

CATL's Commitment to Responsible Supply Chain

CATL is committed to building and maintaining a responsible supply chain. CATL opposes and prohibits any forms of forced labor in the operations of CATL and our suppliers. CATL actively works to create an open and transparent purchasing environment.

Any suggestion that CATL has used forced labor, or has any connection to forced labor, is absolutely false. We have policies in place to ensure responsible sourcing and compliance with industry and global standards, such as responsible and sustainable supply chain management and due diligence policies. CATL also has deployed audit toolkit "CREDIT" to evaluate the sustainability performance of enterprises across the battery supply chain, and is a member of the United Nations Global Compact to promote global energy transition and green development.

Further, any suggestion that CATL improperly sourced material from Xinjiang Zhicun New Energy Materials Co., Ltd. is equally false. CATL has absolutely no supply relationship with Xinjiang Zhicun, and never owned any interest in nor exercised control in its operations, nor does it have any continuing relationship with Xinjiang Zhicun. We are not purchasing any products from its parent company, Jiangxi Zhicun, but we do engage another subsidiary of Jiangxi Zhicun, Jiangxi Jinhui, to process our lepidolite material at their facilities in Jiangxi Province.

Based on our investigation and fact-checking, Xinjiang Zhicun has never engaged in any forced labor activities. Actually, Xinjiang Zhicun was still constructing its production lines until July 2023 and had not yet supplied any products to anyone.

Given these facts, there is absolutely no possibility that Xinjiang Zhicun supplied CATL with any products made with forced labor. In fact, CATL never purchased any products from Xinjiang Zhicun at all.

CATL had an investment relationship with Jiangxi Zhicun in the past, investing in Jiangxi Zhicun as a minority shareholder in September 2021, and sold its equity interest in its entirety to Chengdao Capital in March 2023. In addition, CATL has invested in three joint ventures with Jiangxi Zhicun, none in the Xinjiang region.

We welcome questions and inquiries about our supply chain from clients and other interested parties.