

# 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.

