



## **Empowering the Critical Minerals Value Chain Investors: ESG Regulations Compliance Solutions**

Investors are under increasing pressure from lenders, shareholders, and clients to demonstrate and justify responsible, ESG-aligned practices. Successfully navigating this complex regulatory landscape requires commodity and region-specific data and sectoral expertise to support informed decision-making and transparent reporting.



SFA (Oxford) enables informed financial decisions by quantifying and integrating ESG risks into traditional financial due diligence and risk assessment practices at the holding and portfolio levels. Our bespoke ESG services are tailored to meet evolving regulatory requirements such as the EU Taxonomy, the EU SFDR, the UK SDR, and broader sustainable finance frameworks.

## Private Equities & Streamers

- Pre investment regulatory & operational ESG risk assessment
- Investment stage region and commodity-specific, strategy aligned, material ESG performance data collection, validation, benchmarking.
- LP, client inquiry addressing, mandatory disclosure (SEC, CSDR, FCA) contextualisation.

## **Fund & Portfolio Managers**

- Investable universe exclusionary policy screening, inclusionary screening and scoring.
- Peer group analysis, bespoke ESG Scoring models, index performance benchmarking, emissions, water, energy intensity curves
- Pre-contractual disclosures, annual reporting, PAI statements.

## **Client Success Story**

A leading investment house with \$8B in AUM launched an energy transition-themed EU SFDR Article 8 ESG fund.

We developed a tailored ESG strategy, technical screening criteria, and an investible universe whitelist of over 400 companies based on validated ESG performance data. A bespoke ESG scoring model enabled "sustainable investment" classification qualification, supported by commodity-specific peer benchmarking and case studies.

Our team also handled pre-contractual disclosures and annual reporting aligned with the EU Taxonomy and the SFDR regulations. The fund was registered and approved within nine months, raising over €30 million in its first year from institutional and private investors — driven by acknowledgement of the credible ESG framework and transparent reporting.