



## LCM HUMAN RIGHTS POLICY

Less Common Metals Ltd is a world leader in the manufacture and supply of metals and complex alloy systems; specialising in those based on rare earth metals. In conducting our business LCM recognises the need to ensure that it is conducted in an ethical and responsible manner, and in a manner that does not threaten the basic human rights of others.

LCM is committed to respecting and protecting fundamental human rights in accordance with the United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights, and the ten principles set out in the United Nations Global Compact. Through the following policy commitments, the company seeks to avoid any complicity in human rights abuses:

- Operate legally and ethically in all countries in which we conduct business
- To expect our suppliers to uphold LCM's commitment to human rights and ensure that there is no occurrence of slavery, forced labour or human trafficking anywhere within the supply chain.
- We will incorporate this policy into our standard Terms and Conditions of trade and communicate this policy to all suppliers
- Ensure an equitable work environment without arbitrary discrimination
- Perform due diligence across the supply chain in order to assess the risks associated with slavery, trafficking and exploitation, in order to avoid complicity in these
- Identify and document the origin of raw materials at highest risk and communicate this information to customers in line with their requirements
- Raise awareness within the company of this policy and the need to integrate it within relevant business processes

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## APPENDIX I - HUMAN RIGHTS: GUIDING PRINCIPLES

### UN GLOBAL COMPACT – 10 PRINCIPLES

#### *Human Rights*

1. Businesses should support and respect the protection of internationally proclaimed human rights; and
2. Make sure that they are not complicit in human rights abuses.

#### *Labour*

3. Businesses should uphold the freedom of association and the effective recognition of the right to collective bargaining;
4. The elimination of all forms of forced and compulsory labour;
5. The effective abolition of child labour; and
6. The elimination of discrimination in respect of employment and occupation.

#### *Environment*

7. Businesses should support a precautionary approach to environmental challenges;
8. Undertake initiatives to promote greater environmental responsibility; and
9. Encourage the development and diffusion of environmentally friendly technologies.

#### *Anti-Corruption*

Businesses should work against corruption in all its forms, including extortion and bribery.

### UN UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS

#### **A summary of the 30 articles of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights**

**Article 1:** We are all born free. We all have our own thoughts and ideas and we should all be treated the same way.

**Article 2:** The rights in the UDHR belong to everyone, no matter who we are, where we're from, or whatever we believe.

**Article 3:** We all have the right to life, and to live in freedom and safety.

**Article 4:** No one should be held as a slave, and no one has the right to treat anyone else as their slave.

**Article 5:** No one has the right to inflict torture, or to subject anyone else to cruel or inhuman treatment.

**Article 6:** We should all have the same level of legal protection whoever we are, and wherever in the world we are.

**Article 7:** The law is the same for everyone, and must treat us all equally.

**Article 8:** We should all have the right to legal support if we are treated unfairly.

**Article 9:** Nobody should be arrested, put in prison, or sent away from our country unless there is good reason to do so.

**Article 10:** Everyone accused of a crime has the right to a fair and public trial, and those that try us should be independent and not influenced by others.

**Article 11:** Everyone accused of a crime has the right to be considered innocent until they have fairly been proven to be guilty.

**Article 12:** Nobody has the right to enter our home, open our mail, or intrude on our families without good reason. We also have the right to be protected if someone tries to unfairly damage our reputation.

**Article 13:** We all have the right to move freely within our country, and to visit and leave other countries when we wish.

**Article 14:** If we are at risk of harm we have the right to go to another country to seek protection.

**Article 15:** We all have the right to be a citizen of a country and nobody should prevent us, without good reason, from being a citizen of another country if we wish.

**Article 16:** We should have the right to marry and have a family as soon as we're legally old enough. Our ethnicity, nationality and religion should not stop us from being able to do this. Men and women have the same rights when they are married and also when they're separated. We should never be forced to marry. The government has a responsibility to protect us and our family.

**Article 17:** Everyone has the right to own property, and no one has the right to take this away from us without a fair reason.

**Article 18:** Everyone has the freedom to think or believe what they want, including the right to religious belief. We have the right to change our beliefs or religion at any time, and the right to publicly or privately practise our chosen religion, alone or with others.

**Article 19:** Everyone has the right to their own opinions, and to be able to express them freely. We should have the right to share our ideas with who we want, and in whichever way we choose.

**Article 20:** We should all have the right to form groups and organise peaceful meetings. Nobody should be forced to belong to a group if they don't want to.

**Article 21:** We all have the right to take part in our country's political affairs either by freely choosing politicians to represent us, or by belonging to the government ourselves. Governments should be voted for by the public on a regular basis, and every person's individual vote should be secret. Every individual vote should be worth the same.

**Article 22:** The society we live in should help every person develop to their best ability through access to work, involvement in cultural activity, and the right to social welfare. Every person in society should have the freedom to develop their personality with the support of the resources available in that country.

**Article 23:** We all have the right to employment, to be free to choose our work, and to be paid a fair salary that allows us to live and support our family. Everyone who does the same work should have the right to equal pay, without discrimination. We have the right to come together and form trade union groups to defend our interests as workers.

**Article 24:** Everyone has the right to rest and leisure time. There should be limits on working hours, and people should be able to take holidays with pay.

**Article 25:** We all have the right to enough food, clothing, housing and healthcare for ourselves and our families. We should have access to support if we are out of work, ill, elderly, disabled, widowed, or can't earn a living for reasons outside of our control. An expectant mother and her baby should both receive extra care and support. All children should have the same rights when they are born.

**Article 26:** Everyone has the right to education. Primary schooling should be free. We should all be able to continue our studies as far as we wish. At school we should be helped to develop our talents, and be taught an understanding and respect for everyone's human rights. We should also be taught to get on with others whatever their ethnicity, religion, or country they come from. Our parents have the right to choose what kind of school we go to.

**Article 27:** We all have the right to get involved in our community's arts, music, literature and sciences, and the benefits they bring. If we are an artist, a musician, a writer or a scientist, our works should be protected and we should be able to benefit from them.



**Article 28:** We all have the right to live in a peaceful and orderly society so that these rights and freedoms can be protected, and these rights can be enjoyed in all other countries around the world.

**Article 29:** We have duties to the community we live in that should allow us to develop as fully as possible. The law should guarantee human rights and should allow everyone to enjoy the same mutual respect.

**Article 30:** No government, group or individual should act in a way that would destroy the rights and freedoms of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.