



# Guidelines on sustainable development for the European mining sector

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# Minerals and Metals



- 1 Minerals are the basis of many industrial process products, many of which can be reused or recycled after use.
- 1 Access to and use of minerals and metals are essential to a sustainable society, to society's well-being and to economic development.

# The European Mining Industry



- 1 Members of the European mining industry shall conduct their activities according to principles which promote sustainable development.
- 1 The European mining industry shall promote society's recognition that access to and use of mineral resources is integral to sustainable development for present and future generations.

# The economic aspect

- 1 Members shall conduct their activities to ensure their long-term viability.
- 1 Members must remain viable if they are to develop and meet the demands and expectations of modern society for minerals and metals.



## Economics -2-



- 1 Members shall conduct their affairs in a properly accountable manner with respect to all financial matters, and the environmental and social aspects of their operations.

# The environmental aspect



- 1 Industrial minerals and metal ores can only be extracted from their naturally occurring geological locations.
- 1 Mining activities invariably have some effect on the environment and the minimisation of any such effect shall be integral to the conduct of mining activities.

## Environment -2-



- 1 Environmental protection must be based on sound science and must be technically and economically feasible.
- 1 Environmental protection will be considered throughout the life of a mine from exploration to mine closure.

# The social aspect



- 1 Members shall provide good, safe and positive working conditions taking all protection measures necessary.
- 1 Members shall identify and minimise potential risks associated with mining and shall adopt suitable preventative measures to reduce such risks.