

POLICY BUILDING BLOCKS FOR SPACE RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT. Ian. A. Christensen¹,
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At the 7th and 8th joint meetings of The Space Resources Roundtable (SRR) and the Planetary & Terrestrial Mining Sciences Symposium (PTMSS) has given presentations discussing the policy context for space resources development, in which the activities of the Hague Space Resources Governance Working Group (“the Working Group”) were introduced. The Working Group, composed of industry, government, and civil society representatives from across the globe, is working to identify, formulate, and recommend, a set of policy and legal “building blocks” to support and enable the policy environment for space resources development.

In September of 2017 the Working Group published 19 draft building blocks and is actively seeking feedback from the technical, scientific, and commercial community on relevancy, applicability, and necessity of those building blocks. Feedback and comment are requested by July 1, 2018. The 19 building block address a range of themes including related issues according to certain themes, for instance:

- Institutional aspects, principles and definitions
- Responsibility
- Liability
- Registration
- Environmental impact and monitoring
- Safety, technical standards, assistance
- Commercial interests
- Interests of developing states
- Access, cooperation and benefits sharing

This presentation will introduce and discuss several of the key building blocks. In so doing it will set the context and background for a roundtable discussion session in which all participants in The Space Resources Roundtable and the Planetary & Terrestrial Mining Sciences Symposium will be invited to discuss and react to the building blocks.

The full text of the building blocks can be found at: <https://www.universiteitleiden.nl/binaries/content/assets/rechtsgeleerdheid/instituut-voor-publiekrecht/lucht--en-ruimterecht/space-resources/draft-building-blocks.pdf>. The author’s organization is a founding partner of the Working Group.