

# Transition Minerals Tracker

Human rights policies & practices of companies mining key minerals for the low-carbon transition

## Background

The Business & Human Rights Resource Centre conducted research on the human rights policies and allegations relating to companies mining cobalt, copper, lithium, manganese, nickel and zinc, minerals that are crucial in the transition to low-carbon technologies (including solar panels, wind turbines and electric vehicle batteries). Companies were selected if they were among the top 5 global producers of one of these minerals, or alternatively, if they were among the top 5 producers of one of these minerals in the Southern Africa Development Community. The following findings relate to companies operating in the Southern Africa Development Community.

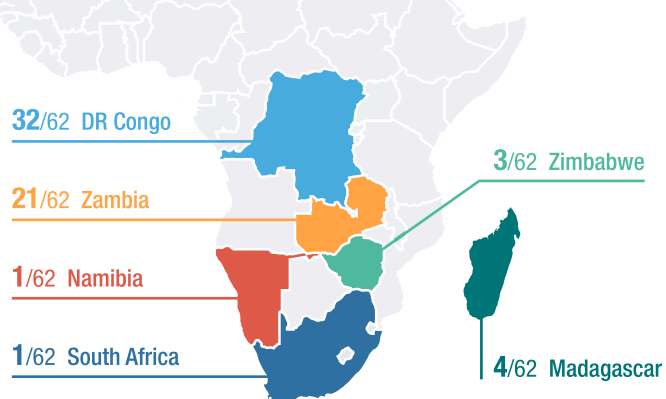
## Overall findings

We tracked a total of **24 mining companies** with operations in the Southern Africa Development Community. Out of these:



## Regional distribution of allegations

Out of a total of **137 human rights allegations** that we collected in this research, **62 came from the Southern Africa Development Community:**



## Thematic distribution of allegations

The issues most frequently raised against mining companies in the Southern Africa Development Community were related to the environment, access to water, health, tax avoidance and land rights.



Please note that the number of allegations is not a perfect reflection of the severity of a mining operation's human rights record, but an indicator that must be balanced with data gaps, reliability of information, and uneven media coverage and civil society capacity or restrictions across different countries.

## Cobalt

Out of the **8 cobalt mining companies** analyzed with operations in the Southern Africa Development Community:



have allegations related to their cobalt mining

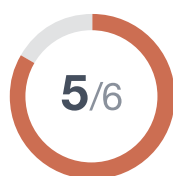


have a human rights policy in place

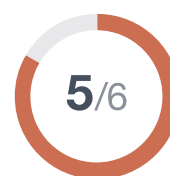
COMPANY	HQ LOCATION	COUNTRIES OF OPERATIONS	SUBSIDIARY (OWNERSHIP %)	HUMAN RIGHTS POLICY	ALLEGATIONS RELATED TO COBALT (NUMBER)
China Molybdenum	China	DRC	Tenke Fungurume (80%)	●	8
Gécamines	DRC	DRC			8
Glencore	Switzerland	DRC	Mutanda Mining (49%); Katanga Mining (74.4%)	●	10
Eurasian Resources Group	Luxembourg	DRC	Boss Mining	●	4
Korea Resources Corporation	South Korea	Madagascar	Ambatov (27.5%)		4
Shalina Resources	UAE	DRC	Chemaf		4
Sherritt International Corporation	Canada	Madagascar	Ambatovy (12%)	●	4
Sumitomo Corporation	Japan	Madagascar	Ambatovy (47.7%)	●	4

## Copper

Out of the **6 copper mining companies** analyzed with operations in the Southern Africa Development Community:



have allegations related to their copper mining



have a human rights policy in place

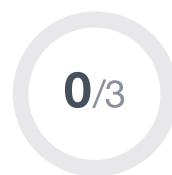
COMPANY	HQ LOCATION	COUNTRIES OF OPERATIONS	SUBSIDIARY (OWNERSHIP %)	HUMAN RIGHTS POLICY	ALLEGATIONS RELATED TO COPPER (NUMBER)
Barrick Gold	Canada	Zambia	Lumwana Mining Company	●	0
China Minmetals Corporation	China	DRC	MMG (74%)		1
China Molybdenum	China	DRC	Tenke Fungurume (80%)	●	8
First Quantum Minerals	Canada	Zambia	Kansanshi Mining (80%); Mopani Copper Mines (16.9%); Kalumbila Minerals (100%)	●	7
Glencore	Switzerland	Zambia, DRC	Mopani Copper Mines (73.1%); Mutanda Mining, Katanga Mining (86.3%)	●	18
Vedanta Resources	UK	Zambia	Konkola Copper Mines (79.4%)	●	8

## Lithium

Out of the **3 lithium mining companies** analyzed with operations in the Southern Africa Development Community:



has allegations related to their lithium operations



none have a human rights policy in place

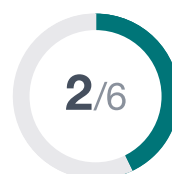
COMPANY	HQ LOCATION	COUNTRIES OF OPERATIONS	SUBSIDIARY (OWNERSHIP %)	HUMAN RIGHTS POLICY	ALLEGATIONS RELATED TO LITHIUM (NUMBER)
Bikita Minerals	Zimbabwe	Zimbabwe			3
CAT Strategic Metals	Canada	Zimbabwe	Zimbabwe Lithium Company		0
Prospect Resources	South Africa	Zimbabwe	Examix Investments (70%)		0

## Manganese

Out of the **6 manganese mining companies** analyzed with operations in the Southern Africa Development Community:



has allegation related to their manganese operations

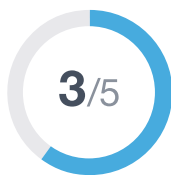


have a human rights policy in place

COMPANY	HQ LOCATION	COUNTRIES OF OPERATIONS	SUBSIDIARY (OWNERSHIP %)	HUMAN RIGHTS POLICY	ALLEGATIONS RELATED TO MANGANESE (NUMBER)
Anglo American	UK	South Africa	Hotazel Manganese Mines (29.6%)		0
Assmang	South Africa	South Africa			1
Industrial Development Corporation	South Africa	South Africa	Kalagadi Manganese (10%)		0
Kalahari Resources	South Africa	South Africa	Kalagadi Manganese (40%)		0
South32	Australia	South Africa	Hotazel Manganese Mines		0
Tshipi é Ntle Mining Company	South Africa	South Africa			0

## Nickel

Out of the **5 nickel mining companies** analyzed with operations in the Southern Africa Development Community:



have allegations related to their nickel operations



have a human rights policy in place

COMPANY	HQ LOCATION	COUNTRIES OF OPERATIONS	SUBSIDIARY (OWNERSHIP %)	HUMAN RIGHTS POLICY	ALLEGATIONS RELATED TO NICKEL (NUMBER)
Consolidated Nickel Mines	UK	Zambia	Mabiza Resources		0
Korea Resources Corporation	South Korea	Madagascar	Ambatovy (27.5%)		4
Norilsk Nickel (Nornickel)	Russia	South Africa	Nkomati	●	0
Sherritt International Corporation	Canada	Madagascar	Ambatovy (12%)	●	4
Sumitomo Corporation	Japan	Madagascar	Ambatovy (47.7%)	●	4

## Zinc

Out of the **2 zinc mining companies** analyzed with operations in the Southern Africa Development Community:



has allegation related to their zinc operations



has a human rights policy in place

COMPANY	HQ LOCATION	COUNTRIES OF OPERATIONS	SUBSIDIARY (OWNERSHIP %)	HUMAN RIGHTS POLICY	ALLEGATIONS RELATED TO MANGANESE (NUMBER)
Trevali Mining Corporation	Canada	Namibia	Rosh Pinah (90%)		0
Vedanta Resources	UK	Namibia, South Africa	Vedanta Zinc International	●	1