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# **New optimism in the mining sector sees leading suppliers sign up for West Africa's premier expo**

**WAMPEX will be a key focus in 2018 for mining growth across the region following renewed commitment from governments and increasing levels of investment**

Top suppliers have already signed up to be part of next year's premier mining expo for West Africa, WAMPEX 2018, which is celebrating its 24th year.

Following the turnaround in mining commitment from both governments and mine owners over the past 12 months, the expo already looks set to attract a record number of exhibitors.

"We are pleased to see that some of the biggest suppliers have already agreed to be part of WAMPEX 2018 and we believe this reflects the increased investment agenda across West Africa," said Brad Hook, Commercial Director at **dmg-ems Africa**, the organiser of WAMPEX.

"West Africa offers huge opportunities for suppliers as we see the mining sector emerge from three years of reorganisation and streamlining."

WAMPEX 2018 will be held from May 30 to June 1, in Accra, Ghana, offering easy accessibility and great facilities for exhibitors and show visitors interested in West African mining

"We are forecasting more than 1,400 buyers and decision makers will attend the expo – an increase over our last show," says Hook.

Exhibitor Sunbabsco Ltd is a leading supplier of pump, motor and valves to the sector and has confirmed it will exhibit at WAMPEX 2018, as well as KSB, a worldwide exporter of pumps and dredgers.

Mantech Mining Services, one of world's leading suppliers of hydraulic drills, crawler drills, drilling rigs, drilling bits and pipes, will also be at WAMPEX as will Servaco PPS, whose supply list includes power transmission gearboxes, generators, invertors as well as products and expertise in grinding, welding and power tools.

Former Ghanaian exporter of the year Interplast will show its uPVC & HDPE pipe solutions in Accra and Nezo will be at the show as well with its unique range of services for the mining and oil & gas sectors, from procurement to consultancy, training to logistics as well as its import/export expertise.

The African mining sector has seen three years of change but as world commodity prices came out of their slump this year, governments are recognising that mining is a key to future income.

For example, in Nigeria, where oil has dominated foreign investment for a decade, its government last month reaffirmed its intention to seek new international partners to boost its under-developed mining sector.

WAMPEX 2018 runs alongside the West African Mining & Power Conference, WAMPOC, where senior government and industry heads and influencers discuss policy, legislation, challenges and market developments.

The event is endorsed by The Ghana Chamber of Mines, The Ghana Ministry of Lands & Natural Resources, The Minerals Commission of Ghana and The Energy Commission of Ghana.

For more details of the expo and conference go to [www.wampexghana.com](http://www.wampexghana.com).

#### **More information**

**WAMPEX 2018** runs from Wednesday May 30 to June 1 at the Accra International Conference Centre, Accra, Ghana. After 24 years WAMPEX has become a major forum for the international mining and power industries, a showcase for those exhibitors who will meet key figures from the mining and power sectors, as well as senior government ministers. More details [www.wampexghana.com](http://www.wampexghana.com) The **WAMPOC 2018 conference** is organised by **dmg-ems Africa** in partnership with **Events & Projects International (EPI)**.

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