

ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSIBILITY

OUR COMMITMENT

At Kinross, maintaining high standards for our environmental accountability is a cornerstone of our commitment to corporate responsibility, enshrined in our Corporate Responsibility Principles and our Environmental Policy. Responsibility for environmental protection is overseen by the Board's Corporate Responsibility Committee and is the mandate of every employee. Employees at the sites receive mandatory environmental training annually.

Our corporate Environment, Health and Safety (EHS) Management System, part of our CR management system, is modelled on ISO 14001, OHSAS 18001 and other internationally accepted standards, and provides a foundation of policies and guidance to protect the environment, minimize our footprint and drive continuous improvement wherever we work. Through it, we set targets and performance standards that our operations worldwide are expected to meet. Our La Coipa and Paracatu sites are also ISO 14001 certified.

PERFORMANCE AND GOALS

Performance

Performance highlights in 2008 and 2009 include the following:

- Completed a Company-wide review of air emissions to better understand Kinross' emissions of metals, indicating that air emissions across Kinross are well below regulatory limits and represent best management practice;
- Completed an engineering review and improvement of air emissions controls at La Coipa, achieving a 97% reduction in 2009 in its mercury emissions compared to 2006;
- Continued to control and treat the groundwater plume at La Coipa in full compliance with regulatory standards;
- Successfully resolved water treatment challenges at Kettle River-Buckhorn, strengthening compliance at that site;
- Continued a voluntary program in 2009 to lower mercury emissions at Round Mountain, achieving a 93% reduction over 2007 levels;
- Completed energy audits at all operations;
- Following the certification in 2007 of our Round Mountain operation in the United States to the International Cyanide Management Code, we completed the certification of our operations at Maricunga in Chile, Paracatu and our joint venture at Crixás in Brazil, Fort Knox and Kettle River-Buckhorn in the U.S., and Kupol in Russia;

In November 2009, Kinross Gold moved its head offices in Toronto, Canada to a new LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) certified building, an internationally-accepted benchmark for the design, construction and operation of high-performance, environmentally-friendly buildings. The new building aims to use approximately 60% less energy than a comparably-sized property and offers innovative green features, including: an advanced heating and cooling system that uses water from nearby Lake Ontario; a built-in cistern that collects and recycles rain water; a state-of-the-art ventilation system; and auto-dimming lights to reduce energy use. During the office move, Kinross recycled 100% of its used furniture, diverting a total of 16.7 tonnes of waste from landfill. The funds generated from the recycling program were donated to the Chilean earthquake relief effort.



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- Received final approvals in 2008 for new mining operations at Kettle River-Buckhorn and Kupol, with both operations successfully brought into production;
- Received the 2009 Tileston Award at Fort Knox from the Alaska Conservation Alliance and the Resource Development Council in recognition of reclamation work done on Fish Creek;
- Received the 2009 National Hardrock Mineral Environmental Award from the U.S. Bureau of Land Management for reclamation work at our DeLamar closure site;
- Obtained all water and related permits to advance the expansion project at Paracatu, including the permit to install the new tailings dam;
- Renewed an agreement between our Maricunga operation and the Chilean Forestry Service for the protection of flora and fauna at the Laguna del Negro Francisco National Park; and
- Recognized by the Chilean government for our Maricunga operation's contribution to the protection of the Ramsar Convention site at the Laguna del Negro Francisco National Park.

2010 Goals

- Develop and implement improved environmental standards in key areas including tailings and mass stability, water use and quality, air quality and biodiversity;
- Complete environmental risk assessment reviews at La Coipa, Fort Knox and Paracatu;
- Complete tailings reviews at Paracatu, Kettle River-Buckhorn, Round Mountain and Crixás;
- Carry out integrated EH&S audits for all operating sites and development projects in Chile, as well as DeLamar and Crixás;
- Achieve improvements in Kinross EHS Performance Index, working with sites and regions to identify performance improvement targets;
- Complete the development of a climate change strategy and program for Kinross, including guidance and standards;
- Complete Cyanide Code certification audit at La Coipa; and
- Develop a revised strategy for mercury by-product disposal (for additional information, see [GRI Index Table](#)).

COMPLIANCE

Kinross' first environmental priority is to maintain compliance with all environmental laws and regulations. We take this responsibility very seriously and have incorporated this commitment into annual performance evaluation criteria. In the two years 2008 and 2009, Kinross received a total of 10 notices of violation and five fines totalling \$150,690. In all cases, corrective measures were implemented to improve environmental management standards and prevent recurrence to the satisfaction of regulatory authorities. See the [Water Management](#) section.

