Our Responsibility

Returning land disturbed by mining to stable and productive post-mining land uses is fundamental to our business strategy and our commitment to responsible mining. We have a duty of care to reclaim and restore the land as long as it remains in Kinross’ property portfolio.

Our Commitment

Our Safety and Sustainability Policy embeds Kinross’ commitment to a life of mine approach to mine closure, considering reclamation and closure costs and the views of our stakeholders. All of our sites are committed to developing and maintaining reclamation and closure plans and to meeting our corporate Reclamation and Closure Standards to deliver on our reclamation obligations.

Our Approach

Kinross has a strong track record of reclamation excellence. Our corporate Reclamation and Closure Standards are applied across our sites. The standards include:

- Mine closure planning beginning in the pre-feasibility phase of a new mining project, before construction, and updated throughout the life of each mining operation
- Reclamation test plots, as well as engineering and environmental studies and impact assessments during operation to verify and optimize site reclamation strategies and plans
- Ongoing review and update of site closure plans, including consultation with local stakeholders to support changes arising from permitting or mine expansion over the life of mine
- Regular review and update of comprehensive closure and post-closure plans as new information and technologies become available
- Reclamation and closure liabilities annual review internally and by external auditors
- Formal agreements to support responsible divestment between Kinross and the purchaser of a site to ensure that closure requirements, both environmental and financial, are met and that Kinross is protected from future liability

Our Corporate Responsibility Management System, through our Site Responsibility Plans, also requires all of our sites to develop and maintain a Community Plan for Closure. To learn more about the social closure requirements, see Planning for Closure.

During operations, responsibility for closure planning resides with the General Manager of each site. Post-closure, our Kinross Reclamation Business Unit, working with the General Manager of each reclamation property, is responsible for the implementation, closure and eventual divestiture of each Kinross reclamation property.

Oversight and governance for reclamation and closure resides at the Board level with the CRTC.

To learn more about our reclamation and closure activities, see our most recent Sustainability Report.