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Benchmark held their conference in the USB building at

Broadgate, which is a superb facility with large auditorium. Registration started at 8 am, a bit early if you live any distance, and a crushing tube ride to endure as well.

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The conference was full of good keynote speakers discussing mainly lithium, but also the lesser known battery metals components. There was a lot of very useful information about the industry, and projected developments moving forward.

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Between the keynotes were some listed company presentations. including our own **Neometals**, followed by a panel discussion involving the various company CEO's.

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A quick dash across town later, the Mining Journal event was held in the same venue as last year, in Northumberland Avenue. Again excellent facilities, albeit more traditional rather than modern, but impressive nevertheless..

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The companies were all hosted in a small lounge area, around 20 booths in total, and quite a few were regular visitors to London. There were a couple of standouts in my opinion, Ivanhoe was one, Gold Road, Cardinal, and Leagold the others that I personally liked.

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I wandered through the booth area rather than listen to presentations downstairs due to the time constraint, but there was some good networking, and a superb after dinner drinks and canape service.

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Both events were well organised, such a shame they have to clash on the same day.

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Tomorrow there are more investor events in London than I can ever remember in a single day, including our own presentation for **Neometals**, now completely sold out.