

# Industry sector efforts to harmonize water measurement & disclosure

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### **ICMM** water stewardship framework



InBrief

Water stewardship framework

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### Be transparent and accountable

Publicly report material water risks, management activities and performance.

### Engage proactively and inclusively

Engage stakeholders in an open and transparent manner to understand their priorities, share plans and collaborate on solutions.

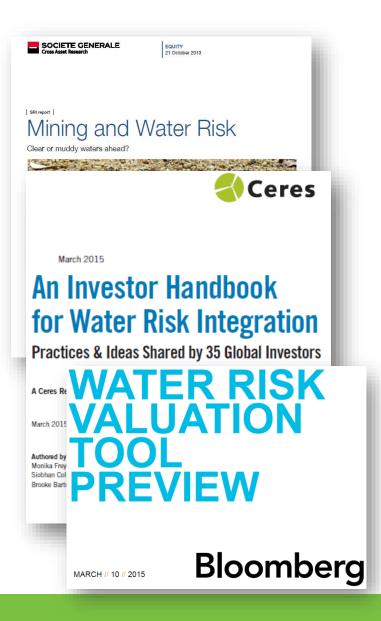
#### Effective water resource management

Manage operational water (quantity and quality) inputs, use and outputs to maximize resource sustainability, operational flexibility and economic benefit.

### Adopt a catchment-based approach

Understand the social, cultural, economic and environmental value of water at the catchment scale to identify material water stewardship risks and provide context for corporate and operational water management.

### The drive for a step change in disclosure



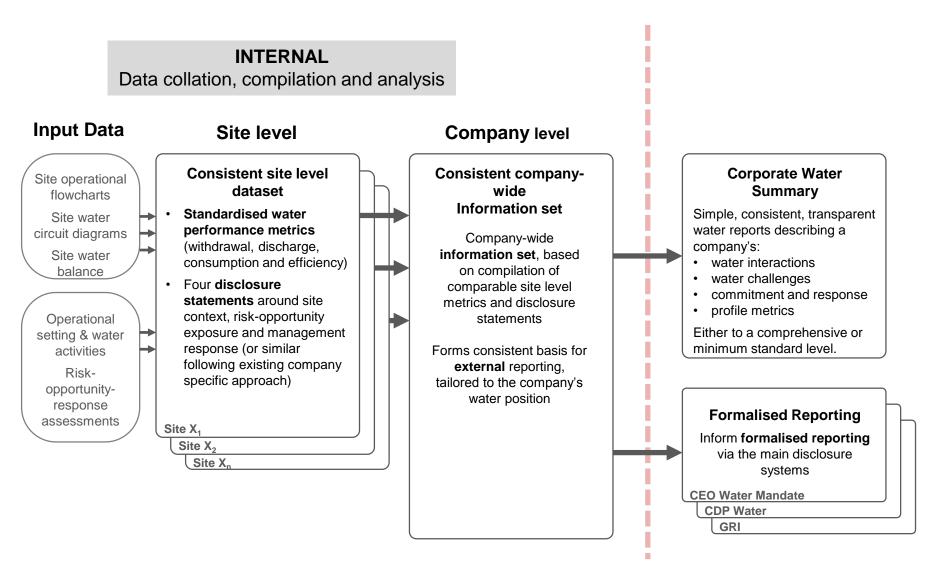


### The ask:

- Comparable data
- Data on water effluents (discharge), recycling
- Comprehensive picture of risk profile
- Risk methodology / approach

.....and ultimately value at risk

# Consistent water reporting for the industry



## Water performance metrics

- Withdrawals (by four source types and quality)
- Discharge (four receiving body types and quality)
- Consumption (High and Other)
- Efficiency (Reuse Efficiency + Recycle Efficiency)
- Intensity (internal use)

Consistent Reporting Water Quality Categories	MCA WAF Water Quality Categories <sup>10</sup>		
	Category 1  High quality water which may require minimal and inexpensive treatment to raise quality to appropriate drinking water standard (e.g. near potable water)		
High Quality	Category 2  Medium quality water which would require a moderate level of treatment to meet appropriate drinking water standard (e.g. agricultural use)		
Other Quality	Category 3  Low quality water which would require significant treatment to raise quality to appropriate drinking water standards (e.g. industrial and waste water)		

# Standardising site level information for company level aggregation

Dataset available for reporting		Standardised water metrics					
		Withdrawal	Discharge	Consumption	Efficiency		
		by source and quality (high and other)	by source and quality (high & other)	by quality (high & other)	total		
	Location / river						
EXAMPLE context-risk-response statements	basin Commodity						
	type						
	Operational						
	context						
	Catchment	Usaful internal company wide dataset, based on magningful and comparable site					
	stress level Site water risk	Useful internal company-wide dataset, based on meaningful and comparable site level metrics and disclosure statements.  Forms a comprehensive and transparent basis for external corporate reporting, tailored to the company's water position.					
	level						
	Water risk types (primary & secondary)						
PLE	Water						
EXAM	opportunity level & type						
	Management						
	response						

Note: This approach uses categorised responses for site level operational context, catchment stress level, site water risk level and local management response to allow compilation and use at the company level

# Company profile (illustrative)

#### Interactions with water

 Main operational water activities, consumptive water uses, sources for withdrawals, main discharges

### Water challenges and opportunities

- Corporate level: Materiality of water risk to the business value and performance
- Operational level: Material water risks / challenges, exposure to water stressed areas, material opportunities

### Commitment and response

- Corporate level: Commitment to water stewardship, integration to business strategy, stakeholder engagement
- Operational: process for risk management, targets, proactive initiatives, case examples to illustrate



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## Key elements of a consistent water reporting

- Mandating the minimum disclosure standard:
- Defining the set of standardised water performance metrics
  - Based on Mining Council of Australia Water Accounting Framework
- Providing practical guidance around preparing corporate water profile:
  - Includes simple approach to collation of site level data / information collation, compilation and analysis
  - Minimum disclosure standards at company level
  - Based on CEO Water Mandate and CDP
- Maintain flexibility in approach to external disclosure