



## PDAC Developing GRI-compatible Reporting Platform

The Prospectors and Developers Association of Canada (PDAC) initiated the development of an accountability and reporting platform for its [e3 Plus: A Framework for Responsible Exploration](#). The acronym e3 stands for excellence in exploration in three ways: social responsibility; environmental stewardship; and health and safety.

In order to facilitate the development of the reporting system, PDAC is planning focus group and consul-

tation meetings across Canada and during the PDAC convention in March 2011.

Key design features for PDAC's reporting platform will include compatibility with the [GRI](#) and its [Mining and Metals Sector Supplement](#).

Earlier this year, the [Mining Association of Canada](#) (MAC) also announced its plans to examine the potential to integrate its [Towards Sustainable Mining](#) (TSM) program within other reporting frameworks. This may well lead to closer alignment

of TSM with GRI as most of MAC's 29 [mining member companies](#) are sustainability reporters and tend to apply the GRI reporting framework.

As detailed in an [article](#) published by Mehrdad Nazari, Prizma's Director, the Canadian Government's March 2009 publication of a CSR strategy for Canadian International Extractives has been one of the recent sustainability reporting drivers in the mining sector.



[Download publication](#) on GRI reporting in Mining.com Magazine

## GRI-Certified Training

Prizma has been involved in the successful development and delivery of GRI-certified training programs in North America since 2008.

Earlier this year, Prizma partnered with the ISOS Group to expand availability of high quality and GRI-certified training opportunities in the USA.

Please request additional information about upcoming events [here](#).

### Remaining 2010 Schedule

- San Francisco: 11-12 Nov
- Seattle: 20-21 Nov
- Albuquerque: 2-3 Dec

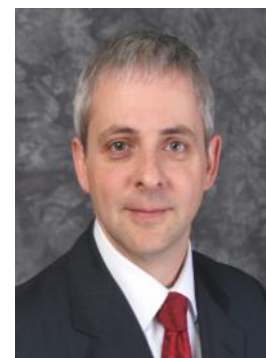
### Early 2011 Schedule:

- Washington DC: 13-14 Jan
- New York - NY/NJ Net Impact: 27-28 Jan
- San Diego —Alliant International University Feb '11
- Durham, NC—EDGE/Duke University Feb '11

## Nazari completes CASP Training in South Africa

Mehrdad Nazari, Senior ESIA & CSR Advisor, successfully completed a Certified Sustainability Assurance Practitioner (CASP) course held in South Africa.

The course was sponsored by the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA) and delivered by Alan Knight, Senior Fellow, AccountAbility and Michael Rea, Partner, SustainabilityServices.co.za.



Nazari provides GRI reporting, readiness assessment and assurance services



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## Prizma is GRI's Data Partner for USA and Canada

Recently, Prizma [announced](#) the successful conclusion of an agreement with GRI to jointly collect and share sustainability reports published in the US and Canada. The aim of this partnership is to improve publicly available inventories of GRI reports.

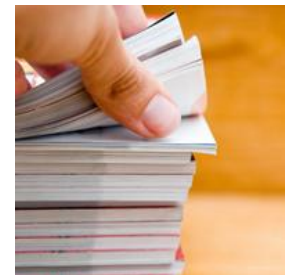
[GRI](#) and [Data Partners](#) from around the world will exchange newly recorded re-

ports on a monthly basis. During the first month of this new partnership, Prizma assisted in growing the number of reports recorded on GRI's database for the USA and Canada from 56 to 87.

To qualify for the GRI database, reports need to include (or link to) a GRI Index. The latest GRI Report List can be accessed [here](#).

As [announced recently](#), GRI has also introduced new categories to allow additional search queries, including for sector supplements or integrated reporting.

Prizma is an Organizational Stakeholder of GRI and provides also GRI-certified training courses in collaboration with the [ISOS Group](#).



Prizma assists GRI to improve inventory of GRI reporting in USA and Canada

## Offering Assurance Services Using AA1000 Standard

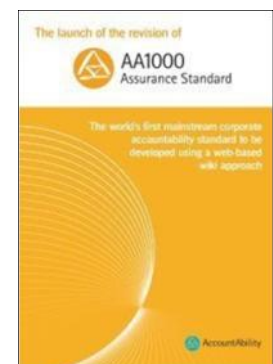
Building on our successful sustainability reporting practice using the GRI framework, [Prizma](#) has expanded its services to include assurance.

Prizma adopted [AccountAbility's AA1000 Assurance Standard](#) (AS) and became a licensed AA1000 Assurance Provider. [AA1000AS](#) is widely considered to be the leading edge in sustainability assurance. This standards is used for assessing, attesting

to, and strengthening the credibility and quality of organizations' sustainability reporting, and their underlying processes, systems and competencies. [AA1000AS](#) is specifically designed to be consistent with, and to enhance, the [GRI sustainability reporting guidelines](#).

Please [contact us](#) to explore how we can assist you with stakeholder engagement, improving and harmo-

nizing data management systems, GRI reporting, Third Party Check of GRI Application Level, readiness assessments, and third party assurance.



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