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**7:00 am**      **Registration and Networking**

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**7:40 am**      *take seats in Civic Ballroom*

**7:50 am**      **Breakfast (Civic Ballroom)**

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- **Call to Order** - Garreth Bloor, President, The Canada-Africa Chamber of Business
- **Welcome** - Paula Caldwell St-Onge, Chair, The Canada-Africa Chamber of Business
- **Remarks** - Paul Lefebvre, Mayor, City of Greater Sudbury
- **Toast to Africa** - Marcel Lebleu, Director General, West and Central Africa Bureau, Global Affairs Canada
- **Networking Breakfast**
- **Opening Remarks** - Hon. Samuel A. Jinapor, Minister of Lands and Natural Resources, Republic of Ghana
- **Introduction of Keynote Speaker** - Joe Lombard, Vice-Chair, Hatch
- **Keynote Address - Africa's Fastest Growing Gold Producer** - Peter Marrone, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Allied Gold Corporation
- Hon. Miguel Kashal Katemb, Managing Director, Autorité de Régulation de la Sous-Traitance dans le Secteur Privé – ARSP (Regulatory Authority for Subcontracting in the Private Sector)
- **Wrap Up** - Bruce Shapiro, Co-founder and Past President, MineAfrica Inc. and Past President, The Canada-Africa Chamber of Business

**9:35 am**      **Networking Refreshment Break**

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**10:00 am**      **Country, Regional & Topical Spotlights (15 minute presentations in concurrent rooms)**

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### Spotlight on Francophone Africa

(Moderator: Dr. Firmin Bado, Managing Director, Burkina Faso & Mali, SGS)

- **Cameroon Mining Potential: a Source of Opportunities to be Developed with Sonamines, a Major Player in the Mining Sector**
  - Serge Herve Boyogueno, General Manager, SONAMINES SA (National Mining Corporation)
- **Keys to Success in Mali - B2Gold**
  - Ibrahim Toure, Director External Affairs, B2Gold Corp.
- **Leveraging Our Capabilities and Expertise for Sustainable Mining in Africa**
  - Dr. Firmin Bado, Managing Director, Burkina Faso & Mali, SGS
- Hon. Yacouba Zabré GOUBA, Ministre de l'énergie, des mines et des carrières, Burkina Faso
- **Minimizing Risks for TSX Mining Investments: The SENET & Minopex Approach to Integrated Project Execution and Operations in Africa**
  - Ryan Wilson, SENET
  - Mpho Nkgodi, Senior Vice President of Origination and Special Projects, Minopex
- **Guinea's Geological and Critical Mineral Potential**
  - Daouda Diakité, Directeur National Adjoint de la Géologie, Guinea Ministry of Mines and Geology
- **les Potentiels Minières du Tchad**
  - Abdelkerim Mahamat Abdelkerim, Ministre des Mines et de la Geologie, république du Tchad
- **Geopolitical Overview on Africa**
  - Erin O'Toole, President and Managing Director, ADIT North America
- **Key Considerations in Mining Disputes in Francophone Africa - Avoid Escalation**
  - Lucien Bou Chaaya, Partner, Trinity International AARPI (Trinity Paris)

## KENT ROOM

### Spotlight on Namibia

(Moderator: Francois van Schalkwyk - Executive: Investment and New Ventures, Namibia Investment Promotion and Development Board)

- **The State of the Namibian Mining Sector**
  - The Hon. Kornelia Kashiimbindjola Shilunga, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Mines and Energy
- **Investing in Namibia's Mining Sector**
  - Nangula Uaandja, Chairperson and Chief Executive Officer, Namibia Investment Promotion and Development Board
- **Osino Resources - Namibia's Next Gold Mining Champion**
  - Alan Freidman, Chairman, Osino Resources Corp.
- **Developing Namibia's First Commercial Lithium Mica Mine**
  - Joe Walsh, Managing Director (Executive), Lepidico Ltd.
- **More than Mining, B2Gold's Legacy in Namibia**
  - John Roos, Country Manager, Namibia, B2Gold Corp.
- **Unlocking Resources and Generating Value to Thrive and Grow Together**
  - Nikolay Hristov, Senior Vice President, Sustainable Business Development, Dundee Precious Metals Inc.
- **Panel Discussion**

## HURON ROOM

### Spotlight on Nigeria

- **Welcome and Moderator**
  - Emma Priestley, Advisor to Ministry of Solid Mineral Development
- **Welcome and Opening of the Forum: Ambassador Address**
  - Ambassador Obioma R. Nzewuji, Chargé D’Affaires AI, Nigeria High Commission, Ottawa
- **General Introduction**
  - Nancy Chinemerem, Technical Adviser to Minister
- **Minister’s Address**
  - Engr Obadiah Simon Nkom, Director General, Nigerian Mining Cadastre Office standing in for the Minister of Solid Mineral Development
- **Geological Setting and Progress**
  - Dr Abdulrazaq Garba, Director General, Nigerian Geological Survey Agency
- **DSS Database**
  - Andreas Knobloch, Beak Consultants GmbH
- **Airbourne Mapping Update**
  - Victor Gonzalez, Xcalibur
- **Company Experience**
  - Brian Kieran, Chairman, DFR Gold
- **Solid Mineral Development Fund – What it Does**
  - Engr Sallim Salaam, Director General, MinDiver
- **Where We Go From Here and What the Geology can Offer**
  - Francisco Iguualada, Senior Consultant to MinDiver
- **Questions and Answers**
- **Closing Address**
  - Emma Priestley, Advisor to Ministry of Solid Mineral Development

## KENORA ROOM

### Critical Minerals Supply Chains for Batteries: A Look at Africa presented by Hatch & Opportunity Africa (Zimbabwe & Tanzania)

- **A Discussion on Green Steel**
  - Paul Towsey, Metals Coordinator, Pyrometallurgy, Hatch
- **Critical Minerals Supply Chains**
  - Yinka Ogunduyi, Advisory Engagement Manager, Hatch
- **A College’s Role in the Critical Minerals Supply Chain**
  - Steve Gravel, Manager, Centre for Smart Mining, Cambrian College of Applied Arts and Technology
- **Exploring Opportunities in Zimbabwe’s Mining Sector**
  - Tafadzwa Wilfrid Chinamo, Chief Executive Officer, Zimbabwe Investment & Development Agency
- **Investment Opportunities in the Tanzanian Mineral Sector**
  - Dr. Venance Mwase, Managing Director, Stamico, Tanzania

### Spotlight on Ghana: Leveraging Over a Century of Mining to Enhance Value Addition for the Development of Ghana

- Hon. Samuel A. Jinapor, MP, Minister of Lands and Natural Resources, Republic of Ghana
- **Panel Discussion & General Q&A**  
(moderator - Benjamin N.A. Aryee, Ministry of Lands and Natural Resources)
  - Jurgen Eijgendaal, Managing Director, Ghana Manganese Company Limited
  - Alberto Calderon, Chief Executive Officer and Executive Director, AngloGold Ashanti Limited
  - Neil Herbert, Executive Chairman, Atlantic Lithium Limited
  - Luke Alexander, President and Chief Executive Officer, Newcore Gold Ltd.
  - James Wallbank, Chariman, Azumah Resources Gh Ltd
- **Remarks**
  - Edward Nana Yaw Koranteng, Chief Executive Officer, Minerals Income Investment Fund
  - Martin Ayisi, Chief Executive Officer, Ghana Minerals Commission
- **Closing Remarks**
  - Hon. Samuel A. Jinapor, Minister of Lands and Natural Resources, Republic of Ghana

### Spotlight on DRC

(Moderator: Ateau Zola, Business Development MineAfrica Inc., & Vice President, Natural Resources, The Canada-Africa Chamber of Business)

- Jacques Ramazani Lutuba, General Secretary, Ministry of Mines, République Démocratique du Congo
- Hon. Miguel Kashal Katemb, Managing Director, Autorité de Régulation de la Sous-Traitance dans le Secteur Privé – ARSP (Regulatory Authority for Subcontracting in the Private Sector)
- Popol (Paul) Mabolia Yenga, Director General, CAMI (Mining Cadastre of DR Congo)
- **Lualaba, a Land of Economic Opportunities and Investments for the Energy of the Future**
  - Lydia Kapapa Kalasa, Minister of Economy, Province of Lualaba
- **République Démocratique du Congo Elephant Trade Services: Your Strategic Business Partner for Cutting-Edge Solutions in DR Congo**
  - Immaculee Ndombi Mungala, Logistics and Procurement Manager, Elephant Trade-Services
- **DRC: A Growing African Superpower**
  - Stéphane Brabant, Senior Partner, Trinity International AARPI (Trinity Paris)



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The National Development Strategy 2020-2030 (NDS 30) relies on the Mining-Metallurgy-Steel Industry to develop a series of integrated projects focused on optimizing the country's mineral resources. With a view to building a foundation for sustainable development, subsoil resources must be invested in or converted into more productive forms of capital, while complying with environmental and local content requirements.

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# Speaker Profiles *(in alphabetical order)*



**Abdelkerim Mahamat Abdelkerim**  
**Ministre des Mines et de la Geologie**  
**République du tchad**

- From January 2021 to the present, Technical General Director of Child Protection at the Ministry of Women and Early Childhood
  - From January 2019 to January 2021, Technical General Director of Planning, Administration and Communication within the same ministry
  - From August 2018 to January 2019, he is made available to the Human Resources Department of the Ministry of Public Health
  - From April 2017 to August 2017, he was the National Project Coordinator, then National Director of SOS Children's Villages Chad
  - From June 2004 to July 2014, he headed the SOS Children's Village of N'Djamena in Chad.
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**Hon. Yacouba Zabré Gouba**  
**Ministre de l'énergie, des mines et des carrières**  
**Burkina Faso**

Following the cabinet reshuffle on 17 December 2023, Yacouba Zabré Gouba was appointed Minister for Energy, Mines and Quarries.

This Treasury Inspector worked in the General Directorate of the Treasury and Public Accounting as an agent before being appointed Head of the State Public Establishments Department of the Directorate of Monetary and Financial Affairs (Direction des affaires monétaires et financières – DAMOF) within the Treasury. He has also twice sat on the board of directors of Netiana Mining Company SA as a director representing the State. Indeed, on 8 June 2018, the government appointed him as director representing the State on the Board of Directors of Netiana Mining Company SA, under the Ministry of the Economy, Finance and Development, for an initial term of 03 years. On 17 November 2021, he was again appointed director representing the State, on behalf of the Ministry of Energy, Mines and Quarries, on the Board of Directors of the same mining company, Netiana Mining Company SA, for a final term of 03 years.

As a reminder, the Nétiana mine is located in the rural commune of Guiaro, in the province of Nahouri. It is a subsidiary of the AVESORO group, which operates the Youga mine. The Nétiana mine obtained its large-scale industrial gold mining permit on 23 January 2017. The permit was renewed on 23 June 2021, but the company suspended work in January 2022 after an attack on a neighbouring site in Ouaré. Yacouba Zabré Gouba arrives at the Ministry of Mines against a backdrop of insecurity. He will be able to draw on his experience of the Netiana Mining Company mine, which is experiencing difficulties in managing the sector as a whole. In addition to the board of this mining company, the new Minister of Mines, Yacouba Zabré Gouba, was also appointed in April 2023 to sit on the board of the National Fund for the Promotion of Sport and Leisure (Fonds national pour la promotion du Sport et des loisirs – FNPSL).

But on 13 September 2023, he was appointed Treasurer of the Embassy of Burkina Faso in Tehran, Iran. **tourabdou72@gmail.com**



**Hon. Samuel A. Jinapor**  
**Minister of Lands and Natural Resources**  
**Ghana**

Hon. Samuel A. Jinapor is a Ghanaian Lawyer and Politician, and currently Ghana's Minister for Lands and Natural Resources and the Member of Parliament for the Damongo Constituency. He holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Physics from the Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology and a Bachelor of Laws and Master of Laws Degrees from the University of Ghana.

Prior to becoming a Minister, Hon Jinapor worked as a Deputy Chief of Staff in charge of Operations at the Office of the President of Ghana for four years. He also worked at the law offices of Kulendi@Law, where he rose to the rank of a Senior Associate.



**Hon. Kornelia Kashiimbindjola Shilunga**  
**Deputy Minister, Ministry of Mines and Energy**  
**Republic of Namibia**

The Hon. Kornelia Kashiimbindjola Shilunga has been a member of the National Assembly since 2015 and currently serves as the Deputy Minister of Mines and Energy. She was the first female Deputy Minister at the Ministry. She holds two master's degrees, one in Business Administration with Eastern Southern Africa Management Institute and one in Public Policy and Administration from the University of Namibia. She also holds a bachelor's degree in Nursing Education and Community Health and a Diploma in Nursing Science.

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**Dr. Garba Abdulrasaq Abubakar**  
**Director General**  
**Nigerian Geological Survey Agency**

Dr. Garba Abdulrasaq Abubakar pursued a career in geosciences at the Department of Geology Ahmadu Bello University Zaria in the years 1983-1986 and joined the Geological Survey Department, now Nigerian Geological Survey Agency (NGSA) of the former Ministry of Mines, Power and Steel immediately after completing his compulsory National Youth Service in December 1987. He rose through the ranks and became the Director Economic Geology Department of the NGSA 2016. Dr Garba went for further studies and obtained a Ph.D degree in Geology (Economic Geology/Geochemistry/Mineral Exploration) at the University of Ilorin. He has attended many professional development courses and leadership workshops/conferences mostly in exploration and resources assessment training in mineral resources assessment, reporting standards and JORC reporting. He also won the SEG/SGA-UNESCO scholarship to attend the Africa metallogeny and mineral resources workshop in Marrakech, Morocco. He is also a co leader of the PanAfGeo Work Pack 2 (Mineral Resources Assessment), a training program for African Geological Surveys sponsored by the European Geological Surveys.

His career spanned various aspects of geology with major interests in Economic Geology. He has made contributions in areas of geosciences, especially in exploration leading to discoveries and development of mining projects. He has made contributions to the development of NGSA thematic products which later evolved into key publications and projects, such as the Geological Map of Nigeria, National Geochemical Mapping Technical Assistance Project, Exploration/evaluation projects, and the National Integrated Mineral Exploration Project. He was a lead member of the team that evaluated the alluvial gold resources of Laka area, Kebbi State for Harvest Mining Company Limited, a joint venture company owned by the Federal Government of Nigeria, Kebbi State Government, and a private company leading to definition of alluvial reserves. He was also a member of exploration team that evaluated the primary and alluvial gold resources associated with lead, silver and gold mineralization of Baban Tsauni area, leading to development of an evolving major mining project in Nigeria. Dr. Garba is a member of several societies and also a Fellow of the Geological Society of London and Nigerian Mining and Geosciences Society.



**Luke Alexander**  
**President and Chief Executive Officer**  
**Newcore Gold Ltd.**

Luke Alexander joined Newcore Gold as President, CEO & Director in May 2020. He brings extensive resource sector experience, knowledge and contacts to Newcore, particularly in West Africa. He has raised billions of dollars and structured deals for major mining companies while advising some of the world's top institutional investment funds. Mr. Alexander began his investment banking career in the private client group at BMO Nesbitt Burns in Toronto, then started up an equity trading desk for Toronto Dominion in London before doing the same for National Bank. In 2008, he became senior partner at GMP Securities in London. Throughout his investment banking career, he helped fund many major resource projects in West Africa. In 2018, Mr. Alexander founded Park Road Capital, a Vancouver-based, natural resource focused consulting company where he focused on leveraging his investment banking expertise.

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**Benjamin N.A. Aryee**  
**Advisor on Mining**  
**Ghana Ministry of Lands and Natural Resources**

Mr. Aryee has been the Advisor on Mining at Ghana's Ministry of Lands and Natural Resources from April 2014. Prior to this he was the Chief Executive Officer of Ghana's Minerals Commission from 2001. The Commission is the governmental agency responsible for promoting the mining sector as well as managing and regulating the utilization of Ghana's mineral resources.

He has a BA Hons in Economics with Geography, from the University of Ghana, an M.Eng. in Mineral Economics from the McGill University in Montreal, Canada, and an MBA from Ghana Institute of Management and Public Administration, Green Hill in Ghana.

He has been a key player in a number of global and continental initiatives to promote mining as a catalyst for sustainable development in Africa; these include the African Mining Partnership, the Africa Mining Vision, the Intergovernmental Forum on Mining, Minerals, Metals and Sustainable Development, among others.

He has to his credit a number of publications/presentations, especially on Ghana's mining sector, fiscal regimes, and sustainable development through mining and small scale mining. He recently published and launched a classic reference book, titled. "A Historical Overview of Ghana's Mining Sector Fiscal Regimes"

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**Martin Ayisi**  
**Chief Executive Officer**  
**Ghana Minerals Commission**

A mining and petroleum lawyer with over 20 years' experience, knowledge and tremendous interests in international environmental law, mining, energy (policy and regulation), oil and gas laws and policies. Martin has a specialized and exceptional skills in legal interpretation and the drafting of mining laws and regulations as well as a wide-range of commercial agreements and contracts used in the mining (including investment/mineral/development agreements that are widely used for large scale mining projects in Africa) and oil and gas industry globally and in particular, a sound knowledge and understanding of mining and oil and gas laws, policies and governance issues in West and East Africa. Between 2014 and 2018, Martin provided advice to the Ministry of Mining of Kenya on extractive industry governance, sector reforms particularly legal and regulatory strengthening through review of its mining laws and drafting of a wide-range of mining regulations required to implement the new mining framework.

Martin also served as consultant on mining and oil and gas to a number of international organisations and consulting firms such as UNECA, IISD, Adam Smith International, Oxford Policy Management, International Development Law Organisation.

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**Dr. Firmin Bado**  
**Managing Director**  
**Burkina Faso & Mali, SGS.**

As the Regional Geochemistry Business Manager, Dr. Firmin Bado is accountable for achieving the strategic plan to advance SGS mission and objectives, and for driving growth, revenue and profitability of the operations and expanding the Geochemistry network footprint. He is responsible for ensuring that operations adhere to the highest standards of sustainability, corporate responsibility and add value to our clients' projects.

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**Garreth Bloor**  
**President**  
**The Canada-Africa Chamber of Business**

As President, Garreth Bloor has led trade and investment event programs in Canada and across the African continent, in line with the Chamber's mission of accelerating Canada-Africa trade and investment through world-class networking and information-sharing events.

Bloor is a Senior Development Associate with the Fraser Institute. His previous work in public policy includes roles as the executive councillor responsible for economic development and spatial planning in the City of Cape Town, South Africa from 2012 to 2016. He is co-founder Africa Foresight Fund, a private equity firm.

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**Serge Herve Boyogueno**  
**General Manager**

**SONAMINES SA (National Mining Corporation of Cameroon)**

Mr. Serge Herve BOYOGUENO is the current General Manager of the National Mining Corporation. He was the Director of Mines at the time of his appointment as the DG of SONAMINES, a position he held for four (04) years.

He is a Mining Engineer by profession and holds an Executive MBA in Strategic Management, MSc. in Sustainable Management of Mines and an MSc. in Mathematical Engineering with specialty in Modeling of complex systems.

His goals and aspirations as a decision maker in the Extractive Minerals Industry Sector are to contribute to Cameroon's economic growth and competitiveness through the development of the mining sector; by unlocking Cameroon's mineral potential and attracting huge investments.

This ambitious goal of his however, requires sound management of revenues from extractives through transparent, equitable and optimal schemes to underpin broad-based sustainable growth and socio-economic development. Furthermore, his vision is to encourage infrastructural development which is a gateway to kickstart industrial mining in Cameroon. He wants to set the pace in the domain as an exemplary leader by investing and promoting Cameroon's subsoil through research and the creation of a solid geological database which will be placed at the epicenter of Mining in Cameroon. [serge.boyogueno@sonamines.cm](mailto:serge.boyogueno@sonamines.cm)



**Stéphane Brabant**  
**Senior Partner**

**Trinity International AARPI (Trinity Paris)**

Prior to joining Trinity Paris in 2021, Stéphane was a partner at Herbert Smith Freehills and held global key roles, including co-Chair of the Africa practice, Chair of Global Mining, Co-head of Business and Human Rights group and Head of the Crisis Management group for Africa.

Stéphane has over 30 years of experience as a projects and transactional lawyer, primarily in the mining and energy sectors in Africa, with a particular focus on the structuring of complex investments between multinationals and States, crisis prevention and management and dispute resolution (including arbitration).

Stéphane has also built a strong practice advising businesses on their environmental, social and governance (ESG) strategies and how they can align their activities with the UN's Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). He was one of the experts advising John Ruggie (former UN Special Representative of the Secretary General on the issue of human rights and transnational corporations and other business enterprises) on the human rights capacity building obligations and responsibilities of States and multinationals. He has also built a strong understanding of Blockchain and its value in enabling traceability in supply chains.

Legal guides consistently rank Stéphane in the top tier. He is the only lawyer singled out by Chambers Global for its highest "Senior Statesman" ranking for Africa-wide Projects & Energy and received a "Lifetime Achievement Award" at the Chambers Africa Awards 2021 in recognition of his contribution to the legal profession and to the practice of law across the African continent. He is also ranked by Chambers Global in band 1 for Global-wide Business & Human Rights.

Stéphane is a member of the Advisory Board of the Business & Human Rights Project of the American Bar Association's Center for Human Rights; as well as a member of the Social Impacts, Project Affected Communities and Indigenous Peoples organisations of the Chamber of the Hydropower Sustainability Assessment Council. He is also a former co-Chair of the International Bar Association's CSR work group. [Stephane.Brabant@trinityllp.com](mailto:Stephane.Brabant@trinityllp.com)



**Alberto Calderon**

**Chief Executive Officer and Executive Director**  
**AngloGold Ashanti Limited**

Alberto Calderon's executive experience includes leadership roles across the mining, petroleum, and energy sectors. He was CEO of Orica, the largest mining explosives company in the world. He was also an executive with the world's leading diversified mining company, BHP Group Plc. During his time with BHP Group Plc, Mr. Calderon held a number of key leadership positions, including group executive and chief executive aluminium, nickel and corporate development, group executive and chief commercial officer.

Mr. Calderon was also CEO of Cerrejón Coal Company, an integrated thermal coal mine in Colombia, and CEO of the Colombian oil company, Ecopetrol. Prior to this, Mr. Calderon held senior leadership positions in the International Monetary Fund and the Colombian government and has been a board member of a range of private, public and non-government organisations.





**Paula Caldwell St-Onge**  
**Chair**

**The Canada-Africa Chamber of Business**

Experienced Senior Executive with over 30 years in the Canadian Government skilled in International Relations, Governance issues, Political risk, Sustainable development, International Trade, Economic Development, and Environmental Sciences. Senior executive positions include: Canadian Ambassador to Haiti; Director General Pan-African Affairs; Minister Counsellor Trade for the Canadian Embassy in Mexico and Brazil; Consul General for the South-Central USA (Texas, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Arkansas & Louisiana); Director General of Environmental Assessments, Emergency Preparedness and Security; and Environment Canada's Chief Enforcement Officer.

Engaged board member with both public and private company experience in the mining sector. Chair of ESG Committee, Chair of Human Resources, Compensation and Governance Committee, member of Audit, Sustainability, and Technical Committees for TSXV, TSX and CNSX listed public companies. Also, three not-for-profits: Chair of the Canada-Africa Chamber of Business, Director of Foresight CEC (Canada's largest clean technology accelerator) and Advisor to Feminist Data Research (FDR Inc.)

Strong community engagement professional with a Master of Business Administration (MBA) focused on Leadership and Sustainability from University of Cumbria, and a Bachelor of Science (Honours) from Queen's University. She also holds an Institute of Corporate Directors Designation (ICD.D) from the University of Toronto. She is fluent in Spanish, Portuguese, French and English.

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**Lucien Bou Chaaya**  
**Partner**

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Prior to joining Trinity Paris in 2021, Lucien was a Senior Associate in the Natural Resources, Energy and Infrastructure group of Herbert Smith Freehills. He started his career at a leading law firm in Beirut before joining Herbert Smith Freehills's Paris office in 2013.

Lucien advises a broad range of clients on single and multi-jurisdictional corporate, commercial and crisis management work in the context of transactions and projects in France, North and sub-Saharan Africa and the Middle East across a range of industry sectors, including mining, oil and gas, energy, infrastructure, private civil aviation and defence. He has a particular knowledge of Arabophone and Francophone Africa's local and regional legal and regulatory systems, including OHADA, CEMAC and UEMOA and a strong network of local contacts. Lucien is qualified in France and Lebanon, and speaks, reads and writes Arabic, French and English. Lucien holds an LL.M in business law in Arab Countries from La Sorbonne University in Paris, a master's degree in private law, a BA in law and a BA in political science from Saint-Joseph University in Beirut.

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**Tafadzwa Chinamo**  
**Chief Executive Officer**

**Zimbabwe Investment and Development Agency**

Mr. Tafadzwa Chinamo has been the Chief Executive Officer of the Zimbabwe Investment and Development Agency, (ZIDA) since November 2022. He has vast experience in investments, spanning over 25 years, working as an Investment Analyst, Fund Manager and Managing Director at two Asset Management firms.

Tafadzwa Chinamo's role in public service began when he became CEO at the Securities and Exchange Commission of Zimbabwe in 2011, a position he held for 10 years.

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**Daouda Diakité**  
**Directeur National Adjoint de la Géologie**  
**Guinea Ministry of Mines and Geology**

Daouda DIAKITE, 39 ans, est un ingénieur géologue qui a fait ses études supérieures au Maroc et en France, il a été nommé en février 2022 au poste de Directeur National Adjoint de la Géologie. Depuis cette date, il est fortement impliqué dans la planification, la coordination et la supervision des activités dans le domaine de la recherche géologique et minière en République de Guinée.

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**Jurgen Eijgendaal**  
**Managing Director**  
**Ghana Manganese Company Limited**

Jurgen Eijgendaal (59) An all-round business executive with over thirty (30) years of professional international working experience and a strong proven track record in the mining industry. He is the Managing Director of Ghana Manganese Company Limited, a company he worked for during 1998 and 2018 and re-joined in March 2020 to date. Jurgen has been the President of the Ghana Chamber of Mines for two consecutive terms between 2006 and 2010 and has served on various corporate boards in and outside Ghana.

He is the founder, owner of JDS and Associates Limited (JDS), a consulting company based in Ghana. He holds a MA degree from the University of Leiden, Netherlands and currently resides in Ghana.



**Ime Ekpenyong Ekrikpo**  
**Director, Investment Promotion and Mineral Trade**  
**Ministry of Solid Minerals Development, Nigeria**

Mr. Ime Ekpenyong Ekrikpo has 30 years working experience at the top echelon in the Federal Government of Nigeria that transverse the Mining as well as Steel & Metallurgical Industries having held various leadership positions these sectors such as Director, Steel and Non-Ferrous Metals Department, Director - Metallurgical Inspectorate and Raw Materials Development Department, Deputy Director - Artisanal and Small-Scale Mining Department.

He is a graduate of Pure and Applied Chemistry of the University of Calabar, Post-Graduate Diploma in Geology and Mining, Post-Graduate Diploma in Public Administration and a Fellow of the Metallurgical Society of Nigeria, Fellow of the Mining, Metallurgical and Materials Division of the Nigerian Society of Engineers. [ime67ekrikpo@gmail.com](mailto:ime67ekrikpo@gmail.com)



**Nere Emiko**  
**Founder and Managing Director**  
**Kian Smith Company**

Nere Emiko is the Founder and Managing Director of Kian Smith - a mining and minerals firm. The company is involved in the gold value chain and mineral economic development of Nigeria. It has developed the first gold refinery in Nigeria and pioneered other gold initiatives including Sanu, a digital platform for accessing precious metals. The company has also partnered with state governments in Nigeria towards establishing mining SPVs and community engagement.



**Wayne Floreani**  
**President**  
**MineAfrica Inc.**  
**& Director**  
**The Canada-Africa Chamber of Business**

Wayne has over 30 years of international trade and investment promotion experience and expertise, with a particular focus on mining. He worked previously with the South African Department of Trade and Industry in Toronto and the Sudbury Regional Development Corporation. He has organized numerous delegations at international trade shows, trade missions and conferences including the annual South African pavilion at PDAC, MinExpo in Las Vegas, Electra Mining, and the Canadian Institute of Mining, as well as high profile ministerial and trade delegations to Canada. He is a current Board Member (and past Chairman) of The Canada-Africa Chamber of Business and Past President of the Canadian Italian Business and Professional Association of Canada. Wayne holds an Honours Bachelor of Commerce degree from Laurentian University in Sudbury, Ontario.

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**Alan Friedman**  
**Chairman**  
**Osino Resources Corp.**

Alan is a South African-trained lawyer and public markets entrepreneur. As a result of being involved with North American public markets for over 20 years, his little black book is brimming with the Who-is-Who in Finance and Acquisitions and he has played an integral role in the financings and go-public transactions for many resource companies onto TSX and AIM. He is also a director of the Canada-Africa Chamber of Business. Alan is a Co-founder and Director of TSX-V listed Eco (Atlantic) Oil and Gas Ltd., and co-founder of Auryx Gold Corp and Osino Resources. [afriedman@rivoniacapital.com](mailto:afriedman@rivoniacapital.com)



**Steve Gravel**

**Manager, Centre for Smart Mining  
Cambrian College of Applied Arts and Technology**

**Steve Gravel is the Manager of the Centre for Smart Mining at Cambrian College in Sudbury Ontario.** The centre focuses on facilitating new technology adoption in the mining sector by providing mining technology companies with technical services and funding. Prior to leading the Centre for Smart Mining, Steve held a position at the Ontario Centres of Excellence (OCE), where he worked with Ontario SMEs and tech firms as a Business Development and Commercialization Manager. In previous roles, Steve has studied the northern Ontario mining supply and services cluster in depth and understands its uniqueness and strategic value. Steve also co-hosts a weekly innovation podcast called The Unlikely Innovators that highlights stories of unlikely sources of innovation from post-secondary education to celebrities, start-ups, SMEs, and a variety of industrial sectors.

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**Neil Herbert**

**Executive Chairman  
Atlantic Lithium Limited**

Neil Herbert has over 30 years of experience in finance including being involved in growing mining and oil and gas companies, both as an executive and an investor, for over 25 years. Until May 2013, Mr. Herbert was Co-Chairman and Managing Director of AIM quoted Polo Resources Limited, a natural resources Investment Company. Prior to this, he was a director of resource investment company Galahad Gold plc from which he became Finance Director of its most successful investment, start-up uranium company UraMin Inc. from 2005 to 2007, during which period he worked to float the company on AIM and the Toronto Stock Exchange, raise US\$400 million in equity financing and negotiate the sale of the group for US\$2.5 billion. Mr. Herbert has also held board positions at a number of resource companies where he has been involved in managing numerous acquisitions, disposals, stock market listings and fundraisings.



**Nikolay Hristov**

**Senior Vice President, Sustainable Business Development  
Dundee Precious Metals Inc.**

Nikolay Hristov obtained both a Master of Science and Ph.D. in Mineral Processing from the University of Mining and Geology in Sofia and has completed courses in both Engineering Geo-ecology and International Economic Relations. He also recently completed the Advanced Management Program at the Harvard Business School. Prior to joining Chelopech in 2004, Mr. Hristov held positions in mineral processing, research and development. Starting as a metallurgist with DPM, Mr. Hristov moved through a variety of increasingly senior roles before assuming the role of Vice President and General Manager, Chelopech Mine in 2011. Mr. Hristov established a foundation of continuous improvement at the Chelopech mine, overseeing an expansion that doubled the mine's output. During his tenure as VP and GM for Chelopech, Mr. Hristov played a central role working with a diverse stakeholder group and draws on that experience in his role as Senior Vice President, Sustainable Business Development. **[nikolay.hristov@dundeeprecious.com](mailto:nikolay.hristov@dundeeprecious.com)**



**Lydia Kapapa Kalasa**

**Minister of Economy, Industry and Trade at Province of Lualaba  
(Democratic Republic of the Congo, DRC)**

**Excellency Lydia Kapapa Kalasa is a Congolese politician in the Province of Lualaba** and one of the pioneer for the inclusion of women at high level decision-making institutions. She is also a successful young businesswoman in the marketing and consulting services. From her current position, Minister at the Government of Lualaba under the Authority of Her Excellency Fifi Masuka Saini, she is in charge of diversification of the regional economy by developing Special Economic Zones (SEZ) to reduce the weight of the primary sector in which raw materials represent a big share of the regional (national) domestic product. As a former Minister in charge of youth entrepreneurship and emergence of the middle class, she funded trainings on developing business in industrial and service sectors in order to reduce youth unemployment, poverty and gender inequality. She represents the Governor of Lualaba, Her Excellency Madame Fifi Masuka Saini, one of the leading figures of female politicians in the DRC. Lualaba is the richest province of the country.



**Hon. Miguel KASHAL KATEMB**

**MD Autorité de Régulation de la Sous-Traitance dans le Secteur Privé – ARSP  
(Regulatory Authority for Subcontracting in the Private Sector)**

The Honorable Miguel KASHAL KATEMB is a successful businessman and statesman who managed various companies in Zimbabwe, Zambia, South Africa, and the Democratic Republic of Congo. He has a background in business, holding an MBA from the University of Witwatersrand.

In 2015, he began his career in politics as an Advisor in the cabinet of Special Commissioner Félicien Katanga and later served as Official Representative in the cabinet of Governor Jean-Claude KAZEMBE MUSONDA. He was recognized for his skills and in 2017 became an Expert in the cabinet of Provincial Governor PANDE KAPOPO.

In 2018, he was elected as a Provincial Member of parliament in Haut-Katanga. His political career continued to progress as he was appointed Provincial Minister for Infrastructure, Housing and Urban Planning by Governor Jacques KYABULA KATWE in May 2019. He has retained this position despite multiple reshuffles and has caught the attention of the Head of State, President Felix Antoine TSHISEKEDI TSHILOMBO.

In November 15, 2022, he was appointed as the Managing Director of the Regulatory Authority for Subcontracting in the Private sector (ARSP) by presidential decree.



**Edward Nana Yaw Koranteng**

**Chief Executive Officer**

**Ghana Minerals Income Investment Fund (MIIF)**

Edward Nana Yaw Koranteng is an investment banker and lawyer with over twenty-three years corporate experience. He started his professional career as a Management Consultant at PriceWaterhouseCoopers in 1999.

Prior to his appointment as the Chief Executive Officer of the Minerals Income Investment Fund, Mr. Koranteng was the Regional Head of East, Central and Southern Africa for Ghana International Bank plc (GHIB) in the United Kingdom, and stationed primarily in Nairobi, Kenya. Koranteng also worked with the Chase Bank Group (Kenya), now SBM Bank Mauritius, and its investment banking subsidiary Genghis Capital as Group Head for energy, oil, gas and mining. Before joining Chase Bank, he was the Group Head responsible for energy/oil and gas and mining for Fidelity Bank (Ghana) Ltd in Accra. Prior to Fidelity, Koranteng worked at Access Bank Ghana as Group Head of Corporate and Institutional banking. His banking career however started with Ecobank Ghana Ltd in the year 2000 where he held various managerial roles at the bank for ten years and pioneered the bank's mining business between 2001 and 2003. Edward Koranteng is the co-founder of one of Ghana's leading corporate law firms, Koranteng & Koranteng Legal Advisors. Koranteng holds various certifications in management, marketing finance, energy and mining, including Oil, Gas and Mining Governance from the University of Oxford. He holds a BA (Hons) from the University of Ghana and studied law at the University of Leeds in the United Kingdom, where he also obtained a Master of Laws (LLM) in international banking and finance. He holds a Postgraduate Diploma in law from the BPP Law School in the UK with specialisation in corporate law and international trade law. He was called to the English and Welsh Bar at Lincoln's Inn and subsequently to the Ghana Bar.



**Segun Lawson**  
**Chief Executive Officer and President**  
**Thor Explorations Ltd.**

Segun has been the CEO of Thor since August 2011. He has identified and led all of Thor's acquisitions and financings and in particular, the acquisition of the Segilola Gold Project in Nigeria.

Segun has led Thor's growth through, overseeing the transition from a grassroots explorer to becoming Nigeria's first large scale commercial gold producer and continues to lead Thor as it grows in West Africa and as a first mover in Nigeria.

He is a Co-founder of African Star Resources Incorporated where he served as an officer assisting with financing, corporate and business development activities. He holds a Bachelor of Science from the Royal School of Mines at Imperial College (UK) with Honours in Geology, and has an MBA from Cass Business School. Mr. Lawson had extensive transaction experience at Noble & Company, in the Oil and Gas corporate finance areas, and also experience at Premier Oil in identifying and negotiating new West African opportunities.

Segun is a British Nigerian citizen and has a strong network of contacts both in the UK and in West Africa.

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**Paul Lefebvre**  
**Mayor**  
**City of Greater Sudbury**

Paul Lefebvre serves as a member of the Greater Sudbury Police Services Board as well as the Greater Sudbury Development Corporation.

Paul was elected Member of Parliament for the riding of Sudbury in 2015 and served for six years, until 2021. During his time with the federal government, he sat on the Public Accounts and Official Languages Committees before being appointed Parliamentary Secretary for the Ministry of Natural Resources.

He is an accomplished tax lawyer, and dedicated time as counsel to the Ontario Human Rights Commission. He also taught international tax law at the University of Ottawa.

He served as past chair of the Sudbury Community Foundation, and the 2011 Canadian Francophone games, and as past Vice-President of l'Association de la presse francophone, and past president of Centre de Santé Communautaire.

He has served as the past president of the Sudbury District Law Association and United Way. A music and Theatre enthusiast, he is a founder, as well as past chair of the Jazz Sudbury Festival, and the past president of Théâtre du Nouvel-Ontario.

A local business owner, hockey coach and outdoor enthusiast, he is married to Dr. Lyne Giroux, a dermatologist, and together they have three children.

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**Joe Lombard**  
**Vice-Chair**  
**Hatch**

Joe is one of the world's foremost authorities on the design, construction, and operation of aluminum smelters, with more than 35 years of experience in the development and expansion of metallurgical facilities across the globe.

As Board Member and Vice-Chair, Joe focuses on enhancing client relationships, particularly in the Metals sector where he served as a Global Managing Director from 2012 to January 2024. Additionally, he acts as a director at large, taking on specific initiatives and supporting company-wide organizational development. Joe's extensive smelter project and operating experience has been central in directing and managing project teams. He has authored several technical papers related to best practices in smelter design and construction.

Joe was previously President and CEO of Aluminerie Alouette, the largest aluminum smelter in the Americas. At Aluminerie Alouette, Joe was responsible for the very successful multibillion-dollar expansion of its facility in Sept-Îles, Québec.

Joe is a graduate of the University of Pretoria, where he earned a BEng in Mechanical Engineering as well as a BComm Hons from the University of South Africa. Outside of work, Joe serves as a board member on the Canada-UAE Business Council (CUBC) and is an avid scuba diver and passionate photographer.

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**Jacques Ramazani Lutuba**  
**General Secretary**  
**Ministry of Mines, République Démocratique du Congo**



**Peter Marrone**  
**Chairman and Chief Executive Officer**  
**Allied Gold Corporation**

Peter Marrone is Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Allied Gold Corporation, and was Executive Chairman of Yamana, which he founded in 2003. He has more than 35 years of mining, business and capital markets experience. As an entrepreneur, Mr. Marrone has founded and taken public several companies in various sectors and advised companies on going public and establishing the required protocols for governance in his role as an investment banker and lawyer before that. He has been on the boards of a number of public companies and has advised companies with a strong international presence. Mr. Marrone currently sits on the board of directors of Aris Gold Corporation. Prior to Allied, Mr. Marrone was the head of investment banking at a major Canadian investment bank and before that practiced law in Toronto with a strong focus on corporate law, securities law and international transactions  
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**Immaculee Ndombi Mungala**  
**Logistics and Procurement Manager**  
**Elephant Trade-Services**

Mrs. Immaculee Ndombi Mungala, an influential figure in logistics and procurement and the esteemed Manager at Elephant Trade-Services in the DRC. With a wealth of experience, she is recognised for her exceptional leadership and strategic prowess. Breaking barriers in a traditionally male dominated sector, Mrs. Ndombi Mungala has seamlessly optimised supply chains and processes, earning her a reputation as a sought-after industry expert. Beyond her managerial role, she actively contributes to shaping company strategy, fostering innovation, and advocating for diversity and inclusion. As a presenter, Ms. Ndombi Mungala brings her transformative journey to life, inspiring audiences with her story of resilience and achievement in the dynamic world of logistics and procurement.  
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**Dr. Venance Mwase**  
**Managing Director, Stamico**  
**Tanzania**

Dr. Mwase is the Managing Director and Secretary to the Board. He is an expert in leadership and management, taxation as well as financial management with more than 20 years of experience having worked in different institutions including, the Mining Commission of Tanzania, Tanzania Minerals Audit Agency (TMAA), Tanzania Revenue Authority and CRDB Bank Limited.



**Mpho Nkgodi**  
**Senior Vice President of Origination and Special Projects**  
**Minopex**

Mpho currently serves as the Senior Vice President of Origination and Special Projects at Minopex, a leading provider of outsourced operations and maintenance services for the mining industry. With nearly two decades of experience, Mpho has developed his expertise in mining, metals, and the built environment. He is a registered professional engineer (ECSA, Pr. Eng 20120373) and has a solid academic background, holding a Bachelor of Engineering from the University of Johannesburg and an MBA from Wits Business School. Mpho also completed postgraduate studies in Paris, France, at CHEC.

Before his tenure at Minopex, Mpho was instrumental at SENET, a project management and engineering firm specializing in the design and construction of mineral processing plants, with a focus on the African market. During his time at SENET, he played pivotal roles in the execution of projects involving precious and base metals, including gold, copper, and cobalt, primarily in Central and West Africa. His work highlighted his leadership skills and technical proficiency in challenging international contexts.

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**ENGR. Obahiah Simon NKOM**  
**Director General/Chief Executive Officer**  
**Nigeria Mining Cadastre Office**

Engr. Obadiah Simon Nkom was appointed the Director General of the Nigeria Mining Cadastre, an Agency under the Ministry of Mines and Steel Development in January, 2019. He holds a Post Graduate Diploma in Mining Engineering from Federal University of Technology, Akure. He also has other qualifications, which include an MBA and PGD in Management from University of Maiduguri, HND in Mining Engineering from Kaduna Polytechnic, Certificates in Geo-database, Geographical Information System, both from Houston, USA, Spatial Data Handling, Netherlands, Public Administration, Maiduguri, Mining and Metallurgy, MINETEC, Japan. He obtained a certificate in Japanese Language.

He is currently the 30th President of the Nigerian Mining and Geosciences Society (NMGS) and also a fellow and member of the following professional bodies; Nigerian Mining and Geosciences Society (FNMGs), Nigerian Society of Engineers (FNSE), Nigerian Society of Mining Engineers (FNSME), Geoinformation Society of Nigeria (FGEOSON), Council of Mining Engineers and Geoscientists (COMEG) and Council of Registered Engineers (COREN).

Furthermore, he was awarded an Honorary Doctorate Degree of Science and Fellow in Sustainable Environmental Development at St Louis D'Afrique University Porto- Novo, Republic of Benin. He also received an award on the African Leaders Integrity Merit in Lome, Togo, he has served in various committees as well as attended courses and conferences within and outside Nigeria in Mining and Mineral Sector Development.

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**Dr. Mary Ogbe**  
**Permanent Secretary**  
**Nigeria Ministry of Solid Minerals Development**

Dr. Mary A. Ogbe was born on the 20th October, 1970. She graduated from Ahmadu Bello University (ABU) Zaria, with a Bachelors of Medicine, Bachelors of Surgery-MBBS in 1994, and Ahmadu Bello University Teaching Hospital for her Postgraduate studies.

She began her working experience as a Medical Officer at General outpatient Department, Ahmadu Bello University Teaching Hospital, Kaduna from 1996-2005. She was a staff of the FCT Medical Services from 2006 to 2008. From 2008 to 2022 she worked at the State House Medical Center, Asokoro Abuja where she served as the administrative head of the Centre from 2010-2015 as well as the Chairman Medical Advisory Committee. During this period, she initiated a lot of reforms in the Centre.

She is a Chief Consultant Obstetrics & Gynaecologist of many years' experience and a member and fellow of many medical Professional bodies and Associations.

She was appointed Federal Permanent Secretary in April, 2022 and deployed to the Federal Civil Service Commission (FCSC), a position she held until May, 2023.

She assumed duty in June, 2023 as the Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Mines and Steel Development following her deployment from FCSC by the Head of the Civil Service of the Federation. **[ime67ekrikpo@gmail.com](mailto:ime67ekrikpo@gmail.com)**



**Yinka Ogunduyi**  
**Engagement Manager, WCA Advisory**  
**Hatch Ltd.**

Yinka is an Engagement Manager in Hatch's Advisory Group. She has over 6 years of consulting experience in the mining and metals, energy and infrastructure sectors. She focuses on strategy, transaction advisory, business and process improvement, supporting a wide range of public and private players. She has managed large-scale strategic projects for some of the world's largest resource extraction firms, chemical manufacturers, asset management firms and automotive manufacturers. Prior to joining Hatch, she worked in advisory for one of the big four accounting firms in Africa where she focused on Energy and Resources and was a local coordinator on a Power Africa initiative.

She has undergraduate and postgraduate degrees in engineering.

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**Hon. Erin O'Toole**  
**President and Managing Director**  
**ADIT North America**

Erin O'Toole is the President and Managing Director of ADIT North America, a globally integrated risk advisory firm specializing in strategic intelligence, international trade, due diligence, security and compliance. As part of Paris-based ADIT Group, ADIT North America helps clients maximize global growth and eliminate trade or investment risk by leveraging ADIT's unparalleled global reach with over 1,000 analysts and correspondents covering over 130 countries around the world. Erin sits on ADIT Group's Executive Committee.

Erin is one of Canada's most respected thought leaders on geopolitical and domestic policy issues from his decade of service as a Member of the Canadian Parliament and Leader of the Official Opposition. Prior to his election to Parliament, Erin served as an officer in the Royal Canadian Air Force and worked in the private sector as a corporate lawyer and advisor.

In government, he served as the Parliamentary Secretary for International Trade during final negotiations on Canada's historic free trade agreement with the European Union. He was involved in trade negotiations with South Korea, Honduras, and countries within the Trans-Pacific Partnership, and led efforts related to regulatory cooperation between Canada and the United States. He also served as Minister of Veterans Affairs and improved service standards and mental health support for Veterans and their families.

In opposition, Erin served as the Shadow Minister of Foreign Affairs before becoming the Leader of the Conservative Party of Canada and Leader of the Official Opposition from 2020 to 2022. In 2021, Erin ran for Prime Minister of Canada in a general election held amid the COVID-19 pandemic. He won the popular vote and advocated for a series of economic and geopolitical policies that continue to impact debate in Canada today.

A graduate of the Royal Military College of Canada, Erin was commissioned as an officer in the Royal Canadian Air Force flying on the Sea King helicopter and sailing operationally with the Royal Canadian Navy. He was awarded the Canadian Forces Decoration for his service and received a Sikorsky Helicopter Rescue Award.

Following his service in the military, Erin graduated from Dalhousie Law School and worked as a corporate lawyer and business advisor at two of Canada's largest law firms and as in-house counsel to one of the world's largest consumer goods companies.

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**Emma Priestley**  
**Chief Executive Officer and Director**  
**Goldstone Resources**

Emma has a background in mining and financial services. She worked with GVA Grimley and IMC Mackay & Schnellmann with contracts held at PT Aneka Tambang and PT Bukit Assam in Indonesia and with the World Bank in Central America and Africa. In 2000 she was appointed as Mining Analyst with investment bank CSFB, before moving to the financial advisors VSA Resources, and Ambrian Partners, as corporate broker and adviser.

In 2005, Emma was appointed to the main board of Lonrho Plc, which developed business opportunities in infrastructure, transportation, agriculture, support services and natural resources in Africa. Lonrho was successfully taken over in 2014. She is a non-executive Director to CrossInvest Global Management Services Limited, and to Imperial X Plc. Emma is a graduate of Camborne School of Mines, is a Chartered Mining Engineer and Chartered Mineral Surveyor.





**Irma Jansen van Rensburg**  
**SGS Canada Inc.**

With over two decades of dedicated experience in business development within the mining industry, Irma brings a deep understanding of the sector’s intricacies. She has consistently demonstrated a keen ability to identify opportunities, forge strategic partnerships, and navigate complex regulatory landscapes. Her passion for driving sustainable growth and fostering innovation and has led to numerous successful ventures and projects. As a seasoned part of the SGS team she heads the Geochemistry Business Development Team for EEMEA (Eastern Europe, Middle East and Africa).



**John Roos**  
**Country Manager and Director**  
**B2Gold Namibia**

Mr. Roos currently serves as a Director and Country Manager of B2Gold Namibia, Namibia’s largest gold mining Company, 90% owned by B2Gold Corporation. Mr. Roos oversees the long-term strategy and development as well as the day-to-day activities of B2Gold Namibia. Prior to being appointed as Country Manager of B2Gold Namibia in November 2022, he headed up the Corporate Finance function of the Company as well as taking charge of various green energy projects in Namibia.

Mr. Roos has also been keenly involved in the Company’s Corporate Social Investment (CSI) activities in Namibia, heading various CSI initiatives in the country. He is a registered Chartered Accountant (SA) and serves as a member of the Executive Committee of the Chamber of Mines of Namibia.

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**François van Schalkwyk**  
**Executive Director Investment & Sector Development**  
**Namibia Investment Promotion & Development Board (NIPDB)**

Mr. François van Schalkwyk is Executive Director Investment & Sector Development at the Namibia Investment Promotion & Development Board (NIPDB), an agency in the Office of the President of the Republic of Namibia He was appointed in this role in April 2021.

François previously served as CEO and partner at Holbrook Advisors, a specialist management consulting, corporate and mergers and acquisitions (M&A) advisory firm in London. With nearly 20 years’ experience in the consulting and advisory industry, he has successfully delivered numerous strategy and commercial projects. As an established innovator and corporate development specialist François has been building and working with multidisciplinary and remote teams globally since 2005. As a consultant and C-suite advisor, François previously advised global clients on corporate and commercial strategy with significant experience in developing and executing start-up and scale Agri, Financial Services, Software-as-a-Service (SaaS), Medtech, Retail and Renewable Energy projects and propositions. As part of his current role, he is responsible for the Investment Promotion, Investment Facilitation, Sector Development and Public Investment Divisions at the NIPDB. François’ multi-sector experience helps him to understand the needs of investors, as well as the strengths and weaknesses of Namibia’s business climate.

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**Bruce Shapiro**  
**Co-founder & Past President**  
**MineAfrica Inc.**  
**& Past President**

**The Canada-Africa Chamber of Business**

Bruce Shapiro is a Co-founder and past President of MineAfrica Inc., a leading platform for African Mining companies, service providers and governments to get their message out to an international Africa friendly investor audience, and A.P.O.C. Inc., a business development and consulting company providing management consultancy and executive services to various African focussed and other organizations. Bruce was also president of The Canada-Africa Chamber of Business for 20 years. During his career, Bruce has held various senior executive positions in the retail, real estate and finance industries and owned a consulting practice in trade and investment finance. He has taught finance and marketing at various universities and colleges both in Canada and South Africa and is a frequent speaker at international conferences. Bruce is a member of the Prospectors and Developers Association of Canada.

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**Hajiya Fatima Shinkafi**  
**Executive Secretary**  
**Solid Minerals Development Fund, Nigeria**

Hajiya Fatima Umaru Shinkafi is the current Chief Executive of the Solid Minerals Development Fund and the Presidential Artisanal Gold Mining Development Initiative (PAGMI). The Solid Minerals Development Fund is a Government-owned Fund established to drive investments in Nigeria's mining sector. As a funding vehicle, SMDF's key role will be to maximize recovery of mining investments to drive sector growth, the Fund is currently responsible for implementing PAGMI. Over US\$500-600m of projects have been identified that SMDF could drive across formalization, data development, production and processing in the next 5 years. Hajiya Fatima has extensive knowledge of the mining sector, with previous experience spearheading the re-structuring of artisanal miners and cooperatives in the key gold producing region.



**Ibrahim Touré**  
**External Relations Director**  
**B2Gold Mali**

Mr. Touré joined the B2Gold Mali leadership team in 2017 and is responsible for relations with B2Gold's stakeholders across Mali.

Mr. Touré has a strong private sector background, having specialized in promoting private sector investment strategies and growth of SMEs in his previous positions. This expertise was shared with governments, multinationals, IFIs and institutional funds, as well as with private foundations in Mali and in the sub-region. Previously, Mr. Touré was Advisor to the Malian Minister in charge of Investment Promotion and Private Sector promotion. During this time, he was Mali's focal point for the World Economic Forum (WEF), Administrator of the AGOA (African Growth and Opportunity Act) Resource Center, and a member of the G5 Sahel national steering committee. Mr. Touré also represented Mali during a number of investment negotiations where he successfully led bilateral and multilateral discussions for key economic sectors (Agriculture, Energy, Mines and Infrastructure)

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**Paul Towsey**  
**Regional Metals Coordinator, WCA Pyrometallurgy**  
**Hatch Ltd.**

Paul is a Chartered / Professional Engineer with over 25 years' experience in the design, engineering, construction, commissioning and operation of ironmaking pelletizing, power generation and water treatment facilities. He has specialist technical expertise in areas that include the blast furnace and its ancillary components, coke making technologies, power generation and wastewater treatment processes.

Paul spent his early career with Davy International (now Primetals) where he worked on numerous blast furnace EPC projects for clients globally. During his 17-year tenure at Hatch, Paul has performed key roles on many successful projects for our steel industry clientele and now leads client engagement globally as well as providing subject matter expertise and sponsorship on projects. Additionally, Paul spent 2 years living in Beijing, China, developing Hatch's Metals business in the region.

He is now based in Canada where he is the Global Director for Iron and Steel.

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**Nangula Uaandja**  
**Chairperson and Chief Executive Officer**  
**Namibia Investment Promotion and Development Board**

Nangula Uaandja is a Chartered Accountant by Profession and has served as an auditor and business consultant over 24 years at PwC Namibia until December 2020 at the end of her 10-year service as the Firm's Country Managing Partner. She is the first CEO and Chairperson of the Namibia Investment Promotion and Development Board (NIPDB), a Public Entity in the Presidency tasked with the mandate of promoting and facilitating foreign and domestic investments and coordinating the development of the MSME sector. Over the years Nangula has grown a burden concerning the triple challenges of unemployment, inequality and poverty that are facing Namibia. This led her to serve on the President's high-level panel on the Namibian economy as the Deputy Chairperson in 2019, in the midst of a protracted recession

and to pursue further studies (first the Master in Business Leadership and now a Doctorate in Business Leadership) with focus on the collaborative role required between the public and private sectors to drive inclusive economic growth and find common solutions to these challenges. Nangula was appointed by the President alongside six Ministers and the Economic Adviser to the President to serve as a member of Namibia's first Green Hydrogen Council which is the inter-ministerial political committee responsible for overseeing GH2 implementation in Namibia

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**James Wallbank**  
**Chariman**

**Azumah Resources Gh Ltd**

James Wallbank is the Chariman of Azumah Resources Gh Ltd and is also the Managing Partner of one of Azumah's major shareholders, Ibaera Capital. A qualified mechanical engineer, he has been involved in the development of major projects for companies such as Rio Tinto, BHP and Fortescue during the last 35 years across Africa, South America, China and Australia.

He founded the private mining investment fund Ibaera in 2012 specifically to fund the development of responsible future facing metals projects: copper, nickel, lithium, zinc and gold. With the help of major multi-billion dollar US investors, Ibaera has gone on to fund the development of major mines in North America, Europe and Africa. James has a Bachelor of Engineering (University of Adelaide, 1988) cum laude and an Executive Masters of Business Administration from the Australian Graduate School of Management.

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**Joe Walsh**

**Managing Director (Executive)**  
**Lepidico Ltd.**

**Qualifications - BEng, MSc**

Mr. Walsh is a resources industry executive, mining engineer and geophysicist with over 25 years' experience working for mining companies and investment banks in mining related roles. Joe was the General Manager Corporate Development with PanAust and was instrumental in the evolution of PanAust from an explorer in 2004 to a US\$2+ billion, ASX 100 multi-mine copper and gold company. Joe also has extensive equity capital market experience and has been involved with the technical and economic evaluation of many mining assets and companies around the world.

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**Ryan Wilson**

**Vice President - Business Development (Advisory)**  
**DRA Global**

Ryan Wilson boasts nearly 20 years of experience in the mining and minerals sector, with exposure to and involvement in various facets including BD, Studies, Commercial, M&A, and ERM. He holds a Master of Commerce in Business Management from the University of Stellenbosch and a Master of Business Administration (MBA) in International Business Practices from the University of Liverpool. Ryan commenced his journey with SENET in 2004, where he contributed to business development, marketing, and studies. Transitioning to DRA in 2014 within the EMEA Projects business, he served as Business Development & Proposals Manager, following his prior role as Business Development Manager at SENET. Before rejoining SENET in 2024, Ryan was part of the Advisory team within DRA, leading the Portfolio Excellence offering. His responsibilities involved collaborating with potential funders focused on technical due diligence within Africa. Preceding this role, he held the position of VP – Global BD Support, aiding DRA's global business development initiatives, marketing, and communications, as well as contributing to the DRA listing process. As Group Business Manager for DRA Global, his focus encompassed overall risk management and reporting, global commercial alignment for the DRA Group (including the development and implementation of Group Risk Policies and Procedures), and participation in the M&A team, where he was instrumental in assessing numerous potential merger and acquisition targets.

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**Karen Kelly-Woolcock**  
**KY Concierge Services & Project Management**  
**MineAfrica Inc.**

Karen has been involved in the Hospitality and Event Sector for over 20 years. While maintaining a full-time Account Executive career, she owned and managed an Event Planning company and an Independent Record Label. No stranger to multi-tasking, in 2016, Karen launched fully into the Hospitality business with her own company, KY Concierge Inc., providing Travel Logistics and Event Management Services to international Business Travelers.

Over the past 8 years, Karen has worked with a variety of VIP clientele from across the globe. She has facilitated groups of four to over four-thousand in the planning and execution of their business travel agenda's by providing much needed Logistics Management. Her services range from Event Planning and Management, VIP and Dignitary Care to arranging Transportation, Translators, Meeting Space, and Private Charters. Her clients are primarily referred by the various Consulates, Embassies, Trade Offices, and Executives familiar with, and confident in the services provided.

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**Paul Mabolia Yenga**  
**Director General**  
**Mining Cadastre of DR Congo**

Paul Mabolia Yenga was for many years Senior Advisor to the Ministry of Mines in the DRC and the coordinator of the Technical Cell for Coordination and Mining Planning (CTCPM) since January 2019.

He was also national coordinator of the "Promines project" of the Ministry of Mines and responsible for good governance in the mining sector to promote economic growth in the DRC, a program that was financed by the World Bank to the tune of 50 million \$US which ended in December 2018, he was also responsible for increasing mining production and added value, Mabolia is particularly involved in the issue of conflict minerals.

Originally from the province of Greater Equateur, Paul Mabolia holds a Master's degree in Economics in 1984 from the University of Ottawa in Canada, he joined GÉCAMINES, a state-owned mining company in DR Congo, where he worked from 1986 to 2003, in Kinshasa, London, New York and Brussels, where he held various positions in the roofing departments, sales, marketing and financial analysis.

In 1996, he was sent to New York as Vice President of the African Metals Corp. joint venture between GÉCAMINES and UMICORE, in 2000 Mabolia returned to GÉCAMINES as Head of Marketing and Financial Analysis.

In January 2003, Paul Mabolia brought Congo into the Kimberley Process and was the coordinator of the Kimberley Process (KP) in Congo in the office of the Minister of Mines.

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**Jonathan Yawana**  
**Commercial Representative**  
**Morco Services**

Jonathan Yawana is the Commercial Representative of Morco Services, his duty is to ensure customer satisfaction by communicating with them, create the new customer or partners all the time and to create a standard for processes and solutions for both dealer and the customer. And he has more than 5 years working experience.

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**John Ilunga Zebununa**  
**Managing Director and Founder**  
**Morco Services**

John Ilunga is a young Congolese entrepreneur the determination and courage of whom have brought the company Morco Services to the level it is now. Besides his courage, he is passionate about work, with characteristic self-confidence, ambition, determination, challenge and leadership. He puts all his energy and all the necessary means to be counted among the top-class service companies in the DRC and meeting international standards.

He is above all a technician and after a brief career working with a Caterpillar dealer in the rich mining Province of Katanga for more than 10 years, he had a clear vision of establishing a company able to meet the needs in equipment, maintenance for several major types (Caterpillar, Komatsu, Hitachi, JCB, etc.) in the mining and civil engineering sectors. To this date, he is counted among the jobs and business creators in the DRC where he manages with great commitment a company of nearly 200 employees of whom 75% Nationals and 25% Expatriates, who are qualified and serve with satisfaction its customers including the giant mining group Glencore.

John Ilunga is also an entrepreneur who knows how to seize opportunities, who adapts to the business environment and anticipates the future challenges of his company. This is why he turned towards the external contacts, for more updating and more openness to grow and blossom increasingly. [j.ilunga@morcoservices.com](mailto:j.ilunga@morcoservices.com)



**Ateau Zola**  
**Business Development**  
**MineAfrica Inc. & The Canada-Africa Chamber of Business**

A Canadian public service employee for over 20 years, Ateau has an MBA and international Human Rights background. As a Business Development Associate, she focuses on market development and trade and investment links between Canada and Africa.

Through Zola Consulting, Ateau provides management consulting and executive services to various Canadian organizations focused on Africa. She helps develop comprehensive strategies that take into account the nuances of Canadian and African culture. She builds bridges between Canada and Africa by fostering economic, business and entrepreneurial links.

She has worked with several networks of African women entrepreneurs through strategic alliances with businesswomen's organizations in Africa and Canada. She has served as Vice President of the Canadian Women's Organization and is currently a member of The Canada-Africa Chamber of Business and a member of the Prospectors and Developers Association of Canada (PDAC).

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# Corporate Profiles



## **ADIT**

ADIT North America, part of the ADIT Group, specializes in strategic intelligence, risk management, and business diplomacy. ADIT helps mitigate risks associated with international operations, offering services to clients in North America and globally. The team comprises over 200 analysts and a network of 1,000+ experts, providing intelligence in over 130 countries. ADIT North America's services include strategic intelligence, trade and business diplomacy, global compliance, ESG advisory, and cyber and business security. These offerings aim to control environments and support informed decision-making in a complex global market. The organization prides itself on a dynamic team from diverse backgrounds, focused on securing client interests and fostering global business opportunities.

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## **Allied Gold Corporation**

Allied Gold (TSX:AAUC) is a Canadian-based gold producer with a significant growth profile and mineral endowment which operates a portfolio of three producing assets and development projects located in Côte d'Ivoire, Mali, and Ethiopia. Led by a team of mining executives with operational and development experience and proven success in creating value, Allied Gold aspires to become a mid-tier next generation gold producer in Africa and ultimately a leading senior global gold producer.

[www.alliedgold.com](http://www.alliedgold.com)



## **AngloGold Ashanti Limited**

AngloGold Ashanti is an independent, global gold mining company with a diverse, high-quality portfolio of operations, projects and exploration activities across nine countries on four continents. We pursue value-creating opportunities involving other minerals, where we can leverage our existing assets, shareholdings, skills and experience.

[www.anglogoldashanti.com](http://www.anglogoldashanti.com)



## **Atlantic Lithium Limited**

Atlantic Lithium is an AIM and ASX-listed lithium company advancing a portfolio of lithium projects in Ghana and Côte d'Ivoire through to production. The Company's flagship project, the Ewoyaa Project in Ghana, is a significant lithium spodumene pegmatite discovery on track to become Ghana's first lithium-producing mine. The Definitive Feasibility Study for the Project indicates the production of 3.6Mt of spodumene concentrate over a 12-year mine life, making it one of the top 10 largest spodumene concentrate mines in the world. The Project, which was awarded a Mining Lease in October 2023, is currently being advanced through the permitting phases, with construction intended to begin in H2 2024. Atlantic Lithium holds 509km<sup>2</sup> and 774km<sup>2</sup> of tenure across Ghana and Côte d'Ivoire respectively, comprising significantly under-explored, highly prospective licences.

[www.atlanticlithium.com](http://www.atlanticlithium.com)



## **ARSP (L'autorité de Régulation de la Sous-traitance dans le secteur privé)**

L'autorité de Régulation de la Sous-traitance dans le secteur privé est un établissement public à caractère administratif doté de la personnalité juridique placé sous la tutelle du Ministre ayant les Petites et Moyennes Entreprises dans ses attributions.

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Pour la réalisation de son objet, l'Arsp accomplit les missions de planification, de consultation et de contrôle. L'Arsp constitue le bras armé de l'Etat pour le développement de l'économie nationale, l'émergence de la vraie classe moyenne congolaise et la réduction de la pauvreté. [www.arsp.cd](http://www.arsp.cd)





### **Azumah Resources Gh Ltd**

Azumah Resources is a Ghanaian mining company that is developing the Black Volta Gold Mine in the Upper West Region of Ghana. Azumah has received over US\$70 million from its US investors to date and is now finalising the remaining funding to commence construction in mid-2024.

Our Investors: Ibaera is an US funded private investment group that funds the development of emerging new “Future Facing” mining projects such as Black Volta. Historically, the Ibaera team has been responsible for supporting the development of more than \$10 billion of major mines around the world. They are a significant investment partner to major miners and to companies aspiring to become a miner.

#### **Black Volta Quick Facts**

Mineral Resource:	2.8 million ounces of gold
Annual Production:	148,000 ounces
Average grade:	1.78g/t
AISC:	US\$1,005 per ounce
Capital cost:	US\$205 million
Post-tax NPV:	US\$371 million
Payback:	14 months

Over its life, Black Volta is anticipated to inject more than US\$1 billion into the local Ghana economy and pay more than US\$500 million in taxes and royalties to Ghana.

**[www.azumahresources.com.au](http://www.azumahresources.com.au)**



### **B2 Gold Corp.**

B2Gold is a low-cost international senior gold producer headquartered in Vancouver, Canada. Founded in 2007, today, B2Gold has operating gold mines in Mali, Namibia and the Philippines, a mine under construction in northern Canada and numerous development and exploration projects in various countries including Mali, Colombia and Finland.

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### **Burkina Faso Ministry of Energy, Mines and Quarries**

Burkina Faso in West Africa covers 274,200 square kilometers with a population of 20 million. It has 16 gold mines in production with output of 67 tonnes of gold in 2021.

Burkina Faso is ranked second in mining investment attractiveness in Africa according to the Fraser Institute Annual Survey of Mining Companies 2021, and is the fourth largest gold producer in Africa. Gold accounts for 71% of the country’s exports.

It has one zinc mine in production, and one of the biggest manganese deposits in the world (109 million tons with 54% purity). Other commodities include copper, iron, nickel, uranium and lithium. One hundred exploration companies are active in Burkina Faso with 700 valid exploration permits. **[www.mines.gov.bf](http://www.mines.gov.bf) [www.bumigeb.bf](http://www.bumigeb.bf)**



### **The Canada-Africa Chamber of Business**

The Canada-Africa Chamber of Business is a dynamic and influential business organization dedicated to accelerating trade, business and investment between Canada and Africa through world-class networking and information sharing opportunities.

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### **Centre for Smart Mining**

Traditionally, the mining sector has had difficulties with adopting technology. Deviation from established practices is often viewed as unduly expensive. Based in the international mining capital of Sudbury, Canada, The Centre for Smart Mining (CSM) de-risks and demystifies new technologies through applied research and engineering services as well as technology upskilling and training. The CSM is a federally funded research hub that facilitates new technology adoption in the mining sector. We focus on mining technology companies as a main client base and the mining end users. Our areas of expertise include: digital technologies, underground communications, critical mineral processing technologies, and battery powered and connect mining vehicles. **[www.csm.cambriancollege.ca](http://www.csm.cambriancollege.ca)**



### **Chad Ministry of Mines and Geology**

Chad is a landlocked country at the crossroads of North and Central Africa. It is bordered by Libya to the north, Sudan to the east, the Central African Republic to the south, Cameroon to the south-west, Nigeria to the southwest (at Lake Chad), and Niger to the west. Chad has a population of 16 million, of which 1.6 million live in the capital and largest city N'Djamena. While there has been little development of its. Mining sector to date studies conducted have outlined several areas which are highly prospective for gold, bauxite, uranium, silver and alluvial diamonds.



### **DRA Global Limited**

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### **Dundee Precious Metals Inc.**

Dundee Precious Metals Inc. is a Canadian-based international gold mining company with operations and projects in Bulgaria, Namibia, Ecuador, and Serbia. Our portfolio includes the Chelopech underground gold-copper mine and the Ada Tepe open pit gold mine in Bulgaria, along with the Tsumeb specialty smelter in Namibia. Additionally, DPM owns the Loma Larga project in Ecuador and the Timok and Čoka Rakita exploration projects in Serbia. With the purpose of unlocking resources and generating value, DPM is guided by a strong foundation of core values. Its strategic pillars encompass ESG initiatives, innovation, portfolio optimization, and growth objectives. Aligned with this vision, we allocate resources to deliver value to all stakeholders. DPM's shares are traded on the Toronto Stock Exchange (symbol: DPM).

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### **Elephant Trade-Services**

Elephant Trade-Services, a seasoned subcontracting company, brings extensive expertise to Electrical, Instrumentation, and PLC Automation projects and maintenance, particularly within the demanding mining sector of the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC). Since our establishment in 2014, we've proven ourselves as a reliable partner for major projects, delivering specialised technical support services. Our commitment to excellence is underscored by our proficiency in providing skilled local and expatriate labor, ensuring efficient project execution in the challenging DRC mining environment. With years of experience, Elephant Trade-Services has forged lasting partnerships and earned the trust of clients in the mining sector. Our success is a testament to the relationships we've cultivated with extensive partners and clients who recognize our dedication to delivering top-notch solutions in electrical and automation services. As a subcontracting company with a proven track record, Elephant Trade-Services stands as a key player, actively contributing to the advancement of technical support within the dynamic and crucial mining industry of the DRC.

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### **Ghana Manganese Company Limited**

Ghana Manganese Company (GMC) Ltd owns and operates the Nsuta Manganese Mine. The mine has a 90% private shareholding by Consolidated Minerals Africa Limited (CMAL), which ultimately belongs to Ningxia Tianyan Manganese Industry Company Limited (TMI) and a 10% freehold shareholding by the Government of Ghana (GoG). It is the only manganese ore producer and exporter in Ghana.

GMC has been in operation for more than one hundred and eight (108) years and has a total mining lease concession area of 170.2 km<sup>2</sup>. It further owns some potential manganese green-field prospecting licenses in Ghana. The mine is located from the Seaport of Takoradi some 63km by rail and 92km by road. The port hosts the GMC loading and export terminal and the products are shipped to the international market.

Shareholders recently decided to invest into a manganese value addition refinery project in Ghana. A feasibility study has just been completed and the commencement of the project (phase 1) is targeted to commence by June 2024.

[www.ghamang.com.gh](http://www.ghamang.com.gh)



### **Ghana Minerals Commission**

The Minerals Commission of Ghana is the Government agency with the primary responsibility of developing and coordinating mineral sector policies and monitoring their implementation.

[www.mincom.gov.gh](http://www.mincom.gov.gh)



### **Ghana Ministry of Lands and Natural Resources**

The Ministry of Lands and Natural Resources (MLNR) was established under Section 11 of the Civil Service Law, 1993 (PNDCL 327), and is mandated to ensure the sustainable management and utilization of the nation's lands, forests and wildlife resources as well as the efficient management of the mineral resources for socio-economic growth and development.

The broad aim of the Ministry is to provide leadership and guidance in the Management of the Nation's, Natural Resources through effective policy formulation, market regulation and asset management. [www.mlnr.gov.gh](http://www.mlnr.gov.gh)



### **GoldStone Resources Ltd**

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[www.mines.gov.gn](http://www.mines.gov.gn)



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### **Mining Cadastre of DR Congo**

Aux termes des articles 12 du Code Minier révisé, le CAMI est chargé de la gestion du domaine minier ainsi que celle des titres miniers et des carrières et placé sous la tutelle du Ministre des Mines.

[www.cami.cd](http://www.cami.cd)



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Minopex is the leading global plant operations and maintenance specialists, employing over 2000 personnel across 14 different countries. The organisation's extensive plant operations experience spans across a wide variety minerals processing technologies.

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### **Namibia Ministry of Mines and Energy**

The Ministry of Mines and Energy (MME) is the State's lead agency in attracting private investment in resources exploration and development through the provision of geoscientific information on minerals and energy resources, and management of an equitable and secure titles systems for the mining, petroleum and geothermal industries. It also carries prime responsibility for regulating these extractive industries and dangerous goods in the country, including the collection of royalties, and ensuring that safety; health and environmental standards are consistent with the relevant State and Common-wealth legislation, regulations and policies.

[www.mme.gov.na](http://www.mme.gov.na)



### **The Namibia Investment Promotion and Development Board (NIPDB)**

The Namibia Investment Promotion and Development Board (NIPDB) is an agency under the Office of the President of the Republic of Namibia, mandated to promote and facilitate domestic and foreign investments and new ventures, to contribute to economic development and job creation. The NIPDB is also responsible for coordinating SME activities across all levers of the economy. [www.nipdb.com](http://www.nipdb.com)



### **Nigerian Geological Survey Agency**

The Nigerian Geological Survey Agency is a parastatal under the Ministry of Mines and Steel-Development. The Agency has the statutory role of providing relevant and up-to-date geosciences information necessary for economic development of Nigeria. This is accomplished through a systematic process of gathering, collating, assessment and dissemination of all information related to rocks, minerals and groundwater resources of the country.

The Agency was established by Nigerian Geological Survey Establishment Act 2006. Its earliest precursor the Geological Survey of Nigeria (GSN), was set up in 1919 following the amalgamation of the Mineral Survey of Northern and Southern Nigeria in 1909 and 1913, respectively. [www.ngsa.gov.ng](http://www.ngsa.gov.ng)



### **Nigeria Ministry of Solid Minerals Development**

The MSMD was established to spur the rapid and beneficial development of the country's solid mineral resources. It's vision is to facilitate the transformation of the Nigerian mineral and metal sector for sustainable industrial growth and economic surplus. Existing Agencies under the Ministry include: The Nigerian Geological Survey Agency, The Nigerian Institute of Mining and Geo-Sciences, The Mining Cadastre Office, Council for Mining Engineers and Geoscientists, National Steel Raw Materials Exploration Agency, National Metallurgical Development Centre and Solid Minerals Development Fund.

[Portal.minesandsteel.gov.ng](http://Portal.minesandsteel.gov.ng)



### **Newcore Gold Ltd.**

Newcore Gold Ltd. (TSX-V: NCAU) is advancing the Enchi Gold Project in Ghana. Enchi is a development stage gold project with district-scale exploration upside. The Project's 248 km<sup>2</sup> land package is located on a prolific gold belt that hosts numerous multi-million-ounce gold mines. Drilling has meaningfully expanded the mineralized footprint at Enchi by defining potential resource growth at existing resource areas, identifying new discoveries from successful first pass drilling on early-stage targets, and intersecting high-grade gold in sulphide mineralization to depth. In H1 2024, Newcore is completing an updated PEA study to highlight the potential to build a simple, open pit, heap leach mine. Newcore's top-tier leadership is aligned with shareholders through their 20% equity ownership and is backed by one of the strongest boards in the sector. With the support of the Government of Ghana, along with investors and stakeholders, Newcore is looking to build Ghana's next gold mine.

[www.newcoregold.com](http://www.newcoregold.com)



### **Osino Resources Corp.**

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[www.osinoresources.com](http://www.osinoresources.com)



### **République démocratique du congo ministrè des mines**

#### **Democratic Republic of Congo Ministry of Mines**

The Ministry of Mines of the Democratic Republic of the Congo is in charge of applying the legislation relating to the mining industry and responsible for everything that links to mining and minerals in the country. In order to do that the Ministry:

- prepares geological maps
- promotes mineral resources
- responsible for technical mining activities such as exploitation, commercialization, transportation
- grants rights and titles for mineral deposits
- controls the marketing of mining products
- establishes the mining rules that apply in the Country
- establishes the local processing and policies for mining products
- manages all environmental issues related to mining

[www.mines-rdc.cd/fr](http://www.mines-rdc.cd/fr)



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### **Solid Mineral Development Fund**

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### **Sonamines - National Mining Corporation of Cameroon**

The President of the Republic of Cameroon his Excellency Paul BIYA has set up the National Mining Corporation (SONAMINES), by Decree no. 2020/749 of 14 December 2020. SONAMINES is responsible for the development and promotion of the mining sector, particularly mineral substances, with the exception of hydrocarbons and quarries. It is therefore the body mandated by the provisions of Article 4 of the aforementioned decree, to manage the interests of the State in the said sector.

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- The exclusive marketing of gold and diamond throughout the national territory;
- The acquisition of shares in exploration, mining and marketing companies
- Participation in the negotiation and monitoring of the execution of contracts between the State and mining companies;
- Contributing to the promotion of geological and mining information;
- Managing measures relating to the restoration, rehabilitation and closure of mining sites;
- Carrying out all commercial, industrial, and real estate operations;
- Provide technical expertise to potential investors for the development and achievement of mining projects;
- Provide all information, data and documents necessary for the development of mining projects;
- Support its partners with regard to procedures for the granting of mining titles and all other formalities required for the implementation of projects;
- Provide the necessary technical assistance for site visits and field work;
- Provide its financial contribution in the framework of a Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) or project company, for the mining of mineral substances and quarries.

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### **STAMICO**

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### **Tanzania Mining Commission**

The Mining Commission was established under the Mining Act 2010 as amended by the Written Laws (Miscellaneous Amendment) Act 2017. The Commission came into existence through the Government Notice No. 27 issued on 7th July 2017.

The Commission has taken over all operational functions that were being performed by the Minerals Division under the Ministry of Energy and Minerals and all functions that were being performed by the Tanzania Minerals Audit Agency (TMAA) and Tanzania Diamond Sorting Organization (TANSORT).

The responsibility of the Minerals Division shall now be advising the Minister on all matters related to the mining sector. The Commission aims to enhance the management of the Mining Sector and to ensure that the Government is benefiting from the income generated sustainably.

[www.tumemadini.go.tz](http://www.tumemadini.go.tz)



### **Thor Explorations Ltd.**

Thor Explorations Ltd. is a West African focussed gold producer listed on both the TSX Venture Exchange (TSX-V:THX) and AIM Market of the London Stock Exchange (AIM:THX).

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