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Mining Task Force Proposed Workplan for 2017

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Submitted by: MTF Chair



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Technical Cooperation - Committee of the Whole
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Introduction

During 2017 the Mining Task Force (MTF) will continue to promote and strengthen the implementation of existing APEC mining commitments. MTF will be guided by the 10 APEC Mining Policy Principles initially adopted by the Ministers Responsible for Mining during their 3rd meeting in Perth, Australia (February 2007), and reaffirmed by Ministers in St. Petersburg (2012) and Beijing (2014). Also, strengthening the advantages working with other APEC bodies and international entities.

MTF's activities are relevant across APEC's ECOTECH priorities including developing human capital through capacity building / developing and strengthening the dynamism of MSMEs / harnessing technologies for the future and supporting innovation / inclusive growth – addressing the social dimension of globalization, health, gender / regional economic integration / safeguarding the quality of life through sustainable growth. The importance of the strategic issues discussed and cooperation developed is also expressed by the APEC Business Advisory Council (ABAC) in the last Report to the Leaders in 2016.

Currently there are four project under development by the group. Another projects / activities, if funded during 2017, will emphasize particular ECOTECH priorities depending on their subject matter.

1. Expected Outcomes/Deliverables for 2017.

- 1.1. Develop an Action Plan for Mining as directed by Ministers Responsible for Mining in 2014.
- 1.2. Deepen the application of 10 APEC Mining Policy Principles in MTF activities.
- 1.3. Conduct Project-related capacity building workshops during 2017.
- 1.4. Successful MTF11 held as part of the SOM2 suite of meetings (May 2017).
- 1.5. Successful Public-Private Dialogue (PPD) with ABAC held on the margins of MTF11.
- 1.6. Workshop regarding the project: "Mine Closure Checklist for Governments" (tbc with the Host Economy)
- 1.7. 2017 SCE Fora Report for the Mining Task Force accepted by SCE.

2. Itemized Work Plans for 2017

Title	Summary of Specific Plans	Mandate (Leaders/Ministers/ SOM/SCE Priorities and Decisions, Strategic Plans and to ABAC recommendations)	ECOTECH Priorities and/or Host Year Priorities	Cross-fora collaboration (Within APEC and beyond APEC)
Action Plan	To discuss intersessionally an Action Plan to be approved during MTF11	Ministers Responsible for Mining (MRM-5), Joint Statement, par 20 (2014).	ECOTECH Priorities: Human Capital Development /SMEs/ Tech-Innovation/ Inclusive Growth/ Regional Economic Integration/ Structural Reform/ Sustainable Growth/ Human Security) Host Priorities 2017: REI, Sustainable, Innovative and Inclusive Growth/MSMEs	World Bank (Has requested NMP participation in MTF11)
Developing Training Materials to Promote the Reduction of Mercury Use in Artisanal and Small-Scale Gold Mining MTF 01 2016A	Project in implementation. Focus on survey existing and accessible curricula and training modules useful for stakeholders within the Artisanal and Small-scale Gold Mining (ASGM) sector that support efforts to eliminate mercury use. Two training modules will be developed, in collaboration with private sector organizations.	Ministers Responsible for Mining (MRM-3), Joint Statement, Action Items, 10 APEC Mining Policy Principles. Our agreement to the APEC Mining Policy Principles (2007).	ECOTECH Priorities: Human Capital Development/ Inclusive Growth/ Sustainable Growth/ Human Security) Host Priorities 2017: REI, Sustainable, Innovative and Inclusive Growth/MSMEs.	ABAC
Mining Industry Competitiveness: Improving Productivity and Data to Attract Investment MTF 02 2016A	Project in implementation. Focus on improvements to productivity, economic sustainability and competitiveness of the industry once prices stabilized. Also, on assessing information gaps and the demand for data on productivity factors for the mining industry	Bogor Declaration, para 8, to develop more effectively the human and natural resources of the Asia-Pacific region while reducing economic	ECOTECH Priorities: Human Capital Development/ Inclusive Growth/ Regional Economic Integration// Sustainable Growth/ Human Security).	ABAC International Copper Study Group (ICSG)

		<p>disparities and facilitating trade and investment (1994).</p> <p>Ministers Responsible for Mining (MRM-3), Joint Statement, Action Items, 10 APEC Mining Policy Principles. Our agreement to the APEC Mining Policy Principles (2007).</p> <p>ABAC report to APEC Economic Leaders, "F. Promoting the development of APEC's Mining sector", page 33, (2016).</p>	<p>Host Priorities 2017: REI, Sustainable, Innovative and Inclusive Growth/MSMEs.</p>	
<p>Mine Closure Checklist for Governments MTF 03 2016A</p>	<p>Project in implementation. Focus on creating a simple, practical and accessible tool ("Checklist") which will support the development of comprehensive mine closure policies and frameworks, based on leading international guidelines and standards; and sharing lessons learned and best practices via a workshop that will take place on the margins of MTF11.</p>	<p>By supporting sustainable development in mining, including positive socio-economic effects from the development of minerals and metals, fostering investment certainty, promoting leading practices in mining and life cycle management, supporting capacity building and promoting transparent and efficient regulation and governance to facilitate trade and investment in mining, this project directly supports the APEC Mining Policy Principles, endorsed by Ministers Responsible for Mining in 2007</p>	<p>ECOTECH Priorities: Human Capital Development/ Inclusive Growth/ Sustainable Growth/ Human Security.</p> <p>Host Priorities 2017: REI, Sustainable, Innovative and Inclusive Growth/MSMEs.</p>	<p>Intergovernmental Forum on Mining, Minerals, Metals and Sustainable Development (IGF).</p>
<p>Mining Equipment, Technology and Services (METS) Sector Development MTF 04 2016A</p>	<p>Project in implementation. Focus on support the development of a METS sector in the participating economies by providing in-depth insight into local METS capabilities, and linking that to customer needs over the short, medium and long term. Having a recognized and viable METS sector will contribute to not only mining sustainability, but</p>	<p>Concluding Senior Official Meeting (2014/CSOM/039).</p> <p>Ministers Responsible for Mining (MRM-3), Joint Statement, Action Items, 10</p>	<p>ECOTECH Priorities: Human Capital Development/ Inclusive Growth/ Sustainable Growth.</p>	<p>APEC Policy Partnership on Women and the Economy.</p>

	become an important contributor to the overall economy in its own right.	APEC Mining Policy Principles. Our agreement to the APEC Mining Policy Principles (2007).	Host Priorities 2017: REI, Sustainable, Innovative and Inclusive Growth/MSMEs.	
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- Depending on the results of Session 1, further capacity building activities are expected to be held for successful projects in late 2017/early 2018.
- Public-Private Dialogue between MTF members and ABAC mining representatives in the framework of the MTF-11.
- Workshop regarding the project: "Mine Closure Checklist for Governments" (tbc with the Host Economy).
- Technical visit to a mine site in the framework of the MTF-11. (tbc with the Host Economy and MTF members).