



Independent Practitioner's Limited Assurance Report

To the President and Representative Director of Sumitomo Metal Mining Co., Ltd.

Conclusion

We have performed a limited assurance engagement on whether the 'Assessment Summary' and the 'Implementation Evidences and Gaps' (the "subject matter information" or the "SMI") presented in Sumitomo Metal Mining Co., Ltd.'s (the "Company") 'International Council on Mining and Metals' (ICMM) Performance Expectations (PEs) Self-Assessment « FY2025 Asset Level Report (Taganito HPAL Nickel Corporation: THPAL) » (the "Report") for the period from April 1, 2025 to March 31, 2026 have been prepared in accordance with the requirements in the ICMM Performance Expectations: Validation Guidance (the "Criteria").

Based on the procedures performed and evidence obtained, nothing has come to our attention to cause us to believe that the Company's SMI for the period from April 1, 2025 to March 31, 2026 is not prepared, in all material respects, in accordance with the Criteria.

Basis for Conclusion

We conducted our engagement in accordance with International Standard on Assurance Engagements (ISAE) 3000 (Revised), *Assurance Engagements Other Than Audits or Reviews of Historical Financial Information*, issued by the International Auditing and Assurance Standards Board (IAASB). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the "Our responsibilities" section of our report.

We have complied with the independence and other ethical requirements of the International Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (including International Independence Standards) issued by the International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants (IESBA).

Our firm applies International Standard on Quality Management (ISQM) 1, *Quality Management for Firms that Perform Audits or Reviews of Financial Statements, or Other Assurance or Related Services Engagements*, issued by the IAASB. This standard requires the firm to design, implement and operate a system of quality management, including policies or procedures regarding compliance with ethical requirements, professional standards and applicable legal and regulatory requirements.

We believe that the evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our conclusion.

Other information

Our conclusion on the SMI does not extend to any other information that accompanies or contains the SMI (hereafter referred to as "other information"). We have read the other information but have not performed any procedures with respect to the other information. We do not express any form of conclusions thereon.

Responsibilities for the SMI

Management of the Company are responsible for:

- designing, implementing and maintaining internal controls relevant to the preparation of the SMI that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error;
- selecting or developing suitable criteria for preparing the SMI and appropriately referring to or describing the criteria used; and
- preparing the SMI in accordance with the Criteria.



Our responsibilities

We are responsible for:

- planning and performing the engagement to obtain limited assurance about whether the SMI is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error;
- forming an independent conclusion, based on the procedures we have performed and the evidence we have obtained; and
- reporting our conclusion to the management.

Summary of the work we performed as the basis for our conclusion

We exercised professional judgment and maintained professional skepticism throughout the engagement. We designed and performed our procedures to obtain evidence about the SMI that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our conclusion. Our procedures selected depended on our understanding of the SMI and other engagement circumstances, and our consideration of areas where material misstatements are likely to arise. In carrying out our engagement, the procedures we performed primarily consisted of:

- inquiring the management at THPAL (the “Asset”) to gain an understanding of how it implemented the ICMM Performance Expectations (the “PEs”);
- inquiring relevant staff responsible for the preparation of the Report;
- reviewing a selection of the supporting documentation;
- assessing the suitability of the policies, procedures and internal controls that the Asset has in place to implement the PEs; and
- evaluating whether the SMI was presented in accordance with the Criteria.

The procedures performed in a limited assurance engagement vary in nature and timing from, and are less in extent than for, a reasonable assurance engagement. Consequently, the level of assurance obtained in a limited assurance engagement is substantially lower than the assurance that would have been obtained had a reasonable assurance engagement been performed.

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