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METLEN’s Chairman & CEO Evangelos Mytilineos re-elected as President of Eurometaux

Brussels, 23 October 2024: Evangelos Mytilineos, Chairman & CEO of METLEN Energy & Metals, has been re-elected as President of Eurometaux, Europe’s Association for the Non-Ferrous Metals industry, at its General Assembly. His leadership, renewed for a second two-year term, comes at a crucial moment for the European metals sector, confronting both unprecedented challenges and significant opportunities.

Guy Thiran, Eurometaux’s Director General, commented: “*Eurometaux is keen to continue to work under Mr. Mytilineos guidance during a pivotal period, where the essential role of metals in advancing Europe’s green and digital transitions has never been clearer. Under his stewardship, Eurometaux has emerged as a critical voice in shaping the EU’s industrial future, securing a place at the heart of the EU’s policy agenda, marked by both significant opportunities and formidable challenges*”.

During his first term, Mr. Mytilineos oversaw Eurometaux’s active participation in shaping the Critical Raw Materials Act, an effort that underscored the vital role of metals in Europe’s strategic autonomy. Moving forward, the association will prioritize the implementation of this Act, ensuring Europe’s metals industry can meet the growing demand for raw materials essential to clean energy technologies.

Evangelos Mytilineos, Chairman & CEO of METLEN, commented: “*It is an honor to continue serving as President of Eurometaux. The past two years have seen our industry confront extraordinary challenges, from surging energy prices to supply chain disruptions. Yet, we have also made great strides, most notably with the adoption of the EU’s Critical Raw Materials Act, which sets ambitious targets for Europe’s extraction, processing, and recycling capabilities. We have also succeeded in bringing industrial competitiveness to the top of the EU’s political agenda. Metals are the lifeblood of Europe’s future industrial strategy—central to driving the green and digital transitions. As we look ahead, we call upon our policymakers to match our ambition with decisive action, ensuring that Europe’s metals producers can thrive in a competitive and sustainable environment.*”

Over the next two years, the association prioritized working with policymakers in both Brussels and in the Member States to design and implement the upcoming Clean Industrial Deal. A key priority will be to support the implementation of the Critical Raw Materials Act in order to ensure that the targets foreseen therein are met. First and foremost, this means securing a globally competitive supply of energy for our industry, and Eurometaux is already engaging with policymakers with concrete proposals that would achieve this. Other top priorities include the reform of Europe’s chemicals legislation (REACH), the EU’s Emissions Trading System and the Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism, the implementation of the EU’s new due diligence policies, and the sustainable products framework.

About Eurometaux: Eurometaux is a trade association representing the collective European non-ferrous metals industry, including miners, smelters, refiners, fabricators and recyclers of the base metals, precious metals, and minor metals needed for the twin transition. In total the industry employs directly 500,000 people and indirectly more than 3 million across over 900 production facilities, with an annual turnover of €120bn.

