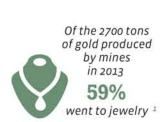
# LETHAL METALS

### How can something as insignificant as this ...







That waste is the equivalent weight of 3 school buses

#### ... be worth all this?



## Metal mining is the world's most toxic, destructive industry.

Metal mining is the

No. 1 toxic polluter

in the United States 3 including for

arsenic lead cadmium mercury

50%

of gold mined comes from the traditional territories of indigenous peoples



Many modern mines require water treatment in perpetuity

Cleanup of one modern open pit mine can cost more than

\$250 million 5



At a cost of up to \$64 billion existing U.S. mines pollute up to 27 billion gallons

> of water each year **forever** 6

## And yet ...

- 1. WGC/GFMS
- 2. Earthworks
- 3. U.S. EPA
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6. Earthworks

The 76,000 tons of gold

currently stockpiled in central bank vaults and with private investors would meet global industrial demand for

186 years





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