



Press release

SEFE and EMME sign long-term partnership to strengthen Europe's critical metals supply chain

- **10-year exclusive offtake agreement for high-purity nickel**
- **Production expected from 2028 onwards**
- **Partnership linking refining capacity with logistics, financing and industrial demand**

[Berlin, Germany; Bordeaux, France; 18 June 2026] – SEFE Securing Energy for Europe and EMME Electro Mobility Materials Europe, a French refinery company, today announced the signing of a long-term strategic partnership and offtake agreement for high-purity nickel produced at EMME's refinery in Bordeaux, France.

With this cooperation, SEFE significantly expands its physical portfolio of energy transition metals. Under the ten-year agreement, SEFE has exclusive offtake rights over EMME's entire output of high-purity nickel metal from the start of production, expected in 2028. The agreement also includes early-stage financial support from SEFE to enable the construction of EMME's refinery and establishes a long-term partnership to connect EMME's refining capacity with industrial demand across Germany and Europe.

The Bordeaux refinery will be the first facility of its kind in the European Union, converting nickel and cobalt intermediates into battery-grade sulphates and high-purity nickel metal for strategic industries, including batteries, aerospace, defence and advanced manufacturing. The project has been designated a "Projet d'Intérêt National Majeur" (Project of Major National Interest) by the French Government and contributes directly to Europe's ambition to strengthen domestic processing capacity under the EU Critical Raw Materials Act.

Frédéric Barnaud, SEFE CCO, said: "Securing reliable supplies of critical metals is becoming as important as securing energy. Europe must not only develop refining capacity but also create resilient routes from production to industrial consumption. Through this partnership with EMME, we are helping to establish one of Europe's first large-scale domestic nickel refining hubs while creating a secure supply channel for European manufacturers."

Antonin Beurrier, EMME Chairman and CEO, said: "This partnership provides a long-term commercial foundation for metals refinery while reinforcing the connection between European refining capacity and European industrial demand. Together, we are demonstrating how industrial champions can collaborate to build robust and competitive value chains for critical raw materials in Europe."



About SEFE

SEFE is an international energy company anchored in Europe, delivering energy solutions that ensure reliable and affordable supply. Our activities span the entire energy value chain – from origination and trading to sales, transport and storage. With decades of trading expertise and a growing LNG portfolio, SEFE is one of Europe’s leading suppliers to industrial customers, providing more than 200 TWh of gas and power each year. We supply over 50,000 clients, from small businesses to municipalities and multinational organisations. By investing in clean energies, we support our customers on their decarbonisation journey and contribute to the energy transition. SEFE employs over 2,000 people worldwide and is owned by the Federal Government of Germany.

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About EMME

Electro Mobility Materials Europe SAS is developing a high-purity nickel and cobalt refinery in Bordeaux, France. The facility will produce battery-grade nickel and cobalt sulphates and high-purity nickel metal for European industry. The project holds “Projet d’Intérêt National Majeur” designation and is supported by the French State through the “France 2030” programme.