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Abstracts

The nuclear energy business favors thorium due to its higher efficiency while creating less radioactive waste and providing better safety than uranium. Advanced reactor technologies need thorium, which is extracted mainly from three types of sites: monazite placer deposits, carbonatite formations, and alkaline rocks. The market for thorium in nuclear energy is developing because more nations require environmentally friendly nuclear power sources while possessing large thorium supplies, plus MSR technology boosts. The ability of thorium to help extract rare earth elements (REE) creates more potential market opportunities since REEs serve important functions in green energy technology and modern technology fields.

The Thorium Market is expected to grow at a robust CAGR of 6.7% during the forecast period, owing to the rising demand for safer, sustainable nuclear energy and advancements in molten salt reactor technology. India and China will grow as major thorium markets because these countries have significant thorium deposits and plans for nuclear expansion. Through its three-stage nuclear program, India has always promoted thorium nuclear reactors as a long-term energy plan. The nation became the leading global thorium nuclear developer after achieving MSR technology success with its prototype in 2021.

Based on Type, the market is categorized into Placer, Carbonatite, Alkaline Rocks, and Others. Among these, Placer Thorium market is growing with a significant CAGR. The Placer thorium market grows because heavy mineral sands with monazite contain the primary raw material needed for thorium production. India, Australia, and Brazil make good use of their coastland deposits to help supply nuclear energy production, with more supply needed for advanced materials development. Placer deposits provide companies with an

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economical and straightforward way to gain thorium supply more easily than hard rock mining operations. Thorium projects gain momentum from environmental mining standards, plus government programs that support discovering thorium.

Based on Application, the Thorium market is divided into Nuclear Energy, Aerospace & Defense, Medical Applications, and Industrial Use. The Nuclear Energy segment registered a significant CAGR during the forecast period. The worldwide need for clean energy creation drives the growth of nuclear power operations in the thorium market. Government leaders and energy firms want new fuel options because of rising climate fears, so thorium stands out as an effective replacement for fossil fuels. MSRs enhanced by thorium produce less pollution-friendly radioactive waste while decreasing the possibility of developing nuclear weapons. The world has much thorium available, and this fuel can run nuclear power plants at increased efficiency at low running costs. Several major nations, such as India, China, and the United States, put substantial money into thorium reactor research projects, which boosts market development.

For a better understanding of the market adoption of the Thorium industry, the market is analyzed based on its worldwide presence in countries such as North America (U.S.A., Canada, and Rest of North America), Europe (Germany, United Kingdom, France, Spain, Italy, and Rest of Europe), Asia-Pacific (China, Japan, India, Australia, and Rest of Asia-Pacific), Rest of World. More Asian-Pacific nations are joining this sector because they put money into nuclear power developments and support green energy systems. Pacific Asian nations are top users of thorium in nuclear reactors because these power plants deliver better safety and long-term power than uranium-burning reactors. Since India holds the most global thorium deposits, it leads research and development for thorium-based reactors. The Indian administration created distinct actions to produce thorium-based energy through home production instead of importing uranium. China moves thorium reactor development forward by running molten salt reactor facilities to reach its carbon neutrality goals. Japan uses thorium research to power nuclear energy while planning its energy development system. As an international supplier of thorium, Australia studies the scientific value of this natural fuel for future nuclear power production. Countries in APAC continue to invest in nuclear fuel alternatives because they need better energy security and solutions for nuclear waste plus carbon emissions. Thorium reactor projects have taken shape since multiple regional governments now partner nuclear research centers with private nuclear businesses. Governments in

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APAC continuously support nuclear power by backing research and production efforts to fuel its fast regional expansion.

Some of the major players operating in the market include American Rare Earths Limited, Cameco Corporation, China National Nuclear Corporation, Flibe Energy, Centrus Energy Corporation, Skyharbour Resources Limited, Copenhagen Atomics, Clean Core Thorium Energy, Inc., Indian Rare Earths Limited, and TerraPower.

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