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Enhancing low-carbon mobility

CEO Matti Hietanen, Finnish Minerals Group World Materials Forum, Closing Session: Technologies for Sustainable Mining 6-7 July 2023 – Nancy, France Finnish Minerals Group is a State-owned holding and development company for the mining industry and battery value chain







MISSION

Responsibly maximising the value of Finnish minerals



VISION

We provide materials for climate neutrality



development

Strategic

Large, vertically integrated nickel mine in a top tier European location



Terrafame

- Terrafame, operational since 2015, is an integrated multi-metal company producing nickel, zinc, cobalt and copper products
- The mineral resources at the mine in Sotkamo, Finland amount to almost 4 million t-Ni, indicating a LOM of over 50 years
- In 2021, the company completed the construction of an on-site battery chemicals plant (BCP) in Sotkamo, Finland
- The company is currently in the process of transitioning from nickel intermediate (MSP) production to nickel sulphate production via the BCP ramp-up
- Independent life cycle analysis indicates that Terrafame's nickel sulphate production offers the lowest carbon footprint in the industry
- Finnish Minerals Group is the majority shareholder with a
 67% share, the rest being held by Trafigura and Sampo







RESOURCES Largest nickel ore reserves in Europe – Skilled personnel – Wide partner company network



Terrafame bioleaching in-depth



Heap leaching is a staple technology for gold and copper production. *Typical* heap leaching operation is in dry areas, where it is a challenge to find fresh water, and operated outside the winter period. Also, these processes do not require forced aeration.

- Terrafame mine is the only mine utilizing heap leaching for the recovery of Ni and Zn. The black-schist ore contains in addition Cu, Co, Mn, U, graphite, ...
- Net positive rainfall, all-year-round leaching also during winter conditions when temperature can fall to -40°C This is enabled by the high amount of reactive sulfidic minerals in the ore. Temperature can rise to +30 °C during summer.
- The bioleaching process utilizes *microbes* to extract metals from the ore. *Air* is blown into the heaps, and they are *irrigated* with an acidic production solution. The process relies on *high temperature* generation within the heap. This creates optimal conditions for the *microbial activity* within the heaps.

The climate conditions, water availability and Terrafame ore composition in combination with a high safety and sustainability mindset are key enablers of the unique bioleaching operation in Sotkamo.



Terrafame Ni production has the lowest CO₂ **footprint**

- Analyses show that the nickel produced by Terrafame has the smallest carbon footprint among nickel producers globally
- The small footprint is mainly due to the use of bioleaching
- Whether or not the same approach is applicable elsewhere for Ni mines, is highly dependent on the deposit type and the climate conditions
- Terrafame has joined the UN Global Compact in 2020 initiative and has been involved in the TSM (Towards Sustainable Mining) standard since 2017



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The carbon footprint of the nickel sulphate produced by Terrafame is more than 60% smaller than average!

Cooperation enhances European low-carbon mobility



"Terrafame Ltd and Stellantis N.V. announced today the signing of a **supply agreement for nickel sulphate** to be used in electric vehicle (EV) batteries. Beginning in 2025, Finland-based Terrafame will supply Stellantis with nickel sulphate over the **five-year term** of the agreement." (18.01.2023)



STELLANTIS

"Umicore has signed a long-term agreement with Terrafame Ltd. for the supply of low carbon, sustainable high-grade nickel sulphate. Following the successful completion of the qualification process, **commercial deliveries have already started** with further ramp-up of volumes to take place during 2023." (02.02.2023)

"Fortum and Terrafame have signed an agreement for an experimental project in which **metals recovered from the black mass** of EV batteries by Fortum **will be utilised in Terrafame's battery chemical production**. The collaboration between Fortum and Terrafame will enable an even more sustainable value chain to meet the needs of the European battery manufacturing industry." (14.06.2023)

"Terrafame and Renault Group have signed a multi-year agreement for the supply of low-carbon and **fully traceable nickel sulphate** for electric vehicle (EV) batteries. With the agreement, Renault Group will secure a significant supply of sustainably produced nickel sulphate from Terrafame, **sufficient for more than 200,000 EV's annually**" (02.12.2022)

Renault Group

@fortum

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Traceable production with low carbon footprint

Open pit mining

- Terrafame is the largest Ni mine in Europe.
- Mining of low-grade ore containing Ni, Zn, Co, Cu, and other metals in Kuusilampi (669 Mt) open pit.
- Ore concentration Ni 0,26%, Zn 0,54%, Co 0,02%, Cu 0,15%
- Crushing and agglomeration of ore.
- Stacking of ore to primary and secondary heap leaching areas.
- Mining in the Kolmisoppi deposit (831 Mt) is to be started around 2030.

Bioleaching

- The bioleaching process utilizes microbes to extract metals from the ore. Air is blown into the heaps, and they are irrigated with an acidic production solution.
- The stacked ore is first leached in the primary heap for about 15 months.
- The ore is then reclaimed and conveyed onto a secondary heap for final leaching.
- Bioleaching is an energy efficient production method.

Metals recovery

- Metals are extracted from the recyclable production solution, which is precipitated in stages into nickel-cobalt, zinc and copper sulphides in a metals recovery plant.
- Zinc and copper sulfides are filtered and sold for refining.
- A ready-built uranium recovery plant is located on Terrafame's industrial site. After the ramp-up phase starting 2024, the recovery plant is expected to operate at full capacity by 2026.

Battery chemicals

- The nickel-cobalt sulphide is fed into the battery chemicals plant (BCP). The investment was around 250 M€.
- The nickel-cobalt sulphide is further processed into nickel and cobalt sulphates i.e. battery chemicals.
- The ramp-up of the BCP started in 2021. The hydrometallurgical process stages include pressure oxidation, solvent extraction and crystallization.
- The facility is one of the biggest in the world of its kind.

Ore mined 17,9 Mt Waste rock mined 31,8 Mt Total water consumption* 3,9 Mm3 (raw water ~70 %) Total chemical use* 521 200 t Ni production 31 550 t Maximum capacity of nickel sulphate hexahydrate production 170 000 t (1 million ~EV's)