Globally, encounters between large-scale mining companies and artisanal and small-scale miners are on the rise. Despite competing claims to resources, mining companies are recognizing that artisanal and small-scale miners and their communities comprise a pivotal stakeholder group that they need to engage with in order to meet production goals, minimize liability and risk, and maintain a social license to operate. This talk demonstrates that corporate social responsibility initiatives can benefit both large- and small-scale mining, and engineers can play a significant role in this process. Furthermore, it presents a challenge to consider the possibilities for even deeper engagements with the artisanal and small-scale mining sector.

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