Exploring the embeddedness of Environmental stewardship in mining

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Context

Balancing increasing minerals and metal demand and environmental impacts

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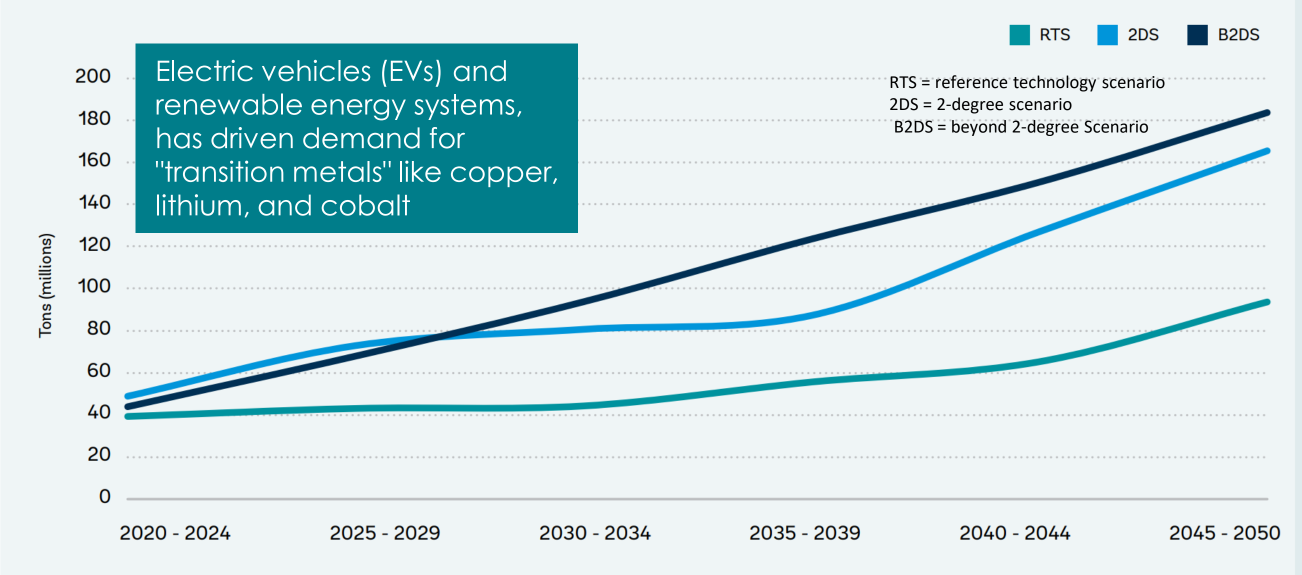
Gold: demand remains steady

PGMs: essential for catalytic converters

Electric vehicles (EVs) and renewable energy systems, has driven demand for "transition metals" like copper, lithium, and cobalt



Projected Annual Average Demand of Minerals up to 2050 the IEA (International Energy Agency) Energy Technology Perspective Scenarios Ref : Minerals for Climate Action: The Mineral Intensity of the Clean Energy Transition www.worldbank.org

How does this translate to what happens on the ground and within companies?

Embedding environmental stewardship into mining practices

Responsible mining companies must prioritize sustainability—minimizing water and energy use, reducing waste, and protecting biodiversity.

Embedding stewardship is about more than compliance. It's about creating a culture that values transparency, accountability, and community engagement

Introduction

Environmental Stewardship - the journey begins with a promise…

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Positioning the problem

Tension between what is reported of progress and the ongoing issues of pollution…

Despite sustainability reporting, questions remain about the effectiveness of stewardship

To assess how well environmental stewardship is embedded in mining operations

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Research Questions

How well is environmental stewardship embedded in strategy?

What are the key factors influencing stewardship?

How effective is operational environmental management?

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Methodology

Document Review: Sustainability reports, ESG strategies, environmental policies, audits

Interviews + Surveys : Senior leaders, environmental personnel, and external stakeholders

Fieldwork + Site Visits: Observations on water, waste, dust, rehabilitation, biodiversity…

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Findings

Leadership Support

Technological Integration

Collaboration

Regulatory Compliance

Employee Development

Recognition

Communication

Environmental Awareness in Communities

Innovation &Technology

Legacy Issues

Role Clarity

Community Trust

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What this indicates…

- Addressing siloed structures
- Increasing awareness in surrounding communities
- Embracing and testing innovative practices
- Challenges with regulatory authorizations and addressing past issues
- The interconnectedness of mining impacts and closure risks
- Technologies - Blockchain and geospatial data for transparency and data accuracy

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Framework for Embedding Environmental Stewardship

Inputs
Foundational support needed to begin embedding ESG practices

- Leadership Support
- Employee Empowerment
- Collaboration Across Teams
- Technology Integration

Process
Actively manage and implement ESG-related strategies

- Transparent internal and external communication
- Regulatory Compliance and Engagement
- Addressing Legacy Issues
- Green Innovation
- International Standards

Outputs
Successfully embedding ESG into the core - operations

- Sustainable Practices Embedded
- Enhanced ESG Performance
- Stakeholder Trust
- Long-Term Value Creation

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Creating a Sustainable Future through Leadership, Innovation, and Collaboration

Conclusion

Journey of collective efforts

Strategy Top Down & Bottom Up

Strong alignment standards

Embed in hearts and minds of employees

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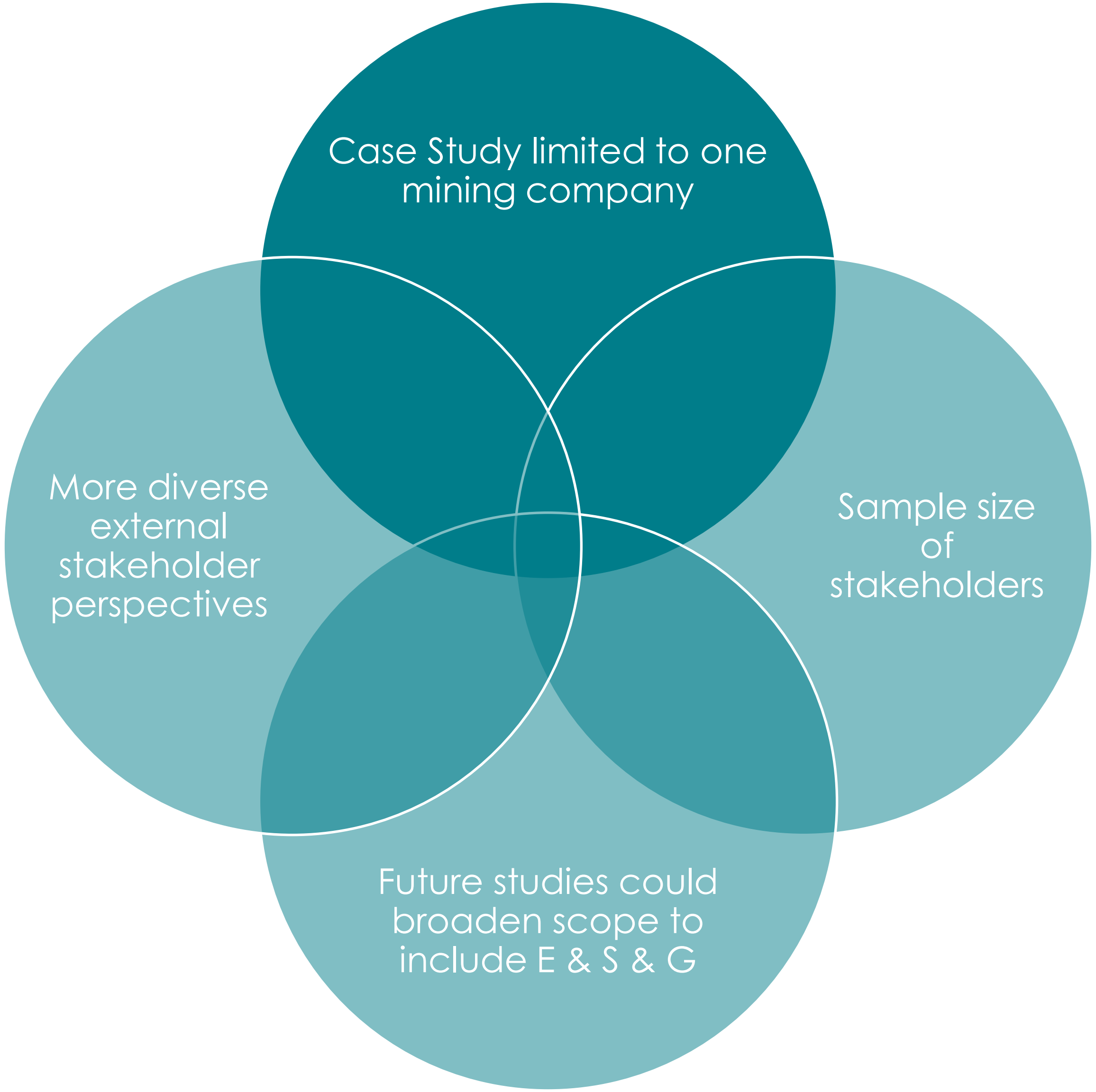
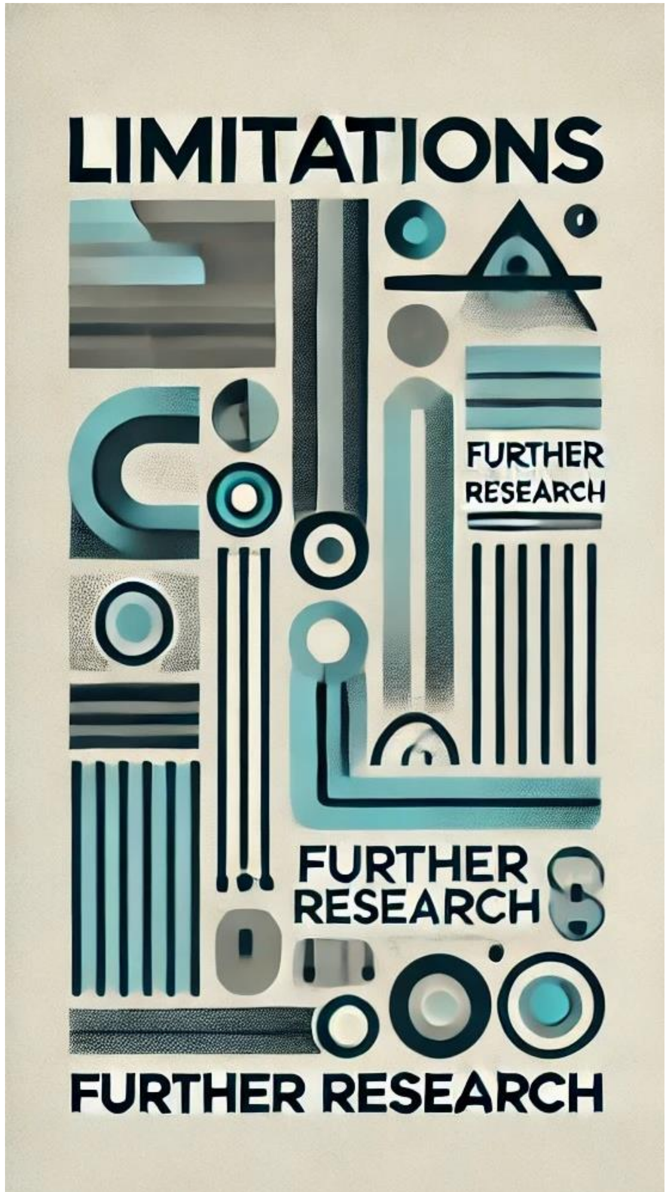
Limitations





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Takeaway

The research indicates that embedding environmental stewardship into a company's operations can enhance financial performance, improve risk management, increase access to capital, and strengthen stakeholder relations. While challenges remain in execution, measurement and standardization, the trend is clear that E + SG is increasingly being viewed as a driver of corporate success rather than a constraint.

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