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## **Press Release - *RESOURCESTOCKS* World Risk Survey 2013**

*RESOURCESTOCKS* magazine is conducting its 21st annual world investment risk survey of leading mining and exploration companies.

The survey aims to rank over 70 countries that attract high levels of investment, based on perceptions of investment risks in the mining and energy sectors. The type of risks assessed in the survey include financial, sovereign, land access, environmental approvals and conflict. The survey also rates Australian states and territories and Canadian provinces under the same categories.

In last year's survey, Finland was ranked number one for the lowest overall risk profile for the third time in five years, having won in 2008 and 2011. This year, the Nordic country's success might be tempered by the more precarious economic position it finds itself in. Australia remained steady in seventh position. This year, some industry analysts suggest that escalating production costs and the government's implementation of the mining tax will have an impact on Australia's position.

The 2013 survey and accompanying reports – to be published in the October/November 2013 edition of *RESOURCESTOCKS* – will provide insights into the risk profiles of countries in which many Australian companies are exploring or developing new projects.

Anyone involved in the mining and energy industry across the spectrum – explorers and producers, service providers, executives or investors – is invited to complete the online survey. Insights from all parts of the industries will be invaluable in creating an authoritative investment risk guide.

Answers remain confidential and no company is identified in analysis of the survey results.

To complete the survey, please go to <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/5362NCK>.

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