

Mine Measure — The Responsible Mining Self-Assessment Tool

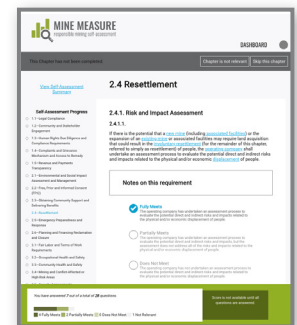
The Initiative for Responsible Mining Assurance (IRMA) is a precedent-setting global certification program working to create value for more responsible mining practices at industrial-scale mines. IRMA seeks to emulate for mining what has been done with certification programs in fair trade agriculture, responsible forestry and sustainable fisheries. Worked on for a decade, and released in June 2018, the *Standard for Responsible Mining* is a shared definition of “best practice” in industrial scale mining developed collaboratively by nonprofit environmental and social justice groups, mining companies, labor unions, and consumer-facing brands that use mined materials in the products they sell.

The new Mine Measure online self-assessment tool and its companion Responsible Mining Map allow mine sites to demonstrate commitment to responsible practices, measure achievement against the *Standard for Responsible Mining*, show improvement in performance over time, and build networks of suppliers and customers who want to promote responsible mining value chains. They also increase opportunities for communities most directly affected by mining and not-for-profit organizations to learn more about mines’ commitments to protect social and environmental values.

The Mine Measure self-assessment tool marks the first time mine sites can make public commitments to environmental and social responsibility in the context of IRMA’s diverse, equitable stakeholder system.

Mine sites using this online self-assessment tool can:

- Assess their performance against the IRMA *Standard for Responsible Mining* — either the entire document or just select chapters.
- Gain recognition for the efforts they already make to protect social and environmental values.
- Provide feedback to IRMA on metrics in the standard; this input will enable IRMA to better understand if some requirements do not fit for certain mine sizes, materials, geographies and will feed into revisions to the IRMA Standard prior to full certification beginning in late 2019.
- If they choose, share publicly via the Responsible Mining Map that they are using the Mine Measure tool and gain recognition for willingness to be part of the global dialogue on responsible mining.
- If they choose, share self-assessment results, either with the public broadly or with key stakeholders (e.g., civil society, communities, purchasers, investors, or auditors).
- Prepare for independent assessment, offered by IRMA later this year; using this tool and preparing supporting material should reduce the time and costs of the independent audit.



MORE ONLINE

IRMA Website:
responsiblemining.net

Standard for Responsible Mining:
responsiblemining.net/standard

Responsible Mining Map:
map.responsiblemining.net

Mine Measure Self-Assessment:
tools.responsiblemining.net/self-assess

Visit Mine Measure Online
to start your mine site self-assessment. Visit the IRMA website to learn how you can engage with IRMA.

Fundamental in IRMA is independent third-party assessment to verify achievement in environmental and social responsibility. Leading purchasers, investors and community advocates seek the credibility and confidence that such a review provides. Self-assessment is not meant as an alternative for independent assessment but rather as a way to prepare for it. IRMA will begin offering independent review in late 2018.