

# **Environmental & Social Impact Assessment (ESIA)**

A how-to guide for the cement sector

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## **Today's presentation**

- 1. Context: Why these guidelines?
- 2. Overview
- 3. Document structure
- 4. Key messages
- 5. Introducing the revised ESIA Guidelines
- 6. Q&A







## **Context: Why these guidelines?**

First CSI-led ESIA Guidelines (2005) in need of updating:



- Advances in ESIA understanding. e.g.
  - Baseline assessment
  - Mitigation hierarchy
  - Stakeholder engagement
  - Operating in karst areas
- More accountability, transparency & other requirements
- Increased social emphasis
- More user-friendly guidelines
- Clearer document structure







## **Biodiversity**

Already an established key topic in CSI...







## **CSI Biodiversity tools & guidance**

- Biodiversity KPIs & definitions
- Library of case studies & examples
- Road-tested and developed guidance for the biodiversity screening tool (IBAT)
- Guidelines to support biodiversity management
  - Quarry rehabilitation guidelines
  - Biodiversity management planning (BMP) guidelines



But first a closer look





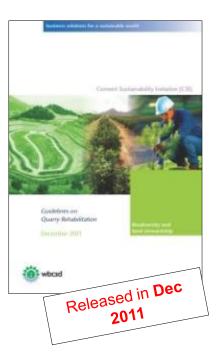






## **Guidelines on Quarry Rehabilitation**

- A consensus view of CSI members on the principles of quarry rehabilitation
- Tips & case studies that test the recommendations given
- Helpful for any company involved in similar quarrying or rehabilitation activities
- Now available in 6 languages (incl. Portuguese) accompanied by a checklist to help track implementation



→ Effective management and well-planned rehabilitation strategies helps to restore or even create value in quarry sites

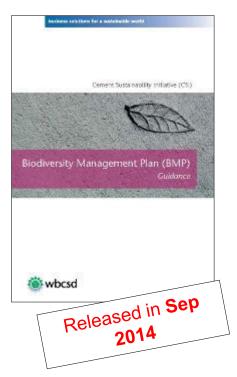
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## **CSI Biodiversity Management Plan (BMP) Guidance**



- A practical resource for use at the site level in developing BMPs
- Provides step-wise guidance on how to develop an appropriately focused management plan
- Published in 2014 (so far only English and Spanish versions)

→ Progressive biodiversity management and land stewardship will deliver significant environmental & social benefits, which can greatly outweigh long-term rehabilitation costs







## The CSI Forum 2014, Cartagena

- Theme: 'Conserving Nature's Foundations: Biodiversity & Ecosystems'.
- Well-attended & positive reviews, reflecting sector recognition of biodiversity management as a key issue









## **Biodiversity in Brazil**

The most biodiverse country in the world

- The most known species of plants (55,000), freshwater fish (3000) and mammals (>689).
- 3<sup>rd</sup> highest ranking country in the world for bird species (1,832)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> highest ranking country for reptile species
- 2<sup>nd</sup> in the world for most number of endemic species



Biodiversity is a **material issue** for cement companies

- Vast indigenous knowledge of natural resource use & also dependence on nature (food, shelter, fuel)
- Ecosystem services provided
- Opportunities for development & sustainable use
- High % sites in or close to natural parks & other protected areas







Now back to the ESIA Guidelines...







#### ESIA – Guidelines: An overview

- Practical guide to the ESIA process for all projects:
  - Small to large in both scale and scope;
  - New investments and/or operational expansions
- The ESIA process for a project:
  - WHEN: Conceptual design stage construction, operation and decommissioning;
  - WHAT: Positive and negative environmental and social impacts
  - HOW: Engagement and ultimately agreement of all stakeholders
  - → If the ESIA is not accepted by the local planning authorities, then permission for the project will not be granted







## **Consultation process**

- Survey to gauge depth of review required
- Tenders invited to identify consultant
- Round-table meeting in Geneva
- Feedback (verbal & written) captured & shared
- Drafts reviewed and commented on by TF5
- Final draft reviewed & approved by CSI Liaison Delegates









## **Experts & stakeholders consulted**























## **ESIA - Key features**

- Presents CSI members' collective expertise in ESIA process:
  - Exposé of experience from a variety of projects in different global regions
  - Aligns with international standards & good practice, beyond minimum regulatory compliance
- Demonstrates the approach for the development of a successful ESIA
  - Core principles
    - Understanding of the existing environmental and social conditions
    - Identification of the potential impacts (positive and negative)
    - Minimizing/mitigating adverse impacts and maximizing potential benefits
  - A step-wise approach, setting out key decision points
  - Principles and objectives of stakeholder engagement







## Key features ctd.

- Reflects the developments in cement industry & changes in stakeholder expectations:
  - Both environmental and social issues addressed;
  - All material sustainability issues for the cement industry are considered
  - Links to CSI tools & documents
- Incorporates valuable input from stakeholder groups:
  - Industry
  - Biodiversity NGOs
  - Banks







#### **Document structure**

- 1 Introduction
- 2 Context
- 3 International Standards
- 4 The ESIA Process
  - 4.1 Overview
  - 4.2 Project description
  - 4.3 The screening phase
  - 4.4 The scoping phase
  - 4.5 Baseline
  - 4.6 The baseline report
  - 4.7 Impact assessment
- 5 Stakeholder Engagement
- 6 Environmental and Social Management & Monitoring
- 7 Practical Considerations

~60% of the document addresses these points







#### **Guidelines - Useful features**

- 7 Chapters, logical flow
- 7 Case studies real examples
- Tables
- Checklists of requirements
- Flow charts





- Links to related information
- Glossary
- References









## Launch & uptake

- Text agreed
- In design phase
- Completed by end June





- Launch July 5<sup>th</sup>
- 2 webinar presentations (time zones)
- Participation welcome!
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Questões?

