity
Option: C) Compliance
Option: D) Rebellion
10. What term is associated with principles of right and wrong behavior?
Option: A) Unethical



- Option: B) Moral
- Option: C) Ethical
- Option: D) Corrupt

Gap-Fill (Fill in the blanks with the correct word from the vocabulary list.)

11. The _____ of the dispute was reached after lengthy negotiations.
12. The employees showed strong _____ to the new company policy.
13. The company _____ high-quality products for the international market.
14. The organization focuses on the _____ of women in leadership roles.
15. The company diversified its _____ to reduce risk.
16. Failing to meet the deadline will have serious _____ for the project.
17. The attorney _____ that the documents were falsified.
18. The company launched several _____ to improve sustainability.
19. The safety regulations were updated after several serious _____ .
20. The success of the project relied on effective _____ between teams.

Matching Sentences (Match each definition to the correct word from the vocabulary list.)

21. The company's new business model proved to be very successful and generated high returns.
22. The reigning champion continued to control the competition with ease.
23. The scam artist's activities were deceitful and designed to trick innocent victims.
24. The conflict between the two nations escalated leading to increased hostilities.
25. The emergency response team was quickly sent to the scene of the accident.
26. The advertisement contained false information and led consumers to wrong conclusions.
27. Through education and support the organization aims to empower marginalized communities.



28. It is essential for professionals to adhere to strict ethical standards in their practices.

29. Diversifying your portfolio is key to minimizing risk and maximizing potential returns.

30. Modernizing the country's infrastructure is crucial for economic growth and development.

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. B) Amateur 2. C) Volatile 3. C) Deceptive 4. C) Fraud 5. C) Empower 6. B) Allegations
7. C) Initiative 8. C) Expansion 9. C) Compliance 10. C) Ethical

Gap-Fill: 11. settlement 12. resistance 13. manufactured 14. empowerment 15. investments 16.
consequences 17. alleges 18. initiatives 19. incidents 20. collaboration

Matching sentence: 1. Profitable 2. Dominance 3. Fraudulent 4. Tensions 5. Dispatched 6. Misleading
7. Empower 8. Ethical 9. Investment 10. Infrastructure

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