

**TEMPLATE FOR SUBMISSION OF TEXTUAL PROPOSALS DURING THE 29<sup>TH</sup> SESSION:  
COUNCIL - PART II**

*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(s) of Delegation(s) making the proposal:**

China

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

Schedule Use of terms and scope

**3. 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**

“Test mining” means the use and testing of a fully integrated and functional mining system including collection systems and water discharge systems.

“Pilot Mining” means an in situ operating of the integrated system of all equipment and all related process steps, including collector, raiser and release techniques, for exploitation activities in a Contract Area under appropriate technical, spatial and temporal conditions which provides evidence concerning, inter alia, environmental impact, commercial capacity, duration of operations to validate feasibility of future Commercial Production.

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

“Recommendations for the guidance of contractors for the assessment of the possible environmental impacts arising from exploration for marine minerals in the Area” issued by the LTC (ISBA/25/LTC/6/Rev.3), which is applicable to the exploration phase, defines Test Mining, and it is recommended that this definition be used in the Exploitation Regulations.

Pilot Mining in the exploitation phase is mainly used to verify the feasibility of production capacity, technology and environmental protection, etc., in preparation for entering the commercial production phase.