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Welcome to the 4th Quarter 2019 edition of *The Code*.

Mining Companies Equinox Gold and Boroo Gold Now Signatories to Cyanide Code

Vancouver-based [Equinox Gold](#) and Mongolia-focused [Boroo Gold](#) are the latest mining companies to become signatories to the Cyanide Code. They join three other gold mining companies -- [Anaconda Mining](#), [Minas Argentinas](#), and [Minera Sotrami](#) -- that became signatories to the international standard earlier in 2019.

These additions bring to 49 the total number of mining companies participating in the program. Boroo Gold owns the Boroo and Ulaanbulag mines, both in Mongolia. Equinox Gold operates the Mesquite Mine in the United States and the Aurizona Mine in Brazil.

The complete list of Cyanide Code signatories is available [here](#).

Global Tailings Review Consultation Underway

The Global Tailings Review is now consulting on its draft Global Tailings Standard that aims to prevent catastrophic failures by creating a step change for the industry in the safety and security of tailings facilities.

The independent Global Tailings Review is an effort under the aegis of the United Nations Environment Programme, the Principles for Responsible Investment and the International Council on Mining and Metals with the goal of establishing a global standard for the safer management of tailings facilities. The catalyst for the Review was the catastrophic collapse of a tailings dam at the Córrego do Feijão iron ore mine near Brumadinho, Brazil, in January 2019. The consultation is available in seven languages and can be accessed here: [Global Tailings Review](#).

Participation in the consultation process is invited through an online [portal](#). They also will be conducting in-country consultations on a sample basis across a broad geographical spread. The consultation period will run until December 31, 2019. A final standard is expected to be published in 2020.

ICMI to Partner Again with China Gold Congress

ICMI will again be a cooperative partner of the 4th [China Gold Congress and Expo 2020](#) in Beijing, July 14-16, at the China National Convention Center. Additionally, ICMI will be a presenter during the conference.

The biennial event will be hosted by the China Gold Association and the World Gold Council.

The China Gold Congress and Expo consists of three streams: Gold Mining, Gold Investment Market and Gold Consumption. The conference will cover the entire mineral value chain including gold mining, smelting and processing, market trend forecasting for gold investment, and gold consumer products, particularly jewelry design and technology.

Representatives from investment banks and institutions, commodities and futures exchanges and brokers, internationally renowned jewelry companies and consulting firms will also be present. China's top-four gold producers, two gold exchanges and main investment banks, ten well-known gold consumption brands, and investment organizations will also exhibit.

For further information [click here](#).

Those registering online can receive a 10% discount when using the special code ICMI-CG2020.

ICMI Participates in Training for Small Scale Mines in Ecuador

In November, ICMI participated in a three-day workshop in Ecuador, focused on tailings facility design and management and cyanide management at small mines and processing plants. Small scale mines in Ecuador, as well as other countries, are transitioning from the use of mercury to cyanide for extraction of gold. Dr. Dirk van Zyl of the University of British Columbia and a Board member of the ICMI, and Dr. Eric Schwamberger of ICMI delivered the training.

The workshop was held in the historic mining district of Portovelo-Zaruma, in El Oro Province, Ecuador, and included field trips to small mines, processing plants, and tailings facilities in the district. The workshop was facilitated by Dr. Patricio Colón Velásquez López, Professor of the Technical University of Machala, Ecuador, and Adjunct Professor of the University of British Columbia, and it was sponsored by the Canadian International Resources and Development Institute (CIRDI) and the Provincial Government of El Oro, Ecuador, with support by the Association of Owners of Processing Plants of Portovelo-Zaruma. For more about CIRDI's work in Ecuador [click here](#).



The training course participants with instructors and organizers