Welcome to the International Cyanide Management Institute’s (ICMI) 3rd Quarter, 2013 newsletter.

ICMI Officials Meet With CGA to Discuss Broadening Code’s Implementation in China

ICMI President Paul Bateman recently met with officials of the China Gold Association (CGA) to discuss the Cyanide Code, and ways in which the organizations might work together to promote the program to the Chinese gold mining industry.

CGA is an industry association comprised of companies engaged in the exploration, production, processing and distribution of gold. It operates under the auspices of the Ministry of Land and Resources. The meeting took place at CGA’s offices in Beijing, and amongst the CGA officials who attended were Vice Chairman Wang Shengbin and Deputy Secretary General Lang Qiumei.

Left to Right: Li Liang, Supervisor, Science and Technology Development Department, CGA; Zeng Tingting, Deputy Director of the Administration Office, CGA; Liu Shanen, Senior Advisor to CGA; Paul Bateman, ICMI President; Wang Shengbin, Vice Chairman, China Gold Association; Chen Haoran, Director of ICMI; Lang Qiumei, Deputy Secretary General, CGA

China is the world’s largest gold-producing nation, and output is expected to rise by nearly 10% this year, according to the China Gold Association. CGA also reported that China produced 403 tons of gold in 2012.

In recent years, the Cyanide Code has developed a significant presence in China, with seven companies already participating in the program. Cyanide manufacturers Anhui Anqing Shuguang Chemical Company and Hebei Chengxin Company have been certified in compliance with the Cyanide Code. Xinjiang Unisplendour Yongli Fine Chemical Company recently became a signatory, as have cyanide transporters Anqing Shuguang Supply, Sales and Transportation Company, Hebei Chengxin Transport Company and Changsha Hecom Chemical Company. Anqing Shuguang’s transportation operation also has been certified in compliance with the Cyanide Code. ICMI has received inquiries from two other Chinese transport companies and anticipates that they will become signatories shortly. In addition, three mines in China owned by Canadian mining company Eldorado Gold Corporation also participate in the program.
ICMI Adds Chinese Language Section to its Web Site

ICMI has added a Chinese section to its website that offers translations into Mandarin Chinese of the principle documents required for implementing and administering the Cyanide Code program. It can be found here. The official language of the program is English, and all documents submitted to ICMI must be completed in English. However, ICMI offers these documents to assist Chinese speakers in participating in this voluntary industry initiative.

Schwamberger Joins ICMI as Vice President

Eric Schwamberger, formerly Manager for Environmental Affairs at Kinross Gold Corporation for eight years, joined ICMI as a vice president on October 22.

Kinross is the world’s fifth largest gold producer.

Schwamberger will focus on the signatory and certification processes, and review of audit reports. He also will work with ICMI Executive Vice President Norm Greenwald on the approval of Cyanide Code auditors, training on Cyanide Code implementation and auditing, and outreach to prospective signatories.

Schwamberger brings with him twenty years of success in managing Environmental, Health & Safety programs at mining and other industrial facilities throughout world, including the United States, Canada, Africa, South America and the South Pacific. He has led corporate and facility programs, including ISO 14001 systems.

Earlier in his career, Schwamberger worked on the environment team at BHP Billiton and by training is a soil scientist with a Ph.D. in soil chemistry. ICMI President Paul Bateman said: “We are delighted to have Eric join our team, and look forward to working with him.”

Muir Tapped to be Chair of Industry Advisory Group; Donald Jeffery is Vice Chair

Alan Muir, AngloGold Ashanti’s Vice President, Metallurgy, has been elected chair of ICMI’s Industry Advisory Group (IAG), and DuPont’s Global Product Stewardship Manager for its Cyanide Business, Donald Jeffery, is the vice chair.

ICMI established IAG as a forum in 2005 to advance the education, communication, and discussion about Cyanide Code implementation amongst signatory companies. Both men will serve a two-year term.

ICMI to Host Training Workshop in Hermosillo, Mexico - November 21-22

The International Cyanide Management Institute (ICMI) will hold a training workshop on the implementation and auditing of the International Cyanide Management Code, and on the practical lessons learned from its implementation and auditing. This two-day session is for personnel of companies that are signatories to the Cyanide Code or are considering becoming signatories, auditors and prospective auditors, and others with an interest in learning about Cyanide Code implementation and auditing.

During the first day, ICMI Executive Vice President Norm Greenwald will provide an overview of the Cyanide Code and its certification process, and discuss Cyanide Code requirements for gold mines and cyanide transporters. The second day will feature presentations from Cyanide Code-certified gold mines and Code auditors about their experiences with Code implementation, auditing and certification.

The workshop will be held at the Lucerna Hotel in Hermosillo, Sonora, Mexico.

For details about this workshop and registration, click here.