

Nickel 2010 - Survey on the Impact of Nickel Production on Employment and Environment



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Who?



POUR COMPRENDRE ET AGIR

- Accounting firm employing 350 multidisciplinary professionals.
- Offers a consultancy & technical assistance approach adapted to needs of key players.

Other Partners

- Union of Workers & Employees Trade unions of New Caledonia (USOENC)
 - Partner of French CFDT.



Why?

- Insert a development perspective into industrial projects.
- Inscribe a perspective of lasting development into industrial plans by:
 - Economic & financial analysis of nickel industry on a worldwide scale.
 - Analysis of impacts on job & training needs in New Caledonia.
 - Analysis of environmental impacts on natural cycles linked to establishment of both plants (industrial risks, biodiversity).
- Trade Union can make propositions to Government of New Caledonia for Sustainable Development.

What?

- Two new multinational Nickel plants in New Caledonia: INCO & FALCONBRIDGE.
- Partnership between SYNDEX & Trade Union leaders.
- Survey of Nickel production impact in three dimensions of sustainable development.
- SYNDEX helped trade unions make 30 concrete propositions.
- Allowed trade unions to demonstrate capacity to take account of social & environmental issues & build relationships with NGOs.

When?

Conclusion

- First popular debate on nickel industry development projects.
- Positive evaluation by political & professional actors.
- Training focused on:
 - Risk Management
 - Environmental Protection
 - Corporate responsibility

Future

- 2006 – USW initiative to organise Workers & Nickel industry conference in Canada.
- USOENC acting in favour of inscription of coral barrier as UNESCO patrimony.