KENYA CHAMBER OF MINES

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From Chairman’s Desk!

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Chairman, Kenya Chamber of Mines

As we round off the third quarter, I am proud to reflect on the resilience and progress shaping Kenya’s mining sector in 2025. From renewed optimism brought by changes in leadership, to KCM’s presence on international platforms, important advocacy wins, and the recognition of our members’ achievements, we have witnessed encouraging momentum across the industry.

At KCM, our commitment remains unwavering, to be a trusted partner for our members, a strong voice in policy dialogue, and a driver of reforms that create a predictable, attractive environment for investment.

Looking ahead to the final quarter of the year, we must continue to strengthen collaboration, attract global and local investment, and position Kenya’s minerals competitively on the world stage.

On behalf of the Executive Council, I thank all our members and partners for your confidence and support. Let us carry this momentum forward and make the remainder of 2025 a period of renewal, growth, and shared success.

Together, let’s shape the future of mining in Kenya.

Occupational Health & Safety in Mining

An article by Mishell Lungazo, Kenya Chamber of Mines

Kenya's mining sector is evolving, fueled by growing demand for minerals and the pursuit of economic diversification. Yet, beneath this promising trajectory lies a critical challenge: ensuring that occupational safety and health (OSH) measures keep pace with industrial growth. The Occupational Safety and Health Act, 2007 provides the legal foundation for regulating workplace conditions, requiring comprehensive risk assessments, worker training, and the provision of personal protective equipment (PPE).

However, enforcement gaps persist, particularly in artisanal and small-scale mining (ASM), where informal operations often escape regulatory oversight. Weak enforcement is often attributed to limited resources and funding, corruption, insufficient training for inspectors and the vast geographical spread of mining activities. A 2021 report by the Directorate of Occupational Safety and Health Services (DOSHS) revealed that mining-related injuries accounted for 12% of reported industrial accidents, a statistic underscoring the need for targeted intervention.

A case study from Taita Taveta County highlighted the risks faced by artisanal miners, where lack of proper ventilation and safety equipment led to a fatal collapse of a mining shaft in 2020, claiming the lives of five miners. Moving forward, cross-sector collaboration, gender-responsive safety policies, and transparent reporting could strengthen OSH outcomes ensuring that mining prosperity never comes at the cost of human dignity. Safety doesn't have to be the price of progress, it can be part of the shine. The Kenya Chamber of Mines (KCM) invites government agencies such as the

Directorate of Occupational Safety and Health Services (DOSHS), the Ministry of Mining, and the National Environment Management Authority (NEMA), as well as partners like artisanal and small-scale miners' associations, and local community leaders to collaborate in building collective actions that promote dignity, safety, and sustainability in mining.

By lobbying for increased funding, development of gender-responsive safety gear, training programs, and stricter enforcement mechanisms, KCM leads the charge in transforming Kenya's mining sector into a model of safety and sustainability.

The Inaugural Nyanza Gold Summit 2025

The Nyanza Gold Summit 2025 marked a historic milestone as the first mining summit held within a key gold mining hub, Migori County. Organized by the Kenya Chamber of Mines, The Impact Facility, Solidaridad, ASMAK, and MICMA, the three-day event convened over 300 participants from Kenya, Uganda, & Tanzania, including government leaders, artisanal and large-scale miners, financiers, development partners, and the private sector.

Key Highlights:

- Government Commitment: PS, Mining, Mr. Kimtai, reaffirmed the State's commitment to formalizing ASM through cooperative licensing, cadastre digitization, and reforms to make Kenya's gold sector "bankable."
- Financing & Market Linkages: Financial institutions, including Co-operative Bank & DTB, pledged stronger support for miners' cooperatives, while equipment providers and insurers showcased solutions to strengthen responsible mining.
- Technology & Innovation: Demonstrations emphasized safer, more productive mining through mechanization, digital records, and modern processing plants.
- Policy & Regulation: Stakeholders called for fairer licensing, simplified permits, and stronger environmental and safety compliance.

Mine Tour:

The summit concluded with a field visit to Osiri Matanda, Copper Hill, and a modern Carbon-in-Pulp (CIP) gold plant, showcasing how artisanal miners can scale into formal, sustainable operations.

Key Outcomes:

- A strong call for a National Mining Dialogue to harmonize ASM and LSM coexistence.
- Renewed push for responsible, ESG-driven mining practices.
- Clear direction on financing ASM through cooperatives and inclusive banking models.
- Recognition of technology transfer and training as essential for sector growth.

The Nyanza Gold Summit 2025 successfully bridged communities, policymakers, and investors, laying a strong foundation for a more responsible, inclusive, and sustainable gold mining sector in Kenya and the wider region.

KCM at Africa Down Under Conference 2025 – Perth, Australia

Dr. Patrick Kanyoro, Chairman of the Kenya Chamber of Mines (KCM), proudly represented the Chamber at a Kenya side event during the Africa Down Under Conference in Perth, Australia.

The session convened high-level leaders, including H.E. the Kenya High Commissioner to Australia, H.E. the Australian High Commissioner to Kenya, Cabinet Secretary Hassan Ali Joho, and Principal Secretary Harry Kimtai, alongside counterparts from the Ministries of Investment, Blue Economy, and Tourism.

The resounding message to global investors was both clear and compelling:
"Think Mining – Make it Kenya!"

Court Ruling on the Mining Regulations 2024

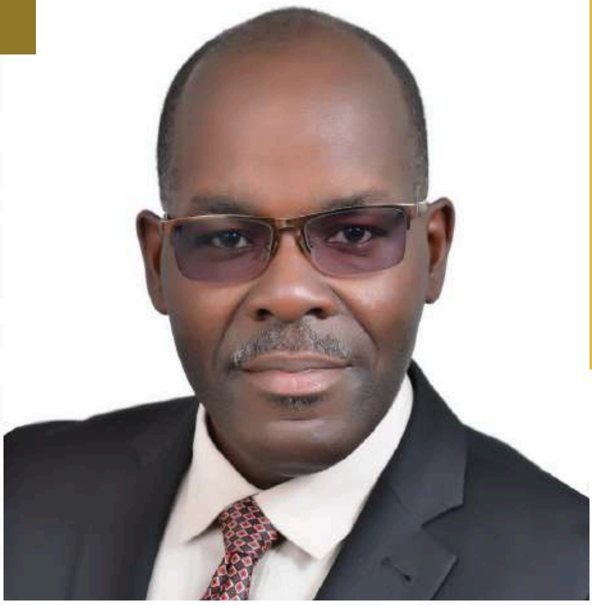
Following the Petition lodged by the Kenya Chamber of Mines, judgment was delivered on 10th September 2025 by Hon. Justice Bahati Mwamuye regarding the Mining Regulations 2024.

The Court found the Petition to be meritorious and issued the following orders:

- A declaration that the following Regulations are unconstitutional, unlawful, and in violation of Articles 10 and 118 of the Constitution, and are therefore null and void:
    - The Mining (License and Permit) (Amendment) Regulations 2024
    - The Mining (Dealing in Minerals) (Amendment) Regulations 2024
    - The Mining (Mine Support Services) (Amendment) Regulations 2024
    - The Mining (Gemstones Identification and Value Addition Fees) (Amendment) Regulations 2024
    - The Mining (Royalty Collection and Management) (Amendment) Regulations 2024
    - (collectively referred to as the Mining Regulations 2024)
- A declaration that the Mining Regulations 2024 are null and void in their entirety, and therefore invalid and unenforceable.
- An Order of Certiorari quashing the Mining Regulations 2024 in their entirety.
- No orders as to costs, as the matter was deemed to involve a public interest issue.

The Chamber will continue engaging with the Government and stakeholders to ensure that future regulations are developed in a consultative, transparent, and lawful manner.
Promoting Mining for Kenya's Economic Transformation

KCM Welcomes New Chief Executive Officer, Mr. Brian B. Simiyu



The Kenya Chamber of Mines (KCM) is pleased to announce the appointment of Mr. Brian B. Simiyu as our new Chief Executive Officer.

Mr. Simiyu brings with him over 20 years of leadership experience across the oil and energy industries, having held senior roles at ExxonMobil, Shell, and Linde/BOC. His expertise spans strategy, business development, stakeholder engagement, and operational safety/quality management, with a proven track record in driving growth, turnarounds, and sustainable practices in competitive sectors.

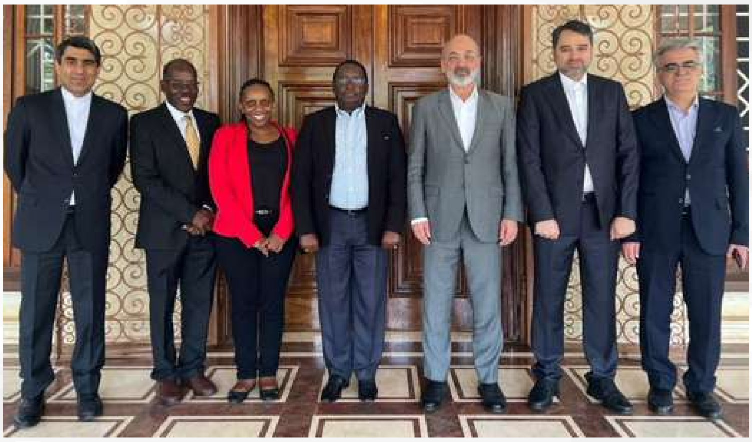
We are confident that under his leadership, KCM will strengthen its advocacy, expand its impact, and champion sustainable development across Kenya's mining and energy landscape. Join us in giving a warm welcome to Mr. Simiyu as he begins this exciting new chapter with the KCM family!

Strengthening International Partnerships: KCM Meets ICCIMA

KCM leadership, led by our Chair Dr. Kanyoro Patrick, CEO Brian Simiyu, and KCM Member Adv. Linda Khakali, recently held a high-level engagement with H.E. Ghadir Ghiafeh, Vice President of the Iran Chamber of Commerce, Industries, Mines & Agriculture (ICCIMA), alongside his esteemed delegation:

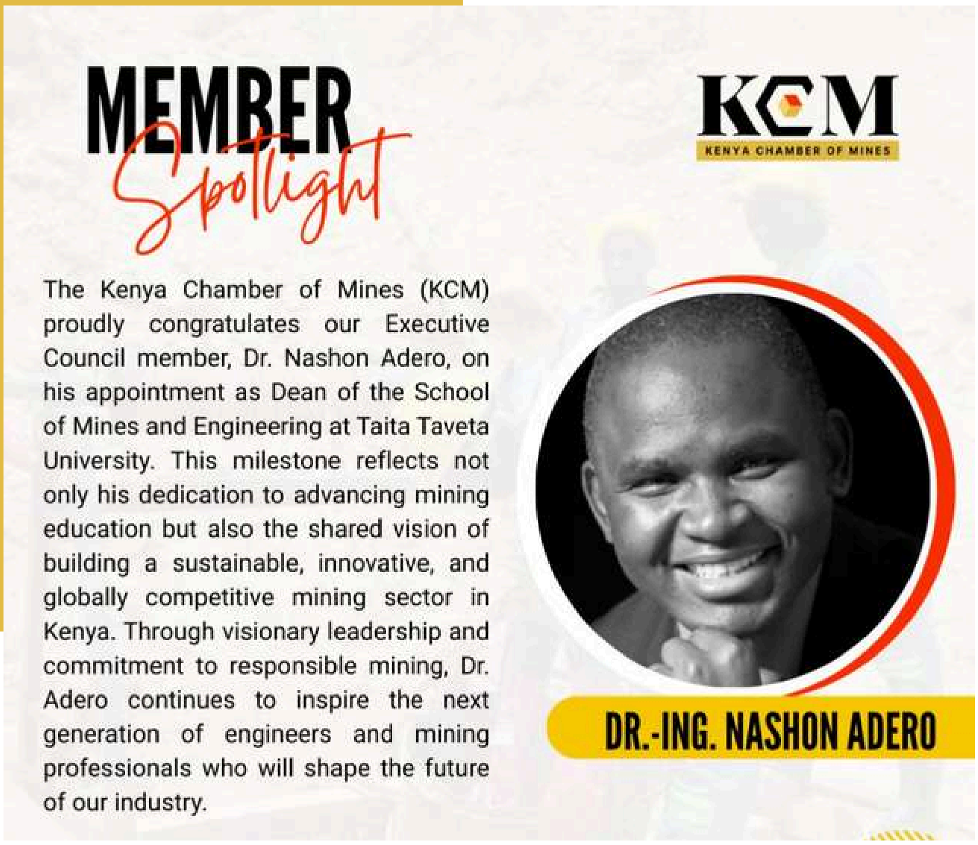
- H.E. Dr. Sales Niazi (PhD)
- H.E. Sayed Hamed Asgari, Deputy President for International Affairs
- Mr. Shahram Kasi Pour, Director General for African Affairs

The discussions centered on deepening cooperation between KCM and ICCIMA, with both institutions expressing strong interest in fostering collaborations in mining, trade, and investment.



This dialogue marks the beginning of a promising partnership aimed at unlocking new avenues for growth and strengthening bilateral relations.

At KCM, we believe in meaningful partnerships that empower the mining sector and contribute to sustainable economic development.



KCM congratulates Dr. Nashon Adero, our Executive Council Member, on his appointment as Dean, School of Mines and Engineering at Taita Taveta University. His dedication to advancing mining education, innovation, and youth empowerment continues to shape a future-ready generation of engineers in Kenya and beyond.

We are proud to spotlight Tata Chemicals Magadi, a valued member of the Kenya Chamber of Mines, for its ambitious expansion plans at Lake Magadi.

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The company is set to increase soda ash production to 600,000 tonnes annually within the next five years, positioning Kenya more competitively in the global market. This milestone aligns with their commitment to sustainable mining, including transitioning operations to solar power to reduce reliance on fossil fuels.

Such forward-thinking initiatives boost Kenya’s mining economy and create jobs, enhance export potential, and reinforce the importance of environmentally responsible practices in the extractive sector.

At KCM, we celebrate members who demonstrate leadership, innovation, and sustainability values that strengthen the mining industry and benefit all stakeholders.

Read more here:
https://www.standardmedia.co.ke/business/business/article/2001525973/tata-to-expand-soda-ash-mining-in-lake-magadi

EVENTS 2025

Webinar series on Mining, Licensing and Education : KCM is preparing to host a webinar series educating miners on mining permits, and licensing in Kenya. Dates and full details will be shared in due course. Stay tuned for updates as we finalize consultations.

More details to follow – stay tuned!

KCM End-Year Dinner 2025: The Kenya Chamber of Mines will host its annual End-Year Dinner, date and venue to be shared. Join fellow members, partners, and industry leaders for an elegant evening of networking, celebration, and reflection.

Let’s connect, celebrate milestones, and toast to the future of Kenya’s mining sector, together.

More details to follow – stay tuned!

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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.

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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

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