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Subject: FW: Raw Materials in international waters Ares(2020)6029576
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We confirm receipt of your message

Regards

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From: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]@deme-group.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 22, 2020 3:32 PM
To: [REDACTED] (CAB-BRETON)
[REDACTED]@ec.europa.eu>
Subject: RE: Raw Materials in international waters

Dear [REDACTED]

I've spoken to [REDACTED] this afternoon.
I also tried to call you on +32 [REDACTED] and left a message.
Can you please send me some dates/time slots for a teams meeting with [REDACTED] ?
Or do you have an assistant who can help me in arranging this meeting ?

Many thanks.
Have a nice evening.

Mvg
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, 21 October 2020 11:06
To: [REDACTED]@ec.europa.eu;
[REDACTED]@ec.eurpa.eu
Subject: RE: Raw Materials in international waters

Goodmorning [REDACTED],

I refer to the telephone call of last week between [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] and the e-mail sent on 16 October.

Is it possible to schedule a teams meeting related to above mentioned subject please?

Awaiting your kind feedback.

Best regards
[REDACTED]

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From: [redacted]
Sent: Friday, 16 October 2020 09:46
To: [redacted]@ec.europa.eu;
[redacted]@ec.europa.eu
Cc: [redacted] [redacted]@deme-group.com>
Subject: Raw Materials in international waters

Dear [redacted],
Dear [redacted],

With this email we would like to introduce our DEME-Group (www.deme-group.com), owned by the Belgian investment holding Ackermans & Van Haaren (www.avh.be).

DEME is a world leader in the highly specialized fields of dredging, solutions for the offshore energy market, infra marine and environmental works. With more than 140 years of experience and 5,200 highly skilled professionals, we bring tailor-made solutions, innovation and new technologies to our customer's projects, ensuring that they are performed safely, efficiently and cost-effectively.

Following a continuous strategy towards sustainable solutions, DEME became a member of the **European Clean Hydrogen Alliance** and the **European Raw Materials Alliance** (<https://erma.eu/network/>).

We are currently reaching out to you and Mr. Thierry Breton with respect to this second initiative.

Since 2010, DEME is exploring the possibility of leveraging our dredging expertise towards securing

access to critical raw materials. As a consequence, our 100% subsidiary Global Sea Mineral Resources NV (www.deme-gsr.com), with the support of the Belgian government, acquired a concession through the UN International Seabed Authority in the Pacific Ocean in 2013. This particular part of the ocean floor contains more nickel, cobalt and manganese than all terrestrial reserves combined.

(<https://www.nature.com/articles/s43017-020-0027-0>)

As a result, Belgium became the **fourth EU member State** to do so after France, Poland and Germany.

It is within this context, that we would like to request a meeting with you and possibly Mr. Thierry Breton to further discuss the opportunities that exist given four EU member States that have “extended” their borders into International Waters and what this could mean for the strategic supply for critical raw materials supply.

Yours sincerely,

A large rectangular area of the signature is redacted with a solid grey block.

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