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MEDIA RELEASE

ERG congratulates Good Shepherd International Foundation, winner of Thomson Reuters Foundation's Stop Slavery Hero Award 2021

Eurasian Resources Group (“ERG” or “the Group”) commends the Good Shepherd International Foundation (GSIF) on receiving the Stop Slavery Hero Award 2021 for its Bon Pasteur programme in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, which ERG has supported since 2017. Created in 2015 by the Thomson Reuters Foundation, the Stop Slavery Award recognises best-in-class organisations for their role and policies in the global fight against slavery.

The Bon Pasteur programme puts the elimination of child labour at the heart of community development in the DRC, and has enabled thousands of girls and women from local communities to access the labour market and education, which has improved their income and living conditions.

As part of the programme, developed with the support of ERG, Bon Pasteur has provided free education and other initiatives in healthcare and nutrition to over 3,000 children. This has been further supported by the launch of the inaugural Bon Pasteur child protection centre in Kolwezi in 2019. The comprehensive facility equipped with 14 classrooms with capacity for around 1,000 children has also served as an important platform for families to learn about alternative livelihood opportunities in the region.

Benedikt Sobotka, CEO of Eurasian Resources Group, said: “This award is a reflection of the extraordinary work the Good Shepherd International Foundation and Bon Pasteur has carried out in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. We are honoured to be part of this important initiative, which has helped advance gender equality and provide better outcomes for thousands in the DRC. We look forward to continuing our work with GSIF, which forms part of our wider commitment to strengthen the socioeconomic development of local communities across our operating regions and help eliminate child labour from the sector.”

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ABOUT GSIF / BON PASTEUR

The Good Shepherd International Foundation (GSIF):

The GSIF is a non-profit organization founded in 2008 by Our Lady of Charity of the Good Shepherd, an international Congregation of women religious operating in 73 countries, to support the Good Shepherd's mission in the world. The GSIF is committed to offer assistance to children, girls and women in more than 35 countries of Africa, Asia and Latin America, focusing on poverty eradication, human trafficking, migration and elimination of all forms of human rights abuses. Since 2012, the GSIF has been supporting Bon Pasteur Kolwezi in DR Congo with technical assistance in planning and management of their community development program, communication at the international level and resource mobilization to ensure the program sustainability.

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Bon Pasteur Kolwezi - DRC

In the past 8 years, Bon Pasteur has been one of the most effective NGO in Kolwezi, DR Congo, in preventing human rights abuses and reduce child labor in artisanal cobalt mining communities, helping more than 5,000 people - mostly children, girls and women- escape the harsh life of the mines to attend schools, build alternative livelihoods and build more secure communities. More specifically, since 2012, the Bon Pasteur program in Kolwezi has accomplished:

3,000+ children miners have quit work in the cobalt mines. They go to school and enjoy improved health and nutrition; They are safer and they've taken responsibility to educate other youth from neighboring communities about their rights and the dangers of working in the mines.

500 women have quit dangerous work in the mines to gain skills through income-generating initiatives such as in one of three farming coops. They report having improved physical and psychological health, plus they've increased their families' food security and income.

500 girls are engaged in skills trainings and dignified income-generating activities;

To implement its strategic plan 2018-2022, aiming at taking 4,700 children out of the mines and in the schools and give 4,000 women and girls skills and access to alternative livelihoods, Bon Pasteur Kolwezi needs significant investment and support and collaboration from all stakeholders, upstream and downstream companies within the cobalt supply-chain, Government and other NGOs.

ABOUT EURASIAN RESOURCES GROUP

Eurasian Resources Group (ERG) is a leading diversified natural resources group with integrated mining, processing, energy, logistics, and marketing operations. The Group operates in 15 countries and is a major employer in the industry.

ERG is the world's largest high-carbon ferrochrome producer by chrome content and among the principal copper and cobalt suppliers. It is also one of the largest suppliers of alumina and iron ore in Eurasia and the only producer of high-grade aluminium in the Republic of Kazakhstan.

In Kazakhstan, ERG represents one third of the metals and mining industry. It is also a key power supplier and a large railway operator in Central Asia. ERG manages production entities in Kazakhstan that are among the nation's foremost enterprises, including Kazchrome, SSGPO, Kazakhstan Aluminium Smelter (KAS), Aluminium of Kazakhstan, Eurasian Energy Corporation, Shubarkol Komir, Transportation Group TransCom, 3-Energootalyk and ERG Service.

In Africa, ERG mines and processes copper and cobalt ore and produces copper and cobalt hydroxide. It has recently launched Metalkol Roan Tailings Reclamation (RTR), a major tailings reprocessing operation in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. The Group has further development projects in thermal coal, manganese, platinum, bauxite and fluorspar in South Africa, Zimbabwe, Mali and Mozambique. ERG controls its own supply chain on the continent through its company Sabot, a North-South Corridor logistics specialist.

In the State of Bahia in Brazil, ERG is pioneering an integrated mining and logistics project comprising the Pedra de Ferro iron ore mine, the Porto Sul deep-water port and the associated new FIOL broad-gauge railway.

ERG is a founding member of the Global Battery Alliance launched on the platform of the World Economic Forum and dedicated to ensuring that there is an ethical and sustainable global supply chain for the lithium-ion batteries that help power the Fourth Industrial Revolution and a low carbon economy, through electric vehicles, renewable energy technologies and smartphones.