

**TEMPLATE FOR SUBMISSION OF TEXTUAL PROPOSALS DURING THE 27<sup>TH</sup>  
SESSION: COUNCIL - PART III**

**Informal Working Group on ENVIRONMENT**

*Please fill out one form for each textual proposal which your delegation(s) wish(es) to amend, add or delete and send to [council@isa.org.jm](mailto:council@isa.org.jm).*

**1. Name of Working Group:**

IWG ENVIRONMENT

**2. Name(s) of Delegation(s) making the proposal:**

CHINA

**3. Please indicate the relevant provision to which the textual proposal refers.**

Regulation 46 Environmental management system

**4. Kindly provide the proposed amendments to the regulation or standard or guideline in the text box below, using the “track changes” function in Microsoft Word. Please only reproduce the parts of the text that are being amended or deleted.**

**\*Note:China’s amendments are in Blue**

2(b) "Be audited ~~annually~~ periodically by an independent recognized and accredited international or national organization; and"

**5. Please indicate the rationale for the proposal. [150-word limit]**

The audit requirements for different stages, such as test mining, early commercial mining, late commercial mining, and the closure of mining are different. Audit annually for all stages may not be appropriate. Different audit frequencies for different stages should be considered. And the details can be refined in standards or guidelines.