



IMnI 48th Annual Conference
June 3-6, 2024

Middle East: a future growth driver for the Manganese sector?

Conference program

Monday, June 3			
15:00	16:30	IMnI Statistics Committee meeting	in Qurrayat A&B (only for IMnI Statistics Committee Members)
18:00	20:00	Welcome Cocktail in Qantab & Qurum	Sponsored by Ore & Metal International
20:00	22:00	IMnI Supervisory Board dinner	only for IMnI Supervisory Board Members

Tuesday, June 4		Majan Ballroom	
09:00	09:10	Conference opening	Patrick Sacco, Chairman of Assore Int. Holdings & outgoing IMnI Chairman
09:10	09:15	Anti-trust reminder	Branislav Klocock, IMnI Vice-Chairman & OFZ Managing Director

Session 1: Macro-economy & steel		Meeting room: Majan Ballroom	
09:20	09:50	Prospects for the Middle East economies	Pratik Mehta, Head - Proprietary Investments - Bank Dhofar
09:50	10:20	Recent steel industry dynamics and decarbonization	Steven Vercammen, Senior Expert - BMI, McKinsey & Company
10:20	10:45	Steel production in Oman	Jindal Shadeed Iron and Steel LLC
10:45	11:15	Networking break in the Ballroom Foyer	Sponsored by Autlan

Session 2: Electric vehicle batteries: a game-changer for the Manganese industry?		Meeting room: Majan Ballroom	
11:15	11:40	China's strategy to supply Manganese to batteries	Michael Li, Vice-President, South Manganese Group Ltd.
11:40	12:05	Will batteries be a game-changer for the Manganese industry?	Vincent Braet, Purchase Manager Manganese, Umicore
12:05	12:30	Outlook for cathode trends and impact on manganese	Jack Bedder, Founder & Director, The Project Blue
12:30	14:00	Networking lunch in Majan Ballroom	Sponsored by South32

17:30	18:30	Networking activity in Qantab & Qurum	Sponsored by OM Holdings
18:30	21:45	Banquet dinner - Majan Ballroom	Sponsored by Ore & Metal Company

Wednesday, June 5			
Session 3: Manganese supply & demand, cost dynamics and trade		Meeting room: Majan Ballroom	
09:00	09:25	China's Manganese market overview: what to expect?	Zhou Jian, CEO of Shanghai Fengri International Trading Co. Ltd.
09:25	09:50	Mining Manganese responsibly: market challenges and opportunities	Arnaud Vigier, Manganese ore Sales Director, Eramet
09:50	10:15	What to expect in the Manganese alloy market?	Kevin Fowkes, Research Director, Steel Alloy Markets, Wood Mackenzie
10:15	10:45	Panel discussion on Manganese	Arnaud Vigier (Eramet), Kevin Fowkes (Wood Mackenzie), Zhou Jian (Fengri Trading), Jenson Ong (Platts)
10:45	11:15	Networking break in the Ballroom Foyer	Sponsored by Tshipi é Ntle Manganese Mining (Pty) Ltd

Session 4: Manganese sustainability, environmental and social opportunities		Meeting room: Majan Ballroom	
11:15	11:40	The Mn Industry and CBAM: how to comply?	Nadia Vinck, Director EHS, Energy & Climate, Euroalliances aisbl
11:40	12:05	Deep-sea Manganese extraction: a game-changer?	Kris De Bruyne, Project Manager, Global Sea Mineral Resources (GSR)
12:05	12:25	Regulatory effects on profitability – The THING around our necks	Dr. Doreen McGough, Secretary General, Manganese Reach Association (MARA)
12:25	12:30	Conference wrap-up: Paul Desportes, Senior Vice-President Commercial, Eramet & incoming IMnI Chairman	
12:30	14:00	Networking lunch in Majan Ballroom	Sponsored by Maringá Ferro Ligas

Thursday, June 6		Optional technical visits	registration required
		Trust Mining Manganese ore mine or, Jindal Shadded's SiMn smelter and steel mill	only for delegates registered to the conference & technical visits