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The Environmental and Health Repercussion of Coal Mining and Importance of Corporate Social Responsibility

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Abstract

Mining of natural resources adversely affects the eco-system as a whole. Coal mining is essentially a destructive development activity where ecology suffers at the altar of economy. With the emerging economies in the various spheres of the globe and the alarming pace of industrialisation, coal mining carries an inherent curse to the global environment and sustainability. Thus, there is immense necessity to halt and concern for this very issue. In this light the present study is being conducted to address the environmental and health impact of coal mining and the importance of corporate social responsibility in a natural resource based enterprise for the attainment of sustainable development.

The study has been incepted from the critical analysis of the environmental and health impacts of coal mining and the study further floats into the cause of concern yielding the importance of a corporate social responsibility amongst enterprises. The present study is based on secondary sources of research. The impacts being hazardous, affects every facet of the natural and physical environment. Corporate Social Responsibility proves to be an eminent tool to nip in the bud and enable enterprises to adopt a mid way out for the attainment of sustainable growth.

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