



Joint Due Diligence Standard fully OECD Aligned

Following a robust third-party **OECD Alignment Assessment**, the Joint Due Diligence Standard for Copper, Lead, Molybdenum, Nickel, and Zinc and the Copper Mark Assurance Process have been found to be **fully aligned** with the OECD Mineral Guidance.

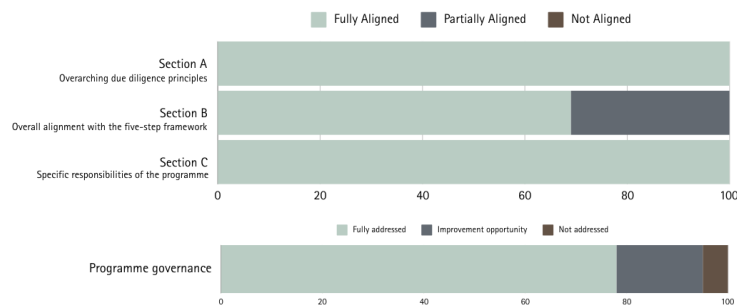
The alignment assessment looks both at the standard itself (100% aligned!) and its implementation, measured by a review of policies and procedures, shadow assessments, and interviews with stakeholders among other detailed proof points.

Through this achievement, the Copper Mark becomes the first LME **recognised alignment-assessed standard** to move from "conditionally approved" to "approved" under the Responsible Sourcing Requirements "Track A."

The Copper Mark is grateful to all of the stakeholders who contributed to this process, with a special thank you to the participants and assessors who welcomed observers at their assessments.

The full alignment assessment report is publicly available **here**.

The Copper Mark achieves Fully Aligned rating in the OECD Alignment Assessment for its Joint Due Diligence Standard and implementation



BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Copper Mark appointed Louise Assem, VP of Science and Regulatory Affairs, International Copper Association, to its Board of Directors in June 2024. Louise Assem leads ICA's Science & Regulatory Affairs team, which protects and supports the industry's access to markets for copper, through demonstration of the safe and sustainable production and use of copper. She joins Liz Cohen and Dan Benoît as recent additions to the Copper Mark Board of Directors.

The Board of Directors of the Copper Mark is composed of an equal number of industry and non-industry representatives, with diverse backgrounds and experiences. The full list of Board members and participants in the Copper Mark Advisory Council can be found [here](#).

CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT IN ASSESSMENT REPORT TEMPLATES

One of the core principles of the Copper Mark is that of continuous improvement, which we apply not only to the participants but to the organization itself. Over the past four years, the Copper Mark has evolved the public assessment report to meet the expectations of key stakeholders, providing a consistently reported set of information that provides sufficient detail to support users in evaluating their sourcing and investment decisions. In parallel, the criteria have evolved to ensure stakeholders receive pertinent information in a format most suited to their needs.

Some of the key enhancements from the first public assessment report to now include:

- A move from assessor-developed public reporting to a standardized template. The template has undergone numerous iterations.
- Increase over time in the amount of information provided. The first reports only stated the performance determination for each criterion. The current report includes the performance determination, a narrative of the system in place to meet the criterion, a clear description of the gap (as appropriate), and a list of the type of evidence, including interviews, site observations, and documentary review, that the assessor used to reach the conformance determination.
- Designated space for information related to criteria that are “does not meet” or “partially meets,” including what the follow up actions were,

evidence reviewed, and new performance determination, as applicable.

- A dashboard of the performance determinations on the very first page, with hyperlinks to move information per criterion.

Criteria for Responsible Production							
1. Legal Compliance	FM	10. Working Hours	PM	19. Tailings Management	PM	28. Indigenous Peoples Rights	NA
2. Business Integrity	FM	11. Remuneration	PM	20. Pollution	PM	29. Land Acquisition and Resettlement	FM
3. Stakeholder Engagement	PM	12. Occupational Health and Safety	PM	21. Biodiversity and Protected Areas	FM	30. Cultural Heritage	FM
4. Business Partners	PM	13. Employee Grievance Mechanism	PM	22. Mine Closure and Reclamation	PM	31. Due Diligence in Mineral Supply Chains	FM
5. Child Labor	FM	14. Environmental Risk Management	PM	23. Community Health and Safety	FM	32. Transparency and Disclosure	FM
6. Forced Labor	FM	15. Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Emissions	FM	24. Community Development	FM		
7. Freedom of Association and Collective Bargaining	PM	16. Renewable Energy	FM	25. Artisanal and Small-Scale Mining	FM		
8. Discrimination	FM	17. Freshwater Management and Conservation	PM	26. Human Rights	FM		
9. Gender Equality	PM	18. Waste Management	PM	27. Security and Human Rights	PM		

VERSION 5.1 OF THE ASSURANCE PROCESS LAUNCHED

The **Copper Mark Assurance Process v.5.1** includes minor updates and clarifications.

The one major change is a new requirement for participants to use existing communications mechanisms to provide advance notice of the independent site assessment to relevant stakeholders. This advance notice will include an invitation for stakeholders to engage with the selected assessor and to provide information relevant to the assurance process, as well as contact information for the assessor, contact information for the Copper Mark, and information on how to access the site's dispute resolution mechanism.

The assurance process came into effect on 15th June 2024, with a delayed effective date for the above requirement to 15th October 2024. The Assurance Process is available **here** in English, Chinese, Japanese, and Spanish.

PROGRAM STATUS UPDATES

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

The number of recipients increased to 59, with the first African and first Chinese-owned site to receive The Copper Mark:

- Tenke Fungurume (Democratic Republic of Congo, CMOC)

See the assessment report on the website **here**.

The Copper Mark welcomed two new partners from the wire and cable industry:

- Silmet SpA
- Viakable SA de CV

The full list of partners is available on the website **here**.

RENEWALS

Sites are awarded the Copper Mark or other relevant mark for 3 years, after which they must begin the cycle again from the beginning. The following site has completed the process and received The Copper Mark for the second

time:

- Aurubis Bulgaria AS (Bulgaria, Aurubis)

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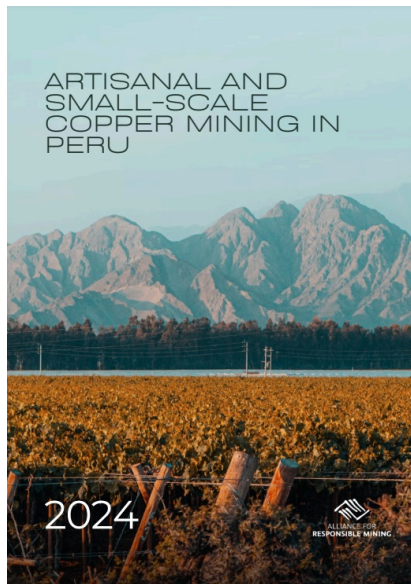
TRAINING AND RESOURCES

"HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDERS: THE CASE FOR ACTION FROM THE MINING INDUSTRY"

In mid-June, we hosted a webinar "Human Right Defenders: The case for action from the mining industry," with speakers Bennett Freeman, Emily Greenspan of Oxfam, and Marcus Addy of ICMM. The session focused on a call for the mining industry to put in place further mechanisms to respect the rights of human rights defenders in the context of the UN Voluntary Principles for Security and Human Rights, risk assessments and due diligence, and community and stakeholder engagement.

Missed it? Access the [presentation](#) and the [recording of the session](#).

RESEARCH PROJECTS UPDATES



The Copper Mark and its partners published the research report on Artisanal and Small-Scale Copper Mining in Peru. It is the result of a research project with the goal to increase knowledge about the reality of the Artisanal and Small-Scale Copper Mining (ASCM) sector in Peru to inform an open dialogue about its future and sustainable development between all ASCM value chain stakeholders.

This project was possible thanks to a grant from the [ISEAL](#) Innovations Fund, which is supported by the [SECO Economic Cooperation and Development](#). The project received complementary funding from Intel Corporation and [MinSus Cooperacion Alemana GIZ](#).

The development was led by the [Alliance for Responsible Mining \(ARM\)](#).

[Reporte en Español acá](#)

The Sector Decarbonization Approach research project started activities in June. This is a 2-year project that is possible thanks to a grant from the [ISEAL](#) Innovations Fund, which is supported by the [SECO Economic Cooperation and Development](#) and matching funding from the copper industry.



WHERE TO MEET THE COPPER MARK

UPCOMING EVENTS

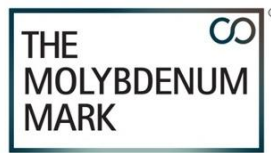
We look forward to seeing our stakeholders. Staff will be attending the following upcoming events:

- LME Metals Seminar, London, UK on 30 September - 3 October 2024
- Asia Copper Week 2024, Shanghai, China on 12-14 November 2024

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

PAST EVENTS

- Hillary Amster spoke to the world of ESG standards and the growing attention on recycled materials at [Unlocking Supply Chains for Localizing EV Battery Production in India](#), hosted by the Indian Council for Research on International Economic Relations in New Delhi, India (remote presentation) on 28 June 2024.
- Luke Balleny presented at the [Copper to the World Conference](#) in Adelaide, South Australia on 18-19 June 2024.
- Hillary Amster participated 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 attended the [OECD Forum on Responsible Mineral Supply Chain](#) in Paris, France on 21-24 May 2024, during which the Copper Mark co-hosted the following partner-led side sessions:
 - Making Responsible Sourcing Global | Tue May 21
 - Artisanal Mining Activity in Copper in Southern Peru | Wed May 22
 - Why do we need to urgently simplify the responsible mining standards landscape? | Wed May 22
 - Recommendations from the Roundtable on the Responsible Recycling of Metals | Fri May 24



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