[AUDIT FIRM] to Conduct On-site IRMA Assessment of [COMPANY’S] [SITE]

*[AUDIT FIRM] Seeks Input from Local Community and Other Stakeholders*

Today**, [DATE], [AUDIT FIRM]** announces that from **[DATE1]** to **[DATE 2],** its auditors will visit **[COMPANY’S] [SITE],** in [REGION] [COUNTRY] to conduct the onsite phase of its independent assessment (audit) evaluating the site’s performance against the Initiative for Responsible Mining Assurance (IRMA) Standard for Responsible Mining.

While onsite, auditors will collect feedback from local stakeholders – anyone directly or indirectly affected by the mine -- including community members, mine workers, and government officials. Auditors will also inspect the operation and its associated facilities. Even after the onsite phase is complete, feedback and comments submitted until [DATE 3] will be included in the audit.

An IRMA assessment results in a public audit report released locally and [published on the IRMA audit page](https://responsiblemining.net/tfm). IRMA audit reports describe how [AUDIT FIRM] scored [SITE] against each of the 400+ requirements of the IRMA Standard for Responsible Mining, and why [AUDIT FIRM] gave [SITE] that score. The report will also assign an overall achievement level: IRMA Transparency, IRMA 50, IRMA 75, or IRMA 100.

[COMPANY] can use this information about the environmental and social impacts of the [SITE] to improve its practices. Other stakeholders, particularly affected communities and mine workers, may use this audit report to engage with [COMPANY] and others on a more equal footing to improve the operation in the ways that matter most to them.

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| **[DATE RANGE AUDITORS ONSITE]****Your comments will help [AUDIT FIRM] assess the impact of [SITE] on local communities and measure its performance against best mining practices. [AUDIT FIRM] invites you to sign-up for an interview with auditors during the onsite visit, and/or submit written comments about [SITE] using the contact details below.** **Please contact [AUDIT FIRM] to be interviewed. Interviews can be held in [LANGUAGES]. Interviews requested by [DATE 4] can be conducted remotely or in-person. Interview requests made after [DATE 4] can be in-person if time permits, and remotely if it does not. Feedback and comments can be submitted anytime until [DATE 3].** |
| **On the web: [LINK]****Email: [ADDRESS]****Telephone: [#]** | QR CODE |
| **Interviews with members of the community occur without mine personnel present. Interviews with non-management workers occur without management present and can be scheduled to occur offsite on request. [AUDIT FIRM] protects the identity of individual commenters although the general nature of comments will be summarized in the report.** |

**For more information about**

* The [SITE] audit or sign up for updates: [AUDIT PAGE]
* IRMA-approved independent audit firm [AUDIT FIRM AND LINK].
* IRMA’s mission, Standard, assessment process, or other mine audits: responsiblemining.net
* Filing a complaint about the audit process: responsiblemining.net/complaints