TEMPLATE FOR SUBMISSION OF TEXTUAL PROPOSALS DURING THE 28TH SESSION: COUNCIL - PART I

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

- Name of Working Group: Protection and preservation of the marine environment
- 2. Name(s) of Delegation(s) making the proposal: Norway
- 3. Please indicate the relevant provision to which the textual proposal refers.

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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

(g) Reflect any conditions recommended by the Commission, and approved by the Council, in its consideration of the Environmental Impact Statement, including will set out commitments and procedures on;

- (i) how the environmental and archaeological impacts of the mining operation will be monitored in accordance with regulation 46ter and the Environmental Management Plan Standard,
- (ii) how the Mitigation measures, including pollution control and Mining Discharge in regulations 49 and 50, will be implemented,
- (iii) how the effectiveness of such measures will be monitored,
- (iv) how Preservation Reference Zones and Impact Reference Zones, designated in accordance with Annex [Xter], will be respected,
- (v) what the management actions and responses will be to the monitoring results and new knowledge
- (vi) what management and reporting systems will be adopted and followed, and;
- (vii) how continual improvement will be promoted, including by testing assumptions and predictions made in the Environmental Impact Statement, improving environmental knowledge, and reducing residual uncertainties remaining from the environmental impact assessment process.

3bis. In addition to the Monitoring required to be performed by the Contractor, Tthe Environental Management Plan shall contain a for at least the first seven years of Exploitation, <u>supplementary</u> monitoring programme to be conducted by independent experts and in compliance with the applicable Standards. The Contractor shall conduct monitoring for the entire duration of exploitation and comply with any post-closure monitoring requirements.

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

- 2 g) These are relevant elements, but should be assessed whether better placed in a standard/guideline. Norway questions how it is possible for the EMMP to reflect conditions from the consideration of the EIS when these are delivered together with the rest of the Environmental Plans together with the application for approval of a POW.
- 3bis) Unclear relationship between 46ter on environmental monitoring and 48 3bis. The Contractor shall conduct monitoring and is the entity responsible for this exercise.