

**TEMPLATE FOR SUBMISSION OF TEXTUAL PROPOSALS DURING THE 27TH SESSION:
COUNCIL - PART III**

President's text

Please fill out one form for each textual proposal which your delegation(s) wish(es) to amend, add or delete and send to council@isa.org.jm.

1. Name of Working Group:

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

China

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

Regulation 38

Annual report

4. 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.

***Note: China's amendments are in Blue**

Disagree with the new addition of paragraph 2, the original text should be maintained.

2.(b) ~~The quantity and quality of the Resources recovered during the period and the volume of Minerals and metals produced~~The quantity in dry metric tons and grade of mineral-bearing ore recovered from Mining Area, marketed and sold during the Calendar Year, reported against the Mining Workplan.

~~4. Alt 2 [Environmental data obtained and submitted via the Annual Report should be uploaded to the DeepData platform in order to be available to the general public, especially the scientific community, as soon as approved.]~~

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

The detailed provisions, especially those of a technical and highly variable content, such as technical details, should be referred to the relevant practice of the Exploration Regulations to develop the corresponding guidelines and should not be stipulated in the Exploitation Regulations, which would make them lengthy and unstable.

Regarding paragraph 2(b), the concept of "the quantity and quality of the Resources". in this regulation is vague and requires further clarification in order for

contractors to comply. By contrast, “dry metric tons and grade” is much more precise and feasible.

Regarding paragraph 4 Alt 2, scientific community belongs to the category of general public, and thus there is no need for special emphasis. Therefore, this paragraph should be deleted.