

**TEMPLATE FOR SUBMISSION OF TEXTUAL PROPOSALS DURING THE 29TH 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 council@isa.org.jm.

1. Name of Working Group:

Environmental

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

Russian Federation

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

Reg. 46bis

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.

1. A Contractor shall, pursuant to its Environmental Management and Monitoring Plan required under Regulation 48 and in accordance with the applicable Standards~~s-on environmental monitoring programmes and other applicable Standards,~~ and taking into account ~~of~~ the applicable guidelines observe, measure, evaluate and analyse, applying scientific approach as well as in accordance with Best Available Scientific information, Best Environmental Practices, and Best Available Techniques, Environmental Impacts and Environmental Effects on the Marine Environment ~~the environmental thresholds contained in the Standards,~~ and risks ~~to Environmental Effects on the Marine Environment of such Impacts and Effects~~ arising from Exploitation. Surveillance shall be conducted during all stages of the mining operation suntil completion of a Closure Plan, to determine whether ~~it is~~they are having or likely to have harmful effects on the Marine Environment ~~until satisfactory completion of a Closure Plan~~.

2. The Contractor shall establish and implement an environmental management and monitoring programme in accordance with the approved ~~Environmental Management and Monitoring Plan~~ and in accordance with ~~the applicable~~ Standard~~son Monitoring Programmes~~ and taking into account applicable Guidelines.

2bis. The Contractor shall cooperate with, the Authority and the Sponsoring State or States as well as share findings and results of such programmes with the Authority for wider dissemination.

2ter. The Contractor shall provide to the Secretary-General environmental data and information for public release in the required standardized format in accordance with applicable Standards and taking into account applicable Guidelines at a regular basis. Format of such data and information and periodicity of its release are determined by Standards.

2quat. The Secretary-General shall release publicly received environmental data and information in accordance with the applicable Standards and taking into account the applicable Guidelines. The Secretary-General informs the Sponsoring State(s) on the public release.

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4. The Contractor shall provide information on the implementation and results of the Environmental Management and Monitoring Plan and the environmental monitoring programme referred to in paragraph 2 report annually in writing, as a part of its information on implementation of the Environmental Management and Monitoring Plan, in accordance with the Regulation 46ter paragraph (4) these regulations, in its annual report to the Secretary-General on the implementation and results of the Environmental Management and Monitoring Plan and the environmental monitoring programme referred to in paragraph 2, in accordance with Regulation 38, paragraph 2(g) for evaluation by the Legal and Technical Commission.

~~5.— In implementing paragraph 1, the Sponsoring State and Contractor shall consult, with any adjacent coastal State [across whose limits of national jurisdiction lie] with a view to avoiding infringement of their rights and legitimate interests, in accordance with Regulation 4.~~

~~The [Contractor] shall [submit to the Secretary General] environmental data and information in the required standardized format, in real time or at [monthly intervals] [annually], [] consistent with best scientific practices, [], and in accordance with the applicable Standards, and taking into account the applicable Guidelines. The Secretary General shall release the environmental data and information publicly in accordance with regulation 92bis. The Secretary General shall transmit annual reports to the Commission for its consideration pursuant to article 165 of the Convention and publish them pursuant to Regulation 38(3).~~

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

46bis(1), 46bis(2): on our view, suggested text is more consistent

46bis(4) (new 4 6(2)ter): not all environmental data could be released in real time or at small intervals

We tried to harmonize Reg. 46bis (4) and Reg. 46ter(4)