



## EXCELLON TAILINGS MANAGEMENT

Normal mining operations require the crushing and grinding of mined material; 10% of the material is extracted and shipped offsite to smelters, the remaining material is classified as 'tailings' and is stored in specific tailings impoundments constructed with dams engineered and designed to retain this material indefinitely. Upon cessation of mining and milling the facility is closed permanently under an environmentally approved plan.

At Excellon Resources Inc. we have focused on bringing more structure and discipline to our activities. Upon joining the Mining Association of Canada (MAC) in 2013 we committed to implementing MAC's program "Towards Sustainable Mining" (TSM) in our business units.

Our initial assessment in 2017 indicated that we had gaps against the TSM and MAC tailings management guidelines. We began improving our tailings management practices by developing and starting to implement a mine waste management standard. We also retained an independent Canadian-based international engineering firm to evaluate our tailings management practices against MAC guidelines. An action plan has been developed and is in the process of being implemented.

Following the well-publicized recent failures of tailings facilities and the loss of life associated with the Brumadinho catastrophe in Brazil, the Church of England Pensions Board, and the Council on Ethics of the Swedish National Pensions Fund jointly, on behalf of a larger group of investors, requested information and responses to a series of 20 questions. Our responses to the 20 questions are summarized in the following link found on our website and in this report.

**[http://www.excellonresources.com/\\_resources/pdf/19-08-26-Excellon-Responses-to-Investor-Questions-on-Tailings.pdf](http://www.excellonresources.com/_resources/pdf/19-08-26-Excellon-Responses-to-Investor-Questions-on-Tailings.pdf)**