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## Press Release

# Responsible Mining Index Framework 2020 published

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**The Responsible Mining Foundation publishes its new framework ahead of the release of the Responsible Mining Index Report, due in early 2020. The document sets out the core content of the RMI 2020 methodology. It provides a comprehensive reference of the major aspects of responsible mining, based on society's expectations of large-scale mining companies on economic, environmental, social and governance (EESG) issues.**

The Responsible Mining Foundation (RMF) is an independent research organization based in Switzerland. It encourages continuous improvement in responsible minerals and metals mining with an emphasis on leading practice and learning.

The RMI Framework 2020 includes information on 43 topics grouped into six thematic areas: Economic Development, Business Conduct, Lifecycle Management, Community Wellbeing, Working Conditions and Environmental Responsibility. It provides a brief overview of each topic, the indicators, metric questions, and kinds of evidence used in the RMI Report to assess the policies and practices of mining companies.

Gender and Human Rights are two cross-cutting issues in the RMI Framework 2020, that are integrated throughout. These transversal issues have been identified by the RMF as areas of importance to responsible mining, particularly in the prevention, avoidance and mitigation of adverse impacts.

The RMI Framework 2020 is an exhaustive resource for all stakeholders, including companies, investors, civil society, governments and supply chain customers on what responsible mining should look like. It will also soon be available in Bahasa Indonesian, Chinese, French, Russian and Spanish.

“We are delighted to share this comprehensive reference tool with all stakeholders in support of constructive engagement and responsible mining worldwide.” – H el ene de Villiers-Piaget, CEO of the Responsible Mining Foundation

## **About the Responsible Mining Foundation**

The Responsible Mining Foundation (RMF) is an independent research organisation that encourages continuous improvement in responsible mining in the minerals and metals industry by highlighting leading practice and transparently assessing the policies and practices of companies in the minerals and metals supply chain. The Foundation does not accept funding from the minerals and metals industry.

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