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**INTERNATIONAL CYANIDE  
MANAGEMENT CODE PRE-OPERATIONAL AUDIT  
AHAFO GOLD PROJECT  
SUMMARY AUDIT REPORT**

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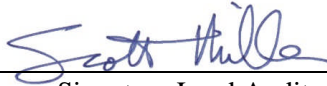
**Location and Description of Process**

The Ahafo Project is in the construction phase at the time of this Pre-Operational International Cyanide Management Code audit. All required permits and plans are completed or in final preparation. Gold production is expected in 2006. The Ahafo Project is located in Ghana, approximately 300 kilometers northwest of the capital city, Accra, 107 km northwest of the city of Kumasi, and 40 km south of the regional capital Sunyani. The life-of-mine plan for the Ahafo Project involves development of four open pit mines. The project has a mine life of approximately 20 years and is expected to produce 10 millions ounces of gold. Approximately 8 million tonnes of ore will be processed per year over the life of mine.

Ore will be mined and transported to a crushing, grinding and milling circuit. Ore processing will consist primarily of carbon-in-leach cyanidation, followed by elution, and refining for precious metals recovery. There will be a secondary gravity flotation circuit for collecting gold concentrates for intense cyanidation and electrowinning prior to refining and precious metals recovery.

Tailings remaining after completion of the processing and precious metals recovery will be conveyed to an engineered lined impoundment for permanent disposal. Cyanide within the tailings will be recycled using a tailings wash circuit or destructed using chemical treatment to achieve acceptable wildlife contact concentrations. The tailings water will be decanted and conveyed back to the process facilities for re-use. The entire process and tailings facilities are designed as a zero-discharge operation.

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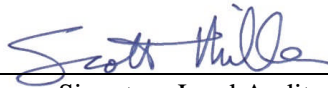
  
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Cyanide Management

Cyanide will be delivered to the site as solid sodium cyanide either in a truck-mounted isotank for solid to liquid sparging or as solid delivered in one-tonne sacks individually contained within plywood boxes. The solid to liquid sparging allows the cyanide supplier to mix the liquid sodium cyanide at the required 30-percent strength for offloading in a designated mixing tank. In the case of solid cyanide sacks, the Ahafo operators will utilize a separate and specially designed mixing tank for direct mixing of the 30-percent cyanide solution. The cyanide solution will be conveyed from the mixing tank in use to storage tanks for delivery to the processing circuit. All cyanide solution conveyances are within double containment and pumped within instrumented and monitored pipelines.

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**Auditors Finding**

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**The operation is**  in substantial compliance with **International Cyanide Management Code**

not in compliance with

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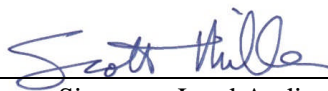
  
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I attest that I meet the criteria for knowledge, experience and conflict of interest for Code Verification Audit Team Leader, established by the International Cyanide Management Institute and that all members of the audit team meet the applicable criteria established by the International Cyanide Management Institute for Code Verification Auditors.

I attest that this Summary Audit Report accurately describes the findings of the verification audit. I further attest that the verification audit was conducted in a professional manner in accordance with the International Cyanide Management Code Verification Protocol for Gold Mine Operations and using standard and accepted practices for health, safety and environmental audits.

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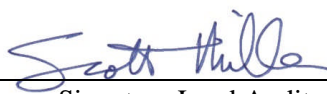
**1. PRODUCTION:** *Encourage responsible cyanide manufacturing by purchasing from manufacturers who operate in a safe and environmentally protective manner.*

Standard of Practice 1.1: *Purchase cyanide from manufacturers employing appropriate practices and procedures to limit exposure of their workforce to cyanide, and to prevent releases of cyanide to the environment.*

**in full compliance with**  
**The operation is**  in substantial compliance with **Standard of Practice 1.1**  
 not in compliance with

**Basis for Audit Finding:** Ahafo has committed to only purchase cyanide from producers that are compliant with the International Cyanide Management Code. Ahafo has a Sodium Cyanide Purchase and Sale Agreement with Orica Mining Chemicals. The contract requires that Orica become and remain a signatory to the International Cyanide Management Code (ICMC) and comply with the ICMC's Production and Transportation Principles and Standards of Practice. Ahafo's cyanide agreement requires Orica to provide summary reports by third-party auditors meeting the ICMI auditor criteria and using ICMC audit verification protocol demonstrating compliance of the Code. Orica is a signatory producer to the ICMC.

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**2. TRANSPORTATION:** *Protect communities and the environment during cyanide transport.*

Standard of Practice 2.1: *Establish clear lines of responsibility for safety, security, release prevention, training and emergency response in written agreements with producers, distributors and transporters.*

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**Basis for Audit Finding:**

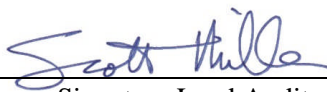
Ahafo has a Sodium Cyanide Purchase and Sale Agreement with Orica Mining Chemicals, that outlines the clear line of responsibilities related to compliance with the ICMC. Orica is a signatory producer to the ICMC. Orica is solely responsible for the production and transport of cyanide to the delivery point. A subcontracted transportation company will be used by Orica for in country transportation.

Standard of Practice 2.2: *Require that cyanide transporters implement appropriate emergency response plans and capabilities and employ adequate measures for cyanide management.*

**in full compliance with**  
**The operation is**  in substantial compliance with **Standard of Practice 2.2**  
 not in compliance with

**Basis for Audit Finding:** Ahafo has a Sodium Cyanide Purchase and Sale Agreement with Orica Mining Chemicals that outlines the terms related to compliance with the ICMC. The Agreement requires evidence of conformance with all requirements of the Code, including Orica to prepare and implement a full emergency response plan for all stages of cyanide transport.

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**3. HANDLING AND STORAGE: *Protect workers and the environment during cyanide handling and storage.***

Standard of Practice 3.1: *Design and construct unloading, storage and mixing facilities consistent with sound, accepted engineering practices, quality control/quality assurance procedures, spill prevention and spill containment measures.*

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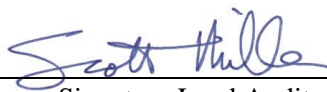
**Basis for Audit Finding:** The design and construction of the cyanide unload and storage facilities have been completed in accordance to the Australian Dangerous Goods Code. The solid cyanide mixing tanks and the storage tanks will each have high-level alarm and level indicator. The cyanide storage tanks will be located outside and will provide appropriate ventilation. The storage area will be fitted with a high HCN alarm. The cyanide unloading, mixing and storage areas are within concrete containment to contain releases and precipitation that may contact cyanide. As also covered under Standard of Practice 4.7, the containment areas are constructed for spill prevention and the containments sized to contain volumes greater than the single largest tank. Solid cyanide will be stored within a covered building fitted with sumps and curbed containment and located separate from acids and hydrogen peroxide. Fenced security is provided around mine site and access to the mine is via a manned security boom gate. The primary delivery of cyanide will be in Isotainers. When and if solid cyanide is stored at the operation it will be under 24-hour security guard.

Standard of Practice 3.2: *Operate unloading, storage and mixing facilities using inspections, preventive maintenance and contingency plans to prevent or contain releases and control and respond to worker exposures.*

**in full compliance with**  
**The operation is**  in substantial compliance with **Standard of Practice 3.2**  
 not in compliance with

**Basis for Audit Finding:** Ahafo is committed to develop Standard Operating Procedures that address management of empty cyanide containers. Ahafo has drafted Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) to prevent exposure and releases of cyanide during unloading and mixing. The SOPs are Manual Cyanide Mixing Procedures, Solid Cyanide Spill Emergency Procedure and Cyanide Sparging Prefill Procedure. Ahafo has committed to finalize these SOPs and to implement the procedures. Ahafo has prepared inspection checklists and preventative maintenance program which they commit to implement. As also covered under Standard of Practice 4.1, Ahafo has committed to implement an inspection program that includes daily pre-shift walk around and formal monthly inspections that are entered into corrective action register and progress noted.

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**4. OPERATIONS:**

***Manage cyanide process solutions and waste streams to protect human health and the environment.***

Standard of Practice 4.1: *Implement management and operating systems designed to protect human health and the environment utilizing contingency planning and inspection and preventive maintenance procedures.*

**in full compliance with**

**The operation is**  in substantial compliance with **Standard of Practice 4.1**

not in compliance with

**Basis for Audit Finding:** Ahafo has developed a number of operator task-specific draft SOPs that address protection of human health and the environment for the operation of cyanide processing and tailings management. These SOPs were found to have adequate contingency planning, routine inspections, and a preventive maintenance program. SOPs address all the cyanide management tasks such as unloading, mixing and storage of cyanide; operation of the carbon-in-leach systems; tailings pumping system operation; and cyanide circulation pumps. Contingency planning documents have been drafted to support the Tailing Storage Facility to address power failure, extreme rainfall and seepage management. Ahafo has developed a procedure to respond to grid power outage to ensure that essential process plant equipment and systems operate and Ahafo has committed to a program that includes regular testing of the standby power generators. Ahafo has committed to utilize a computer based system for identifying, completing and documenting all preventive maintenance activities.

Standard of Practice 4.2: *Introduce management and operating systems to minimize cyanide use, thereby limiting concentrations of cyanide in mill tailings.*

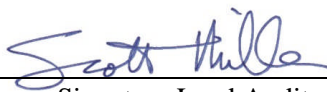
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**The operation is**  in substantial compliance with **Standard of Practice 4.2**

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**Basis for Audit Finding:** Review of the available information indicated that studies have been undertaken to determine the optimal ranges of cyanide concentration for the expected ore types. Ahafo plans a full scale operational level optimization study during the process facility commissioning to determine the minimum cyanide usage for each ore type. Routine process monitoring procedures and testing programs have been drafted that will provide on-going process optimization data.

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Standard of Practice 4.3: *Implement a comprehensive water management program to protect against unintentional releases.*

- in full compliance with**
- The operation is**  in substantial compliance with **Standard of Practice 4.3**
- not in compliance with

**Basis for Audit Finding:** The audit indicated that a comprehensive water balance model was prepared during the facility design and environmental impact assessment. Ahafo has approved a detailed scope of work for preparation of an operational water balance that will meet the requirements of a comprehensive water management program. Process facility inspection procedures and data collection programs have been prepared to allow update of the water balance model. A weather station has been installed to measure and record precipitation data. Daily shift inspections will include available freeboard level monitoring that will be incorporated into the water balance model and operational planning to prevent potential overtopping.

Standard of Practice 4.4: *Implement measures to protect birds, other wildlife and livestock from adverse effects of cyanide process solutions.*

- in full compliance with**
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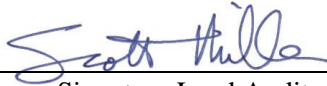
**Basis for Audit Finding:** The Ahafo Project designs include fencing around all process areas including the tailing storage facility to prevent wildlife and livestock access. Ahafo is currently evaluating chemical treatment and cyanide recycling options to reduce weak acid dissociable (WAD) cyanide concentrations to below 50 milligrams per liter (mg/L) in the tailings slurry discharge to protect birds.

Standard of Practice 4.5: *Implement measures to protect fish and wildlife from direct and indirect discharges of cyanide process solutions to surface water.*

- in full compliance with**
- The operation is**  in substantial compliance with **Standard of Practice 4.5**
- not in compliance with

**Basis for Audit Finding:** The project is designed for zero-discharge of process fluids. Operating plans, design criteria and the project water balance indicate that facilities will be consistent with the zero-discharge requirements. Spill prevention and emergency response plans have been developed to comply with the zero-discharge operating philosophy.

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Standard of Practice 4.6: *Implement measures designed to manage seepage from cyanide facilities to protect the beneficial uses of groundwater.*

- in full compliance with**
- The operation is**  in substantial compliance with **Standard of Practice 4.6**
- not in compliance with

**Basis for Audit Finding:** The regional groundwater beneficial use has been classified as drinking water source. Accordingly, the project design documents indicate that the tailings storage facilities will consist of a number of seepage control technologies include zoned embankment with cutoff trenches, compacted low-permeability soil liner, geomembrane liner underneath the pond area, and internal drainage collection and conveyance systems to protect the beneficial water use. The operation has developed a surface and groundwater monitoring plan to give early warning of tailings impoundment seepage.

Standard of Practice 4.7: *Provide spill prevention or containment measures for process tanks and pipelines.*

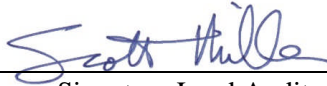
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**Basis for Audit Finding:** Project designs consist of secondary curbed concrete containments for all cyanide storage and processing areas. Other secondary containments include pipe-in-pipe and geomembrane-lined channels. The secondary containments in the cyanide unload, mixing and storage area have been designed to contain tank leakage and a design storm event. Secondary containment in the process area has SOPs for management of tank leakage with the design storm that involves solution pumping, backup power usage, and protocols for solution transfer. SOPs have been developed to address management of spill response and clean-up within the containments. The design information indicates that all tanks, piping and containments will be constructed of materials appropriate for handling high pH cyanide solutions.

Standard of Practice 4.8: *Implement quality control/quality assurance procedures to confirm that cyanide facilities are constructed according to accepted engineering standards and specifications.*

- in full compliance with**
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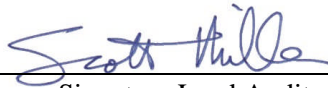
**Basis for Audit Finding:** The project construction plans have been developed by qualified engineering companies and include detailed quality assurance / quality control (QA/QC) data collection and documentation. The QA/QC plans require that the construction be completed according to strict engineering standards and specifications. Ahafo has committed to retain all QA/QC information in the Engineering Office.

*Standard of Practice 4.9: Implement monitoring programs to evaluate the effects of cyanide use on wildlife surface and ground water quality.*

**The operation is**  **in full compliance with**  
 in substantial compliance with **Standard of Practice 4.9**  
 not in compliance with

**Basis for Audit Finding:** Ahafo has draft environmental monitoring programs developed to evaluate the performance of the cyanide management systems on wildlife, surface and groundwater quality. The environmental programs will be implemented by qualified personnel and include all appropriate sampling and analysis documentation.

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**5. DECOMMISSIONING:** *Protect communities and the environment from cyanide through development and implementation of decommissioning plans for cyanide facilities.*

Standard of Practice 5.1: *Plan and implement procedures for effective decommissioning of cyanide facilities to protect human health, wildlife and livestock.*

**in full compliance with**

**The operation is**  in substantial compliance with **Standard of Practice 5.1**

not in compliance with

**Basis for Audit Finding:** Ahafo has developed a conceptual closure plan to address Newmont corporate and Ghanaian requirements. Newmont's Five Star Management System requires all operations to identify and cost all closure activities. Ahafo commits to following this System and to review and update this closure analysis and reclamation costs annually. The closure and reclamation plan includes an implementation schedule and performance monitoring.

Standard of Practice 5.2: *Establish an assurance mechanism capable of fully funding cyanide related decommissioning activities.*

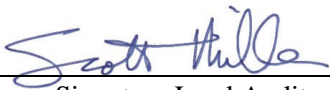
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**Basis for Audit Finding:** Ahafo has developed cost estimates with sufficient financial resources for the closure of the cyanide-related facilities and activities. Ahafo has committed to implement a financial surety that meets the requirements of the Ghanaian Environmental Protection Act.

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**6. WORKER SAFETY:** *Protect workers' health and safety from exposure to cyanide.*

Standard of Practice 6.1: *Identify potential cyanide exposure scenarios and take measures as necessary to eliminate, reduce and control them.*

**in full compliance with**

**The operation is**  in substantial compliance with **Standard of Practice 6.1**

not in compliance with

**Basis for Audit Finding:** Ahafo has identified potential cyanide exposure scenarios and developed procedures and plans to eliminate, reduce and control exposure. Ahafo's Cyanide Management Plan, Ahafo's Environmental Control Management Procedure and individual task specific Standard Operating Procedures provide details for emergency responses, personal protective equipment requirements and inspection requirements. Newmont has a corporate Integrated Management System that Ahafo has committed to implement. The System has a change management action plan that ensures changes to standard Operating Tasks or plant infrastructure are risk assessed and approved by qualified specialists, changes communicated to the workforce and training requirements updated. Ahafo has committed to pre-shift and monthly department meeting that will allow employees to raise safety issues.

Standard of Practice 6.2: *Operate and monitor cyanide facilities to protect worker health and safety and periodically evaluate the effectiveness of health and safety measures.*

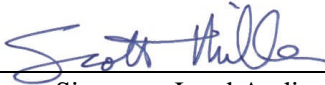
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**Basis for Audit Finding:** Ahafo has developed draft SOPs for the cyanide usage areas designed to prevent the generation of hydrogen cyanide gas. Ahafo has committed to plant equipment controls for cyanide, sodium hydroxide and pH. Ahafo has committed to installing fixed HCN gas detectors at relevant cyanide usage areas that will sound alarms. Ahafo has established requirements for personal protective equipment and HCN monitoring at all relevant process areas. Ahafo's Cyanide Management Plan commits to providing handheld/portable HCN gas monitor for use by personnel performing specific cyanide related tasks. Ahafo commits to monitoring equipment maintenance and calibration programs. Ahafo commits to installing safety showers with eye wash stations and non-acidic fire extinguishers at relevant cyanide usage areas. Ahafo has committed to provide the cyanide safety information (Material Safety Data Sheets, first aid procedures). Newmont's Corporate Five Star Management System requires all operations to have an accident investigation process. Ahafo commits to have a process to report and investigate all cyanide related incidents.

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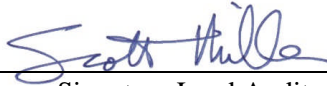
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Standard of Practice 6.3: *Develop and implement emergency response plans and procedures to respond to worker exposure to cyanide.*

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- The operation is**  in substantial compliance with **Standard of Practice 6.3**
- not in compliance with

**Basis for Audit Finding:** Ahafo has committed to a full time onsite medical center, an emergency vehicle, a helicopter pad, providing full safety equipment including safety showers/eye wash stations, first aid equipment, a permanent first aid station, and first aid training. Ahafo commits to have an on-site medical center with a doctor and a nurse 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. They will be trained to inject the intravenous cyanide antidote and provide medical treatment for cyanide exposure. Every area that uses cyanide will have workers trained in first aid for cyanide exposure. Ahafo has committed to conducting cyanide exposure drills and testing the relevant emergency procedures at least once per year.

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**7. EMERGENCY RESPONSE:** *Protect communities and the environment through the development of emergency response strategies and capabilities.*

Standard of Practice 7.1: *Prepare detailed emergency response plans for potential cyanide releases.*

- in full compliance with**
- The operation is**  in substantial compliance with **Standard of Practice 7.1**
- not in compliance with

**Basis for Audit Finding:** Ahafo has drafted SOPs dealing with cyanide related emergencies and emergency control management that address potential cyanide releases including containment plans, rating severity, and analysis of potential scenarios. The emergency response plans will be evaluated and updated annually.

Standard of Practice 7.2: *Involve site personnel and stakeholders in the planning process.*

- in full compliance with**
- The operation is**  in substantial compliance with **Standard of Practice 7.2**
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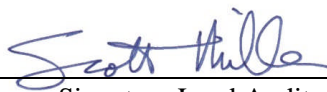
**Basis for Audit Finding:** The emergency response plans have been designed to be implemented entirely by trained site personnel. The Ahafo emergency response teams will be trained to respond to all potential cyanide incidents at the project. No local stakeholders will be required to be involved in the emergency response training or implementation. Ahafo will keep local liaison officers informed of emergency response planning activities.

Standard of Practice 7.3: *Designate appropriate personnel and commit necessary equipment and resources for emergency response.*

- in full compliance with**
- The operation is**  in substantial compliance with **Standard of Practice 7.3**
- not in compliance with

**Basis for Audit Finding:** Ahafo has committed in the draft emergency response and training SOPs the necessary emergency response, equipment and medical staff to manage all cyanide incidents at the operation. Outside entities will not be needed during emergency response training or at actual incidents.

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Standard of Practice 7.4: *Develop procedures for internal and external emergency notification and reporting.*

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**The operation is**  in substantial compliance with **Standard of Practice 7.4**  
 not in compliance with

**Basis for Audit Finding:** The draft emergency response plans detail the procedures for internal and external emergency notification and reporting.

Standard of Practice 7.5: *Incorporate into response plans and remediation measures monitoring elements that account for the additional hazards of using cyanide treatment chemicals.*

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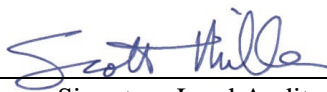
**Basis for Audit Finding:** Ahafo has prepared draft cyanide response and remediation plans that address appropriate uses and situation for cyanide treatment chemicals including ferric sulfate, hydrogen peroxide and sodium hypochlorite.

Standard of Practice 7.6: *Periodically evaluate response procedures and capabilities and revise them as needed.*

**in full compliance with**  
**The operation is**  in substantial compliance with **Standard of Practice 2.2**  
 not in compliance with

**Basis for Audit Finding:** Ahafo has committed to annual evaluation and update of emergency response plans. Additionally, at least once per year Ahafo will conduct emergency response drills.

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**8. TRAINING:** *Train workers and emergency response personnel to manage cyanide in a safe and environmentally protective manner.*

Standard of Practice 8.1: *Train workers to understand the hazards associated with cyanide use.*

- in full compliance with**
- The operation is**  in substantial compliance with **Standard of Practice 8.1**
- not in compliance with

**Basis for Audit Finding:** Ahafo's Cyanide Management Plan commits that all employees who may encounter cyanide will receive initial cyanide training on the hazards of cyanide and annual refresher training. The Ahafo Learning and Development team will retain all training records. The cyanide related SOPs include a performance assessment section in which an employee is assessed as competent or not competent in that particular procedure.

Standard of Practice 8.2: *Train appropriate personnel to operate the facility according to systems and procedures that protect human health, the community and the environment.*

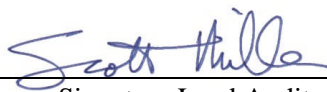
- in full compliance with**
- The operation is**  in substantial compliance with **Standard of Practice 8.2**
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**Basis for Audit Finding:** Ahafo has prepared a Cyanide Management Plan and SOPs that detail health and safety procedures for all aspects of cyanide unloading, handling, mixing and storage. Ahafo has committed to job specific training for all cyanide management tasks. Ahafo has committed that all new operators with no prior processing experience will be required to attend and pass a 13-week training program. After successfully completing the training program the trainees are required to be under constant supervision for 12 months. Job observation of the trainees will be conducted and documented.

Standard of Practice 8.3: *Train appropriate workers and personnel to respond to worker exposures and environmental releases of cyanide.*

- in full compliance with**
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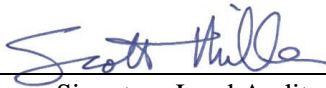
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**Basis for Audit Finding:** Ahafo has committed to training requirements in response to cyanide releases of all production and maintenance personnel. Ahafo has developed Standard Operating Procedures for cyanide-related tasks. The Environmental Control Management Procedure defines the response required by operators if a person is exposed to cyanide or if there is an environmental release. Ahafo has committed to training plant personnel in those SOPs and the Environmental Control Management Procedure.

Ahafo is committed to having a full time Emergency Response Team who will be trained in first aid, use of resuscitation equipment and Self Contained Breathing Apparatus.

Ahafo commits to conduct at least one annual cyanide drill that will include both human exposure and environmental release. The drill will be analyzed and improvements made to training procedures and the response plan as required

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**9. DIALOGUE:** *Engage in public consultation and disclosure.*

Standard of Practice 9.1: *Provide stakeholders the opportunity to communicate issues of concern.*

**in full compliance with**

**The operation is**  in substantial compliance with **Standard of Practice 9.1**

not in compliance with

**Basis for Audit Finding:** Ahafo is committed to a Community Engagement Plan which includes quarterly meetings to be held with specific target groups, farmers, youth groups and the community at large.

Standard of Practice 9.2: *Initiate dialogue describing cyanide management procedures and responsively address identified concerns.*

**in full compliance with**

**The operation is**  in substantial compliance with **Standard of Practice 9.2**

not in compliance with

**Basis for Audit Finding:** Ahafo has committed to utilize their Community Engagement Plan as the communication tool with the local communities regarding cyanide management. Ahafo has committed to develop and implement a Stakeholder Engagement procedure that will include descriptions of all methods for identifying stakeholder issues and concerns.

Standard of Practice 9.3: *Make appropriate operational and environmental information regarding cyanide available to stakeholders.*

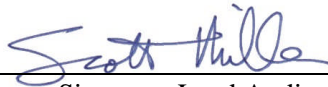
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**The operation is**  in substantial compliance with **Standard of Practice 9.3**

not in compliance with

**Basis for Audit Finding:** Ahafo committed to a Community Engagement Plan which will include development of communication tools for non-literates. Newmont's corporate annual report titled "Now & Beyond 2004 Corporate Responsibility Report" provides information on Newmont's commitment to the Cyanide Code and a table on International Cyanide Management Code Reporting. Newmont also has a website (www.newmont.com) that describes cyanide management.

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