

# ICMM's Track 1 Tailings Aspirational Goal

## Overview and Objectives

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# Who is ICMM?

ICMM  
International Council  
on Mining & Metals

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27 company members operate in over 50 countries



With the support of over 30 regional and commodities associations, we strengthen the environmental and social performance across the mining and metals industry.



## ICMM Principles for sustainable development



**Ethical business + sound governance**



**Sustainable development in decision making**



**Respect for human rights**



**Effective risk management**



**Health + safety performance**



**Environmental performance**



**Conservation of biodiversity + land use management**



**Responsible use + supply of materials**



**Social contribution**



**Engagement + transparent reporting**

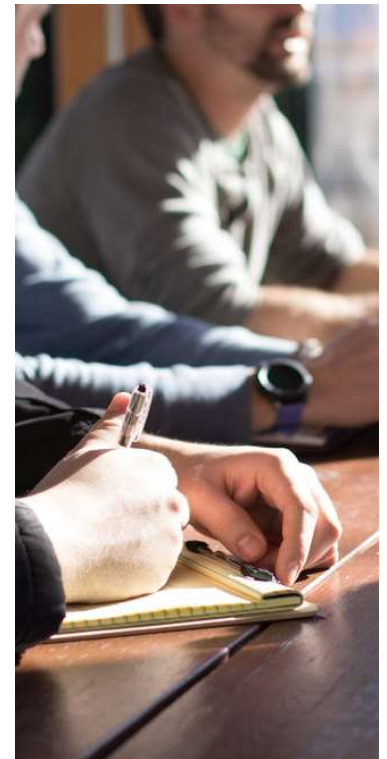
# ICMM's aspirational goal on tailings

## Overview

- In late 2018, ICMM company member CEOs signalled their commitment to a long-term goal on tailings
- Members agreed to ***“work collectively to advance progress over the next 10-15 years towards developing superior and cost-effective alternatives to conventionally managed tailings storage facilities (TSFs) with the aim of reducing the risk of catastrophic failure”***.

Three tracks of work to support progress towards the goal:

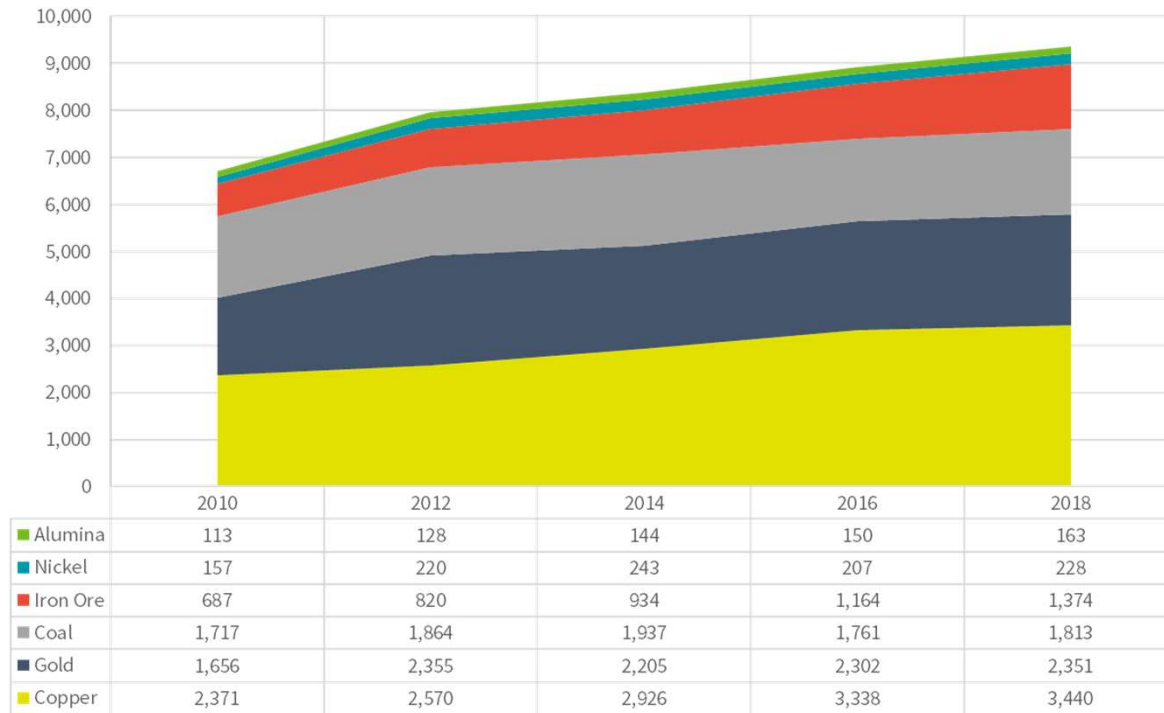
1. Reduce / eliminate tailings (>15 years)
2. Remove moisture from and strengthen tailings (5-10 years)
3. Strengthen operational performance for the design, operation and closure of tailings storage facilities (3-5 years)



# Context

**Combined tailings production rate has increased by ~40% since the start of the decade.**

Estimated Global Tailings Production 2010-2018 (Million Metric Tonnes)



Year

# Technology Themes for Reducing Tailings

## 4 technology themes and 5 groups have been selected

### Technology Themes

#### Precision Geology: Advanced geometallurgy (Enabler)

- Quantitative mineralogy,
- Spectral imaging,
- Data analytics (typhoon, AI, measure while drilling)

#### Precision Segregation: Bulk Ore sorting

- Continuous bulk sorting
- Batch sensing (truck and shovel)

#### Precision Segregation: Advanced sensing and particle sorting

- Sensor hardware (quantum sensors) & software (quantum technology and AI)
- Sensor calibration and verification
- Advanced particle sorting

#### Precision Mining: Preferential fracturing

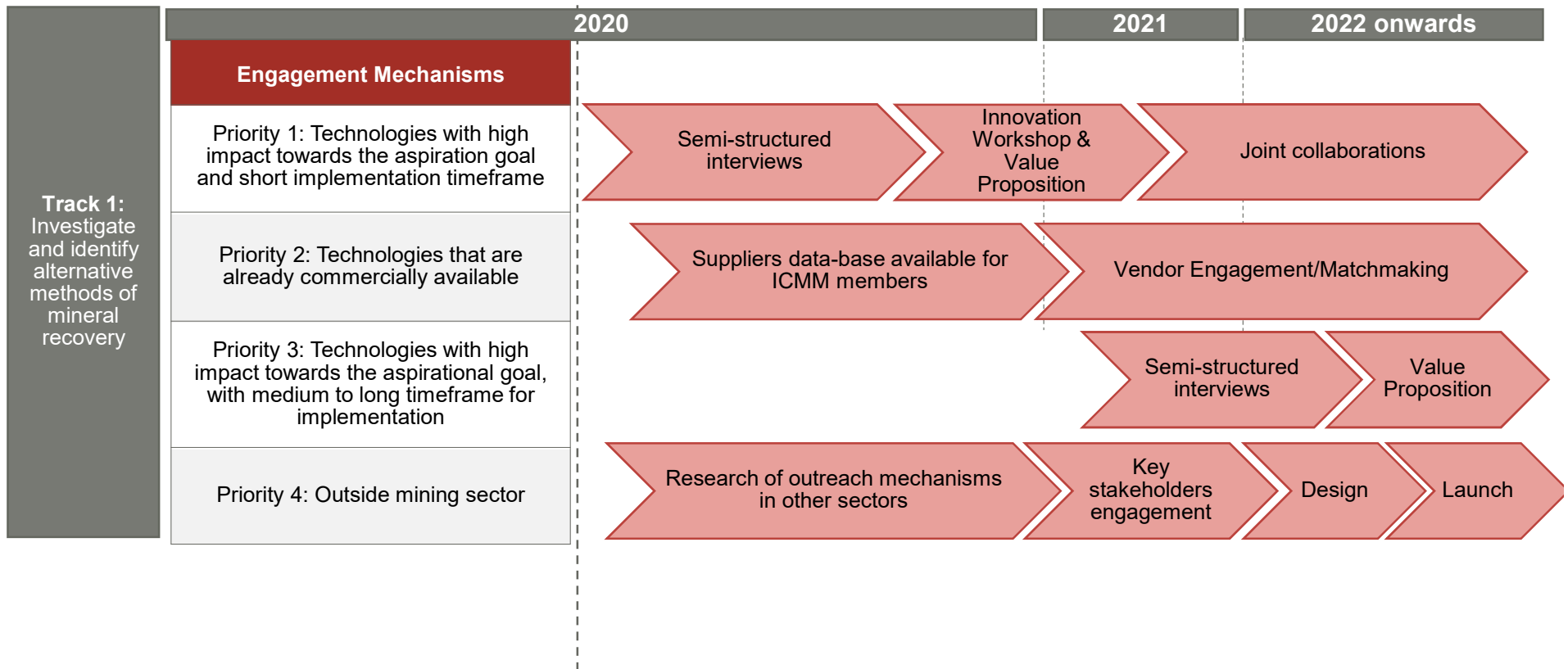
- Fragmentation (high voltage pulse, microwave, laser, other)
- Continuous Mining - Preferential Cutting in Hard Rock

#### In-situ Recovery / In-situ Mining

- Percolate ISR (underground and ISR reactors)
- Well-to-well ISR for hard rock
- Lixiviant development

- Landscape Review
  - Hatch identified ~90 technologies and with input from a sub-committee of AngloAshanti, Freeport, Glencore, Newmont, Rio, South32
- Deep Dive and Prioritization (in progress)
  - Based on TRL level, impact on tailings reduction, timeframe to commercialization
- Goal to encourage collaboration and possibly contribute to the on-going work
- Aspirational goal therefore clear expectations are required
- Knock on Effects
  - Energy reduction in (hoisting/comminution/trucking)
  - Lower overall capital costs, water use
  - Synergies ie: Fragmentation + Continuous Miners + Sorting

# Schedule of Implementation (Preliminary)



# Do you have a technology could impact on the ICMM Track 1 Aspirational Goal?

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How do you get involved and participate?

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