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## UNDERSECRETARY HELBERG EXPLAINS PAX SILICA AND THE INDO-PACIFIC AI PLAY

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*Decode39 joined a rare, restricted media briefing with the U.S. Under Secretary of State for Economic Affairs Jacob Helberg. Few European journalists were invited. The topic was Pax Silica, one of the Trump administrations most consequential initiatives to reorganise global technology supply chains, with a clear strategic centre of gravity in the Indo-Pacific.*

Pax Silica is the new strategic architecture through which the United States is aligning its Indo-Pacific allies around the physical foundations of the AI economy.

Whats on the table: Compute, silicon, critical minerals, and energy are treated as shared strategic assets—comparable to oil and steel in the 20th century.

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