



# MiningWatch Canada

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***Research and Dissemination: Support for Communities***  
***Affected by Mining in Canada and Around the Globe (2009-2010)***

We take this opportunity to again thank IDRC for its support for our educational and research work that is carried out to meet project objectives:

- To help build capacity and linkages between Canadian and international individuals and organizations for responsible mining, at the grassroots, regional and global levels;
- To create new knowledge and undertake analysis as required to meet the mandate and overall goals of MiningWatch Canada;
- To disseminate information broadly to the public, the media and the academic community; and respond to communication opportunities with government and/or industry representatives.

This report is organized as follows:

- Research and publications
- Workshops and conferences
- Multistakeholder Initiatives
- Communications
- Networking and responses to requests
- Support for aboriginal and non- aboriginal communities in Canada
- Support for Partners in Developing Countries

The activities described have contributed to the following outcomes:

- √ Resources produced that assist communities and partner organizations to inform and guide their work;
- √ Improved dialogue between government, industry and civil society;
- √ Contribution to the education of the public, the media, elected officials and civil society organizations via dissemination of new information and analysis on wide-ranging materials through personal communications, our web site, listservs and presentations;
- √ Communities in mining-affected regions better informed and able to work with government and industry to have their concerns and interests taken into account.

MiningWatch was formed in 1999 by environmental, labour, and aboriginal groups in Canada to institutionalise their work on mining issues; and by Canadian international development, human rights, and social justice groups to support partner organisations and communities in the “Global South” concerned about negative impacts on development and human/environmental rights resulting from the activities of Canadian mining companies.

Based on an understanding that domestic and international problems cannot be addressed in isolation, and rather that their resolution is interdependent, MiningWatch was created to strengthen and forge global linkages to support communities affected by mining and to bring about reforms that will promote responsible mining practices and provide redress for existing and past damages.

MiningWatch has become a strong voice in the development of mining policies to hold companies to account, whether they are operating in Canada or are Canadian entities operating overseas. Our Board and staff have expertise and experience in environmental policy and campaigning, community and labour organising, community economic development, organisational management and fund-raising, international development and international solidarity, and indigenous rights.

The overall goal of MiningWatch is to build the capacity of communities affected by mining to act in the public interest with regard to the protection of the environment, local culture(s), and the social and economic well-being of the community. To achieve this goal, we seek to ensure that mineral development practices are consistent with the goals of sustainable communities and ecological health; strengthen technical and strategic skills within communities and organisations faced with impacts of mineral development; and advocate policies to improve the efficiency and reduce the risks of mineral development.

## Research and publications

### Occupying Spaces Created by Conflict: Anthropologists, Development NGOs, Responsible Investment and Mining

This essay examines the role of anthropologists, development organizations, and socially responsible investment companies in the context of mining conflicts. Forthcoming in *Current Anthropology* in 2011.

### Mining, Human Rights, and the Socially Responsible Investment Industry: an examination of community opposition to shareholder resolutions

This paper analyzes responses by members of Canada's SRI community to allegations of human rights abuses against companies that they own, assess, or recommend to clients. The vehicle of shareholder resolutions is considered in the light of recent opposition to these resolutions by mining affected communities. To be published in a forthcoming edited volume on Business and Human Rights.

### Alternative Accountability Mechanisms and Mining: The Problems of Effective Impunity, Human Rights, and Agency

This paper examines whether international and national CSR efforts provide for sanction and remedy and ensure respect for human rights, and whether they support the agency of affected communities to protect values of importance to them. Published in *Canadian Journal of Development Studies* Special Edition rethinking Extractive Industry: Regulation, Dispossession, and Emerging Claims XXX (1-2) 2010. (Paper is based on presentation given at 2009 CERLAC/York University conference on the extractive industry.)

Over the past 20 years, Colombian paramilitaries have illegally acquired millions of hectares of land using terror, forcible displacement and human right violations as an explicit strategy of war. Areas where resource mega-projects are currently being implemented or considered are precisely where the worst of the violence has occurred, and from where the greatest proportion of the population has been forced to flee for their lives.

### Mining and conflict zones

During 2009, MiningWatch took part in the second year of a research initiative led by Inter Pares with the participation of CENSAT (Friends of the Earth Colombia) to compile detailed information about human rights and environmental impacts of Canadian mining projects in Colombia. The report, "*Land in Conflict – Resource Extraction, Human Rights, and Corporate Social Responsibility: Canadian Companies in Colombia*" was released in September 2009 and served to demonstrate the need for legislation such as that proposed by Bill C-300 and a human rights impact assessment of the proposed Canada-Colombia Free Trade Agreement prior to its implementation. MiningWatch played a significant role in the publication of a Spanish version of this report in 2010.

### Brief to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development

MiningWatch presented a brief, "Bill C-300 Position Statement," to the Committee during its 2009 hearings. This work was part of a multi-faceted effort to ensure broad discussion around the issues dealt with in the Bill. (See page 11 for more on this area of work.

### "Briefing paper" on the OT mine situation

We helped partner organizations in Mongolia finalize a briefing paper outlining community concerns to be provided to members of a due diligence team from multilateral investment organizations that may be considering investments in the planned Oyu Tolgoi project.

### Women and mining publication

Staff member Catherine Coumans collaborated with Beth Manggol and Vilma Piguerra from Marinduque, Philippines to write: “*Choosing to fight for Justice: Women’s lives shaped by the struggle against irresponsible mining in Marinduque, Philippines*”. The article is included as one of the chapters of a pending Women in Mining Network publication.

The *International Women in Mining Network (RIMM*, from the Spanish initials) brings together women from mining affected communities and women mine workers from different continents to work on mining and gender justice issues. MiningWatch Canada has participated actively in RIMM since 2003 and is currently on the organizing committee for the network’s next international meeting.

### Community-based Health Assessment Toolkit

MiningWatch published “*Mining & Health: A Community-Centred Health Assessment Toolkit* to be used by a core group from the community itself that would take the lead in such a process, or by health specialists to assist mining-affected communities to assess and address the potential health affects they may experience as a result of living and working near or in, a mine.

The toolkit, co-authored by Catherine Coumans, Sue Moodie and Lisa Sumi, contains step-by-step guidance, and provides “tools” that cover topics ranging from organizational suggestions to the use of indicators to measure success. It includes references with each step to other relevant information sources. The Toolkit can be downloaded from our website ([www.miningwatch.ca](http://www.miningwatch.ca)) by clicking on Issue and then Health.

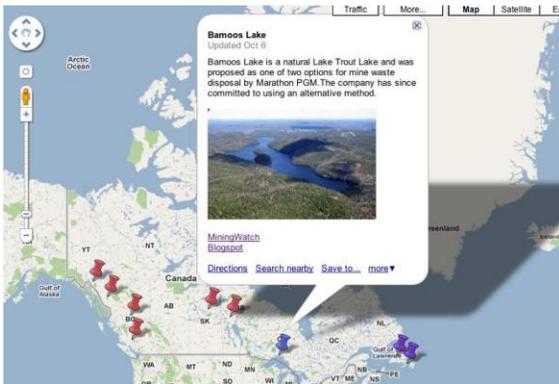
The Toolkit was presented at the Western Mining Action Network conference in Rapid City, South Dakota in September (see conferences, below).

### Schedule 2 – Lakes at risk

We have developed a Google Map of lakes that have been or are at risk of being reclassified as tailings impoundment areas. This map is intended as an entry point for more detailed information. A brief description of indigenous peoples and community concerns, pictures and links relevant to the various water bodies at risk are included in the map.

See: <http://www.miningwatch.ca/en/Schedule2Map>

We have begun compiling information for an interactive Google map of Canadian mining projects in other countries.



### Mine Waste Primer

In response to repeated requests from allies and communities, staff member Ramsey Hart researched and prepared “*Two Million Tonnes a Day: A Mine Waste Primer*”, now available on our website. This document provides an overview of the issues surrounding mine waste disposal, in particular risks to water bodies, and discusses options for disposal

### Writing project in process, to be completed in 2011

A chapter in a forthcoming book on mining and development that looks at the impacts of “partnerships” between mining companies, governments and Development NGOs on community agency.

## Workshops & Conferences

MiningWatch Canada staff present in roughly 20 workshops and conferences a year, among these are the following.

### Conferences to further dialogue between government, industry and civil society

MiningWatch played a leadership role, as part of the CNCA Steering Committee, in organizing a June 2009 event hosted by Members of Parliament and attended by key industry and civil society people to discuss Bill C-300. The event was very well attended and generated healthy debate on the issues.

The meeting took place just as hearings on Bill C-300 were getting underway and the government was unrolling its “four-pillar” approach to Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR): support for governance capacity-building in host countries; promotion of international CSR performance guidelines; support for the development of a CSR Centre for Excellence; and the creation of the Office of the Extractive Sector CSR Counsellor. All stakeholder groups were committed to participation in a second conference in November that year to be organized and hosted by CNCA and the Mining Association of Canada (MAC), to continue exchanges and discussions on corporate accountability more broadly.

We were very active (again in our capacity on the steering committee of CNCA), in seeing this initiative take place. “*Up to the Challenge: a Multi-Stakeholder Conference on Corporate Accountability in Canada*”, was co-hosted by CNCA and MAC. The conference included presentations by representatives from both organizations, as well as by international guests – such as a member of the Norwegian government’s Ethical Committee on pension plan investments – and by the international head of Amnesty International. Staff member Catherine Coumans made a presentation entitled “*Accountability Mechanisms for Extractive Industries*”.

**The Canadian Network on Corporate Accountability (CNCA)** is a coalition formed in 2006 of non-governmental organizations, churches, trade unions and other civil society organizations that addresses the issue of “effective impunity” of Canadian extractive companies operating in developing countries. CNCA calls on the Canadian government to implement measures that will oblige corporations to respect human rights and meet high environmental standards.

MiningWatch Canada is a founder and is on the steering committee which, given that CNCA has no staff, are instrumental in moving the work forward.

Despite the fact that just days before the conference, government civil servants were asked by their departments to withdraw from panels as well as from audience participation, the conference saw important advances in dialogue between civil society organizations and industry representatives. It helped to highlight the state of play in corporate accountability efforts globally, and to show how Bill C-300 fit into that arena.

Media coverage of the event was fairly extensive and included:

- Positive article in Canadian Mining Journal by Marilyn Scales on the CNCA-MAC conference and on the importance of human rights.
- Interview in the Harper Index (<http://www.harperindex.ca/ViewArticle.cfm?Ref=00264>) with Steve Hunt of the Steelworkers in support of Bill C-300.
- November 26<sup>th</sup> Reuters article on Bill C-300 “Proposed Canadian law would police miners abroad”.
- November 26<sup>th</sup> Canadian Press article on Bill C-300 – “Miners oppose bill that would govern operations in developing countries”.
- Nov 26, Globe and Mail (Andy Hoffman) piece on Bill C-300 “Foreign activities bill angers miners”.
- The National November 26<sup>th</sup> on testimony presented to the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development (SCFAID) on rapes at Porgera: “Barrick Gold denies ‘rape’ at Porgera”.

Our participation in these processes has been part of a broader strategy to bring to light issues related to Bill C-300. See page 11.

### World Social Forum 2009

Staff member Catherine Coumans participated in the Forum in Belem in the Amazon Forest at the invitation of Brazilian organizers engaging Vale Inco, with support of the Steelworkers Humanity Fund and the Canadian Auto Workers. Her presentation “*From Inco to Vale Inco: Impacts on Global Communities*” looked at Vale-Inco globally, and at community organizing around mining in Indonesia, New Caledonia, and Canada. She later outlined the process and results of the 2006 government-hosted CSR Roundtables for a panel organized by Canadian students.

### First international conference for Vale-affected communities in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil in 2010

At the invitation of Brazilian NGOs and partially funded by the Steelworkers Humanity Fund, we assisted with agenda setting, identifying participants, and invitations, and gave two presentations on the history of campaigning on Inco and on network building. Our experience in communications campaigns and networking with partners in many parts of the globe contributed to discussions on strategy and capacity building. Catherine Coumans’ presentations: *Towards Global Action on Vale* and *From Inco to Vale Inco – The Struggle Continues*.

### Conferences and community meetings in Ecuador in 2009

Staff member Jamie Kneen gave presentations on the mining industry and the environmental and social impacts of large-scale mining at a number of events in Ecuador. A conference organized by the Latin American Mining Conflicts Observatory (OCMAL) in Quito was attended by almost 80 people from a dozen countries. “*Mining on the Borders*”, a subsequent conference in Macas, was larger with 150 participants and had strong representation from the indigenous Shuar population. Jamie also attended a community meeting in Victoria del Portete where roughly two hundred people – in reality, the entire community – came to hear about what mining in Canada is really like.

### York University/Centre for Research on Latin America and the Caribbean (CERLAC) conference “Rethinking Extractive Industry: Regulation, Dispossession and Emerging Claims”

This March 2009 conference was attended by approximately 200 people from various parts of the world and included grassroots representation from different countries, and a solid showing by Steelworker staff and Locals, including Chilean unionists. Staff member Catherine Coumans was the “discussant” for the keynote address and presented a paper on “*Alternative accountability mechanisms: What conditions benefit communities?*” This paper has been included in a forthcoming publication of a special edition of the Canadian Journal on Development Studies.

### Ontario Mine Reclamation Symposium organized by the Canadian Land Reclamation Association (CLRA), the Ontario Mining Association (OMA) and Porcupine Gold Mines

Staff member Ramsey Hart gave a presentation at a symposium titled “*Finding Common Ground: Addressing NGO and Grassroots Concerns about Mine Reclamation*.” Key messages included the need for greater and more effective public engagement in planning for mine closure and for less dependence on technological fixes that require perpetual maintenance.

### Exchanges with UN Rapporteur on Business and Human Rights

MiningWatch follows closely the work of John Ruggie, Special Representative of the United Nations Secretary-General on business and human rights and provides comments on draft reports produced by his office. While Mr. Ruggie has found that there are no impediments to home state regulation of corporate nationals operating overseas, he is not currently recommending that home countries put frameworks for this purpose in place, frameworks we at MiningWatch consider essential to achieving corporate accountability. His research findings do support our concerns about governance gaps, effective impunity (lack of access to sanction and remedy for affected peoples), and high levels of human rights abuses associated with the global extractive sector.

In 2009, staff member Catherine Coumans was invited to present at a two-day expert consultation on corporate law and human rights hosted by Mr. Ruggie in Toronto. Her presentation focused on the need to be mindful of unintended negative impacts on community agency and ability to advance local goals when outside agents undertake initiatives to address human rights abuses by corporations. She used an example from the arena of Socially Responsible Investment to illustrate this concern.

Exchanges via email with Ruggie's staff continued throughout 2010; and face-to-face discussions were held with Ruggie's envoy at a meeting on the Human Rights Impact Assessment methodology at Rights and Democracy.

#### Western Mining Action Network (WMAN)

MiningWatch is a member of WMAN, a grassroots initiative for information-sharing and capacity-building for people and organizations that follow mining issues in Canada and the U.S. (We are a member of the steering committee.). Ongoing work is done via conference calls by its various caucuses; and a conference is held every two years.

The 2009 conference was held in September in Rapid City, South Dakota and hosted by Defenders of the Blackhills. We gave a number of presentations including a workshop on the Canadian experience with acid mine drainage and the federally-led multistakeholder initiative Mine Environment Neutral Drainage Program (MEND). (Catherine Coumans is on the steering committee).

#### African Initiative on Mining, Environment, and Society (AIMES) Annual Conferences

The 2009 conference in Nairobi, Kenya focused on a key theme for African nations: the development of criteria for mining contracts and legal frameworks covering foreign mining investment to better control mining activities and maximise benefits to host countries and communities. Staff member Jamie Kneen made a presentation on investment treaties and their constriction of countries' policy development and governance – especially in the face of global financial uncertainty. Collaborative initiatives were discussed that included the small number of non-African organisations participating (notably Development and Peace, and the U.K.-based Mines and Communities and London Mining Network). The collective analysis from the conference will also provide input for African participants to feed into their respective national debates and, in many cases, parliamentary or administrative processes.

In 2010, Jamie Kneen attended the XII AIMES conference in Bamako, Mali which reviewed trends in mining and development in Africa, and looked at criteria and strategies for mining code reform and advocacy with governments. Also in attendance were regional bodies such as the African Union Commission and the UN Economic Commission for Africa and its Independent Study Group.

#### Asian Institute of Management's Capacity Building workshop (on behalf of APEC) for Mining Stakeholders in APEC Economies in Corporate Social Responsibility in Manila, Philippines

Catherine Coumans presented "*Reconsidering Mining and CSR in APEC Economies*".

#### Civil society conference organized by the Council for Environmental Concerns (MACEC) in Marinduque, Philippines

Catherine Coumans presented "*Marinduque and Beyond: Looking at twenty years of struggle for responsible mining*" as part of the conference's objective to look at changes in community work on mining over the past 20 years.

#### Symposium on Human Rights and the Canadian Mining Sector, University of Ottawa

Catherine Coumans presented "*Mining, Water, Human and Indigenous Rights in Canada*".

International Publish What You Pay Roundtable, Montreal

The conference looked at Canada's status in the Extractives Industry Transparency Initiative (EITI). Catherine Coumans presented "*An Assessment of the 'Natural Resource Charter'.*"

Presentation at McGill University, Montreal

Catherine Coumans presented "*A Recent History of Attempts to Achieve Government Accountability Regarding Canadian Extractive Companies Operating Overseas: 2005-2009.*"

Canadian Business Ethics Research Network (CBERN)

In 2009, staff member Catherine Coumans presented "*Shareholder Resolutions on Mining Companies and their Impact on Communities-in-Struggle*" as part of the conference theme on Responsible Investment Ethics and the Global Financial Crisis.

At a 2010 CBERN conference, Catherine presented "*Mining, Human Rights and the Socially Responsible Investment Industry*", a paper on human rights, community agency and Socially Responsible Investment interventions through shareholder resolutions related to conflict situations in mining-affected communities.

Annual conference of the International Bar Association, held in Vancouver

Catherine made a presentation on five legal cases that highlight the difficulties associated with pursuing access to remedy through legal channels in the case of alleged multinational mining company transgressions in developing countries.

Law Union Society of Ontario

Catherine gave a presentation on an unusual law suit underway in the United States by the province of Marinduque, Philippines against a Canadian mining company: *30 year struggle for Remedy: Marinduque vs. Placer Dome/Barrick. Resistance and the Law.*

Canadian Council for the Americas conference in Toronto

Catherine presented *The Price of Unsuccessful Engagement*, on best practice in community engagement by mining companies.

Faculty at Queen's University Business School

Catherine's presentation *Beyond CSR: Addressing the Accountability Gaps in Mining* spoke to key accountability themes that run through the 2005 Standing Committee report, the 2006 CSR roundtable report and Bill C-300.

Law Faculty at the University of Toronto

Catherine presented on Bill C-300 on a panel with Michael Bourassa and Jim Peterson of Fasken Martineau (and former Minister of Trade).

CSR panel discussion hosted by the Institute of African Studies Student Association, Carleton University

Jamie Kneen discussed the role of civil society in ensuring effective corporate social responsibility within the context of Canadian mining firms in sub-Saharan Africa. Co-panelists were MP John McKay who talked about his private member's bill, MP Paul Dewar who spoke about mining-related conflicts in the DRC and their impact on women, and Eric Schiller, retired Ottawa U professor who related his experiences in human rights projects in that country.

Multistakeholder meeting at IDRC on CSR and extractives organized by Canadian Environmental Network

Catherine Coumans presented *Beyond CSR: Addressing the Accountability Gaps.*

### Presentations/Workshops on protecting Canada's water

Staff member Ramsey Hart made presentations to a number of community groups, First Nations, and regional and national NGO gatherings to increase awareness of and engagement in issues related to water and mining:

- Council of Canadians Blue Summit
- Canadian Environment Network, AGM
- Council of Canadians AGM
- Ontario Environment Network
- Perth University Women's Association

### **Multistakeholder Initiatives**

#### Participation in government-led "Corporate Social Responsibility" (CSR) initiatives

In March 2009, the government announced its response to the report of the Advisory Group of the *National Roundtables on Corporate Social Responsibility and the Canadian Extractive Industry in Developing Countries*. The government's response outlined four "pillars": support for governance capacity-building in host countries; promotion of international CSR performance guidelines; support for the development of a CSR Centre of Excellence; and the creation of the Office of the Extractive Sector CSR Counsellor.

In December that year, we were invited to be part of the first face-to-face meeting of the interim steering committee of the *Centre for Excellence* along the chair of the CNCA. We believe it is important to participate in this government-led initiative to be well-informed on the direction it takes and to ensure that civil society concerns and recommendations are registered. We continued as part of the steering committee throughout 2010 to help define the Centre's vision and programming activities.

Within the committee, we sit on the Content and Communications sub-committee in charge of, among other areas, website content development. Our participation allows us to contribute to the organization's potential as a vehicle for greater transparency in government and industry initiatives, and to keep other civil society members informed of the Centre's progress.

We have had several meetings with the *CSR Counsellor*, Marketa Evans, and have discussed with her our concerns about the limitations of her mandate: she can only investigate complaints against a company if the company in question gives its approval. We have responded to invitations by the CSR Counsellor to participate in her consultative process and have provided in-depth oral and written feedback on her mandate and draft "dispute resolution" process.

We participated in meetings hosted by the advisory committee for the *Natural Resources Canada Performance Review* and were pleased to see that some of our input was taken into account in the final version of the review document.

We are a member of the *National Orphaned/Abandoned Mines Initiative* (NOAMI), taking part in meetings via conference calls and its AGM. We hope to have our recommendation accepted for a new project on an initiative to review how financial assurances are being held by provincial governments.

#### Developing international standards

MiningWatch participates in the Initiative for Responsible Mining Assurance (IRMA), an international multi-stakeholder (industry and civil society) process supported by downstream consumers (jewellers etc.) that aims to set social and environmental standards for mining projects, as well as develop a monitoring and verification system that may eventually lead to certification of individual mine projects.

A face-to-face meeting of IRMA participants in Washington DC in early December 2009 (we were unable

to attend this meeting) served to reconfirm that the process has merit; and additional funding was committed by jewellers (such Tiffany's), jewellery industry associations and a number of mining companies.

Within IRMA, we are part of a civil society working group on standards which, this past year, undertook a lengthy and detailed process to complete a draft set of 21 standards. These were then shared with industry participants for comment and their input led to further multistakeholder work on areas of disagreement and efforts to narrow the gaps in perspective.

The year 2010 was marked by the adoption of a labour standard (rooted in ILO standards) and progress on six other standards, as well as on discussion regarding various models for verification systems.

### **Communications**

The MiningWatch Canada website [www.miningwatch.ca](http://www.miningwatch.ca) has a broad and growing audience in English, and increasingly also in Spanish and French, and continues to have high usage as statistics attest: the site receives roughly 1,000 visits per day on average.

We act as a clearinghouse on mining information for unions, communities, and other organizations. In particular, we disseminate the experiences, demands, and proposals of communities faced with irresponsible mining projects. This work requires that we stay on top of mining issues in Canada and around the world and that we verify the accuracy of information through talking to partners and undertaking research.

A redesign of our site is almost complete and will allow us to highlight our areas of focus on the front page and increase the audio-visual content to draw in members of the public new to mining issues. We maintain a Facebook page (over 1,140 friends) and have begun to Twitter (204 subscribers ...and counting).

We also:

- Administer public e-mail lists of our own<sup>1</sup>: *Alerts* (news releases, alerts, and urgent actions); *News* (news about mining and communities), *Newsletters* (for MiningWatch Canada newsletters); and *Ontario* (discussion & information exchange on mining in Ontario);
- Administer e-mail lists for the African Initiative on Mining, Environment, and Society (AIMES) and the Northern Diamonds Working Group;
- Take part of the editorial and management committees for Mines and Communities ([www.minesandcommunities.org](http://www.minesandcommunities.org)) and the Western Mining Action Network (Canada-US).

<p><b>The Mines and Communities</b> web site editorial board brings together community, indigenous and solidarity NGOs from developed and developing countries around the globe.</p>
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Two to four times a year, we publish a newsletter; and give interviews to broadcast and print journalists in Canada and abroad every week.

### **Networking, Presentations/Workshops, Assistance with Research Initiatives and Responding to requests for information/technical assistance**

Requests for assistance are numerous and ongoing and we respond to these as promptly and fully as our human and economic resources permit. Our input may require part of an hour of a staff person's time or a number of days where travel and/or research are involved. Below are some highlights of our work in this area.

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<sup>1</sup> These two public e-mail lists reach 1,000 people directly Monday to Friday.

During 2009, MiningWatch:

- Facilitated the invitation of indigenous partners Sandra Jack (Taku River Tlingit, BC), Jacques Boengkih (Kanak, New Caledonia) and Jeffery Simon (Ipili, Papua New Guinea) to attend a major gathering of Indigenous Peoples to discuss issues with resource extraction in Manila, Philippines.
- Attended strategy meeting of Montreal solidarity groups (mostly focused on Cerro de San Pedro, Honduras, Guatemala, Pascua Lama & Malartic).
- Attended a meeting hosted by The North-South Institute on “*Promoting Human Rights in Private Sector Development*” where part of the session focused on animated discussion with Bill Singleton, CIDA’s interim CSR focal point, about the agency’s new mandate and the dangers we foresee in public-private partnerships with industry on projects in communities affected by Canadian mining investment.
- Met with Jim Freedman, former member of the UN Security Commission Panel of Experts on the Illegal Exploitation of Resources in the Democratic Republic of Congo re: certification of coltan, tin etc. in Great Lakes region of Africa (Partnership Africa Canada/Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade project).
- Had a meeting via telephone with Marta Miranda on contract with Soros Institute to advise on the creation of a multistakeholder process in Romania on resource development; briefed her on the CSR Roundtable process as a model of collaborative governance and sent her Catherine’s CERLAC paper.
- Presented on Bill C-300 at McGill for a mixed student body together with Yuri Melini from Guatemala and Catherine Duhamel from the human rights clinic at UQUAM.
- Presented on Schedule 2 issues via conference call to Environmental Studies students at Sir Grenfell College at Memorial University in Newfoundland.
- Reviewed a Green Mining Initiative proposed by NRCan with two NRCan staff; provided feedback related to our standard concerns: no more tax breaks, recycling needs to be included, direct funding of industry research, government primary responsibility should be to regulate.
- Presented to a webinar of Government and First Nation employees that are members of the Lake Superior Binational Program; presentation focussed on community concerns/perspectives regarding mine closure.
- Reviewed a draft paper by Aaron Dühr on issues related to Socially Responsible Investors’ interventions in community organizing around mining, which is based in part on our letters and analysis.
- Met with Academics Dawn Bazley (York University) and John Sandlos (Memorial University of Newfoundland) to discuss their research activities and potential for collaboration – York is seeking a SSHRCC grant and would like MiningWatch involvement; had similar conversations with Anna Zalik, also at York.
- Gave background information and contacts to Jaqueline Romanow, a researcher working on a SSHRC project on aboriginal people and mining in the Americas.
- Did ongoing work in support of Osgoode students we are mentoring as they prepare major research papers related to: 1) How Canadian companies can be held to account in Canada for misdeeds overseas; 2) what could be done to stop the use of Canadian natural water bodies as mine waste dumps.

During 2010, MiningWatch:

- Met with volunteer researcher Ellen Morgan to discuss her progress on the Rosia Montana (Romania) case study.
- Gave detailed answers to questions and provided references (via email and telephone) for Osgoode students working on research papers on Corporate Accountability and on Schedule 2 (papers now completed).
- Provided information on a range of issues to John Jacobs, a U of Ottawa Ph.D. student doing research for policy work on mining in Africa (Bonnie Campbell, UQAM professor, is on his committee).

Mentoring of Gordon Fellow

A key 2010 mentoring activity saw Catherine Coumans providing guidance to a researcher awarded funding by the Walter and Duncan Gordon Foundation's International Program. Research is focusing on the impacts of mining on women in Indonesia (Karonsi'e dongi), Labrador (Innu Nation) and Guatemala (Mayan). Catherine attended sessions organized by the Foundation and provided ongoing advice to the researcher.

- Put Pascale Hatcher, student of Bonnie Campbell and currently in Japan in touch with mining activists in the Philippines as he plans to focus research there after previous work in Africa.
  - Gave interview to Grad student doing work on Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative.
  - Gave interview to Gillian Griffiths, Ottawa U student looking for thesis topic on community response to mining.
  - Gave interview to Adam Hooper grad student doing work on Tanzania.
  - Took part in CCIC Investment Reference Group to provide input on trade and investment treaties and extractive industries.
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- Briefed Pembina Institute staff on mine closure bonds.
  - Briefed Canadian NGO on asbestos in construction materials and responded to additional requests.
  - Met with Reverand (Maman) Nzeba Kalombo Berthe, Director of the Department of Women and Families of the Eglise du Christ au Congo at a meeting hosted by the Lindsay Presbytery Congo Group, with the support of Lindsay Presbytery and the United Church of Canada, with Éric Chaurette of Inter Pares.
  - Assisted Elena Chernikova, an intern at IDRC doing research on CSOs, University, relations in research: answered written questions and agreed to her request for a formal interview on the subject.
  - Provided past publications to Ph. D. student: a review of the CSR Roundtables and Bill C-300, paper on problems with shareholder proposals; put him in touch with Aaron Dhir who has been looking into these same issues via MiningWatch's involvement.
  - Met with University of Ottawa pro bono law students to initiate collaboration on research projects – legal issues around water management, Impact Benefit Agreements and FPIC.

### Support for government accountability bill

In late October 2010, the House of Commons voted down Bill C-300, *An Act respecting Corporate Accountability for the Activities of Mining, Oil or Gas in Developing Countries*<sup>2</sup>. Although we and our allies – members of the Canadian Network on Corporate Accountability (CNCA) and others – are disappointed at the defeat of this modest but important piece of legislation, we are heartened by continued interest by the media and concern from the public about what the Bill intended to address: alleged abuses by Canadian mining companies operating outside the country's borders and financial and political support by the Government of Canada for these companies.

A very important gain from the almost two year period during which the Bill went through readings, Standing Committee review and expert testimonies is the extent to which elected representatives and their bureaucratic staff have become aware of the nature and extent of allegations of irresponsible mining practices that affect our country's reputation. The association with government accountability was stressed as many extractive companies receive public support. Legislative initiatives with objectives similar to those of Bill C-300 are in various stages of development by other Members of Parliament and Bill C-300 has paved the way for them to be taken seriously by politicians and the public alike.

*I want to first of respond to something Mr. Peterson just said. It is absolutely untrue that a Canadian mining company could be held responsible for something that happened by another company on a property they've bought, say 15 years ago. A company is only being held responsible to a set of standards ... and these standards do not go back 15 years. In normal corporate law, they would be held responsible quite frankly. If you buy a property, you do become liable for all past grievances on that property but that's not the case under this bill.*

Catherine Coumans interviewed on Business News Network television, October 27 of this year, along side Jim Peterson, counsel at law firm Fasken Marineau and former International Minister of Trade.

MiningWatch Canada supported Bill C-300 through: our support to MP John McKay's office (particularly in our areas of expertise with respect to mining and the 2007 CSR Roundtables report), identification and briefing of witnesses from both within and outside the country to appear before the committee (some in person in the case of the Harvard Legal Clinic, some by satellite connection in the case of UK-based Amnesty International staff), media work, participation in CNCA as a steering committee member, testimony before the parliamentary committee, support for southern partners to meet with MPs and civil servants, and making numerous presentations throughout the country.

### Collaboration with the International Federation of Chemical, Energy, Mine and General Workers Unions (ICEM)

Catherine Coumans was (the only NGO representative) invited to attend and present at a high-level meeting of the heads of international unions gathered in Toronto in connection with the G-20. Participants included National Union of Mineworkers (South Africa); Construction, Forestry, Mining and Energy Union (Australia); International Long Shore and Warehouse Union (U.S. and Canada), National Union of Mine and Metal Workers or Los Mineros (Mexico), Mines and Construction Workers Union (Tanzania), United Mineworkers of America (U.S. and Canada), Sintracarbon (Columbia), National Miners' and Metalworkers' Union (Peru), and United Steelworkers (US and Canada).

Catherine provided information on civil society networks and actions and suggested ways to unite efforts to work for responsible labour and environmental practices by companies. This has led to ongoing communications with Joe Drexler of ICEM about international issues. It has also brought us into contact with organizations in Mongolia concerned about new, major mining projects there.

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<sup>2</sup> MiningWatch position statement from on Bill C-300 can be found at [http://www.miningwatch.ca/sites/miningwatch.ca/files/Bill\\_C-300\\_Position\\_Statement.pdf](http://www.miningwatch.ca/sites/miningwatch.ca/files/Bill_C-300_Position_Statement.pdf)

## Support for Partners in Developing Countries

### Papua New Guinea highlands

The Porgera mine in Papua New Guinea, 95% owned by Barrick Gold, has been associated with alleged human rights abuses for a number of years: as we have reported in the past, previous mine owners have admitted that security guards at the Porgera gold mine have shot at and killed villagers. An investigation by the Government of Papua New Guinea was completed but not released. Reports of ongoing abuses by security guards continue to reach us and were reported by researchers from Harvard before the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development in October. (More details are available on our website).

The mining project has taken over land that had been used for housing and subsistence agriculture and the land of some villagers living in the mine lease area has become geo-technically unstable. An increasing number of community members now rely on small-scale mining from the mine's waste flows for their livelihoods and are thus exposed to the mercury used to extract the gold. It follows that there are serious concerns about the health risks for the men, women, and children who are directly exposed to mercury in both its liquid and vaporized forms. As a result of loss of land for housing and agriculture, as well as contamination of remaining water sources, the majority of landowners living in the mine lease area are demanding to be relocated.

Additionally, as the Porgera mine releases its waste directly into the 800-kilometer long Strickland river system, there is serious concern about contamination and degradation of the surrounding waters and land. As a result of this waste disposal practice, the Norwegian government divested itself in 2009 of Barrick shares once held in its pension fund.

The communities in the area (in Enga province) have set up organizations to make their concerns known: the grass-roots human rights organization Akali Tange Association (ATA) has joined with the Porgera Landowners' Association to form the Porgera Alliance to present a united voice to Barrick Gold, the Papua New Guinea government, the United Nations, the Canadian government, shareholders, and civil society groups.

MiningWatch has maintained close communications with these organizations and in both 2009 and 2010, helped facilitate their travel to Canada. We have been able to secure a proxy share that has enabled a small delegation to attend Barrick Gold's AGM in Toronto where they have spoken to shareholders about the problems faced by the communities affected by the mine and asked that the company respond to community requests to halt human rights abuses by security guards, to support family relocation, and to make reparation for damages suffered.

Additionally, we have arranged meetings for the visitors with MPs, high-level civil servants from Foreign Affairs, Trade, CIDA, INAC and Natural Resources Canada, the media (press conferences in the parliamentary press gallery) and civil society.

### Papua New Guinea coastal region

During 2010, we have had ongoing communications with a lawyer for landowners trying to stop Submarine Tailings Disposals (STD) at the Ramu mine which would entail

From: Howard Sindana  
[mailto:hsindana@yahoo.com]  
Sent: November-21-10 8:09 PM  
To: Catherine Coumans  
Subject: mining updates!

Hi Catherine,  
I am happy with the information sharing with us (Bismark Ramu Group) in Papua New Guinea. We have learnt a lot from each other especially myself working with the people on the ground on mining issues in PNG from companies from outside.

Please feel free to share any infor which you may think is helpful.

The issues that I work on are mining, logging, oil palm, fishing, land and am so glad you have been sharing updates which I have interest in and has helped me a lot.

Thank you so much.  
Howard Sindana

ADVOCACY/CAMPAIGNS, BISMARCK RAMU  
GROUP, MADANG, PAPAU NEW GUINEA

destruction of a coral reef and ongoing deposition of mine tailings into the sea off the coast of Madang. Catherine Coumans swore an affidavit to both provide expert information and enter MiningWatch's publication on STD into the record of the case. The case is still ongoing.

### Ecuador

We have assisted Ecuadorian partners involved in an ongoing lawsuit against Copper Mesa to visit Ottawa in 2009 and 2010 where, this year, they met with Bill C-300 proponent MP John McKay, made presentations at a public meeting along with Algonquin leader Bob Lovelace, and took part in a "brown bag" session with Ottawa-based organizations.

### Guatemala

MiningWatch took part in a 2010 strategy meeting in Toronto between various US and Canadian groups working on mining issues in Guatemala. The session served to formalize the creation of the Coalition Against Mining Injustice in Guatemala (*Coalition contra la minería injusta en Guatemala*, CAMIGUA), an offshoot of the ad hoc Coalition against Mining Injustice (*Coalition contra la injusta explotación minera*, CCIEM) that had been created the previous year. CIEL (the Center for International Environmental Law), NISGUA (the Network in Solidarity with the People of Guatemala), and MiningWatch are all hiring new staff to work on this campaign, and the meeting produced a broad range of agreements and plans to work towards for next year.

### Responses to requests for assistance

Requests are numerous and ongoing and we respond to these as promptly and fully as our human and economic resources permit. Our input may require part of an hour of a staff person's time or a number of days where travel and/or research are involved. Below are some highlights of our work in this area.

### **Support for Aboriginal communities in Canada**

Aboriginal communities need to be able to carefully weigh the pros and cons of exploration and mining on their lands. The majority of claims staked in Canada are on aboriginal peoples' traditional lands and it is not unusual for a given community to face multiple claims. MiningWatch supports aboriginal peoples' right to Free, Prior and Informed Consent regarding the exploration and exploitation of natural resources in their territories, a right now recognized in a U.N. charter which our government has yet to sign.

We respond to requests from aboriginal communities and organizations across the country. Highlights from 2009 include the following.

\* We led a workshop with the Adams Lake and Neskonlith Indian Bands (near Kamloops BC), focusing on the risks to water and aquatic resources posed by mining developments. This aboriginal community is currently facing two proposed mining projects that are in advanced stages of planning.

\* We travelled to Williams Lake, BC to meet with staff of the Tsilhqot'in National Government (TNG), participate in community meetings about the proposed Prosperity mine project, and tour the area that would be affected by the project. A strong working relationship has developed with the TNG as we discussed with them our review of the Taseko Mines Ltd's Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the project. While there, we spoke with members of the local Council of Canadians and Cariboo Chilcotin Conservation Society who are very concerned about the project but lack resources to take on the environmental assessment process.

\* We co-prepared and presented (with consultant Joan Kuyek) a workshop in Cutler, Ontario for the Serpent River First Nation on mining regulation and finance with a focus on junior uranium companies and the concrete example of Pele Mountain.

\* We travelled to Iqaluit to participate in the launch of Nunavut’s first NGO, Nunavummiut Makitagunarningit (“People of Nunavut Can Stand Up”)(“Makik” for short) which has formed to call for an open public (Inuit and non-Inuit/Qallunaat) debate on uranium mining. In Iqaluit, we gave a number of media interviews and made a presentation on uranium mining in Canada at a public forum organized by Makik.

\* We gave a presentation on uranium mining at a land and resources conference held by the Athabasca Council (in Fond du Lac, northern Saskatchewan), attended largely by Dene leaders and community members. This gave us the opportunity to network and forge new relationships with the Federation of Saskatchewan Indian Nations, staff from the Prince Albert Grand Council and from the Pembina Institute. We were able to provide background information and analysis to the Athabasca Regional Government/Prince Albert Grand Council on CNSC licence proceedings on the Midwest project.

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Highlights in 2010 are outlined below.

Ring of Fire: Growing concerns about violations of aboriginal rights, environmental damage in headwaters of Attawapiskat and Albany Rivers.

As the coordinating body for the Ontario Mining Action Network, we organized an annual conference in Thunder Bay in mid-October 2010. The conference was very well attended by environmental organizations and First Nations representatives. Presentations went to the core of participants’ concerns about threats to water bodies, animal and fish habitat and aboriginal rights.

The conference has opened up opportunities for MiningWatch and other organizations to work more closely with First Nations communities in the Ring of Fire area. However, many challenges remain, principle among them divisions within and between First Nations groups who are divided about whether to support or resist the onslaught of mining claims in the region.

MiningWatch filmed presentations and a series of individual interviews and is in the process of editing the material for a website video that will highlight the many issues related to this very ecologically important part of Canada and indeed, of the world.

**Summary of concerns about Ring of Fire**

The number of active mining claims has significantly increased in an area of north-eastern Ontario area at the edge of the James Bay lowlands. The area has been dubbed the “Ring of Fire” by industry but is known to conservationists for its vast carbon rich bogs, forests and watersheds. Companies are interested in nickel, copper, zinc, gold and diamonds in the region but it is the world’s largest deposit of chromite (used in stainless steel) that is drawing much of the attention.

Environmental, social justice and aboriginal groups are calling for the government to respect aboriginal rights and to undertake proper land planning to protect the environment.

Working to ensure holistic and robust Environmental Assessments (EAs)

Used to their full potential environmental assessments (EAs) can be effective consultation and planning tools to promote sustainable development; at their worst, EAs can be rubber-stamping exercises to approve environmentally damaging projects.

In 2009, MiningWatch Canada was approached by the Xenigwet’ in Community and Tsilquot’ in National Government with a request for assistance in the EA process for the Prosperity Mine Project; and similarly by the Nak’azdli First Nation with regard to the EA on Mount Milligan Mine Project.

Despite critiques by MiningWatch and others of the alternatives assessment and fisheries compensation plan, the EA for Mt. Milligan was approved in early December that same year.

This decision was publicly denounced by the Nak'azdli First Nation (which has initiated a court case to contest this project) and it increased concern by the Tsilhqot'in National Government (TNG) Chiefs that a similar conclusion might be reached about the project they were contesting. In February, MiningWatch assisted a number of the chiefs to travel to Ottawa to meet with the relevant federal departments. These meetings provided an opportunity for the TNG to speak directly to those who would have a significant influence over the process and decisions regarding the EA for Taseko's proposed mine.



August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2010

Dear: Sir/Madam

RE: Keepers of the Water IV: The Sacred Gift of Water

On behalf of Hatchet Lake planning committee of Hatchet Lake Denesuline First Nations, including Chief Bart Tsannie from Hatchet Lake Denesuline First Nation, Don Deranger from Prince Albert Grand Council, Chairperson Mary Denechezhe and Event Coordinator Brandy Smart. We wish to thank you for your support of the Keepers of the Water IV; The sacred Gift of Water. This year's event was a huge success, with a total of 586 participants from all over Canada. In spite of the planning, the Keepers of the Water IV was well attended by chiefs and councilors, delegates, presenters, youth, adults, elders, and children, with an estimated one thousand people in attendance.

We sincerely appreciated your generous visit at Hatchet Lake Denesuline First Nation. We are hoping that you will attend Keepers of the Water V in the near future.

Once again, our sincere thanks for your generous contribution and we look forward to your anticipated support in 2011 Keepers of the Water V.

Sincerely,

Chief Bart Tsannie  
Hatchet Lake Denesuline First Nation

CC: Chairperson Mary Denechezhe, Hatchet Lake Denesuline First Nation  
Event Coordinator Brandy Smart, Hatchet Lake Denesuline First Nation  
Vice Chief Don Deranger, Prince Albert Grand Council  
Planning Committee, Hatchet Lake Denesuline First Nation

While in Ottawa, the Chiefs met with members of the Council of Canadians and took part in a special session at the University of Ottawa.

The process for Prosperity Mine continued on into 2010 when panel hearings were held in March and April. The Panel's report, released in June of this year, agreed with MiningWatch and others that impacts on fish habitat were significant, that water treatment well into the future could create a significant burden on the province and that the proposed habitat compensation plan was unlikely to succeed. In early November, the federal government announced that it would not approve Taseko Mines' proposed open pit gold-copper mine in the traditional territory of the Tsilhqot'in Nation in B.C.

#### Mushkegowuk Council's *Caring for our Land* conference in Timmins

Through questioning of industry and labour presenters, Ramsey Hart was able to introduce the proposal to create a regional monitoring agency and make a comment on the limited amount of revenues being raised through mining tax/royalties. Grand Chief Stan Loutit acknowledged his input and thanked him for participating.

#### Matawa Environment Conference for Northern Ontario

Ramsey delivered two one-day workshops at this First Nations event. Participants came from across the north and expressed their appreciation for the sessions on sustainability assessment and impacts on water. The sessions also provided MiningWatch with an opportunity to increase our exposure and build new relationships, especially with aboriginal groups in the northwestern part of the province.

#### Citizen mobilization is key to protecting lakes

In March of this year, we received a call from a concerned citizen of Marathon, Ontario. He was perplexed that a mining company proposed to use a nearby lake as a tailings dump – like most Canadians, he was unaware of the power of Schedule 2 to circumvent the Fisheries Act. Bamooos Lake, a deep, cold-water lake with a naturally sustaining lake trout population, is used as an aboriginal fishery by Pic River First Nation and recreational spot for sports enthusiasts. Well coordinated communications activities by locals,

with assistance from MiningWatch, no doubt contributed to the removal of its Schedule 2 application by the proponent for Bamooos Lake, an outcome we consider a milestone in efforts to protect Canada's natural water bodies.

Saskatchewan First Nation studying mining impacts

MiningWatch attended the IV Keepers of the Water conference in Wollaston Lake, Saskatchewan which brought together chiefs, elders, community members, environmental NGOs, and researchers from across the Athabasca watershed and beyond, from northern Manitoba to northern BC and Lutsel K'e in the NWT. The main topics were the tar sands and uranium mining – which included a presentation by MiningWatch. Exchanges among communities between communities and ENGOs and academics was very rich.

## Appendix *List of Acronyms*

ACF		Africa Canada Forum (working group of CCIC) ( <a href="http://www.ccic.ca/e/003/acf.shtml">http://www.ccic.ca/e/003/acf.shtml</a> )
ACOA	Gov	Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency (program of Industry Canada) <a href="http://www.acoa.ca/e/index.shtml">http://www.acoa.ca/e/index.shtml</a> )
AFN	NGO	Assembly of First Nations ( <a href="http://www.afn.ca/">http://www.afn.ca/</a> )
AIMES	NGO	African Initiative on Mines Environment and Society ( <a href="http://www.twnafrica.org/aimes.asp">http://www.twnafrica.org/aimes.asp</a> )
APG		Americas Policy Group (working group of CCIC) ( <a href="http://www.ccic.ca/e/003/apg.shtml">http://www.ccic.ca/e/003/apg.shtml</a> )
APR	Ind	Asia Pacific Resources
APWG		Asia-Pacific Working Group (working group of CCIC)
ARD		Acid Rock Drainage (see guidelines at <a href="http://www.em.gov.bc.ca/Mining/MinePer/ardguide.htm">http://www.em.gov.bc.ca/Mining/MinePer/ardguide.htm</a> )
ASEMORO	NGO	Montes de Oro Ecological Association (Asociación Ecologista de Montes de Oro)
ATA	NGO	Akali Tange Association Inc.
AVAQ	NGO	Asbestos Victims Association of Quebec
BAPE	Gov	Bureau d'audiences publiques sur l'environnement
BCEAO	Gov	BC Environmental Assessment Office
BEMAG	Gov	Base Metal Smelters Advisory Group
BMA	NGO	Bedford Mining Alert ( <a href="http://www.bedfordminingalert.ca/">http://www.bedfordminingalert.ca/</a> )
CAMA	NGO	Canadian Aboriginal Minerals Association ( <a href="http://www.aboriginalminerals.com/pages/182427/index.htm">http://www.aboriginalminerals.com/pages/182427/index.htm</a> )
CAUT	Union	Canadian Association of University Teachers
CCCCH	NGO	Canadian Committee to Combat Crimes against Humanity
CARC	NGO	Canadian Arctic Resources Committee ( <a href="http://www.carc.org/">http://www.carc.org/</a> )
CAW	Union	Canadian Auto Workers ( <a href="http://www.caw.ca/index.asp">http://www.caw.ca/index.asp</a> )
CBC	Med	Canadian Broadcast Corporation
CBI	NGO	Canadian Boreal Initiative ( <a href="http://www.borealcanada.ca/index_e.cfm">http://www.borealcanada.ca/index_e.cfm</a> )
CCIC	NGO	Canadian Council for International Cooperation ( <a href="http://www.ccic.ca/e/home/index.shtml">http://www.ccic.ca/e/home/index.shtml</a> )
CCME	Gov	Canadian Council of Ministers of the Environment ( <a href="http://www.ccme.ca/">http://www.ccme.ca/</a> )
CDE	Gov	Canadian Development Expense
CEAA	Gov	Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency ( <a href="http://www.ceaa-acee.gc.ca/index_e.htm">http://www.ceaa-acee.gc.ca/index_e.htm</a> )
CED		Community Economic Development
CEDNET	NGO	Canadian Community Economic Development Network ( <a href="http://www.ccednet-rcdec.ca/en/pages/home.asp">http://www.ccednet-rcdec.ca/en/pages/home.asp</a> )
CEE	Gov	Canadian Exploration Expense
CELA	NGO	Canadian Environmental Law Association ( <a href="http://www.cela.ca/">http://www.cela.ca/</a> )
CEPA	Gov	Canadian Environmental Protection Act (federal ) ( <a href="http://www.ec.gc.ca/CEPARRegistry/gene_info/">http://www.ec.gc.ca/CEPARRegistry/gene_info/</a> )
CERLAC	NGO	Centre for Research on Latin America and the Caribbean ( <a href="http://www.yorku.ca/cerlac/">http://www.yorku.ca/cerlac/</a> )
CIDA	Gov	Canadian International Development Agency ( <a href="http://www.acdi-cida.gc.ca">http://www.acdi-cida.gc.ca</a> )
CMAG	NGO	Citizens' Mining Advisory Group
CNF	NGO	Nature Canada ( <a href="http://www.cnf.ca/">http://www.cnf.ca/</a> )
CNSC	Gov	Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission ( <a href="http://www.nuclearsafety.gc.ca/eng/">http://www.nuclearsafety.gc.ca/eng/</a> )
CPAWS	NGO	Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society ( <a href="http://www.cpaws.org/">http://www.cpaws.org/</a> )
CSR		Corporate Social Responsibility
CWQG	Gov	Canadian Water Quality Guidelines ( <a href="http://www.ec.gc.ca/CEQG-RCQE/English/Ceqg/Water/">http://www.ec.gc.ca/CEQG-RCQE/English/Ceqg/Water/</a> )
DFO	Gov	Department of Fisheries and Oceans (federal) ( <a href="http://www.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/home-accueil_e.htm">http://www.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/home-accueil_e.htm</a> )
DIAND	Gov	Indian and Northern Affairs Canada ( <a href="http://www.ainc-inac.gc.ca/index_e.html">http://www.ainc-inac.gc.ca/index_e.html</a> )
EA		Environmental Assessment
EACSR	Gov	External Advisory Committee on Smart Regulations (federal)

		<a href="http://www.smartregulation.gc.ca/en/index.asp">(<a href="http://www.smartregulation.gc.ca/en/index.asp">http://www.smartregulation.gc.ca/en/index.asp</a>)</a>
EBR	Gov	Environmental Bill of Rights (Ontario) <a href="http://www.ene.gov.on.ca/envision/env_reg/ebr/english/index.htm">(<a href="http://www.ene.gov.on.ca/envision/env_reg/ebr/english/index.htm">http://www.ene.gov.on.ca/envision/env_reg/ebr/english/index.htm</a>)</a>
EDC	Gov	Export Development Canada (federal) ( <a href="http://www.edc.ca/">http://www.edc.ca/</a> )
EEM	Gov	Environmental Effects Monitoring (federal) <a href="http://www.ec.gc.ca/eem/english/default.cfm">(<a href="http://www.ec.gc.ca/eem/english/default.cfm">http://www.ec.gc.ca/eem/english/default.cfm</a>)</a>
EIR	Mult	Extractive Industries Review (World Bank initiative) – see Civil Society response at <a href="http://www.eireview.info/">http://www.eireview.info/</a>
EMCBC	NGO	Environmental Mining Council of B.C. <a href="http://www.miningwatch.org/emcbc/default.htm">(<a href="http://www.miningwatch.org/emcbc/default.htm">http://www.miningwatch.org/emcbc/default.htm</a>)</a>
EPA	Gov	Environmental Protection Act (Ontario)
FEDE	Gov	Foreign Exploration and Development Expenses
FOE	NGO	Friends of the Earth ( <a href="http://www.foecanada.org/">http://www.foecanada.org/</a> )
FOI		Freedom of Information
FPIC		Free Prior Informed Consent
FRE	Gov	Foreign Resource Expenses
GES Investments		Global Ethical Standard Investments
GBC	NGO	Green Budget Coalition ( <a href="http://greenbudget.ca">http://greenbudget.ca</a> )
GRAMA	NGO	Groupe de recherche sur les activités minières en Afrique <a href="http://www.unites.uqam.ca/grama/">(<a href="http://www.unites.uqam.ca/grama/">http://www.unites.uqam.ca/grama/</a>)</a>
HI	NGO	Halifax Initiative ( <a href="http://www.halifaxinitiative.org/">http://www.halifaxinitiative.org/</a> )
IBA		Impact Benefit Agreements
ICUCEC	NGO	The Inter-Church Uranium Committee Educational Cooperative
IDRC	NGO	International Development Research Centre ( <a href="http://www.idrc.ca/">http://www.idrc.ca/</a> )
IFC	Mult	International Finance Corporation ( <a href="http://www.ifc.org/">http://www.ifc.org/</a> )
IJC		International Joint Commission
IMF	Mult	International Monetary Fund ( <a href="http://www.imf.org/">http://www.imf.org/</a> )
INAC	Gov	Indian and Northern Affairs (federal) ( <a href="http://www.ainc-inac.gc.ca/index_e.html">http://www.ainc-inac.gc.ca/index_e.html</a> )
IPSM	NGO	Indigenous Peoples Solidarity Movement
JATAM	NGO	Mining Advocacy Network (Jaringan Advokasi Tambang)
JBEO	NGO	Jamaican Bauxite Environmental Organization
KI	Ind	Kitchenuhmaykoosib Inninuwug
LEAS	NGO	Labour Environmental Alliance Society
LRC	NGO	Legal Rights and Natural Resources Center
MAC	Ind	Mining Association of Canada ( <a href="http://www.mining.ca/english/">http://www.mining.ca/english/</a> )
MACEC	NGO	Marinduque Council for Environmental Concerns
MAG	Gov	Multi-stakeholder Advisory Group (for the MMI) <a href="http://www.nrcan.gc.ca/mms/mmi/w_e.htm">(<a href="http://www.nrcan.gc.ca/mms/mmi/w_e.htm">http://www.nrcan.gc.ca/mms/mmi/w_e.htm</a>)</a>
MEND	Gov	Mine Environment Neutral Damage ( <a href="http://www.nrcan.gc.ca/mms/canmet-mtb/mmsl-lmsm/mend/default_e.htm">http://www.nrcan.gc.ca/mms/canmet-mtb/mmsl-lmsm/mend/default_e.htm</a> ) – federal
MER	Gov	Institute for Environmental Impact Assessment (Netherlands)
MIGA	Mult	Multilateral Investment Guarantee Agency ( <a href="http://www.miga.org/">http://www.miga.org/</a> )
MMAAC	Gov	Minister’s Mining Act Advisory Committee (Ontario)
MMER	Gov	Mining Metal Effluent Regulations (federal) <a href="http://www.ec.gc.ca/nopp/docs/regs/mmer/en/index.cfm">(<a href="http://www.ec.gc.ca/nopp/docs/regs/mmer/en/index.cfm">http://www.ec.gc.ca/nopp/docs/regs/mmer/en/index.cfm</a>)</a>
MMI	Gov	Minerals and Metals Indicators (federal) <a href="http://www.nrcan.gc.ca/mms/mmi/mmi_e.htm">(<a href="http://www.nrcan.gc.ca/mms/mmi/mmi_e.htm">http://www.nrcan.gc.ca/mms/mmi/mmi_e.htm</a>)</a>
MMSD/GMI		Minerals, Mining and Sustainable Development/Global Mining Initiative
MNDM	Gov	Ministry of Northern Development and Mines (Ontario) <a href="http://www.mndm.gov.on.ca/MNDM/Default_e.asp">(<a href="http://www.mndm.gov.on.ca/MNDM/Default_e.asp">http://www.mndm.gov.on.ca/MNDM/Default_e.asp</a>)</a>
MNR	Gov	Ministry of Natural Resources (Ontario) ( <a href="http://www.mnr.gov.on.ca/MNR/index.html">http://www.mnr.gov.on.ca/MNR/index.html</a> )
MPC	NGO	Earthworks (formerly Mineral Policy Center) (US NGO) <a href="http://www.earthworksaction.org/ewa/home.cfm">(<a href="http://www.earthworksaction.org/ewa/home.cfm">http://www.earthworksaction.org/ewa/home.cfm</a>)</a>
MSST		Mining Sector Sustainability Table
MWC	NGO	MiningWatch Canada ( <a href="http://www.miningwatch.ca/">http://www.miningwatch.ca/</a> )
NAFA	NGO	National Aboriginal Forestry Association ( <a href="http://www.nafaforestry.org/">http://www.nafaforestry.org/</a> )
NAN	NGO	Nishnawbe Aski Nation ( <a href="http://www.nan.on.ca/">http://www.nan.on.ca/</a> )

NAP	Gov	Northern Affairs Program (federal – program of INAC) ( <a href="http://www.ainc-inac.gc.ca/ps/nap/minmin_e.html">http://www.ainc-inac.gc.ca/ps/nap/minmin_e.html</a> )
NGO		Non-governmental Organization
NOAMI	Gov	National Orphaned/Abandoned Mine Initiative ( <a href="http://www.abandoned-mines.org/">http://www.abandoned-mines.org/</a> ) – federal
NPRI	Gov	National Pollutant Release Inventory ( <a href="http://www.ec.gc.ca/pdb/npri/npri_home_e.cfm">http://www.ec.gc.ca/pdb/npri/npri_home_e.cfm</a> )
NRCAN	Gov	Natural Resources Canada (federal) ( <a href="http://mmsd1.mms.nrcan.gc.ca/mmsd/intro_e.asp">http://mmsd1.mms.nrcan.gc.ca/mmsd/intro_e.asp</a> )
NRDC	NGO	National Resources Defense Council (USA) ( <a href="http://www.nrdc.org/">http://www.nrdc.org/</a> )
NSERC	Gov	Natural Sciences Engineering Research Council
NSI	NGO	North-South Institute ( <a href="http://www.nsi-ins.ca/">http://www.nsi-ins.ca/</a> )
OAG	Gov	Ontario Auditor General
OECD	Mult	Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development – see Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises ( <a href="http://www.oecd.org/department/0,2688,en_2649_34889_1_1_1_1_1.00.html">http://www.oecd.org/department/0,2688,en_2649_34889_1_1_1_1_1.00.html</a> )
OHCOW		Occupational Health Clinics for Ontario Workers ( <a href="http://www.ohcow.on.ca/index.asp">http://www.ohcow.on.ca/index.asp</a> )
OLCA	NGO	Observatorio Latinoamericano de Conflictos Ambientales ( <a href="http://www.olca.cl/oca/index.htm">http://www.olca.cl/oca/index.htm</a> )
OMAN	NGO	The Ontario Mining Action Network
OMICC	Gov	Ontario Mineral Industry Cluster Council
OMNDM	Gov	Ontario Ministry of Northern Development and Mines
OWRA	Gov	Ontario Water Resources Act
PAC	NGO	Partnership Africa Canada
PCO	Gov	Privy Council Office
PDAC	Ind	Prospectors & Developers Association of Canada ( <a href="http://www.pdac.ca/">http://www.pdac.ca/</a> )
PIPLinks	NGO	Philippine Indigenous People’s Links
PPS	Gov	Provincial Policy Statements (Ontario)
PSMP	Gov	Provincially Significant Mineral Potential (Ontario)
PWQO	Gov	Provincial Water Quality Objectives (Ontario) ( <a href="http://www.ene.gov.on.ca/envision/gp/3303e.htm">http://www.ene.gov.on.ca/envision/gp/3303e.htm</a> )
RCEN	NGO	Canadian Environmental Network ( <a href="http://www.cen-rce.org/">http://www.cen-rce.org/</a> )
RCI		Radio Canada International
RFP		Request for Proposal
SEDAR	Gov	System for Electronic Document Analysis and Retrieval ( <a href="http://www.sedar.com/homepage_en.htm">http://www.sedar.com/homepage_en.htm</a> ) (official source of company information – press releases, annual reports, etc.)
SHF	Union	Steelworkers Humanity Fund ( <a href="http://www.uswa.ca/program/content/humanity.php?lan=en&amp;">http://www.uswa.ca/program/content/humanity.php?lan=en&amp;</a> )
STD		Submarine Tailings Disposal
STORM	NGO	Save the Oak Ridges Moraine
USGS	Gov	United States Geological Survey ( <a href="http://www.usgs.gov/">http://www.usgs.gov/</a> )
USWA	Union	Steelworkers (union) ( <a href="http://www.uswa.ca/program/content/index.php?lan=en">http://www.uswa.ca/program/content/index.php?lan=en</a> )
TIAAs		Tailings impoundment areas
TNCs		Transnational Companies
TWA	NGO	Transboundary Watershed Alliance
TWN	NGO	Third World Network
WB	Mult	World Bank ( <a href="http://www.worldbank.org/">http://www.worldbank.org/</a> )
WCELA	NGO	West Coast Environmental Law Association ( <a href="http://www.wcel.org/">http://www.wcel.org/</a> )
WGIP		(UN) Working Group on Indigenous Populations
WMAN	NGO	Western Mining Activist Network ( <a href="http://wman.miningwatch.org/wman/">http://wman.miningwatch.org/wman/</a> )
YCS	NGO	Yukon Conservation Society ( <a href="http://www.yukonconservation.org/">http://www.yukonconservation.org/</a> )

Gov: Government agency or program

Ind: Mining industry organization or program

Mult: Multilateral organization or program

NGO: Non-Governmental Organization, people’s organization or coalition

Union: Trade union or labour organization