How responsible sourcing works

UPSTREAM COMPANIES

SUCH AS SMELTERS AND REFINERS

DOWNSTREAM COMPANIES

SUCH AS THOSE MANUFACTURING PRODUCTS

Smelters and refiners work with their suppliers to trace supply chains back to their origin, and look for risks along the way, including at mine sites, along transport routes, and in trading centres

Companies contact their suppliers and work together to trace their supply chains back to smelters/refiners



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- Put in place a chain of custody or supply chain traceability system, and a mechanism for voicing concerns
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RISKS IN YOUR SUPPLY CHAIN

- Review information gathered against your policy
- Do any of the risks in your policy apply?
- How are you dealing with them?
- Implement a strategy to respond to risks you find

3 INDEPENDENT AUDITS

Smelters and refiners should carry out and publish independent audits on their due diligence

RISKS IN YOUR SUPPLY CHAIN

- Review information, such as audits, against your policy
- Take reasonable steps to identify smelters/refiners in your supply chain and assess their due diligence
- Is there a reasonable risk that a smelter/refiner is non-responsible?
- Implement a strategy to respond to the risks you find

INDEPENDENT AUDITS

- Use reasonable efforts to make sure your smelters/refiners carry out independent audits on their due diligence
- This can be done with help from industry schemes

4 PUBLICLY REPORT



 Make information on due diligence available to customers, and publicly report as widely as possible on actions you have taken under Steps 1, 2 and 3

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- By 31 March each year, submit documentation to competent authority, including policy
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