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**A:** [Redazione Report](#)  
**Oggetto:** R: Rai Italian TV / Statement request from TESLA  
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Good morning,

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1. Human Rights: [https://www.tesla.com/en\\_eu/legal/additional-resources#global-human-rights-policy](https://www.tesla.com/en_eu/legal/additional-resources#global-human-rights-policy)
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3. Our Impact Report: [Impact Report 2022](#)

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I remain at your disposal.

Kind regards,

Barbara

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**A:** Press tesla.com

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**Dear TESLA communications team**

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This follows up previous communications between my colleague Eva and Barbara.

As told in our email from September 19, we're producing a segment focusing on *green transition* and shift to Electric Vehicles. Among several topics we will dedicate part of the segment to focus on the problems related to the supply chain of EV's critical minerals, nickel and cobalt in particular.

In this context we visited and documented the situation of the nickel operations (mining, smelters, processing) in the Indonesian areas of Morowali (IMIP) and Weda Bay (IWIP). From the information gathered onsite we learned that TESLA indirectly sources part of the nickel for its EVs from the IMIP and IWIP areas through a series of suppliers.

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Looking forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards,

*Cataldo Ciccolella*  
*Report - Rai*

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As agreed,

*"Thank you for asking us about the topic in question. As a company, we have always implemented "Responsible Purchasing Guidelines" that each supplier must abide by. We also constantly monitor our suppliers as part of the internal code of conduct. At the moment we have no further comments on this matter"*

Best regards,

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**Da:** [CG] Redazione Report <>  
**Inviato:** lunedì 13 novembre 2023 10:07  
**A:** Stellantis Communications - BFSTELL55 <> **Cc:** CLAUDIO D'AMICO <c>  
**Oggetto:** [EXTERNAL]R: Rai Italian TV / Stellantis official statement request

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Cataldo

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**A:**  
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**Dear Sir/Ma'am at Stellantis Global Communications Team**

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**Dear Claudio D'Amico**

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In this context we visited and documented the situation of the nickel operations (mining, smelters, processing) in the Indonesian areas of Morowali (IMIP) and Weda Bay (IWIP).

From the information gathered onsite we learned that Stellantis sources part of the nickel for its EVs from the IMIP and IWIP areas through Jingmen GEM Co., Ltd. and Zhejiang Huayou Cobalt Co., Ltd.. These two companies are also mentioned in your list of "Refiners identified in the Stellantis Supply Chain".

We kindly ask you an official statement answering these questions:

- 1-Did you conduct an audit on IMIP's and IWIP's nickel and cobalt operations as of today?**
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Kind regards,

*Cataldo Ciccolella*  
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**A:** [CG] Redazione Report  
**Cc:** social-compliance; willem.spelten; johannes.leifert  
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Dear Signor Ciccolella ,

thanks again for your request. Please find below our statement, which you may attribute to a company spokesperson:

- In general, Mercedes-Benz seeks to ensure that its products contain only materials that have been mined and produced without violating human rights and environmental standards.
- Nickel is one of the 24 raw materials that Mercedes-Benz has classified as critical, for which we carry out a risk-orientated raw material assessment based on the logic and methodology of the UN Guiding Principles for Business and Human Rights (UNGPs). The aim is to proactively identify and mitigate risks in our raw material supply chains. Specific information on the methodology aligned with the UNGP can be found on our [website](#). Based on our raw material assessment, we address environmental and human rights risks in our supply chain and follow them up. This includes regular dialogues with our suppliers and on-site assessment. Nickel is currently being evaluated as part of these raw material assessments. We will publish first results of these assessments in our Mercedes-Benz Raw Materials Report within the upcoming months.
- The assessment essentially consists of three steps:
  1. Increasing transparency along raw material supply chains – especially with regard to certain key components such as battery cells. To this end, Mercedes-Benz AG, for example, contacts the suppliers of the relevant components and asks them to disclose their deeper supply chain.
  2. Identification of risk hotspots in these supply chains, e.g. based on the specific risks in the individual mining countries.
  3. Define and implement measures for the risk hotspots and review their long-term effectiveness.
- Moreover, in 2022, Mercedes-Benz decided to continue the audit activities in cooperation with RCS Global due to the increasing due diligence requirements and increased transparency in the battery cell supply chains, and to extend the scope beyond cobalt to the raw materials lithium, nickel, copper, graphite and manganese. In addition, the audit scope of human rights due diligence was expanded to include environmental aspects. Auditing Mines is an important tool for carrying out due diligence in raw material supply chains and to address environmental and human rights risks that depend on the management of the mine on site.
- Mercedes-Benz requires its direct suppliers to comply with our Responsible Sourcing Standards (RSS), to integrate them into their upstream value chains and to monitor compliance with them. The RSS are derived from the requirements for human rights, environmental protection and business ethics, which Mercedes-Benz Group AG applies in its own business activities. They contain minimum requirements as a contractually binding prerequisite for business relationships with our suppliers. We encourage our suppliers to go beyond the minimum requirements and align with our supplementary expectation.
- Compliance with our sustainability standards is systematically monitored, and we use a variety of measures and concepts for the sustainable management of our supply chain. That includes the screening of our suppliers, risk-based due diligence analyses, and sustainability training courses for suppliers. Through these measures we support compliance with social standards and environmental requirements and achieve greater transparency in the supply chain.

Viele Grüße / tanti saluti,  
Daniel Blatt

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**Von:** [CG] Redazione Report

**Gesendet:** Mittwoch, 8. November 2023 19:35

**An:** Spelten, Willem (000) ; Blatt, Daniel (000) ; Leifert, Johannes (096)

**Cc:** Social-Compliance (096-NPM)

**Betreff:** Rai Italian TV / Mercedes Statement request



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**Dear Johannes Leifert**  
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**Dear Social Compliance Team**  
Mercedes-Benz Group AG

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from the IMIP area through a series of suppliers.

We kindly ask you an official statement answering these questions:

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I thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Looking forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards,

*Cataldo Ciccoella*

*Report - Rai*

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**A:** [\[CG\] Redazione Report](#)  
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**Data:** martedì 14 novembre 2023 14:04:30  
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Dear Cataldo,

many thanks for your inquiry. Please find attached our answer:

- The BMW Group does not have any direct supply relationships or cooperations with nickel suppliers in Indonesia. Our suppliers source the raw material independently. In accordance with our purchasing conditions, as direct suppliers they are obligated to comply with legal requirements and extensive environmental and social standards and must also pass these on to their sub-suppliers. Further information on this can be found here <https://www.bmwgroup.com/en/nachhaltigkeit/menschenrechte.html>.
- As part of our due diligence for our supply chain, the BMW Group continuously monitors compliance with requirements through procedures such as risk filters, media analyses and with supply chain mapping, among others.
- If there are indications of possible violations in the supply chain, we clarify them and take immediate and consistent action - up to and including termination of the business relationship.
- In addition, we have been active members for years in initiatives that develop standards for responsible raw material extraction and processing (smelting or refining), thus promoting compliance with environmental and social standards in raw material mining and processing facilities (e.g. IRMA and RMI).
- Furthermore, we have created a closed-loop material cycle for reuse of the raw materials nickel, lithium and cobalt from high-voltage batteries at Chinese locations and set high standards for secondary raw material content, which is both resource-efficient and reduces CO<sub>2</sub>, compared to primary extraction.

Best regards to Rome,

Benedikt

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**Von:** [CG] Redazione Report <

**Gesendet:** Mittwoch, 8. November 2023 20:00

**An:** Geisel Nicole, AK-31 <>; Fischer Benedikt, AK-31 <>; Richter Isabel, AK-31 <>

**Betreff:** Rai Italian TV / BMW official statement request

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**Dear Nicole Geisel**

Head of Communications Purchasing, Supplier Network, Sustainability

**Dear Benedikt Fischer**

Spokesperson Purchasing, Supplier Network, Sustainability in Supplier Network

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**Dear Isabel Richter**

Head of Sustainability Communications

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**A:** [Redazione Report](#)  
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Dear Cataldo,

Here is our statement as requested:

- Volkswagen AG currently does not procure nickel directly. We source this battery raw material from our suppliers in the form of EV batteries. Our battery suppliers procure nickel through their own business processes and various precursor products. Our relationships with business partners and suppliers are, as a matter of principle, confidential. We ask for your understanding that we do not comment on business relationships.
- We take our corporate responsibility very seriously and have implemented measures and set up management systems in Volkswagen Group Procurement in order to identify, assess and manage sustainability risks in our supply chains.
- Only suppliers that accept our sustainability requirements and commit to fulfilling them may enter into a business relationship with the Volkswagen Group. Our direct suppliers are expected to pass on these sustainability requirements to their business partners throughout the supply chain. Since 2019, we have been assessing the sustainability performance of our relevant business partners through our **sustainability rating** (“S-Rating”) prior the final sourcing decision. A detailed explanation of the screening and assessment process is available in our latest **Sustainability Report** (Please see page 108; [Reporting | Volkswagen Group \(volkswagen-group.com\)](#)).
- In order to deal with the sometimes extensive risks in the upstream raw material supply chains, in 2020 we have implemented a **Raw Materials Due Diligence Management System** (in short: RMDDMS). This management system is used to identify, prioritize and process sustainability risks in our upstream supply chains. We currently have 18 priority raw materials in scope – the battery raw material nickel is one of them. Please refer to our latest **Responsible Raw Materials Report** for details ([Volkswagen Group Responsible Raw Materials Report](#)). We explain the Raw Materials Due Diligence Management System, and we report on our activities regarding the battery raw materials including nickel.
- We are working intensively to **increase transparency in the upstream battery supply chain** in order to find out where the material origins are so that we can assess and address human rights risks as well as environmental aspects. For this purpose, we work closely with our direct suppliers (Please see Responsible Raw Materials Report).
- In March 2022, we have **joined the Initiative for Responsible Mining Assurance (IRMA)** and have committed to live up to industry’s joint responsibility to improve working and environmental conditions against the backdrop of growing demand for raw materials used in batteries and we will gradually implement the IRMA standard in our own supply chain.
- Our company sets strict requirements towards our business partners. In the event of – violation of our standards (defined in the “Code of Conduct for Business Partners”) – we take appropriate, quick and resolute action to ensure that our requirements are met. For this purpose we have a **Supply Chain Grievance Mechanism** in place (Please see page 11 of our Responsible Raw Materials Report and page 108 of our Sustainability Report).

Please get in touch if you need further assistance.

Best, Esra

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**Von:** [CG] Redazione Report

**Gesendet:** Donnerstag, 16. November 2023 09:31

**An:** Aydin, Esra (K-GK-M)

**Betreff:** R: Rai Italian TV / Volkswagen official statement request

Hi Esra,

could you please send me the response to our questions today in the morning?

I hoped to receive it yesterday. We are finalizing the edit right now and today is already a bit late.

Thanks a lot!

Best

Cataldo

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INTERNAL

**Da:** Aydin, Esra (K-GK-M)

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**A:** [CG] Redazione Report

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Dear Cataldo,

I will get back to you on this shortly. In the meantime I would recommend you check out our Responsible Raw Material Report, maybe it will answer some of your questions already:

[Raw Materials Report 2022 | Volkswagen Group \(volkswagen-group.com\)](#)

Best, Esra

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**Dear Nicolai Laude**  
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I am a journalist from Report, the main Italian current affairs programme on RAI national public television. We focus on economy, politics, health, industry, human rights and international issues. Our prize-winning show has been aired weekly on prime-time since 1997 with an average audience of 2.5 million viewers per episode and you can find more about us [here](#).

We're now producing a segment focusing on *green transition* and shift to Electric Vehicles, with a focus on the problems related to the supply chain of their critical minerals, nickel and cobalt in particular.

In this context we visited and documented the situation of the nickel operations (mining, smelters, processing) in the Indonesian areas of Morowali (IMIP) and Weda Bay (IWIP). From the information gathered onsite we learned that Volkswagen indirectly sources part of the nickel for its EVs from the IMIP area through a series of suppliers.

We kindly ask you an official statement answering these questions:

- 1-Did you conduct an audit on IMIP nickel operations as of today?**
- 2-What is your assessment of the environmental impact of the mining and refining operations in this area?**
- 3-What is your assessment of the human rights impact and workers conditions of the mining and refining operations in this area?**

Due to our editorial schedule, please kindly send me your statement within Wed. November 15, 11am CET.  
For any further information you can contact me at mobile +39xxxxxxxxxxx or reply to this email.  
I thank you in advance for your cooperation.  
Looking forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards,

*Cataldo Ciccolella*  
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