

# Towards Sustainable Mining Indigenous and Community Relationships

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#### MINING WITH STRONG VALUES

The Mining Association of Canada (MAC) is the voice of the mining industry and seeks to generate greater awareness around important areas in the sector from reclamation to partnerships with Indigenous communities. The sector is a major economic driver in our Canadian economy and a great contributor to jobs and leading technologies.



- MAC is the national voice of Canada's mining industry
- 50+ members in iron ore, gold, diamonds, oil sands, steelmaking coal, base metals and uranium
- 50+ members in engineering, environment and finance
- Members engaged in exploration, mining, smelting, semi-fabrication and supply



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## **Towards Sustainable Mining** ®

## What is Towards Sustainable Mining?



Towards Sustainable Mining™ (TSM) is an award-winning commitment to responsible mining. The program was established in 2004 and its main objective is to enable mining companies to meet society's needs for minerals, metals and energy products in the most socially, economically and environmentally responsible way.



#### MINING IS ESSENTIAL

From the metals needed to power our transportation to the materials required to make communication possible, it is impossible to imagine a reality without it.



#### THE FUTURE NEEDS MINING

Mining is essential in our transition to a low carbon economy, one that requires mined minerals and metals to be fully realized.



#### RESPONSIBLE MANAGEMENT

It is important that standards be in place to ensure that the process of mining is being managed responsibly, from start to finish.



#### COMMUNITY

Today, communities expect more from mining companies and the industry expects much more of itself.

## TSM consists of seven core components:

- 1. Guiding Principles
- Performance Indicators
- 3. Facility Level Reporting
- 4. Independent Verification
- Public Reporting of Facility Level Reporting
- 6. Condition of Membership
- Community of Interest Advisory Body

### TSM – A Global Responsible Mining Standard



- Adopted by national associations in 13 countries on 6 continents
- Over 200 companies actively implementing TSM globally
- 7 national Community-of-Interest panels up and running with more in development
- Recognized by a growing number of global manufacturers and investors



#### **Network of National Community of Interest Panel**

Each national association implementing TSM is required to establish a COI Panel

- 7 national panels are currently active with others being developed
  - Finland, Norway, Canada, Brazil, Argentina, Philippines, Australia

MAC's COI Panel is comprised of individuals from:

- Indigenous groups
- Communities where mining is active
- Environmental and social NGOs
- Academia
- Labour
- Financial organizations
- Select members of the Mining Association of Canada's Board of Directors



Independently facilitated and arms length appointment process

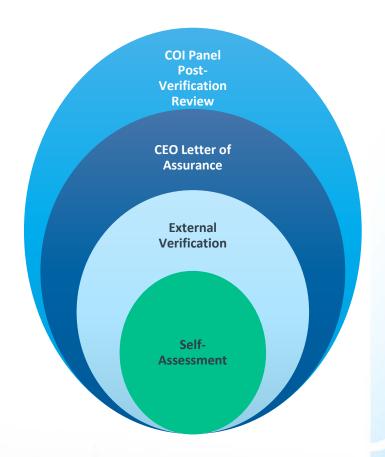
**Critical perspectives on emerging issues** 

Annual reviews of company performance



#### **Verification Process**

- Annual self-assessments
- External verification of self-assessments by trained verifiers every three years
- Verification reports published as of 2022
- Advanced community notice of verifications and community inclusion
- Letter signed by CEO that the results are externally verified according to requirements
- Potential for selection by the Advisory Panel for a post-verification review





#### TSM Protocols





Environmental Stewardship



Indigenous and Community Relationships

Safe, Healthy & Respectful Workplaces

Crisis Management & Communications
Planning

Preventing Child and Forced Labour

Equitable, Diverse & Inclusive Workplaces

Tailings Management

**Biodiversity Conservation Management** 

Water Stewardship

Climate Change

#### **Communities and People Environment and Climate Change** itable. Diverse Prevention of **Biodiversity Tailings** Water Indigenous and Community Relationships & Inclusive Climate Change Child and Forced Conservation Management Stewardship Management Labour Workplaces Corporate Climate **Tailings** Leadership & **Preventing forced** Biodiversity Community of interest (COI) identification management policy Change Water Governance tegy (Corporate) commitment labour & commitment Management **Tailings** Biodiversity **Facility Climate** dvancing EDI **Operational Water** Preventing child **Effective COI engagement and dialogue** management planning & Change Management labour (Facility) system implementation Management Accountability & Monitoring, **Biodiversity Facility Performance** responsibility for Watershed-Scale **Effective Indigenous engagement and dialogue** erformance & Targets and conservation Planning tailings orting (Facility) Reporting reporting management Water Reporting Annual tailings **Community impact and benefit management** management review and Performance Operation. maintenance and COI response mechanism surveillance (OMS) manual



Physical Safety & Health Performance

## **TSM Protocols**

### Rating System

AAA

Excellence and leadership.

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Systems and processes are integrated into management decisions and business functions

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Good practice. Systems and processes are developed and implemented.

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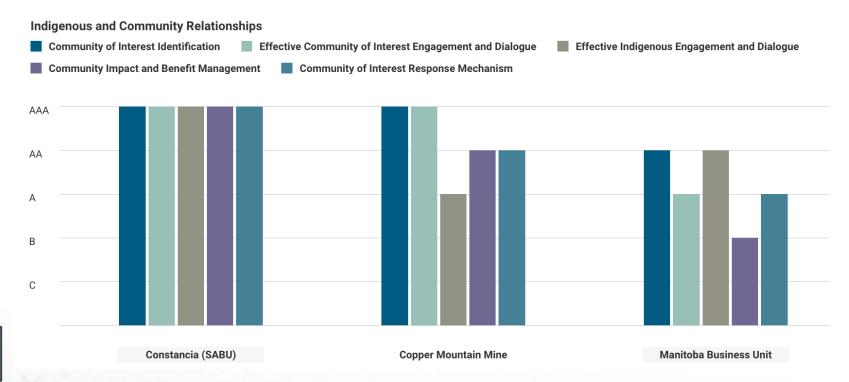
Procedures exist but are not fully consistent or documented. Systems and processes are planned and being developed.

Does not meet all the criteria for Level B



#### **Facility-Based Public Reporting**







## Case Study: Community Economic Development and Wetland Conservation



- Company: Hudbay
- Location: Constanica, Peru
- Commodity: Copper
- Actions:
  - Cochapampa Bog Sustainable Use and Management program - A communitybased program to reduce water consumption in a nearby ecologically important bog. The program has resulted in a shift from cattle farming to strawberry farming which has reduced water consumption by 90% and resulted in stronger community relationships.



## **Case Study: Cultural Heritage Protection**



- Company: Teck
- <u>Location</u>: Highland Valley Copper, BC, Canada
- Commodity: Copper
- Actions:
  - Exploration of the archaeological record at HVC began in the early 1980s, and a community-led Cultural Heritage Program was established in 2016. Over time the program has become more inclusive and moved beyond archaeology towards a goal of holistic heritage assessment including tangible and intangible heritage. The development of the Program seeks to amplify Canada's Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Call to Action 92(1) to the corporate sector to "commit to meaningful consultation, building respectful relationships, and obtaining the free, prior, informed consent of Indigenous Peoples before proceeding with economic development projects."



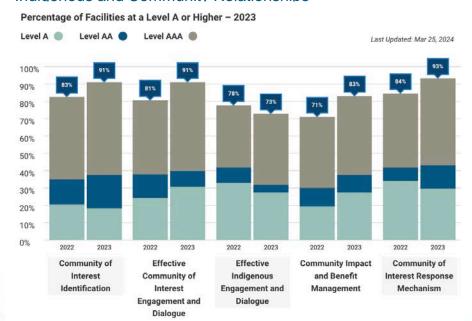


#### **Continual Improvement**

- Improvements in industry performance are measurable and meaningful over time
- Companies commit to demonstrate continual improvement until they achieve good practice

#### Aboriginal and Community Outreach Percentage of Facilities at a Level A or Higher - 2006, 2019 and 2021 Level AAA Level A . Last Updated: Feb 07, 2022 (81% Facilities Reporting) 100% 90% 80% 70% 56% 60% 50% 40% 30% 20% 10% 0% 2019 2021 2006 2019 2021 2006 2019 2021 2006 2019 2021 Community of Interest Effective COI COI response Reporting (COI) identification mechanism engagement and dialogue

#### Indigenous and Community Relationships



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