



## Announcement of IRMA Assessment

ERM CVS announces an independent, third-party assessment of SQM's Plant Salar de Atacama, near San Pedro de Atacama, El Loa Province, Antofagasta Region, Chile. The assessment will measure the Mine against the [Initiative for Responsible Mining Assurance \(IRMA\) Standard for Responsible Mining](#).

**ERM CVS, an IRMA-approved certification body, will carry out an on-site assessment from 30 May – 3 June 2022**

Stakeholders (community members, workers, and other affected or interested parties) are invited to submit written comment to ERM CVS about the environmental and social performance of the SQM Plant Salar de Atacama. In particular, comments should focus on how the performance of the Mine compares with the IRMA [Standard for Responsible Mining](#). Stakeholders may also contact ERM CVS if they would like to be interviewed as part of the assessment process. When possible, interviews with local stakeholders will be scheduled to take place during the on-site assessment time period, and may be by telephone, video-conference, or in-person, taking into consideration COVID-19 precautions.

Please register as a stakeholder to receive more information about the SQM Plant Salar de Atacama IRMA assessment as it becomes available. To register, submit questions or comments, or request to be interviewed as part of the assessment process, please contact ERM CVS, details below. Comments will be kept confidential upon request.

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ERM CVS is an IRMA-approved certification body with head offices in London, England. For more information about ERM CVS go to [www.ermcvs.com](http://www.ermcvs.com)

**IRMA** Initiative for Responsible  
Mining Assurance

**For more information on the IRMA mine site certification process, see:**

<https://responsiblemining.net/what-we-do/certification/>.

If you have concerns about the IRMA mine site assessment process, or the requirements in the IRMA Standard, access IRMA's Issues Resolution System on the IRMA website: <https://responsiblemining.net/>.