

EDITORIAL

The Nordmark iron ore mines in central Sweden. Watercolour by Elias Martin, around 1790.

We are delighted to introduce a new partner in the production of the Journal of Mineral Policy, Business and Environment – Raw Materials Report. The Division of Economics at the Luleå University of Technology will be a third sponsor of the Journal.

From this issue the Editor-in-Chief of the journal will be Patrik Söderholm from the Luleå University of Technology in Sweden. Patrik brings with him a deep knowledge of current developments in the world's mining industry and will be a major strengthening of the Journal's editorial team.

The Division of Economics at Luleå University of Technology has, headed by Marian Radetzki, in recent years developed a specialism in mineral and energy economics which has involved close contact to the world's mining industry and these links will be valuable in moving forward the ambitious agenda we have for the Journal.

Readers will have seen that the Journal is continuing to attract authors who are leaders in their field and is able to promote the issues affecting the world mineral industry from a wide perspective. It is our intention to continue to widen the coverage of the Journal to embrace all the issues which are of contemporary concern to practitioners in the world's mining industry and other stakeholders. We will keep our international focus, to take a medium or long term view, and to deal with the growing range of issues which confront the world mining industry.

Issues of regulation of the industry as well as matters of corporate strategy and national economic development will be given equal prominence. The editors are keen to enter into a dialogue with readers and discuss matters of concern and interest. We intend to maintain a lively Journal, which is alert to developments in the world economy, governance practices and the environmental field.

Mining is a global industry and responds to global concerns. Thus the Journal will continue to concentrate on international issues as well as reporting on lo-

cal developments which will be of interest to an international audience.

In brief we expect the Journal of Mineral Policy, Business and Environment – Raw Materials Report to continue to change and evolve and to remain of growing interest to our readers. We will upgrade our capability to respond rapidly to issues as they arise and we are confident that the strengthened editorial team

will deliver a Journal that our readers will need to keep abreast of the latest developments in the industry. As such the Journal will be of interest to all those concerned with the mining industry, whether they are employed by industry, by government, by international or national organisations, by trade unions or are concerned with education, training, research and governance issues. ■

