

**TEMPLATE FOR SUBMISSION OF TEXTUAL PROPOSALS DURING THE 27<sup>TH</sup> SESSION:**

**COUNCIL - PART I**

***Informal Working Group - Environment***

*Please fill out one form for each textual proposal which your delegation(s) wish(es) to amend, add or delete.*

**1. Name(s) of Delegation(s) making the proposal:** Republic of Costa Rica

**2. Please indicate the relevant provision to which the textual proposal refers.**

Regulation 48, Part IV - ISBA/27/C/IWG/ENV/CRP.1

**3. Kindly provide the proposed amendments to the regulation or standard or guideline in the text box below, using the “track changes” function in Microsoft Word. Please only reproduce the parts of the text that are being amended or deleted.**

Regulation 48 Environmental Management and Monitoring Plan

1. The purpose of an Environmental Monitoring and Management Plan is to manage and confirm that Environmental effects meet the environmental quality objectives and standards for the mining operation. The plan will contain any conditions included in the Environmental Impact Statement and will set out commitments and procedures on how the environmental impacts of the mining operation will be monitored, how the mitigation measures, including pollution control and Mining Discharge in regulations 49 and 50, will be implemented, how the effectiveness of such measures will be monitored, what the management responses will be to the monitoring results and what reporting systems will be adopted and followed.
2. An applicant or Contractor, as the case may be, shall prepare an Environmental Management and Monitoring Plan in accordance with this regulation.
3. The Environmental Management and Monitoring Plan shall cover the main all aspects prescribed by the Authority in annex VII to these regulations and shall be:
  - (a) Based on the environmental impact assessment and the Environmental Impact Statement;
  - (b) In accordance with the relevant regional environmental management plan; and
  - (c) Prepared in accordance with the applicable Standards and Guidelines, Good Industry Practice, Best Available Scientific Evidence, Best Environmental Practices and Best Available Techniques, and consistent with other plans in these regulations, including the Closure Plan and the Emergency Response and Contingency Plan.
4. The Contractor shall provide information in its annual report on the implementation of the Environmental Management and Monitoring Plan in accordance with regulations 38,

paragraph 2(g), and 46ter, paragraph 3, for evaluation by the Legal and Technical Commission.

**4. Please indicate the rationale for the proposal. [150 word limit]**

- 1- Costa Rica supports the use of the word “effects” as it is not a synonym of impact.
- 2- The Environmental Management and Monitoring plan should cover all the aspects cover by the Authority and not only the main aspects.
- 3- Such instruments must be prepared using the legally binding Standards.