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Cobalt Reporting Template (CRT)

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen

Please understand that we are currently unable to provide information based on the Cobalt Reporting Template (CRT) issued by the Responsible Minerals Initiative (RMI).

On the RMI Website you can see, that there is only a small number of smelters that are in the certifications process or that are already certified.

The world's major cobalt producers are not yet included in these lists. The reason for this is that cobalt is only a by-product. Most producers are mainly focused on nickel.

There is currently no generally accepted standard. One explanation for this is that there are no legal obligations to provide information from cobalt supply chains. Because of this, our suppliers are not obligated to provide us with the CRT.

Consequently, we lack the basis to be able to provide a CRT for our product areas.

If there are any further questions, please let us know.

Best regards

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