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Sustainable Development



“To identify how mining and minerals can best contribute to the global transition to sustainable development”

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NEW MMSD WEBSITE GOES ONLINE

The redesigned and restructured MMSD website is now up and running at www.iied.org/mmsd. We hope the new site is more user-friendly and facilitates access to information. If you have any comments or suggestions please write to Ben.Richardson@iied.org.

DIFFICULTY ACCESSING MMSD MATERIALS?

If you ever have any difficulty accessing MMSD materials, on our website or otherwise, please contact us at mmsd@iied.org or by post at MMSD, 1A Doughty Street, London WC1N 2PN, UK.

FIRST INTERIM REPORT PRODUCED

MMSD's first Interim Report *Planning for Outcomes: A Framework for the Consideration of Options* has now been produced in draft, prepared by George Green, François Bregha, Stephanie Meyer and John Moffet of Stratos Inc., Ottawa, Canada. The report examines the range of possible outcomes of MMSD and analyses and evaluates specific mechanisms and approaches that might be applied in implementing the findings and results of all the Project's activities.

As is the case with all of MMSD's Interim Reports, *Planning for Outcomes* is first released as a provisional draft, pending a review by the Project Assurance Group which is expected to occur when the Group meets in January. However, the review process is by no means limited to the members of the Assurance Group and we welcome your comments and suggestions. The document will shortly be available on our website and we invite you to address all correspondence to Elisabeth.Wood@iied.org.

PROCEDURE FOR SUBMITTING PROPOSALS OUTLINED

MMSD would like to solicit expressions of interest from qualified institutions and individuals in preparing reports synthesising current knowledge in a number of key areas of research. The first set of key topics for investigation is outlined in the document *Request for Statements of Interest (December 2000)*, available on our website at www.iied.org/pdf/Request_for_Statements_of_Interest.pdf. If you are interested in submitting a proposal, do try to follow our guidelines on brevity and pertinence of information provided. This will really help us to assess submissions effectively.

MOVING TOWARDS THE FINAL REPORT

Framework for Final Report Begins to Take Shape

MMSD will publish its final report in draft at the end of 2001. The proposed framework for that report is now being developed and is available for comment and review. Our current thinking is outlined in *Work in Progress Report (December 2000)* which can be found at www.iied.org/pdf/Work_in_Progress_Report.pdf. A more detailed outline of all the topics for analysis is provided in a companion document, described below.

Proposed Outline for MMSD Report Updated

Through on-going consultation and comment, the proposed outline for the final report is evolving. The latest update and refinement of this, entitled *Proposed Outline for MMSD Report (December 2000)*, can be found at www.iied.org/pdf/Proposed_Outline_for_MMSD_Report.pdf. We will continue to seek comment and focus for this outline through our website and a variety of broader consultation processes. It is important to bear in mind that the depth of analysis on all

of these topics will vary depending on the existing knowledge base, gaps identified, other initiatives underway and regional priorities.

We encourage you to review and critique these two documents, *Proposed Outline for MMSD Report* and *Work in Progress Report*; please send any comments or suggestions to Caroline.Digby@iied.org.

NORTH AMERICAN SCOPING MEETINGS

The MMSD North American process is moving into implementation phase with two “subgroup” meetings, one for Canada and one for the USA. The Canadian subgroup will meet in Winnipeg on 18/19 December at the offices of the International Institute for Sustainable Development and the USA subgroup will gather at the Colorado School of Mines on 9/10 January. The purpose of the meetings is to give the participants an overview of MMSD and its activities, to review and amend the proposed 12-month North American action plan, to identify a small set of focus areas for detailed review, and instigate the process of expanding contact with key communities of interest.

Notes from the meetings will be available on the MMSD website early in the new year.

SCOPING MEETINGS SET FOR GLOBAL DIALOGUE ON FINANCE AND THE MINING AND MINERALS SECTOR

The MMSD project, the World Bank and the United Nations Environment Program are jointly proposing to sponsor a global dialogue on the role of the financial sector in the transition to sustainable development in the minerals sector.

Those who invest in minerals exploration, mining or other minerals companies, or lend money to them, have a clear interest in how that transition will affect companies involved in all aspects of the minerals cycle. This subject is also of clear interest to mining and minerals companies themselves as well as to a variety of other actors.

The purpose of this dialogue would be to identify and examine, from those multiple perspectives, a number of key current issues relating to the sector.

The first step in this process will be two scoping meetings, convened at the World Bank on 10 and 12 January 2001, to which a variety of individuals with diverse interests have been invited to discuss this concept, help identify issues, identify people or organisations who should be involved in this dialogue and discuss what future steps would be appropriate. One of those steps could be a broader meeting in early April.

Questions or comments about this process or MMSD’s role in it should be directed to Juan.Velasquez@iied.org.

SEASON'S GREETINGS

...and a Happy New Year! We thank you for your interest and support over the last year and in the future.

What is MMSD?

Initiated by the World Business Council for Sustainable Development, MMSD is an independent process of participatory analysis aimed at “*identifying how mining and minerals can best contribute to the global transition to sustainable development*”.

It is a two-year project designed to produce concrete results during this period, and to create structures capable of being carried forward thereafter. A key product will be a Project Report which will be presented at the end of 2001.

An invitation to participate

MMSD is an ambitious venture that depends on the active involvement of civil society, companies, government, the research community and many others for its success.

If you would like to receive copies of past or future Project Bulletins, or have any other enquiries, please contact us at: mmsd@iied.org