

# Roundtable on the Responsible Recycling of Metals (RRRM) Non-Ferrous Working Group (NFWG) Meeting 2: Definitions

## Meeting agenda and objectives:

Sept 27<sup>th</sup>, 2023

1. Introduction and review of outcomes from last meeting/matters arising
2. Reminder of where we are in the process
3. Session objectives and instructions
4. Facilitated breakout groups
5. Feedback and Discussion
6. Next Steps

## Discussions, Outcomes and Decisions

- Three breakout groups discussed definitions related to scrap, waste, and risk to help solidify our understanding of relevant terms and find gaps in our knowledge. The groups were facilitated by Louise Assem, Dave Knight, and Alvin Chao.
- Two additional resources, the [LME Responsible Sourcing Policy](#) and the [Joint Due Diligence Standard](#), were suggested for additional definitions which could be used in the Glossary. The secretariat has requested access to the members only BIR glossary and terms.
- The term “Country of scrap origin” led to discussion on the complexities of defining origin. Carrie explained how they define country of origin and country of transit to ensure all countries involved throughout the chain are included. The Joint Due Diligence Guidance can be used as a starting point. The term “country of transit”, as aligned with the OECD Minerals Guidance, will be included in the working glossary to help cover some of the gaps identified by the country-of-origin term. Being able to define origin is important and relevant moving forward into the NFWG’s discussions on Due Diligence, so additional feedback will be appreciated.
- The term “scrap” was discussed in detail. Stefan from Wieland explained how they use the term scrap to refer to only pure metal in the pre- or post-consumer stream. E-waste is not included in their definition as more complex multi-materials. It was noted that the recycling industry is moving away from using the term scrap to better reflect its value as a resource. The general consensus was that the term is so widely used within the metals industry and should therefore be used within our framework.
- It was stated that ILO’s definition on informal sector is more preferable and it should be included in the glossary. In differentiating informal from formal, it is critical to address issues of being unregistered and not paying taxes. The ISO 59014 working group proposes informal is used in too many alternate ways across national legislation and it proposes alternate terminology including subsistence [collection and processing].
- It was noted that there is a need to break down post-consumer metals for recycling as different streams have different risk profiles, e.g. municipality and informal collection.
- Similarly for pre-consumer streams, it can be broken down further dependent on knowledge of the source, e.g. where the customers and sources is known or not.
- Refiners/metal buyers are able to distinguish pre and post-consumer from the quality levels and mix. However, a key challenge is that metals are purchased using grades and these might include blends and cannot easily be used to narrow down the source and associated risk. There is an opportunity to explore this further.
- Recycled materials confirmed definitions which exclude further reprocessing of old mined ore slags. There was general agreement that secondary materials should be defined as inputs and not as outputs.
- Several WG members have stated that they will discuss these terms in further detail with their internal teams and provide feedback to the Secretariat for a second iteration of the glossary to be sent out.
- Kristi Disney Bruckner agreed to reach out to civil society connections re participation in WG/process.

Action agreed	Owner	Deadline
Email <a href="mailto:coordinator@rrmroundtable.org">coordinator@rrmroundtable.org</a> your reviewed glossary with feedback in the format "RRRM Glossary YOUR NAME.xls"	NFWG members	29/09/2023
Email <a href="mailto:secretariat@rrmroundtable.org">secretariat@rrmroundtable.org</a> your organisation's logo which will be used in the RRRM website	NFWG members that are yet to share (excluding SG members)	Asap
Forward contacts from civil society and/or other relevant stakeholders that you believe should be included in this Working Group	NFWG members	Asap
Pre-reading materials to be shared with the NFWG members ahead of the third NFWG meeting on due diligence	Secretariat	4/10/23
The glossary to be updated in line with the feedback received and to be kept as a "living document". Latest version to be shared by time of next meeting	Secretariat	10/10/23

### Attendees

1. Louise Assem, Global Material Stewardship Director, International Copper Association (ICA), (NFWG Co-lead)
2. Bethany Perkins, Sustainable Development Analyst, International Copper Association (ICA)
3. Kristi Disney Bruckner, Law & Policy Director, Initiative for Responsible Mining Assurance (IRMA)
4. Alvin Chao, Manager of Material Stewardship in EA and SEA, International Copper Association (ICA)
5. Carrie Claytor, Manager Value Chain Sustainability, Freeport-McMoRan
6. Nicole Hanson, Head of Responsible Business, London Metal Exchange (LME)
7. Yosuke Isoda, Assistant General Manager Sustainability Dept, Mitsubishi Materials Corporation
8. Yanin Kiefer, ESG Coordinator, Boliden
9. Aysha Lotter, Legal Consultant and Doctoral Researcher, University of Cape Town
10. Jessica Möttö, ESG Specialist, Boliden
11. Sei Nakai, Assistant General Manager, Sustainability Dept, Mitsubishi Materials
12. Stefan Priggemeyer, Responsible for ESG Affairs, Weiland
13. Dave Knight, RRRM Convenor, One Planet Ltd (NFWG Co-lead)
14. Umut Cantoru, RRRM Secretariat, New Horizons