

## **MMSD PROJECT CLOSE**

**From Richard Sandbrook, Project Co-ordinator**

To whom it may concern,

The Mining, Minerals and Sustainable Development Project (MMSD) – run by the International Institute for Environment and Development and the World Business Council for Sustainable Development – completed its last team assignment at the World Summit on Sustainable Development in Johannesburg. The project presented its findings to various audiences. These presentations went well and had mixed responses. I would expect no less.

The Project Work Group has now dispersed. This is consistent with the position that was stated at the outset of MMSD – namely that it would not write into its recommendations anything that promoted its continued existence – in the interest of independence and integrity. The purpose of this note is, therefore, to explain, at this early stage, how we see the project being followed up.

The basic hopes for the project are set out in the **Agenda for Change** in the final report of the MMSD project, *Breaking New Ground*. As you may know this section laid out a series of challenges for the many actors involved and I am glad to say a number of them are, indeed, being acted upon.

If you have not received a copy of the report or the executive summary (we have distributed over 1,000 copies free of charge) it can be obtained from:

- IIED's bookshop Earthprint (<http://www.earthprint.com/go.htm?to=9084IIED> or by email at [orders@earthprint.com](mailto:orders@earthprint.com))
- You may also contact the publisher Earthscan (<http://www.earthscan.co.uk> or by email at [earthinfo@earthscan.co.uk](mailto:earthinfo@earthscan.co.uk))

(ISBN: 1 85383 942 6 hardback; 1 85383 907 8 paperback)

The executive summary is free but we regret that all free copies of the full report have now been distributed.

Through its two-year life, MMSD convened a series of global workshops involving more than 700 people on specific themes:

- Long-run Minerals Availability
- The Role of Financial Institutions
- The Role of Public Participation
- Armed Conflict and Natural Resources
- Human Rights and Corruption

- Worker and Community Health
- Indigenous Peoples
- Small-scale Mining
- Access to Information
- Mining and Biodiversity
- Large Volume Waste
- Life Cycle Analysis
- Corporate Social Responsibility
- Preparing for Implementation

Note that all MMSD workshop reports and the background papers can be found on the MMSD website and on the CD-ROM, which is attached to printed copies of *Breaking New Ground*.

## **FOLLOW UP**

### *IIED and WBCSD*

These two institutions facilitated the MMSD project. In their various ways they will continue to have an interest in the fate of the final report. IIED has a programme that works on matters of corporate responsibility in sustainable development that may include the minerals sector in the future. In any event there is an intention to answer enquiries and keep the project's website up to date.

The WBCSD has corporate members from the sector who may decide to act on MMSD collectively. Much of this collective work may be undertaken through ICMM (see below).

### *The companies collectively*

The largest centre of follow up activity is the International Council on Mining and Metals (ICMM – the entity created by the companies to implement many of the findings of MMSD). It set out its initial response as the “Toronto Declaration” in May 2002 and has been working on a work programme to deliver it ever since. The next iteration of this programme is to be agreed upon by the 22 member companies and the 25 member associations in December 2002. I suggest that anyone who wants to know more visit this organisation's site, [www.icmm.com](http://www.icmm.com) or write to [info@icmm.com](mailto:info@icmm.com).

### *The companies individually*

So much in the report was addressed to individual companies. I suggest that you look at their websites to see what they intend to do with it. The following list gives the web address of each of our commercial sponsors. The rest of the project's sponsors are listed in the report.

Alcan Inc, [www.alcan.com](http://www.alcan.com)

Alcoa Inc, [www.alcoa.com](http://www.alcoa.com)

Angloamerican plc, [www.angloamerican.co.uk](http://www.angloamerican.co.uk)

Anglovaal Mining Ltd, [www.avmin.co.za](http://www.avmin.co.za)

BHP Billiton, [www.bhpbilliton.com](http://www.bhpbilliton.com)

Codelco Chile - Corporación Nacional del Cobre, [www.codelco.com](http://www.codelco.com)

Freeport-McMoRan Copper and Gold Inc, [www.fcx.com](http://www.fcx.com)

Gold Fields Ltd, [www.goldfields.co.za](http://www.goldfields.co.za)

Lonmin plc, [www.lonmin.com](http://www.lonmin.com)

M.I.M. Holdings Ltd, [www.mim.com.au](http://www.mim.com.au)  
Mitsubishi Materials Corporation / Mitsubishi Corporation, [www.mmc.co.jp](http://www.mmc.co.jp)  
Mitsui Mining and Smelting Co., Ltd, [www.mitsui-mining.co.jp/](http://www.mitsui-mining.co.jp/)  
Nippon Mining & Metals Co., Ltd, [www.nikko-metal.co.jp/](http://www.nikko-metal.co.jp/)  
Noranda Inc, [www.noranda.com](http://www.noranda.com)  
Norsk Hydro ASA, [www.hydro.com](http://www.hydro.com)  
Pasminco Ltd, [www.pasminco.com.au](http://www.pasminco.com.au)  
Phelps Dodge Corporation, [www.phelpsdodge.com](http://www.phelpsdodge.com)  
Placer Dome Inc, [www.placerdome.com](http://www.placerdome.com)  
Rio Tinto plc, [www.riotinto.com](http://www.riotinto.com)  
Sibirsky Aluminium Group (Sibal), [www.sibirskyalum.ru](http://www.sibirskyalum.ru)  
Sumitomo Metal Mining, [www.smm.co.jp](http://www.smm.co.jp)  
Teck Cominco Ltd, [www.teckcominco.com](http://www.teckcominco.com)  
WMC Resources Ltd, [www.wmc.com.au](http://www.wmc.com.au)

#### *IUCN-The World Conservation Union*

A dialogue between IUCN and ICMM has been started. This is intended to lead to resolving some of the mining and biodiversity issues, including the vexed issue of “no-go areas”. Either ICMM or IUCN can provide details. The person to reach at IUCN for the moment is David Sheppard, [das@hq.iucn.org](mailto:das@hq.iucn.org). At ICMM, [Scott.Houston@icmm.com](mailto:Scott.Houston@icmm.com) is the relevant contact.

#### *Governments*

At the Summit Canada announced a “type-2” initiative on mining, whose background materials referred to the MMSD report. The initial purpose of this is to build an intergovernmental dialogue between governments leading to a meeting at the end of 2003. The hope is that this will lead onto a global dialogue with all stakeholders. The suggested contact for this activity is Richard Haworth [haworth@nrcan.gc.ca](mailto:haworth@nrcan.gc.ca)

There were also an Indonesian and a French “type-II initiative” that can be found on the earth summit site, [http://www.johannesburgsummit.org/html/sustainable\\_dev/p2\\_protecting\\_managing\\_resources.html#minerals\\_mining](http://www.johannesburgsummit.org/html/sustainable_dev/p2_protecting_managing_resources.html#minerals_mining)

The Prime Minister of the United Kingdom announced an initiative supported by several other countries, companies, NGOs and development agencies to address the issue of transparency of payments by the extractive industries worldwide. The idea is consistent with the conclusions of the Transparency International/MMSD workshop on corruption issues in the minerals sector and the report’s recommendations and is to be welcomed. Details of how that progresses can be found by contacting Jon Hobbs at the UK Department for International Development ([J-Hobbs@dfid.gov.uk](mailto:J-Hobbs@dfid.gov.uk)).

The existing multi-donor-funded network of CASM (Communities and Small-scale Mining, [www.casmsite.org](http://www.casmsite.org)) will follow up the artisanal mining suggestions in the report.

#### *The World Bank Group*

I learn that ICMM and the World Bank are to be working together to advance the suggestions on community development tools in developing countries. It should

also be remembered that Peter Woicke, Executive Vice-President of the International Finance Corporation/World Bank Group announced a US \$20 million fund at the GMI Conference in Toronto in May 2002 in response to MMSD's call for capacity raising. No doubt details of how this will work will emerge in due course and in the meantime contact Peter van der Veen at the World Bank's Mining Department for details.

The World Bank has established a review of its work with the extractive industries. This effort is led by Emil Salim and you can find out more about their work by visiting <http://www.eireview.org>. The MMSD team has spent time explaining the report and the MMSD process to them.

#### *Regional follow-up*

As many will know the MMSD project was regionalised. The teams involved have disbanded but some activity remains. In order to find out what is going on please visit [www.iied.org/mmsd](http://www.iied.org/mmsd). We will see that it is kept up to date with the details of contact addresses.

#### **Future Comments**

In the past all comments (bar one from an NGO that wanted to remain anonymous) have gone up on the MMSD website.

The plan now is to have the MMSD website serviced by an interested party and linked into other relevant sites at universities, other NGOs and UNEP. When this is done links will be established to the existing sites at the IIED and the WBCSD addresses. In the meantime, the MMSD address is [www.iied.org/mmsd](http://www.iied.org/mmsd).

In this way it is hoped that further comments received will be posted and the same transparent process that characterised MMSD will continue. In addition a small group of the MMSD team will meet from time to time to see the comments and prepare a response if they are found to be wanting. Enquiries will also be followed up as best we can. Judging from a recent spate of comments this is a needed facility.

#### **Evaluations**

It is too early to say just what evaluation will follow on from the MMSD. Contractually there has to be one. At the very least there is a plan to reconvene the project's Assurance Group in May 2004 (two years after it last met) to review progress made on the many ideas and recommendations set out in the report. If you are interested in taking part in any form of evaluation of the MMSD process please do not hesitate to contact me at [rsandbrook@aol.com](mailto:rsandbrook@aol.com) and I will keep you in touch with plans.

With that I would like to thank you for your attention.

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