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On February 9th 2017 the Responsible Mining Foundation released its draft methodology for the Responsible Mining Index (RMI) for public comment and recommendations from all stakeholder groups. On 17th February 2017, the Chinese translation version of RMI draft methodology was released and on March 1st we obtained such Chinese version via email attachment. These documents both in English and Chinese version were circulated within China Minmetals Corp.

1. Regarding the number of statistic samples of the mining companies and operations, it would be suggested to add subcategories of energies, metals and industrial minerals to increase the statistic samples.

2. To expand the influence of RMI by incorporating more tailor-made attributes adding to the above subcategories.

3. In the analysis framework, it is noted that the analysis is to be done from the three dimensions of commitment, action and effectiveness, but without detailed weight differentiation to demonstrate the orientation of result. Thus, would suggest that more weight can be assigned to action and effectiveness.

4. On page 19, in Table 2 F Section, Environmental Responsibility, it is noted that relevant topics, like tailing, air, water and noise, etc. Are included. However, for the underground mining operations, the rehabilitation of surface of the land is decided by the filling operation at different stages. Thus, would suggest to include the filling operation to address specifically this topic.

5. It seems that the overall system of RMI attached more weight on the economy, environment, community and labor benefits. Nevertheless, the efficiency of mining operation is the core to support all the above obligations. Thus, would suggest to add more parameters, like the adoption of optimized mining plan, the rate of mining efficiency in the MS category.