



There is an undoubted need, both in academia and business, for an international scientific journal which combines well-researched papers with reports on issues of interest to the mineral industry. The goal of the Journal of Mineral Policy, Business and Environment – Raw Materials Report, has always been to fill this gap.

We are determined to keep this focus, and provide a bridge between the more traditional academic publications in geology, mineral policy and mineral economics, on the one hand, and business journals with short-term news focus on the other. In our view the Journal will be especially useful to our readers if it assures academic stringency, yet presents the material in a format that is accessible to executives in the mineral industry. As was announced in the previous issue, in order to strengthen our capability to move forward this ambitious agenda, the Division of Economics at the Luleå University of Technology has joined the editorial team.

In the current issue we are pleased to announce that continued changes and a

facelift of the Journal are underway. *First*, a broadening and a revitalization of the content have been initiated. The Journal should continue to have an inter-disciplinary focus including economics, environmental and social aspects of mineral production and use. However, we now extend the coverage to include *energy* minerals as well, and in particular issues on energy production. Energy minerals and related policy issues have been researched both by the Centre for Petroleum, Energy and Mineral Law and Policy (CEPMLP), and by Luleå University of Technology. This, we believe, makes us well prepared for attracting high quality papers on selected international energy themes.

*Secondly*, as one part of the facelift we have reorganized the Journal's Editorial Board. In particular, we are proud to announce that Phillip Crowson, Board Member of the LME and Honorary Professor at the CEPMLP, and until recently Chief Economist at Rio Tinto plc, has accepted to become its chairman. Phillip's experience and close contacts with the

mineral sector will be vital in upgrading our capability to respond rapidly to new issues in the industry.

*Thirdly*, in order to improve the academic stringency of the Journal, a clearer distinction is now made between refereed articles, on the one hand, and shorter comments, conference reports, and other documents on the other. In this and coming issues we include "instructions for authors". Apart from ensuring the stringency of published articles, these instructions will also greatly facilitate and speed up the production of the Journal.

*Finally*, a new layout and format of the Journal is planned, and details for this change will be worked out during this year.

In brief we hope that these changes will further improve the Journal and maintain its position as a major, truly international, contributor to serious analysis, debate and education on issues relating to the global minerals and energy industries. As such we hope it will remain of growing interest to both current readers as well as new subscribers. ■

## Instructions for contributors

*Journal of Mineral Policy, Business and Environment (JMPBE)* is a multi-disciplinary quarterly journal. The journal addresses the economic, environmental, political, and social aspects of mineral and raw materials production and utilization.

### Submissions

Full length articles should normally be 5 000–7 000 words long. Two paper copies of the article should be submitted to the Editor-in-Chief. We also encourage authors to submit their articles on 3.5" disk as well. If possible, save in Word for Windows 2.0 or in RTF-format. All articles are refereed.

Articles should be accompanied by a record of the author's name, address, affiliation, and a contact fax number. All articles should include an abstract of no more than 100 words.

Since the *JMPBE* is an inter-disciplinary journal, uncommon professional and technical terms should be avoided if possible. Where they are necessary they should

be defined in the text or in a footnote. Extensive mathematical or chemical formula are discouraged.

### Shorter items

We also invite authors to submit material which might not be appropriate for full length articles. This can include shorter comments on articles that have been published in the *JMPBE*, or on any subject which can be suitable for publication in the journal (1 000–2 000 words). Conference announcements are also encouraged.

Book reviews are welcomed. These are normally 1 000–1 500 words long, and should be submitted to the Book Review Editor, who is responsible for the final decision on whether a book review is published.

### Presentation of manuscripts

Each manuscript should be typewritten on one side only. It should conform to the Journal style outlined below. Pages should be numbered consecutively. The text should be organized under appropriate section headings.

Bibliographical references should be included in the notes. Notes should be numbered consecutively and placed at the end of the manuscript. A list of references should appear after the list of notes. It should include all the works referred to, listed alphabetically by author's surname. Authors' acknowledgements should be given on a separate sheet and will be printed at the end of the article.

Figures should be clearly drawn, with clearly marked axes. They should be typed on separate sheets, and accompanied by the basic statistics required for their preparation. Tables should be typed on separate sheets and numbered in Arabic numerals. Their desired location should be indicated in the text. Sources should be clearly stated underneath the figures and tables. All measurements should, if possible, be given in metric (SI) units.

Photographs, maps, charts and other illustrations to delivered articles are most welcome, where they add materially to the text.