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Mining Industry Newsletter

Regulatory Update on Mine Safety and Health Administration



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In its 23 May 2014 semi-annual Regulatory Agenda for the Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA), the United States Department of Labor identified the major regulatory actions and goals for the agency for the remainder of 2014. Perhaps most notably, the agenda states that MSHA will be announcing a proposed rule which will revise the process and procedures for the assessment of civil penalties. [MORE ►](#)

UK Passes Deep Sea Mining Act



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The Deep Sea Mining Act (the Act) received royal assent on 14 May 2014 and came into effect on 14 July 2014. Unusually, the Act was sponsored as a private members' bill, rather than being sponsored by the government. The Act has a number of important features that will contribute to the development of an international deep sea mining industry. [MORE ►](#)

Like Diamonds, a Mining Company's Liability for Water Pollution in South Africa May Be Forever



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Acid mine drainage has been at the forefront of extensive debate, both in the media and in various governmental and industry forums. Pollution, generally, of South Africa's water resources, seen as the lifeblood of the country, has received extensive media coverage, and the public outcry has been significant. The judgment of the Supreme Court of Appeal of South Africa in *Harmony Gold Mining Company Limited v. Regional Director: Free State Department of Water Affairs* (971/12)(2013) ZASCA206 (4 December 2013) (the *Harmony* judgment) seems to indicate that a mining company, even after disposal of mining operations by way of sale of business and a sale of the surface of the land on or under which mining operations were historically conducted, cannot escape liability for past activities. [MORE ►](#)

Peru Steps Up Enforcement of Decrees Targeting Illegal Mining



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The Peruvian Energy and Mines Ministry continues its robust efforts to end illegal mining. In 2012, the Peruvian Congress passed a series of legislative decrees (Decree Nos. 1100, 1101, 1102, and 1103) designed to curtail illegal mining. In April 2014, the Energy and Mines Committee of the Peruvian legislature enacted legislation designed to create regulations implementing Decree No. 1103, which focuses on the distribution and sale of fuel and chemicals used in illegal gold mining operations. [MORE ►](#)

Conflict Minerals Rule Update: SEC Petitions for Rehearing of First Amendment Issues in Conflict Minerals Case



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On 29 May 2014, the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) petitioned the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit for a rehearing of the case in which it found parts of the SEC's Conflict Minerals rule unconstitutional on First Amendment grounds, but asked the court to wait to hold the rehearing until after it issues a decision in a separate, unrelated First Amendment lawsuit (*American Meat Institute v. USDA*), as the resolution to that case may have a significant impact on the court's Conflict Minerals decision. [MORE ►](#)

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