

Is Your Mining Operation *Sustainable*?

The Global Reporting Initiative (GRI) is a network-based organization that pioneered the world's most widely used sustainability Reporting Framework. GRI is committed to the Reporting Framework's continuous improvement and application worldwide and their core goals include the mainstreaming of disclosure on environmental, social and governance performance. GRI's Reporting Framework is developed through a consensus-seeking, multi-stakeholder process. Participants are drawn from global business, civil society, labor, academic and professional institutions.

The Reporting Framework sets out the principles and Performance Indicators that organizations can use to measure and report their economic, environmental, and social performance. The cornerstone of the Reporting Framework is the Sustainability Reporting Guidelines. The third version of the Guidelines – known as the G3 Guidelines - was published in 2006, and is a free public good. Other components of the Reporting Framework include **Sector Supplements** (unique Indicators for industry sectors) and National Annexes (unique country-level information

The GRI Mining and Metals Sector Supplement is a version of GRI's G3 Guidelines tailored for the mining and metals sector. The G3 Guidelines are for use by organizations to measure and report on the economic, environmental, social, and governance dimensions of their activities, products, and services.

The G3 Guidelines set out Reporting Principles and Performance Indicators for economic, environmental, and social disclosures. In addition, the Mining and Metals Sector Supplement includes sector-specific commentary on the Guidelines' content and additional Performance Indicators for the mining sector, ensuring that sustainability reports by mining and metals companies effectively cover the sector's key issues.

The Mining and Metals Sector Supplement was designed to cover all main activities in the mining sector; exploration, mining and primary metal processing, including metal fabrication and recycling; and the complete project life cycle, from development through operational lifetime to closure and post-closure.

The content of the Mining and Metals Sector Supplement was developed by a multi-stakeholder working group formed by volunteers from mining and metals companies, investors, labor and non-governmental organizations. The development of this Supplement aims to enhance sustainability reporting in the mining industry sector.

To find out more about the GRI Mining and Metals Sector Supplement, click the link below.

<http://www.globalreporting.org/ReportingFramework/SectorSupplements/MiningAndMetals/>

GRI developed a reporting template created to offer an easy way for organizations to prepare a basic GRI sustainability report. The template was prepared to show exactly what a basic GRI report should contain and is based on the requirements in the GRI G3 Guidelines for the basic Application Level C. The "Let's Report!" template (see link below) contains a short summary containing instructions on how to fill in the template and can be downloaded, completed, published and if you choose, sent back to GRI to be recorded in their databank. It is a pdf file and it is available for free.

<http://www.globalreporting.org/LearningAndSupport/ToolsAndResources/LetsReportTemplate/>