



TOWARDS A RESPONSIBLE INDIAN MICA SUPPLY CHAIN

MICA IS A GROUP OF MINERALS THAT IS USED IN A LARGE VARIETY OF CONSUMER GOODS AND INDUSTRY MATERIALS

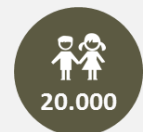
Thanks to its large range of functions, mica can be used as a pearlescent pigment for car paint and cosmetics, a component of small electrical households and cables or a functional filler in construction materials, rubbers and oil-drilling fluids.



THE DISTRICTS OF BIHAR AND JHARKHAND IN INDIA REPRESENT ONE OF THE WORLD'S LARGEST SOURCE OF MICA, MAINLY COLLECTED INFORMALLY BY LOCAL FAMILIES

India is one of the largest producer of mica, mainly collected from the top soil by local communities, using simple hand tools. A majority of this informal collection is located in the North-eastern districts of Bihar and Jharkhand. Because of the remoteness and lack of vital resources of this area, local populations strongly rely on mica collection to maintain a livelihood.

LOCAL POPULATIONS STRUGGLE WITH ISOLATION, INSECURITY, ILLITERACY AND EXTREME POVERTY, LEADING TO MAJOR ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL ISSUES



Nearly 9 tons of Indian mica out of 10 is extracted from informal mines

More than 20,000 children would be regularly involved in mica collection in the area of Bihar and Jharkhand



Economic dependency



Health & safety issues



Child labour

OUR AMBITION: JOINING FORCES ACROSS INDUSTRIES TO ERADICATE CHILD LABOUR AND UNACCEPTABLE WORKING CONDITIONS IN THE INDIAN MICA SUPPLY CHAIN WITHIN 5 YEARS

The Responsible Mica Initiative is a unique, cross-sector association, ensuring close collaboration between private, public and non-profit sectors to achieve a 100% responsible mica supply chain over the next 5 years.

The success of this initiative lies in an holistic and action-oriented roadmap with 3 key pillars:

1 Increase traceability & implement fair and responsible practices along the Indian mica supply chain

2022 target: 100% of the Indian mica supply chain compliant with "Responsible Mica Specifications"

2 Empower local community to ensure long lasting change

2022 target: 100% of the Indian mica communities involved in an holistic and inclusive empowerment program

3 Build a legal and liveable environment for local communities

2022 target: 100% of Indian mica collection areas benefiting from a clear legal framework

THE RESPONSIBLE MICA INITIATIVE IS CURRENTLY INVITING ALL THE PLAYERS OF THE INDIAN MICA SUPPLY CHAIN TO JOIN

From collectors to end-users, local NGOs and communities to international stakeholders involved in the defence of human and children rights



BECOMING A MEMBER OF THE INITIATIVE IS A FIRST CONCRETE STEP TOWARDS IMPACTFUL CHANGE FOR THE SUPPLY CHAIN AND LOCAL COMMUNITIES

- **Show your commitment to improve the management of the Indian mica supply chain** and reach the highest environmental, social and societal standards
- **Have a seat at the decision-making table:** participate in the General Assembly, elect the Board of Directors, participate in Action Groups
- **Benefit from good practices, toolkits and support from operational partners** and stay up-to-date with exclusive information through progress reports on each axis of the programme
- **Build connections and strengthen your network,** beyond competition

How to join the Initiative

Applicants have to:

- Agree on the Rules of Governance and sign a Commitment Letter
- Support the Initiative through an annual membership fees



Already more than 20 members (companies, NGOs and foundations) on board!

For further information, please contact: contact@responsible-mica-initiative.com or check our website

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