

**Question for written answer P-006242/2015
to the Commission**

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Subject: EURARE project

According to an announcement by Greenland Minerals and Energy Ltd. (GMEL)¹, a company developing the rare-earth- and uranium-rich Kvanefjeld in Greenland, the European Union is funding its pilot plant operations this year through the EURARE programme.

GMEL has already signed two memoranda of understanding with China Nonferrous Metal Industry's Foreign Engineering and Construction Co. Ltd. (NFC). In addition, according to numerous studies, its project carries environmental risks.

Is it correct that the Commission is funding GMEL's pilot plant operations this year, in spite of the fact that any development of rare earths in this project are likely to benefit Chinese stakeholders, given the already signed memoranda of understanding with NFC?

If it is financing GMEL's Kvanefjeld pilot plant operations, as reported by the company itself, has an environmental impact assessment been conducted in line with the standards of the relevant European directive?

If it is not financing GMEL's pilot plant operations, how does it intend to address claims by GMEL to investors that GMEL has 'these large-scale programmes funded through the EURARE programme'?

¹ GMEL- http://www.ggg.gl/docs/ASX-announcements/Update_Outlook_Funding_March_2015.pdf)