

# CMSI Consultation Response

## Respondent Details

NAME

Keerit Jutla

COUNTRY

Canada

PERMISSION

Yes, CMSI can disclose my feedback, name, and organisation.

STAKEHOLDER

Industry / trade organisation

ORGANISATION

AME

## COMMENTS & QUESTIONS BY DOCUMENT

Document:  
Governance

### QUESTION 1

**The governance principles that guided the development of the governance model are inclusive, effective, credible, impact-driven, pragmatic and efficient. From your perspective, does the proposed governance model meet expectations for consistency with these principles?**

Response: No Response

### QUESTION 2

**Does the proposed governance model ensure no single group is able to unduly influence decisions?**

Response: unsure

Document:  
Assurance

### QUESTION 1

**From your perspective, does the Assurance process meet your expectations of a robust, credible, replicable and transparent approach?**

Response: No Response

Document:  
Standard

## Introduction

COMMENT:

*December 16, 2024*

*International Council on Mining and Metals*

*The London Silver Vaults,*

London WC2A 1QS, United Kingdom

Re: Consolidated Mining Standard Initiative

On behalf of the Association for Mineral Exploration (AME), I am writing to express our general support for the approach of the Consolidated Mining Standard Initiative (CMSI) being developed by The Copper Mark, ICMM, Mining Association of Canada (MAC) and World Gold Council (WGC).

AME is the lead association for the mineral exploration and development industry in British Columbia, Canada. Established in 1912, AME represents, advocates and promotes the interests of more than 5,000 members across Canada who are engaged in mineral exploration and development in BC and globally. AME encourages a safe, economically strong and environmentally responsible industry by providing clear initiatives, policies, events and tools to support its membership in delivering responsible projects that advance reconciliation and provide benefit to all Canadians.

We support the CMSI approach, and also wish to ensure that Canada's mineral exploration and development sector is included in the process to ensure CMSI standards consider and are consistent with positive work and relationships developed through the mineral exploration and development process.

As a nation, Canada has some of the highest standards of environmental, social, democratic, and anti-corruption laws. In many ways Canada can be a model for the world, and our laws and regulations are reflected in the leading practices outlined within the standards. However, we face the very real concern of competitiveness with countries who may only be operating at, or below the base practice level. As a result, we applaud efforts to ensure that Canada remains competitive.

We would like to be included in future rounds of CMSI development so that our members who are active in all stages of mineral exploration and mining have a voice. British Columbia and Canada are a global mineral exploration hub and knowledge centre. Our members can provide valuable input about how mineral exploration feeds into the development of mining and include the unique perspectives around items like Area 19: Biodiversity, Ecosystem Services and Nature, where our members currently operate using best practices to ensure that mineral exploration has a low impact on regional biodiversity and ecosystems.

We also wish to note that AME supports early and partnership with Indigenous communities. Partnerships and a focus on reconciliation, strengthen our ability search for and develop mineral deposits. However, these relationships are also governed in a unique way in Canada from other countries and more specifically, within British Columbia where many nations do not have treaties. Consultation processes have been derived from collaborative processes, court cases and litigation. Canadians also have rights to use crown and private lands in certain ways that are consistent with mineral exploration and mining that must be maintained. This unique perspective should not be broadly applied to other jurisdictions, nor should the standards of those nations be applied to us.

AME and our members look forward to working with you and your team in future rounds of developing these standards.

Sincerely,

Keerit Jutla

President & Chief Executive Officer

Association for Mineral Exploration

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QUESTION 1

**Does the scope, content, and narrative style of the consolidated standard meet your individual expectations and the collective industry expectation for responsible production practices?**

Response:

QUESTION 2

**Do the requirements meet your expectations for being sufficiently clear to support consistent and practical**

**implementation and to achieve necessary performance improvement?**

Response: No Response

QUESTION 3

**From your perspective, does the three-level performance structure (Foundational, Good, Leading) of the Consolidated Standard meet your expectations for providing an effective on ramp and clear articulation of good practice and effective path to continuous improvement?**

Response: No Response

Document:  
Claims

QUESTION 1

**We would value perspectives on a few additional questions related to threshold of performance associated with achievement claims. Please click here/ see page 11 of Reporting and Claims Policy.**

Response: No Response