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### **GÉCAMINES AND THE FORREST GROUP END THEIR DISPUTE OVER THE COMMERCIAL EXPLOITATION OF THE LUBUMBASHI SLAG HEAP**

**Lubumbashi, 2 May 2018** – The commercial companies LA GÉNÉRALE DES CARRIÈRES ET DES MINES SA (**GÉCAMINES**) and GROUPEMENT DU TERRIL DE LUBUMBASHI LTD. (**GTL**), a FORREST GROUP entity, have announced the definitive conclusion of a transactional agreement (the **Agreement**), putting an end to their dispute over the commercial exploitation of the Lubumbashi slag heap.

Under the terms of the Agreement:

1. GTL transfers full ownership of the plant to GÉCAMINES
2. GTL undertakes to repair the plant furnace
3. The FORREST GROUP entities transfer their shares in SOCIÉTÉ CONGOLAISE POUR LE TRAITEMENT DU TERRIL DE LUBUMBASHI SAS to GÉCAMINES
4. GÉCAMINES transfers to GROUPE FORREST its shares in GTL
5. GÉCAMINES pays a compensatory indemnity to GTL

GÉCAMINES and the FORREST GROUP have both welcomed the conclusion of this Agreement.

#### **About GÉCAMINES:**

GÉCAMINES is a commercial enterprise governed by private law and a leading mining sector player in the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

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#### **About GROUPE FORREST:**

THE FORREST GROUP comprises a number of companies owned directly or indirectly by the Forrest family. The group is active in the Electricity, Construction, Public Works, Industry, Mining Services, Trading and Agri-Food sectors.

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