

## The Sponsoring Group

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The MMSD project is open to any sponsor. From the start, the aim has been to achieve a 60:40 ratio of funding between commercial and non-commercial funders, or better if possible. Predictably, the initial sponsors have been mining companies and what started out as a group of nine has now expanded to 27.

Finding non-corporate sponsors is proving more difficult not least because organisations need to see quite clearly how they will benefit from the investment.

We are now actively recruiting support. The “entry fee” is a contribution of \$150,000 from the commercial players (but less if they only wish to be a sponsor of a regional process) and \$50,000 in cash or in kind to all others. The in kind contribution has to be consistent with the project’s work plan.

We are looking for sponsors from the following categories:

- Mining and Minerals companies
- The industrial users of mined products
- The consultants to the mining industry
- The trade associations of the mining Industry

- Government departments
- Parastatal organisations
- Regional intergovernmental organisations

- UN organisations (agencies and regions)
- International Financial Institutions (regional and global)

- Foundations
- Research councils
- Non-governmental organisations – (Environmental, Developmental, Human Rights, Indigenous peoples etc)
- Mining centers of excellence and university departments

We are more than ready to discuss particular aspects of the project with individual non-commercial sponsors but in general, we need to keep the flow of funds as unrestricted as possible. We will also not accept any individual conditions from a commercial player.

We have been keen to ensure that this project does not cut into existing research efforts. In effect we wish it to be seen as an additional commitment from the commercial players. Some diversion of funds is, perhaps, inevitable but we would like to have specific cases reported to us so that we can tackle the problem in a transparent way. We appreciate that if we are seen as a competitor we will undermine the confidence in the process.

The terms of reference of the sponsoring group are set out in the Scoping Report. While the work group has to report progress to them and to listen to their advice, ultimately the products of this process are independent of any veto or editorial control from the sponsoring group.

The project coordinator is responsible for all liaison with the sponsors and the group has a minimal secretariat hosted by the WBCSD.

The current list of commercial sponsors to the MMSD project is as follows:

Alcan	EDM/Somincor	Noranda
Alcoa	Freeport-McMoRan	Norsk Hydro
Anglo-American	Gold Fields	North
Anglovaal	Lonmin	Phelps Dodge
Barrick	MIM	Placer Dome
BHP	Mitsubishi Materials/ Mitsubishi Corporation	Rio Tinto
Billiton	Mitsui Mining & Smelting	Sibirsky Aluminium
Codelco	Newmont	Sumitomo Metal Mining
De Beers	Nippon Mining & Metals	WMC

We hope to announce members in the other categories on July 8, 2000