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ARTISANAL MINERS DIRECTED TO HALT OPERATIONS IN ELECTROCHEM'S CONCESSION

Ada, Ghana – At a collaborative stakeholder engagement held on Wednesday, November 22, 2023, at the Ada West District Assembly, accompanied by a field tour, illegal miners, locally known as Atsiakpo, were instructed to cease interference with Electrochem's operations in the Ada Songor Salt Concession.

Present at the engagement were key stakeholders, including the National Security, the Regional Security Council, the District Security Council, the Ada Traditional Council, representatives from Electrochem Ghana Limited), Damgbe East Salt Producers Association (DESPA), the Ghana Police Service, Ada Youth Members, Management of the Ada West District Assembly, and Ada Songor Lagoon Association (ASLA).

All illegal miners (Atsiakpo) have been given strict and firm directives to only confine their operational activities to the community pans, an area constructed and designated by Electrochem for the communities within its concession.

Consequently, illegal miners (Atsiakpo) around Bornikope, Toflokpo, Salom, Kablevu, Alorngorkpor, Star Chemical, and all environs within the concession are hereby notified to remove their tarpaulins and other equipment by the close of day on **Friday, November 24th, 2023**, to allow Electrochem to continue with its planned operational activities.

Electrochem reaffirms its commitment to ongoing engagements, to ensure that all the needs of stakeholders, with a focus on mutual benefits are met, to foster peaceful coexistence and promote the overall development of the Ada Traditional Area and Ghana as a whole.

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About Electrochem Ghana Limited

Electrochem is a subsidiary of the McDan Group of Companies and the largest salt and chlorine alkali manufacturing firm in West Africa. We hold a concession spanning 41,000 acres at Ada Songor. We were granted a fifteen-year mining lease to produce salt in the Ada Songor area and launched our operations in November 2020. Our mission is to produce two million (2,000,000) metric tons of salt annually to supply both local and international markets.

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