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Subject: INFORMATION FOR BATTERY CUSTOMERS

Dear clients, dear business partners,

we would like to inform you, as our customers of batteries or accumulators, about the obligations of the producers (importers), distributors and final sellers of batteries, which are regulated by the Act No. 542/2020 Coll., on end-of-life products (hereinafter referred to as the "End-of-Life Act"). This Act prescribes rules for preventing the generation of waste during the production and placing of batteries or accumulators on the market and emphasizes the consideration of their entire life cycle, while respecting the protection of the environment, the protection of human health and sustainable development.

Ensuring take-back of batteries or accumulators, which this Act imposes on us, is fulfilled by our company, with its registered office at, Business ID: through collective system operated by company ECOBAT s.r.o., with its registered office at Soborská 1302/8, 160 00 Prague 6, Business ID: 26725967 (hereinafter referred to as "collective system ECOBAT").

The basic legal obligation for the producer (importer), distributor and final seller is to ensure the take-back of waste batteries and accumulators, and to do so regardless of whether they are placed on the market or put into circulation separately or as a part of other products. He is also obligated to inform the final customer about public collection points, where waste batteries can be handed in, and to ensure their subsequent material processing using the best available techniques. By recycling metal substances contained in waste batteries we can achieve significant energetical and material savings of primary materials. At the same time, he must inform the final customer about the fact that waste batteries and accumulators must not be disposed as unsorted municipal waste and must not be landfilled. There is a risk of harmful substances leaking into the surrounding environment and thus a possible negative impact on human health.

The collective system ECOBAT has a collection network which the final customers of batteries can find at <u>https://mapa.ecobat.cz/</u>. The interactive map of collection points will provide them with complete information about the nearest point where waste batteries and accumulators can be handed in free of charge. It is possible to filter according to the group of batteries and according to the possibility of handing waste batteries in together with small electronic devices.

Batteries, accumulators, or button cells presented by our companya are labeled with the given graphic symbol of a crossed-out bin. This symbol indicates that batteries do not belong in the mixed waste and must be handed in at a designated place. In case of presence of heavy metal in some types of batteries, information about the chemical composition of the battery - Hg for mercury, Cd for cadmium and Pb for lead - must be added below the graphic symbol. For the group of portable and automotive batteries or accumulators, we make sure that they visibly, legibly, and indelibly contain information about their capacity.

We can, however, ensure the fulfillment of the following legal obligations only thanks to the cooperation with you – our customers (final sellers, distributors). Allow us to remind you of the obligations that concern you directly:

If you are a **distributor of batteries**, your company is obliged to provide the producer with cooperation on informing the final customers about the ensuring of take-back of waste batteries (according to § 13, paragraph 1 of the Endof-Life Act).

If you are a **final seller of batteries**, your company is obliged to take-back waste batteries or accumulators from the final customer directly in your store, if your economic activity is listed in Annex No. 4 of the End-of-Life Act. If this condition applies to you, you are entitled to a set-up of a take-back point directly in your store

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and to the ensuring of its continued problem-free operation. The set up and operation of the take-back point is ensured for you by the collective system ECOBAT completely free of charge. The final seller must always carry out the take-back without the right to payment from the final customer.

If you are a **final customer of portable batteries**, you can hand in these waste batteries or accumulators at any public collection point of the collective system ECOBAT collection network or to the final seller.

If you are a **final customer of an automotive or industrial battery**, you are obliged to hand it in only at a collection point for waste batteries for instance of the collective system ECOBAT collection network or to a person authorized to accept them according to the End-of-Life Act.

You can find the complete list of obligations of distributors and final sellers according to the End-of-Life Act at <u>www.ecobat.cz</u>.

Our company will continue to fulfill its obligations of a so-called producer of batteries in the Czech Republic in full extension through the collective system ECOBAT.

We thank you for your cooperation in ensuring the fulfillment of the legal obligations of the producer of batteries. Thanks to you, we contribute to the further expansion and improvement of the system of take-back of waste batteries and accumulators.

Sincerely,

Producer's (importer's) signature

Batteries do not belong into the bin!



You can find the crossed-out bin symbol directly on batteries or accumulators, or on electronic devices that contain batteries or accumulators, on their packaging, etc. This symbol indicates that batteries, at the end of their life cycle, **do not belong to the municipal waste** and that waste batteries or accumulators must be handed in only at collection points for batteries and accumulators or small electronic devices. This is the basic prerequisite for fulfilling the main objective of the End-of-Life Act, which is to increase the reuse or material recovery of waste batteries, and thereby to prevent



the possible negative impact of the harmful substances contained in them on human health and the environment. In addition, if the Hg, Cd or Pb symbol is added below the crossed-out bin symbol, it means that these batteries contain particularly dangerous elements of mercury, cadmium or lead.

To where with dead waste batteries

You can hand in waste portable batteries or accumulators at many places marked as "take-back points for batteries (sometimes also small electronic devices)". These are mainly electronic devices stores, supermarkets and hypermarkets, hobby centers, red outdoor containers for the take-back of batteries and accumulators or small electronic devices, collection yards, service centers, etc. As a final customer you are obliged to hand in waste automotive or industrial batteries or accumulators only at points that are marked as "take-back points of batteries" or to a person authorized to accept them according to the End-of-Life Act (EEE processors, collection yards in cities and municipalities, waste collection companies, etc.).

You can find a list of publicly accessible collection points at <u>https://mapa.ecobat.cz/</u>.

All handed in batteries are sorted by their electrochemical type and sent to recycling facilities, where metals such as lead, nickel, zinc, manganese, cadmium, cobalt and other are obtained from them using complex technological procedures.