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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>Stone Gregory</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>C/O TMC THE METALS COMPANY INC.</u> <u>595 HOWE STREET, 10TH FLOOR</u> (Street) <u>VANCOUVER A1 V6C 2T5</u> (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>TMC the metals Co Inc. [TMC]</u> 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>09/09/2021</u> 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner ☒ Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <u>Chief Ocean Scientist</u> 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) ☒ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
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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	09/09/2021		A		33,076	A	(1)	33,076	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				
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$0.65	09/09/2021		A		1,157,862		(2)	06/01/2028	Common Shares ⁽³⁾	1,157,862 ⁽³⁾	(4)	1,157,862	D	
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$0.65	09/09/2021		A		165,751		(5)	03/06/2022	Common Shares ⁽⁶⁾	165,751 ⁽⁶⁾	(7)	165,751	D	
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$0.65	09/09/2021		A		505,630		(8)	(8)	Common Shares ⁽⁹⁾	505,630 ⁽⁹⁾	(10)	505,630	D	
Class A Special Shares	(11)	09/09/2021		A		722		(11)	(11)	Common Shares	722	(11)	722	D	
Class B Special Shares	(11)	09/09/2021		A		1,443		(11)	(11)	Common Shares	1,443	(11)	1,443	D	
Class C Special Shares	(11)	09/09/2021		A		1,443		(11)	(11)	Common Shares	1,443	(11)	1,443	D	
Class D Special Shares	(11)	09/09/2021		A		2,886		(11)	(11)	Common Shares	2,886	(11)	2,886	D	
Class E Special Shares	(11)	09/09/2021		A		2,886		(11)	(11)	Common Shares	2,886	(11)	2,886	D	
Class F Special Shares	(11)	09/09/2021		A		2,886		(11)	(11)	Common Shares	2,886	(11)	2,886	D	
Class G Special Shares	(11)	09/09/2021		A		3,608		(11)	(11)	Common Shares	3,608	(11)	3,608	D	
Class H Special Shares	(11)	09/09/2021		A		3,608		(11)	(11)	Common Shares	3,608	(11)	3,608	D	

Explanation of Responses:

1. On September 9, 2021, Sustainable Opportunities Acquisition Corp. ("SOAC") (the former name of the Issuer), consummated its initial business combination (the "Business Combination") with DeepGreen Metals Inc. ("DeepGreen") and changed its name to "TMC the metals company Inc." or "TMC". In connection with the Business Combination, these Common Shares were received in exchange for 33,076 Class A ordinary shares of SOAC.

2. Fully vested as of January 1, 2019.

3. Also includes the right to purchase 25,262 Class A Special Shares, 50,525 Class B Special Shares, 50,525 Class C Special Shares, 101,051 Class D Special Shares, 101,051 Class E Special Shares, 101,051 Class F Special Shares, 126,314 Class G Special Shares and 126,314 Class H Special Shares.

4. Received in connection with the Business Combination in exchange for a stock option to acquire 1,000,000 shares of DeepGreen common stock for \$0.75 per share.

5. Fully vested as of March 6, 2021.

6. Also includes the right to purchase 3,616 Class A Special Shares, 7,232 Class B Special Shares, 7,232 Class C Special Shares, 14,465 Class D Special Shares, 14,465 Class E Special Shares, 14,465 Class F Special Shares, 18,082 Class G Special Shares and 18,082 Class H Special Shares.

7. Received in connection with the Business Combination in exchange for a stock option to acquire 143,153 shares of DeepGreen common stock for \$0.75 per share.

8. These stock options vest as follows, subject to continued service through each vesting threshold: (i) 25% if TMC's market capitalization equals or exceeds \$3.0 billion; (ii) 35% if TMC's market capitalization equals or exceeds \$6.0 billion; (iii) 20% if the International Seabed Authority grants an exploitation contract to TMC; and (iv) 20% upon the commencement of the first commercial production following the grant of the

exploitation contract. These stock options are exercisable at any time until March 5 of the year following vesting of such stock option (any such date, the "Exercise Date"). These stock options expire on the day after the Exercise Date.

9. Also includes the right to purchase 11,032 Class A Special Shares, 22,064 Class B Special Shares, 22,064 Class C Special Shares, 44,128 Class D Special Shares, 44,128 Class E Special Shares, 44,128 Class F Special Shares, 55,160 Class G Special Shares and 55,160 Class H Special Shares.

10. Received in connection with the Business Combination in exchange for a stock option to acquire 436,693 shares of DeepGreen common stock for \$0.75 per share.

11. Each of the Class A Special Shares, the Class B Special Shares, the Class C Special Shares, the Class D Special Shares, the Class E Special Shares, the Class F Special Shares, the Class G Special Shares and the Class H Special Shares (collectively, the "Special Shares") automatically convert into Common Shares on a one for one basis, if on any twenty trading days within any thirty trading day period, the Common Shares trade for a price that is greater than or equal to the price threshold for such class of Special Shares (the "Price Threshold") described below, or in the event of certain changes of control. The Price Thresholds for the Special Shares are as follows: Class A Special Shares (\$15.00), Class B Special Shares (\$25.00), Class C Special Shares (\$35.00), Class D Special Shares (\$50.00), Class E Special Shares (\$75.00), Class F Special Shares (\$100.00), Class G Special Shares (\$150.00), and Class H Special Shares (\$200.00).

/s/ Jaime Lee, Attorney-in-Fact 09/13/2021

** 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).

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