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Global Challenges Index

### **Befesa becomes part of the Global Challenges Index, a leading sustainability index**

*Luxembourg, 04 September 2020* – Befesa S.A. (“Befesa”), the European market leader for steel dust and aluminium salt slags recycling services, has been admitted to the Global Challenges Index (GCX), which comprises 50 companies that make pioneering contributions to overcoming global challenges such as climate change, the provision of clean drinking water, deforestation, biodiversity, population development, poverty and global governance. Since its establishment in 2007, the GCX has on average performed significantly better than the German DAX®, underlining the capital market’s strong interest in genuine sustainable investment opportunities.

The decision of the Global Challenges Board to include Befesa in the GCX is based on the company’s strong performance in the ISS ESG Corporate Rating and, in particular, on Befesa’s contribution to the attainment of the Sustainable Development Goals, which is reflected in the Sustainable Development Goals Assessment (SDGA). The Board acknowledged, for instance, the safeguards implemented to adequately manage social and environmental risks of Befesa’s operations.

*Javier Molina, CEO of Befesa commented: “We are honoured to be included in the Global Challenges Index as it is a recognition of our sustainability-focused, circular economy business model. In particular, I’m proud of our contribution to increasing overall raw material use efficiency in the metals industry and the development of recycling solutions which promote the transition towards a more sustainable economy. The admission to the GCX is another validation of our commitment to sustainable development.”*

The admission will become effective on 18 September 2020.

In June 2020, Befesa published its 2019 Sustainability Report, which is available online at [www.befesa.com](http://www.befesa.com).

Befesa is regularly assessed by the international sustainability and ESG rating agencies ISS ESG, Sustainalytics, MSCI and Vigeo.

#### **About Befesa**

Befesa is a leading international provider of critical environmental, regulated services to the steel and aluminium industries with facilities located in Germany, Spain, Sweden, France, UK, Turkey, South Korea as well as two plants under construction in China. Through its two business units, Steel Dust and Aluminium Salt Slags recycling services, Befesa manages and recycles around 1.5 million tonnes of residues annually, with a production of around 1.2 million tonnes of new materials, which Befesa reintroduces in the market, reducing the consumption of natural resources. Further information can be found on the company’s website: [www.befesa.com](http://www.befesa.com)

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