



ORGANIZATION

Eurasian Resources Group, Luxembourg
pledges to

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in the DRC**

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Description:

An estimated 40,000 children are directly engaged in mining in the DRC (source: Unicef) including cobalt, which is essential to lithium-ion batteries and the transition to a low carbon economy. At Eurasian Resources Group, we are committed to ending child labour and pledge to continue supporting organisations working to remove children from mining in the communities surrounding our Metalkol RTR operation near Kolwezi, DRC. We will target our community investment strategy with the goal of keeping 2000 children out of artisanal and small-scale mining in 2021 and continuing to implement controls to ensure our operations are in no way connected to child labour.

Implementation plan:

In 2021, we envision undertaking the following steps:

- Co-lead a fundraising campaign for the Fund for the Prevention of Child Labour in Mining Communities - a Global Battery Alliance Collaboration in the DRC, and administered by UNICEF, to raise up to 21 million US\$ in total by 2023.
- Implement a new multi-year agreement with the Good Shepherd International Foundation (GSIF) and Bon Pasteur Kolwezi to support the implementation of the GSIF child labour intervention model and enable expansion to new communities around Tsala, DRC
- Enhance internal controls and update assurance of the ERG Clean Cobalt framework and complete Responsible Minerals Assurance Process at Metalkol RTR in the DRC to assure our activities are in no way connected to child labour
- Support the Global Battery Alliance (GBA), as co-chair, in realising its goals related to a Battery Passport and Cobalt Action Partnership
- Highlight the importance of identifying and addressing child labour through our internal communications with employees and external communications with customers, suppliers and other stakeholders.
- Plan a company-wide event to mark World Day Against Child Labour on June 12

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Impact:

- Our internal controls and assurance ensure that no child labour is used in our business or our supply chain.
- The GSIF child protection programme currently keeps approx. 3000 children from unsafe working conditions associated with child labour in artisanal mining. Supporting the scaling of this model will help reach even more children, and provide them with education, nutrition, and other services
- Securing financing for the Fund for the Prevention of Child Labour in Mining Communities
- A Global Battery Alliance Collaboration will enable local civil society organisations to directly continue and scale efforts against child labour on the ground in the DRC
- As a founding member of the GBA, playing a leadership role to raise awareness and action across the battery value chain with a focus on human rights and child labour.

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