



Solidaridad

Invitation to a Panel Presentation and Discussion:

The Growing Market Demand for Responsibly-Produced, Conflict-Free Metals: What Mining Companies Need to Know

Solidaridad and the Responsible Jewellery Council invite you to a panel presentation, "The Growing Market Demand for Responsibly-Produced, Conflict-Free Metals: What Mining Companies Need to Know". The panel will take place **Sunday, March 3, 2013** at the Prospectors and Developers Association of Canada CSR Event Series. The series is free and open to the public and held concurrently with the annual PDAC conference in Toronto.

Time: 2:30 to 4:30 pm

Location: Room 803 AB, Metro Toronto Convention Center, South Building

**The CSR Events Series sessions are popular, so please come early. For directions and other details of the event:

<http://www.pdac.ca/pdac/conv/index.aspx>

Panel description:

New developments, such as regulatory requirements in the U.S. and guidelines issued by the OECD, London Bullion Market Association, World Gold Council, Conflict-Free Smelter program and the Responsible Jewellery Council, have quickly increased the pressure on buyers to know the provenance of their metals and the practices that went into producing them. Whether driven by concerns over conflict minerals or by brand leadership on CSR, these developments are resulting in new purchasing patterns. Despite this, awareness of these developments among mining companies remains low. This session, led by representatives of responsible sourcing initiatives, industry members, governments and civil society organizations, will feature a discussion about the laws, voluntary standards and pilot projects that are influencing metals buyers, and how the changes can impact mining companies, regardless of where they operate.

To view all CSR Event Series sessions: <http://www.pdac.ca/pdac/conv/2013/presentations-csr.aspx>

Panel One: Responsible Sourcing Initiatives

- *Ruth Crowell*, London Bullion Market Association
- *Mora Johnson* from the Government of Canada, with a perspective on OECD
- *Terry Heymann*, World Gold Council
- *Catherine Sproule*, Responsible Jewellery Council
- *Steven B. Young* of the University of Waterloo, with a perspective on EICC and the Conflict-Free Smelter program

Facilitator: Stephen D'Esposito, RESOLVE

Panel Two: Views from Civil Society Organizations and Companies

- Stephen D'Esposito, RESOLVE and Public-Private Alliance
- Jennifer Horning, Solidaridad
- Ryan Taylor, Fair Trade Jewellery Co.

Facilitator: Catherine Sproule, Responsible Jewellery Council

Each session will be followed by time for Q+A and an open discussion with the attendees.

Please join us!