Case Study

UNKI MINE ASSURED BY IRMA RESPONSIBLE MINING STANDARD

What is IRMA?

The Initiative for Responsible Mining Assurance (IRMA) is a global system to credibly measure environmental and social responsibility for industrially mined materials. It is a way for leading mines to gain recognition for efforts to protect social and environmental values and to create motivation for mines to strive to achieve the best practice. It provides accountability to civil society, the private sector and affected communities. It also provides information for investors and purchasers to reduce risks and source materials responsibly.

In September 2019, Anglo American Platinum's Unki Platinum Mine in Zimbabwe was the first mine in the world to publicly commit to an independent audit against the IRMA standard for responsible mining.

This standard has been developed over ten years through public consultation with over 100 individuals and organisations, including mining companies, customers and the ultimate downstream users of mined products, NGOs, labour unions, and communities.

IRMA is a voluntary certification system meant to complement strong laws and government oversight. It is also the world's first global definition of leading practice in social and environmental responsibility for large-scale mining operations, emulating certification programmes in fair-trade agriculture, responsible forestry, and sustainable fisheries.

The IRMA assessment tool gives a valuable opportunity to measure Anglo American Platinum's performance against international best practice on a range of environmental and societal factors.

Why has Anglo American Platinum adopted IRMA?

- A collective standard, endorsed by civil society
- Aligned with customer expectations
- Reputational excellence

AngloAmerican

Anglo American Platinum Limited is a member of the Anglo American plc Group and is a leading primary producer of platinum group metals. The company is listed on the Johannesburg Stock Exchange (JSE). Its mining, smelting and refining operations are based in South Africa. Elsewhere in the world, the Group owns Unki Platinum Mine in Zimbabwe.

Anglo American Platinum has a number of joint ventures with several historically disadvantaged South African consortia as part of its commitment to the transformation of the mining industry. Anglo American Platinum is committed to the highest standards of safety and continues to make a meaningful and sustainable difference in the development of the communities around its operations.

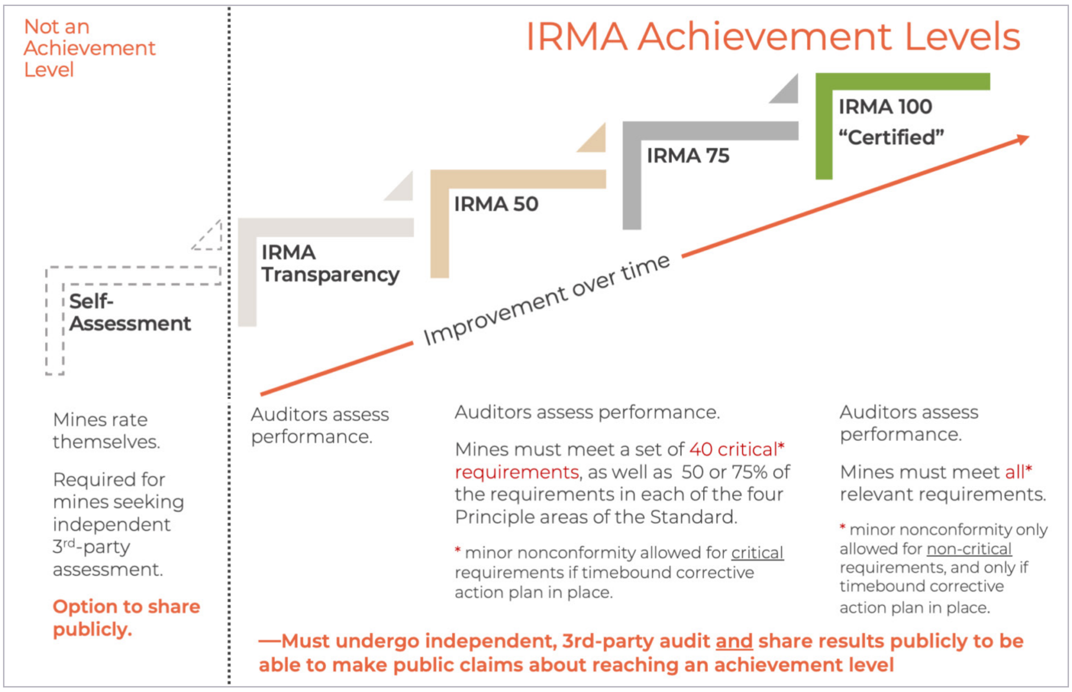
Unki Mine concentrator plant in Zimbabwe

Unki Mine receives IRMA 75 certification

Unki completed an initial self-assessment ahead of the independent onsite audit. It was the first of many group operations to be measured against the IRMA standard, in line with the commitment in AAP's sustainable mining plan to have all of its operations assessed against credible responsible mining standards by 2025.
Unki Mine has been assured by IRMA and achieved the IRMA 75 level of performance. This reflects the group's commitment to transparency and striving for the highest standards of responsible mining.

Significance of IRMA 75 certification

Unki Mine's IRMA 75 rating means that Unki met a set of core critical requirements and at least 75% of the requirements in each of the four sections of the IRMA standard (business integrity, planning for positive legacies, social and environment). This is the second highest possible rating under the IRMA scoring system. This represents a fantastic achievement by Unki team, supported by the wide Anglo American Platinum team and Anglo American colleagues.



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