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What's New in Sustainable Mining

The Towards Sustainable Mining (TSM) newsletter highlights program updates, relevant events and details on how mining companies are utilizing the standard to manage key environmental and social responsibilities.

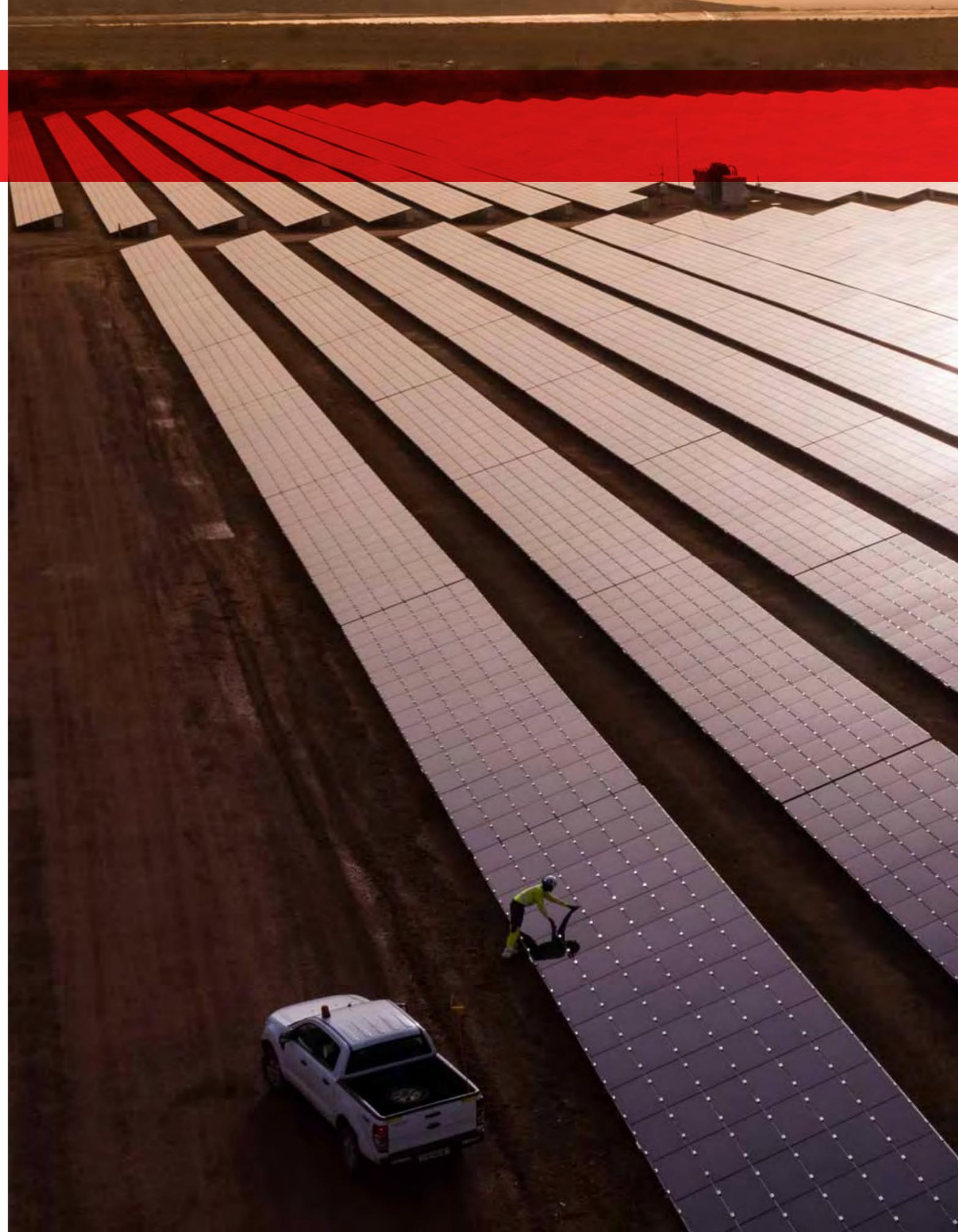


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TSM Training During Mongolian Mining Week & MinePro Convention Expo 2025

This past September, the [Mongolian National Mining Association \(MNMA\)](#) invited the Mining Association of Canada (MAC) to deliver a TSM training session during the Mongolian Mining Week & MinePro Convention Expo 2025, one of Mongolia's largest annual mining events.

The session was led by Pierre Gratton, MAC President and CEO and Ben Chalmers, MAC Senior Vice President, who provided a comprehensive overview of the TSM program. The session also included a discussion with a number of potential nominees

to the MNMA's Community of Interest Panel (COI), emphasizing its essential role in strengthening stakeholder engagement, enhancing transparency, and building public trust in mining operations.

To further enrich the program, Juan Camilo Nariño Alcocer, President of the Colombian Mining Association (ACM), contributed an international perspective. He shared Colombia's experience and best practices in implementing TSM, offering valuable insights for Mongolian mining companies as they advance their own sustainability efforts.



Chamber of Mines of the Philippines Members Conduct First TSM External Verifications

In 2024 and 2025, nine of ten members of the [Chamber of Mines of the Philippines](#) have completed the final stage of TSM implementation by completing their first self-assessments and external verifications as part of the TSM Program. Among these were Rio Tuba Nickel Mining Corp., CTP Mining and Construction Corp., OceanaGold Phils. Inc., Hinatuan Mining Corp., Dinapigue Mining Corp., Carrascal Nickel Corp., Eramen Minerals, Inc., LNL Archipelago Minerals, Inc., and Benguet Corporation Baguio Gold Operations.

Overall, the verified mines showed strong performance on the TSM Indigenous and Community Relationships Protocol, as well as the TSM Safe, Healthy and Respectful Workplaces Protocol. However, most were found to need further improvement in the TSM Water Stewardship Protocol and TSM Climate Change Protocol. Chamber of Mines of the Philippines members are committed to continuing to improve their performance on the TSM protocols and their active Community of Interest Panel has greatly contributed to the success of the program.

Canadian mining companies operating in Mexico reaffirm their commitment to sustainability

Building on the adoption of TSM by the [Mexican Mining Chamber \(CAMIMEX\)](#) in 2023, Canadian-owned mining companies operating in Mexico reaffirmed a commitment to the TSM program in October 2025. The agreement, signed through the Mining Executive Committee of the Canadian Chamber of Commerce in Mexico (CANCHAM), reinforces their commitment to responsible mining under a globally recognized framework.

This agreement also fulfills Item 8, "Joint Action in Responsible Mining," of the Mexico-Canada Action Plan 2025-2026, reflecting the shared call from the President of Mexico and the Prime Minister of Canada for the mining industry to strengthen community and environmental protection measures in support of a sustainable development framework.



Carta Santarém: A TSM-Aligned Pathway to Sustainable Mining in the Amazon

The [Sindicato das Indústrias Minerárias do Estado do Pará \(SIMINERAL\)](#), the mining association of Pará, Brazil and host region of COP30, represents a wide range of companies operating in the Amazon. They've partnered with the Government of Pará and external experts to deliver a series of ESG focused technical workshops.

These workshops relied heavily on the TSM framework as a technical reference, helping companies, government officials, and experts align international best practices with the unique realities of mining in the Amazon. This collaborative process

ultimately led to the Carta Santarém, a cooperation framework between SIMINERAL and the State Secretariat for Environment and Sustainability (SEMAS) that invites participation from third-party institutions and promotes the use of standards like TSM to strengthen and organize ESG data across the regional mining sector.

The Carta Santarém establishes a structured model for cooperation aimed at enhancing ESG performance, governance, and transparency. It supports ongoing technical dialogue through workshops, working groups, and other mechanisms, all guided by

internationally recognized methodologies adapted to the Amazonian context. A central element of the agreement is the creation of an integrated ESG data system—potentially including an ESG data bank and annual sector reports—to ensure consistent, secure, and reliable consolidation of technical information.

By reinforcing alignment between public authorities and the mining industry, the framework strengthens collaborative governance, builds institutional trust, and contributes to more predictable and informed regulatory decision-making. Designed as an evolving

umbrella framework, the Carta Santarém also enables future cooperation agreements, pilot initiatives, and technical projects as sustainability priorities continue to advance. Through this commitment, SIMINERAL and SEMAS reaffirm their dedication to responsible mining in the Amazon, grounded in transparency, technical rigor, and continuous improvement, while contributing to broader national and international sustainability discussions.



Upcoming TSM Public Webinar

The Mining Association of Canada is offering a public webinar on February 19. This webinar will provide participants with a brief overview of the TSM program followed by a deeper examination of the TSM Climate Change Protocol and the Mining Association of

Canada's Guide on Climate Change Adaptation for the Mining Sector. Registration details are available [here](#).

Consolidated Mining Standard Initiative

TSM continues to play a role in the [Consolidated Mining Standard Initiative](#), a partnership between TSM, The Copper Mark, the World Gold Council, and the International Council on Mining and Metals. The aim of this initiative is to bring together four well-established standards and develop a global standard that reduces complexity and clarifies responsible practices for

mining companies of all sizes, across all locations and commodities. The second and final public consultation on the draft standard closed on November 17, 2025, with the four partner organizations now working to review and incorporate feedback. Learn more about the initiative [here](#).



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