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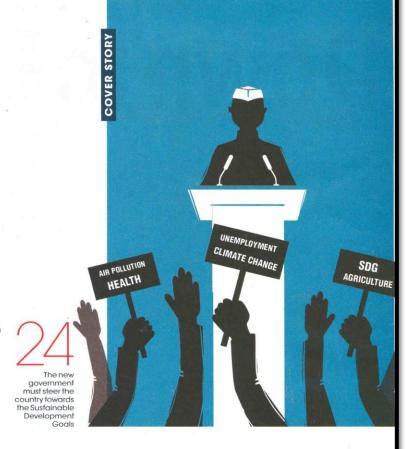
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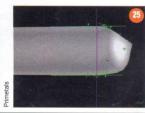
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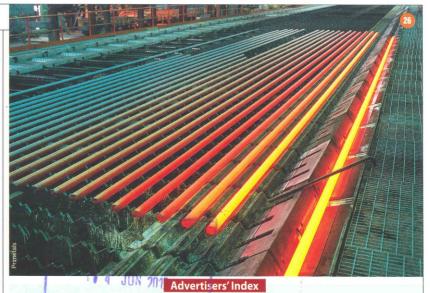
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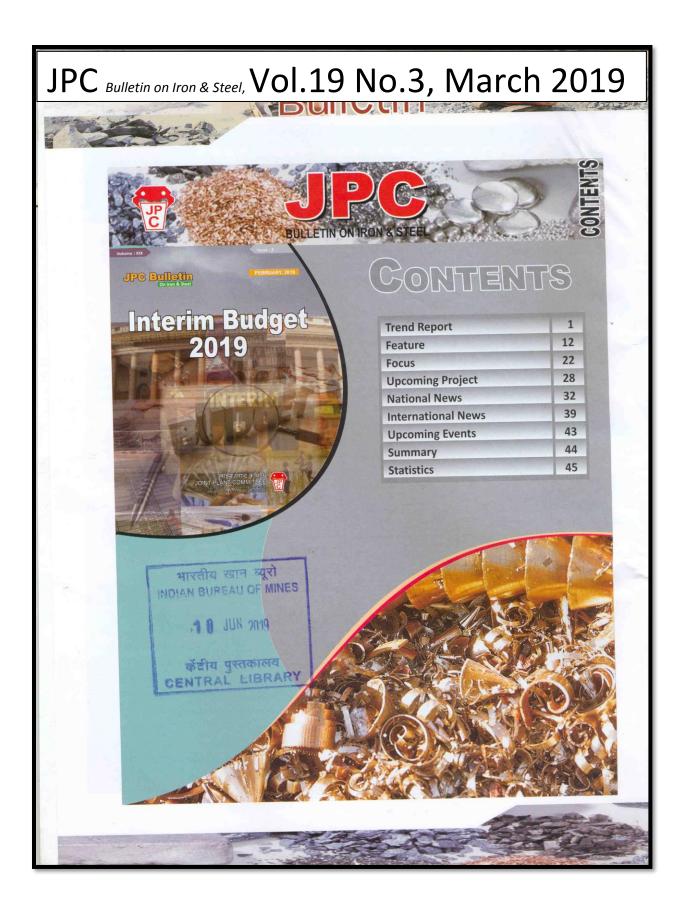


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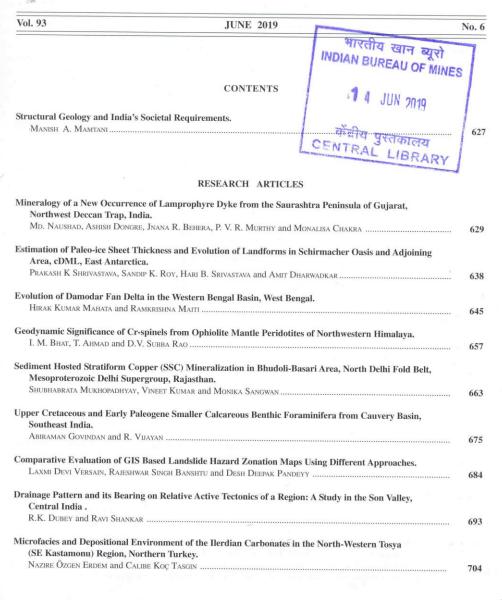


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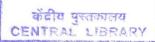
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### A new force in gold mining

The big news in mining this month is that Newmont Mining and Goldcorp have joined forces, with Newmont acquiring all of the outstanding common shares of Goldcorp in a stock-for-stock transaction valued at US\$10 billion

The companies said that the new Newmont Goldcorp's portfolio will feature "operating assets in favourable jurisdictions, an excellent project pipeline and exploration potential in some of the most prospective gold districts around the globe"

Newmont Goldcorp's reserves and resources, located in favourable mining jurisdictions in the Americas, Australia and Ghana, will reportedly represent the largest in the gold sector. Gary Goldberg, CEO of Newmont, saidl: "This combination will create the world's leading gold business with the best assets, people, prospects and value-creation opportunities."

David Garofalo, Goldcorp's president and CEO, agreed: "This combination creates the

world's premier gold company... The strategic ration-"This combination

ale for combining Goldcorp with Newmont is powerfully compelling on many levels.

In addition, both Newmont and Goldcorp are known for being among the most technologically advanced mining companies. For example, Newmont

has an operational technology and innovation department that works closely with the company's mining operations to optimise the strengths and capabilities its global teams need to enhance productivity and sustainability, accelerate growth and improve margins.

According to the blog on Newmont's website, some of the strategic digital opportunities being targeted by specialised teams within the department include IT/OT integration architecture and infrastructure through connected, streamlined and analysis-rich operations. It has mine monitoring and control teams that focus on leveraging wearable technology for safety and operational efficiency, while machine control and automation crews work on improving equipment performance, safety and consistency through artificial intelligence and other tools.

Meanwhile, Goldcorp is undergoing a digital transformation strategy. According to the company, it targets "technological opportunities in six areas that are ripe for innovation, covering every stage of the mining life cycle, from exploration and development to operations and reclamation.

These six areas are: big data and machine learning; the connected miner; autonomous mining operations; more sustainable mines with smaller environmental footprints; operations and reclamation; and safety and environmental re-engineering.

Goldcorp has also been running the #DisruptMining innovation challenge since 2017, and will be hosting the third annual event at the Prospectors and Developers Association of Canada (PDAC) conference in Toronto, Canada this March.

Combining their innovation initiatives as Newmont Goldcorp will make these companies even more influential in the gold mining sector - I'll be interested to see what they do next.

Speaking of innovation, it is that time of year again – the winners of the annual Mining Magazine awards have been announced! These awards celebrate innovation and commitment to advancing the face of mining, not just technologically but also sustainably and in an environmentally respectful manner.

Every October, we invite Mining Magazine's readers to nominate the best mines, teams and projects that they feel have demonstrated outstanding commitment to advancing the face of mining over the previous year. We then trim these nominations down to a shortlist that our readers can vote upon. Turn to page 12 to find out more about this year's winners and the wonderful work that they have been doing.

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### We need to talk about tailings

My first thought when reading the news on January 26 was: "How has this been allowed to happen again?"

I am, of course, referring to the failure of Vale's tailings dam at Brumadinho in Minas Gerais on January 25 – a disaster that killed more than 165 people with 160 still missing as I write this on February 13.

'Allowed' is the correct word in this instance. Action could and should have been taken long ago. And frankly, given some of the information that has emerged in the time since the incident, I would even go as far as to brand Vale's lack of action as gross negligence.

Once again, the mining industry has found itself at the centre of the global media's attention, and for all the wrong reasons. And, once again, I find myself writing a report on what the industry could be doing to better its tailings storage practices. Although it's a little demoralising to know that it will probably fall on deaf ears.

"The mining industry

Speaking at the Mine Waste and Tailings conference held in Brisbane, Australia, last year, Andrew Robertson, president of Robertson GeoConsultants, summed up the situation perfectly.

"Tailings dam failures are seldom the result of a single action or mechanism, rather a failure of a system," he said

In the case of the Feijão iron-ore mine, that systemic failure runs deeper than the dam and monitoring system built to contain tailings; it was the system that Vale uses to manage its tailings storage facilities (TSFs) full stop, the one the Brazilian government uses to regulate mines, and the lack of a global system to ensure best practices are applied regardless of mine location.

Truth is, there are no global standards that mines must comply with when designing, operating and closing a TSF, or a body to regulate them. There are best practices and legislation in certain countries/regions, but sadly the bare minimum to scrape through approvals seems to be the norm at most operations.

Enough is enough. If the current system does not provide, then miners need to take matters into their own hands.

In 2017, I interviewed Peter Larsen, chairman of the Mining Safety Round Table. The group's members have seen a 60-70% reduction in incidents and fatalities at their mining operations thanks to toolkits they have developed through open collaboration.

"We didn't want to have regulations driving our agenda: we wanted to look over our shoulders at regulations, knowing that we had set standards for ourselves that were above and beyond," Larsen told me.

This kind of mentality is exactly what is needed to promote excellence in the design and management of TSFs. I know that there is a strong community of experts out there – miners, consultants and engineers who care and want to see consistent application of best practices globally. So I'm putting the idea out there: is anyone willing to step up?

#### FROM TAILINGS TO TECHNOLOGY

It's somewhat fitting that this issue, with its focus on technology, marks the end of my tenure at *Mining Magazine*; one that has lasted a decade. I leave you in safe hands and, as I'll still be covering the mining industry, it won't be goodbye completely. If you're interested in new technologies, come follow me over on my blog TheIntelligentMiner. com. Until next time, farewell.

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