



# Prereduction and use of Hydrogen at TiZir

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# TiZir plant in Tyssedal (TTI)

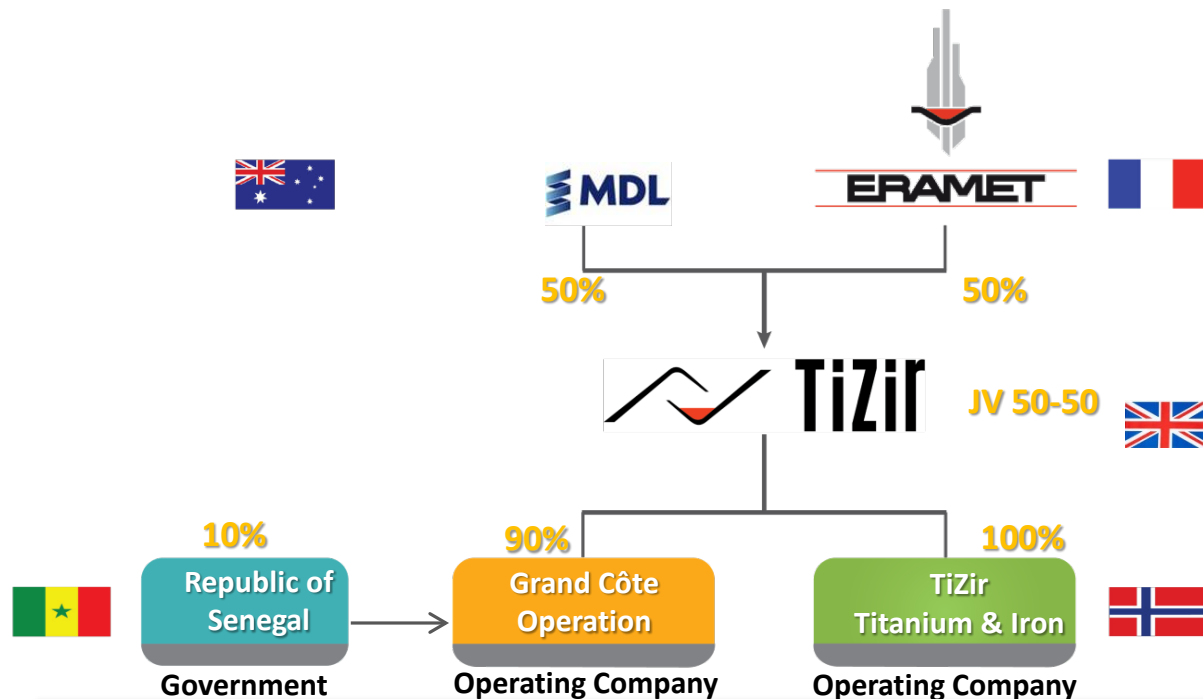
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# TiZir Limited, in a Snapshot

- Extensive Experience in HMS
- Concession of Grande Côte Operations (2007)
- DFS of Grande Côte Operations (2010)

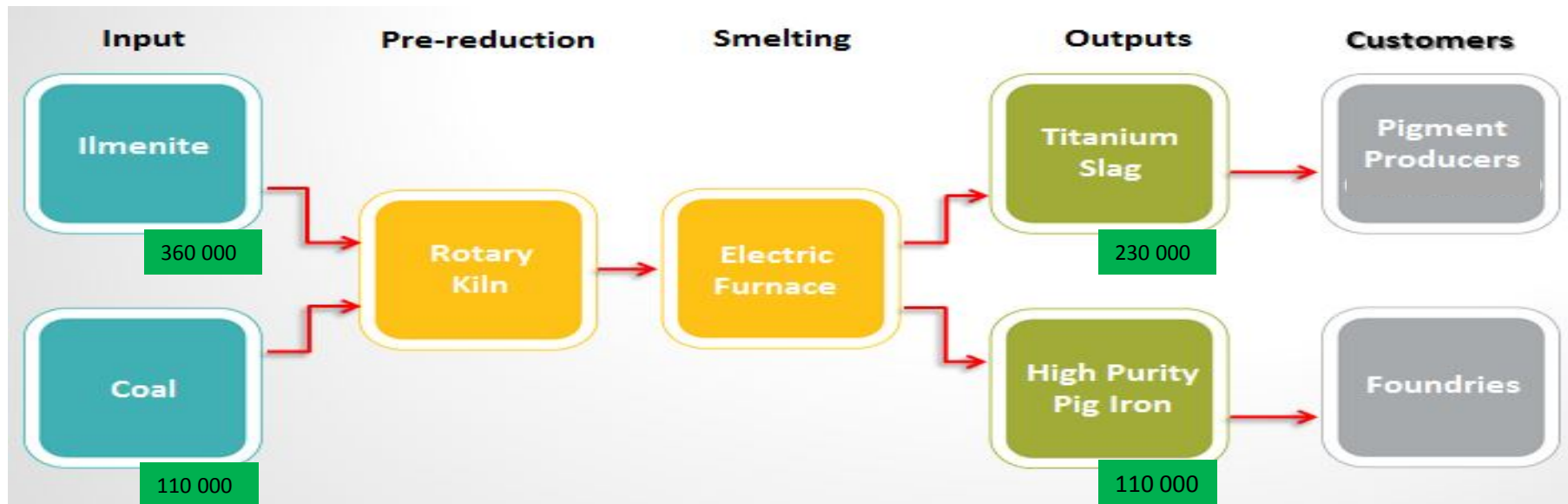
- Mining & Metallurgy Group (Ni, Mn, Alloys)
- Operate 2 Major Mines and 7 Smelters
- Tinfos Acquisition including TTI (2008)



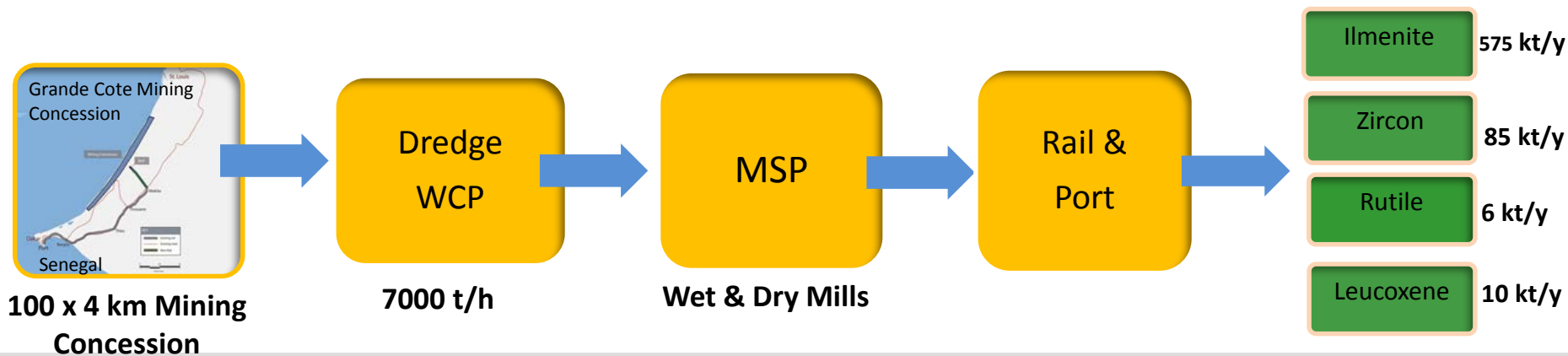
- Grand Côte ilmenite suitable for upgrading to CP slag at TTI
- Security of ilmenite supply for TTI provides expansion opportunity
- Grande Côte Mine development commenced in July 2011
- Production started at the Mine in May 2014
- Total investments TiZir2011-2015 800 mill USD

# TiZir's Two Operational Facilities

## TiZir Titanium & Iron (TTI)



## Grande Cote Operations (GCO)



- Develop and expand
- A technology adapted to the future:
  - Power
  - Climate
  - Resources
- Limited footprint
- Core competence built over time internally and externally
- Strong process experience in modelling and control of multi stage processes.



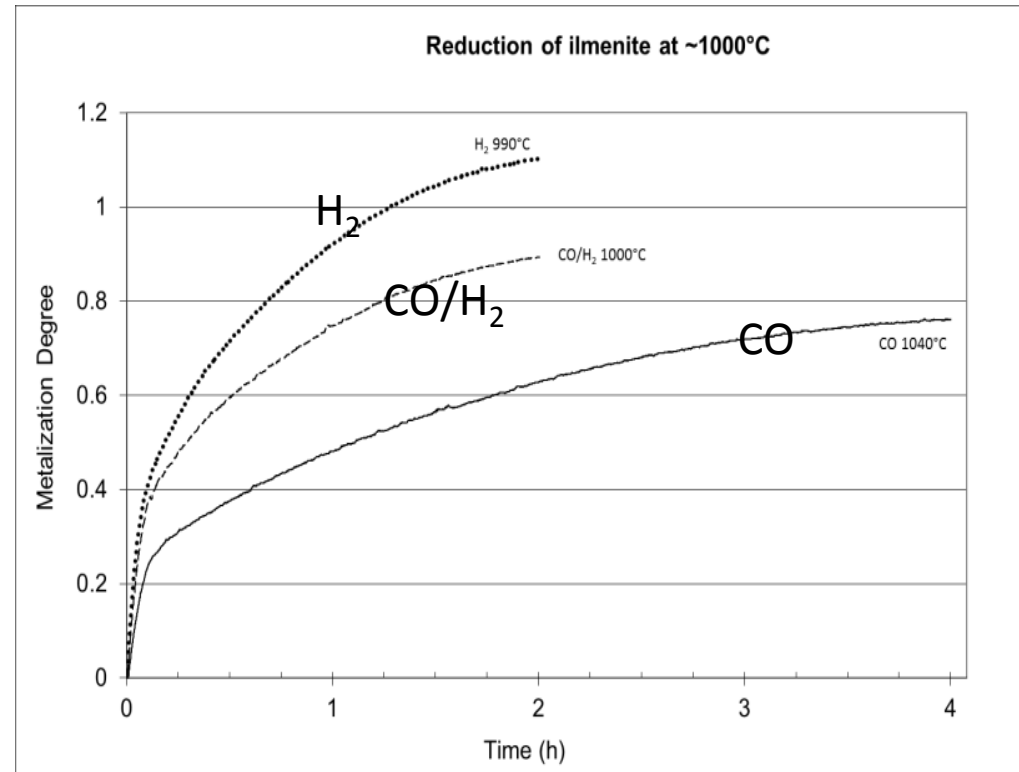
# Scientific community, important contribution

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- Long history
- Close link to industry
- Strong Universities
- Strong research organizations
- Development of candidates for MSc and PhD
- Recruitment

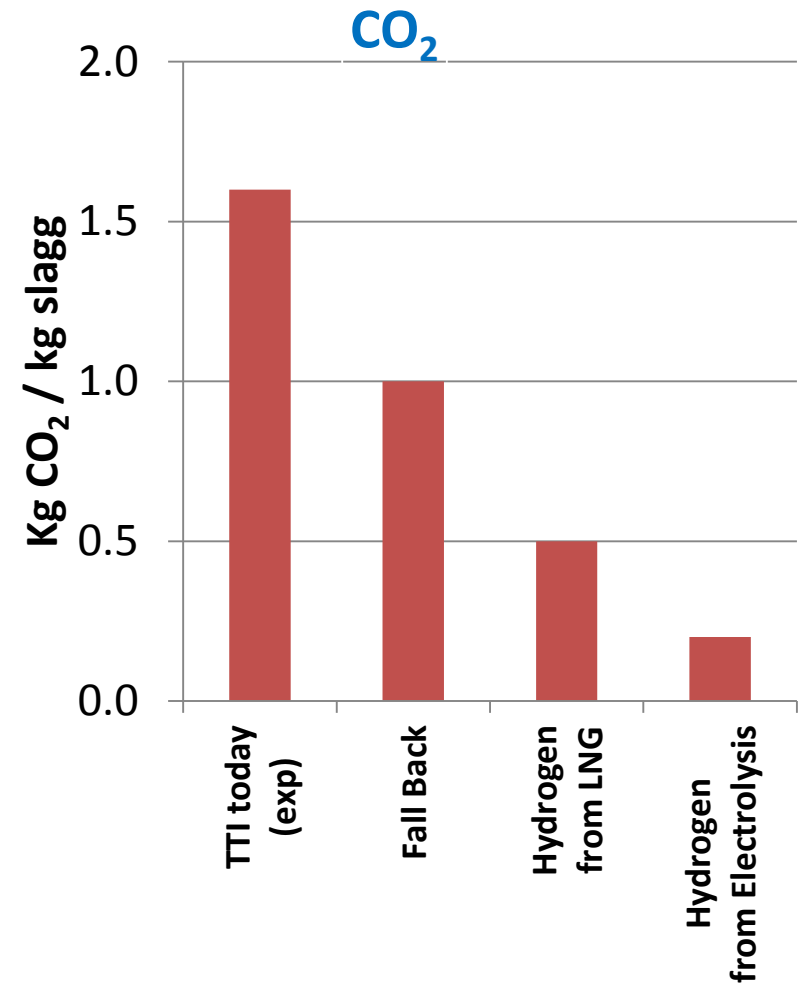
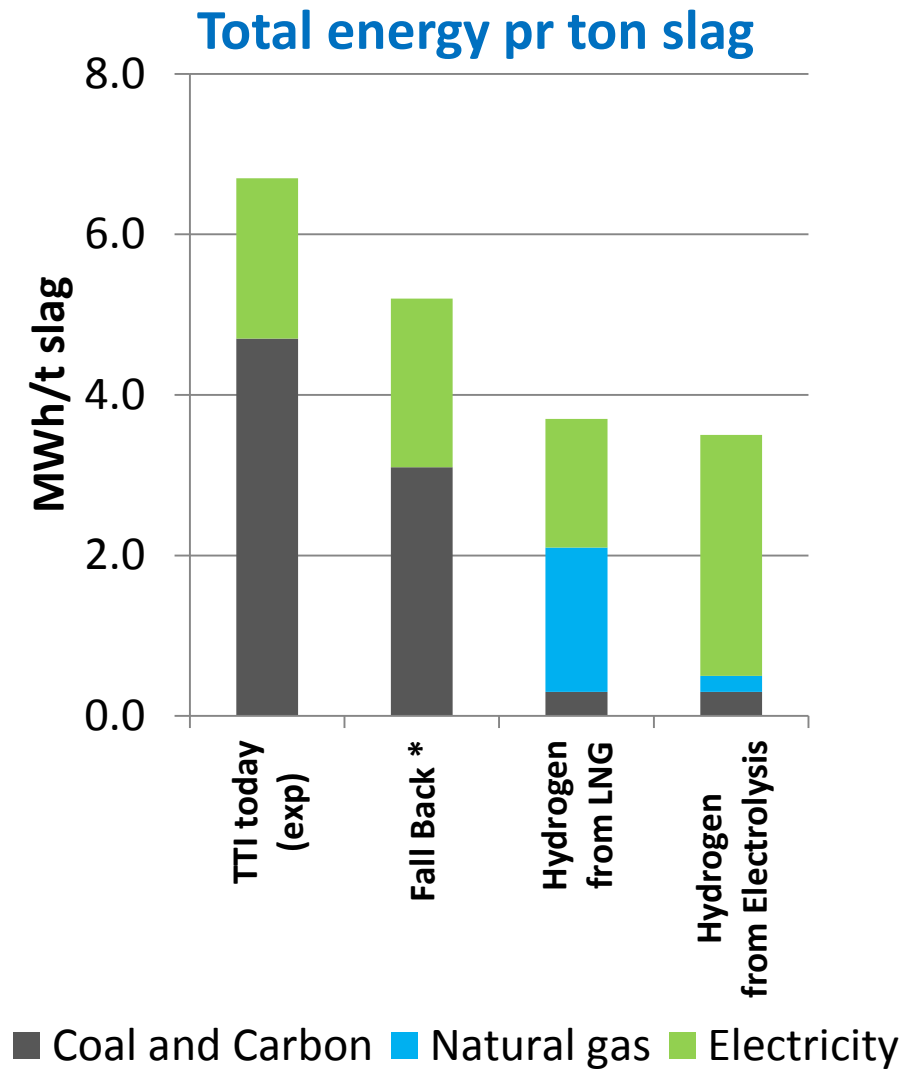
## ➤ H<sub>2</sub> based pre-reduction

- Production increase
- CO<sub>2</sub> reduction
- Energy efficient
- Development of core knowledge
- Area efficient
- Process response
- Operational security



Stephen C. Lobo, Experimental investigations and modelling of solid-state ilmenite reduction with hydrogen and carbon monoxide, Ph.D. thesis, NTNU, 2015.  
GasFerroSil project

# TTI approach.



# TTI Preparing to start a New Chapter

- **Main objectives of the 2015 project:**
  - New reactor design, worlds most advanced?  
Most Efficient Reactor
    - Capacity Increase + 15%
    - Process control, prepare for Hot Charging from Hydrogen reduction.
    - Working conditions, Environment, and Safety improvements
- **Reactor start up December 2015**
  - All objectives met within good margins
- **2016 Successful trials on continous lab-scale H<sub>2</sub>-reduction tests close to being concluded.**



# Challenges :

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Replacing a fully functioning production plant with another technology:

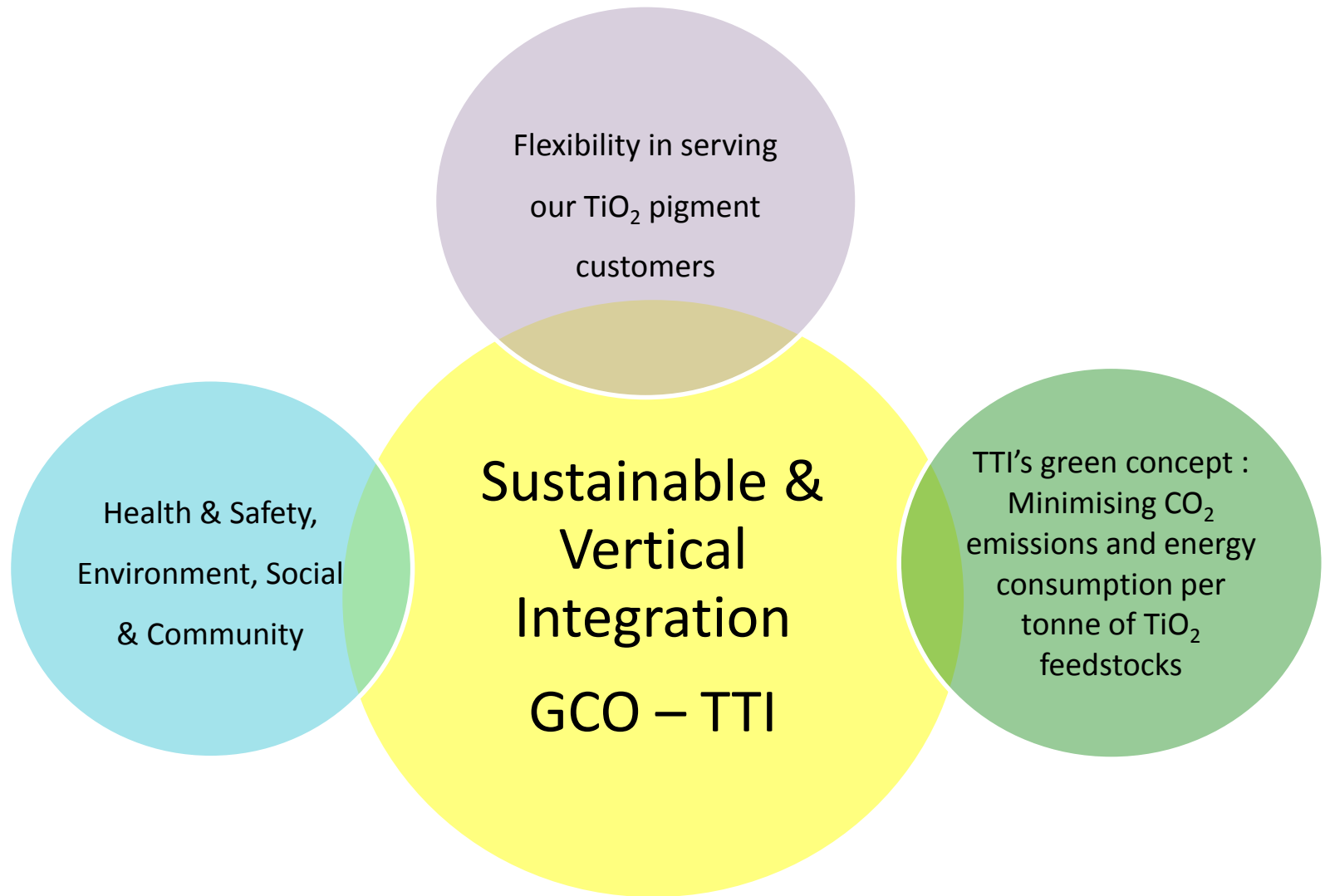
➤ Mostly financial and regulatory:

- Market(products and factor inputs (el))
- Availabilty and level of govermental support
- Availability and level of risk capital.
- Emission costs.(CO2)



# TiZir Heading for Operational Excellence

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Thank you for your attention.

