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Subject: Collective resignation of RCMA editorial board members

Toulouse, January 5, 2026

To Andrew Zhang, Managing Editor IIETA
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Dear Sir,

As you know, in February 2019, Mr. Jean-Marc Bocabeille, Editorial Director of Lavoisier SAS, informed me that the special issue containing the articles from the 3rd ECOMAT conference in October 2018 would not be produced by Lavoisier but by IIETA (International Information and Engineering Technology Association), your platform based in Edmonton, Canada, to which Lavoisier sold eight of its titles, including RCMA, without anyone being informed.

This was the last time we were able to produce an issue of RCMA that made sense from a scientific and ethical point of view. Since this special edition in November 2019, it has no longer been possible to access peer reviews. We have never been contacted by IIETA, and a reviewing environment has never been set up, despite the request I made to you at the time.

We, the members of the RCMA editorial board, can no longer serve as a guarantee for IIETA, which, by buying up quality journals, has multiplied the number of publications while increasing prices at the expense of quality.

Given this situation, we would like to inform you that there are insufficient grounds for us to continue our collaboration with IIETA as members of the Editorial Board of *Revue des Composites et des Matériaux Avancés* (RCMA).

As our colleagues at the *Journal of Information Systems Engineering* (ISI) have already done, we therefore offer our collective resignation as RCMA editorial board members, effective immediately. We deeply regret that IIETA does not respect the role of the Editorial

Board. Consequently, we ask you not to continue publishing RCMA issues with our names as Editorial Board.

Regards,

On behalf of the editorial board members:

Christophe Baley, Christophe Binetruy, Philippe Boisse, Estelle Bretagne, Peter Davies, Issam Doghri, Monssef Drissi Habti, Damien Halm, Christian Hochard, Frédéric Jacquemin, Sébastien Joannès, Pierre Jousset, Jacques Lamon, Jean-Claude Lenain, Fabien Nony, Dominique Perreux, Olivier Polit, Yves Rémond, Jacques Renard, Thierry Renault, Marc-Philippe Toitgans, Abbas Tcharkhtchi.

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