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Re: Ford Requested Correction to HRW and IDI joint report titled, "Aluminum: The Car Industry's Blind Spot - Why Car Companies Should Address the Human Rights Impact of Aluminum Production"

Dear Mr. Wormington and Ms. Bugalski:

The subject line HRW and IDI report states that: "[...] Ford also said that confidentiality considerations with suppliers or between suppliers and sub-suppliers also prevented access to full traceability to the mine level."

Ford's letter to HRW and IDI indicated that Ford cannot disclose supply chain links to the mine level due to confidentiality obligations with suppliers, not that confidentiality prevented access to full traceability. As such, Ford would like to correct the statement that implies Ford is not conducting traceability assessments due to confidentiality considerations with suppliers; Ford cannot publicly disclose its supply chain links.

Thank you for the opportunity to correct the representation of Ford's efforts in the joint report.

Sincerely,

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