

Dear Colleagues:

Over the past two months, RESOLVE has drafted and sought targeted input on 1) the summary of lessons learned from the past ten years of CASM and 2) an options paper outlining potential configurations for a new CASM. (Please note that this does not include a business plan, which will be a next step as described below.)

We are now sharing the lessons learned and options paper drafts (attached) with the CASM community to seek your input. (We are emailing all those invited to the June 2010 meeting, and the Bank will post these documents on the CASM website—[www.artisanalmining.org](http://www.artisanalmining.org)—for greater distribution. Please also feel free to forward this email to your colleagues.) We kindly request feedback by **10 December**. (If you need additional time, please let us know a date that will work for your schedule.) Please provide specific feedback on preferred program, governance, delivery, and housing options or scenarios and explain the rationale for your preferences. Also, please let us know if anything is unclear or if you have additional options or suggestions. See below for additional proposed steps and timeline.

As proposed in the options paper, there is a need to enable decision-making during this transition period and we recommend establishing an interim group. The “Interim Steering Committee” will draw from the current Strategic Management Advisory Group (SMAG) and include additional members to ensure representation of governments from civil society, small scale miners and/or representatives, corporations, ASM countries, and other governments. Please see Section 1 of the Options Paper (pages 3-4) for more detail on the proposed interim governance approach.

Other key milestones include the following:

- Seek feedback from CASM community on Lessons Learned and Options Papers [comments requested by 10 December]. Again, please provide specific feedback on your preferred options or scenarios and share the rationale for these preferences.
- Form Interim Steering Committee and hold initial call [November/early December], with additional calls and/or meeting to follow in early 2011.
- Interim Steering Committee reaches conclusions as to preferred programmatic, structural and other options [December-January]
- Based on stakeholder feedback on Lessons Learned and Options Papers and Interim Steering Committee guidance, draft Business Plan. [draft anticipated December-January]
- Seek feedback on draft Business Plan and revise/circulate to CASM stakeholders [January-February 2011]
- Hold CASM meeting to discuss, refine, and approve the CASM Business Plan [currently anticipated March 2011]

Thank you for your continued interest and thoughtful contributions to this CASM transition period. Please be in touch with any questions or ideas.

Best regards,

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