

BMW Probes Moroccan Supplier for Critical Mineral Compliance

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BMW (Bayerische Motoren Werke AG (OTC: BMWYY)), the prominent German automaker, is currently investigating a Moroccan cobalt supplier, Managem, following a report that raised serious concerns over labor and environmental violations at a cobalt mine in Morocco. The report, which surfaced in the German daily newspaper Sueddeutsche Zeitung, in collaboration with broadcasters NDR and WDR, alleged that the mining operations at Bou Azzer, southern Morocco, were releasing excessive arsenic levels into the environment. This revelation has significant implications given the critical role of cobalt in manufacturing electric car batteries, a market in which BMW is a key player.