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To whom it may concern,

We are pleased to announce that Freeport Cobalt Oy is now a conformant cobalt refiner against the Responsible Minerals Initiatives (RMI) Cobalt Refiner Due Diligence Standard1. This recognition acts as an assurance that our cobalt sourcing is aligned with the OECD Guidelines2. Our customers can comfortably rely on the assured responsibility of our products. In fact, this gives our customers the opportunity to continue the chain of responsibility throughout the downstream until finished consumer products.

The conformance has been audited by a third-party auditor and granted by Responsible Minerals Assurance Process control review process3. The conformance status is publicly listed at the RMI’s website.4 The list provides information of conformant smelters and refiners.

The audit standard is aligned with the OECD Due Diligence Guidance for Responsible Supply Chains of Minerals from Conflict-Affected and High-Risk Areas and has been developed according to global standards including the U.S. Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act.

Please see http://www.freeportcobalt.com/about/sustainability.html for further information.

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President
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1. Responsible Mining Assurance Process (RMAP) is a program of the Responsible Minerals Initiative. RMAP has published a Pilot Cobalt Refiner Due Diligence Standard for which Freeport Cobalt Oy is conformant to. Please see http://www.responsiblemineralsinitiative.org/responsible-minerals-assurance-process/ for further information.
3. Please visit http://www.responsiblemineralsinitiative.org/smelter-introduction/ for further information