



Opportunity to comment - EIA US report on cobalt production and processing

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Hello [REDACTED],

Please find below a statement in response to your questions:

- Umicore takes responsible sourcing very seriously, as reflected in our [Responsible Sourcing Frameworks](#) and our annual [compliance report](#).
- We conduct ESG due diligence on all our direct and indirect suppliers, and we have engaged with TFM consistently over the years on a range of topics, including the issues referenced in the EIA letter. Some NGOs raised these concerns with us before and we have discussed them transparently with both TFM and the NGOs involved.
- Based on our ongoing due diligence, TFM has shown a constructive attitude. They have shared with us the findings of their health and environmental assessments and have community-engagement mechanisms in place. To date, we have not been able to establish a clear, evidence-based causal link between TFM's operations and specific health or environmental impacts, either from information provided by TFM or from other stakeholders such as NGOs, communities or government bodies.
- We take all concerns seriously and will continue to engage with relevant parties to strengthen understanding and mitigation where needed. We also strongly support TFM's decision to undergo comprehensive third-party ESG assessments, including Copper Mark and IRMA, which provide an additional layer of independent verification.

When do you expect to publish your report? We would appreciate if you could send it to us prior to or upon publication.

Thank you,

Best,