

Renault Group and Managem Group sign an agreement for a sustainable supply of Moroccan Cobalt

- **A strategic partnership to secure low-carbon cobalt sulphate produced in Morocco and guarantee traceability of electric battery supply chain**
- **This agreement is part of Renault Group and Managem Group's strategy to build a more sustainable and transparent battery value chain.**

Boulogne-Billancourt (France) and Casablanca (Morocco), JUNE 1, 2022 - Renault Group, a major player in the automotive industry, and Managem Group, a Moroccan player in the mining and hydrometallurgy sector, today announce the signing of a memorandum of understanding ('MoU') aimed at securing the supply of low-carbon and responsible cobalt sulphate for electric batteries. Under the terms of the agreement, Managem Group will supply 5,000 tonnes of cobalt sulphate per year for a period of 7 years, with first delivery in 2025. After an engineering study, Managem Group plans to invest in the construction of a factory located within the Guemassa industrial complex, Morocco in order to transform cobalt ore into Cobalt sulphate. Through this partnership, Renault Group has guaranteed a significant supply of cobalt sulphate, representing an annual battery production capacity of up to 15 GWh.

This direct cooperation between a car manufacturer and a mining player guarantees a long-term traceability system for the supply chain of cobalt for batteries. It also aims to reduce the impact on the environment, in particular thanks to the know-how of Managem Group which have optimised energy efficiency at their facilities through the growing use of green energies, more than 80% of which come from wind power. This agreement notably includes the possibility for Managem Group, Renault Group and its Alliance partners advance further cooperation in the supply of manganese sulphate and copper, as well as on the recycling of battery materials in short loops.

Following the creation of the industrial center dedicated to the electric vehicle Renault ElectriCity, Renault Group is positioning itself as a key player of more efficient, low-carbon and reusable batteries. The Group aims to reduce the carbon footprint of its batteries by 20% by 2025 and by 35% by 2030, compared to 2020. Combined with the partnership with Vulcan to secure low-carbon lithium and Terrafame for low-carbon nickel sulphate, this agreement marks a new step towards reducing the environmental footprint of electric vehicles and the Group's objective of carbon neutrality in Europe by 2040.

The signing of the agreement took place today in the presence of Mr. Ryad Mezzour, Minister of Industry and Trade of Morocco, Mr. Gianluca De Ficchy, Purchasing EVP of the Alliance and Managing Director of the Alliance Purchasing Organization (APO), Mr. Imad Toumi Chairman and CEO of Managem Group, and Mr. Mohamed Bachiri, Director of Renault Group Morocco.

Mr. Ryad Mezzour, Minister of Industry and Trade of Morocco says: *"A new stage in the strategic partnership between Morocco and Renault Group begins with the signing of this agreement today, which will utilize Moroccan natural resources and industry to support the development of electric mobility worldwide and the deep integration of the national automotive industrial platform,"*. He adds: *"the Moroccan automotive industry is accelerating its transition to electrification with sustainable and efficient Moroccan cobalt sourcing for electric batteries. At the same time, we are working to position Morocco as a producer of electric batteries and a key player in sustainable mobility."*

Gianluca De Ficchy, Alliance Purchasing EVP and Managing Director of the Alliance Purchasing Organization (APO), commented: *"We are very pleased to partner with Managem Group, a recognized mining player, who utilises unique and efficient production and processing methods and will contribute in this way to the economic, social, and environmental development of the automotive industry in Morocco. This agreement is an additional step towards achieving the objective of reducing the carbon footprint of our batteries and achieving carbon neutrality for the Renault Group in Europe by 2040, and worldwide by 2050. The traceability and decarbonization of the raw materials of our batteries are crucial issues for electric mobility and the energy transition. We thus ensure a local supply of low-carbon cobalt closer to our European manufacturing ecosystem of electric batteries."*

This agreement will support the development of the Moroccan automotive industry and strengthen Morocco's positioning as a platform for the production and export of equipment, motor vehicles and now strategic and critical materials of Moroccan origin such as cobalt, manganese and copper for the manufacture of batteries. It is part of the commitments made by Renault Group to the Kingdom of Morocco, to develop the Renault ecosystem in country by increasing local sourcing to €2.5 billion from 2025 and a target of €3 billion.

Managem Group is an active member of the Cobalt Committee of the LME (London Metal Exchange) and of the Cobalt Institute (CI). In 2019, the responsible production of Cobalt by Managem Group was confirmed by certification according to the standards of the Responsible Minerals Initiative (RMI), as well as by evaluations by NQC and ECOVADIS. Managem Group recently joined the FCA (Fair Cobalt Alliance).

About Renault Group

Renault Group is at the forefront of reinventing mobility. Backed by its alliance with Nissan and Mitsubishi Motors, and its unique expertise in terms of electrification, Renault Group relies on the complementarity of its 4 brands - Renault - Dacia - Alpine and Mobilize - and offers sustainable mobility solutions and innovative to its customers. Established in more than 130 countries, the Group sold 2.7 million vehicles in 2021. It brings together 111,000 employees who embody its purpose on a daily basis, so that mobility brings us closer to each other. Ready to take up challenges both on the road and in competition, the Group is committed to an ambitious transformation that will generate value. This is centered on the development of new technologies and services, of a new range of vehicles that is even more competitive, balanced and electrified. In line with environmental challenges, Renault Group aims to achieve carbon neutrality in Europe by 2040.

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About Managem Group

Managem Group is an industrial mining group that has been exploiting a diversified portfolio of metals for more than 90 years. The group is present throughout the entire mining cycle, from exploration to the sale of raw materials. The group employs 6,000 people and operates in 9 African countries, including Morocco. Managem Group is majority owned by Al Mada, a pan-African private equity fund. A signature accompanies the name «Al Mada»: "Positive impact", reflecting the fund's commitment to promoting "useful" investment.

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