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Sustainable Mining & Responsible Business Practice

Canada-European Union Comprehensive Economic & Trade Agreement
Bilateral Dialogue on Raw Materials
Brussels, Belgium (November 16, 2018)

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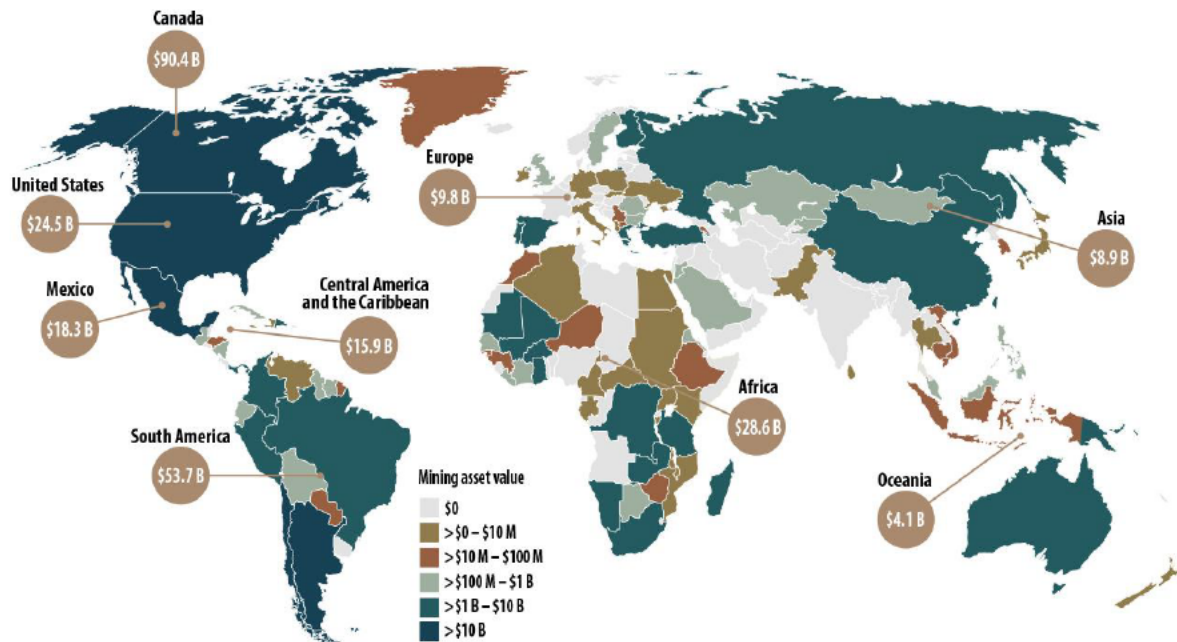


THE CANADIAN MINERALS AND METALS PLAN

Canada is committed to continued leadership in minerals innovation, sustainable mining, and ensuring that resource extraction benefits all our communities



Canadian Mining is Global



**RESPONSIBLE BUSINESS
CONDUCT**



STRONG GLOBAL BRAND



SECURE SUPPLIER



LOW-CARBON



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Responsible Business Conduct

Doing business
abroad responsibly

- Economic
- Social
- Environmental

Positive contributions
& avoiding negative
impacts

- Sustainable
Development
- Inclusive growth

Risk-based due
diligence

- Key to this process



Overall, RBC is about how a company does business, and is important for any company, of any size, in any sector.



How did we get here?

- ❑ **2006-07:** National Roundtables on Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) & the Canadian Extractive Industry in Developing Countries - Advisory Group Report
- ❑ **2009:** CSR Strategy
Building the Canadian Advantage: Canada's CSR Strategy for the Canadian International Extractive Sector
- ❑ **2014:** Enhanced CSR Strategy
Doing Business the Canadian Way: A Strategy to Advance CSR in Canada's Extractive Sector Abroad
- ❑ **2018:** Announcement of new approach:
 - A Canadian Ombudsperson for Responsible Enterprise
 - A multi-stakeholder Advisory Body on Responsible Business Conduct
- ❑ **2019:** Canada's CSR Strategy is scheduled for review



A Comprehensive Approach...

Provide Advice and Guidance



- International & Canadian guidelines
- Market intel for RBC due diligence
- Promoting RBC tools & dialogue mechanisms

Strengthen Environment



- Advisory Body on RBC **NEW**
- Engage multilaterally (UN, OECD) & build local capacity
- Free Trade Agreements
- Anti-corruption

Foster Networks & Partnerships



- Trade Commissioner role
- Whole of mission approach
- Bring stakeholders together
- Fund initiatives

Assist Dispute Resolution



- Canada's National Contact Point
- Canadian Ombudsperson for Responsible Enterprise

NEW

(in development)



... Complemented by Industry Initiatives

Mining Association of Canada's Towards Sustainable Mining

- TSM enables mining companies to meet society's needs for minerals, metals and energy products in the most socially, economically and environmentally responsible way

Prospectors and Developers Association of Canada's e3 Plus

- e3 Plus is a framework for responsible exploration companies to improve their social, environmental & health / safety performance.



Towards Sustainable Mining
Vers le développement minier durable



e3 PLUS
A Framework for Responsible Exploration



Canada is active in Supply Chain initiatives

- **Canada is engaged** in implementing and promoting internationally recognized standards for supply chains, and **expects companies to actively identify, prevent and mitigate their human rights impacts, aligned with internationally recognized guidance.**
- As a leading diamond exporter, Canada was a **founding member of the Kimberley Process** (KP) Certification Scheme and is **advancing KP reforms** to ensure the ongoing relevance of the standard.
- Canada **supported the development of and actively promotes the *OECD Due Diligence Guidelines for Responsible Supply Chains of Minerals from Conflict-Affected and High-Risk Areas.***



Responsible Sourcing in Canada and Abroad

- **Canadian stakeholders are active in work to increase transparency and traceability throughout the supply chain**, responding to consumer concerns & interest among manufacturers to demonstrate responsibly sourced materials.
- **MAC's TSM is a framework for sustainable mining** that is mandatory for MAC members operating in Canada.
- At home, the Government is developing a **strong legal and regulatory framework, positioning Canada as a responsible source of supply & a trusted trade ally**.
- Internationally, the Government works bilaterally to **develop the capacity of host country governments in sustainable development**, in concert with technical assistance provided by Canadian non-governmental organizations (e.g., IMPACT, CIRDI, IGF) and with MAC's international strategy for TSM.



Increasing Transparency & Deterring Corruption

Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative

- Global standard to **improve transparency, accountability and good governance** of oil and gas and mineral resources.
- **Verification, reconciliation and full publication of extractive company payments** made to host country governments and corresponding government revenues received, from oil, gas, and mining.
- EITI **aligns payments with revenues** to combat bribery and corruption, and **fosters debate about how government revenues are spent**.
- **Canada is an EITI Supporting Country and a significant funder** of the International Secretariat.

Extractive Sector Transparency Measures Act

- ESTMA is **part of the international effort to fight corruption in the extractives sector** and responds to Canada's G8 commitment to contribute to improved transparency.
- ESTMA requires extractive businesses subject to Canadian law to **report payments made to all levels of government, domestically and abroad**.
- ESTMA is **aligned with global reporting requirements** (e.g., EU & Quebec), and substitution determinations reduce reporting burden for companies operating in multiple jurisdictions.



Development Assistance Supporting Sustainability

Governments, civil society, private sector and local stakeholders enhancing capacity to responsibly and sustainably manage natural resources with a Feminist Approach:

- Addressing systematic barriers in governance systems
- Diversifying economic opportunities
- Strengthening the role of women in natural resource value chains
- Ensuring women, Indigenous peoples and marginalized groups are engaged in meaningful consultation and decision-making

Development assistance is focused on:

1. Effective and inclusive governance
2. Local economic development
3. Ensuring communities maximize benefits



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