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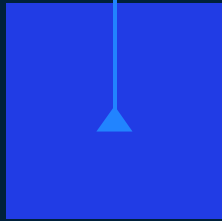
Critical Materials Conference: FERROALLOYS 2025

Address Sandton, Johannesburg, South Africa

Date 8 – 10 September 2025

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Join us in Johannesburg

After a highly successful inaugural event in 2024, Project Blue is returning to Johannesburg in 2025 to host the Ferroalloys 2025 conference.

The event will bring together key players in government, industry and finance to connect and do business in South Africa's mining heartland.

Join us in Johannesburg for an exciting programme and get the latest market intelligence on supply, demand, and prices in the ferroalloys space.

Connect with industry peers across the supply chain, reconnect with existing contacts, and do business on the sidelines of the event.

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Conference Agenda

Day 1 | Monday 8 September 2025 | Site visits *Limited spaces available

06.00 ChromTech Thaba mine visit, Thabazimbi

The Ferroalloys 2025 Critical Materials Conference in South Africa will begin with an exclusive site visit to Limberg Mining Company (LMC), a ChromTech subsidiary located in Thabazimbi.

Delegates will tour the newly constructed chrome and platinum group metals (PGM) processing plant and active MG mine pits. LMC is central to the Thaba Joint Venture with Sylvania Metals – an important partnership focused on expanding chrome and PGM production. This operation is set to produce 13,000 ounces per year of 4E PGMs and 420,000 tonnes per year of chromite concentrate by processing both new ore bodies and legacy dumps.

Delegates will gain first-hand insight into the scale of infrastructure and operations required to process volumes of this magnitude, while learning from the culmination of collective expertise within the ChromTech Group.



End-to-end chrome production solutions; from engineering and construction to operations, logistics, and sales.

14.00 Registration desk opens, @Sandton Hotel Foyer

18.00 Networking reception, @Sandton Hotel Clubhouse

We're delighted to invite you to our Networking Reception taking place the evening before the conference kicks off. Join us at @Sandton Hotel Clubhouse for a relaxed and informal gathering designed to help delegates connect, share ideas, and get to know one another in a warm and welcoming setting.

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Day 2 | Tuesday 9 September 2025

09.00	Coffee & networking
10.00	SESSION 1 Geopolitics and the outlook for commodities Dr Jack Bedder, <i>Project Blue</i> Mzila Mthenjane, <i>Minerals Council</i>
11.00	Coffee & networking
11.20	SESSION 2 Global trends in manganese ores and alloys Kevin Fowkes, <i>AlloyMetrics</i> Conri Moolman, <i>IDC</i> Tanisha Schultz, <i>Project Blue</i>
12.20	SESSION 3 Vanadium and the role of South Africa Erik Sardain, <i>Project Blue</i> Setan Naidoo, <i>Vanadium Holdings</i> Gerrit Maritz, <i>Metzana</i> Sam Mtileni, <i>BELCO</i>
13.00	Networking lunch
14.00	SESSION 4 Chromium: under the spotlight Tanisha Schultz, <i>Project Blue</i> Mike Miller, <i>Mantengu Resources</i> Clara Sadomba, <i>Silvergill</i> Jono Gay, <i>Chrom Tech</i>
14.50	Coffee & networking
15.15	SESSION 5 Logistics and shipping in RSA Kenneth Williams, <i>Makoya Group (chair)</i> Bongikosi Mabaso, <i>Transnet</i> Mandisa Mondli, <i>Transnet</i> Marla Melo Calado, <i>MPDC</i> Luke Nickels, <i>Signal Group</i>
16.30	SESSION 6 Other ferroalloys Alex Andriev, <i>Project Blue</i> Loyce Mpangala, <i>Project Blue</i>
19.00	Gala Dinner, @Sandton Hotel Conference Venue All conference delegates are invited to attend the gala dinner and enjoy an evening infused with the rich flavours of South African cuisine and the rhythm of traditional music. A complementary ticket is included with every delegate registration.

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Day 3 | Wednesday 10 September 2025

09.00	Coffee & networking
09.30	SESSION 7 Country Spotlights Dr Nils Backeberg, <i>Project Blue</i> Zhou Hang, <i>Henan Gangneng Industrial</i> Nishtha Mukherjee, <i>BigMint</i>
10.40	SESSION 8 Ferroalloys - what next domestically and globally? Nellis Bester, <i>FAPA/Ferroglobe</i> Johan Strydom, <i>Columbus Stainless</i> Japie Fullard, <i>Glencore</i> Theo Morkel, <i>Transalloys</i>
11.30	Coffee & networking
11.50	SESSION 9 Energy and technology Stefan de Beer, <i>Metix</i> Azwi Mamanyu, <i>ESKOM</i>
12.30	SESSION 10 Financing ferroalloy supply chains Jessica Fung, <i>Project Blue</i> Thulani Shange, <i>ABSA</i> Dexter King, <i>Total Energies</i> Marnus Terblance, <i>Investec</i>
13.30	Conference closing & networking lunch

Last year's attendees

African Rainbow Minerals	Menar Capital
AfriCore Consulting	Metallica Commodities
Alfred H Knight	Minerals Development Oman
ALS Inspection	Minerals Council SA
AMG	Mining Weekly
Anjin Kunju Metallurgical Technology	Mintek
Asia Steel & Metals	Manganese Metal Company
Assore	MySteel
Big Mint	Natiprol Lianyungang
BIH Advisory	Odisha Mining Corporation
Bloomberg	Ore & Metal Company
Bosai Minerals Group	Ore Investments
C&D Logistics Group	Oval Advisory
CBMM	PCD Resources
ChromTech	Pelagic Resources
Council for Geoscience	Pentagon Resources
Creamer Media	Prime Grand International Ltd
Dept. of Mineral & Petroleum Resources	Project Blue
Fastmarkets	Public Investment Corporation
Fujax Asia	S&P Global
Glencore	Samancor Chrome
Hlamara Holdings	SeaMaster
Honda Motor	Shanxi Coking Coal Group (Hong Kong)
Industrial Development Corporation	Sichuan Headspring Trading
Investec	Simplex Legal & Business Consultants
Itochu Corporation	Siyanda Resources
Lidino Trading 514	South Manganese Group
Lu'an Hongshun Furnace Material	Tianjin Kunju Metallurgical Technology
Makoya Group	Transnet
Mantengu	Traxys
Manuchar Steel	University of Witwatersrand
McCloskey OPIS	Wenchuan Sanli Ferroalloy
McKinsey & Company	Wogen Resources