

MINING CERTIFICATION EVALUATION PROJECT

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BACKGROUND

This is the fourth in a series of regular updates on the Mining Certification Evaluation Project (MCEP).

The MCEP is a joint R&D exercise with participation from the mining industry, NGOs, labour, government agencies, the financial and accounting sector and research institutions. It aims to evaluate whether independent third party certification of performance can be applied to the mining sector.

PROJECT PROGRESS

Since the last Canary, the focus of the MCEP has been on finalising *Working Paper 1 – Principles and Criteria for Certification*. This Working Paper introduces the MCEP, discusses some background concepts, and proposes draft Working Principles and Criteria for mine site certification.

Working Paper 1 is being emailed to the Contact List as an attachment alongside this Canary. It will also be available from the MCEP website (address below).

The paper is being released in draft form initially as we are keen to receive your input and feedback. We are allowing two months for comment, with input due by 24 January 2004.

The MCEP will take your input into account in finalising the Working Paper in February 2004, before commencing field trials at mine sites.

PUBLICATIONS

The MCEP web site is online at:
<http://www.minerals.csiro.au/certification>

New downloads available at the site:

- Notes of discussions at Working Group meetings 4 and 5.
- Individual contributions from Working Group members on key issues, including prior informed consent and ILO standards.

CONTACT

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