

16 October 2023, Luxembourg



Eurasian Resources Group

9, rue Sainte Zithe
L-2763 Luxembourg
Grand-Duché de Luxembourg
T: +352 24 84 53 1
F: +352 26 84 58 99

MEDIA RELEASE

Eurasian Resources Group publishes its Sustainable Development Report

Eurasian Resources Group (“ERG” or “the Group”), a leading international diversified natural resources group, announces the publication of its Sustainable Development Report for 2022, entitled ‘Resilient, Agile and Delivering Societal Value’.

ERG is a major producer of critical minerals that are essential for the global energy transition, such as cobalt, copper and aluminium, and is a leading supplier of ferroalloys and high-grade iron ore. In 2022, ERG continued to focus on providing responsible assurance to the related supply chains.

ERG’s key actions in this regard included:

- expanding exploration activities in Kazakhstan, Africa and Brazil and embarking on new exploration activities in Saudi Arabia;
- further ramping up production at Metalkol, the world’s second largest cobalt producer, in the DRC;
- preparing for the Phase 2 development of ERG’s ‘10th Anniversary of Independence of Kazakhstan’ chromium mine;
- developing renewable energy sources in Kazakhstan as part of ERG’s long-term decarbonisation efforts;
- preparing for the expansion of its BAMIN integrated iron ore and logistics operation in Brazil.

In Kazakhstan, the Group also completed the construction of the ERG Green tailings reprocessing facility and the second special coke plant (with the commissioning of both facilities taking place in 2023). In total, in 2022, ERG increased capital expenditure by 54.4% to US\$1,135 million from US\$735 million in 2021. This was largely directed at realising the full potential of existing assets.

ERG continued to work with other leading international businesses and organisations to enhance ESG standards in the global metals and mining industry and deliver cross-value chain assurance for the sectors of EVs and gadgets. This included ERG’s work as a founding member of both the Global Battery Alliance (GBA) and ReSource.

In 2022, the Group supported the GBA in launching Rulebooks for preventing child labour and GHG emissions and protecting human rights. In January 2023, the GBA also unveiled the world's first ever Battery Passport pilots.

In 2022, in its operating regions, ERG distributed a total of US\$7,254 million in economic value to stakeholders, including employees, suppliers and host governments (2021: US\$6,240 million). Tax payments have recorded US\$1,815 million (2021: US\$1,083 million). The Group's community social investment (CSI) rose to US\$96 million (2021: US\$65.2 million).

Benedikt Sobotka, Chief Executive Officer of Eurasian Resources Group, commented: 'In 2022, we once again demonstrated the resilience and agility of our business and our ability to navigate external challenges, which enabled us to limit their impact on our operational and financial performance. At the same time, we positioned our business to help drive the global energy transition and benefit from what we call the largest purchase order in history for responsibly produced metals. We also continued to advance our efforts to apply international best practices, including with respect to responsible value chains, reducing emissions to air, human rights due diligence and responsible tailings management. We have laid the foundations for sustained future growth while delivering value to a broad range of stakeholders and society more widely.'

The full version of Eurasian Resources Group's Sustainable Development Report 2022 is available on ERG's website at

[https://www.eurasianresources.lu/uploads/1/files/ERG%20SDR%202022%20\(ENG\).pdf](https://www.eurasianresources.lu/uploads/1/files/ERG%20SDR%202022%20(ENG).pdf)

Key numbers from the Report can be found in the attached infographics.

For additional information please contact:

Eurasian Resources Group, Luxembourg
andrey.belov@erg.net, press@erg.net
www.eurasianresources.lu

About Eurasian Resources Group:

Eurasian Resources Group (ERG) is a leading diversified natural resources group headquartered in Luxembourg with integrated mining, processing, energy, logistics, and marketing operations. The Group operates in 16 countries and is a major employer in the industry with over 80,000 employees and contractors.

ERG is the world's largest high-carbon ferrochrome producer by chrome content and one of the largest producers of cobalt. It is also a large global supplier of copper and high-grade iron ore. In Eurasia, it is one of the largest suppliers of alumina and is Kazakhstan's only producer of high-grade aluminium.

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 several of Kazakhstan's leading production entities, including **Kazchrome**, **SSGPO**, **Kazakhstan Aluminium Smelter (KAS)**, **Aluminium of Kazakhstan**, **Eurasian Energy Corporation**, and others.

In Africa, ERG mines and processes copper and cobalt ore and produces copper metal and cobalt hydroxide. **Frontier** is the cornerstone of the Group's copper business, and ERG's **Metalkol**, a major tailings reprocessing operation in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, has become the world's second largest producer of cobalt as well as a major producer of copper.

The Group has its own supply chain on the continent through its logistics company **Sabot** as well as development projects which are focused on other minerals and products in South Africa, Zimbabwe, Mozambique and Mali.

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

ERG is a founding member of the Global Battery Alliance (GBA), hosted originally on the platform of the World Economic Forum. The GBA is dedicated to ensuring an ethical and sustainable global supply chain for the lithium-ion batteries that can power the Fourth Industrial Revolution and a low carbon economy through electric vehicles, renewable energy technologies and smartphones. Since its establishment in 2017, the GBA has grown to include more than 150 leading businesses and international organisations as members.

ERG is also a co-founder of the Re|Source initiative, working together with CMOC, Glencore, Umicore and Tesla. The initiative uses blockchain to track cobalt and other responsibly produced battery materials in real operating conditions from the mine to an electric vehicle.