

# Disclosure on Gold Fields' Tailings Storage Facilities

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JOHANNESBURG, June 7, 2019 - [Gold Fields Ltd.](#) (JSE: GFI) (NYSE: GFI) has today responded to a request from the Church of England Pensions Board and the Swedish Council on Ethics for information on mining companies' tailings storage facilities (TSFs).

[Gold Fields Ltd.](#) supports greater transparency in the mining sector on tailings management. The company's tailings storage facilities' (TSF) management disclosure document is available at [www.goldfields.com](http://www.goldfields.com).

[Gold Fields Ltd.](#) currently manages 32 tailings facilities, of which 12 are active and one will be commissioned imminently. A further two are managed by Joint Venture operations. [Gold Fields Ltd.](#) maintains measures to manage its TSFs' safety, including compliance with the International Council on Mining and Metals' (ICMM) Tailings Governance Position Statement.

All [Gold Fields Ltd.](#)' TSFs, as well as associated pipeline and pumping infrastructure, are subject to an independent, external audit every three years – or more frequently where required by local circumstances or regulations – as well as regular internal inspections, monitoring and formal annual Engineer of Record reviews.

During 2017 and 2018, external and internal reviews of our alignment with the ICMM position statements on water and tailings management were carried out. The conclusion was that we are aligned with both position statements.

[Gold Fields Ltd.](#) supports and is contributing to the current work of the ICMM, UN Environment and the UN Principles for Responsible Investment to develop an international standard on tailings management, led by an independent panel of experts. The standard will be based on best practices to ensure that tailings facility risks are managed appropriately, consistently and transparently.

Following the catastrophic failure of the tailings facility at the Corrego do Feijão iron ore mine in Brumadinho, Brazil, in January 2019, which left close to 300 people dead, [Gold Fields Ltd.](#)' operations carried out additional safety inspections at our facilities.

To further improve operational safety of our TSFs, [Gold Fields Ltd.](#) is, where practical, evaluating the potential to move away from the construction of upstream facilities to centre-line or downstream designs, considering filtered and dry stacked tailings, as well as in-pit tailings disposal.

[Gold Fields Ltd.](#) will also continue to review and, where applicable and practical, adopt leading practices in the design, construction, operation and closure (including post-closure) of our tailings dams.

Notes to editors

About Gold Fields

[Gold Fields Ltd.](#) is a globally diversified gold producer with eight operating mines (including our Asanko Joint Venture) and two projects in Australia, Chile, Ghana, Peru and South Africa, with total attributable annual gold-equivalent production of approximately 2Moz. It has attributable gold Mineral Reserves of around 48.1Moz and gold [Mineral Resources Ltd.](#) of around 96.6Moz. Attributable copper Mineral Reserves total 691 million pounds and [Mineral Resources Ltd.](#) 4,816 million pounds. [Gold Fields Ltd.](#) has a primary listing

on the Johannesburg Stock Exchange (JSE) Limited, with secondary listings on the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE).

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