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Call for action on behalf of AUDI AG, Porsche AG and Volkswagen Passenger Cars

The Volkswagen Group, together with its brands Audi, Porsche and VW Passenger Cars, works to respect human rights. This applies to all processes within our company and to our work with business partners. We are constantly working towards establishing and improving human rights due diligence at all levels of our value chains. We pay particular attention to encouraging responsible supply chains for raw materials.

Aluminium is priority raw material, integral to our product portfolio and an enabler for more sustainable products. To better address systemic challenges in aluminium value chains, Audi became a member of the Aluminium Stewardship Initiative (ASI). Since 2018, Audi has been certified against ASI's performance standard. We are committed to ASI's vision of sustainable aluminium and encourage supply chain actors to work towards more sustainable value chains.

This also applies to Guinea as a key exporter of bauxite for the European market. In line with ASI standards, we clearly expect compliance with internationally accepted human rights, compliance and environmental standards. This includes the respect for legal and customary rights and the interests of local communities in their lands and livelihoods as well their use of natural resources.

Recently a complaint against the International Finance Corporation (IFC) for financing the expansion of CBG's bauxite mining operations in the Boké region of Lower Guinea has been brought to our attention. We consider IFC's Compliance Advisor Ombudsman (CAO) as a suitable mechanism to engage in a goal-oriented dispute resolution. We are very pleased that the dispute resolution process continues after it was temporarily paused due to Covid-19. In order to progress towards a cooperative dispute resolution, **we herewith encourage all involved parties to further engage in and commit to the conflict resolution, including the mediation process. We specifically call on the CAO, CBG the local communities represented by Centre de Commerce International pour le Développement (CECIDE), Association pour le Développement**

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Rural et l'Entraide Mutuelle de Guinée (ADREMGUI) and Inclusive Development International (IDI) to sincerely engage in the process.

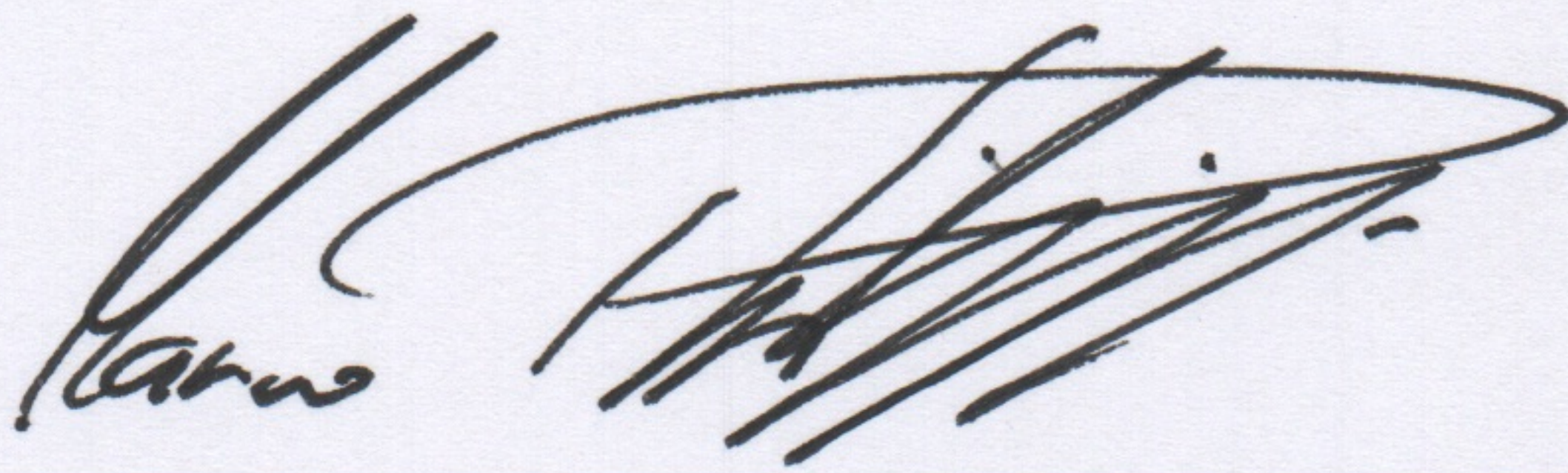
We are convinced that attention from downstream customers supports the dispute resolution process. Therefore, we invite our partners from aluminium and aluminium processing industries to respond to our call in order strengthen the industry's human rights and sustainability commitment.

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