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Invitation to respond - Mercedes-Benz in Weekly Update

Dear Business & Human Rights Resource Centre,

Thank you for forwarding the article "*Dirty metals for clean cars: Indonesian nickel could be key to EV battery industry*" that we have read with interest.

With regard to your query, please find our response in the following:

- Mercedes-Benz is currently not intending to source Nickel directly from Indonesia, but is monitoring the worldwide market situation.
- In the case of a potential consideration of direct sourcing from Indonesia in the future, the [Responsible Sourcing Standards](#) would be taken into consideration accordingly.
- With regard to Nickel in Mercedes-Benz' production material supply chains, the raw material supply chain is currently being assessed in the framework of Mercedes-Benz' raw material assessments.
- Mercedes-Benz has identified 24 critical raw materials during a preliminary risk assessment. These raw materials will be gradually examined in more detail between now and 2028. This review basically consists of three steps:
 - Increasing transparency along the raw material supply chains – especially with regard to certain key components such as battery cells. To this end, Mercedes-Benz AG contacts the suppliers of the relevant components, for example, and asks them to disclose their structure of subcontractors.
 - Identification of risk hotspots in these supply chains, e.g. on the basis of the specific risks in the individual mining countries.
 - Definition and implementation of measures for the risk hotspots and review of whether they are effective over the long term.
- The Mercedes-Benz Group publishes the results of these assessments in its [Mercedes-Benz Raw Materials Report](#).

Kind regards,

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