

## What is the Social License to Operate

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Research Scientist, lawyer, business administrator, PhD FEI University Brazil and Alicante University, Spain; The Social License to Operate (SLO) is based on the assumption that the expectations of the communities affected by projects/activities of mining companies usually exceed the legal matters. The SLO refers to the non-explicit part of the agreement made by industry with the society or the social group, and allows an extraction or processing operation to begin and continue their operations (Gunningham et al., 2004; Franks and Cohen, 2012). The SLO concept ...

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