



Changes in our governance bodies' members

We are thankful for each person who dedicates their time and energy to serve in our Board of Directors and Advisory Council.

During these first four years of activities these two governance bodies have guided us to establish, implement and grow our assurance framework; work that can be summarized by 30% of the world copper mine output being produced at sites that were awarded The Copper Mark.

Participation in The Copper Mark governance bodies is limited in time to provide for a regular rotation. This year, we have launched a call for applications for a number of seats on the Board of Directors and the Advisory Council as a few members decided to move on given retirement, changing work focus and/or work responsibilities within their organizations.

We were fortunate to receive a significant number of applications from highly qualified candidates. We appreciate the time and effort of all candidates who took the time to apply!

The Copper Mark Board of Directors and Advisory Council particularly sought to strengthen the diversity and representation of underrepresented stakeholder groups in this round of recruitment. You can find the full list of members of the Board of Directors and participants in the Advisory Council [here](#). The list below considers only the new members.

Please join us in welcoming our two new Board members:

- Liz Cohen: has over 20 years experience in risk, assurance and compliance including for global mining and oil gas companies e.g. as the Global Practice Leader for Sustainable Development Assurance at Rio Tinto. Liz also works across technology and innovation and currently sits on the board of the UK Department for Science, Innovation and Technology.
- Dan Benoit: is an Indigenous person, a Red River Métis and a member of the Métis Nation from Canada. He has spent his life living near his ancestor's River Lot in St. Norbert Parish and in St Laurent, Manitoba, both part of the historic Red River Settlement. Dan is both a traditional knowledge holder and western trained ecologist having 10 years post-secondary education in Natural Resources Management and Ecology from University College of the North, University of Ottawa, and the University of Manitoba.

We extend our thanks to the following past two Board members for their contribution to The Copper Mark:

- Cate Ballantyne: As the Chief Executive Officer of one of Australia's largest and most successful Native Title representative bodies, Cate brings three decades of leadership, governance, community engagement, change and strategic management experience from across the government, non government, corporate and community sectors.
- Laurent Chokoualè Datou: Laurent has over 30 years of experience in issue management and stakeholder relations across multiple geographies and industries. With a legal background, he has spent his career delivering policy, regulatory and engagement counsel as an executive in several international public affairs and strategic communications firms. Laurent last served as Vice President responsible for Public Affairs the International Copper Association (ICA).

Please also join us in welcoming the following new participants in the Copper Mark Advisory Council:

- David Walkem, Indigenous Peoples Representative
- Manuela Appiah, Environmental, Social and Governance Manager at Sunrock
- Rachel Asante, Senior Programme Coordinator, Climate Change Team, IUCN (International Union for Conservation of Nature)
- Richard Kent, Independent Consultant
- Richard Paquin, Labour Representative

We extend our thanks to the following past participants of the Advisory Council for their contribution to The Copper Mark:

- Xin Zhou, StateFarm (Beijing) Science Company
- Margaret Wachenfeld, Institute for Human Rights and Business
- Antonia Mihaylova, IUCN
- Stefan Priggemeyer, Wieland Werke AG



Convergence with other standards



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In late March, The Mining Association of Canada (MAC) and The Copper Mark announced a new collaboration on an important pilot project to enhance the assurance processes of both Towards Sustainable Mining (TSM) and the

Copper Mark standards. As part of the pilot, MAC and the Copper Mark are **merging their respective assurance processes** for pilot testing by MAC members undergoing TSM verification in 2024, with the Copper Mark secretariat managing the assurance process on behalf of MAC. MAC expects nearly all of its members' facilities undergoing verification in 2024 to do so, which represents approximately 30 facilities in 2024. More details [here](#).

In early May, The Copper Mark was invited to observe TSM's Communities of Interest Advisory Panel in Calgary, Canada. The meeting included TSM's Post-Verification Review Process, a key element of their assurance process that involves direct dialogue with a sampling of companies that were verified in the previous year. The purpose of the PVR process is for the panel to understand company systems and practices, where they succeeded and where they had challenges, and how they evaluate the effectiveness of their actions to manage their environmental and social impacts.

Hillary Amster, COO of the Copper Mark, observed "*The Community of Interest Advisory Panel proved a valuable opportunity not only for stakeholders to understand the current successes and challenges of practically implementing the TSM protocols, but also for mining companies to seek advice and best practice guidance from the stakeholders. It was clear from the observations*

that the trust, confidence, and openness developed among the panel members is the result of years of engagement among a diverse set of extremely knowledgeable, local mining stakeholders. The Copper Mark is grateful for the opportunity learn more about the PVR process and we hope to integrate the good practices observed into the our own assurance framework.”

Both TSM and the Copper Mark along with the ICMM and the World Gold Council are part of the Consolidated Mining Standard Initiative (CMSI). For more details, visit the [website](#).

PROGRAM STATUS UPDATE

OVER 80 SITES PARTICIPATE IN THE COPPER MARK WITH 41 PARTNERS IN SUPPORT

The number of recipients of The Copper Mark increased to 58, with the following new ones:

- Michilla (Chile, Minera HMC SA)
- Mina Justa (Peru, Marcobre SAC)

The number of participating copper sites increased to 75, with the following new sites signing letters of commitment

- Kamoto Copper Company. KCC, (Democratic Republic of Congo, Glencore)
- Mutanda Mining SARL, MUMI, (Democratic Republic of Congo, Glencore)
- Sierra Gorda (Chile, KGHM and South 32)
- SK Nexilis Jeoung-eup Factory (Republic of Korea, SKC)

The Copper Mark welcomed two new partners:

- Janoshcka
- Stracon

MULTI-METALS AWARDS

The number of recipients of The Nickel Mark increased to 6, with the first standalone nickel mine to be granted the award:

- Piaui Niquel Metais S/A (Brazil, Brazilian Nickel)

The number of recipients of The Molybdenum Mark increased to 24, with the following new recipients:

- Molymet Belgium (Belgium, Molymet)

Letters of Commitment and summary reports are available on the website [here](#).

RENEWALS

Sites are awarded our marks for 3 years, after which they go through a renewal process to maintain them. The sites that have recently completed

renewals are:

- Kennecoth Utah Copper (USA, Rio Tinto) for The Copper Mark and The Molybdenum Mark
- Sociedad Contractual Minera El Abra (Chile, Freeport McMoRan) for The Copper Mark
- El Paso (USA, Freeport McMoRan), for The Copper Mark and The Nickel Mark

TRAINING AND RESOURCES

GRIEVANCE MECHANISM

We have translated the Grievance Mechanism into [Spanish](#) You can find it in our [Core Documents](#) page.

NEW! RESEARCH PROJECTS SITE

We have created a new space in our website to share the updated information on our Research Projects. Check it [here](#)

Note that under project 'Sector Decarbonization Approach - Phase II' there is a call to join the Technical Working Group. If you are interested email us to info@coppermark.org

WHERE TO MEET THE COPPER MARK

UPCOMING EVENTS

We look forward to seeing our stakeholders. Staff will be attending the following upcoming events:

- Hillary Amster will be participating in a panel at the [Simposio - XV International Mining Meeting](#) in Lima, Peru on 21-23 May 2024
- Michèle Brühlhart and Alicia Polo y La Borda will participate at the [OECD Forum on Responsible Mineral Supply Chain](#) in Paris, France on 21-24 May 2024

Please join us in the Partner-led sessions that we are co-hosting:

- Making Responsible Sourcing Global | Tue May 21 | 16:45 – 18:15 | room CC7
- Artisanal Mining Activity in Copper in Southern Peru | Wed May 22 | 14:30 – 15:30 | Auditorium
- Why do we need to urgently simplify the responsible mining standards landscape? | Wed May 22 | 15:15 – 16:15 | room CC18
- Recommendations from the Roundtable on the Responsible Recycling of Metals | Fri May 24 | 11:15 – 12:15 | Auditorium
- Luke Balleny will be attending the [Copper to the World Conference](#) in Adelaide, South Australia on 18-19 June 2024.

PAST EVENTS

- Alicia Polo y La Borda represented us on the "Taller: Diálogos sobre Minería Artesanal y de Pequeña Escala de Cobre en el Perú Espacio de diálogo nacional" in Lima, Peru on 24 April 2024.
- [Cesco week](#) in Santiago, Chile on 15-18 April 2024
- Michèle Brülhart presented, online, at the 20th China Ferro-Alloys International Conference, March 4-6, 2024 in Jinzhou, China

For updates on our events, please check our website [here](#)



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