# Environment Policy

Société des Mines de Fer de Guinée (SMFG) is committed to integrating sustainability into all facets of its operations.

SMFG will achieve this by:

- Complying with all environmental legislation, regulations and permits,
- Assessing and understanding the environmental risks and potential impacts of our activities and establishing performance objectives and standards which are integrated into our environmental and management practices, based on the principles of the mitigation hierarchy for environmental impacts,
- Providing training to all employees and contractors regarding their responsibility to identify and minimise the potential environmental impacts of their activities,
- Enhancing understanding of the biodiversity and ecosystem services of its area of influence, and the impacts of its activities through monitoring programs,
- Promoting the efficient use of water, energy, materials and supplies,
- Minimising the volume of waste generated, identifying appropriate disposal methods for all waste types including reusing or recycling materials within the local area wherever possible,
- Seeking to achieve no net loss of biodiversity, when possible, within 10 years post mine closure by utilising the latest science and best practices for biodiversity management and working in partnership with the government, local community and other stakeholders,
- Progressively rehabilitating disturbed areas to return them to a safe, stable, non-polluting, self-sustaining agreed final land use,
- Communicating and consulting with employees, contractors, local communities and authorities, regulators and other stakeholders in relation to environmental management,
- Developing and maintaining a comprehensive and effective Environmental Management System which will be compliant with ISO14001 by the commencement of mine construction, and
- Continually improving environmental performance by regularly monitoring and reporting on performance against objectives.

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