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Second Quarter 2020 newsletter.

COVID-19 Impacts on Audit Scheduling

With the view that the coronavirus outbreak would impact the scheduling and conducting of audits, ICMI on March 12 provided guidance concerning potential impacts of COVID-19 on the dates by which the on-site portion of a certification audit must be completed. Operations finding it necessary to delay the on-site portion of an audit due to health, travel or operational restrictions were asked to formally request an extension of the audit deadline. As of June 15, ICMI has received 23 requests for extensions to audit dates and has granted 21 of these requests.

Despite the challenges posed by the pandemic, the flow of audit reports submitted by auditors to ICMI for review has been brisk this year with 41 reports received for review as of June 15. The rate of submissions is similar to 2019, when a total of 78 audit reports were submitted during the year. Moreover, communications from operations and auditors to ICMI indicate that audits at many operations are going forward as planned.

Of note, ICMI has fielded a number of queries from auditors asking whether ICMI will consider allowing remote auditing. Our response to these queries has been that we strongly believe that the on-site inspection portions of audits, and the direct interaction between auditors, workers and management at operations, are critical to the rigor, credibility and transparency of the program. Therefore, we are not allowing remote audits.

However, we have reiterated that upon request from the signatory company or participating operation, we will consider extensions to the dates by which the on-site portion of a certification audit must be completed.

We anticipate that the current coronavirus outbreak will have an impact on Cyanide Code audit scheduling. Should operations find it necessary to postpone an audit due to the current situation, we ask that the company formally request an extension of the audit deadline, noting the particular travel or medical restrictions or concerns limiting the audit team from visiting the facility prior to the audit deadline. Please direct these requests to info@cyanidecode.org. Our intent is to provide as much flexibility as possible in these situations.

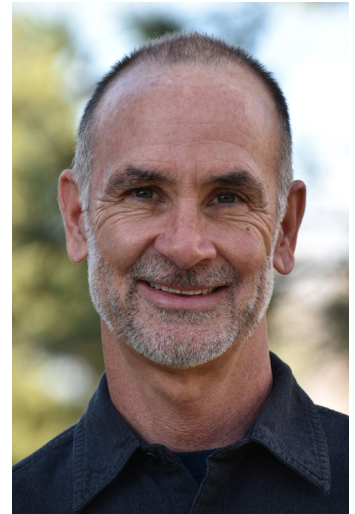
ICMI Welcomes Three New Mining Signatories in Second Quarter

In recent weeks, ICMI welcomed three mining companies as signatories to the Cyanide Code. These included AK Altynalmas JSC, which operates the Aktogai and Akbakai projects in Kazakhstan; Asanko Gold Ghana Limited, the operator of the Asanko Gold Mine in Ghana; and TUMAD Mining Industry and Trade Inc., which has two mining operation in Turkey -- the Ivrinidi and Lapseki mines -- producing gold and silver. ICMI has also welcomed four trucking companies as new signatories in 2020.

Mark Montoya Appointed Director of Standards Assurance

In June, Mark Montoya, professional mining engineer and certified environmental auditor, joined the ICMI team as Director of Standards Assurance. In this role he will manage and conduct the review of all certification audit reports submitted to ICMI and will assist on program analysis and data collection.

Mr. Montoya has over 30 years of diverse experience in design and development of natural resource, industrial, public works, and commercial projects, with 25-plus years of experience within the mining industry. His experience includes working directly for mining companies and consulting to those companies which are predominately performing engineering, operational planning, facility design, environmental and regulatory permitting and project management. He has worked for four producing mining companies at four separate, operating mines in addition to working as a consultant. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering with a minor in Mining Engineering from the Colorado School of Mines.



Mark Montoya

Mr. Montoya has been involved with the Cyanide Code since 2007 as an auditor of mining operations. Functioning as an ICMI-approved Lead Auditor and Gold Mining Technical Expert, he participated in 39 Cyanide Code audits of 26 separate mines throughout the world. In addition to conducting audits, Mr. Montoya has helped mining operations establish and develop their Cyanide Code programs and has provided ICMI training to operating companies, regulators and auditors.

Updated Look for Cyanide Code Mark

The Cyanide Code's mark, or logo, which is registered with the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office, is nearly 18 years old. Working with designers, ICMI has taken steps to modernize the look of our logo without changing its essential characteristics. ICMI plans to use the new mark, which is shown below, beginning in August.



The Cyanide Code's logo and the terms "International Cyanide Management Institute," "International Cyanide Management Code for the Manufacture, Transport and Use of Cyanide in the Production of Gold," "International Cyanide Management Code," and "International Cyanide Management Code for the Gold Mining Industry," are owned by and are the property of ICMI. ICMI procedures for the use of the logo and these terms are [posted here](#) on ICMI's web site. Only those operations that are certified in compliance with the Cyanide Code are authorized to use the Cyanide Code logo, subject to the limitations in the Logo Policy.

2019 Annual Report

The International Cyanide Management Institute has published its 2019 annual report titled *Leadership*. The report reflects on the leadership that led to establishment of the Cyanide Code, and the leadership demonstrated daily by its participating companies as they implement the Cyanide Code worldwide. The report identifies milestones that the Cyanide Code has achieved and provides statistics on its continued growth. The report also notes the program's evolution during 2019, discusses benefits the Cyanide Code brings to its participating companies and stakeholders, and presents the Institute's financial statement. The report can be viewed [here](#).



Signatory Fees Set for 2021

ICMI is largely sustained by the annual signatory fees paid by the Cyanide Code's participating companies. The fees are set by the organization's Board of Directors. At its May meeting, the Board decided to leave the fee rates for 2021 unchanged from rates set in 2017. Thus, for 2021, gold mining companies participating in the Cyanide Code will continue to be assessed at US\$0.042 per ounce of gold produced by cyanidation in 2020, with a minimum fee of US\$2,000. Silver mining companies will continue to be assessed at US\$0.042 of gold equivalent ounces produced by primary silver mines in 2017. The flat fees for signatory cyanide producers and transporters will remain at US\$6,300 and US\$1,100, respectively.

ICMI Podcasts to Air

In August, ICMI will begin the release of a series of podcasts on its website. These short, explanatory podcasts will be aimed at clarifying various aspects of the Cyanide Code, and directed toward signatories and operations preparing for certification audits. The purpose is to help operations understand specific aspects of Cyanide Code compliance. Each podcast will be no more than 10 minutes long and presented in a conversational style.