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ROSYS: The raw materials information system by the German Mineral Resources Agency

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### ROSYS

- The information system is a combination of various (2 major) ٠ databases, which are maintained and updated by BGR-experts
- **ROSYS** contains around 80 mineral and energy raw materials on a • global scale
- It also has a focus on German imports and highlights Germany's • strong dependance on raw material imports
- The goal of ROSYS is a first broad access to questions of the raw ۲ materials markets
- For more detailed information, the DERA also supplies consulting ٠ services and detailed reports on raw materials
- The mandate is to increase information and transparency on the raw materials market and highlight deteriorating developments in supply/demand or price



### ROSYS

- In order to do so, the information system uses two (for now) ٠ indicators to quantify the risk:
  - **Globally weighted governance risk** 
    - Measure of a country's political stability and governance; composite index of 6 dimensions: Voice & Accountability, Political Stability and Lack of Violence, Government Effectiveness, Regulatory Quality, Rule of Law and Control of Corruption
    - The indicator ranges from -2.5 for very volatile countries to +2.5 for very safe countries

#### Herfindahl-Hirschman-Index (HHI) ٠

- Measure of market concentration (country competition)
  - < 1500

= low market concentration

- > 1500 & < 2500
- = moderate market concentration

> 2500

= high market concentration



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#### **Globally Weighted Governance Risk**





#### **Market Concentration**





## ROSYS – DERA's Raw Materials Information System





# ROSYS data: Example 1 – Highly concentrated global cobalt market





# Kongo (DR) is a volatile country extracting 60 % of all cobalt in the world





Case study 2: Bismuth - Market contentration of 8,242 (Herfindahl-Hirschman-Index) is very high. China dominates with a share of 90.6% of global production





#### Concentrated markets increase supply and price risks – ROSYS data: Example 3 - Sambia recovers to one of the biggest copper producers again,





## ...after the country's decision to nationalise the copper mines in the 1990's had tremendous negative impacts on extraction





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Example 4 – The risk of supply shortages and price risks on the tantalum market also exacerbates after Australia retreats entirely from extraction recently





## ... leading to a global decrease of tantalum supply and only a slow recovery since then...





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## ...two volatile countries, Kongo (DR) and Rwanda, now dominate the global tantalum market with a share of more than 50%





#### German Imports – Antinomy gradually disappears in the value-added chain. Increasing price and thus substitution





..relocating industries, technological innovation, more efficient recycling, increased regulations diminish the use of antinomy in Germany



