

GAF to implement its eMC+ electronic Mining Cadastre framework in Burkina Faso

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GAF AG is pleased to announce the award of a contract to support the Ministry of Mines and Energy in Ouagadougou in establishing a new computerised mining cadastre and registry system in Burkina Faso.

The overall project objective is to improve governance in the mining sector by establishing a modern, web-based system for granting and managing mineral rights. The efficient, transparent, and reliable administration of such titles is considered to be a key factor in increasing growth and investment in the mining sector in Burkina Faso.

In practical terms, the project aims to:

- Assisting to modernize and streamline the existing legal paper cadastre system
- Create an up-to-date and consistent database of mineral rights that allows the efficient and unambiguous management of these during their entire life cycle
- Identify and clarify existing conflicts and prevent such conflicts in future
- Introduce a harmonised administrative, procedural and technical framework compliant with the law and applicable regulations
- Implement an operational and modern computerised mining title management system, that caters for governance and industry needs in Burkina Faso

The rollout of the eMC+ cadastre solution will increase the institutional capacity and efficiency of the ministry by providing a comprehensive mineral tenure management. The contract has a duration of 15 months and is embedded in the “*Projet d’appui au développement du secteur minier (PADSEM)*”, being funded by the World Bank (IDA). GAF has 20 years of world-wide experience in the institutional and technical establishment and reorganisation of mining cadastre authorities. This includes the provision of associated consultancy services and customised software solutions.

About eMC+

eMC+ is GAF’s framework of choice for providing mining cadastre authorities worldwide with a complete package of administrative services in the management of mineral titles. The software platform is web-based and its responsive design supports a wide variety of devices, including mobile appliances. It is based on FOSS (free and open-source software), which ensures that no additional costs are incurred for third party licenses and associated maintenance. Thus, the total cost of ownership is fully transparent and there is no vendor lock-in.

About GAF – Germany

GAF AG is a leading solutions-provider with an international reputation for skilled offering of data, products and services in the fields of geo-information, spatial IT

and consulting for private and public clients. Over the past 30 years, the company has been active in more than 1000 projects in over 100 countries throughout Europe, Africa, Latin America and Asia. The company is part of the Telespazio Group, which belongs to Finmeccanica and Thales, two European technology leaders. GAF is currently performing mining governance and consulting projects in a number of countries, including Morocco, Sudan, Gabon, Mongolia, Laos, Cameroon, Sierra Leone, Tajikistan and Afghanistan.

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