# Questions for Mr Mike Johnston

* Why, in general terms, do you believe there is a need for deep-sea mining?
* What, from your perspective, makes it such a contentious issue?
* Much has been written about the potential environmental impacts (or otherwise) of DSM, but what are the social impacts?
* Why, do you think, has investment been difficult to attract and maintain?
* What strategies do you use to convince investors of the project’s profitability given that the forecasts are in the future? (I.e. how do you turn ‘deposits’ into ‘resources’?)
* Similarly, what strategies do you use to convince activists/opponents to DSM of the project’s sustainability given that DSM activity is in the future?
* How difficult is it to communicate the spatial and scientific dimensions of DSM (like depth, distance, volcanism etc.) with non-specialist audiences?
* What is your response to the increasing levels of community opposition to DSM, for example from senior church leaders in PNG?
* With a number of earthquakes recorded in the area around Solwara 1 recently, what tests have been done on the ability of DSM equipment to withstand their effects?
* What emergency response will Nautilus implement in the event of, for example burst riser pipe/oil /chemical leakage from seafloor equipment or vessel?
* How will the Solwara 1 exclusion zone affect local fishermen and their traditional fishing grounds the Solwara 1? How will that exclusion zone be identified, marked out and maintained?