



ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY

1. Mission Statement

Communauté Minière de Walikale et Sangara is committed to implementing high standards of environmental performance across all of its operational mines, exploration sites, and closure properties. We believe that a focus on environmental management is an integral part of our commitment to sustainable social and economic development.

We acknowledge that mining operations can have both positive and negative impacts on the environment. We are committed to minimizing the negative impacts of our activities and maximizing the positive impacts and benefits.

We are committed to:

- Full compliance with all relevant environmental legislation and regulations.
- Protecting the environment by applying proven management practices to prevent pollution and mitigate impacts.
- Transparent communication and engagement in relation to our environmental performance with internal and external stakeholders.
- Striving for continual improvement of our environmental performance, with Board and Executive-level oversight of this performance.

2. Policy

To meet the requirements of our mission statement, we commit to:

- Comply with all relevant host country laws and regulations and/or international best practices where the former is lacking.
- Apply a mitigation hierarchy to manage our negative environmental impacts. This compels us to avoid negative environmental impacts wherever possible and to minimize those impacts that cannot be avoided.
- Use energy and other natural resources as efficiently as possible.
- Minimize our use of water, control and manage our impacts on water quality, and engage with stakeholders, including local communities, to ensure sustainable management of water resources for the benefit of all local users.

We will:

- Protect and conserve biodiversity, protect flora and fauna as far as practicably possible, and aim for zero net negative impact where practicable, particularly for sensitive or protected areas.
- Strive for the highest quality of waste management, avoid the release of substances which, by themselves or through their manufacturing process, are damaging to the environment, and encourage recycling. We will adopt environmentally friendly products, processes, and technologies as they become available and economically viable.

In carrying out this Policy, we will:

- Consistently and transparently assess our climate-related risks, manage our emissions, and invest in clean energy sources based on this assessment, balancing it with our commitments to support social and economic development.
- Ensure that all tailings storage facilities are located, designed, constructed, operated, and closed in compliance with all applicable laws and regulations and in alignment with accepted international practices.
- Start planning for mine closure at an early stage in each mine's life to ensure that closure plans are agreed upon with governments and communicated to all impacted communities and stakeholders before operations begin.
- Certify all sites to the International Cyanide Management Code over time, with certification audits conducted in line with the Code's requirements.

- Transport, store, and use cyanide and other reagents responsibly. All of our operations must comply with the International Cyanide Management Code and our internal standards, and all our relevant suppliers must be certified to the Code.
- Educate and encourage our employees, contractors, and host communities to be environmentally responsible and to share environmental experiences and solutions.
- Apply good practices in environmental management, stay informed of technological developments, and foster an atmosphere where innovation is encouraged to utilize them.
- Implement and maintain robust Environmental Management Systems (EMSs) certified to ISO14001:2015 at each mining and refining site.
- Encourage our partners, contractors, and suppliers to implement effective Environmental Management Systems and integrate environmental best practices within their operations.
- Strive for environmental protection and continual improvement of our environmental performance.

We will also:

- Conduct periodic reviews of our performance against this policy to ensure it addresses the needs of our host countries, operations, and the communities in which we operate, and to ensure we fulfill our policy commitments.
- Communicate this policy to our employees, partners, contractors, subcontractors, local communities, and other stakeholders affected by our operations, and make it available to the public.

3. Scope of Policy

This Policy is applicable to the entire workforce of **Communauté Minière de Walikale et Sangara** and its subsidiaries, including senior executives, financial officers, contractors, and the Board of Directors.

This policy applies to all our operational mines, exploration sites, closure properties, and joint ventures where **Communauté Minière de Walikale et Sangara** has operational control. At joint ventures where we do not have full operational control, we will use this policy to guide our

approach, but the policy may not be applied if an individual site has its own environmental policy in place.