

## CONTENT GUIDE FOR EOSC118

### ***Small Stories: 12 Stories About Small-Scale Mining***

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This 32 page document reviews 12 short stories of artisanal and small scale mining (ASM) across the globe. It highlights the role that ASM can play in reaching the UN's Millenium Development Goals and shows the concrete results of recent initiatives in assisting ASM. Please read the 12 stories and comment on the benefits and drawbacks that ASM brings. If you have first hand experience with these areas, or other examples of ASM, please share them!

As usual, use the discussion board on Connect to pose questions, since questions that you have are probably being thought by another one of your fellow students.

#### **Use the following questions to help you through the article:**

1. What did the Peruvian government do that had a drastic effect for artisanal miners?

formalize it as legally  
access to exploitation  
contracts, property and  
mining concessions

2. What initiatives are the female artisanal miners of Tanzania undertaking?

3. What commodities would likely be at the center of the discussion regarding co-existing small and large scale mining?

tools and wages?

4. Where are Fair Trade Gold initiatives taking place?

Madagascar, Mongolia

5. Of all the countries possible, why do you think that Belgium is involved with CASM in targeting conflict diamonds?

perhaps they are involved in  
diamond trade?

6. The Chinese Mining Association has made good headway in alleviating poverty, including setting up a web-based knowledge center and online forum. Why might this not be as effective as hoped?

access to computers?

7. What philosophical change was undertaken to address artisanal mining in Mongolia?

enable sustainable development by creating a  
legal framework

training and  
dialogues to  
develop new  
contacts and  
business ops