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MARCH NEWSLETTER

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QUOTE OF THE MONTH

“An Informed miner is a better equipped miner.”

**RACHAEL WANYOIKE, DIRECTOR SOLIDARIDAD.
EAST & CENTRAL AFRICA.**

A WORD FROM OUR CHAIRMAN

I salute you all.

The Kenya Chamber of Mines (KCM) continues to rise like the proverbial phoenix! I register my gratitude to the Executive Council (EC) for their selfless sacrifice to work towards making KCM great again. KCM has managed to attain unparalleled visibility in the first quarter of 2023. The overwhelming support by the members and the entire mining community in Kenya remains the unshakable foundation for a rejuvenated KCM. As an organization, KCM is going through restructuring and we appreciate the kind support of all partners and friends of KCM.

The KCM leadership continued with visiting miners at their mine sites, especially in Taita Taveta, Kakamega, and Kitui to have first-hand experience of the issues that the miners are grappling with and for us to render region-specific support. There have been engagements with the Regional Mining Officers as well as the county government officers responsible for environment, mining, and mineral resources to promote responsible mining that empowers the local communities, without losing sight of environment-related matters.

In order to deliver on its mandate for advocacy and training, KCM has leveraged the power of partnerships through active engagements with like-minded organizations to negotiate and sign memoranda of understanding (MOU). The first such MOU was negotiated and signed between KCM and the Association of Women in Extractives in Kenya (AWEIK) on 24th February 2023. This has gained fast traction and the most visible outcome is the birth of the Kenya Mining Week, scheduled for 17th to 21st July 2023. Other MOUs that are under negotiation and will be signed in the month of April 2023 are with our worthy partners; Solidaridad, The Impact Facility, Taita Taveta University, Pact Kenya, Mining Engineers Association of Kenya, GemFund, Artisanal and Small Scale Miners Association of Kenya (ASMAK), etc.

A significant event that is worthy of special note is the fact that the EC had the opportunity to engage with the Mineral Rights Board (MRB). This initiative sets the pace for honest conversations that will demystify the licensing process and facilitate KCM to render seamless service to members.

I would like to personally thank all stakeholders for making the Jukwaa la Wachimba Madini an event like no other that climaxed at the stakeholder engagement dinner. The dinner was graced by Mr. Louis Hirst, the Second Secretary, the Australian High Commission, and Mr. Elijah Mwangi, Principal Secretary of the State Department for Mining who gave a key presentation on how to get the industry back on its feet.

I register my deepest gratitude to our esteemed members and all partners for making it possible for the EC to reinvigorate KCM in the first quarter of 2023. The second quarter and beyond is where the rubber meets the road! It is your continued support that will help KCM deliver value to your business. The EC appeals for membership renewal and support for the Kenya Mining Week, through sponsorship and participation in the exhibition. KCM requires financial resources to operate and deliver value for members. We have an opportunity to make our voice heard and our business thrive. We must not let that chance slip through our fingers for we hold fort for future generations of miners and Kenyans. Let us pull together at all times.

As always, responsible and evidence-based advocacy and lobbying is our business at KCM.

Thank you all.

DR. KANYORO PATRICK.
CHAIRMAN



FEBRUARY UPDATES

SUCCESSFUL TAITA TAVETA CHAPTER MEETING

KCM leadership visited Taita Taveta County on Monday 6th February. The main agendas included a courtesy call to Governor Andrew Mwadime, and a meeting with the relevant stakeholders of Taita Taveta County.



KCM chairman and the leaders of the KCM -Taita Taveta Chapter, also met the Department of Mining and Mineral Processing Engineering at Taita Taveta University discussing an MOU that will facilitate student attachments and internships, support technology, research, and innovation and provide the ASM community with technical advisory and training.

MOU WITH AWEIK



KCM signed an MOU with the Association For Women in Energy and Extractives in Kenya (AWEIK) we hope to complement each other and compound on their efforts to promote gender inclusion in the Mining Sector .

USHERING IN OF THE NEW ASMA



We were very proud to usher in the newly formed Artisanal and Small Scale Miners Association (ASMA) on 17th February, during their first meeting in Kisumu. We look forward to supporting and strengthening the association towards the formalization of the ASM sector.

TAASISI YA MADINI, TAITA TAVETA



On February 28th, in Taita Taveta, KCM took part in the formal opening of Kenya's first training school for Gem cutting and polishing, Gemology training, and Traceability Technology. To kick off a bold new Vision for Taita Taveta and the East Africa Gem & Mineral Sector. The Kenya Chamber of Mines Secretariat, H.E. Governor Andrew Mwadime, GEMFUND President James Biss, GEMFUND CEO Rosemary Nyawira Muchangi, and other experts from around the world were present..

MARCH UPDATES



THE JUKWAA LA WACHIMBA MADINI EVENT

KCM was honored to host the First edition of the Jukwaa La Wachimba Madini event on 16th and 17th March. that saw multiple stakeholders take part. These included ASM representatives for Kakamega, Turkana, Migori, Nyamira, Kisii, Taita Taveta, Kwale, Narok and Kitui Counties; and CSO in participation including Oxfam Kenya, AWEIK, Transparency International, the Impact Facility, International Alert, Extractives Baraza and Solidaridad. In support was the Mineral Rights Board through the Ministry of Mining , Blue economy and Maritime Affairs, State Department of Mining.

The different stakeholders and the ASM community being the primary focus of the event; was themed, 'Strengthening ASM for Sustainable Development.'

Major contributions were towards creating solutions and promoting change in the sector, The above centered around amendments targeting policy and advocacy; highlights of economic challenges; occupational safety, health, and environmental issues; and gender-responsive issues.

THE EXTRACTIVES GOLF TOURNAMENT & ENGAGEMENT DINNER

The climax of the two day event, the Extractives Golf Tournament and Industry Stakeholder Engagement Dinner on March 17, 2023, was held at Muthaiga Golf Club, where the key highlights were industrial perspectives on the growth of the mining sector and the contribution of the sector to national development goals, including the opportunities and challenges.



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