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Eurasian Resources Group Joins 1000 International Business Leaders to Pledge Support for Multilateralism as UN Turns 75

ERG was the only representative of large business from Kazakhstan in the list

Eurasian Resources Group (“ERG” or “the Group”), a leading diversified natural resources group headquartered in Luxembourg, has joined more than 1,000 companies present in more than 100 countries to show their support for the United Nations’ call for inclusive multilateralism. ERG endorsed the [Statement from Business Leaders for Renewed Global Cooperation](#) in marking the 75th anniversary of the United Nations.

The statement reads: “We, the business peoples, recognize that peace, justice and strong institutions are beneficial to the long-term viability of our organizations and are foundational for upholding the Ten Principles of the UN Global Compact and achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Now is our opportunity to learn from our collective experiences to realign behind the mission of the UN and steer our world onto a more equitable, inclusive and sustainable path. We are in this together — and we are united in the business of a better world.”

Benedikt Sobotka, CEO of Eurasian Resources Group, who signed the Statement on behalf of ERG, commented: “This year has been one of global upheaval for everyone as businesses and communities try to mitigate the challenges presented by the COVID-19 pandemic. As we are reminded of the importance of collaboration and cooperation which spans the global community we are pleased to reaffirm our support for the United Nations and our work towards helping achieve the SDGs.”

As a signatory, and in the spirit of renewed global cooperation, the Group commits to the following:

- Demonstrate ethical leadership and good governance through values-based strategies, policies, operations and relationships when engaging with all stakeholders
- Invest in addressing systemic inequalities and injustices through inclusive, participatory and representative decision making at all levels of our business
- Partner with the UN, Government and civil society to strengthen access to justice, ensure accountability and transparency, provide legal certainty, promote equality and respect human rights

In making that commitment, The Group also joins the call on Governments to:

- Protect human rights, ensure peace and security, and uphold the rule of law so that businesses, individuals and societies can flourish
- Create an enabling environment to serve the interests of people and planet, prosperity and purpose, through strengthened international cooperation and national legal frameworks
- Enhance multilateralism and global governance to combat corruption, build resilience and achieve the SDGs

The statement of support – including the full list of CEO signatories – was presented to U.N. Secretary-General António Guterres by Sanda Ojiambo, CEO and executive director of the U.N. Global Compact, at the opening of the Private Sector Forum on the sidelines of the high-level meeting of the General Assembly to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the United Nations and the 20th anniversary of the U.N. Global Compact.

Eurasian Resources Group has been a signatory to the U.N. Global Compact since 2019, as part of which it is committed to the advancement of the Compact's Ten Principles that address human rights, labour, the environment and anti-corruption. This is in line with the ERG corporate mission: 'Be the best at what we do. Drive global change whilst holding true to our values. Unlock the potential of the Earth and its people and ensure the prosperity of those who rely on us.'

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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. In 2019, Eurasian Resources Group celebrated a five-year anniversary of its offices in Luxembourg, and also marked 25 years of its business in Kazakhstan.

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-Energoortalyk 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 FIOLE 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.