

Local people have been mining in your area for hundreds of years, long before your company began mining here. Your shareholders are worried about getting sued if someone is hurt or killed while working illegally in your mineral claim.

What will you do?

A) Force the locals off of your land.

-2  +1 

B) Let them mine in your area.

+1  -2 

Engineers have written a report claiming that your tailings pond needs upgrades to reduce the chance of dam failure. If your tailings pond dam fails, millions of litres of polluted water could be released into the local creeks and rivers.

What will you do?

A) Invest money to upgrade the dam.

+1  -2 

B) Ignore the report.

-1 

You can partner with wildlife organizations to remediate closed areas of your mine site, but local government is worried about being publicly embarrassed if any failures occur.

What will you do?

A) Pursue the partnership.

-2  +3 

B) Handle remediation yourself.

+3  -2 

The easiest location to dump your mine waste is in a place where a rare plant grows. The local people use this plant for natural medicine.

What will you do?

A) Dump here.

-2  +1 

B) Select a costlier dumpsite.

+1  -2 

The first pit of your operation is due to close. By law, you only have to place a fence around the outside of the pit. If you spend money to remediate the land, though, other people will be able to use it long after your mine has closed.

What will you do?

A) Fence off the pit.

-1  +2 

B) Make a plan for remediating the area.

+2  -1 

Government in your area wants to see mining operations expand. They would like you to begin expansion right away, but it will take time to meet with the local people and talk about their concerns.

What will you do?

A) Meet with the locals when your operations change or expand.

-1  +2 

B) Don't meet with the locals.

+2  -1 

Smog from your mine is polluting the air in one of the major tourism centers of the country. The government fears that the smog will affect the number of tourists to the area.

What will you do?

A) Invest in smog control.

-2  +2 

B) Leave operations as they are.

+1  -1 

The government in your area is asking for donations to fund their political party. With their party in power you have good economic conditions for your mine, but local people consider these 'donations' to be bribes.

What will you do?

A) Donate to their party.

+1  -2 

B) Don't donate to the party.

-2  +1 

Your company can rapidly expand as the market is booming. Profits will be higher, but your mine will close sooner. At the moment, the people rely on mining for jobs, but in the future, other industries may develop to provide jobs outside of mining.

What will you do?

A) Increase operations.

-2  +3 

B) Aim for long-term sustainability.

+2  -1 

You can invest in hiring and training more locals now that your mine is operational and expected to expand. This can create many new jobs for the local community.

What will you do?

A) Invest in training programs and commit to hiring more locals.

-1  +2 

B) Continue to hire skilled workers from abroad.

+2  -1 

The government wants you to crack down on illegal mining in your claim.

What will you do?

A) Bring in the local police and force them to stop.

+2  -2 

B) Work with the locals and sponsor employment training programs, which will take years to get started.

-2  +2 

Your investors want you to lay off 20% of your workforce to cut costs. But government in your area is concerned that if you do there won't be enough jobs for locals.

What will you do?

A) Lay off the workers.

-2  +1 

B) Look for other cost savings.

+1  -2 

Your investors want better returns on their investment. Increasing automation and cutting the workforce is one way to reduce costs. But this will mean that those people will be out of work and struggling to feed their families.

What will you do?

A) Invest in automation and lay off some workers.

-2  +2 

B) Continue operations as they are.

+2  -2 

A new power plant is needed to expand operations at your mine, but water shortage is a concern in the area.

What will you do?

A) Construct a standard power plant.

-1  +1 

B) Construct an expensive power plant that uses less water.

+2  -2 

Exploration in your mineral claim indicates a major deposit underneath a village of 500 people.

What will you do?

A) Move the community by force.

-3  +4 

B) Negotiate a relocation agreement.

-1  +2 

C) Honor the wishes of the community and leave the village unaltered.

+4  -3 

Environmentalists claim that your mine is releasing record amounts of greenhouse gases.

What will you do?

A) Invest in new technology to reduce the pollution.

+3  -2 

B) Continue as is.

-1  +2 

The environmental protection office has identified water pollution coming from your mine. They have offered to look the other way for a small “fee.”

What will you do?

A) Pay the bribe.

+2  -1  -1 

B) Fix the pollution problem.

-2  +1  +1 

A local wildlife organization wants to partner with you to make a waste disposal plan for your site. This plan could reduce damage to sensitive grasslands in your area. But local government does not like the organization as they have criticized their leadership in the past.

What will you do?

A) Join forces to make a disposal plan.

-2  +3 

B) Turn down the offer.

+3  -2 

Local people are protesting because of increased dust levels in the air from your mine. But installing filtering equipment will involve closing down temporarily. The government does not want this because they can't collect taxes from you when you aren't operating.

What will you do?

A) Close down and install the filters.

-1  +2 

B) Continue operations as they are.

+2  -1 

Your exploration team has found a new deposit on the edge of your claim and your shareholders want to begin mining it. But just outside of your claim is an area which is home to an endangered blue-spotted frog.

What will you do?

A) Begin mining the new deposit.

-2  +3 

B) Preserve the area.

+3  -2 

Locals are mining illegally within your mineral claim. Environmentalists see an increase in water pollution from their activities, but locals say they are working to feed their families.

What will you do?

A) Force the locals off of your land.

+1  -2 

B) Let them mine in your area.

-2  +1 

Government in your area is unstable due to its mining policies. Local people feel they are being robbed of their resources and there have been attacks against your mine.

What will you do?

A) Increase your security forces.

+3  -2 

B) Begin negotiations to find a long-term solution.

-2  +3 

The government is rewriting its laws on mining with a focus on environmental protection and they have asked for your help. You have the experience needed to help but environmentalists think that your input is biased.

What will you do?

A) Help with the policy changes.

-2  +3 

B) Decline the offer.

+3  -2 

Many of the local officials accept, and expect, bribes. Other mining companies that don't pay bribes are finding it hard to gain mining permits needed to operate. But locals and environmentalists see these payments as corrupt.

What will you do?

A) Pay off the officials.

+2  -1  -1 

B) Don't offer bribes.

-2  +1  +1 

A new report released by the World Mining Association shows that companies with good social responsibility records have higher profits.

This report leads to more investment in companies with good social responsibility policies.

Mines with 2 or more Community tokens gain 2 Share Value.

Your shareholders are feeling pressure from activists and are looking to improve their environmental reputation.

Your company adopts some new and innovative technologies which will reduce the amount of greenhouse gas emissions from your mining operations.

Your mine gains 2 Environmentalist tokens.

Global companies like Coca Cola decide to limit their investments in mines with poor environmental records.

Mines with 2 or less Environmentalist tokens lose 1 Share Value.

World Vision publishes an article about the profits of global mining companies, claiming that more of their money can be invested in local communities.

This sets off international protesting as local people appeal to their governments for an increase in royalty rates.

Mines with low political support see bigger changes to the royalty rate.

Mines with 2 or less Political tokens lose 1 Share Value.

Global economic growth has led to hope for the future and investment in products around the world.

All mines gain 2 Share Value

The price of crude oil drops, making shipping and transportations costs cheaper for mines around the world.

All mines gain 1 Share Value.