

## MATERIAL ISSUES CHECKLIST

Instructions: Check off the economic, socio-economic, and environmental issues that may apply to your operations. This will help you produce an initial list of issues you should be prepared to address in your engagement efforts. This is a preliminary exercise. You will prioritize these issues in Section 2.4 on conducting a risk assessment.

CONTACT INFORMATION	
DATE:	YOUR NAME:
COMPANY:	POSITION:
PROJECT:	CONTACT DETAILS:
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What are your real/potential/ perceived impacts on the local communities? (Check off all that may apply. Use the blank row at the bottom to add one more issue if needed)	
Economic, socio-economic impacts	Environmental Impacts
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In-migration, out-migration, growth or decline of towns</li> <li>Workers' camps</li> <li>Employment, flow of benefits to different groups</li> <li>Business/ employment opportunities</li> <li>Inflation/ deflation of food, access to social services</li> <li>Crop and land compensation risks, adequacy of resettlement housing and facilities, equity, post-settlement conditions, livelihoods</li> <li>Women's economic development</li> <li>Resource/facilities competition: usage of roads, rail, ports, sewage, telecommunications, power, clinics, hospitals, forest resource access, and water supplies</li> <li>Increased risk of infectious diseases, substance abuse, interruption to traditional food supply</li> <li>Artisanal and small-scale mining: competition for resource, security issues</li> <li>Increased road traffic, increased potential of accidents and fatalities</li> <li>Fire hazards</li> <li>Relationships between adjacent First Nations groups</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Air quality</li> <li>Surface and groundwater quality, water supply, water consumption and water treatment</li> <li>Noise, scenic amenity, vibration, and radiation</li> <li>Surface disturbances</li> <li>Use of explosives in the area, noise and dust pollution</li> <li>Effect on arable land</li> <li>Deforestation</li> <li>Soil decay</li> <li>Impact on local flora, fauna, animals, and bush products</li> <li>Loss of biodiversity</li> </ul>

\*Adapted from: International Mining for Development Centre, Mining for Development: Guide to Australian Practice (Daniel Franks); "Social Impact Assessment of Resource Projects", Page 5; [http://im4dc.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/01/UWA\\_1698\\_Paper-02\\_Social-impact-assessment-of-resource-projects1.pdf](http://im4dc.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/01/UWA_1698_Paper-02_Social-impact-assessment-of-resource-projects1.pdf); and from: Prospectors & Developers Association of Canada; "Excellence in Social Responsibility e Toolkit (ESR)", Page 76-79; <http://www.pdac.ca/docs/default-source/e3-plus--toolkits---social-responsibility/social-responsibility-in-exploration-toolkit-full-document.pdf?sfvrsn=4>