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We're developing a new

Global Mid-stream Standard

as we support companies to build responsible value chains

A new Global Mid-stream Standard is being developed with industry and key stakeholders to cover the four principal covered metals under the Copper Mark.

Those value chain actors affected by the Mid-stream Standard have an opportunity now to engage and work with us to shape the new standard so that it is both fit for purpose and addresses their respective risk landscape and requirements.

To shape the future of a **responsible value chain**, the Copper Mark is developing a new **Global Mid-stream Standard** for copper, nickel, zinc and molybdenum, which seeks to:



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



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



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

Why is a new Global Mid-stream Standard needed?

The new Mid-stream Standard is intended to present those companies with operations in the mid-stream an opportunity to drive and develop a solution that is better suited to this critical part of the value chain.

The standards and tools currently available for mid-stream sites do not always match their specific risk profiles, or the requests of downstream customers, resulting in challenges due to multiple and duplicative requests or regulatory demands.

Concurrently, the Copper Mark is a partner in the Consolidated Mining Standard Initiative (CMSI), which brings together four standards to develop a single, aligned standard for the responsible mining of metals and minerals. However, under the new CMSI standard Copper Mark (and associated metals Marks) participants will only be covered up to the point of primary smelting/refining sites and current mid-stream participants would not be able to apply for assurance under the new standard. The new global mid-stream standard is therefore intended to enable sites in the mid-stream to continue to receive The Copper Mark (and associated metals Marks) once the new CMSI standard is introduced.



What will the Global Mid-stream Standard cover?

The Global Mid-stream Standard will cover a full scope of responsible production criteria focused on the risk profile and needs of mid-stream sites and help to meet downstream and regulatory requirements.

The new standard is envisaged to have three levels to recognise different needs and risk profiles and promote continuous improvement:



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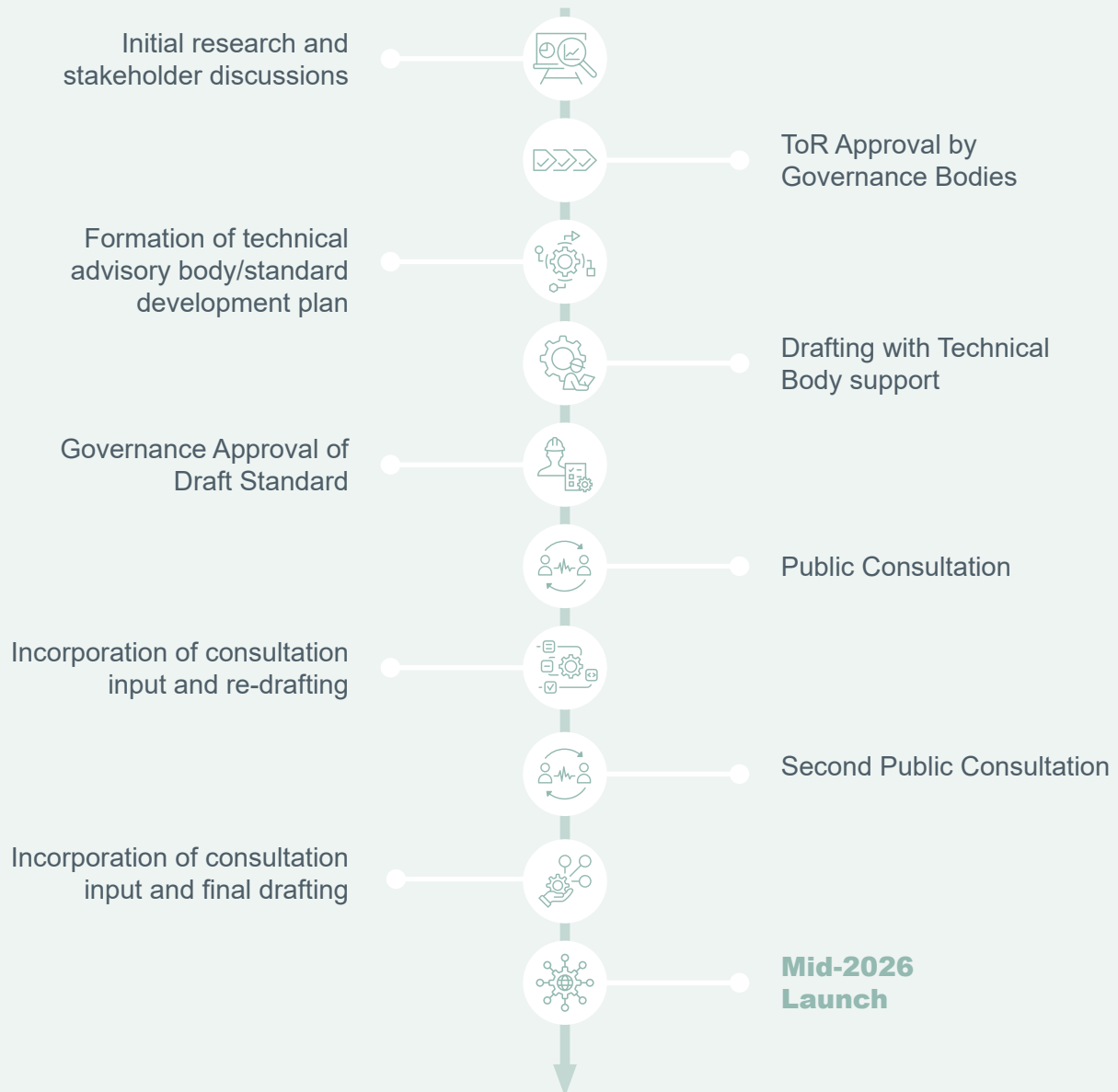
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Implementation of performance requirements and assessments will be conducted at facility level, taking into account a risk-based approach. As part of the design process, it will be considered whether claims apply to a corporate level, site level or both.



How will the Standard be designed?

The Mid-stream standard will follow our robust Copper Mark Standards Setting Procedure (follow this [link](#) for more details) according to the following proposed process:



Ways to get involved

By getting involved in the development of the new Mid-stream Standard from the outset, mid-stream value chain actors have an opportunity to ensure that the specific criteria will be fit for purpose and meet their needs and requirements.



Industry and Stakeholder Engagement

Group meetings and individual engagement with companies and stakeholders underpin the development of the initial Terms of Reference (view [here](#)) and scope of criteria for the new standard.

This aims to include, but is not limited to:

- Copper fabricators (Copper Mark participants and non-participants, wire rod producers and other semis fabricators)
- Mid-stream actors in the molybdenum, nickel and zinc industries
- Industry associations covering the mid-stream for copper, molybdenum, nickel and zinc
- Stakeholders and downstream actors through the Copper Mark's Technical Working Group, Advisory Council and Partners

Technical Drafting Group

We are seeking industry and expert stakeholders to make up a technical working group to oversee the drafting of the new standard. This will be supported by a consultant's knowledge and expertise in designing manufacturing-focused standards.

Public Consultations

There will be two public consultation periods, with time for revision and incorporation of comments made, as part of the development process. These may be accompanied by further direct outreach and meetings with industry and stakeholders during the consultation process. Notifications of these milestones will be communicated through the Copper Mark website, social media and direct channels.



Next steps

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

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