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Conflict Minerals Statement

Dear Valued Customer,

Hydro takes very seriously concerns that profits from natural mineral resources in conflict-affected areas or high-risk areas may sometimes be financing armed groups or security forces, fueling human rights violations, labor abuses and environmental degradation and be a cause of dispute, provoking the outbreak or continuation of violent conflicts and undermining endeavours towards development, good governance and the rule of law. In those conflict-affected areas, breaking the nexus between conflict and illegal exploitation of minerals is a critical element in guaranteeing peace, development and stability.

The challenge posed by the desire to prevent the financing of armed groups and security forces in conflict-affected areas has been taken up by governments and international organisations together with economic operators and civil society organisations.

Hydro is committed to the ethical sourcing of any minerals used in its production process and particularly to the sourcing of the so-called conflict minerals (ores and concentrates containing tin, tantalum or tungsten, and gold, mined or produced in areas in a state of armed conflict or fragile post-conflict as well as areas witnessing weak or non-existent governance and security). In addition to this commitment, Hydro must meet regulatory obligations and specific customer requirements.

For that reason, **Hydro does not source minerals from conflict areas.**

We hope this information is helpful to you. If you have any questions or would like to discuss any of these issues further, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Very truly yours,

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