



International Manganese Institute

# IMnI 48th Annual Conference

## June 3-6, 2024

### Middle East: a future growth driver for the Manganese sector?

#### Conference program

| Monday, June 3 |       |                                    |  |
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| 15:00          | 16:30 | IMnI Statistics Committee meeting  | in Qurayyat A&B (only for IMnI Statistics Committee Members) |
| 18:00          | 20:00 | Welcome Cocktail in Qantab & Qurum | Sponsored by Ore & Metal International                       |
| 20:00          | 22:00 | IMnI Supervisory Board dinner      | only for IMnI Supervisory Board Members                      |

| Tuesday, June 4 |       |                     |  |
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|                 |       |                     | Majan Ballroom   |
| 09:00           | 09:10 | Conference opening  | Branislav Kloccock, IMnI Vice-Chairman & OFZ Managing Director |
| 09:10           | 09:15 | Anti-trust reminder | Branislav Kloccock, IMnI Vice-Chairman & OFZ Managing Director |

| Session 1: Macro-economy & steel |       |  |  |
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|                                  |       |  | Meeting room: Majan Ballroom   |
| 09:20                            | 09:50 | Prospects for the Middle East economies            | William Husband, Managing Director, Global Head Metals & Mining - Citibank |
| 09:50                            | 10:20 | Recent steel industry dynamics and decarbonization | Steven Vercammen, Senior Expert - BMI, McKinsey & Company                  |
| 10:20                            | 10:45 | Steel production in Oman                           | Prakash Chaudhari, COO, Jindal Shaded Iron and Steel LLC                   |
| 10:45                            | 11:15 | Networking break in the Ballroom Foyer             | Sponsored by Autlan  |

| Session 2: Electric vehicle batteries: a game-changer for the Manganese industry? |       |  |  |
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|   |       |  | Meeting room: Majan Ballroom                           |
| 11:15   | 11:40 | China's strategy to supply Manganese to batteries            | Michael Li, Vice-President, South Manganese Group Ltd. |
| 11:40   | 12:05 | Will batteries be a game-changer for the Manganese industry? | Vincent Braet, Purchase Manager Manganese, Umicore     |
| 12:05   | 12:30 | Outlook for cathode trends and impact on manganese           | Jack Bedder, Founder & Director, Project Blue          |
| 12:30   | 14:00 | Networking lunch in Qantab & Qurum                           | Sponsored by South32                                   |

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| 17:30 | 18:30 | Networking activity in Qantab & Qurum | Sponsored by OM Holdings         |
| 18:30 | 21:45 | Banquet dinner - Majan Ballroom       | Sponsored by Ore & Metal Company |

| Wednesday, June 5   |       |   |  |
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| Session 3: Manganese supply & demand, cost dynamics and trade |       |   |  |
|   |       |   | Meeting room: Majan Ballroom   |
| 09:00   | 09:25 | China's Manganese market overview: what to expect?                | Zhou Jian, CEO of Shanghai Fengri International Trading Co. Ltd.                                       |
| 09:25   | 09:50 | Mining Manganese responsibly: market challenges and opportunities | Arnaud Vigier, Manganese ore Sales Director, Eramet  |
| 09:50   | 10:15 | What to expect in the Manganese alloy market?                     | Kevin Fowkes, Research Director, Steel Alloy Markets, Wood Mackenzie                                   |
| 10:15   | 10:45 | Panel discussion on Manganese                                     | Arnaud Vigier (Eramet), Kevin Fowkes (Wood Mackenzie), Zhou Jian (Fengri Trading), Jenson Ong (Platts) |
| 10:45   | 11:15 | Networking break in the Ballroom Foyer                            | Sponsored by Tshipi é Ntle Manganese Mining (Pty) Ltd  |

| Session 4: Manganese sustainability, environmental and social opportunities |       |   |   |
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|   |       |   | Meeting room: Majan Ballroom  |
| 11:15   | 11:40 | The Mn Industry and CBAM: how to comply?  | Nadia Vinck, Director EHS, Energy & Climate, Euroalliances aisbl              |
| 11:40   | 12:05 | Deep-sea Manganese extraction: a game-changer?  | Kris De Bruyne, Project Manager, Global Sea Mineral Resources (GSR)           |
| 12:05   | 12:25 | Regulatory effects on profitability – The THING around our necks                                      | Dr. Doreen McGough, Executive Director, Manganese REACH Administration (MARA) |
| 12:25   | 12:30 | Conference wrap-up: Paul Desportes, Senior Vice-President Commercial, Eramet & incoming IMnI Chairman |   |
| 12:30   | 14:00 | Networking lunch in Qantab & Qurum  | Sponsored by Maringá Ferro Ligas  |