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As a key player in the global automotive sector, Groupe Renault works with thousands of companies every day. This means that our suppliers are essential partners and contributors to our responsible purchasing policy.

BUILDING A RESPONSIBLE PROCUREMENT CHAIN WITH OUR SUPPLIERS

MAKING PROGRESS TOGETHER

In our efforts to make progress together, we support our suppliers in 4 areas that we believe are of vital importance:

- 1 - Human rights and working conditions
- 2 - Regulatory and ethical compliance
- 3 - The environment
- 4 - The implementation throughout the entire supply chain

Regular assessments are conducted by external bodies. Where our partners have not achieved the expected level, we require them to implement action plans to ensure that they adhere to our guiding principles.

Upstream of the supply chain, with reference to raw minerals, we are making daily changes to our risk prevention policy in respect of basic social rights. These risks are specific to this domain, and are based on OECD guidelines. This is all informed by a single goal to play a part in building responsible supply chains. Every year since 2018, in the interests of transparency, Renault has been sharing/revealing its cobalt supply chain.

PILLARS OF OUR RESPONSIBLE PURCHASING POLICY

Groupe Renault's responsible purchasing policy is based on principles shared by all actors in the supply chain. Our four pillars are:

WHAT WE DO



PRODUCTION OF MAPPING



SUPPLIER CSR ASSESSMENT



FOLLOW-UP OF CORRECTIVE ACTION PLANS



INVOLVEMENT IN COLLECTIVE INITIATIVES

OUR 2019 ASSESSMENT

Since 2018, Groupe Renault has been conducting audits on certain suppliers, using independent external audit firms. These audits cover basic social rights, working conditions, the environment, business practices, etc., and their aim is to assess risks and prevent any serious breaches in these areas throughout its supply chain.

At all of the 82 supplier sites audited since 2018, top priority in the assessment was given to basic social rights and working conditions.

- Nearly 50% of identified non-conformities related to working conditions,
- others were environmental issues (32%),
- basic social rights (13%) and business practices (5%).

Starting in 2019, Groupe Renault has implemented a system for tracking corrective action plans being followed by the lowest-ranking suppliers, with mandatory re-auditing required.

SPECIFICS WORK ON COBALT / ELECTRONICS BATTERIES SECTOR

As a result of its commitment to basic social rights, and in particular to the fight against child labour in its minerals and materials supply chains from high-risk countries, Groupe Renault has since 2017 been focusing its efforts on cobalt – a mineral used in electric batteries.

An audit firm specialising in this sector was mandated to conduct comprehensive mapping of its supply chain and also on-site audits of identified actors. So far, 17 audits have been conducted at each level of the supply chain, leading back as far as a number of small-scale mines in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC). No critical non-conformities have yet been identified, and tracking of corrective action plans is underway.

RENAULT COBALT_SUPPLY_CHAIN_MAPPING

“RESPONSIBLE PURCHASING” AWARDS

Groupe Renault has been holding an annual awards programme since 2017. These awards recognise particularly high-performing suppliers in five priority areas for Renault, including Responsible Purchasing. In 2019, prizes went to two suppliers: APEX JSC (Russia) and ERMETAL OTOMOTIV (Turkey) for their excellent extra-financial performance

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