

# DUE DILIGENCE ASSESSMENT REPORT

Auditee Name	The Cobalt Refinery Company Inc (COREFCO)
Facility Address	114 St, Fort Saskatchewan, Alberta, Canada
Assessment Date(s)	09/14/2020 – 20/04//2021
Assessment Type	Initial assessment
Assessed Material	Cobalt
Sourcing from High-Risk Supply Chains	No
Conformance Validity	This audit is valid for 1 year

## I.ASSESSMENT SCOPE

Assessment Period	09/14/2019 – 09/14/2020
Assessment Company	TDi Sustainability

## II.ASSESSMENT OBJECTIVES

The objective of the assessment was to assess COBALT REFINERY COMPANY (COREFCO), a joint venture refinery of Sherritt, against the following standards:

- The Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) **Due Diligence Guidance for Responsible Supply Chains of Minerals from Conflict-Affected and High-Risk Areas;**
- The China Chamber of Commerce of Metals, Minerals & Chemicals Importers & Exporters (CCCMC), the Responsible Cobalt Initiative (RCI) and the Responsible Minerals Initiative (RMI) **Pilot Cobalt Refiner Due Diligence Standard.**

## III.ASSESSMENT METHODOLOGY

The assessment consisted of:

- a desk-based review of objective evidence, and
- management and employee interviews,

demonstrating that the COREFCO's due diligence management system conforms, in all material aspects, to the requirements of the selected Standards.

Due to Covid travel restrictions, the auditors did not conduct an onsite visit. However the audit team visited the site in February 2018 and conducted the site assessment against the Risk Readiness Assessment.

## IV.CONCLUSION

### Assessment Results:



The auditor identified material non-conformance(s) between the auditee's systems, processes and practices and the requirements of the Pilot Cobalt Refiner Due Diligence Standard and the OECD Due Diligence Guidance for Responsible Supply Chains of Minerals from Conflict-Affected and High-Risk Areas.

Material non-conformance(s) relate to:



Step 1: Establish strong company management systems



Step 2: Identify and assess risks in the supply chain



Step 3: Design and implement a strategy to respond to identified risks



Step 5: Report annually on supply chain due diligence



Zero tolerance findings

### Auditor Statements:



The information provided by the auditee is true and accurate to the best knowledge of the Auditor(s) preparing the report.



The findings are based on verified objective evidence relevant to the time period for the assessment.



The Auditor(s) have acted in a manner deemed ethical, truthful, accurate, professional, independent and objective.



The Auditor(s) are properly qualified to carry out the assessment.

There were no limitations to this audit.



*Audit limitations were presented by the travelling restrictions associated with the Covid-19 pandemic. For this reason, the assessment conducted was desk-based.*