Integrating non-fiscal impacts into cost-benefit analyses of extractive industry projects

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Quantifying upstream impacts



Employment multipliers vary significantly

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Africa (not including South Africa)					
Mining	Tanzania	1.0	7.6	8.6	ICMM (2007) ⁵⁸
Gold mining	Tanzania	1.0	6.87	7.87	Ernst & Young (2013) ⁴⁴
Cooper mining	Zambia	1.0	2.61	3.61	ICMM (2014) ⁴⁵
Gold mining	Tanzania	1.0	3.0	4.0	World Gold Council (2009) ⁵⁹
Gold mining	Mali	1.0	6.0	7.0	United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (2007) ⁶⁰
Median value			6.0	7.0	

Quantifying downstream beneficiation impacts



Quantifying shared-use infrastructure impacts

While sharing is generally beneficial, the associated costs vary substantially between projects





SOURCE: Vale Columbia Center; McKinsey Global Institute analysis



Quantifying GHG impacts

CamIron Project



- 1,740 sqkm concession
- 580km railway line & port
- 35mtpa of iron ore
- 18 million tons of CO2 over project life

Carbon offset of CamIron CO2 footprint



- Proposal to protect Forest
 Management Unit 10034 164,000 ha of intact forest from logging by leasing area for \$6/Ha per year
- If the concession remains unlogged, offset 4.5 million tons of CO2

Quantifying environmental risks



- Around 300 tailing dam failures have been reported between 1915-2016
- Overtopping is failure mechanism in 30-40% of cases
- Calculated hazard rating based on:
 - Dam height
 - Tailings stored
 - Distance traveled
 - Impacted area



Summing up

- Focus on fiscal aspects important particularly in the oil sector
- Non-fiscal positive linkages to extractive industry investments often reviewed/negotiated separately, but may be of key importance to both parties
- Negative externalities, risks and opportunity costs are not priced into project appraisals. However, these externalities are particularly relevant for impacted regions
- There is a need to provide stakeholders with tools to be able to integrate non-fiscal impacts of extractive industry investments in sector & project appraisals.
- Probalistic impact assessments improve with more data from existing case studies.
- Such tools could also help improve risk monitoring.

