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Dear Readers,

**We welcome you to the Spring edition
2023 of the BeST Quarterly Newsletter!**

In this edition, we will share with you information on the EU 2023 Critical Raw Materials List, the upcoming BeST Annual General Meeting in May and our joint effort with the CRM Alliance on the CRM Act.

In addition, we will share with you the recent updates on our website as well as the most recent news on critical raw materials and Beryllium. Finally, we will provide you information on our latest Easy Guide Blast.

Kind Regards,

Mrs Angélique Renier, Secretary General of BeST

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Beryllium remains critical for the EU

On 16 March 2023, the European Commission published its milestone regulation on Critical raw Materials. The Regulation aims to propose a comprehensive set of actions to ensure secure and sustainable supply of critical raw materials.

The Regulation also includes the EU's 2023 Critical raw Materials List which, once again, features beryllium, confirming our material's criticality for the EU.

Beryllium has been listed as a critical raw material to the EU since the introduction of the list in 2011.

The 2023 EU list now contains 34 materials, and includes Boron, Feldspar, Helium and Manganese as new critical materials compared to the 2020 version.

The criticality of beryllium is once again confirmed due to the unmatched properties of the material which make it a "MUST HAVE" for several sectors, including aerospace, defence, transport, energy, electronics, etc.

Among its numerous uses, beryllium is used as an alloying element (2% maximum) to improve the conductivity and resistance of copper. Indeed, copper-beryllium alloys (Cu-Be) offer the best performance, in terms of reliability and durability, and are therefore used, for example, in connectors. For this reason, Cu-Be alloys are essential in industrial facilities as well as for the transition to electric transportation.

Indeed, to meet upcoming EU's decarbonisation objectives as well as defence needs, securing the supply of beryllium will remain critical for number of sectors.

BeST members will gather in Europe for the Annual General Meeting in May

BeST is preparing for the Annual General Meeting in Europe this May. Members from around the world will convene to discuss the latest developments and advancements in the field of beryllium science and technology.

The Annual General Meeting will be an important opportunity to network, exchange ideas, and stay up-to-date on the latest industry trends.



Explore BeST position papers on key industry issues

We are proud to announce the launch of our new section dedicated to position papers on our website. This section includes all of BeST's statements on the most relevant regulatory proposals from 2020 to today.

Our team of experts has worked hard to provide well-researched and informative content that can help you stay informed about the latest developments in the EU impacting the beryllium industry.

[Check out the new section here.](#)

Kazakhstan to provide CRMs to the EU

On 7 November, Commission President Ursula von der Leyen signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Prime Minister of Kazakhstan, Alikhan Smailov, establishing a strategic partnership between the two parties.

The deal was signed in the context of the COP27 and ensures the development of a secure and sustainable supply of raw and manufactured materials.

According to its political representatives, the resource-rich country will soon be able to offer all the critical raw materials (CRMs) the bloc needs. Beryllium is one of the CRMs that are currently supplied to the EU.



Easy Guide Blast released last month

Easy Guides are a new communication tool developed by BeST at the end of 2021 and dedicated to each of the 12 Guides developed in the frame of the Be Responsible VPSP.

The sixth edition was published earlier this year and was dedicated to Stamping Operations.

Check out our previous Easy Guide Blast editions [here](#).



Stay in Touch

The BeST website keeps you informed with a 'Latest News' section, where readers can follow the latest news and features on beryllium.

The news section complements the wealth of information already on the site, on issues such as environment, health, and safety.

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