

## MEMORANDUM

### 23<sup>rd</sup> Meeting of the Heads of European State Mining Authorities

Bratislava, Slovakia, 24<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> September 2017

We, the representatives of European State Mining Authorities, signed hereunder, have been pleased to accept the invitation from Slovakia to attend the 23<sup>rd</sup> Meeting of the Heads of European State Mining Authorities in Bratislava, which focused on the topic: **Raw Materials Policy and its Impacts to Mining of Mineral Deposits**.

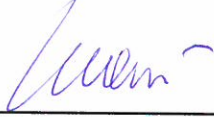
We unanimously proclaim that:

1. The 23<sup>rd</sup> Meeting has contributed to the exchange of knowledge, information and experiences about the raw materials policies and its impacts to mining of mineral deposits in the represented countries.
2. We welcome raw material strategies on a European, national and regional level. The information exchange between the different levels should be improved. These strategies can be essential to promote mining and its public acceptance.
3. Based on the information presented on the execution of raw materials policies and the economic development of the mining industry in the countries represented we can state that in order to ensure the primary sources of raw materials necessary for the development of national economies, the raw materials policies are an irreplaceable pillar of strategic planning, from both, the economical and the social point of view. Efficient, regular and safe availability of raw materials is an extremely important and essential requirement for sustainable development of the state.
4. There is an agreement to further extend the cooperation among European State Mining Authorities not only through mutual exchange of the knowledge gained between represented countries but also through an open invitation which should be extended to the representatives from other EU countries and to the relevant bodies of European Commission.
5. During the 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting the information resulting from an investigation of reported incidents was presented and negotiated, as agreed on the 20<sup>th</sup> meeting in Dublin.

We are pleased to accept the invitation from **Austria** to host the 24<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Heads of European State Mining Authorities in 2018 on the topic "**Emergency planning and crisis response in surface and underground mining operations**". Also, we would like to thank **Germany** for expressing their interest in organising the 25<sup>th</sup> Meeting in 2019.

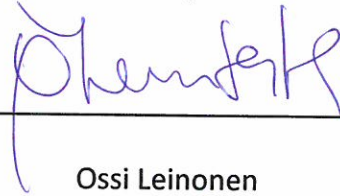
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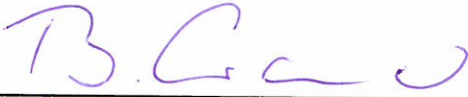
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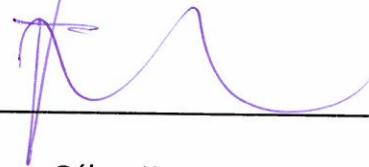
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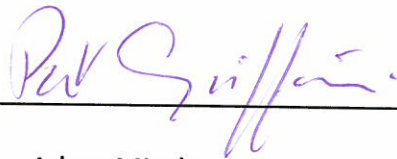
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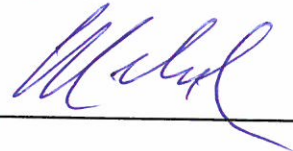
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