

# ***The Chilean mining industry experience related with the impact and learnings of COVID-19, some ponderings***

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## **ABSTRACT**

The world has been impacted by a new plague, like others throughout history. Now it came faster, everywhere and with the mobile social media; forcing governments to induce an economic recession restricting the mobility of people. Through the world, mining was impacted in different ways.

We have to understand this problem in another way, as a challenge that presents new opportunities to re-understand the industry, this through Dynamic Complexity.

Covid-19 understood as an emergent phenomenon of the Dynamic Complexity, forces us to look at in several directions to find the new necessary balances. We have to bear in mind the behavior of international trade, the global warming that forces us to adapt, the pressure for employment and the reduction of poverty, and to mention just a few, the financing of public policies that allow countries overcome the effects of the plague.

The Covid-19 mining management in Chile can be understood in 10 steps, which made it possible to maintain production, increasing it and temporarily reducing costs. This was achieved in part at the cost of postponing investment projects and the short-term mine developments. The companies have also taken care and support the communities where they are, trying to keep running the economy as much as possible, and the people life.

The task that remains, along with achieving a Covid-19 Compatible Industry facing new Covid-19 outbreaks, is to continue understanding the evolution of this phenomenon, in consideration of the challenges and opportunities that have arisen. The above mentioned must be done with a medium and long-term perspective, through the ideas of Cultural Landscape and Dynamic Complexity, to project mining industry into the future, but with a greater insertion in the communities and with also a greater recognition and acceptance of the Society.