FORM 3

### UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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## INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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Name and Address of Reporting Person*     Khama Sheila	2. Date of Ev Requiring Sta (Month/Day/\) 09/09/2021	atement Year)	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  TMC the metals Co Inc. [ TMC ]					
(Last) (First) (Middle) C/O TMC THE METALS COMPANY INC. 595 HOWE STREET, 10TH FLOOR			Relationship of Reporting Issuer (Check all applicable)     X Director     Officer (give title below)	Person(s) to  10% Owner  Other (specify below)		<ul> <li>5. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)</li> <li>6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)</li> <li>Form filed by One Reporting</li> </ul>		
(Street) VANCOUVER A1 V6C 2T5 (City) (State) (Zip)						A Person	by More than One	
Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned								
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**Explanation of Responses:** 

#### Remarks:

Exhibit 24.1 - Power of Attorney

No securities are beneficially owned.

/s/ Jaime Lee, Attorney-in-

**Fact** 

\*\* Signature of Reporting

Date

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

- $^{\star}$  If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5 (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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#### **POWER OF ATTORNEY**

Know all by these present, that the undersigned hereby constitutes and appoints each of Nyisha Shakur, Brenda Meyette, Anne Leland, Jaime Lee and Jeffrey Cohan of Mintz, Levin, Cohn, Ferris, Glovsky and Popeo, P.C., signing singly, with full power of substitution, the undersigned's true and lawful attorney-in-fact to:

- (1) execute for and on behalf of the undersigned forms and authentication documents for EDGAR Filing Access;
- (2) do and perform any and all acts for and on behalf of the undersigned which may be necessary or desirable to complete and execute any such forms and authentication documents;
- (3) execute for and on behalf of the undersigned, in the undersigned's capacity as an officer, director and/or 10% shareholder of TMC the metals company Inc. (the "Company"), Forms 3, 4 and 5 in accordance with Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the rules thereunder;
- (4) do and perform any and all acts for and on behalf of the undersigned which may be necessary or desirable to complete and execute any such Form 3, 4 or 5 and timely file such form with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission and any stock exchange or similar authority; and
- (5) take any other action of any type whatsoever in connection with the foregoing which, in the opinion of such attorney-in-fact, may be of benefit to, in the best interests of, or legally required by the undersigned, it being understood that the documents executed by such attorney-in-fact on behalf of the undersigned pursuant to this Power of Attorney shall be in such form and shall contain such terms and conditions as such attorney-in-fact may approve in such attorney-in-fact's discretion.

The undersigned hereby grants to each such attorney-in-fact full power and authority to do and perform any and every act and thing whatsoever requisite, necessary, or proper to be done in the exercise of any of the rights and powers herein granted, as fully to all intents and purposes as the undersigned might or could do if personally present, with full power of substitution or revocation, hereby ratifying and confirming all that such attorney-in-fact, or such attorney-in-fact's substitute or substitutes, shall lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue of this power of attorney and the rights and powers herein granted. The undersigned acknowledges that the foregoing attorney-in-fact, in serving in such capacity at the request of the undersigned, is not assuming, nor is the Company assuming, any of the undersigned's responsibilities to comply with Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

This Power of Attorney shall remain in full force and effect until the undersigned is no longer required to file Forms 3, 4 and 5 with respect to the undersigned's holdings of and transactions in securities issued by the Company, unless earlier revoked by the undersigned in a signed writing delivered to the foregoing attorneys-in-fact.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has caused this Power of Attorney to be executed as of July 15, 2021.

/s/ Sheila Khama

SHEILA KHAMA