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Meeting	10 June 2021
Project	GRI Sector Standards Project for Mining
Description	This document provides the Stakeholder Council response to the Draft Project Proposal for Sector Standards Project for Mining.
	Only one member of the Stakeholder Council responded. The comments are reproduced in full.
	Input was sought from additional stakeholders outside of GRI's governance bodies. This feedback is summarized on the front cover of Item 01 but it is not be provided in full.
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9 Recycling is a crucial part of the mining industry's structure. It is also a crucial aspect of its social and 10 environmental impact. Therefore, I believe you should include recycling in this project. This will allow 11 a holistic view of this industry.

12 You should also include aluminum and steel. They are huge industries that share many practices and

13 policies with other mining area firms. They have ties to regulatory bodies, governments, and users of 14 mineral-based products that you should seek to lever as part of an overall approach to understanding

15 this area.

You have a short (three month) comment period. Then a long (six month) revision period. This 16

17 industry has a long history of resisting outside attempts to improve its social performance. I believe

18 you should allow at least two comment periods (with a revision in between). You may need to pre-

19 solicit input (especially since there are many countries and languages involved in this industry group)

and start sharing parts of your draft ahead of the formal start of feedback. The more iterations and 20

usti this document does not represent 21 feedback you allow, the more likely that this industry will see your product as useful and responsive to

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