The Assurance Group – the balance of interests

The intention has been to put together an Assurance Group of up to 25 people that contains a balanced number of stakeholder interests. This balance, which includes regional representation, areas of expertise, gender and age, is yet to be achieved.

Thus far we, Richard Sandbrook and Luke Danielson, have adopted an approach that ensures that no one sector has been left out in the small group. But unfortunately we still have some obvious gaps and an insufficient regional balance. The challenge is to devise a process to put this right in the short term.

The regional representation of the group is as follows:

Regions –	Representatives
• Africa	2
 Europe-east and central and west 	2
Latin America	3
North America	4
 Asia – South and South East 	2
 Australasia and Oceana 	2
• China	0
• Russia	0

Interests/experience/wisdom- (note some represent a number of perspectives) Mining technical Mining senior management 1 Minerals use 0 Trade union perspectives 1 Indigenous and first nation peoples 1 European environmental/developmental NGOs 1 North American Environmental/developmental NGOs • 0 Human right perspectives 2 Other regional NGO perspectives Academe/Education/Research 3 Process skills 1 3 • Governmental /parliamentary perspective • Finance – private sector 0 Finance – public sector 0 • UN family 0