

**TEMPLATE FOR SUBMISSION OF TEXTUAL PROPOSALS DURING THE 28<sup>TH</sup> SESSION:  
COUNCIL - PART III**

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.im](mailto:council@isa.org.im).

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

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

DR92 – proposed amendments in green; black text and tracked changes text is from the Consolidated text.

**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.**

**Seabed Mining Register**

1. The Secretary-General shall establish, maintain and publish a Seabed Mining Register in accordance with the applicable Standards and taking into consideration account of the Guidelines. Such register shall contain the following information [except to the extent it is Confidential Information]:

(a) The names of the Contractors and the names and addresses of their Designated Representatives;

(b) The applications made by [each] [the various] Contractors and the accompanying documents submitted in accordance with Regulation 7 including any revisions, [during the term of a contract];

(c) A copy of each Council decision to award, extend, suspend or terminate, a contract including the rationale, and the terms of the various Exploitation Contracts and its schedules in accordance with Regulation 1, [including copies of the approved Plans of Works, and any substantial modifications to the plans of work];

(d) The geographical extent of Contract Areas and Mining Areas to which each relate;

(e) The category of Mineral Resources to which each relate;

[(e) bis Annual reports, including the amount of Mineral Resources mined, and details of any Incidents, Notifiable Events, Compliance Notices or other compliance-related interventions taken by the Authority;

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(e) ter The results of [environmental performance assessment] monitoring and Test Mining projects;

(e) quat Inspection reports;

(f) All payments made by Contractors to the Authority under these Regulations [and copies of royalty returns submitted in accordance with Regulation 71];

(g) Any encumbrances regarding the Exploitation Contract made in accordance with Regulation 22;

(h) Any instruments of transfer or assignment;

[(h) bis All other documents required by these Regulations relating to Contract Areas, including documents required before, during or after application for a Plan of Work, documents required during the term of the contract, and revised documents, except for Confidential Information which shall be redacted;]

[(h) ter Copies of all reports, recommendations and decisions of the Authority relating to each Contract Area, before, during or after application for a Plan of Work and throughout the term of the contract, except for Confidential Information which shall be redacted;]

(i) All reports submitted to the Authority by the Contractor, including annual reports submitted under Regulation 38, incident reports submitted under Regulation 33(2)(f), environmental monitoring reports submitted under Regulation 39bis(3) and (4), and performance assessment reports submitted under Regulation 52;

(i) copies of notifications made under Regulation 34 of Notifiable Events;

(k) Reports of reviews of activities under plans of works under Regulation 58;

(l) A copy of inspection reports prepared under Regulation 100;

(m) A copy of the compliance record for every Contractor, prepared under Regulation 100bis;

(n) A copy of every compliance notice issued under Regulation 103 and, where applicable, the corresponding improvement plan;

(o) copies of each Contractor's documents validating, declaring, and confirming the Environmental Performance Guarantee; and

(p) Any other details which the Secretary-General considers appropriate [save for Confidential Information].

(q) the Beneficial Ownership register, established by Regulation 83,

(r) consultation records, as required by Regulation 93bis

2. The Seabed Mining Register shall be publicly available free of charge at the Authority's website.

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[3. The Secretary-General shall publish the information in the Seabed Mining Register as soon as practicable following its receipt by the Secretary-General.]

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

We have made a number of suggestions to this draft regulation to ensure that it comprehensively reflects requirements across the Regulations regarding the particular information that must be contained in the Seabed Mining Register:

- amendment to para 1(c) to align with DR17
- amendment to para 1(h) to align with DR22
- new para 1(q) to align with DR83
- new para 1(r) to align with DR93bis

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