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Welcome to the 2nd Quarter 2026 edition of *The Code*.

Mining Companies FG Gold Limited, Hemlo Gold Corporation, and Zijin Golden Ridge Limited Become Signatories to Cyanide Code

In the second quarter of 2026, the mining companies FG Gold Limited, Hemlo Gold Corporation, and Zijin Golden Ridge Limited became signatories to the Cyanide Code.

[FG Gold Limited](#) is developing the Baomahun Gold Project in Sierra Leone, which, when operational will be Sierra Leone's first large-scale commercial gold mine.

The Canada-based [Hemlo Mining Corp.](#), the operator of the Cyanide Code-certified Hemlo Mine in Canada, signed on to the Code as well. The company acquired the mine from Barrick Mining Corporation in November 2025. The mine has achieved Cyanide Code certification four times, most recently in August 2021 while owned by Barrick.

[Zijin Golden Ridge Limited](#) operates the Code-certified Akyem Mine in Ghana, which was acquired from Newmont Corporation in April 2025. The Akyem Mine has been certified in compliance with the Cyanide Code four times, most recently in April 2025 while owned by Newmont. During the same period, Marlyn Chemicals in South Africa, a company that warehouses cyanide, gained admission to the Cyanide Code in the producer category, and two transporters of cyanide also became signatories: MKA Engineering, LLP in Kazakhstan and Yeongeung Logistics Co. Ltd. in South Korea.

At mid-year, the Cyanide Code had 247 total signatories, comprised of 63 mining companies, 34 cyanide producers (including manufacturers and warehouseers of cyanide), and 150 transportation operations.

Auditors Corner **Opening of Sea Containers and Dry Vans Containing Cyanide**

Welcome to this installment of the Auditors Corner, a continuing feature of *The Code*. This column is intended for both auditors and operations preparing for audits or gap analyses. We welcome your suggestions for future topics at info@cyanidecode.org.

This edition focuses on protecting workers from hydrogen cyanide (HCN) gas when opening sea containers or dry van trailers containing Intermediate Bulk Containers (IBCs) of cyanide after arrival at a destination mine, warehouse, or transloading facility. A dry van is a fully enclosed semi-trailer used to transport non-perishable freight.

Shipping containers and dry vans carrying sodium cyanide may have been closed for days, weeks, or even months while in transit or storage prior to their opening. During that time, humidity may hydrolyze solid sodium cyanide into HCN gas, which can accumulate inside the enclosed space. Operations should therefore treat sealed containers and dry vans as potentially hazardous in confined spaces until confirmed that entry and unloading can proceed safely.

Although the Code's Verification Protocols and Guidance do not specifically address every scenario involving opening or destuffing containers and dry vans, the risk of HCN exposure is present and should be addressed in operating procedures. ICMI asks all operations, whether transport, mining, warehouses, or transloading facilities that open or unload cyanide shipments, to review those procedures and confirm that elements such as ventilation, monitoring, entry controls, PPE, worker training, and emergency responses are adequate to protect personnel.



Workers should take protective measures when opening containers carrying cyanide.

ICMI recognizes the many operations and auditors already identify ventilation and air-quality testing procedures in certification audit reports. Continued attention to these safe work practices protects workers, supports consistent implementation of the Cyanide Code, and reinforces the behaviors that underpin strong industry performance.

As ICMI undertakes a review of the Cyanide Code this year, we will be considering incorporating guidance and safety requirements for this activity into the Code's documentation. We would welcome any comments or suggestions from stakeholders on this topic, which can be sent to ICMI by email at info@cyanidecode.org.

We're Moving Our Offices

We are excited to announce that ICMI will be operating from new offices beginning July 13, 2026. Please update your records with our new location. Our phone numbers, email addresses, and website remain unchanged. Our new office address:

International Cyanide Management Institute
1012 14th Street, NW – Suite 825
Washington, DC 20005, USA

Thank you for your continued partnership. We look forward to serving you from our new location.



ICMI's new office building.

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Look for our 2025 annual report which we will be publishing very soon. The report highlights many milestones achieved in 2025, and progress over the past 20 years since the Code's launch. Importantly, it will discuss our focus on the future and ways we can expand and improve the Cyanide Code in the years ahead.

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ICMI's 2025 annual report will focus on the future of the Cyanide Code.