Precious Metals from Deep-Sea Vents Organization and Industry Links

Industry websites

Nautilus Minerals

Latest News: Exploration Success Continues for Nautilus Minerals in Tonga, 18 Feb. 2009

Nautilus CARES website

Independent Technical Assessment of SMS Tenements - prepared for Nautilus Minerals

Report prepared by SRK Consulting, March 2008;

Click here for Nautilus tenements at end of 2007.

Neptune Minerals

Latest News: Preliminary annual results, 27 Nov. 2008;

12 May 2008: broker report (gives history of the company, list of licenses, some information on exploration cruises 2005-2007)

Government and scientific organizations

ChEss (Chemosynthetic Ecosystem Science)

International Marine Minerals Society (IMMS)

IMMS is a professional society whose members share a common interest in marine minerals as a resource for study and sound application to meet world demands for strategic minerals. Click here for the Code for Environmental Management of Marine Mining.

International Seabed Authority (ISA)

ISA is an autonomous international organization established under the 1982 United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea and the 1994 Agreement relating to the Implementation of Part XI of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea. The Authority is the organization through which States Parties to the Convention shall organize and control activities in the Area (the seabed beyond the limits of national jurisdiction). Click here for Mining Code which currently refers only to prospecting and exploration for polymetallic nodules in the Area. Click here for 2008 "Draft regulations on prospecting and exploration for polymetallic sulphides in the Area."

International Society of Offshore and Polar Engineers (ISOPE)

InterRidge

InterRidge is an international program to promote interdisciplinary, international studies of oceanic spreading centers by creating a global research community.

Click <u>here for InterRidge "Code of Conduct"</u> for responsible research practices at deep-sea hydrothermal vents.

InterRidge Workshop: Management and conservation of hydrothermal vent ecosystems, 28-30 Sept. 2000, Victoria, B.C., Canada

United Nations Environment Programme

Scientific advisory groups to UNEP include <u>GESAMP</u> (Group of Experts on the Scientific Aspects of Marine Environmental Protection).

Click for UNEP report no. 178, 2006, Ecosystems and Biodiversity in Deep Waters and High Seas.

USA Minerals Management Service

USA Minerals Management Service article on stewardship of chemosynthetic communities during oil/gas exploration and production

NGOs

Deep-Sea Conservation Coalition

Marine Conservation Biology Institute

World Wildlife Fund

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