



## **Press Release**

**August, 2009** - The International Finance Corporation (IFC) has awarded a competitive contract to Business-Community Synergies to work in Yemen to help the government shape an effective mining policy. The BCS task is part of the second phase of IFC's "Mining Policy Reform." BCS will identify local community stakeholders in the mining industry and analyze the risks and potential benefits of current and future mining activities. The work will inform a stakeholder engagement strategy for the mining industry and enable the government to guide and encourage future investors.

The BCS team includes a Yemeni national, an international analyst with extensive experience in Yemen and the Middle East, and team leader Carolyn McCommon whose experience in the industry spans the world. She notes, "The work in Yemen is very helpful for providing the government with a broadly informed picture of the potential and pitfalls of mining for communities. Our piece of work looks at the development of a framework for stakeholder engagement. BCS methodology and experience will contribute to a sustainable, equitable approach to mining in Yemen that can create benefits for companies and communities alike."