

TEMPLATE FOR SUBMISSION OF TEXTUAL PROPOSALS DURING THE 27TH 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 and send to council2022@isa.org.jm.

1. Name(s) of Delegation(s) making the proposal:

France

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

Regulation 46bis

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 46bis: Environmental impact assessment

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2. The environmental impact assessment shall include:

(a) Scoping to identify and prioritize the main activities and potential impacts associated with the proposed mining operation, in order to focus the Environmental Impact Statement on the key environmental issues;

(b) Impact assessment and evaluation to describe and predict the nature and extent of the Environmental ~~Effects~~ Impacts of the mining operation, including cumulative impacts and residual ~~effects~~ impacts, using Best Available Scientific Evidence.

[...]

4. The environmental impact assessment shall:

(a) Be based on relevant baseline data that captures temporal and seasonal variation;

(b) Include an environmental risk assessment that takes into consideration the region as a whole, in accordance with the objectives and measures of the relevant Regional Environmental Management Plan;

(c) Provide for stakeholder consultation; and

(d) Be subject to an independent scientific assessment prior to the submission of the Environmental Impact Statement to the Authority.

(e) Take into account the results from test mining, in accordance with Regulation 48bis

5. A Contractor shall review impact assessments, including for cumulative impacts of activities covered by the assessment, periodically [as indicated in the monitoring plan](#) and revise them thereafter whenever a change in the mining operation has occurred or there is relevant new information.

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