

## Abstract

# **The Model Mine Development Agreement (MMDA) and Sustainability in Mining**

The International Bar Association's Model Mine Development Agreement project surveyed 80+ agreements between private companies and governments for developing mines in jurisdictions that lacked mature mining codes. The 2011 result of the project, MMDA 1.0, provides an agenda for negotiating agreements after successful exploration, contains examples of provisions in use around the world, and is a tool for drafters of all mining agreements. MMDA 1.0 reflects practices of sustainability, transparency and social responsibility in the mining industry and foreshadows the inclusion of circular economy concepts.