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AFRY main engineering partner for Boliden in zinc production expansion in Norway

Boliden has awarded AFRY engineering and site services assignment for the Odda zinc smelter expansion project. The expansion enables Boliden Odda to almost double zinc production and, at the same time, reduce already worldclass low carbon dioxide intensity by 15 percent.

Boliden has decided to expand the zinc smelter in Odda, southern Norway. The project named *Green Zinc Odda* will increase the annual production capacity for zinc products to 350,000 tonnes. In addition to zinc products, it will also enable extract of the bimetals lead, gold, and silver. Boliden's total investment value is EUR 700 million, and the project will be completed at the end of 2024.

AFRY's extensive assignment includes detail engineering, site services and project procurement support. The services will be delivered 2022 - 2024. The value of AFRY's assignment is not disclosed. The expansion project will improve energy efficiency, use only fossil-free electricity, and use sustainable technologies in all production phases. Most of the production facilities will be expanded, and production processes will be modernized by increasing digitalisation and automation. Also, Boliden's solution for waste handling will be expanded.

"We are extremely proud to be Boliden's trusted partner in this strategic project. AFRY's mission is to support transition towards more sustainable societies and this project is perfectly aligned with that target. Our operating model where local presence and knowhow is supported by global competencies enables us to deliver world-class solutions to Boliden", says Janne Tikka, Head of Mining & Metals, Process Industries Division, AFRY.

Boliden is a Swedish mining and metals company with a focus on sustainable development. The company's core competence lies within the fields of exploration, mining, smelting and metal recycling and it operates in Sweden, Norway, Finland and Ireland.

"AFRYs deep and long relationship with Boliden covers their operations in all mines and smelters. Our expertise within sustainability and mining & metals enables us to support and create additional value for Boliden also with this project", says Andreas Johansson, Global Key Account Manager Boliden at AFRY.

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For further reading: Zinc is one of the most widely consumed metals in the world. Zinc is an incredibly important metal for the development of a sustainable society, and it is used in e.g. in automotive, buildings and infrastructure. Read more about AFRY's offering within mining & metals, <u>afry.com/en/area/mining-metals</u>

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