

Critical Minerals Expert Peter Bryant Joins National Center for Energy Analytics Advisory Board

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WASHINGTON, Sept. 30, 2024 /PRNewswire/ -- National Center for Energy Analytics (NCEA) announces the addition of Peter Bryant to its Advisory Board. Bryant, Board Chair of Clareo and Co-Founder and Board Chair of the Development Partner Institute, brings decades of practical experience in advising the mining and energy sectors.



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Mark P. Mills, Executive Director of NCEA, stated, "We're pleased to add Peter's deep expertise in all things mining, to NCEA's team of incredible advisors," continuing, "Our society, in general, and energy systems, in particular, depend on minerals that are increasingly sourced and refined outside the U.S. Many policymakers are either ignoring or don't understand the complexities and geopolitical implications of sourcing critical minerals from countries as diverse as DRC, Indonesia, Peru, and, of course, China."

Bryant's experience, which goes beyond mining and spans the consulting, not-for-profit, venture, and emerging technology sectors, gives him a uniquely wide-ranging perspective on the role of critical minerals in our world. His experience includes engagements with such leading companies as Anglo American, BHP, Rio Tinto, Teck Resources, JCI, BP, GE O&G, Baker Hughes,

Castrol, Edison International, and Goldcorp.

According to Peter Bryant, "We cannot escape the realities of the quantity and diversity of minerals and metals needed for everything including smart phones, modern cars, data centers, and especially everywhere in the hardware of global electrical grids. The acceleration in mineral demands arising from the drive toward electrification poses enormous challenges for mining, an industry already struggling with capital demands and regulations." Bryant added, "Too many policymakers fail to appreciate the severity of a looming 'minerals famine,' and the need to restore realism to these long planning cycles."

Bryant joins the NCEA Advisory Board that includes: Zabrina Johal, Senior Director of Strategic Development for General Atomics; Terrence Keeley, Chairman and CEO of 1PointSix; Devang Khakhar, Professor of Chemical Engineering at Indian Institute of Technology Bombay; Steven Koonin, PhD, Senior Fellow at the Hoover Institution; Julio M. Ottino, Dean Emeritus at Northwestern University; Paul H. Tice, Adjunct Professor of Finance at NYU Stern School of Business; Scott W. Tinker, PhD, Director Emeritus at the Bureau of Economic Geology, University of Texas; and David G. Victor, Professor of Innovation and Public Policy at the School of Global Policy and Strategy at UC San Diego.

About NCEA:

The [National Center for Energy Analytics](#) is a think tank devoted to data-driven analyses of policies, plans, and technologies surrounding the supply and use of energy essential for human flourishing. Through objective analyses of energy policies and their implications, NCEA aims to inform policymakers, industry leaders, and the public on critical energy issues.

About Clareo:

Clareo is a strategy consulting firm providing expert advice to the mining, energy and food sectors. For over two decades, the international firm has worked with global, Fortune-500 level companies to build market-leading strategies and develop new businesses.



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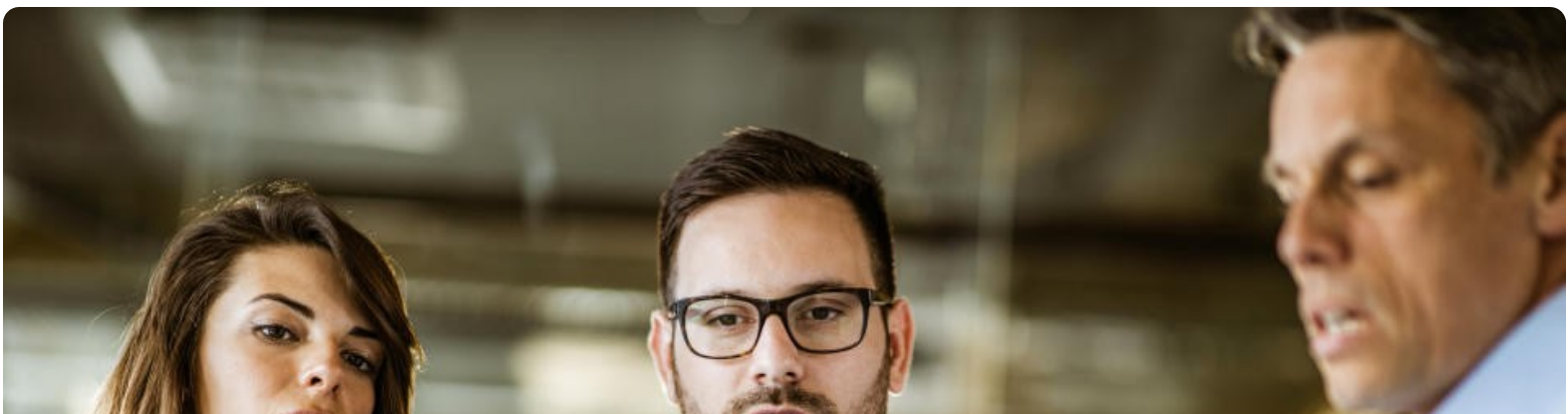
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Pfizer Is Clashing With Its New Activist Investor. Will It Harm The Stock?





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What a twist! An activist investment fund, Starboard Value, has recently been pushing **Pfizer** (NYSE: PFE) to increase shareholder value. Though they initially supported its campaign, Pfizer's former chief executive officer and chief financial officer both made a late-night about-face on Oct. 9, publicly pledging instead to support the current CEO, Albert Bourla. Now, Starboard's \$1 billion stake in the limping pharma juggernaut may mean it has to take a more adversarial approach to getting the changes it wants.

Will this clash between a major shareholder and management, current and former, harm the stock? Or is the situation merely an awkward and public miscommunication between actors with aligned interests?

Nothing tangible was lost here

Let's keep this most recent development in perspective. While it's true that Pfizer's stock dropped by about 2.5% on the news of the former leaders throwing their lot in with the reigning management team, that pullback essentially mirrors the boost the shares got when Starboard Value announced its stake. So the immediate impact to the stock is negligible.

Starboard still hasn't formally announced any of its proposals for Pfizer, but there are a few issues it mentioned. Specifically, it has implied that Pfizer spent a bit too profligately on acquisitions recently, perhaps referring to its purchase of the oncology drug developer Seagen in 2023 for \$43 billion in cash. It's also likely that Starboard isn't thrilled about the worse-than-anticipated financial performance of some new medicines, like a respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) vaccine, or about [research and development \(R&D\)](#) issues, like the relatively weak clinical-stage data produced by Pfizer's program for treating obesity.

With that said, it's now clear that the activist investor's bid is much less likely to be a tailwind for the stock. It might even become a minor headwind.

Just a few days ago, the activist's stake represented an opportunity for Pfizer to get a fresh perspective on how to address poor returns for shareholders in recent years -- likely by realizing certain efficiencies, or implementing a slightly different pipeline strategy. Now, it represents a potential conflict of governance.

Furthermore, as the former CEO and CFO changed their support of the activist's campaign overnight, there's now likely to be some kind of investigation from the [board of directors](#) to determine the degree of their support and their rationale for it. Starboard Value is alleging that the board may have leaned on the former leaders so they would voice their support of the current CEO, which could imply more conflict in the future.