

Social and environmental responsibility

Anglo American and sustainable development



Anglo American reviews how it operates in a sustainable way in a number of areas.

In practice:

1. Anglo American carries out its mining with a concern to:

- * minimise noise and other types of pollution
- * minimise harm to the landscape after mining has been completed
- * seek to improve the skills and opportunities available to local people.

2. Anglo American is active in many conservation projects. These developments surround all of its plants. At Tarmac's Langford Quarry in the UK, the company has created reed beds in streams and ponds surrounding the quarry. Reed beds are an endangered habitat in this country. Members of the local community worked with Tarmac to plant the first 10,000 reeds.

Anglo American seeks to contribute financially to local communities where it operates.

3. The company believes that mining should become a catalyst for wider development. Anglo American takes part in a range of such projects, including helping to generate new small businesses. These help local farmers and businesses to prosper. It contributes to health education and schooling programmes too. These take place within the communities in which it works.

Anglo American was named as the mining sector leader for 2005 in the Dow Jones Sustainability Index. This index was launched in 1999 to track the financial performance of the leading sustainability-driven companies worldwide. Anglo American also won the Business in the Community International Award in 2005. This was for its contribution to the Millennium Development Goals in Africa.