



## The Copper Mark

### Terms of Reference: Environmental Due Diligence Tool and Optional Scrap Due Diligence Tool

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#### Overview of The Copper Mark

The vision of the Copper Mark is a sustainable society, enabled by the responsible production, sourcing, and recycling of metals. We apply robust governance, credible standards and assurance, stakeholder engagement, and leadership strategies to address past, present, and future critical impacts on people and the environment throughout metal value chains.

The Copper Mark has seen encouraging levels of adoption among copper producers (mining, smelting and refining), with over 30% of world copper mine output produced at sites that have received The Copper Mark. Among the sites that have received the Copper Mark, more than 40% also received the Molybdenum Mark, the Nickel Mark or the Zinc Mark.

Part of this vision is ensuring environmental responsibility. There is increasing expectation from downstream stakeholders, prompted by new legislation, for a more in-depth environmental due diligence throughout supply chains. As a result, the Copper Mark standard (The Criteria for Responsible Production) requires risk-based environmental due diligence in addition to social and governance factors.

#### Context for the Tools

Modelled after the numerous tools available to identify Conflict-Affected and High-Risk Areas (CAHRA) in alignment with the [OECD Due Diligence Guidance for Responsible Supply Chains of Minerals Sourced from Conflict-Affected and High-Risk Areas](#), the Copper Mark seeks to develop a tool to identify areas considered high-risk for adverse environmental impacts. The tool should build off the existing body of publicly available research and guidance, and result in a practical, flexible tool that can be used by participants in the Copper Mark and members of the International Copper Association (ICA) in real-life supplier due diligence screening and processes.

Extensive background work conducted by a Copper Mark participant is available as a foundation for the tool, in addition to the existing body of available research and guidance

The same concept is applied to the scrap and secondary material metals supply chain. Building on existing work conducted by the Roundtable on the Responsible Recycling of Metals, the Copper Mark endeavours to create a tool that categorizes geographies based on environmental, social, and governance related risks in the scrap / secondary metal supply chain specifically.

#### Deliverables

The Copper Mark is looking for a consultant to complete the following:



1. Review and validate the preliminary research that has already been carried out by a Copper Mark participant / member of the ICA. This includes reviewing the background research, list of resources, and indices to ensure a comprehensive approach to the tool. Review of the existing body of publicly available research and guidance, including for example the Handbook on Environmental Due Diligence published by the OECD. The review should include an assessment of whether the tool should be developed as a standalone deliverable or integrated with the existing CAHRA tool and / or a similar tool for due diligence on scrap and secondary supply chains, with options to modify based on the user and the user's sourcing profile.
2. Develop a Microsoft excel- (or other easily accessible) based tool that ranks the risk-level of a given geography based on an aggregation of the identified environmental indices. The tool should be quantitative or semi-quantitative, flexible, and able to be adapted for company or site use. The tool should be interoperable with existing company and public systems and toolkits as far as possible.
3. Test the tool with participants of the Copper Mark Assurance Framework to ensure it is fit for purpose and adjust as necessary.
4. There is also an opportunity to develop a similar tool for ESG due diligence in the scrap and secondary material supply chain. While some background research exists, this would need to be further fleshed out by the consultant. This could be integrated into the environmental due diligence tool or would be separate, depending on the outcome in the review described in point 1 above. This is an optional second deliverable and the consultant will need to demonstrate expertise in this additional area.

## Budget and Timeline

The budget for both deliverables shall not exceed \$60,000 USD. For the environmental due diligence tool, the budget shall not exceed \$25,000 given the extensive background work that has already been completed.

The anticipated timeline is to begin the project in 2024 and have a completed tool by the end of February 2025.

## Proposals

Please send a proposal to [info@coppermark.org](mailto:info@coppermark.org) by 30 September 2024.