



2007 Sustainability Summary
Exploration Turkey

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Overview of Operation/Facility

Teck Cominco Arama ve Madencilik San. Tic. A. S. runs base and precious metal exploration activities throughout Turkey. Currently the most significant projects, including intensive drilling programs, are located on the Biga Peninsula in Canakkale province, Turkey. This includes the Ađı Dađı and Kirazlı projects, which are at the scoping stage, and the Halılađa project, which is at the target testing level. The company also has generative exploration activities elsewhere in the country.

Environmental Programs

A physical and biological environmental baseline study was initiated for the Ađı Dađı and Kirazlı programs in early 2007, and was completed by SRK consultants in January 2008. An extension to the baseline studies is being carried out to ensure a minimum 12 month period of data collection. The socio-economic component has partly been completed through desk-based research; SRK will complete the field component related to the Ađı Dađı, Kirazlı and Halılađa projects in 2008.

Safety and Health

At the beginning of the year the group established an 18 point Action Plan. At the end of July all items in the plan have been addressed. Both the Exploration Group and Turkey's Environment, Health and Safety performance in that Group (on indicators of incident severity and frequency) lie within acceptable incident severity limits set by the company.

Community Outreach, Engagement, Dialogue
The exploration group has an eight-person team dedicated to stakeholder engagement. They also ensure concerns are fielded, tracked and addressed to stakeholders' satisfaction. Local communities, local authorities and affiliated politicians, local media, NGOs and the University Çanakkale have been identified as stakeholders. Basic issues of concern identified among the local community are related to: water pollution, cyanide, health and economic impact of exploration activities. There has been concern

that activist groups have interfered in the engagement process, and have used political means to provoke anti-mining sentiments.

Regular and ad-hoc visits, community meetings and organised information sessions have been the central means of contact with stakeholders; these are documented daily and monthly reports, as well as meeting minutes.

Recently the team hosted the NGO association of Can at the Etili exploration camp for one of their monthly committee meetings. In addition, the visit included a camp tour, dinner, and presentations by TCAM.

Community Development/ Good Neighbour Practices

The site is at an early stage of exploration activities and community engagement, but has noted that there is no established infrastructure for education and health, and that there is a broad expectation of local procurement and local hiring.

In this regard the company has started health awareness clinics directed at the female population as well as providing a transparent hiring process, income and training to twenty workers in the exploration programs.

Emergency Preparedness and Risk Management

Emergency preparedness reports have been continuously updated since 2006; risk assessment reports have also been prepared and updated annually.

Human Resources

The company is very proactive in its mentoring and training program in Turkey. Numerous high-level geologists have been brought in to run workshops for on-site geologists. On-site geologists also attend twice-yearly training at international conferences and workshops.

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