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ORGANISATION OF 1ST COPERNICUS THEMATIC WORKSHOP WITH PRIVATE SECTOR REPRESENTATIVES ON THE TOPIC OF:

RAW MATERIALS / THE EXTRACTIVE INDUSTRIES

1. INTRODUCTION

Copernicus is a user-driven programme with an important impact on different societal areas involving diverse communities of users. In compliance with the Copernicus Regulation¹, various channels have been set up to facilitate the exchange of information with the different user communities among which the Copernicus User Forum plays a key role.

The Copernicus User Forum has been set up to actively seek users' input through regular consultation with end-users from the public and private sectors, in particular to assist the Copernicus Committee with user requirements aspects, service compliance and the co-ordination of public sector users.

Following the discussion on the 'Future of the User Forum' held during the 7th meeting of the working group, Members agreed on the need to strengthen interactions with the private sector.

The Commission has therefore suggested the organisation of thematic workshops back-to-back with meetings of the Copernicus User Forum.

2. ORGANISATION OF THE 1ST COPERNICUS THEMATIC WORKSHOP ON RAW MATERIALS

The overall objective of the workshop will be to advise the User Forum and the Copernicus Committee on the best ways to support uptake from private intermediate and end users, as well as identify potential research and development needs.

Extractive industry users are particularly interested in satellite images. Copernicus can therefore provide a significant added value to this sector. Several tasks within the mining lifecycle can be supported by methods using remote sensing components (and earth observation data in particular).

Copernicus provides free, full and open access to data and information, with specific products that can be derived by both satellite and in-situ data.

The workshop will be an opportunity to learn how Copernicus can contribute to industry, as well as to discover what the industry needs are. The aim in the long term will be to build a community at the EU level for product & service developers and users.

¹ Regulation (EU) n°377/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 3 April 2014 establishing the Copernicus Programme