



Mining industry legal-compliance alert

On February 7, 2019, an officer of the Mexican Mining Ministry announced that the government will review over five thousand mining concessions, in order to decide on its possible cancellation.

The rationale behind this action is the same that triggered last year's very relevant and substantial legislative initiatives filed before the Federal Congress, i.e. "Mining companies have to embrace a social responsibility culture, while protecting the environment, and the indigenous people's rights over their native lands".

The Mining Ministry official conveyed that twenty thousand mining related procedures are being reviewed too, given that, in its opinion, the previous government created "a

cluster of irregularities that must be rectified so that a successful public policy can be implemented from now on".

Due to the high legal and regulatory impact that these scrutiny actions will have in the mining industry in Mexico, Deloitte Legal has customized specific services to help our clients face the current complex scenario mitigating the risks involved therein by securing their compliance with Mexican regulations.

Deloitte Legal can provide an in-depth specialized legal-regulatory review which will ultimately provide a compliance matrix applicable to all three levels of government (Federal, State, and Municipal), customized

to each client's needs. This service will allow our clients to identify all the requirements that must be met so that they can be in line with the requirements of local or federal authorities.

In the event of a concession cancellation or a verification process set to impose administrative penalties such as fines and shutdowns; we strongly advise our clients to seek immediate counsel to assure that all legal formalities are being met. Deloitte Legal has a team of experienced attorneys specialized in litigation and administrative procedures.

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