David Lecoque

Chief Executive Officer

Alliance for Rural Electrification

[DATE]

**Letter of Endorsement: Circularity Guidelines on end-of-life battery management**

Dear Mr. David Lecoque,

[Company/Organisation Name] recognises that the Circularity Guidelines on end-of-life battery management are important to safeguard the positive impact of solutions applied, to define key roles and responsibilities of market participants and to increase overall trust in the renewable energy sector. Moreover, while not being legally binding, the Circularity Guidelines will help drive effective recycling of used and end-of-life batteries.

Decentralised solar power providers regularly use batteries in their systems and therefore bear part of the responsibility in reducing the exposure toxic substances from these batteries throughout the life cycle. Adhering to the Guidelines can come at a cost, but it contributes to reducing detrimental health impacts and long-term economic impacts while fostering local waste management infrastructure and creating new jobs, making solar energy access systems a more genuinely sustainable solution. It is imperative for the long-term sustainability of the decentralised solar power sector, that companies recognise and proactively manage used and end-of-life batteries appropriately to retain the full confidence of all stakeholders involved.

[Company/Organisation Name] is pleased to make an endorsement of the four Circularity Guidelines on end-of-life battery management, including the principles on:

1. Quality & durability
2. Warranties, maintenance & repair
3. Take-back
4. Sound end-of-life management

Endorsement of the Guidelines signifies that [Company/Organisation Name] aims to align internal practices with the Circularity Guidelines and that [Company/Organisation Name] supports the vision that the decentralised solar power sector should fulfil minimum standards of practice in their management of batteries.

With this vision in mind, [Company/Organisation Name] is happy to endorse the Circularity Guidelines on end-of-life lead-acid battery management.

Yours sincerely,

[Signature]

[Name]

[Job Title]