## STATEMENT OF INTENT

## **Network for Sustainable Mining**

## 1 Objective and purpose

The purpose of this Statement of Intent is to establish a cooperation body for responsible mining. The cooperation body will be named the "Network for Sustainable Mining". This Statement of Intent provides the signatories with an opportunity to express their willingness to cooperate and participate in the creation of the Network for Sustainable Mining (later: the Network).

Despite its name, this Statement of Intent is not a legally binding agreement; its purpose is to establish a common intent and guiding principles.

The responsibility principles included in the Statement of Intent are based on internationally recognised environmental and social responsibility standards.

## 2 Statement of Intent

We commit to working together within the Network for Sustainable Mining.

The aims of our cooperation are to:

- develop an open, balanced and continuous dialogue and cooperation between the mining industry and its stakeholders, and
- promote the development of more responsible, sustainable and predictable mining practices in Finland.

The Network serves as a forum for discussion and cooperation between the mining industry and its stakeholders. It develops and customises various tools for application in the Finnish operating environment, in order to enable more responsible and sustainable mining practices.

The Network's cooperation activities and operations in general will be based on the following principles, to which we hereby commit:

- compliance with the law
- promoting mining practices that are responsible and ecologically, socially and economically sustainable throughout the life cycle of a mine
- transparent information on mining activities
- engagement in genuine dialogue with stakeholders, for example to settle any conflicts of interest in advance and take into account the operational needs of other economic activities
- protection and conservation of biodiversity
- management of environmental and social impacts
- systematic and comprehensive risk management
- ensuring the well-being of employees and promoting employment
- protecting cultural heritage
- respecting the special rights of the Sámi people.

Place	Date	Name and organisation