

Peer Review

Review of: "A Congolese Mining Giant's Corporate Social Responsibility Stuck Between False Pretense and Bricolage: Going Beyond a Logic of Do No Harm to Materialize Sustainable Development Still at Issue"

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Reviewer's comment

This paper is presented in a grand scholarly structure, although it employs a style of diction that makes it a bit difficult to read. Commendably, it contributes to an ever-growing topic that has become important in the extractive industries, making it publication-worthy. It attempts to move the corporate social responsibility discourse from a theoretical mantra to a practical reality.

However, one challenge in reading the paper is that its objective statement appears on page 5. Waiting until page 5 to discover the objective does not ignite abundant reading enthusiasm. It would be beneficial to present the objective statement earlier, specifically on pages two or three.

With that said, I am not conversant with academic papers that use both endnotes and references simultaneously, which makes it challenging to track citations while reading. Also, as someone with a law background, my knowledge and interest in corporate social responsibility primarily focus on its legal and regulatory aspects. Thus, my appreciation of some of the tables presented in the paper is limited.

While I believe this paper is publishable based on its scope and quality, I recommend that another scholar from the social sciences review it for more prodding.

Declarations

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