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CECE Mining kicks off activities in Brussels

CECE is pleased to announce the launch of CECE Mining, the new Product Group on mining equipment dedicated to representing suppliers of machinery and technology for the global mining industry. This strategic decision comes as part of CECE's expansion under new president Jose Antonio Nieto and responds to the political goals of the EU in implementing the Critical Raw Materials Act. Regarding the significance of this enlargement, Jose Antonio Nieto, CECE President, notes:

“CECE Mining comes at a crucial stage for the European and global mining industry. The EU is gearing up to a new reality, where the recently adopted Critical Raw Materials Act constitutes a concrete example of how Europe can secure its supply of raw materials. We know that a large share of Europe’s competitiveness in this field comes from the OEMs delivering innovative cutting-edge technology and machinery for sustainable mining. CECE Mining is created to fill a void and to represent these OEMs”.

Kick-Off Meeting

The first meeting of the new CECE Mining PG will take place on Tuesday, 13th February at CECE offices in Brussels. CECE is pleased to confirm the participation of the European Commission's experts in the field of critical raw materials, as well as the Director General of Euromines, the European industry association of mining companies. CECE invites all its member associations, and their member companies, to take part in the meeting. This first meeting is an important opportunity to discuss the next steps for CECE in this new space.

New Team Members

As part of this move, CECE also welcomes two new colleagues: Klaus Stoeckmann and Enrico Borella. Klaus joins the Technical Team as Mining Policy Manager and Enrico as Mining Public Affairs Manager. Together they lead and coordinate all CECE activities related to mining, including technical and regulatory challenges, the implementation of the Critical Raw Materials Act and the communication

around the importance of mining suppliers for Europe's success in securing its supply of strategic raw materials.

Klaus started his career as an advisor for VDMA's legal department. After that he joined VDMA's mining equipment branch as Deputy Managing Director in 2006 and has worked there until last year. Based on his experience in supporting manufacturers of mining machinery, Klaus is now giving the European mining OEMs a presence at EU level.

Enrico boasts more than 10 years of experience in the construction and mining equipment industry in the field of digital solutions. He has previously taken part in CECE activities by representing Komatsu in the Digital Task Force between 2018 and 2020 and contributed to the activities of DigiPlace project. He then worked at Liebherr Mining for three years.

For all mining related inquiries, including registering interest in joining the new CECE Mining PG, please contact mining@cece.eu.

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About CECE

CECE, the Committee for European Construction Equipment, represents the interests of 1,200 construction equipment manufacturers through national trade associations in Europe. CECE manufacturers generate €40 billion in yearly revenue, export a sizeable part of the production, employ around 300.000 people overall. They invest and innovate continuously to deliver equipment with highest productivity and lowest environmental impact. Efficiency, safety and high-precision technologies are key. See also www.cece.eu.