

# Causes We Champion

We invest in non-profit partnerships to address key social and environmental issues.

## Pure Earth

Our partnership with Pure Earth, an environmental non-profit, helps empower miners, restore rainforests, and deploy mercury-free mining techniques in artisanal gold mining communities. Since 2017, we've participated in trainings for miners on mercury-free mining and rainforest restoration in Madre de Dios, Peru.

Mercury-free mining is important because the use of mercury in mining is one of the biggest contributors of mercury pollution, which degrades the environment and impacts the health of miners, their families, and children.

Restoring rainforests damaged by deforestation and mercury pollution is key to maintaining the global water cycle, carbon fixation, and oxygen production, all of which influence the earth's climate.

Our grants help Pure Earth work closely with local organizations like the Association of Artisan Miners Tauro Fátima (AMATAF) to reduce the use of mercury in mining and implement reforestation. As a result of mercury-free trainings with AMATAF, other mining concessions in the region are reaching out to be trained.

We are renewing our partnership with Pure Earth in 2022 through a new three-year, \$300,000 grant. This partnership will continue to focus on reforestation and mercury-free mining, and will add a new effort to certify mines to the Fairmined Ecological Gold standard, which requires miners to refine gold without toxic chemicals and commit to restore native rainforests.

### ESG Goals

In 2022 and moving forward, further commitments to restore habitats where mining and other extraction activities have occurred.



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