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Join us as we support companies to build

responsible metals value chains

We are collaborating with sites, companies and other actors across the value chain to support responsible production for copper, molybdenum, nickel and zinc.



The Copper Mark is a leading assurance framework for responsible production in the copper industry – nearly 40% of all mined copper worldwide comes from sites that have been successfully assured against the Copper Mark. The Copper Mark has also extended its assurance framework to sites producing molybdenum, nickel and zinc.

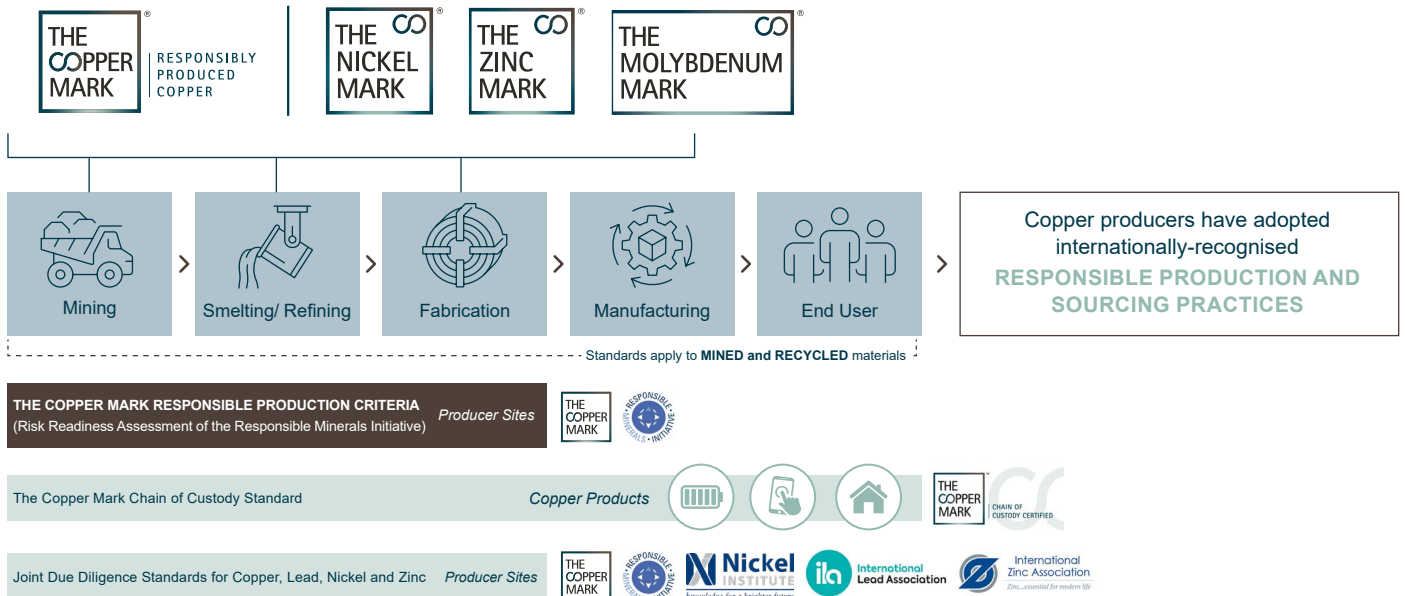
Currently, the Copper Mark engages with the full value chain for copper products through the Partners of the Copper Mark and our Chain of Custody Standard. The regulatory and reporting landscape is evolving at an unprecedented rate, with pressures and demands on industry changing rapidly. As a result, an increasing number of downstream companies and customers want to understand and map their value chains and gain greater transparency on responsible production practices throughout their value chains. With an increasing focus on energy

transition and climate resilience, there is a need for greater collaboration across sectors and along value chains. Implementing tools such as product-level carbon footprinting and the chain of custody standard can assist in overcoming these challenges across the value chain.

Considering the full value chain, many OEMs, energy producers, consumers, regulators, investors and other stakeholders continue to request information regarding the responsible production of the materials they use in their products, and are seeking greater 'transparency', 'value chain mapping' and 'traceability'. A value chain approach to responsible production is further reflected in international regulations and global initiatives, including due diligence requirements in different geographies and jurisdictions, as well as, of example, the UN Transparency Protocol and the Global Battery Alliance.



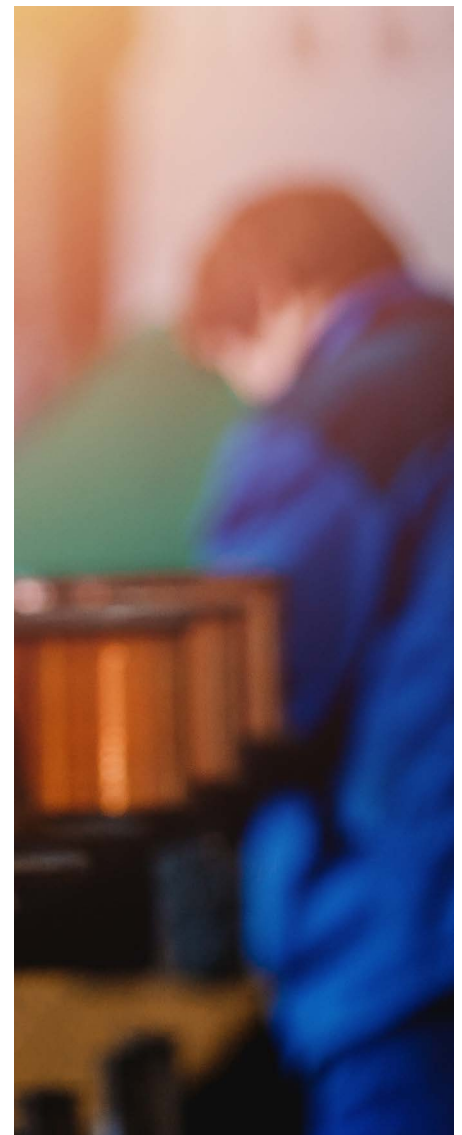
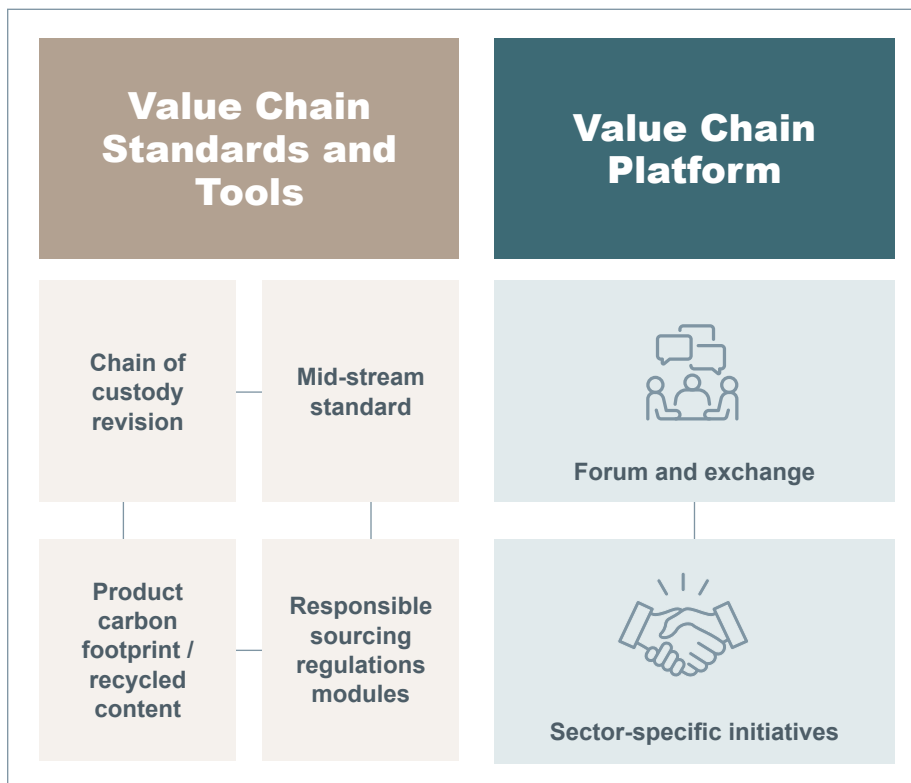
The Copper Mark Standards



How will we do this?

The Copper Mark has developed a two-pronged Value Chain Approach, underpinned by our Value Chain Standards and Tools on one hand and the Responsible Value Chain Platform on the other. This full responsible value chain approach will aim to ensure both upstream and mid-stream companies can utilize our standards, ultimately contributing to a verified chain of custody from the mine all the way to the end user, including metals recyclers. Our approach will focus on the responsible production of copper, molybdenum, nickel, and zinc so that these metals can then be used in the responsible production of products overseen by downstream systems and assurance.

Value Chain Approach



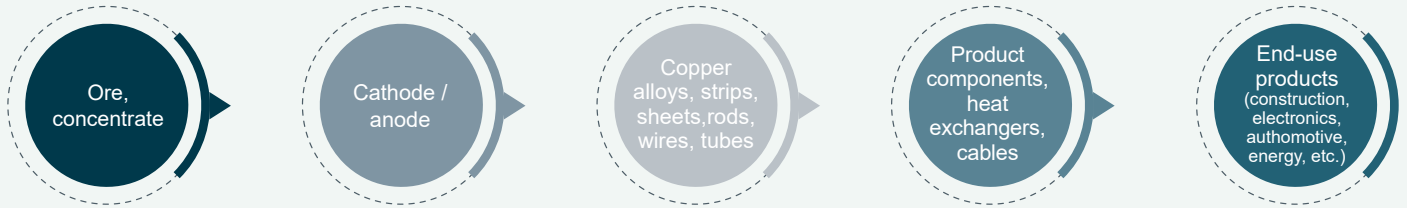
Value Chain Standards and Tools

The Value Chain Standards and Tools encompass the refinement and expansion of voluntary standards and tools to meet the needs of mid-stream companies, so as to complement our standards and tools applicable to the upstream. Our standards and tools are designed to address gaps identified in specific value chains or commodities. Where there are existing systems, the Copper Mark seeks to connect and collaborate with those to promote the shared goal of a responsible value chain.

The Copper Mark has a Chain of Custody Standard, which provides a link for responsible production of copper from a product perspective, from upstream and mid-stream sites that are Copper Mark assured through to the end user. Chain of Custody will allow companies to state that their product contains "Copper Mark copper". The Chain of Custody Standard is being extended to cover molybdenum, nickel and zinc.



Simplified copper value chain:



Going forward, the Copper Mark plans to work with sites in the copper, molybdenum, nickel and zinc value chains to pilot linked production points through the Chain of Custody Standard.

A new mid-stream standard

The standards and tools currently available for mid-stream sites do not always match their specific risk profiles, or the requests of downstream customers. As a result, mid-stream sites are often confronted with multiple and duplicative requests from customers, and unable to clearly and effectively meet customer or regulatory demands.

In striving to collaborate to shape the future of a responsible metals value chain, across all sectors, the Copper Mark is developing a new global Mid-stream Standard for the first users of copper, molybdenum, nickel and zinc, which seeks to:



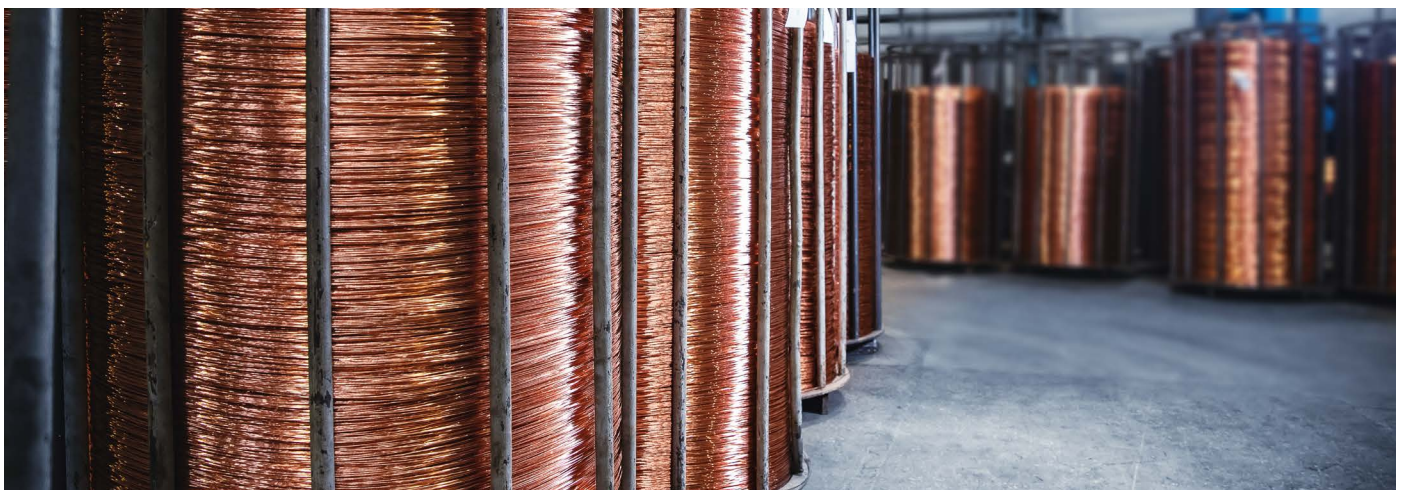
meet the needs and risk-profile of mid-stream sites



help meet the requirements of downstream customers, end users, and regulators



enable these sites to participate in global standards and chains of custody, providing assurance about their responsible production credentials



Value Chain Platform

The second pillar of our approach focuses on the development of a platform for metals value chain companies and sites to facilitate information exchange, address shared issues and provide a hub for sector initiatives.

The Copper Mark is developing a new 'Responsible Value Chain Platform' as a network of companies and hub of knowledge, as well as facilitating collaboration among important stakeholders including CSOs, academics, and regulatory experts, along value chains in the copper and end-use sectors that rely on copper, nickel, zinc or molybdenum. This will encompass current work with the Copper Mark Partners who will be encouraged to transition to join the Platform, as well as connecting into end-use sectors that have initiatives in place while seeking solutions for those where existing initiatives are lacking. Ultimately, the platform will seek to address the collective challenges in these metals' value chains.

The platform will encompass themes and topics such as:

- Value Chain mapping and traceability
- Understanding critical impact and value chain issues
- GHG emissions, recycled content and scrap supply

Platform Charter and Funding

Each participant in the Platform will commit to a 'Responsible Value Chain Charter', indicating their commitment to supporting responsible value chains, engaging with the Platform to help achieve this, and expressing a preference to source from and promote responsibly produced metals products.

The costs to manage the Platform and associated activities will be covered through

an annual fee for participation in the Platform. Participants in The Copper Mark's assurance framework will not be charged a fee to participate in the Platform.

Sector-specific initiatives

Another focus of the Responsible Value Chain Platform will be to provide a hub and resource for responsible value chain initiatives in end-user sectors, focusing on copper, molybdenum, nickel and zinc. To accelerate this work and demonstrate the potential for responsible value chain collaboration, leading pilot initiatives will be developed as the Platform launches.

Next steps

We are looking for companies in the value chain who want to become partners and work with us to develop and support our value chain approach. If you are interested in getting involved or for more information, please contact:

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