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automotive industry supply chains*

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PREFACE

A letter to the future

The Arctic is warming rapidly and is on the frontline of climate change. As our world warms, the region's glaciers weep. Iceland's 400-plus glaciers have been melting steadily, now losing roughly 11 billion tons of ice every year. Scientists fear that by 2200, Iceland will no longer be a land of ice. All the country's glaciers will have disappeared.

A century ago, the Okjökull glacier covered 15 square kms (5.8 square miles), measuring some 50 metres thick. But ravaged by warming temperatures, it has now shrunk to barely one square km of ice less than 15 metres deep, meaning it is no longer classified as a glacier. It is now seen as 'dead ice.'

The plaque to the lost glacier is inscribed in Icelandic and English and is 'a letter to the future' authored by one of Iceland's most prominent writers, Andri Snær Magnason. was erected by scientists in Iceland in June 2019.

The letter reads:

In the next 200 years, all our glaciers are expected to follow the same path. This monument is to acknowledge that we know what is happening and what needs to be done. Only you will know if we did it.

The Road to Zero Emissions roadmap

The Road to Zero Emissions will provide a roadmap for those wishing to avoid the disaster of Okjökull in Iceland. This is a road we do not wish to travel; our journey is to gain the knowledge and motivation to make a positive contribution to climate change and deliver on the goals of the Paris Agreement. Think of this book as 'your letter and guide to the future of trucks and transportation'.

FIGURE 00.1 A letter to the future



SOURCE <https://news.rice.edu/2019/08/13/memorial-honoring-lost-glacier-to-be-installed-in-iceland-aug-18-2/>

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