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All Potential Investors
Mining Sector

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST IN REDEVELOPMENT OF KILEMBE MINES

The Government of Uganda through this Ministry is seeking potential investors for the redevelopment of Kilembe Mines.

Kilembe Mines is located in Kasese district, at the foot of the great Rwenzori Mountain ranges. Copper mineralization in the Rwenzori Mountains is reported to have first been recorded in 1906 and has been explored since the 1920s. Production in Kilembe mines began in 1956 and steadily increased to peak of about 18,000 tonnes of copper cathode per year in the early 1970s. The operation included a copper smelter in Jinja, and copper concentrate was transported by the railway from Kasese to Jinja. The Government at the time acquired controlling stake in the mine in 1975 when operations were due for recapitalization, which was not done, and production had to be suspended in 1977. Copper extraction ceased in 1982 due to the degenerated smelter in Jinja, the global collapse of mineral commodity prices, dilapidated equipment, high inflation, and the insecurity at the time. KML has since been under care and maintenance and for thirty years, the mine has been dormant.

Currently, the Mines comprise a greenfield exploration area, a brownfield project comprising of a hard rock copper mine and processing plant, a hydro power plant known as Mubuku 1, auxiliary mine facilities, cobalt-rich tailings, and associated minerals with a huge investment potential.

Under the legal framework, Kilembe Mines Limited is a Public Enterprise incorporated as a company with majority shares held by Government of Uganda (99.99%) and minority shares held by the Administrators of the Estate of the late G.D.K. Rukidi III. Both

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shareholders approve and consent to this process recognising the importance of redeveloping the mines. The company is listed under the Public Enterprise Reform and Divestiture Act, Cap. 98 (PERD Act).

The Mineral Wealth of Kilembe Mines has unmatched potential. It has known reserves and resources of copper in ore and tailings. It has potential for cobalt, copper, and associated base metals within the Mining Lease and Exploration Licence areas.

This is, therefore, to notify you of the Expression of Interest that was made by the Government of Uganda in local, regional and international press, including the Economist Magazine and to invite you to visit the following Government of Uganda Ministry websites: www.finance.go.ug, www.energyandminerals.go.ug, www.ugandainvest.go.ug and www.ppda.go.ug for further details. We hope that you participate in this process, for the potential of Kilembe mines is immense.



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