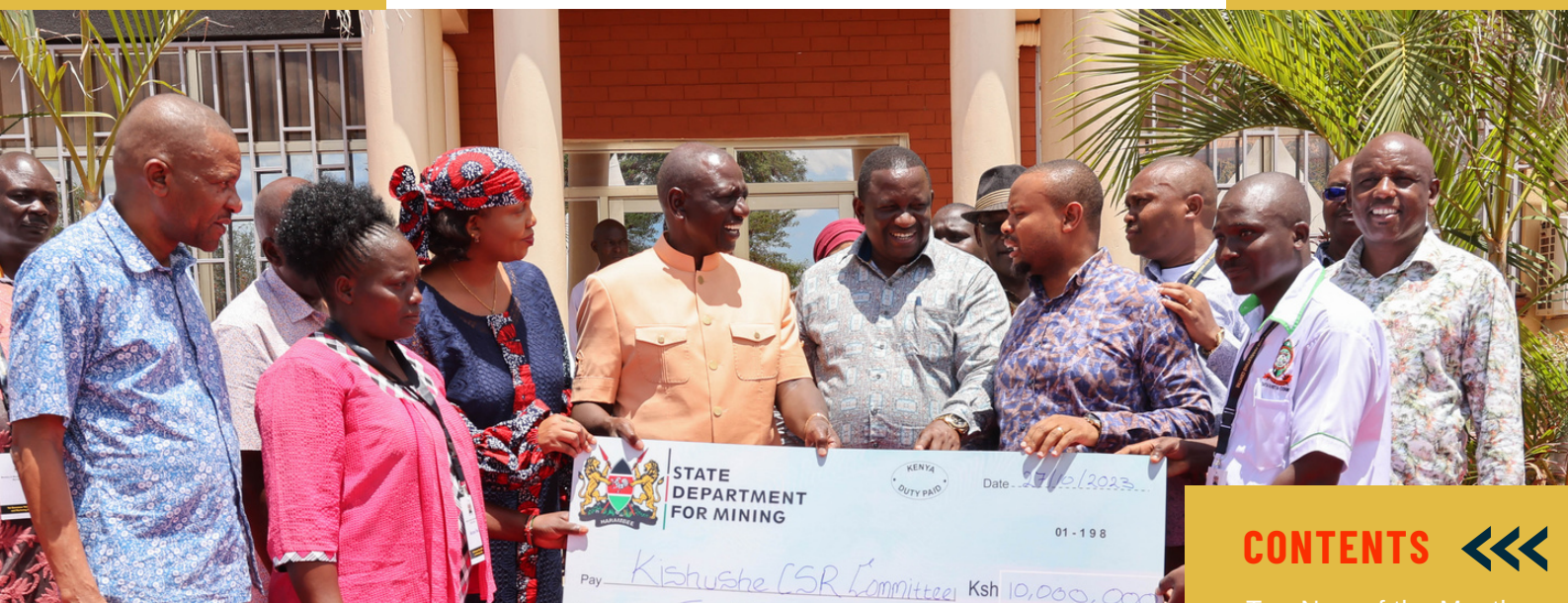




THE COMMISSIONING OF VOI GEMSTONE VALUE ADDITION AND MARKETING CENTRE

Promoting Mining For Kenya's Economic Transformation



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TOP NEWS OF THE MONTH

We are delighted to bring you some exciting news from the heart of Kenya's gemstone industry. On October 27, a significant milestone was achieved with the commissioning of the Voi Gemstone Value Addition and Marketing Centre. This event marked a major breakthrough in Kenya's gemstone sector and a testament to the country's commitment to harnessing its gemstone potential for economic growth.

>>> GOVERNMENT SUPPORT

What makes this achievement even more promising is the recent policy proposals and the partial moratorium lift, which reflect a clear and progressive shift in government support for the gemstone sector. These policy changes are a testament to the government's commitment to fostering a thriving gemstone industry in Kenya. The establishment of a centralized hub for value addition and strategic marketing at Voi is poised to revolutionize the sector.

>>> A GAME-CHANGER

The Voi Gemstone Value Addition and Marketing Centre, which was established in 2017, is set to become a cornerstone in enhancing the gemstone value chain. This state-of-the-art facility is equipped to process, cut, and polish gemstones to international standards, adding tremendous value to Kenya's gemstone output. This development promises to make a significant impact on the industry, increasing the competitiveness of Kenyan gemstones in global markets.

THE FUTURE LOOKS BRIGHT <<<

It will not only create more job opportunities for the local community but also boost the value of Kenyan gemstones. As a result, we can expect more significant contributions to Kenya's economy, and the gemstone industry's growth. The Voi Gemstone Value Addition and Marketing Centre underscores a commitment to fostering a competitive industry while making the most of Kenya's gemstone potential. It is indeed an exciting time for the gemstone sector in Kenya, with endless possibilities on the horizon.



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ENGAGEMENT WITH PS AND CS

>>> A GAME-CHANGER



In the spirit of joined partnerships to unlocking Kenya's Mining Potential, KCM together with private sector stakeholders took part in the Cabinet Secretary and Principal Secretary's engagement meeting on Wednesday 18th October at the Kenya School of Monetary Studies. The engagement meeting marked a significant step towards reforming and revitalizing the mining sector. As a leading player in the mining private sector, we look forward to exploring opportunities for growth, collaboration for a sustainable mining future and nurturing Kenya's mineral wealth.



Dr. Patrick Kanyoro, chairman KCM, emphasized the importance of Artisanal and Small-Scale Mining (ASM) in achieving the BETA agenda. He raised several issues for further consideration, including extending the time for record updating for license holders,, flexibility regarding 'Proof of funds' requirements, and the joined effort to fight against smuggling.

Additionally, he pointed out the declaration of Tsavorite as a strategic mineral and requested more stakeholder involvement, especially from the ASM sector and highlighted the glaring concerns about the export duty on iron ore and external politics management.

The Ministry of Mining, Blue Economy and Maritime Affairs, led by the Cabinet Secretary Hon. Mvurya and PS. Elijah Mwangi reassured stakeholders of its commitment to revitalize the sector, including fast-tracking geological survey reports, the recent lifting the moratorium, and addressing issues such as mineral sampling and testing, compliance, and the need for ASM organization. He also touched on the importance of royalty sharing and commitment to local communities and MRB licensing. The State Department promised improved communication and collaboration between the ministry and private sector stakeholders.

The meeting, one of many more to come, addressed various critical issues and presented the government's initiatives for sectoral growth and development. The ministry showed commitment to improve the government's active engagement to reinvigorate the mining sector, foster cooperation, and drive economic growth, all underlining a shared commitment to a thriving and compliant industry.

Join KCM today to be a part of future engagements.



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KCM TAITA TAVETA CHAPTER

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

➤➤➤ TAITA TAVETA CHAPTER CHAIRMAN

KCM family welcomes Mr. Frank Rigah Mwakaba, the new interim Chairman of the KCM Taita Taveta Chapter. Frank is passionate about the mining industry, and is dedicated to serving the industry in his new role at the KCM Taita Taveta Chapter.

We are thrilled to have him become part of the team. Together, we will strive for a brighter and more prosperous future for the mining industry in Taita Taveta County and beyond.

He is a miner by trade, and the Director of Universal Mineral Exploration Limited, a company dedicated to unearthing the hidden treasures of iron ore in the rocky terrain of Kishushe. Mr. Frank is deeply entrenched in the soil of Taita Taveta County, a true son of the earth.

But Frank is not just a miner; he is a dreamer, a visionary, an innovator and committed to paving the way for new ideas and new perspectives. We are confident in his ability to advocate for the rights and needs of miners in Taita Taveta County and spearhead the growth of the sector.



As we welcome our new interim chairman, let us embark on this journey together, a journey that promises growth, innovation and the realization of our collective dreams. With his visionary leadership at the helm, the future of KCM Taita Taveta Chapter is brighter than ever.

◀◀◀ THANK YOU AND WELCOME TO KCM'S NEW PATRON



In the tapestry of KCM's history, there are chapters that stand out, and one such chapter is the incredible tenure of Mr. David Visram, as KCM- Taita Taveta Chapter Chairman as well as founding member of the chamber. As we usher in the new interim chairman Mr. Frank Rigah, we express our deepest gratitude as we bid farewell to an exceptional leader.

Mr. Visram's tenure as chairman has been nothing short of extraordinary. The growth and achievements we've witnessed are a testament to his visionary leadership and unwavering commitment. We extend our heartfelt thanks for the indelible mark he's left on our association.

But fear not, for this isn't a goodbye; it's a 'see you soon' in a different role.

We are delighted to announce that Mr. David Visram will be taking on the prestigious role of Patron for the KCM-Taita Taveta Chapter. This transition reflects our enduring connection and the confidence in his ability to continue inspiring us.

As our Patron, Mr. Visram will continue to be a beacon of wisdom, guiding us through the exciting journey ahead and supporting his successor Mr. Frank. We eagerly anticipate the new heights we'll reach under his continued influence. Join us in expressing gratitude for David Visram's outstanding contributions and welcoming him into this new chapter as our esteemed Patron. Here's to a legacy that continues to shape our future!



12TH ANNUAL MINERAL WEALTH CONFERENCE 2023

EMPOWERING UGANDA'S MINERAL SECTOR

On 30th and 31st October, a delegation from KCM had the privilege of attending the 12th Annual Mineral Wealth Conference 2023 in Kampala Serena Hotel, Uganda. The event, organized by the Uganda Chamber of Mines and Petroleum in partnership with the Ministry of Energy and Mineral Development, was a beacon of hope and opportunity for the regional mining sector.



A ROADMAP TO TRANSFORMATION

The central theme of this year's conference was 'Creating a Viable and Feasible Roadmap for Uganda's Mineral Sector to Contribute to Economic Transformation.' It was clear from the outset that this gathering was not just a meeting of minds; it was a call to action, a collective effort to harness the potential of Uganda's mineral wealth to drive economic prosperity.

A SHARED VISION FOR THE FUTURE

During the conference, the respective chambers from Uganda, Kenya, and Rwanda held a meeting to revive the discussions on the establishment of a regional chamber, the East Africa Chamber of Mines, Industry and Mining Associations. The establishment of the East Africa Chamber of Mines, Industry, and Mining Associations would herald a new era of regional collaboration and economic empowerment.



By bringing together key stakeholders in the mining and industrial sectors across East Africa, this chamber will be a unified platform for shared knowledge, resources, and expertise. One of its paramount goals would be to amplify the region's voice in the global arena, attracting investments and fostering sustainable development. Moreover, the Chamber would serve as a linchpin in supporting the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) by promoting intra-regional trade and economic integration and spearheading the ratification of the Africa Minerals Development Center amongst regional members.

Through collective efforts, the Chamber can facilitate the harmonization of policies and standards, streamlining cross-border processes and bolstering the competitiveness of East African industries and the mining sector on the international stage. The synergies forged within the Chamber not only strengthen the regional economy but also contribute significantly to the realization of Africa's Mining Vision for a united and prosperous extractives sector in Africa.



HUMAN RIGHTS DUE DILIGENCE IN THE MINING SECTOR

The adverse effects of business activities in the mining sector range from community displacements, child labor, environmental degradation, and detestable working conditions. Without deliberate state stewardship, Kenya's expanding investments may lead to unmitigated violations of human rights, hence the establishment of Kenya's National Action Plan on Business and Human Rights.

Embracing business and human rights principles within the mining sector aligns seamlessly with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) goals, and fosters a harmonious coexistence between economic pursuits and human well-being. It is pivotal for our members and partners to prioritize responsible business practices, reduce inequality, ensure inclusive economic growth, and promote sustainable communities. The Respect for human rights in the mining sector translates into improved working conditions, fair wages, and enhanced community engagement, aligning with UNDP's commitment to decent work and economic development. Furthermore, by prioritizing environmental sustainability and mitigating the social impacts of mining activities, companies contribute to the broader goal of ensuring environmental sustainability.

Our partner, Transparency International Kenya in association with International Alert is currently undergoing the validation of a Human Rights Due Diligence tool to Support the Energy and Extractives Sector in Kenya. The project is focused on regions where company presence risks exacerbate existing or even new conflict drivers in the extractives and energy sectors. This tool is guided by the continued social and economic significance of the Extractives and energy industries in Kenya, the adaptation of the UNGP's National Plan in Kenya, and the ongoing attempts to unbundle and incrementally implement the National Action Plan on Business and Human Rights.

As a policy and advocacy group, it is KCM's responsibility to ensure that state and companies can analyze human risks and remedies linked to investments, either domestic and international or state and private, and to monitor and effectively hold duty bearers accountable for human rights violations by businesses. This too will be of benefit to all our members, including but not limited to the:

- Executives and value chain managers, activists, and communities with specific examples on the Extractive and Energy industry.
- Investors and other users of Due Diligence statements so they can identify some of the Business responsibility practices adopted to reflect features unique to the industry
- Human Rights stakeholders, standard-setting agencies, and government throughout the country interested in UNGP reporting practices and responsible for establishing and advancing sustainable development.

As we gear toward our goal of 10% contributing to the country's GDP from the Mining sector, the integration of business and human rights in the mining sector is pivotal in building a more equitable, sustainable, and prosperous future for communities impacted by mining activities in Kenya.



BUSINESS FORUM ITALY - KENYA

>>> DECEMBER 2023

The upcoming Business Forum Italy Kenya, scheduled for December 2023 and organized by the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs in cooperation with the Embassy of Kenya in Rome and with the support of the Italian Trade Agency (ITA), Kenyan companies interested in Italian technology and know-how will be offered the opportunity to showcase themselves and their industrial projects on ITA Fiera Smart 365 platform.

The access to the platform is free of charge and can be requested by filling in and submitting this form; admitted companies will then receive virtual keys to the assigned online space, that will enable them to upload logotypes, images, hyperlinks and other contents.

The virtual showcase will remain online until the end of December, allowing Italian companies interested in the Kenyan market and in the sectors covered by the a.m. online event to know and interact with the featured Kenyan counterparts, and explore opportunities for mutually advantageous collaboration in the fields of production, trade, and investment.

Register via the link:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf0R6Pi5yXr7p1lRQWGXXpVU0ToGflTQ4TgbDazEpVGw0VDiA/viewform>



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➤➤➤ STAY TUNED

As we wrap up this edition of our newsletter, we reflect on the incredible journey we've embarked on together. Your support, engagement, and enthusiasm continue to fuel our passion and purpose and your feedback and contributions are invaluable in helping us achieve this mission.