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PRESS RELEASE

Statement from Eramet Grande Côte regarding the controlled fire on February 22 at its mineral sands extraction unit

This Sunday, February 22, around 2:00 PM, a fire broke out at the WCP (Wet Concentration Plant), the extraction plant at our Diogo mining site.

This plant, located on a floating barge, was immediately evacuated, and a safety perimeter was established. No casualties have been reported.

The territorial and administrative authorities were promptly informed of the fire. Thanks to the swift and coordinated intervention of our internal response teams (ERT – Emergency Response Team), supported by firefighters from the Kébémér, Guéoul, Louga, and Saint-Louis fire stations, the fire has now been extinguished.

The intervention teams remain fully mobilized to cool down the site's installations.

A dedicated information system has been set up to inform all neighboring communities about the situation and ensure regular communication.

The safety of employees, subcontractors, and surrounding communities remains the top priority.

Investigations will be conducted in the coming hours to understand the causes of this fire and assess its impact on the site's operations.

Eramet Grande Côte remains fully committed to managing this situation responsibly and transparently and will provide further updates as soon as additional information becomes available.

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Eramet transforms the Earth's mineral resources to provide sustainable and responsible solutions for industrial growth and the challenges of energy transition.

Its employees are committed to this mission through their civic and contributive approach in all the countries where the mining and metallurgical group operates. Manganese, nickel, mineral sands, and lithium: Eramet enhances and develops the metals essential for building a more sustainable world.

A privileged partner of its industrial clients, the Group contributes to making infrastructures and constructions robust and resilient, mobility solutions more efficient, healthcare tools safer, and telecommunications devices more effective.

Fully committed to the era of metals, Eramet aims to become a benchmark for the responsible transformation of Earth's mineral resources, for collective well-being.

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