

Working together for a sustainable future

"Our organisation is committed to working effectively in achieving a sustainable balance between economic development, environmental management and preservation of our State's precious cultural heritage for the benefit of all."



Exploration & Development

We believe that long-term success hinges on sustainable development which benefits everyone - the business, society and environment.

To this end, we have adopted a policy of responsible, proactive environmental management and works hard to ensure compliance with relevant legislative obligations in the course of any exploration or development activity.

The Industry remains committed to delivering excellent results for shareholders while at the same time ensuring that its economic success is balanced alongside its environmental and social responsibilities.

We appreciate the importance of community consultation and facilitates the involvement and awareness of relevant communities and their representatives when undertaking any exploration or development activity.

Through a proactive policy of self-regulation, legislative compliance and community involvement, we are working hard to deliver on our short and long-term business objectives while ensuring that relevant social and environmental considerations are included as part of any decision-making process.

The Industry will continue its policy of sustainable development in the interests of meeting the expectations of its shareholders without compromising the health or vitality of both the natural and social environment.



Environmental Management

Environmental sustainability is the ability to maintain the qualities that are valued in the physical environment.

Threats to these aspects of the environment mean that there is a risk that these things will not be maintained. For example, the large-scale extraction of non-renewable resources (such as minerals, coal and oil) or damage done to the natural environment can create threats of serious decline in quality or destruction or extinction.

Traditionally, when environmental problems arise environmental managers work out how to reduce the damage or wastage. But it is not always easy to work out exactly when and where threats will have their effects and often the impacts are hard to reverse.

So increasingly environmental managers adopt strategies aimed to prevent damage being done in the first place. A full sustainability program needs to include actions to prevent threats and impacts from arising, actions to protect the environment from threats and damage, and restoration to reverse damage already done.

Sustainability issues arise wherever there is a risk of difficult or irreversible loss of the things or qualities of the environment that people value. And whenever there are such risks there is a degree of urgency to take action.

Environmental sustainability programs include actions to reduce the use of physical resources, the adoption of a 'recycle everything/buy recycled' approach, the use of renewable rather than depletable resources, the redesign of production processes and products to eliminate the production of toxic materials, and the protection and restoration of natural habitats and environments valued for their livability or beauty.

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