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KENYA CHAMBER OF MINES

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A WORD FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Reflection on 2023: Challenges and Achievements

Despite global uncertainties, our industry has demonstrated remarkable resilience. From navigating supply chain disruptions to implementing safety protocols, each member's dedication has played a crucial role in overcoming obstacles.

Advocacy for a Conducive Regulatory Environment

Our advocacy efforts continue to be crucial in shaping policies that support the growth of the mining sector. We will actively engage with government bodies to ensure a regulatory framework that fosters investment, transparency, and operational efficiency.

Dear Members and Stakeholders,

As we stand on the threshold of a new year, I extend my warmest greetings to all members of the Kenya Chamber of Mines. The past year has been a testament to our industry's resilience and adaptability, and as we embark on 2024, I am filled with optimism for the continued growth and success of the mining sector in Kenya.

The success of our industry is intricately tied to the well-being of the communities in which we operate. Let us deepen our commitment to community engagement initiatives, fostering positive relationships, and contributing to the social and economic development of the regions we serve.

I extend my deepest appreciation to each member of the Kenya Chamber of Mines for your unwavering dedication. As we face the opportunities and challenges of the coming year, let us stand united in our commitment to making 2024 a year of unprecedented achievement for the mining industry in Kenya.

Wishing you all a prosperous and fulfilling new year.
Warm regards,

Dr. Kanyoro Patrick
Chairman, Kenya Chamber of Mines

OPENING OF OUR NEW BRANCH OFFICE; TAITA TAVETA

Empowering the Future of Mining Through Collaboration

KCM ENGAGEMENTS

Our new branch is conveniently situated at the Mining Complex within Taita Taveta University, just off the Voi-Mwatate Highway. This prime location not only provides easy accessibility but also enables us to collaborate effectively with the university, further enhancing the technical support and advisory services we offer.

In collaboration with Taita Taveta University, we are dedicated to elevating our support and technical advisory services to meet the unique needs of the mining community in the region. This partnership reflects our commitment to staying at the forefront of industry developments and providing our members with the best possible assistance.

We extend a warm invitation to all our members to visit our new Taita Taveta branch. Whether you need guidance, support, or just want to meet our team, our doors are open to you. Your satisfaction is our priority, and we are committed to serving you better.

MOU BETWEEN KCM AND THE IMPACT FACILTY

STRATEGIC COLLABORATION WITH THE IMPACT FACILITY

KCM has recently signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with The Impact Facility, marking a significant milestone in our efforts to support ASM miners. This partnership is designed to provide comprehensive support, including technical expertise, access to finance, and fair markets, fostering a holistic approach to sustainable mining practices.

EMPOWERING ASM MINERS

Through our collaboration with The Impact Facility, we aim to empower ASM miners with the tools they need for success. The support will include technical know-how, financial resources, and capacity-building programs, ensuring that ASM communities are equipped to thrive economically and environmentally.

The alliance with The Impact Facility underscores our shared commitment to fostering sustainable mining practices. By driving positive socio-economic impact and prioritizing the well-being of local communities, we aim to create a ripple effect that will benefit Kenya's mining industry as a whole.

A BRIGHTER FUTURE FOR KENYA'S MINING INDUSTRY

As we embark on this exciting journey, we invite you to stay tuned for updates on our collaborative initiatives. Together with The Impact Facility, KCM is dedicated to working towards a brighter future for Kenya's mining industry, one that is characterized by resilience, sustainability, and positive socio-economic impact.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership as we strive to make a meaningful difference in the ASM sector. We look forward to sharing more success stories and achievements with you in the coming months.

THE ANNUAL KENYA DIASPORA HOMECOMING CONVENTION

UNLOCKING NEW HORIZONS

KCM was honored to participate in the 10th Annual Kenya Diaspora Homecoming Convention, an event that underscored the indispensable role of the global African Diaspora in shaping Kenya's economic future. With over 1,000 participants, the convention was a testament to the rich pool of talent and expertise within the diaspora.

As we celebrate the success of the convention, it is essential to recognize the untapped potential for the diaspora's engagement in Kenya's mining sector. Many diaspora members possess expertise in mining-related fields, and their skills can play a transformative role in the growth and sustainability of our industry.

One notable observation from the convention was the prevalence of expertise in geology, mining engineering, and environmental management within the diaspora. These skills are crucial for advancing our mining sector, and we believe that encouraging Kenyans in the diaspora to invest in mining could unlock new opportunities for both the individuals and the nation.

While real estate and agriculture have traditionally been popular investment choices for the diaspora, the mining sector holds immense promise for those seeking alternative avenues for investment. Investing in mining not only diversifies portfolios but also contributes significantly to Kenya's economic development.

We extend a heartfelt call to Kenyans in the diaspora to consider investing in the mining sector, leveraging their expertise to drive innovation and sustainable practices. Your investments can play a pivotal role in fostering responsible mining, community development, and environmental stewardship.

KCM is dedicated to facilitating connections between the diaspora and local mining opportunities. In the spirit of collaboration, we are initiating projects, knowledge-sharing initiatives, and networking opportunities to bridge the gap between the diaspora and our vibrant mining community.

Let's seize this opportunity together and work towards building a thriving and sustainable mining sector in Kenya. Your investment in mining can be a catalyst for positive change and contribute to the nation's journey towards economic prosperity.

THE INAUGURAL KNCCI MINING STAKEHOLDER FORUM

KCM was honoured to have actively participated in the inaugural KNCCI Mining Stakeholders Forum. This event served as a pivotal platform dedicated to charting the future of Kenya's mining sector, evaluating its current status, and strategically forging a path for enhanced investment attractiveness in 2024.

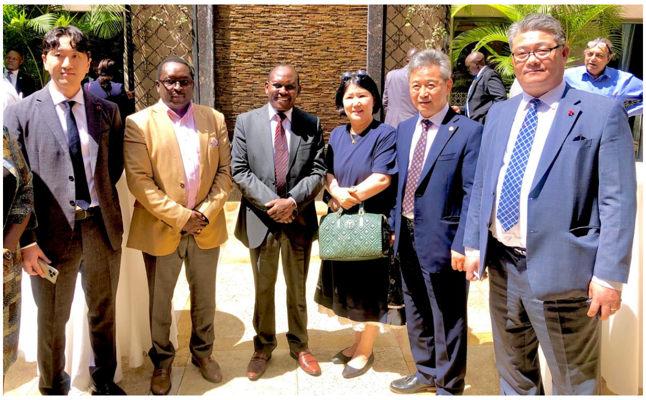
The forum brought together a diverse range of stakeholders, including representatives from the private sector, government officials, and potential investors in the critical mineral sector.

This collaboration allowed for insightful discussions on the strategic vision for the future of Kenya's mining industry.

Notable figures from both the private sector and government graced the event, contributing their expertise and insights. The presence of potential investors highlighted the significance of fostering a conducive environment for investment in the critical mineral sector.

CHAIRMAN'S CALL TO ACTION

During the forum, our esteemed chairman emphasized the urgency of initiating strategic investment and policy measures. His call to action underscored the need to enhance the investment attractiveness of the mining sector. The chairman further urged all stakeholders to be vigilant in educating the public about the myriad benefits of the mining industry and emphasized the importance of practicing good business conduct to foster sustainable growth.



REGULATORY IMPACT STATEMENT AND PROPOSED REGULATIONS UNDER THE MINING ACT OF 2016

KCM is inviting you to contribute your opinions, memorandum, concerns, and comments on the Regulatory Impact Statement (RIS) and proposed regulations under the Mining Act of 2016.

The regulatory landscape plays a crucial role in defining the parameters within which our industry operates. As stakeholders, your perspectives must be heard and considered during this regulatory review process. Your input can help ensure that the proposed amendments to the following regulations align with the needs, challenges, and aspirations of our diverse mining sector:

1. Gemstone Identification and Value Addition fees,
2. License and Permit Amendment,
3. Dealings in minerals amendment,
4. Mine Support Services Amendment
5.Royalty collection and Management Amendment

REPUBLIC OF KENYA

MINISTRY OF MINING, BLUE ECONOMY AND MARITIME AFFAIRS
State Department for Mining

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTIFICATION OF REGULATORY IMPACT STATEMENT ON PROPOSED REGULATIONS UNDER THE MINING ACT,2016

PURSUANT to section 8 of the Statutory Instruments Act, 2013, the Cabinet Secretary for Mining, Blue Economy and Maritime Affairs notifies the general public that Regulatory Impact Statements on the following Regulations have been prepared to assess the impact of the Regulations on the community and businesses: -

i. Draft Mining (Gemstone Identification and Value Addition) (Fees) Regulations,2024;
ii. Draft Mining (Licence & Permit) (Amendment) Regulations,2024;
iii. Draft Mining (Dealings in Minerals) (Amendment Regulations,2024;
iv. Draft Mining (Mine Support Services) (Amendment)Regulations,2024
v. Draft Mining (Royalty Collection and Management) Regulations,2024;

The proposed Regulations have been made pursuant to section 223 of the Mining Act, No. 12 of 2016.The main objective of the Regulations is to give full effect to the Mining Act, 2016 by providing a framework to ensure sustainable governance of the mineral resources in Kenya. Specifically, the Regulations seek to:

(a) Provide a framework for gemstone identification and value addition and the fees chargeable;
(b) Provide amended fees for mineral rights to promote the development of the mining sector; and
(c) Establish mechanisms for reduction, suspension and royalty collection.

This is therefore to request the public and all persons likely to be affected by the proposed Regulations to submit written memoranda to reach the undersigned within fourteen (14) days from the date of publication of this notice. The Regulatory Impact Statement and the proposed Regulations are available on the Ministry's website (www.mibema.go.ke).

The written memoranda should be addressed to:

The Principal Secretary,
State Department for Mining,
3rd Floor, Works Building, Ngong Road, Nairobi
P.O Box 30009-00100,
NAIROBI.
or
E-mail: regulations@mining.go.ke

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The proposed regulations are available on our website **www.kenyachamberofmines.com**

How to Contribute:
We encourage you to submit your thoughts and feedback on the RIS and proposed regulations through the following channels:

1. **Social Media Platforms**: Visit our dedicated online platforms such as X, LinkedIn, and Whats App community to submit your opinions conveniently.

2. **Email Submission:** Send your memorandum, concerns, and comments to admin@kenyachamberofmines.com with the subject line "Mining Act Regulations Feedback."

3. **In-Person Meetings:** we are open to scheduling one-on-one or group meetings to discuss your input. Please contact us at +254-711533085 or via info@kenyachamberofmines.com to arrange a meeting.

Important Dates:
To ensure that your input is considered during the review process, please submit your feedback by **12th February 2024**. This will give us ample time to compile and present a comprehensive memorandum of our members' perspectives.

Your opinions will contribute to a collective representation of our membership's views, ensuring that the regulations reflect the industry's diverse needs, guide policymakers in making informed decisions, and strengthen our collaborative voice in advocating for a regulatory framework that promotes our economic prosperity and sustainable mining practices.

THE GEO - EAST AFRICA CONFERENCE AND EXPO 2024

Date: **21st - 23rd February**

Location: **Panari Sky Centre**

The Geological Society of Kenya in Collaboration with the Geologists registration board will be holding the 3rd edition of Geo-East African Conference and Expo (GEOEACE 2024) on the 21st - 23rd February 2024 at Panari Sky Centre. The theme of the Conference is **"Beyond 2030: East Africa's Geo-Resources Portfolio for Economic Development and Energy Transitions".**

The GEOEACE-2024 will feature distinguished international speakers, panel discussants and field trips to scenic geological sites in Kenya. In addition, the conference will provide opportunities for exhibitors to show their projects, equipment and services. It will also be an opportune time for the East African Geo-resources sector to network with captains of industry, institutions and multinational corporations from Africa and the rest of the world. During this period, the Geological Society of Kenya will be celebrating 50yrs since its inception.

What to Expect:

- **Distinguished Speakers:** GEOEACE-2024 will showcase renowned international speakers and panel discussants who will share insights, trends, and innovations in the geo-resources sector.
- **Field Trips:** Explore the breathtaking geological wonders of Kenya with our exclusive field trips to scenic sites, offering firsthand insights into the region's geological diversity.
- **Expo & Networking:** Discover cutting-edge projects, equipment, and services showcased by exhibitors. This platform presents unparalleled networking opportunities for industry leaders, institutions, and multinational corporations from Africa and beyond.
- **Special Milestone:** Join us in commemorating the 50th Anniversary of the Geological Society of Kenya! As we celebrate half a century of excellence and dedication to advancing geological sciences, let us reflect on our journey and envision a future of continued growth and impact.

Stay tuned for updates on registration, speakers, and program highlights. Together, let's chart a course towards a prosperous and sustainable future for East Africa and beyond!

For inquiries and sponsorship opportunities, please contact GSK at **+254-791308357**

Don't miss out on this transformative event! See you at GEOEACE-2024.

BECOME A KCM MEMBER

Join our dynamic community of industry leaders, experts, and enthusiasts to shape the future of mining in Kenya. Become a member today and be part of driving sustainable growth in Kenya's mining sector. Get exclusive opportunities to Connect with like-minded professionals and Access exclusive resources, and stay ahead of industry trends. Whether you're a miner, geologist, investor, or simply passionate about mining, our diverse network welcomes you.

Becoming a part of this dynamic community is simple: Visit https://.kenyachamberofmines.com/membership/ for more details

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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.