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## The Copper Mark: Fee Schedule

The Copper Mark is a s a global, not-for-profit organization set up to promote responsible production practices. Its fee schedule is designed to:

- Be practical and transparent.
- Cover operating costs of the Copper Mark.
- Reduce barriers to entry.
- Incentivize company-level commitments.

### 1. Applicable Fees

#### Participants in the Copper Mark:

A participant is a site of a copper producer or copper supply chain actor that is eligible to participate in the Copper Mark. This includes all sites in the copper supply chain, up to and including the point where a product made from copper or copper alloys is given a special shape, surface or design which determines its function to a greater degree than its chemical composition, and down to but not including the point where a complex object is manufactured.

Participants are required to pay an annual fee according to the fee schedule below:

The Copper Mark Participant Type	Small Producer	Non-ICA Member Site
Copper Producer Site: Mining	US\$7'000	US\$50'000*
Copper Producer Site: Smelting / Refining	US\$7'000	US\$25'000*
Supply Chain Actor Site	US\$1'000	US\$7'000

\* For ICA Member Sites, a discounted fee of US\$20'000 applies for any copper producer site (mining, smelting or refining).

#### Sites that are assessed only against the Joint Due Diligence Standard

Sites that are assessed only against the Joint Due Diligence Standard for Copper, Lead, Nickel and Zinc are required to pay a management fee of US\$2'000 per assessment.

## Discounts

The following discounts are applied for Copper Mark participants. Discounts do not apply to the management fee applicable to sites that are assessed only against the Joint Due Diligence Standard.

### *Multi-site discount*

1. The multi-site application discount recognizes the commitment of a company that participates with multiple sites at the same time in the Copper Mark. It is cumulative with any other applicable discount.
2. To qualify for the multi-site application discount, the company must have signed a Letter of Commitment for:
  - a. Five (5) or more sites for copper producers.
  - b. Three (3) or more sites for supply chain actors.
3. The multi-site application discount will be applied as follows:
  - a. The discount takes effect as soon as the 5<sup>th</sup> site or 3<sup>rd</sup> site has signed the Letter of Commitment and Producer Agreement.
  - b. The 10% discount is directly deducted from each annual invoice of every qualifying site, for as long as there are at least 5 sites or 3 sites of the company participating in the Copper Mark.
4. Where a site is owned by more than one company:
  - a. The discount will be determined by and applied to the company that owns the largest share of the site.
  - b. The discount does not extend to any sites of the other company(ies) that hold ownership of the site.
  - c. Notwithstanding paragraphs 15.a. and 15.b., companies with ownership in the site can collectively agree to apply the discount to a company with a smaller share in the site. Such agreement must be reached by all companies that hold ownership of the site and shall be communicated in writing to the Copper Mark.

### *Members of the International Copper Association (ICA)*

1. The discount for ICA member recognizes the financial and in-kind investment made by the ICA members into the Copper Mark. It is available to companies or sites that have directly contributed, through their ICA membership dues, to the development and implementation of the Copper Mark. The ICA member discount is limited in time and will end latest at such time as the financial investment by ICA into the Copper Mark has been matched by Non-ICA member fees paid.

2. To qualify as an ICA member for the purpose of the Copper Mark, the site has to meet one or both of the following conditions:
  - a. The site is itself a member of the ICA.
  - b. The site is owned 51% or more by one or more members of the ICA.

## 2. Copper Mark Participant Categories

The Copper Mark Assurance Framework is applied at site-level. There are four different types of sites:

1. Sites of Copper Producers: Mining
2. Sites of Copper Producers: Smelting / Refining
3. Sites of Copper Supply Chain Actor
4. Sites are assessed only against the Joint Due Diligence Standard.

The site shall submit evidence to the Copper Mark demonstrating that it meets the conditions defined in this section. The site shall confirm that it continues to meet these conditions each year that the Copper Mark annual fee is due.

Sites that qualify both as a mining and smelting / refining will subject to the annual fee of the Copper Producer: Mining. Sites that qualify both as a smelting / refining and supply chain actor will subject to the annual fee of the Copper Producer: Smelting / Refining.

### Copper Producer Sites

Copper producer sites are categorized based on the tonnage of contained metal, including secondary metal, produced or treated by or on its account, per year. This includes the primary metal produced by the site as well as any by-product(s).

To qualify as a “small” producer, the site must produce less than 10’000tons of contained metal in the twelve months preceding the time of the application.

### Supply chain actor Sites

Supply chain actor sites are categorized based on the number of direct employees of the site at the time of the application.

To qualify as a “small” producer, the site must employ less than 50 direct employees at the time of the application.

## 3. Payment Terms

1. The fee is due for each individual site of participating in the Copper Mark Assurance Process.

2. Payment of the fee for the participation of site in the Copper Mark Assurance Process is due:
  - a. For Copper Mark participants:
    - i. Upon signature of the Copper Mark Letter of Commitment,
    - ii. 12 months following the signature of the Letter of Commitment, and
    - iii. 24 months following the signature of the Letter of Commitment.
  - b. For sites assessed only against the Joint Due Diligence Standard:
    - i. Upon signature of the Joint Due Diligence Standard Agreement.
3. The fees are exclusive of any taxes, fees or premiums applicable to the Copper Producer.
4. The Copper Mark requires that funds are transferred in United States Dollars (US\$), unless otherwise agreed in writing, no later than 30 days after receipt of the invoice.
5. Failure to transfer the required funds within 30 days will result in the Copper Mark suspending any activity associated with starting the Assurance Process, until such a time as the funds have been received in full.
6. Where the site does not complete the Copper Mark Assurance Process, fails to meet all of the Copper Mark Criteria within the required timeframes, or otherwise does not meet the requirements of the Copper Mark, the Copper Producer is not entitled to any reimbursement of the fee.

#### 4. General

1. The Copper Mark reserves the right to review and adjust this fee schedule.
2. The Copper Mark has revised its fee schedule in May 2021. The revised fee schedule will be applied as follows:
  - a. With immediate effect for any new participant in the Copper Mark or site assessed only against the Joint Due Diligence Standard.
  - b. Upon completion of the first 3-year cycle for existing Copper Mark participants, subject to the participant signing up for a re-assessment.

#### 5. Definitions

**Copper Producer:** A copper producer is a company involved in the production of copper, including but not limited to companies involved in mining, solvent extraction and electrowinning (SX/EW), smelting, or refining of copper.

**Copper Supply Chain Actor:** For the purpose of the Copper Mark, a copper supply chain actor is a company in the copper supply chain that is not a copper producer but

processes, treats, mixes, formulates, handles and otherwise manipulates copper or copper alloys materials.

Copper supply chain actors are engaged in activities up to and including the point where a product made from copper or copper alloys is given a special shape, surface or design which determines its function to a greater degree than its chemical composition, and down to but not including the point where a complex object is manufactured.

**Site:** A site is the physical place where operations involved in the mining, refining, or other intermediary steps for copper, lead, nickel, or zinc production, including, but not limited to, mining, solvent extraction and electrowinning (SX/EW), concentration, blending, washing, roasting, smelting, alloying or refining take place. A site may also be a facility where copper and copper alloy materials are processed, treated, mixed, formulated, handled and otherwise manipulated.

A site may comprise several activities in different locations in the same geographic area (e.g., mines, wastewater treatment facilities, refineries, ports and associated infrastructure), and under the same management control. Integrated sites, where the point of extraction and transformation or processing are critical operations to the output of the site, will generally be treated as one site.

Companies may engage in and operate one site or multiple sites. In the case of a joint venture, the name of the joint venture will be designated as the site and the operating partner will be responsible for demonstrating conformance.

**Sites assessed only against the Joint Due Diligence Standard:** Sites of any company extracting, producing and/or trading copper, lead, nickel or zinc materials from mine sites, including producers of refined metal products, which are generally referred to as the refiner. The Joint Due Diligence Standard also applies to producers of nickel chemical compounds and all nickel raw intermediate materials (including ferro-nickel, nickel pig iron, and nickel oxide sinter) entering production of stainless steel.

## 6. Revision History

The first version of the Copper Mark Fee Schedule was done on 5 May 2020.

First revision on 19 March 2021 to include additional services for the Joint Due Diligence Standard Management Fee and Supply Chain Actors.

Second revision on 17 May 2021 to further distinguish fees for mining and smelting / refining. This revision was finalized on 25 May 2021 to align the applicable fees for small producers and supply chain actors.