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Letter of Support for the Protection of Europe's Electromechanical Value Chain

Automotive Cluster of Slovenia (ACS) is representing more than 100 Slovenian companies active across the automotive and advanced mobility value chain, encompassing metalworking, electrical and electronic industries, mechanical engineering, materials, and related research and development institutions. On behalf of ACS and all its member companies, we hereby express our full support for the concerns and objectives raised by ESN – the Electromechanics Synergy Network regarding the accelerating deterioration of Europe's electromechanical value chain based on non-grain-oriented electrical steel (NGOES).

While not all supporting companies are able to participate in the symbolic production stop announced for 28 April due to operational, contractual, and safety-critical constraints, we wish to state unambiguously that we fully endorse the substance, urgency, and legitimacy of this initiative.

A critical pillar of Europe's electrification readiness

As the ESN network represents the complete European value chain of NGOES and its downstream applications — from steel production, through the stamping and assembly of laminations and cores, to the final manufacturing of electric motors, generators, and transformers we are aware, that many of members of our cluster are important players in the supply chain, that constitutes a foundational pillar of Europe's industrial sovereignty and underpins renewable energy, electric mobility, industrial applications, and defense readiness. The European Union currently retains a fully operational and competitive industrial base capable of meeting domestic demand, yet this strategic asset is being allowed to erode.

We respectfully call upon the Slovenian Government to actively support the efforts of ESN and industry stakeholders. Preserving this value chain is indispensable for Europe's energy transition, economic resilience, and security.

With kind regards,

Tanja Mohorič
director, ACS Automotive Cluster of Slovenia

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