

Mineral environmental code proposed By Deborah Spicer

The writing of the South African Mineral Environmental Code (SAMEC) will start in 2014.

This is after Venmyn Deloitte MD Andy Clay proposed the idea at a South African Institute of Minerals and Metallurgy (SAIMM) conference and also received approval for the proposal from the SAMREC/ SAMVAL Committee, which is tasked with writing, assessing and reviewing the mineral evaluation and valuation codes in South Africa.

There are numerous international and national guidelines for environmental practise, many of which are important for mineral companies.

Clay has proposed that these guidelines be aligned into a definitive, encompassing reporting code. He has argued that SAMEC comprise a checklist of environmental standards that would apply to a mineral company.

To obtain a copy of Clay's presentation to the SAIMM's Mining, Environment and Society Conference or to participate in the process of writing SAMEC, please contact Venmyn Deloitte environmental consultant Sarah Dyke on +27 11 517 4205.

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