



## **TESORO MINERALS CORP.**

### **ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY**

Tesoro Minerals Corp. places a high priority on its responsibility for the environment and for the health and safety of the communities in which it operates or proposes to operate. As a mineral exploration company active in searching for new resources, the Company believes that it has an important role to play in the promotion of sound environmental management. Tesoro Minerals (along with its subsidiaries) affirms its commitment to the environment by ensuring that environmental issues are reviewed as appropriate by its board of directors and that all employees, consultants, and business partners are aware of their environmental responsibilities.

Tesoro Minerals believes in following best practices for responsible exploration. The company is a member of the Prospectors and Developers Association of Canada and has worked with industry, scientists, and government agencies to develop a framework referred to as "E3", to assist its member companies to identify and advance best practices. The purpose of the E3 program is to integrate social, environmental and health and safety values into their decisions and operations in an accountable and transparent manner. Effectively applied the guidance tools provided by E3 assist the company to:

- Assessing and reducing risks
- Minimizing negative impacts (social and environmental) and,
- Optimizing the benefits to all involved - local communities, the host country, investors and the company.

Tesoro Minerals subscribes to the purpose and best practices of the E3 framework for responsible exploration.

The exploration process involves activities that can have some effect on local environments. Though many activities (such as geophysical surveys, sampling, and drilling) are generally of only low impact potential, Tesoro Minerals and its consultants and business partners take very seriously their responsibilities to eliminate or minimize the impact of such activity.

Tesoro Minerals' policy is to deal proactively with environmental issues and to ensure that its business partners do the same. This includes ensuring that its business partners:

- Communicate environmental requirements to employees and contractors, normally by providing a written handbook, and having processes in place to monitor compliance therewith;
- Provide appropriate training, and conduct an internal assessment and periodic review of procedures;
- Develop appropriate objectives and targets against which performance is regularly measured;
- Deal proactively with environmental issues by identifying potential impacts and implementing pollution preventive actions and developing effective contingency plans;
- Demonstrate continual improvement in environmental performance and be cognizant of advances in exploration technologies and the pertinent experiences of others.

Through the application of best management practices, Tesoro Minerals has a philosophy of prevention to minimize the need for remediation. All work is carried out in accordance with best practices as well as the respective federal, provincial, and state requirements. In addition, local policies are considered and parties with local interests are consulted to ensure that all concerns are properly addressed.