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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>Barron Gerard</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>C/O TMC THE METALS COMPANY INC.,</u> <u>595 HOWE STREET, 10TH FLOOR</u> (Street) <u>VANCOUVER AI</u> <u>V6C 2T5</u> (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>TMC the metals Co Inc.</u> [<u>TMC</u>]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) ☒ Director 10% Owner ☒ Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <u>Chief Executive Officer</u>
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>04/16/2024</u>	
	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) ☒ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
	Rule 10b5-1(c) Transaction Indication ☐ Check this box to indicate that a transaction was made pursuant to a contract, instruction or written plan that is intended to satisfy the affirmative defense conditions of Rule 10b5-1(c). See Instruction 10.	

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Shares	04/16/2024		A		20,000,000 ⁽¹⁾	A	\$0.00	39,047,242	D	

Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		

Explanation of Responses:

1. Consists of restricted stock units ("RSUs"). Each RSU represents the right to receive one common share upon vesting. The RSUs will vest based on the trailing 30-day average price of the Issuer's common shares (the "Closing Price") reaching the following prices on or prior to April 16, 2029, subject to the reporting person's continued service with the Issuer on the applicable vesting date: one-third shall vest on achievement of a Closing Price of \$7.50; one-third shall vest on achievement of a Closing Price of \$10.00; and one-third shall vest on achievement of a Closing Price of \$12.50 (each subject to equitable adjustment for any stock splits, combinations, reclassifications, stock dividends and the like). The Reporting Person is not be permitted to sell any common shares settled upon the vesting of the RSUs until April 16, 2029.

/s/ Ryan Coombes, General Counsel 04/18/2024

** Signature of Reporting Person Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).

** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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