

STATEMENT OF POSITION

TAILING STORAGE FACILITY MANAGEMENT

OVERVIEW

Tailings management and safe long-term storage of tailings is of critical importance to the mining industry. Uncontrolled release of tailings from Tailings Storage Facilities (“TSFs”) can cause major adverse impacts to employees, host communities, and the environment.

Technical rigour is required in the design, construction and operation of TSFs, including consideration of the unique characteristics of each individual facility and its location. OceanaGold (“OGC”) is committed to the highest standards of management of TSFs through a strong focus on governance, design, construction, operational control, monitoring, community engagement and continuous improvement of operational performance.

RECOGNITION STATEMENTS

OGC recognises that:

- Appropriate design, construction and management of TSFs is required to prevent long-term impacts such as seepage or dust;
- Appropriate design, construction and management of TSFs is also required to prevent catastrophic failure such as structural collapse, liquefaction and direct tailings release;
- TSF failure can cause significant direct impacts to life, livelihood, the environment, communities and culture;
- TSFs require a high level of governance, operational control and review; and
- The International Council of Mining Metals (“ICMM”), International Commission on Large Dams (“ICOLD”) and associated National Commissions provide standards and guidelines for the safe design, construction, operation and governance of TSFs.

COMMITMENTS

OGC undertakes to design, construct and manage TSF’s in compliance with all host country TSF regulations, and where applicable, any additional requirements consistent with OGCs TSF management standards and framework.

To achieve this, OGC will:

- Not undertake any new construction of upstream TSFs;
- Report directly to the OGC Board on TSF operational performance and governance processes;
- Define leadership and accountability for TSF governance and performance;
- Continuously review and improve OGC TSF governance, standards and operational performance by:
 - Integration of leading globally recognised standards such as ICMM and ICOLD into the OGC Performance Management Standards; and,
 - Applying innovation and new technology to minimise risks of TSF failure;
- Undertake transparent communications and proactive engagement with communities, governments and other stakeholders;
- Conduct independent external reviews to assess the quality and performance of the OGC TSF governance, standards and operational management; and
- Independently assure TSF related disclosures in line with Global Reporting Initiative (“GRI”) requirements.