



**MINERALS NETWORK**  
**Third meeting**



**9 - 11th September 2005**  
**Taiyuan**

## **Objectives and results of the first meeting in Nouméa (6 - 8th November 2002) :**

### **➤ Revive the minerals network in the Region:**

The number and quality of papers presented, the number of participants to this first seminar and the response of the audience have been most encouraging

### **➤ Get private industrial companies to join the network**

Major mining companies not only presented papers but also contributed to the funding of the meeting. Ten papers out of twenty have been prepared and presented by private companies.

### **➤ Promote the PECC experience and spirit with newcomers**

Awareness on PECC was raised to a high level during the workshop and the work of PECC was commented upon in a favourable light



## Main themes :

- Mining sites rehabilitation
- Community involvements in mining development projects

## **Widely representative audience :**

- ◆ **Local government and provincial representatives**
- ◆ **Local mining department representatives**
- ◆ **Scientific and academic research personalities**
- ◆ **Mining companies senior management from the major operators in New Caledonia (Eramet/Sln, Inco, Falconbridge, Qni/Qnc (BHP-Billiton )...**
- ◆ **Geologists, mining, metallurgical engineers and technicians**

# Key considerations

## Government and Mining Company responsibilities :

- **Mutual respect**
- **Education and training :**
  - ◆ Identify clearly the needs of the Community and of the Mining Company
  - ◆ Get each one to share a common vision for the future
  - ◆ Establish a win-win relationship
  - ◆ Promote leadership and responsibility among representatives of the Community
- **Research :**
  - ◆ Collaborative
  - ◆ Relating to the needs of the Community
  - ◆ Applicable



➤ **Government responsibilities :**

- ◆ **Enabling environment-fair equity distribution**  
Taxation, fiscal, legal frameworks

- ◆ **Mining policy**  
Continuity visions  
Attractive to investors  
Security of tenure

- ◆ **Regulation**  
Partnership with industry  
Global standards  
Government-corporate boundary and services

- ◆ **Management of orphan sites**



➤ **Mining Company responsibilities :**

◆ **Management for human and environmental issues :**

Responsible employment policy

Permanent and open dialogue with Community

Comprehensible rehabilitation scheme

Implementation plan involving the Community

Long term commitment

Internationally recognized environmental regulations



## **A clear ambition for the PECC Minerals Forum : Charting a course for sustainable development in the mining industry**

- ◆ **Common denominator : COMMUNITY.**
- ◆ **Key to success** : take into account the impact of mining projects on physical environment and local and indigenous community and their expectations.
- ◆ **Proposal for a second session in Brisbane, Australia.**
  - Complete or enhance the key principles in Mine rehabilitation and Community integration.
  - Invite Community leaders as guest speakers.
  - Define Community responsibilities.