



## **Ferroglobe announces the sale of Spanish hydro facilities with one ferroalloys plant to TPG Sixth Street Partners**

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### **Total transaction value of 170 million euros**

- Company to divest 100% of subsidiary FerroAtlántica, S.A.U. the owner of ten hydroelectric facilities, with a combined capacity of 167 MW, and of the Cee-Dumbría ferroalloys plant.
- The transaction is a key milestone in Ferroglobe's strategy of divesting non-core assets to strengthen its balance sheet.
- The transaction values FerroAtlántica S.A.U. at €170 million.

LONDON, June 03, 2019 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Ferroglobe PLC (NASDAQ: GSM) ("Ferroglobe" or the "Company"), the world's leading producer of silicon metal, and a leading silicon- and manganese-based specialty alloys producer, today announced that it has reached definitive agreement for the sale of its 100% interest in subsidiary FerroAtlántica, S.A.U. ("FerroAtlántica"), to investment vehicles affiliated with TPG Sixth Street Partners ("TPG Sixth Street"), the global finance and investment firm, for a total transaction value of 170 million euros. The final price is subject to customary adjustments in this type of transaction, including net debt and working capital adjustments.

The assets owned by FerroAtlántica to be transferred in this transaction are ten hydroelectric power plants with a combined generating capacity of approximately 167 MW, and the Cee-Dumbría ferroalloys factory, all located in the province of A Coruña (Spain).

Simultaneously with this sale, the Company has signed a long-term tolling agreement with FerroAtlántica under which it will become the exclusive off-taker of its finished goods. In return for this exclusivity, Ferroglobe commits to supplying FerroAtlántica with key raw materials over the long term.

For the CEO of Ferroglobe, Pedro Larrea, "The sale of FerroAtlántica represents an important step in the execution of Ferroglobe's near term strategy of streamlining our business and strengthening our balance sheet. The structure of this transaction allows us to significantly improve the financial profile of our company, by deleveraging and enhancing liquidity, while maintaining our strong presence in the ferroalloy market and our commitment to the region of Galicia." This transaction is a key milestone in Ferroglobe's non-core assets divestiture plan, commenced in 2018 with the sale of hydroelectric power plants located in Aragón (Spain).

Michael Feldman and Richard Sberlati at TPG Sixth Street said, "We are pleased that this transaction allows Ferroglobe to meet its strategic objectives while strengthening its core business of specialty metals production. We are proud to be partnering with the expert local Ithaka team to operate the newly acquired facilities and look forward to our collective efforts to reinvest in the business and ensure its future."

The completion of the sale is subject, among other standard closing conditions, to competition clearance from the Spanish anti-trust commission (CNMC) and to the administrative authorization by the regional government of the early termination of the existing financial lease of the hydroelectric power plants (similar to authorizations granted by the same body for previous early cancellations in 2012 and 2002). No other administrative or regulatory approval is required. Ferroglobe expects the closing of the transaction to take place during the third quarter of 2019.

### **About Ferroglobe**

Ferroglobe is one of the world's leading suppliers of silicon metal, silicon-based and manganese-based specialty alloys, and other ferroalloys serving a customer base across the globe in dynamic and fast-growing end markets, such as solar, automotive, consumer products, construction and energy. The Company is based in London. For more information, visit <http://investor.ferroglobe.com>.

### **About TPG Sixth Street Partners**

TPG Sixth Street Partners is a global finance and investment business with over \$30 billion in assets under management. Co-founded in 2009 by Managing Partner Alan Waxman and its management team, the firm's long-term oriented, highly flexible capital base allows it to invest across industries, geographies, capital structures and asset classes. TPG Sixth Street focuses on partnering with businesses and management teams to create fully committed financing solutions. The firm also makes investments in both private and public companies and assets. TPG Sixth Street is in a strategic partnership with TPG, the global alternative asset firm. For more information, visit [www.tssp.com](http://www.tssp.com).

### **Forward-Looking Statements**

This release contains "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of U.S. securities laws. Forward-looking statements are not historical facts but are based on certain assumptions of management and describe the Company's future plans, strategies and expectations. Forward-looking statements often use forward-looking terminology, including words such as "anticipate", "believe", "could", "estimate", "expect", "forecast", "guidance", "intends", "likely", "may", "plan", "potential", "predicts", "seek", "will" and words of similar meaning or the negative thereof.

Forward-looking statements contained in this press release are based on information currently available to the Company and assumptions that management believe to be reasonable, but are inherently uncertain. As a result, Ferroglobe's actual results, performance or achievements may differ materially from those expressed or implied by these forward-looking statements, which are not guarantees of future performance and involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors that are, in some cases, beyond the Company's control.

Forward-looking financial information and other metrics presented herein represent the Company's goals and are not intended as guidance or projections for the periods referenced herein or any future periods.

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