

One code. Evidence from more than one source.

The ASMRAF evidence framework connects a mine’s identity with legal, technical, site and transaction evidence. A code alone does not prove every claim.

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Provisional → Certified
The same permanent code. Certified status follows an authorised ASMRAF verification decision.

Which evidence answers which question?

D = direct evidence · S = supporting evidence or a warning sign · — = not direct evidence for that question

Source and type	Right to mine	Ownership	Location	Working conditions	Environment	What the mineral is	Where it came from	What was sold
Government records licence, permits, company registration Official	D	D	D	—	S	—	—	S
The mine's own declarations self-assessment and production figures The mine	S	S	S	S	S	—	S	S
Site inspection photos, GPS references and field notes ASMRAF	S	D	D	D	D	—	S	—
Assay by an accredited laboratory Independent	—	—	—	—	—	D	—	S
Geological fingerprinting by a specialist laboratory Independent · Planned	—	—	—	—	—	S	D	—
Satellite and geospatial checks land, water and site activity Independent · Planned	—	—	D	—	D	—	S	—
Lot records from the approved provider, such as MinePay Commercial	—	—	—	—	—	S	S	D
Complaints and reports from workers and neighbours Community	S	S	—	S	S	—	—	—

An authorised ASMRAF decision-maker compares evidence across sources and records the decision, scope and review date. Appointments, decision powers and operating arrangements require formal adoption.

What each source shows — and what it does not

A mining permission Shows: The authorised activities and conditions. Does not show: How the mine is run every day.	A site inspection Shows: Conditions observed on the visit. Does not show: Conditions on every other day.	An assay Shows: The material’s measured composition. Does not show: Its lawful origin or ownership.	A sale record Shows: What changed hands and the recorded terms. Does not show: How the material was mined.
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Assurance continues after the certificate

Gather evidence → Compare findings → Record the decision → Certified status with a review date → Review new evidence.

New evidence may support continuing status, require corrective action or lead to suspension or withdrawal. A certificate records a decision; it is not a government licence or payment confirmation.

Geological fingerprinting and satellite checks are planned, not live. The matrix describes the intended contribution of evidence, not proof that every integration or appointment is in place.