The World Bank and the Transformation of Mining in Asia: Studies in the Social and **Environmental Impacts of Large-Scale Mining Projects**

The mining industry has been a major driver of economic growth in Asia in recent decades. However, the rapid expansion of mining has also led to a number of social and environmental problems, including the displacement of local communities, the degradation of land and water resources, and the pollution of air and water. The World Bank has been a major player in the mining sector in Asia, providing loans and technical assistance to governments and mining companies. The Bank has also developed a number of policies and guidelines on mining, which have been used to shape the mining sector in the region.



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This article examines the role of the World Bank in the transformation of mining in Asia, with a focus on the social and environmental impacts of large-scale mining projects. Drawing on case studies from Indonesia, the Philippines, and Mongolia, the article argues that the World Bank has played a significant role in shaping the mining sector in these countries, and that its policies and practices have had a profound impact on local communities and the environment. The article concludes by calling for a more critical assessment of the World Bank's role in the mining sector, and for the adoption of more sustainable mining practices.

The World Bank and the Mining Sector

The World Bank is a multilateral development bank that provides loans and technical assistance to governments and businesses in developing countries. The Bank has been a major player in the mining sector in Asia, providing billions of dollars in loans to governments and mining companies. The Bank has also developed a number of policies and guidelines on mining, which have been used to shape the mining sector in the region.

The World Bank's involvement in the mining sector began in the 1970s, when the Bank began to provide loans to governments to support the development of mining projects. In the 1980s and 1990s, the Bank's involvement in the mining sector increased significantly, as the Bank began to provide loans to mining companies and to support the development of mining policies and regulations. In recent years, the Bank has continued to be a major player in the mining sector, providing loans to governments and mining companies, and supporting the development of mining policies and regulations.

The World Bank's involvement in the mining sector has been controversial. Critics argue that the Bank has not done enough to protect the interests of local communities and the environment. They also argue that the Bank's policies and practices have led to the displacement of local communities, the degradation of land and water resources, and the pollution of air and water.

Case Studies

The following case studies examine the role of the World Bank in the transformation of mining in Indonesia, the Philippines, and Mongolia. The case studies draw on a variety of sources, including interviews with local communities, government officials, and mining company representatives, as well as a review of World Bank documents and other relevant materials.

Indonesia

Indonesia is the world's largest producer of coal and one of the world's largest producers of copper, gold, and nickel. The mining sector is a major driver of economic growth in Indonesia, but it has also led to a number of social and environmental problems, including the displacement of local communities, the degradation of land and water resources, and the pollution of air and water.

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Philippines

The Philippines is one of the world's largest producers of gold, copper, and nickel. The mining sector is a major driver of economic growth in the Philippines,



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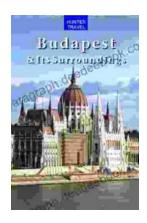
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