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In Case You Missed It: **Business News from the Field**

New Strategy to Boost Western Australian Battery Industry

Perth, Australia: Western Australian Premier Mark McGowan announced the launch of the Future Battery Industry Strategy. As Australia's mineral reserves cover about ninety percent of the elements required in lithium-ion battery production, McGowan hopes the strategy "will drive the development of the Western Australian battery materials industry." The strategy includes plans for the government to continue to facilitate the establishment of new future battery projects in Western Australia.

Terrestrial Energy Engages NRG for Nuclear Materials Testing

Oakville, Ontario, Canada: Terrestrial Energy, a developer of Generation-IV advanced nuclear power plants, has entered into an agreement with NRG to test materials at NRG's High-Flux Reactor at Petten. The materials to be tested include graphites that will be utilized in key components of Terrestrial Energy's Integral Molten Salt Reactor power plant. NRG

will also provide technical services such as advising on test design and preparation as well as performing in-process and post-irradiation examinations and evaluations of the test materials.

Rio Tinto's BC Works Smelter Receives ASI Certification

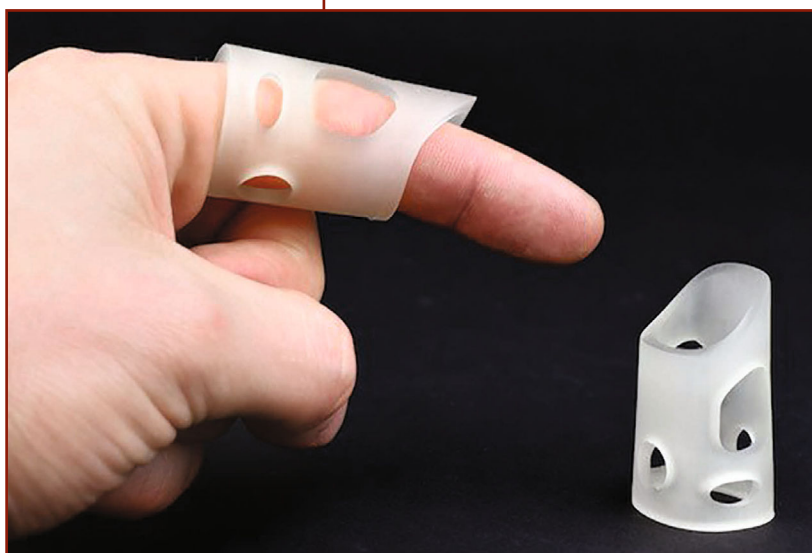
Kemano, British Columbia, Canada: Multinational metal and mining corporation Rio Tinto's BC Works aluminum smelter and Kemano power operations have been certified by the Aluminium Stewardship Initiative (ASI). The certification of this site means that all of Rio Tinto's aluminum operations in Canada are now ASI certified. Additionally, this makes Rio Tinto the only company that sells ASI certified aluminum through the chain of custody, from bauxite mines in Australia to its alumina refinery, aluminum smelters, and casthouses in Québec and British Columbia.

GFG Alliance Inaugurates Europe's Largest Smelter

Dunkirk, France: International business group GFG Alliance has inaugurated Europe's largest smelter, Liberty Aluminium Dunkerque. The site, which currently produces 285,000 tonnes of primary aluminum annually, aims to provide materials and components for French industry, namely the automotive sector. GFG acquired the facility from Rio Tinto in December 2018.

Newmont Appoints New Chief Operating Officer

Greenwood Village, Colorado, USA: American gold mining company Newmont announced that Rob Atkinson, currently Rio Tinto's head of productivity and technical support, has been appointed executive vice president and chief operating officer and will start with Newmont in June 2019. Atkinson will succeed Tom Palmer, who will be taking over as president and chief executive officer when Gary Goldberg retires. Atkinson has held various roles in the mining industry, leading operations and business improvement efforts in Australia, the United Kingdom, and the United States.



San Francisco, California, USA: Modular additive manufacturing hardware vendor Origin announced that Henkel will join their Open Material Network, which intends to provide manufacturing customers with flexibility. Henkel and Origin will work together to co-develop materials for their programmable photopolymerization technology. Proposed applications for the materials under development include surgery tools, pre-surgical models, and hearing aids. The finger splint pictured above, for example, was printed using medical-grade silicone. (Photo courtesy of Origin.)