

## ***Kenya Mining Forum to focus on mining opportunities in Kenya's Big Four Agenda***

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The third edition of the upcoming **Kenya Mining Forum** in Nairobi in November will focus strongly on how the mining industry can contribute to the Kenyan Government's Big Four Agenda, as the mineral industry provides key raw materials for at least three of these four pillars. The Big Four agenda pillars are manufacturing, universal healthcare, affordable housing, and food security. "Kenya remains an exciting new mining destination on the continent" says Moses Njiru Njeru, the CEO of the Kenya Chamber of Mines, the hosts of **Kenya Mining Forum**. He adds: "the nation's upbeat tempo and progressive mind set is ready to embrace technology and innovations to leapfrog the entire mining value chain towards becoming a modern mining player, for example, an extensive airborne survey of Kenya is underway to identify all the mineral opportunities. Numerous industrial minerals are used as raw materials in manufacturing. Precious metals and gemstones are also used in manufacturing of jewellery for the local and export markets." Mr Njeru continues: "the Kenyan leadership has also ensured that Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) is part and parcel of the growth of the industry and has ensured that local residents benefit with a clear 'Community Development Agreement' (CDA)." **Expert speakers, growing expo**

**Kenya Mining Forum** will return with expert and current content in its strategic conference with an investment briefing, high-level opening session and two days of conference sessions focusing on topics including: - *Opening session theme: "Unveiling mining opportunities within the 'Big Four' agenda"*

- *Spotlight on the mining and quarrying opportunities in the different Kenyan counties*
- *Artisanal and small scale mining*
- *Community Development Agreements (CDAs)*
- *Experiences from within Kenya's mining industry*
- *Embracing new technology, digital and smart innovations for mining and exploration*
- *Forging synergies with manufacturing and infrastructure - Laws, policies and direction fitting for a modern mining sector.*

The expo is expected to be double the size of last year with more than 40 suppliers showcasing the latest local and international solutions and services for mining operations. Mining staff can hone their practical skills at the free technical workshops on the expo floor and there is a new outdoors equipment display area where some of the larger technology can be test driven. Plenty of business networking opportunities have also been planned during the event for the estimated 600 attendees from more than 40 mining companies from around 20 countries that are expected to be at **Kenya Mining Forum** this year. **Joining forces with investors**

The third **Kenya Mining Forum** is hosted by the Kenya Chamber of Mines, the body that represents the interests of investors in the mineral development value chain, in collaboration with Spintelligent Ltd, a company recognised internationally for organising similar world class mineral related events around the continent. Kenya Chamber of Mines CEO Moses Njiru Njeru says he is looking forward to welcoming so many current and prospective investors and suppliers back to Nairobi: "being stakeholders in the mineral sector in one way or another, Kenya, our beloved country, intends to partner with them. As investors we can join forces to unlock and exploit the opportunities in the mineral sector and so to develop into a key support of Kenya's economy." High-level government and industry experts that have been confirmed to speak in the **Kenya Mining Forum** conference so far include: • *Cedric Simonet, Chairman, Kenya Chamber of Mines, Kenya* • *Mairura Omwenga, Chairman, Town and County Planners Association of Kenya (TCPAK), Kenya* • *H.E Josphat Nanok, Governor Turkana County and Chairman, Council of Governors, Kenya* • *Sammy*

Ndolo, Managing Partner, **Kieti Advocates LLP**, Kenya • Gabriel Negatu, Director General, East Africa Regional Development and Business Delivery Office, **African Development Bank**, Kenya • Geoffrey Alondo, Head of Enterprise Banking, **Stanbic Bank** (Kenya) Ltd, Kenya • Bahati Morara, Commercial Director, **Nairobi Securities Exchange** (NSE), Kenya • Joe Schwarz, General Manager External Affairs and Development, **Base Titanium**, Kenya • Gerard Kisbey-Green, CEO, **Goldplat Plc, Kilimapesa Gold**, Kenya • Philippa Hutchinson, Chief Advisor Sustainability - Community, Government, Environment, **Acacia Exploration**, Kenya • Susan Maingi, Director Corporate Affairs, Communications & Sustainable Development, **Bamburi Cement Ltd**, Member of LafargeHolcim, Kenya **Industry support** Base Titanium is the returning diamond sponsor for **Kenya Mining Forum for the third time**, heading up a strong list of leading mining companies and industry suppliers at **the event**. Acacia Mining, Kevro-Barron, Panafrican Group and Total are also gold sponsors in November. More early confirmed partners are ESS Equipment Kenya, Maptek, AECI, Epiroc, HH&M and Socabelec. **Mining and infrastructure events** Other mining and infrastructure development events organised by Spintelligent on the continent include long-running flagship shows such as DRC Mining Week in Lubumbashi, Nigeria Mining Week in Abuja, Future Energy East Africa (formerly EAPIC) in Nairobi, Future Energy Nigeria (formerly WAPIC) in Lagos, African Utility Week in Cape Town and Agritech Expo Zambia.