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Accountable Mining Programme



RESPONSIBLE MINING BUSINESS INTEGRITY TOOL

Transparency International's Responsible Mining Business Integrity Tool supports mining companies to evaluate and strengthen their anti-corruption controls and prepare for the energy transition.

This online and interactive tool guides companies through an in-depth, focused evaluation of their anti-corruption controls and procedures.

With indicators selected from over 40 international best practice standards and frameworks, this online and interactive tool helps companies evaluate performance in three key areas:

- Assessing business integrity risks in the country and within the company's business activities and relationships.
- Embedding business integrity measures in training, communications and the company's anti-corruption programme.
- Demonstrating business integrity through the company's external communications and reporting.



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WHY USE THIS TOOL?

Today, investors are placing greater emphasis on environmental, social, and governance (ESG) factors, geopolitics, and climate change. As the extraction of green minerals expands to meet the demands of the energy transition, prioritising climate governance within the mining industry has become crucial for governments, investors, and civil society.

Having effective systems, underpinned by company-wide values, to detect, prevent, and manage corruption risks is a business imperative. It ensures compliance with applicable laws because it is good for business. Corruption impacts project viability, company reputation, and future business relationships.

This tool was developed through examination of international best practice standards and frameworks such as GRI, IFC Performance Standards, SASB, UK Bribery Act Guidance, US FPCA Guidance, IRMA, Responsible Mining Index, and the UN Global Compact.

THE BUSINESS CASE

For the second year in a row, environmental, social, and governance (ESG) issues have been identified as the number one business risk for the mining industry. Therefore¹, a company's ability to demonstrate business and climate integrity in the mining sector is increasingly critical to the success of any project.

There is also a commercial incentive to take action. Companies that take corruption risk and business integrity seriously can increase their investment attractiveness.

With funding from the United States Agency for International Development's (USAID) Powering a Just Energy Transition Green Minerals Challenge (JET Minerals Challenge),² Transparency International Australia will refine and scale up our innovative tool to:

- help identify corruption risks and strengthen integrity and anti-corruption capacity with up to 25 mining,
- companies involved in extracting green minerals in five key countries: Argentina, Colombia, Indonesia, Zambia and Zimbabwe, and
- work with green mineral extraction companies to address, understand, and implement the risks associated with the energy transition.

HOW CAN THIS TOOL HELP?

The tool helps companies assess their policies and procedures on business integrity and anti-corruption and to identify where these need to improve.

In addition, the tool aims to increase awareness of the importance of business integrity from an ESG perspective. For companies with robust business integrity policies and practices in place, the tool enables them to identify and demonstrate their strengths and efforts to improve them to stakeholders such as investors, regulators and citizens of host countries:

- highlighting the most critical policies and procedures for business integrity,
- providing a framework to evaluate business integrity performance,
- considering meaningful community engagement, including gender considerations and women's participation,
- supporting transparency, reporting and disclosures, and
- offering practical guidance and resources.

¹ EY, *Top 10 business risks facing mining and metals in 2022 and 2023, 2023*. Accessed May 2024

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