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Warning: Case of Fraud in Poland

Presumable perpetrator: "Pavel Masný"

Under e-mail address: "p.masny@.....-trade.cz

Dear Sir or Madam

On behalf of the international ECOBAT Group and its German subsidiaries of the BERZE-LIUS Group, we would like to draw your attention to the fact that Berzelius Metall GmbH has become a victim of fraud in the sale of lead a few weeks ago. We hereby ask for your support.

A person, acting under the name "Pavel Masný" and pretending to act in the name of a well-known Czech company and concluded a business for a total of approx. 44 metric tons of lead. The lead, quality 99,97 DIN, was delivered by a Polish logistic agency to a Polish warehouse in Kowary. From there the lead was again collected under a false name. Only after the lead had been removed it became obvious that the person who ordered and collected the lead did not work for the Czech company, that the letterhead of the order was forged and that there is no such person as "Pavel Masný".

The delivered lead-ingots are engraved with the letter "F". A picture and a technical description of a bar have been added to this letter.

We have reported this fraud to the police authorities in Germany, Poland and the Czech Republic. The investigation has already begun.

Should ingots of this form and with this quality marking be offered to you, we kindly ask you to inform us as well as the police immediately. We hereby are grateful for any further information on this matter.

Thank you very much for your support!

Best Regards on behalf of ECOBAT and BERZELIUS Group

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