

# OUR WORLD, OUR ROLE

The story of mining, and of Anglo American, is about people and how we live every day. The smartphone that wakes you, the coffee machine you've just switched on, your journey to work – none of those could happen without the products from mining.

## MINING TODAY AND TOMORROW

Today, there are 7 billion people in the world, most with the hope of enjoying a lifestyle that those in the developed world take for granted. And by 2025 there will be another billion, with more of us choosing to live in cities than ever before. It is clear that our need for the products from mining will continue to grow well into the future. Mining not only enables the modern world to function and develop, it enables innovation, with minerals and metals the starting point for a variety of vital industries – from chemicals and electronics,

to fertilisers and pharmaceuticals. Every day we learn of more uses for metals and minerals in our daily lives.

Yet we cannot take the earth's minerals for granted. The supply is finite and it is becoming more difficult and more costly to access these essential commodities. Mining companies, and their shareholders, invest billions of dollars to find, develop and deliver the materials that help our economies grow.

At Anglo American we are proud of doing this for almost a century. We mine a range of diverse commodities, because each is needed in different ways by people in countries around the globe. For example, we mine iron ore and metallurgical coal, both of which are used to make steel – a product essential for the creation of emerging urban environments. We mine copper – a key component in the electrical and electronics revolution. We mine phosphates – delivering fertiliser products that help farmers maximise the crops they grow. The precious metals we mine are required in car catalytic converters and help improve the quality of the air we breathe.



**158,900**  
EMPLOYEES AND  
CONTRACTORS  
AROUND THE WORLD



**\$24.1 bn**  
CONTRIBUTION  
TO SOCIETY



**\$1.6 bn**  
SPENT WITH SUPPLIERS  
BASED IN THE  
COMMUNITIES CLOSE  
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We believe that by mining such a wide range of metals and minerals we spread our risk, increase the opportunities available to us, and can transfer experience and best practice across commodities and geographies.

But mining is not just about delivering products to customers. Mining creates jobs and helps communities develop new skills and improve education; it builds infrastructure such as electricity, piped water, telecommunications, roads; mining can also bring improved healthcare and environmental stewardship; and mining brings innovation and development.

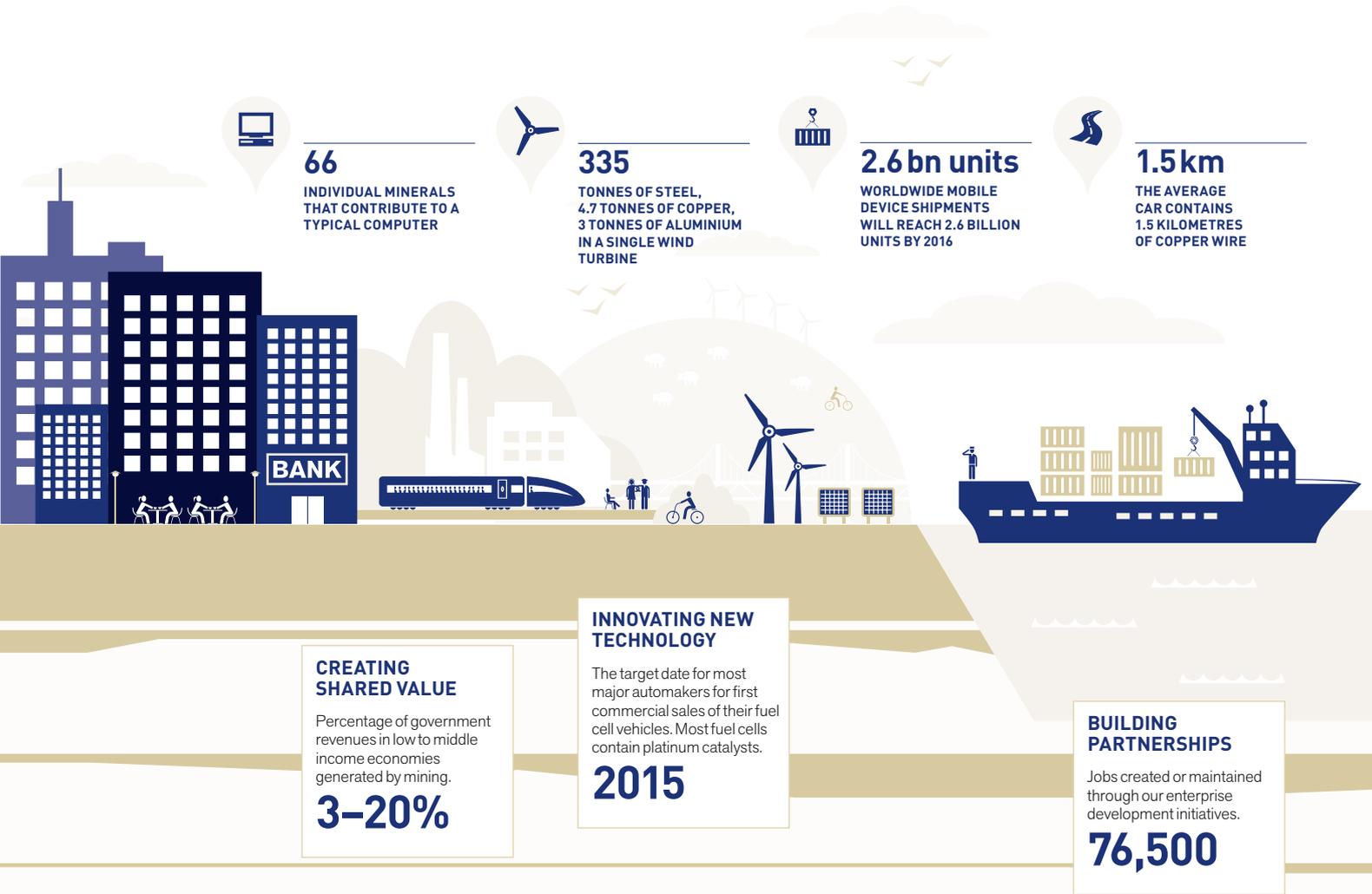
We use our scale and reach to ensure a fairer distribution of the opportunities mining brings. For example, in 2013, almost 80% of the \$24.1 billion Anglo American spent on suppliers, employees, and in taxes and royalties to governments, was spent in developing countries, with the positive economic effects extending well beyond those direct impacts.

We believe that to be a force for good in a changing world, we must maximise our contribution to sustainable development globally and act to the benefit of our host communities, both during and beyond the lives of our operations.

We have to work hard to make a positive and welcome impact in the communities and ecosystems around our mines. We work with our host communities to help improve healthcare, education, and skills development, protect scarce resources like land and water, and we use our supply chain to develop local economies.

We will continue to explore and invest in new technologies to ensure more efficient operations, to reduce our impact on the environment and realise greater value for our customers and shareholders.

Most importantly, we will endeavour to work in partnership with our key stakeholders in seeking the best way to deliver the resources the world needs.



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