

# Before we start...

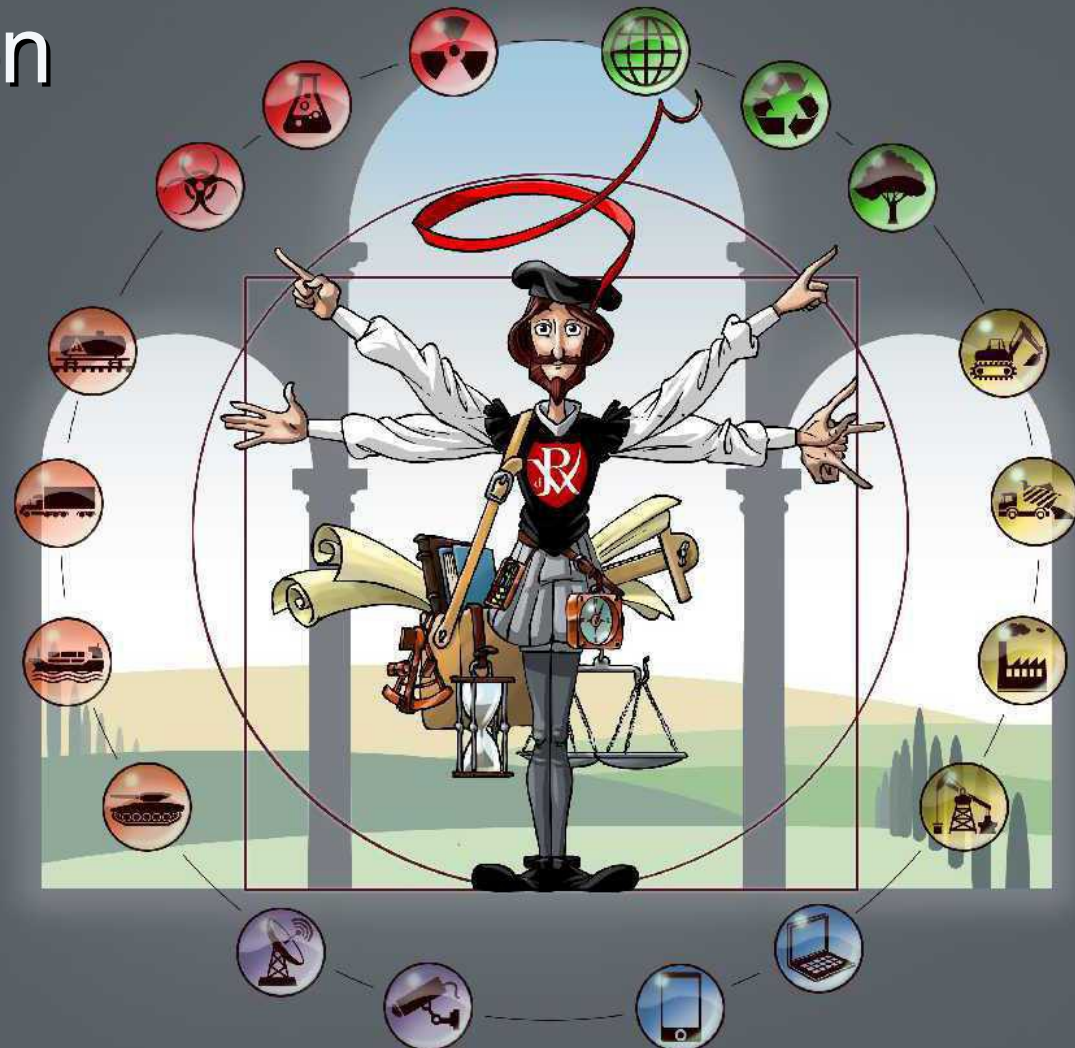
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# We believe that through information and science we can better the world

Disclosure is information

Risk is information about:  
future behaviour,  
environmental impacts,  
governance, social,  
sustainability

Information is risk  
miscommunication,  
malignant use,  
lost IP



# Everyone talks about risk. Why? What risks? What for? Cont'd

Sustainable and well balanced de-risking generates value. ESG values result from 360-understanding of risks.

Risks are generated by hazards hitting any area of a project/ operation. ESG consequences can be ubiquitous.

Hazards may impact any of the ESG, central factors in measuring the sustainability and ethical impact of an investment in a company or business.

Project/ startup/ process valuation – holistic (multi-hazard) risk analyses bring value at any stage of development!

# Everyone talks about risk. Why? What risks? What for?

When attempting to perform a risk assessment (RA) it is important to define:

- the “viewing angle” (corporate, investor, regulators, public, etc.),
- the success/ failure criteria (corresponding to viewing angle),
- the resulting multi-dimensional consequences (“ “ “)

If any of those is missing or unclear any RA will be meaningless or at least misleading. Disclosure may even be unethical and ESG misinterpreted.



# Different point of view, different consequences on the same information base!

“viewing angle” (corporate, investor, regulators, public):  
Success/ failure criteria ?  
Multi-dimensional consequences?

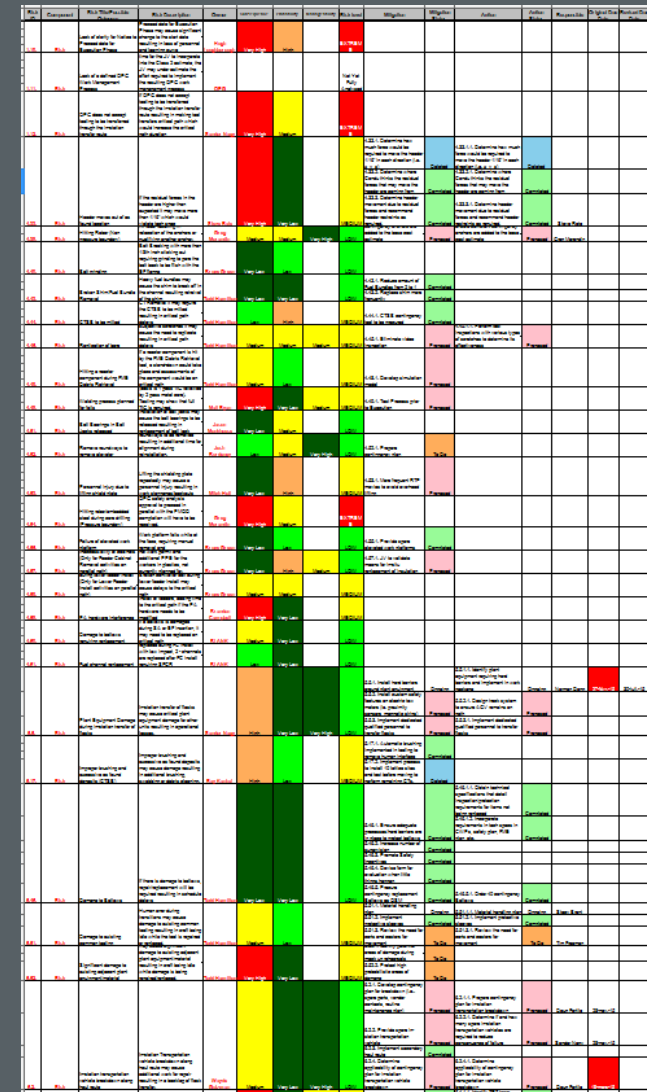


# Why do we need to be so “precise” in the definitions?

We don't want our RA, hence NI43-101 disclosure to add another layer of fuzziness by using improper definitions.

We often have clients calling us because they have a risk assessment that means nothing, the classic 200 “yellows” case....

In those conditions ESG disclosure is poor, misleading at best.



# Why do we need to be so “precise” in the definitions? (Cont'd)

Relevant (to the success/failure criteria) triggering events need to be included to understand what generates ESG value losses... Hazard Identification is paramount!

Otherwise the risk register is full of noise, misleading.

This is particularly important when looking at the relationship between the disclosure requirements intended for investors following, for example, NI43-101.

Column1	Column2	Column3	Column4	Column5	Column6	Column7	Column8	Column9	Column10
Variable Failure Mode	Probability	Quantity	Impact	Severity	Consequence	Consequence	Consequence	Risk	Mitigation Measures
High Performance	3				Availability	1		3	Backflow to external drainage
High Reliability	2				Down Failure	4		8	Prevalence of degradation along rackfill
High Reliability	3				Down Failure	4		12	Complete rackfill; external flatter slope
High Reliability	4				Seepage to rackfill	2		2	Large drainage; external PSD
High Reliability	1				Seepage to rackfill	2		2	Sealed PSD
High Reliability	1				Seepage to flatter & drains	1		1	Wide access; better design
High Reliability	2				Down Failure	3		6	Strong rackfill
High Reliability	4				Down Failure	3		12	Complete rackfill; external flatter slope
High Reliability	1				Down Failure	3		3	Strip horizontal wall; stability; external down slope
High Reliability	1				Seepage Capable Required	2		2	Drains & Calibrated wall
High Reliability	1				Seepage Capable Required	2		2	
High Reliability	2				Side Seepage	2		4	Conventional PMF Determination
High Reliability	3				Reduced seepage; reduced stability	3		9	Internal drainage in rock or reinforced
High Reliability	3				Reduced flow capacity	3		9	Calculate rock or stability
High Reliability	4				Reduced flow capacity	4		16	Draining to self-sealing
High Reliability	2				Overflow/under to make bigger	2		4	Provide conventional seepage
High Reliability	3				Unsuitable to external down seepage	2		6	Internal stable slope
High Reliability	4				Discharge of conventional affected water	3		12	Provide stable by structural plan
High Reliability	4				Seam without deformation	1		4	None
High Reliability	2				Diffused seepage water	1		2	Packaging pond or treatment
High Reliability	1				Seam without deformation	1		1	None
High Reliability	2				Diffused seepage water	1		2	Packaging pond or treatment
High Reliability	1				Seam without deformation	1		1	None
High Reliability	1				None	1		1	None
High Reliability	1				None	1		1	None
High Reliability	2				Seam without deformation	1		2	None
High Reliability	4				Seam without deformation	1		4	None
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High Reliability	1				Seam without deformation	1		1	None
High Reliability	3				Overflow to wetland	2		6	Provide drainage capacity
High Reliability	3				Overflow to wetland	2		6	Conventional drainage
High Reliability	2				Barren landscape	2		4	Provide good soil fertility
High Reliability	3				The terrain degradation	2		6	Removal/containment agents
High Reliability	3				Surface degradation or buildup	2		6	Provide conventional forehead
High Reliability	3				Drainage in wetland	1		3	Provide conventional forehead
High Reliability	3				Landfill debris on wetland	2		6	Provide conventional forehead
High Reliability	5				Vegetation accumulation on wetland	1		5	Provide conventional forehead
High Reliability	2				Differential seepage	1		2	None
High Reliability	1				Differential seepage	1		1	None
High Reliability	5				Dramatic Provincial responsibility	3		15	Abrogate Deal
High Reliability	2				Dramatic Federal responsibility	3		6	None
High Reliability	1				Dramatic First Nations responsibility	3		3	None
High Reliability	3				Loss of diversity	1		3	Wider Shareholding
High Reliability	3				Loss of diversity	1		3	Wider Shareholding
High Reliability	3				Loss of diversity	1		3	Wider Shareholding



# NI43-101 reports should provide risk information about a mine to prospective investors\*

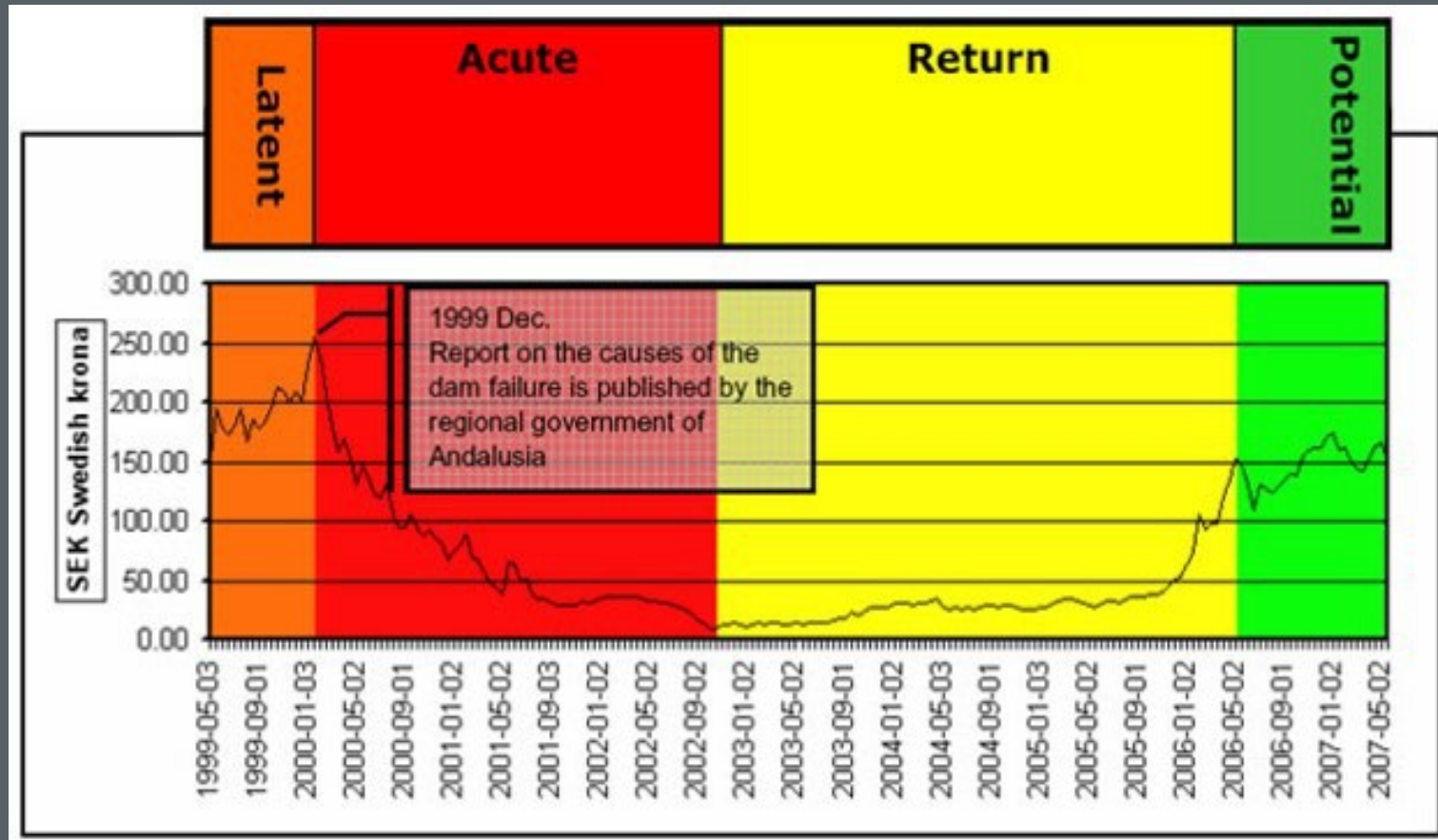
\*(at any stage of development)

Numerous factors generally not fully/transparently included in reports can turn a great prospect into a financial disaster, with dire consequences to the investors.

ESG disclosure can be completely skewed. The culprit can be the access road! Or:

- Logistics!
- Climate change!
- Energy!
- .... and/or Tailings Dams and all related hazards

# NI43-101 reports should provide risk information about a mine to prospective investors (Cont'd)



... having money “frozen” for 5+ years is critical for investors

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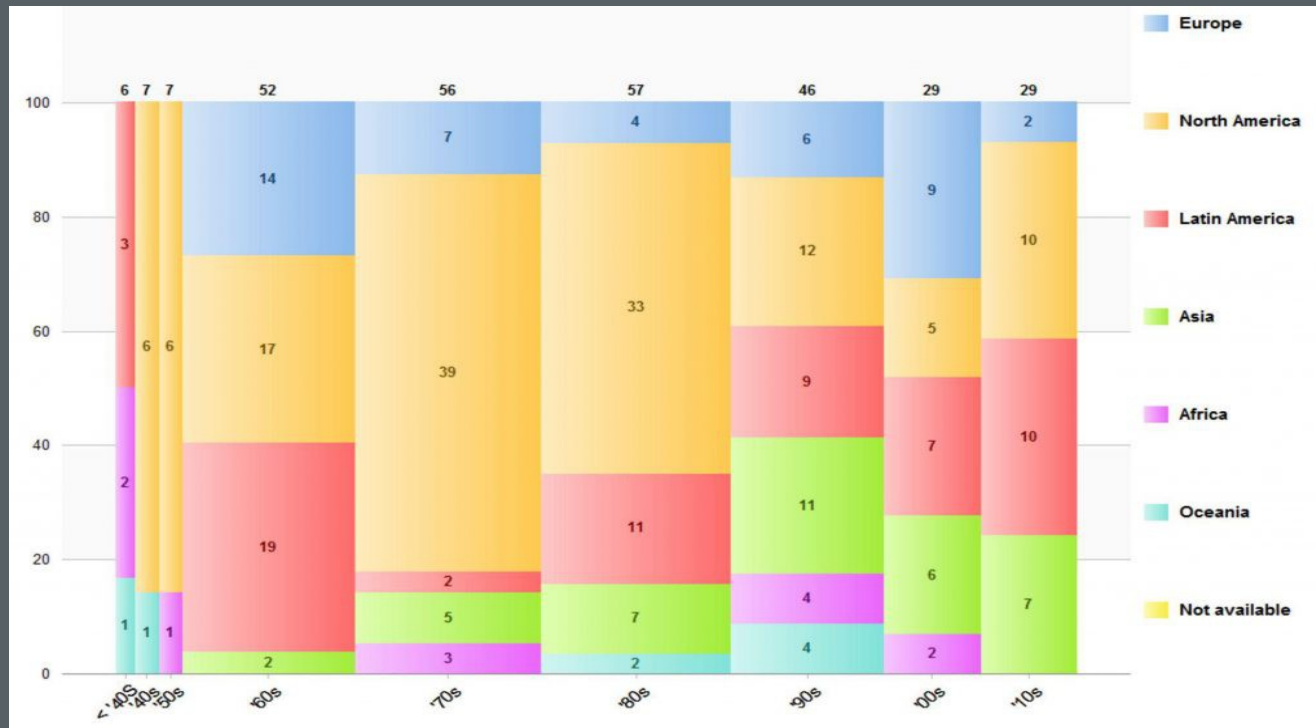
Recent failures of tailings facilities brought back this particular issue with great emphasis.

BUT, from a disclosure point of view never forget:

- a) Some other operational risk may indeed significantly affect share values and ability to conduct business.
- b) Not all failures are born equal....

Media have strong incentives to add “vivid” cases to disclosure, but forget, possibly more significant, others.

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We know  
(historically, by  
models) the  
rate/probability  
of failure of  
Tailings Dams!

We know the  
cost of failures

(by experience... used to be 250M\$, escalated to 0.5B\$  
....now could be as big as....several B\$.  
Hence we know the risk....BUT....



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The share value of BHP (BHP Billiton Limited (ADR), co-owner of Samarco. It is impossible to determine, by observing the graph when the Samarco disaster occurred.



(actual date was 5th Nov 2015)!

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Vale SA



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Mount Polley's, Imperial Metals Corp



(actual date was 4th Aug 2014)!

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The Expert Panel opinion report on the Mt Polley tailings facility failure recommended that all proposed new tailings facilities should include a bankable feasibility study, but “bankable” is not an assurance either. It can be misleading..

For example, IFC guidelines sure are impressive, but a IFC compatible report can be turned into an impressive series of blanket statements and tell close to nothing.



# What are the critical risks that should be disclosed in NI43-101?

As mentioned earlier, unless you define a failure criteria and perform a 360-risk assessment you cannot answer that question!

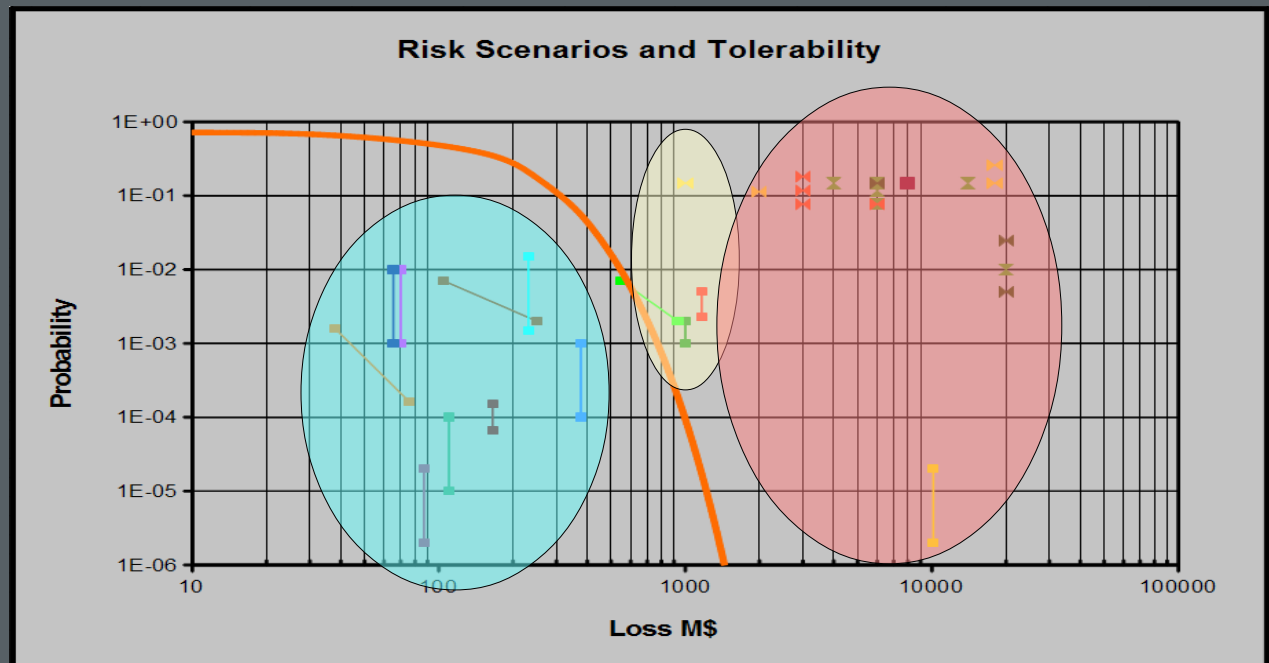
Thus it is reasonable to ask: should an NI43-101 report contain information about critical mine's facilities (risks) such as tailings, access roads, logistics, etc..? And, if positive, which ones? YES, and ALL!

Should NI43-101 report include holistic convergent scalable and drillable risk assessments? YES!

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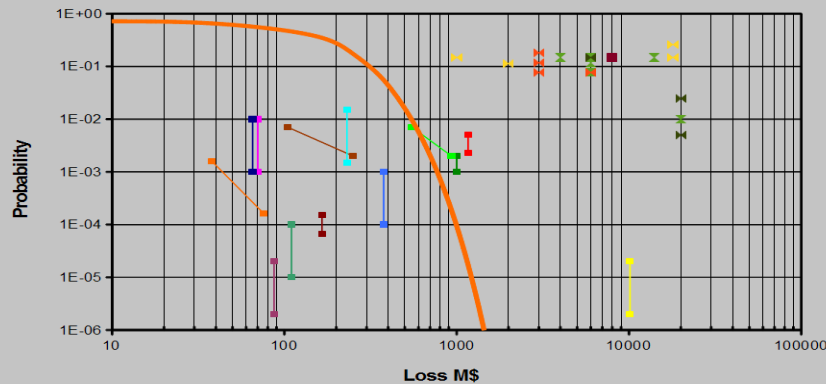
Again, if positive, convergence should cover at least:

tailings facilities and dumps,  
ingress/egress (logistic and supplying infrastructures),  
energy,  
closure,  
Etc. and all their  
Hazards and  
Inter-  
Dependencies  
Generating ESG.



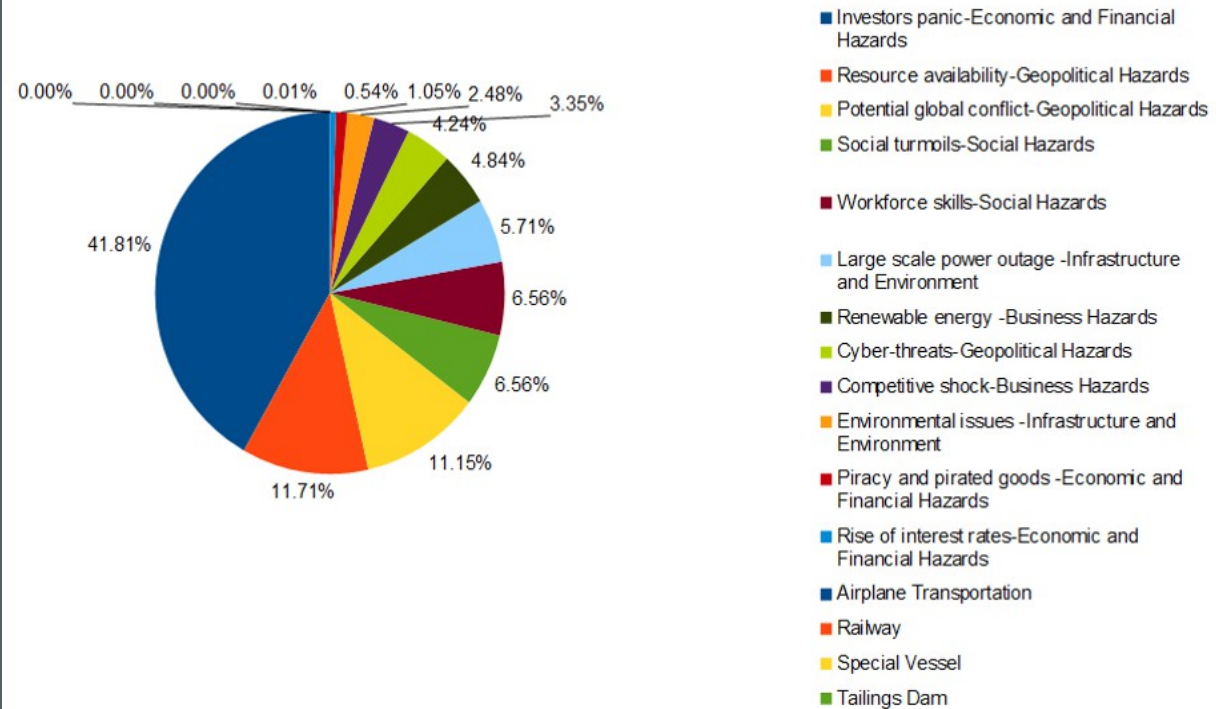
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Risk Scenarios and Tolerability



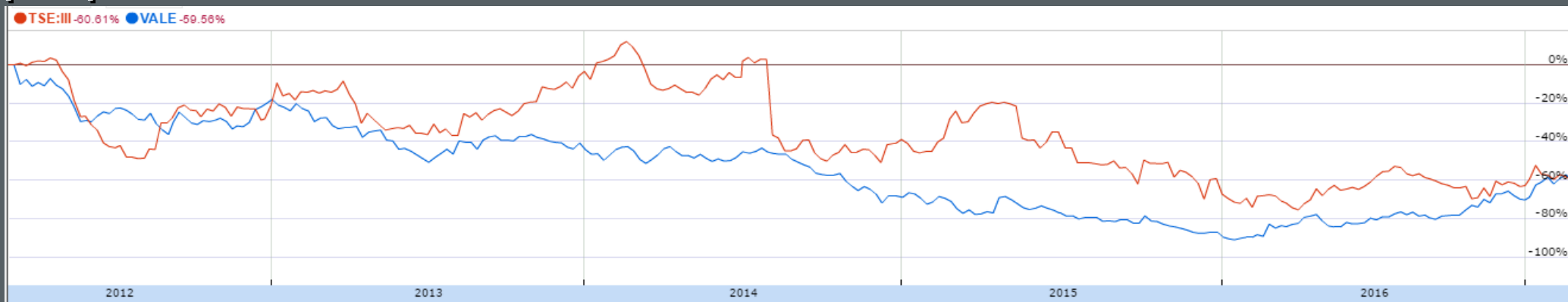
Tolerable, intolerable, operational, tactical, strategic risks can be defined and disclosed.

ORE for Untolerable Operational Risks and Holistic Scenarios

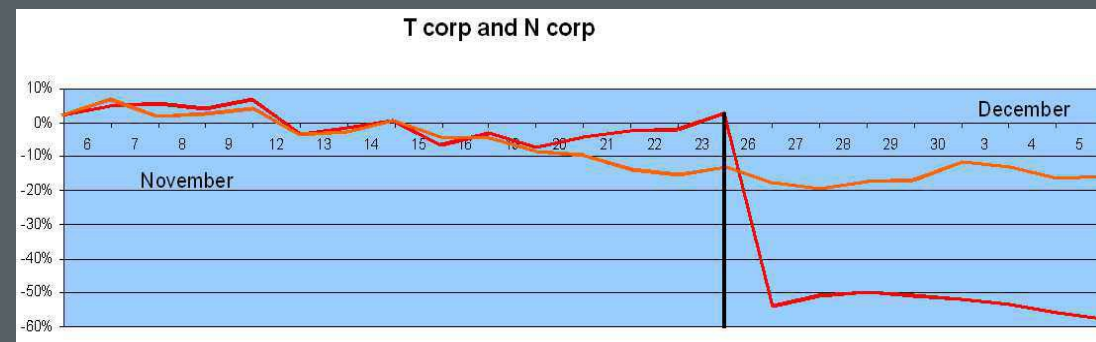


# What are the critical risks that should be disclosed in NI43-101? (Cont'd)

There is no answer unless a serious study is undertaken and the result depends on the company. Below Imperial vs Vale. One „falls“ the other does not blink. Imperial Metal has 3-4 properties, Vale has mines in 30 countries...



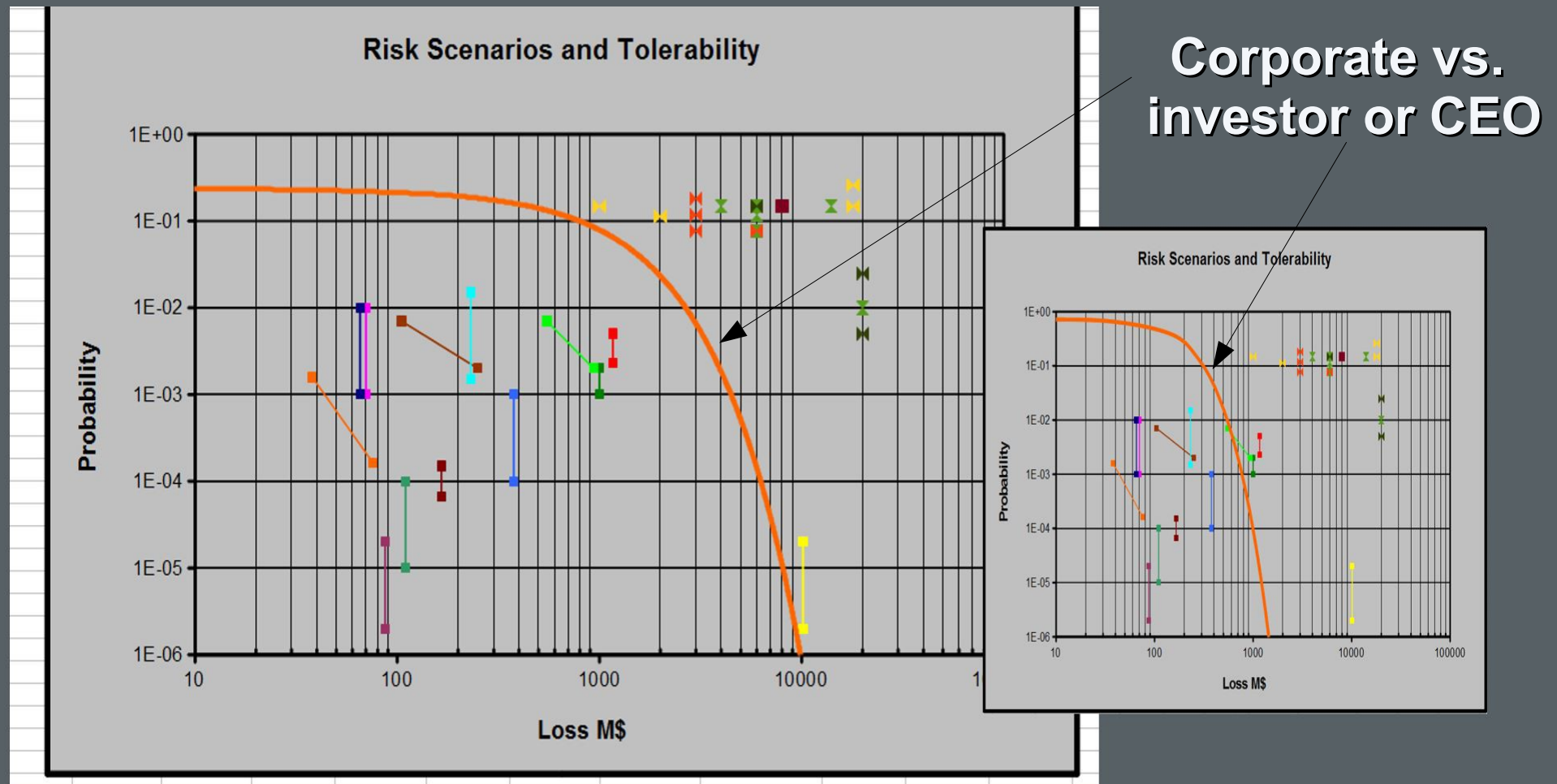
Something similar occurred when Teck and Novagold announced withdrawing from the Galore Mine project....





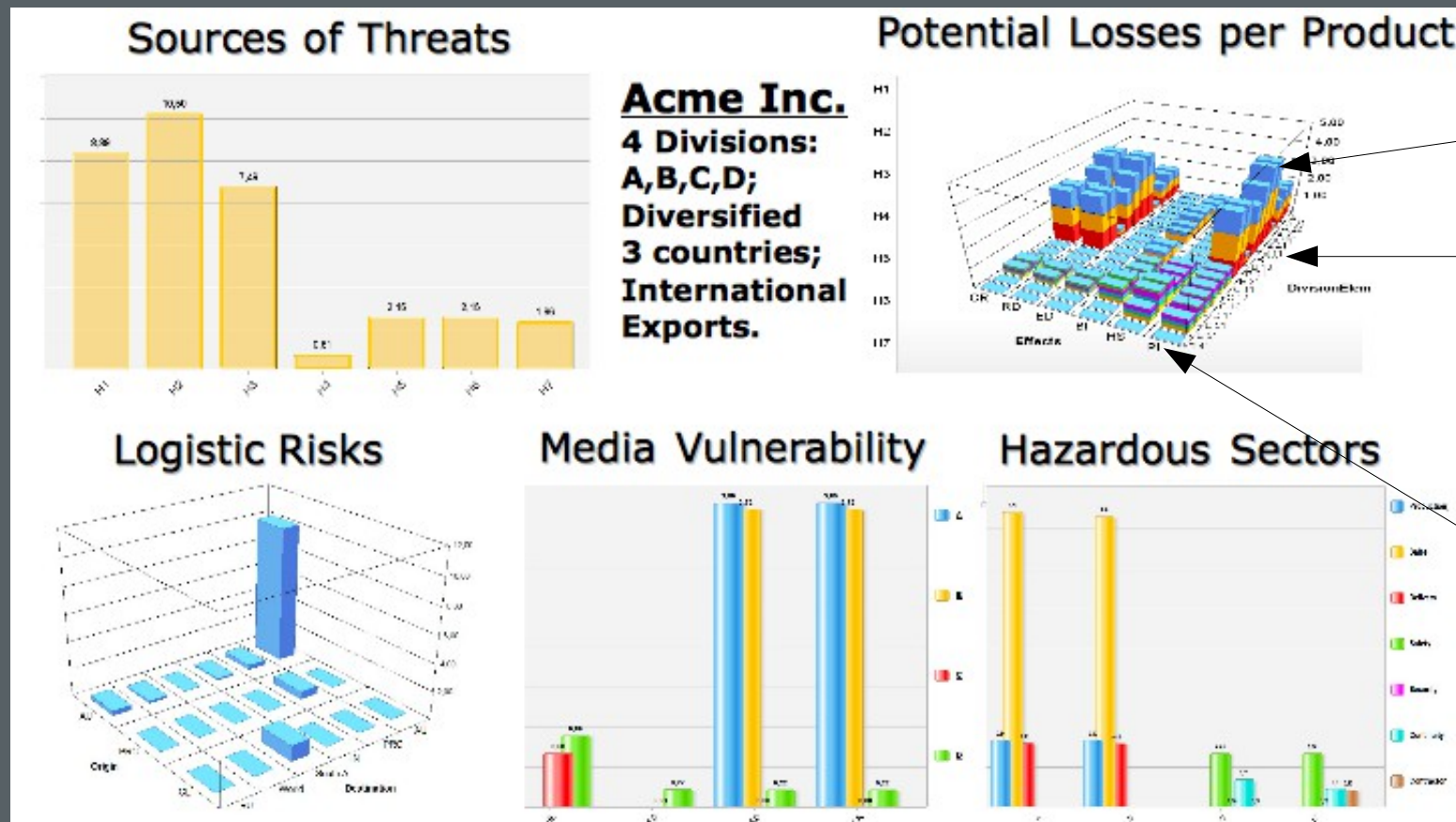
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Going back to the different view-angle



# Let's look at some examples of transparent Risk Assessment!

Risk assessments should be displayed as dashboards. The various „viewing angles“ lead to different dashboards.



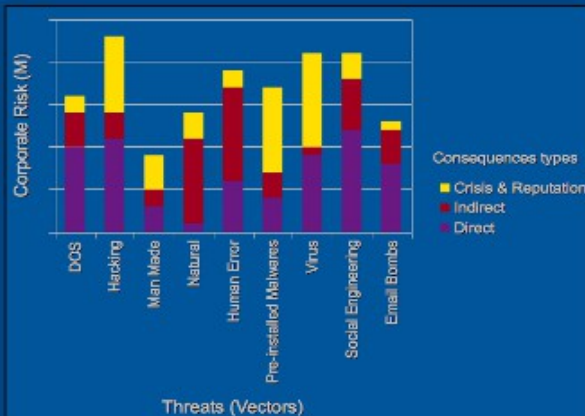
Each column displays the risk (from various hazards).

Each y-row corresponds to a macro element of the operation (dam, road, etc..).

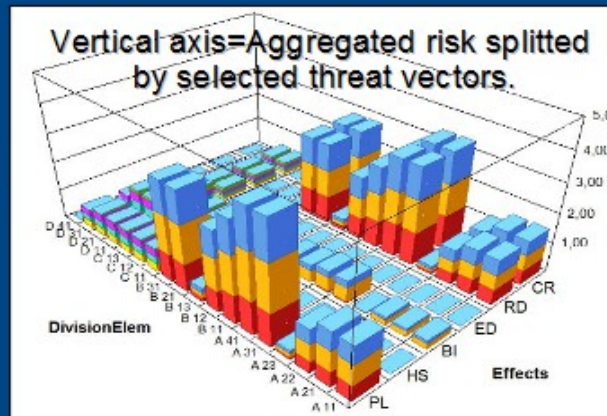
Each x-row displays Environmental, Physical, BI, Crisis potential and reputational damages...ESG impacts...

# ...which should include cyber attacks (possible up to „real-time“)!

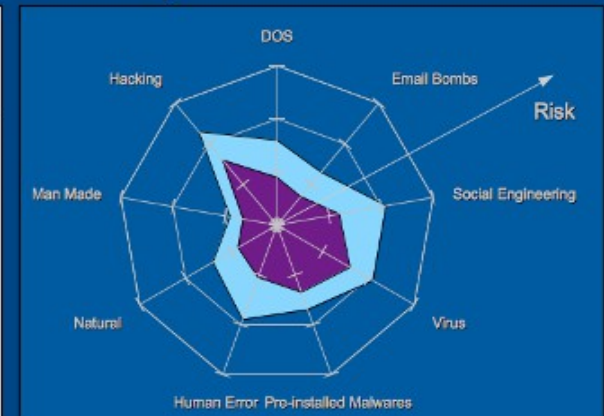
Aggregated Risks by Threat Vector  
splitted by consequence type.



Divisions=considered eco-system elements;  
Effects=consequence types;



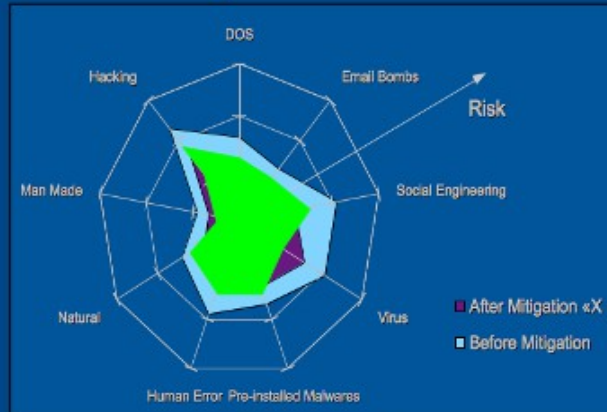
Today's risk by threat vector  
based on present general and last  
period vulnerabilities.



Vulnerability Management Simulator



Mitigation Simulator

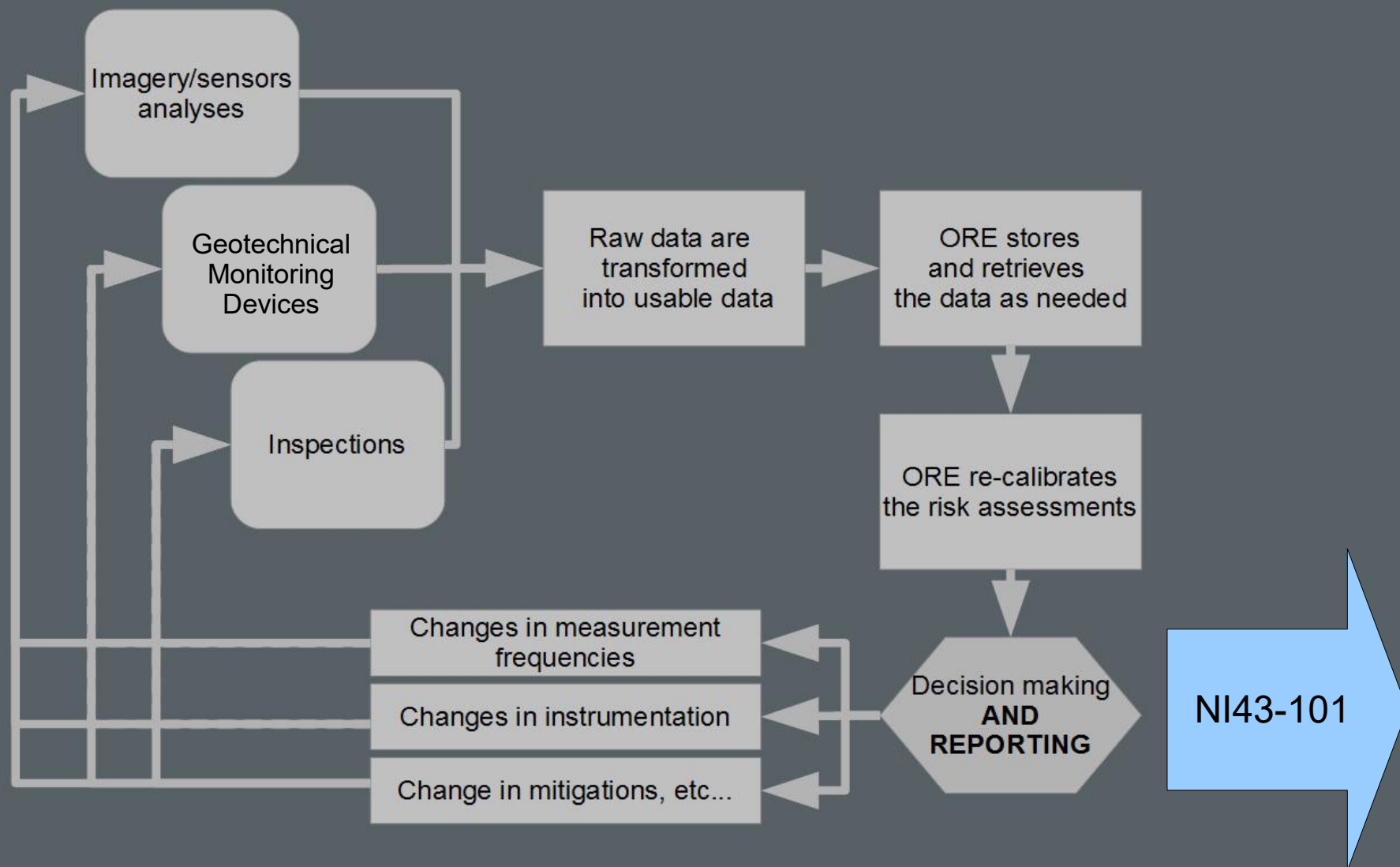


Countermeasure Efficiency Analysis  
per Threat Vector

Threat Vector	Efficiency
DoS	3
Social Eng.	1
Malware	4
.....	....

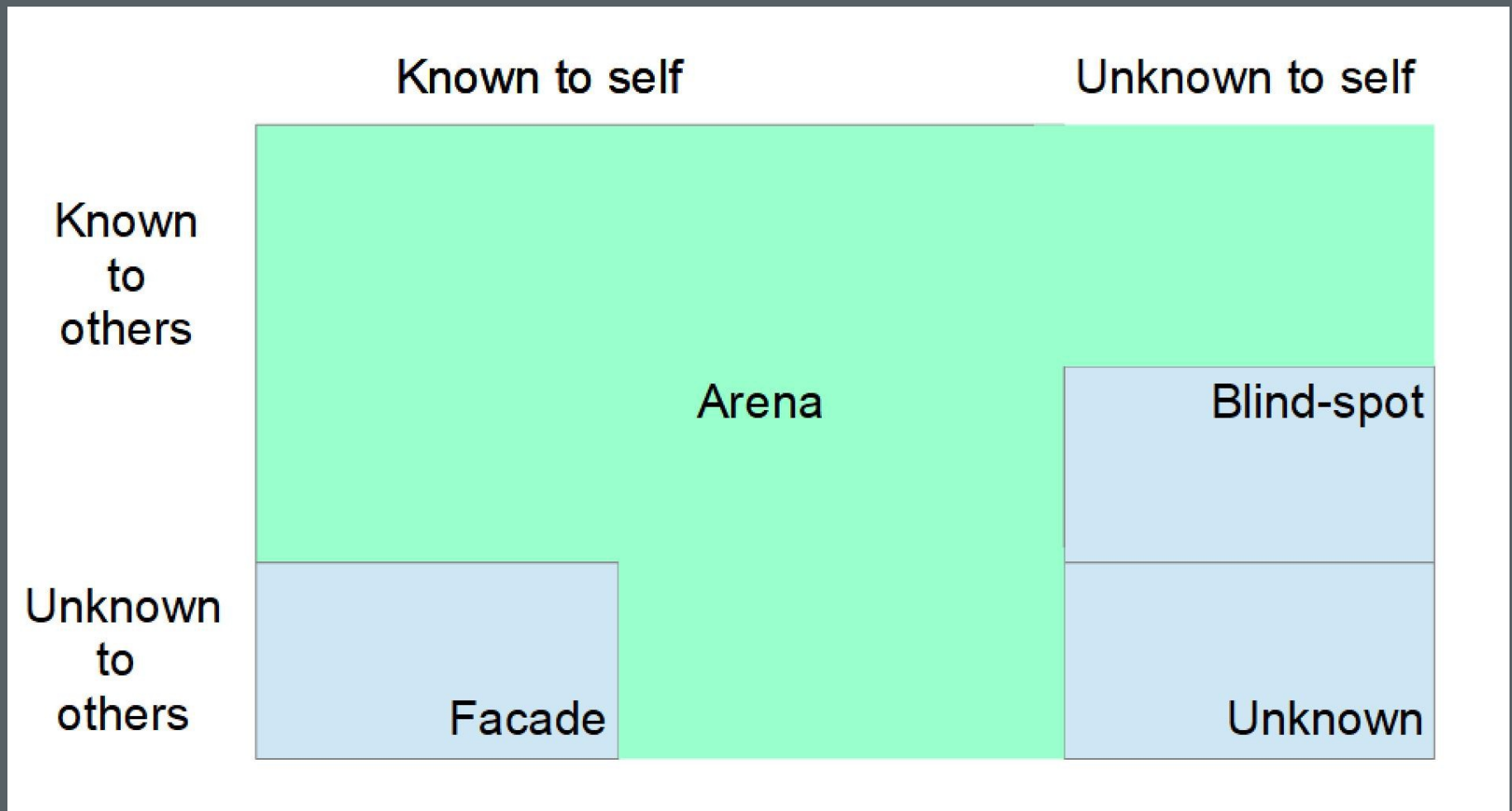


# ...and this is how transparent risk assessments should integrate in time with NI43-101 reporting!





# Now we can finish...



# Conclusions?

If considering investment in a new mine or investment in a mine upgrade project read the NI43-101 report but don't think it is enough.

It is time to get the full picture and understand a few specific points about what risks really matter to you, the investor.

If considering a new project perform a 360-multihazard quantitative risk assessment. It is time to understand what risks you are facing and rationally mitigate them.

