

## **Progress Report Q1-Q4 2018**

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## 1. Society expects responsible mining

Today there is widespread recognition that minerals and metals mining is needed for everyday modern life. However, many people are concerned about the negative impacts of mining, particularly in poorer regions of the world where local communities are more vulnerable to the socio-economic disruption and environmental damage too often associated with the extraction of these non-renewable resources.

As consumers and taxpayers, we all share responsibility for the persistence of mining as an industry – without our lifestyle expectations and socio-economic and political choices, mining as an industry and the manufacturing supply chain would not exist. As global demand for mined commodities remains high and is likely to grow in the transition to green energy, and the concomitant impact on greenhouse gas emissions, there is an urgent need to track and encourage responsible minerals and metals supply chains.

## 2. Responsible Mining Foundation – a systemic response

The Responsible Mining Foundation (RMF) is an independent research organization based in Switzerland, focusing on large scale minerals and metals supply chains. With an emphasis on leading practice and learning, we encourage continuous improvement in responsible mining, and articulate what society can reasonably expect from the minerals and metals industry on economic, environmental, social and governance issues (EESG).

In line with the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), the Foundation's position is that mining should *benefit* the economies, *improve* the lives of peoples, and *respect* the environments of producing countries, particularly in some of the world's poorest regions - while allowing companies and investors to benefit in a fair and viable way.

## 3. Theory of Change

The specific goal of the Responsible Mining Foundation is to encourage continuous improvement in responsible mining by large-scale minerals and metals mining companies (LSM) across a range of Economic, Environmental, Social and Governance (EESG) issues. In support of this goal, the Foundation focuses on research, stakeholder engagement, and the transparent publication of reference frameworks, results and related data to enable constructive engagement between stakeholders and the mining industry.

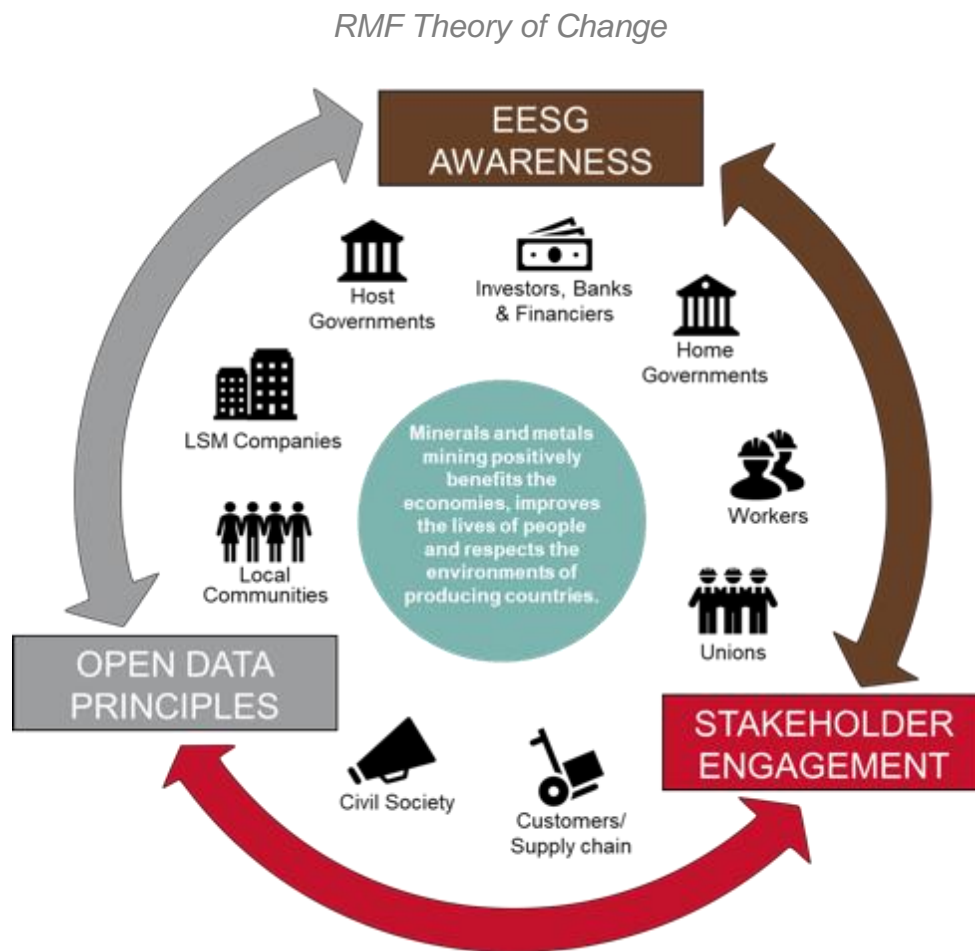
To contribute to this goal, RMF intends to achieve the following three outcomes in 2018-2020:

1. Increased awareness by large-scale mining companies and other stakeholders of what society expects from large-scale mining companies on EESG issues.
2. More informed engagement and discourse between large-scale mining companies and other stakeholders.
3. Improvement in transparency and disclosure of public-interest data by large-scale mining companies.

Producing assessments as a tool is only the first step in RMF's approach to encourage continuous improvement in responsible mining. The Foundation has developed a systematic

approach to leverage its main research outputs (methodology, reference framework, assessment results), in order to drive change on the ground.

This approach is encapsulated in the RMF Theory of Change shown below.



#### 4. RMI Report

In April 2018, the Responsible Mining Foundation published the first Responsible Mining Index, known as RMI Report 2018. The RMI Report 2018 was published in six languages (English, Indonesian Bahasa, Chinese, French, Russian, Spanish) with an expansive digital report and a downloadable and printable summary report available online.

RMI Report 2018 covers 30 companies, including publicly-listed, state-owned and private companies. Together these companies represent approximately 25% of the global value of mining production, cover 51 producing and home countries with a collective population of 4,700,000,000 people, and account for 861 operating and 140 closed mine sites. Collectively the companies have known tax jurisdictions in 109 countries. Together with the disaggregated results for each company, stakeholders have access to a set of leading practices, the metric level scoring framework and a searchable data library of over 2,000 documents - from which to learn and engage with all companies, whether included in the RMI Report 2018 or not.

In addition, the RMI Report 2018 contains individual reports on 127 mine sites, and useful contextual data like company fatality rates, shareholders, tax jurisdictions, mine sites,

subsidiaries and other matters for use by all interested stakeholders. Research, data and RMF publications are all published free as a public good under the Creative Commons Attribution-Non-Commercial 4.0 International License (CC BY-NC 4.0).

## 5. Progress Overview Q1-Q4 2018

Since the launch, we have observed the following responses to the publication of RMI 2018:

### 1. RMI Report 2018

In the first month since the April 2018 launch, the online RMI 2018 Report received 6,143 'unique visitors'<sup>1</sup> from 119 countries and registered 670 downloads of its summary report. By December 2018 the site had registered 15,533 unique visitors from 151 countries of origin. In addition, the publication of individual reports for mining companies and mine sites, the full scoring framework, as well as the raw data as a CSV file was also published on the RMF website.

	Chinese	English	French	Bahasa	Russian	Spanish	TOTAL
December 2018							
Unique visitors	222	11322	1745	67	402	1775	15533
	1%	73%	11%	1%	3%	11%	100%

### 2. Media coverage

In the first month, the RMI 2018 Report was mentioned 256 times in traditional press and 668 times across social media platforms. By December 2018, around 500 articles had been published about the RMI in traditional media and a further 1,061 in social media.

### 3. Response from mining companies

During the company reporting period, 70% of companies participated in the reporting process. Company reporting resulted in 20% more documents being introduced into the public domain than what had been located by the RMF research team during the initial data gathering period. Following the publication of the results, the RMF held debrief calls and meetings with a number of companies, and followed this with a digital survey, covering the process of reporting and engagement and inviting comments on the RMI methodology for further refinement. 30% of companies responded to the survey. Some companies who had not been included in the RMI Report 2018 contacted RMF with questions regarding self-assessment using the RMF methodology and scoring framework, or to request inclusion in the next RMI Report due for release in early 2020.

### 4. Public events and consultations with mining-affected groups

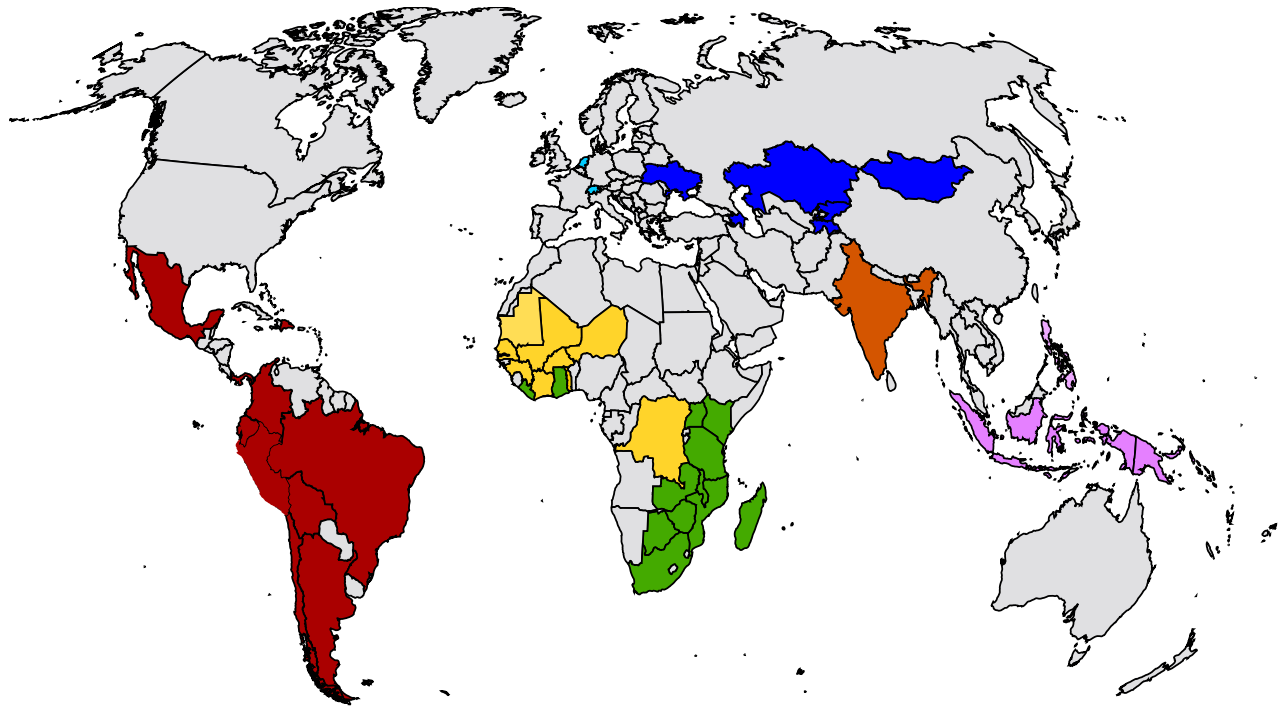
Three public events to introduce the RMI Report 2018 results and engage a range of perspective were held in Geneva, The Hague and Lima during the course of the year. In addition, RMF held 6 consultation workshops in Ivory Coast, Indonesia, Mongolia, Peru, South Africa and Switzerland, including many participants from neighbouring countries within each region (see map below). A wide range of stakeholders, including women, youth, Indigenous Peoples, labour unions, human rights defenders, and other mining affected groups, discussed the results of the RMI Report 2018, how it affects their region, how they might use the RMI

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<sup>1</sup> Unique visitor is a person who visits the site at least once during the reporting period. They are counted only once, even if they access the site many times.

research and results for constructive engagement on responsible mining, and how RMF should improve the access, user-friendliness, and scope of the next RMI Report 2020.

#### *RMF 2018 public events and regional consultations*



#### 5. Stakeholder engagement & leverage

The RMF team participated in 28 mining-related public events and was invited to speak at 8 international events including in Moscow, London, Kyrgyzstan, The Hague and New York. This resulted in new contacts with relevant organisations, individuals and stakeholders, and helped raise awareness and further disseminate the results and findings of the RMI Report 2018.

#### 6. Mine-site study

The RMF team held a consultation workshop in April 2018 with representatives from 9 different mining communities in Burkina Faso, in preparation for the mine site study that was released in January 2019. This was followed by visits to a number of Toronto-listed mining companies included in the report, that among other purposes allowed the research team to deepen its understanding of the company perspective on mine site level reporting in preparation for the RMI 2020 report.

The research and analysis of this study was completed during 2018, allowing for publication in January 2019.

## 6. Progress towards RMF's Theory of Change

The below activities and milestones demonstrate the constructive progress RMF has made towards addressing RMF's theory of change's three main components:

1. Increased awareness by large-scale mining companies and other stakeholders of what society expects from large-scale mining companies on EESG issues.
2. More informed engagement and discourse between large-scale mining companies and other stakeholders.
3. Improvement in transparency and disclosure of public-interest data by large-scale mining companies.

	Overall objectives		
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Activities and Milestones Q1-Q4 2018			
RMI Report 2018 published (digital and PDF)			
Translations of RMI Report 2018 into 6 languages			
RMI Report 2018 public launch event			
Regional consultations with mining-affected communities			
Debrief calls with mining companies			
Digital survey on process and methodology for mining companies			
Expert Review Committee meeting			
Scoping, research & analysis for mine site study			
Mining affected workshop for mine site study			
Meeting with mining companies for mine site study			
IT Platform upgrade			
Participation in conferences, panels & roundtable discussions			
Press releases & media response			

Overall, the responses to the RMI Report 2018 show encouraging signs of the potential for both the RMI methodology framework and the RMI Reports to have both a micro and macro influence on responsible mining practices.

## 7. Variation from original plan

In this period, all activities were conducted according to plan. No changes were made.