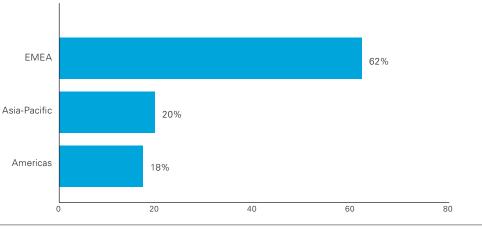
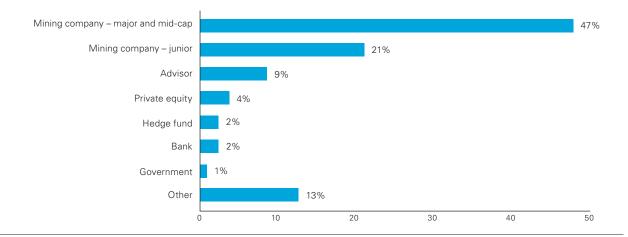
In December 2023 – January 2024, we conducted a straw poll of 240 decision makers in the mining & metals sector via an online survey. While the findings are subject to the limitations of sample-based information, they do provide an indication of broader market sentiment. The results are anonymized and presented in aggregate. Percentages in graphs may not sum up to 100% due to rounding.

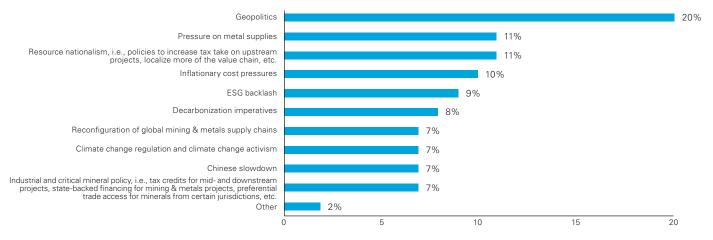
#### Question 1: In which region do you currently reside?



#### Question 2: For what type of institution do you currently work?

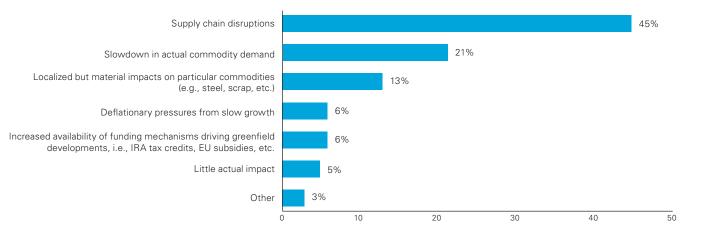


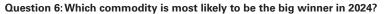


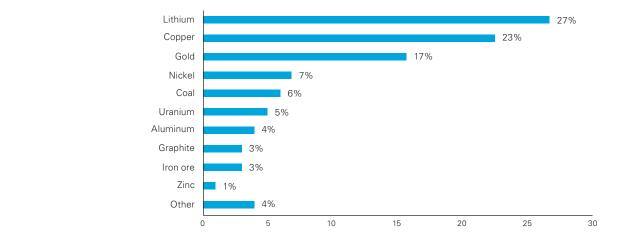


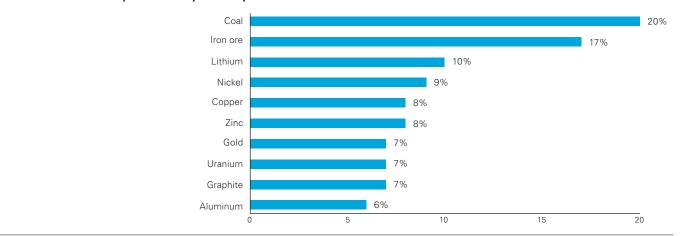
#### Question 4: What will be the main priority for mining & metals firms responding to market trends in 2024? Mitigating geopolitical risks 28% 15% Productivity gains 13% Managing supply chains/labor Securing access/market share in developed markets 12% offering policy support for projects Growth 12% Harmonization of ESG standards 9% Decarbonization 8% Other 3% 5 10 15 20 25 30 0

#### Question 5: What is the biggest impact that rising geopolitical tensions are likely to have in 2024?



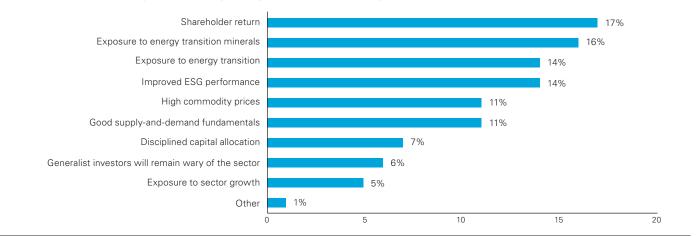




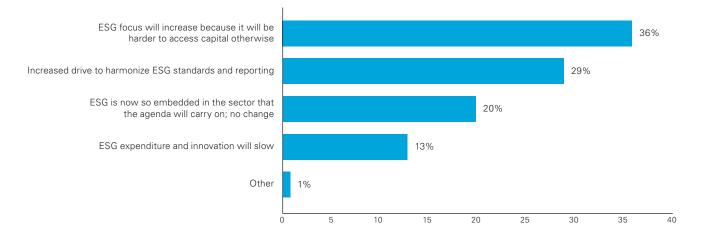


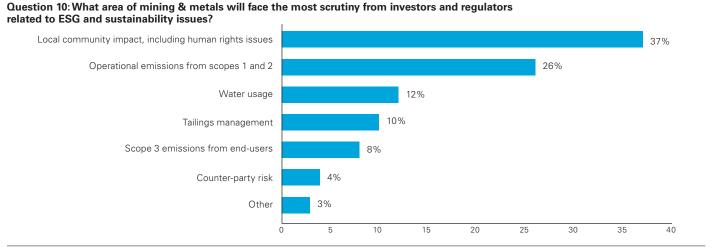
#### Question 7: Which commodity is most likely to underperform in 2024?

Question 8: What is most likely to attract/keep non-specialist institutional capital investment in the sector?

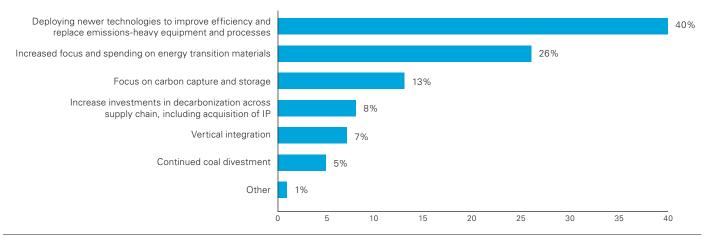


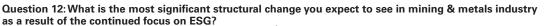


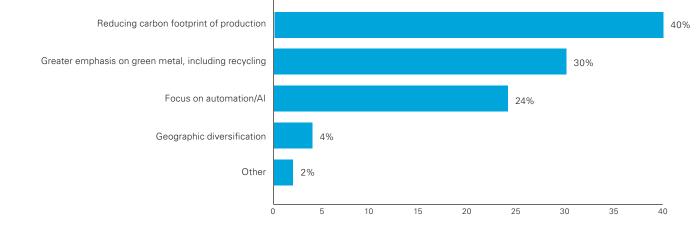




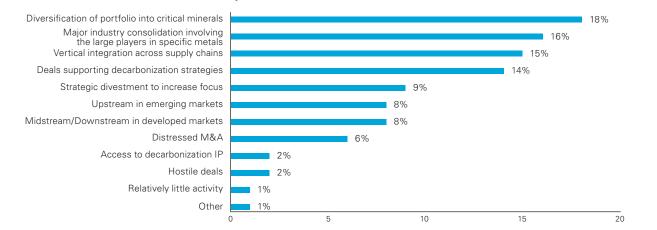
#### Question 11: How will the mining industry respond most effectively to decarbonization policies and investor pressure?



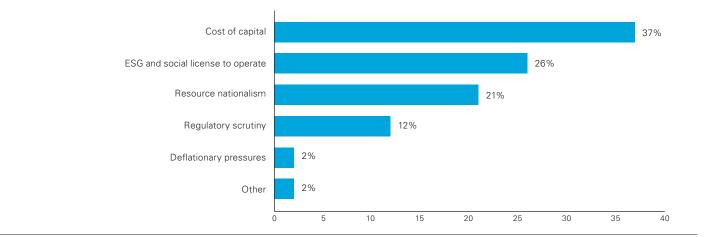




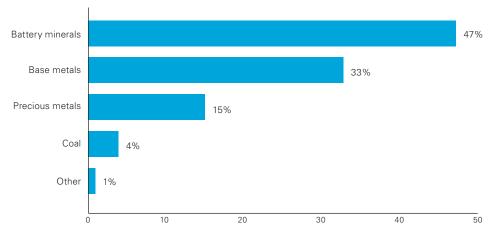
#### Question 13: What sort of M&A deals are the most likely in 2024?

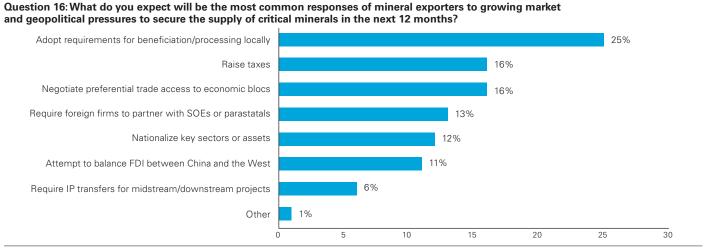


#### Question 14: What do you see as the key obstacles in undertaking M&A?

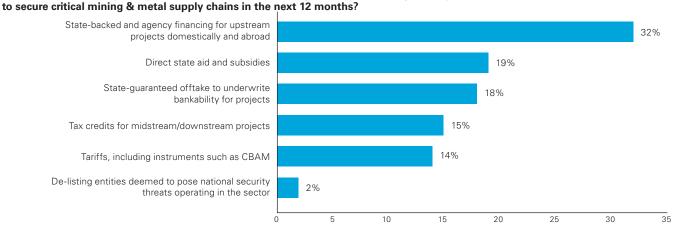




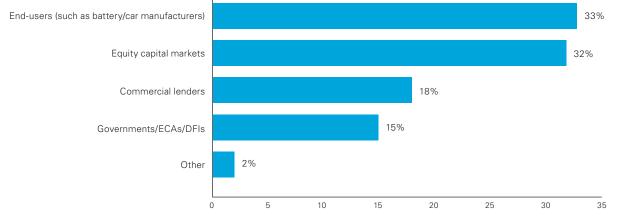


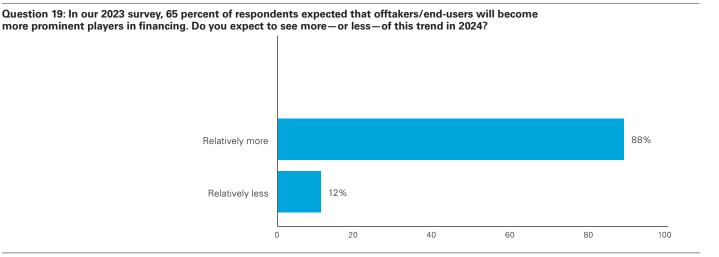


#### Question 17: What do you expect will be the most common policy efforts among developed markets

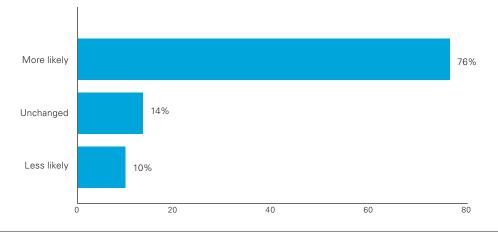


### Question 18: Given a higher interest rate environment, how do you expect sector participants will finance projects and operations considering greater pressure to deliver returns quickly?

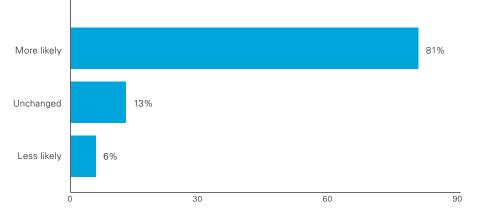




Question 20: Are you more or less likely than 12 months ago to recommend to someone to invest in the mining & metals sector?



Question 21: Are you more or less likely than 12 months ago to recommend to someone to pursue a career in the mining & metals sector?



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