



Newmont Mining Corporation's response to First Peoples Worldwide's "Indigenous Rights Risk Report for the Extractive Industry (U.S.)" - Preliminary Findings, dated October 28, 2013.

Newmont appreciates the opportunity to respond to the report referenced above and distributed by First Peoples Worldwide (FPW) on the Indigenous Rights Risk Report. We respect and value the efforts of FPW and similar organizations who are advocating for Indigenous Peoples. We have spoken directly with FPW and welcome the opportunity to engage further with them and others on issues related to Indigenous Peoples and mining.

Understanding the rights and interests of all our stakeholders is critical to building successful long-term relationships with neighboring communities that host our mining operations. Newmont is sensitive to the impacts our operations may have on Indigenous communities (as well as others) and, as a matter of policy, proactively engages with this important stakeholder group, where applicable, and works to responsibly address issues related to their unique rights. Newmont recognizes that failing to responsibly manage risks associated with Indigenous Peoples rights will hamper the development of meaningful and sustainable relationships, which can impact our financial performance. As a member of the International Council on Mining and Metals (ICMM), Newmont is committed to the principles espoused in the [ICMM Position Statement on Mining and Indigenous Peoples](#), which was updated in May 2013.

The FPW report identifies two Newmont operating sites which have been classified as "High Risk" under the FPW criteria, including the Ahafo Mine, located in the Brong Ahafo region of Ghana, and the Batu Hijau Mine, located on the island of Sumbawa in Indonesia. The Ahafo and Batu Hijau operations were included in the independent [Community Relationships Review \(CRR\)](#) process, which began in 2007 and was documented in a report released in 2009. Each mine was evaluated by a team of independent social specialists as part of Newmont's effort to improve our overall social performance. Since 2010, we have provided annual updates on our progress in integrating the CRR's lessons.

Newmont strives to achieve community acceptance at all of our operating mines and projects, whether they are located near Indigenous Peoples' lands or not. Newmont is committed to transparency while improving both our social and environmental performance at all of our operations. The Ahafo mine has undergone independent reviews for both social and environmental performance since 2006 and reports have been [disclosed on our website](#). Similarly, our Batu Hijau and Ahafo mines participate in environmental performance and public reporting systems established by the governments of Ghana (AKOBEN) and Indonesia (PROPER).

We look forward to engaging with FPW and others to continuously improve our performance vis-à-vis the rights and interests of Indigenous Peoples.