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Velcome to the International Cyanide Management Institute's (ICMI) 2nd Quarter 2021 Newsletter.

Revisions to Cyanide Code Documents Offer Clarity and Consistency; Changes Resulted from Wide-Ranging Review and Public Consultation

ICMI has made revisions to 11 Cyanide Code documents in order to improve clarity and consistency within and among documents. The revisions, which were the result of extensive review and public consultation, will be effective for purposes of compliance on September 1, 2021, and are available now on the Cyanide Code website.

Translations of the documents into Chinese, French and Spanish will be available by August 1, and translations into Portuguese and Russian are expected to be posted in the fourth quarter of this year.

ICMI began the document revision process in 2019 with four objectives:

- Accounting for changes in industry practices since the initial development of the Cyanide Code and its supporting documents.
- Addressing gaps and "soft spots" in requirements for auditing and compliance.
- Clarification of procedures and guidance for compliance auditing and certification.
- Making documents more user friendly by eliminating duplicate materials and discrepancies.

This review and revision process yielded a new document, *Guidance for Use of the Cyanide Production Verification Protocol*. The *Guidance for Use of the Mining Operations Verification Protocol* had previously been used to provide guidance for compliance of production facilities. This revision process also consolidated selected documents to reduce duplication of material and also make materials easier to locate.

Earlier versions of the program's documentation remain available in an archive section on the Cyanide Code website.

Annual Report Underscores the "Value of Certification" for Signatory Companies



ICMI has published its 2020 annual report, which is focused on the theme "Value of Certification" offered by being a Cyanide Code signatory.

Being a signatory demonstrates a company's commitment to employee and community safety and environmental awareness in areas in which they operate. The Code's pledge of voluntary adherence to the Code is recognized as a best practice by industry, government regulators, non-government entities, investors and other stakeholders. Part of the Code's transparency and credibility is due to independent audits by specially-trained professionals, with all reports made public on the Cyanide Code website.

The 36-page annual report identifies milestones that the Cyanide Code has achieved and provides statistics on its continued growth, global reach and implementation. The report also provides perspectives from stakeholders, notes trends within the industry, and presents ICMI's financial statement.

<u>Click here</u> to read the 2020 annual report *Value of Certification* in addition to annual reports from previous years.

New Code Signatories Bring Total Number to 204

In the second quarter, ICMI welcomed seven new signatories to the Cyanide Code roster: three mining companies, two cyanide manufacturers and two transporters. This brings to 12 the number of new signatories in 2021, for a total of 204 signatories.



Click the image for a list of signatories to the Cyanide Code.

The new mine signatories are:

Minera San Julián, which is located in Mexico, and operated by Fresnillo plc;

Torex Gold Resources Inc., which operates the El Limón Guajes Mining Complex in Mexico; and,

PT Indotan Halmahera Bangkit, whose subsidiary PT Nusa Halmahera Minerals operates the <u>Gosowong Mine in Indonesia</u>, which it acquired in 2020 from Newcrest Mining, also a signatory to the Cyanide Code. The Gosowong Mine has been certified in compliance with the Cyanide Code three times (2011, 2015 and 2019).

The new cyanide manufacturer signatories are:

Inner Mongolia Chengxin Yongan Chemical Co., Ltd., based in China and,

Guang'an Chengxin Chemical Co., Ltd., also based in China.

These companies are two of four China-based cyanide manufacturers that are signatories to the Cyanide Code.

The new transporter signatories are:

Polyus Logistics JSC, which is based in Russia, and,

Nowata Logistics SARL, based in Burkina Faso.

Relaunch of Cyanide Code Website and Podcasts

In concert with the release of the revised program documentation, ICMI has relaunched the <u>Cyanide Code website</u>, which has a new look, improved navigation, and enhanced content.

The goal is to make it easier for visitors to find information about participating companies, certified operations, and the Cyanide Code program itself.

The new website also includes links to the new ICMI podcast series, titled *CodeCast*. With an initial nine episodes, the podcast will explore topics including change management, decommissioning a facility, wildlife protection, emergency response planning, auditor judgement and more. Each episode will last fifteen minutes or less. Additional episodes will be broadcast later in 2021 and in coming years.

The podcast is designed to supplement training and guidance materials that are available on the Cyanide Code website.

You can listen to CodeCast episodes here and on iTunes and Spotify.