This page provides details of a six week open consultation, launched on 24th January, on aligning an investor disclosure request with the Global Industry Standard on Tailings Management.

The Investor Mining and Tailings Safety Initiative convened a group of experts to develop these questions in order to support the application of the Standard, investor and public knowledge of the steps being taken by companies, and a standardised set of information that could be used in the Global Tailings Portal.

Please review the draft disclosure questions which can be found here, and the Global Industry Standard on Tailings Management, which can be found here.

We are interested in both technical and non-technical comments, particularly comments from previous or potential users of the Global Tailings Portal (tailing.grida.no).

We have attempted to combine basic information related to identification and ownership with the disclosure requirements of the GISTM. Where the GISTM requires a ‘summary’, we have detailed what we believe to be easily disclosable relevant information in a way that standardises, which we hope will enable more accessible and meaningful disclosure at the industry level.

Please send responses to Stephen Barrie stephen.barrie@churchofengland.org by 5pm GMT on Monday 7th March 2022.

The Disclosure working group met 5 times in 2021 and twice in 2022, and comprises the following volunteers:
Professor Elaine Baker (co-Chair)

Elaine has a background in geology, and holds the inaugural UNESCO Chair in Marine Science at the University of Sydney. She is a Director of GRID-Arendal, a UNEP partner organisation, and has led the development of the Global Tailings Portal (tailing.grida.no).

Dr Stephen Barrie (co-Chair)

Stephen is Director of the Investor Mining and Tailings Safety Initiative, supporting the initiative’s Co-Chairs Adam Matthews and John Howchin. He is Deputy Chief Responsible Investment Officer at the Church of England Pensions Board.

Dr Jayant Kalagnanam

Jayant is Director of AI Applications at IBM, and has a background in engineering, applications platforms, and applying the latest computer science to create solutions for heavy industry.

Anthony Walker

Anthony is CEO at Decipher, and Chief Product Officer at K2fly, a listed (ASX) software and services company specialising in natural resource management.

Tal Lomnitzer CFA

Tal is a Senior Investment Manager on the Global Natural Resources team at Janus Henderson Investors. He has 23 years of financial industry experience and has been an active member of the Investor Mining and Tailings Safety Initiative.

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Qingting is Associate Professor at the Aerospace Information Research Institute, Chinese Academy of Sciences, and Assistant Professor at the Institute of Remote Sensing and Digital Earth. Author of more than 60 research articles/papers, his primary research areas are related to remote sensing in the mining industry.

Vagner Diniz

Vagner is Head of the Web Technologies Study Centre, NIC.br, the Brazilian office of the World Wide Web Consortium (W3C). He tragically lost his daughter Camila, son Luiz, and his pregnant daughter-in-law Fernanda to the Brumadinho tailings disaster. With their friends and family he founded the Instituto Camila e Luiz Taliberti to honor their memory.

Ekaterina Hardin (stepped down in late 2021 due to role change)
With a background in geophysics, Ekaterina is Sector Lead (Extractives and Mineral Processing) at SASB, an ESG standard setting body backed by $72 trillion AUM of investor support. She has led the SASB standard setting process to identify financially material issues and appropriate metrics relating to tailings storage facilities.

Dr Andressa Lanchotti

Andressa is a Prosecutor for the State of Minas Gerais, the location of both the Mariana and Brumadinho tailings disasters. She has specialised in environmental protection, and led the task-forces for those disasters.

Dr Caius Priscu

Caius is an engineer and head of Mineral Residue Facilities at Anglo American, and has played an active role in supporting ICMM's work on tailings, including their convening of the Global Industry Standard on Tailings Management.

Aaron Chapple

Aaron is Group Geotechnical Specialist at Glencore.

Kim Morrison

Kim is Senior Director, Global Tailings Management at Newmont.

David Cooling (OBSERVER)

Formerly lead tailings specialist at Alcoa, David is consultant to UNEP and the Investor Mining and Tailings Initiative, engaged to support the development of a Global Tailings Institute.

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