

# Consultation response

## *Part 1: Your details*

**Original language of response:** English

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**Are you willing to let us publish your response publicly on the Global Tailings Review website?** Yes

**Please select which stakeholder group you are representing:** Investor

**If 'Other', please specify below:**

**Are you responding on behalf of an organization?** Yes

**Please give the name of the organization:** Aberdeen Standard Investments

**Your level within the organisation:** Management

## *Part 2: Your views on each of the Principles and Requirements in the Standard*

### *Topic I: Knowledge Base*

#### *Principle 1*

**In your view, will compliance with this Principle and its Requirements contribute to the prevention of catastrophic failure of tailings facilities?**

Yes

**Which aspects of Principle 1 do your comments relate to?**

**Your comments on Principle 1**

#### *Principle 2*

**In your view, will compliance with this Principle and its Requirements contribute to the prevention of catastrophic failure of tailings facilities?**

Yes

**Which aspects of Principle 2 do your comments relate to?**

**Your comments on Principle 2**

### *Topic II: Affected Communities*

#### *Principle 3*

**In your view, will compliance with this Principle and its Requirements contribute to the prevention of catastrophic failure of tailings facilities?**

Yes

**Which aspects of Principle 3 do your comments relate to?**

**Your comments on Principle 3**

### ***Topic III: Design, Construction, Operation and Monitoring of the Tailings Facility***

#### ***Principle 4***

**In your view, will compliance with this Principle and its Requirements contribute to the prevention of catastrophic failure of tailings facilities?**

Yes

**Which aspects of Principle 4 do your comments relate to?**

**Your comments on Principle 4**

#### ***Principle 5***

**In your view, will compliance with this Principle and its Requirements contribute to the prevention of catastrophic failure of tailings facilities?**

Yes

**Which aspects of Principle 5 do your comments relate to?**

**Your comments on Principle 5**

#### ***Principle 6***

**In your view, will compliance with this Principle and its Requirements contribute to the prevention of catastrophic failure of tailings facilities?**

Yes

**Which aspects of Principle 6 do your comments relate to?**

**Your comments on Principle 6:**

#### ***Principle 7***

**In your view, will compliance with this Principle and its Requirements contribute to the prevention of catastrophic failure of tailings facilities?**

Yes

**Which aspects of Principle 7 do your comments relate to?**

**Your comments on Principle 7**

#### ***Principle 8***

**In your view, will compliance with this Principle and its Requirements contribute to the prevention of catastrophic failure of tailings facilities?**

Yes

**Which aspects of Principle 8 do your comments relate to?**

**Your comments on Principle 8**

### ***Topic IV: Management and Governance***

### ***Principle 9***

**In your view, will compliance with this Principle and its Requirements contribute to the prevention of catastrophic failure of tailings facilities?**

Yes

**Which aspects of Principle 9 do your comments relate to?**

Comments on the Principle itself

**Your comments on Principle 9**

The standard should clarify Board oversight of tailing dam facilities. The Standard should call for an explicit statement that Senior Management takes decision making responsibility, but the Board takes ultimate responsibility.

### ***Principle 10***

**In your view, will compliance with this Principle and its Requirements contribute to the prevention of catastrophic failure of tailings facilities?**

Yes

**Which aspects of Principle 10 do your comments relate to?**

**Your comments on Principle 10:**

### ***Principle 11***

**In your view, will compliance with this Principle and its Requirements contribute to the prevention of catastrophic failure of tailings facilities?**

Yes

**Which aspects of Principle 11 do your comments relate to?**

**Your comments on Principle 11:**

### ***Principle 12***

**In your view, will compliance with this Principle and its Requirements contribute to the prevention of catastrophic failure of tailings facilities?**

Yes

**Which aspects of Principle 12 do your comments relate to?**

**Your comments on Principle 12:**

### ***Principle 13***

**In your view, will compliance with this Principle and its Requirements contribute to the prevention of catastrophic failure of tailings facilities?**

Yes

**Which aspects of Principle 13 do your comments relate to?**

No

**Your comments on Principle 13:**

### ***Principle 14***

**In your view, will compliance with this Principle and its Requirements contribute to the prevention**

**of catastrophic failure of tailings facilities?**

Yes

**Which aspects of Principle 14 do your comments relate to?**

**Your comments on Principle 14:**

## ***Topic V: Emergency Response and Long-Term Recovery***

### ***Principle 15***

**In your view, will compliance with this Principle and its Requirements contribute to the prevention of catastrophic failure of tailings facilities?**

Yes

**Which aspects of Principle 15 do your comments relate to?**

**Your comments on Principle 15:**

### ***Principle 16***

**In your view, will compliance with this Principle and its Requirements contribute to the prevention of catastrophic failure of tailings facilities?**

Yes

**Which aspects of Principle 16 do your comments relate to?**

**Your comments on Principle 16:**

## ***Topic VI: Public Disclosure and Access to Information***

### ***Principle 17***

**In your view, will compliance with this Principle and its Requirements contribute to the prevention of catastrophic failure of tailings facilities?**

Yes

**Which aspects of Principle 17 do your comments relate to?**

Comments on the Principle itself

**Your comments on Principle 17:**

The Standard should call for a level of disclosure that is in line with the information requested as part of the Investor Mining and Tailings Safety Initiative.

## ***Part 3: Your views on the Standard***

***Your view as to whether the content of the Standard meets your expectations***

**Your view as to whether the content of the Standard meets your expectations (closed question):**

3: Meets my expectations

**Please summarize why you chose this option:**

*Your view on whether the Standard will create a step change for the industry in the safety and security of tailings facilities*

**Your view on whether the Standard will create a step change for the industry in the safety and security of tailings facilities (closed question):**

3: Will strengthen some but not all aspects of the safety and security of tailings facilities

**Please summarize why you chose this option:**

*Does the content of the Standard address all aspects of tailings facility management adequately?*

**Does the content of the Standard address all aspects of tailings facility management adequately (closed question)?**

No

**Please explain why and/or what is missing:**

#### ***Part 4: Suggestions for topics to be included in the accompanying Recommendations Report***

**On which topics would you expect to have further clarification or guidance in this document?**

#### ***Other information***

*Non-fitting response text (text submitted which did was not in response to one of the questions above)*

*Attachment 1 reference (if applicable)*

*Attachment 2 reference (if applicable)*

