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FORMER AUSTRALIAN AMBASSADOR TO THE UNITED STATES THE HON ARTHUR SINODINOS AO APPOINTED TO ACCELERATE US CRITICAL MINERALS STRATEGY

Strategic appointment strengthens Evion's positioning within U.S. critical minerals initiatives as the White House intensifies efforts to secure domestic production and Western-aligned supply chains.

Key Highlights

- **Former Australian Ambassador to the United States, The Hon Arthur Sinodinos AO**, appointed Strategic Advisor to accelerate the Company's expanding U.S. critical minerals strategy.
- Mr Sinodinos is one of Australia's most influential diplomatic and policy figures, having served as **Australia's Ambassador to the United States from 2020 to 2023**, held multiple senior Cabinet-level positions within the Australian Government and served as **Chief of Staff to former Prime Minister John Howard**.
- Mr Sinodinos is deeply entrenched within the global critical minerals ecosystem and also serves as **Strategic Advisor to U.S.-based critical minerals investment group Cove Capital**, whose affiliated entities are advancing globally significant tungsten development projects aligned with accelerating **U.S. Government strategic mineral and supply chain security initiatives**.
- The appointment follows the acquisition of the **high-grade CARP Fluorspar Project in Nevada, USA**, positioning the Company within rapidly accelerating U.S. industrial, defence, semiconductor, nuclear and advanced manufacturing supply chains.
- Major U.S. and allied government critical minerals initiatives continue accelerating, including proposed **U.S. strategic mineral stockpiling programs, FAST-41 permitting reforms**, the new **Quad Critical Minerals Initiative Framework** (US\$20 billion across mining, processing and recycling) and Australia's **A\$1.2 billion Critical Minerals Strategic Reserve**, as Western governments intensify efforts to reduce reliance on Chinese-controlled supply chains.
- Appointment materially enhances the Company's strategic engagement capability across the rapidly evolving **U.S. critical minerals ecosystem**, supporting government engagement, **strategic funding pathways**, downstream partnerships, and broader **North American expansion initiatives**.

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Evion Group NL (ASX: EVG) (“Evion” or the “Company”) is pleased to announce the appointment of former Australian Ambassador to the United States, The Hon Arthur Sinodinos AO, as Strategic Advisor to support the Company’s accelerating U.S. critical minerals strategy and broader North American expansion initiatives.

The appointment follows Evion’s acquisition of the high-grade CARP Fluorspar Project in Nevada, USA, which positions the Company within rapidly accelerating U.S. industrial, semiconductor, nuclear, defence and advanced manufacturing supply chains at a time of intensifying Western government focus on securing domestic critical minerals production¹.

Mr Sinodinos is one of Australia’s most influential diplomatic and policy figures, having served as Australia’s Ambassador to the United States from 2020 to 2023, alongside multiple senior Cabinet-level positions within the Australian Government, including Minister for Industry, Innovation and Science, Assistant Treasurer and Cabinet Secretary.



President Donald Trump with former Australian Ambassador to the United States, The Hon Arthur Sinodinos AO, during Mr Sinodinos’ tenure in Washington, D.C., highlighting his extensive engagement across senior U.S. Government, diplomatic and strategic policy networks. Photo: Official White House

Mr Sinodinos also serves as Strategic Advisor to U.S.-based critical minerals investment group Cove Capital, whose affiliated entities are advancing globally significant tungsten development projects aligned with accelerating U.S. strategic mineral and domestic supply chain initiatives.

¹ ASX announcement 12 May 2026

Global government support for strategically important critical minerals projects continues to accelerate amid growing geopolitical focus on supply chain security, industrial reshoring and sovereign manufacturing capability.

In the United States, recent policy initiatives include proposed strategic mineral stockpiling programs and continued advancement of FAST-41 permitting reforms aimed at accelerating development pathways for strategically important mineral projects. In Australia, the Federal Government's A\$1.2 billion Critical Minerals Strategic Reserve further reinforces allied government commitment to supply diversification and sovereign capability. Most recently, on 26 May 2026 the United States, Japan, Australia and India announced the Quad Critical Minerals Initiative Framework, committing to mobilise up to US\$20 billion in government and private sector support across critical minerals mining, processing and recycling, with an explicit focus on diversifying supply away from concentrated, non-market sources.

Fluorspar and graphite are both classified as critical minerals across the United States and multiple allied jurisdictions. Fluorspar is essential to hydrofluoric acid production, semiconductor manufacturing, uranium processing, advanced battery technologies, aerospace applications and broader industrial and defence-related supply chains, while graphite is the principal anode material in lithium-ion batteries and a designated critical mineral in the United States, European Union and Australia.

These dynamics are directly relevant to Evion's vertically integrated critical minerals business, which spans both mining and downstream processing across multiple allied jurisdictions. In addition to the CARP Fluorspar Project in Nevada, the Company holds the Maniry Graphite Project in Madagascar, recognised by the European Union as a Strategic Project under its Critical Raw Materials Act², and holds a 50:50 interest in the Panthera Graphite Technologies downstream processing joint venture in India, which commenced shipments of expandable graphite to the United States and Europe in 2025³. Evion's footprint therefore extends across three of the four Quad partner nations, including its ASX listing in Australia, positioning the Company as a structurally aligned participant in the allied supply chain agenda the Quad framework is designed to support.

Evion believes the appointment of Mr Sinodinos materially strengthens the Company's strategic engagement capability across the rapidly evolving U.S. and allied critical minerals landscape, including government engagement, strategic funding pathways, downstream partnerships and broader North American and international expansion opportunities.

² ASX announcement 5 June 2025

³ ASX announcements 12 March 2025 and 28 August 2025

The Hon. Arthur Sinodinos AO commented:

"Critical minerals are becoming increasingly important to economic security, advanced manufacturing and defence-related supply chains across the United States and allied jurisdictions. Governments are placing greater focus on securing resilient, Western-aligned supply chains for strategically important industrial minerals, reflected in initiatives such as the recently announced Quad Critical Minerals Initiative Framework between the United States, Japan, Australia and India.

Fluorspar and graphite are both critical minerals underpinning semiconductor, nuclear, battery and advanced industrial applications. Evion's combination of US fluorspar through the CARP Project in Nevada and established graphite mining and downstream processing across Madagascar, India and Europe gives the Company a genuinely integrated position across allied jurisdictions, and I look forward to supporting its broader North American and international growth strategy."

Managing Director David Round commented:

"We are delighted to welcome Arthur Sinodinos AO as Strategic Advisor to Evion Group. Arthur brings extensive diplomatic, government and strategic engagement experience across both Australia and the United States, at a time when allied governments are moving decisively to secure Western-aligned critical minerals supply chains, including through the recently announced Quad Critical Minerals Initiative Framework.

Evion is increasingly differentiated as a vertically integrated critical minerals company spanning both mining and downstream processing. Alongside the high-grade CARP Fluorspar Project in Nevada, we hold the EU-recognised Maniry Graphite Project in Madagascar and our Panthera graphite processing joint venture in India, which is already shipping product into the United States and Europe. This gives Evion a footprint across three of the four Quad nations. Arthur's relationships and policy expertise are expected to materially enhance our ability to advance this integrated strategy across the United States and allied markets."

This announcement has been authorised by the Board of Evion Group NL.

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