Dear Colleagues,

The European Technology Platform on Sustainable Mineral Resources (ETP SMR), established in 2005 and officially recognised by the Commission in September 2008, unites many stakeholders from the raw materials extractive and recycling industry, the research community, regulators, consumers and civil society to reach a smart, sustainable and inclusive European economy whilst maintaining competitiveness on the global market.

Due to the difficulties that Europe is facing in maintaining the necessary supply of mineral resources and the growing efforts to address this issue, the European Technology Platform on Sustainable Mineral Resources has decided to organise a stakeholder forum entitled:

“From harsh environment to high tech solutions”

The purpose of the event is to deepen the dialogue on necessary actions to secure European raw materials supply. The focus for this event however, is on showcasing how successful research projects involving members of the ETP SMR have already developed innovative tools that are beginning to make a difference to the industry, and the ongoing research that hopes to provide breakthrough solutions in the coming months and years. The Stakeholder Forum will also enhance preparations for collaboration in light of upcoming research programmes and other EU initiatives (Horizon 2020, European Innovation Partnership on Raw Materials, ERA-MIN).

The European Technology Platform on Sustainable Mineral Resources, in co-operation with EuroGeoSurveys, Euromines, Eurometaux, ERA-MIN and the i³Mine project, are pleased to invite you to attend the Stakeholder Forum on the 5th of September 2012 from 9:30 to 17:00 in Brussels at the Académie Royale des Sciences, des Lettres et des Beaux-Arts de Belgique, Rue Ducale 1 (www.academieroyale.be).

You are kindly asked to confirm your participation by replying at the address:

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We look forward to meeting you at the Forum!

Best regards,

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