

# Independent assurance report to Resolute management

Kumi Consulting Ltd (Kumi) has been engaged by Resolute Mining Limited (Resolute) to provide limited assurance over Resolute's Year 4 self-assessment report on its conformance with the World Gold Council's Responsible Gold Mining Principles (RGMPs).

#### **OUR CONCLUSION**

Based on the procedures we performed and the evidence we obtained, except for the matter described in the following paragraph, nothing came to our attention that causes us to believe that Resolute's selfassessment report has not been prepared and presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with the criteria defined below.

Within the report's description of Principles 2, 3 and 5, we concluded that Subprinciples 2.3, 3.1 and 5.2 are partially aligned. This partial alignment, which is not detailed in the report, is due to the company's planned implementation of the Vendor Data Management Programme in 2025, which Resolute management reported is scheduled to commence in January 2025.

### Scope of our work

Our assurance covered the information in Resolute's self-assessment report of conformance against the Year 4 requirements of the World Gold Council's Responsible Gold Mining Principles (RGMPs), covering the period 1 January to 31 December 2023.

We conducted our assurance engagement in accordance with the International Standard on Assurance Engagements (ISAE) 3000, Assurance Engagements Other Than Audits or Reviews of Historical Financial Information. The criteria we used to evaluate Resolute's report are defined in the RGMPs.

## How we delivered this assurance engagement

Our work was delivered primarily through reviews of documents and interviews with Resolute personnel at both head office and site level, undertaken between September and December 2024. Specifically, this involved:

- Critical analysis of the evidence (including policies, procedures, performance data, internal reports, third-party reports) that Resolute could provide to demonstrate its performance against each of the 10 Responsible Gold Mining Principles.
- Interviews with selected Resolute management personnel, including individuals responsible for sustainability, environment and community; health and safety; security; legal compliance and asset management.
- Remote interviews at Resolute's Syama mine in Mali (see Appendix 1).
- Substantiation of a draft version of the self-assessment report to assess the balance and accuracy of Resolute's performance claims against the evidence obtained during our work.



We believe that the evidence obtained was sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our limited assurance conclusion.

#### Limitations to our work

The procedures we selected depend on our judgement. This includes the assessment of the risks of material misstatements related to information in the report.

Procedures performed in a limited assurance engagement vary in nature and timing from, and are less in extent than for, a reasonable assurance engagement. Consequently, the level of assurance obtained in a limited engagement is substantially lower than would have been obtained had a reasonable engagement been performed.

In relation to the site visits, Kumi intended to travel to Resolute's Syama Mine in Mali. However, taking into account the UK's Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO) advisory, which designated Mali as a 'level 4' country with a recommendation against all travel, as well as a terrorist attack at Bamako airport in September 2024, Kumi adhered to its travel risk management protocols and opted to interview mine site staff remotely during November-December 2024.

#### Responsibilities

The management of Resolute is responsible for the preparation and presentation of the report. Our responsibility is to express a limited assurance conclusion on the report based on the evidence we have obtained and to report our conclusions to the management of Resolute.

# Our independence and quality control

Kumi is an advisory firm that specialises in the topic of responsible supply chains. Our team has significant experience of environmental, social and governance (ESG) issues in the gold mining sector, both at mine sites and at corporate level, and of the application of assurance standards and frameworks.

We have established independence and quality control procedures based on ISQC (UK) 1 and ISAE3000. This includes engaging an independent quality reviewer to assess and attest to whether we are adequately applying our procedures in the delivery of assurance engagements.

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Andrew Britton

CEO

Kumi Consulting Ltd London 6 February 2025



Appendix 1 : Syama, Mali – interviews (undertaken remotely)

DATE	INTERVIEW
04/11/24	RGMP Audit Interview – Security team
04/11/24	RGMP Audit Interview – Occupational Health and Safety team
04/11/24	RGMP Audit Interview – Environment team
11/11/24	RGMP Audit Interview – Community team
11/11/24	RGMP Audit Interview – Human Resources team
11/11/24	RGMP Audit Interview – Union representatives
04/12/24	RGMP Audit Interview – Supply Chain team
05/12/24	RGMP Audit Interview – General Manager Sustainability (Syama)