

TANZANIA CHAMBER OF MINERALS AND ENERGY

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Tanzania Chamber of Minerals and Energy (TCME) was set up in 1994 to represent, protect and encourage the development of the mineral industry in Tanzania

NEW GOVERNING COUNCIL

The full elected Councillors for 2009 are as shown below:

Senior Companies representatives

1. Mr. Gareth Taylor
2. Mr. Don McLeod
3. Mr. Richard Le Sueur
4. Mr. Charl Barnard

Junior Companies representatives

5. Mr. Kevin Olshefsky replacing Rod Pye
6. Mr. Joseph Kahama

Senior Associates representative

7. Mr. Edmund Martin- Lawson

Junior Associates representative

8. Mr. Quentin Gray now replaced by Sam Kiki Gyan the new MD of SGS Tanzania.

Individual Class representatives

9. Prof. Simon Mbilinyi
10. Mr. Samuel Lwakatara
11. Mr. Rogers Sezinga

Co-opted Members

1. Mr. Deo Mwanyika
2. Mr. Godwin Nyelo
3. Mr. Hatibu Senkoro
4. Mr. Tony Devlin

Mr. Emmanuel Jengo - Ex-officio member and Secretary to Council

The elected Office Bearers are as follows:

Amb. Ami Mpungwe	Chairman
Mr. Gareth Taylor	Vice Chairman
Mr. Deo Mwanyika	Hon. Secretary
Mr. Don McLeod	Hon. Treasurer

TANZANIA CHAMBER OF MINERALS AND ENERGY 14th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND DINNER

On December 5th 2008 the Chamber held its 14th Annual General Meeting at the Royal Palm Hotel in Dar es Salaam followed by the annual dinner at New Africa Hotel. The turn out of members at both the AGM and dinner was commendable. Members' participation made the event a success. The Chamber takes this opportunity once again to thank members for their attendance. It is hoped that such cooperation and support would continue in future.

A number of important issues were on the Agenda and the following are the highlights of the AGM and Annual Dinner.

14th AGM HIGHLIGHTS

The Chairman Ambassador Ami Mpungwe gave a comprehensive report on the chamber activities and achievements during year 2008 and plans for the year 2009. A brief review of the Chairman's report to the Annual General Meeting is given below:

Chamber's Major activities and Initiatives.

The Chairman pointed out that the industry is faced with many challenges one of them being the global mineral commodities volatility that will have a profound effect on future investment decisions in the country, particularly if the investment climate changes as result of the on going mineral policy review.

Integrated Mining Technical training Programme(IMTT)

The continued growth of the mining industry in Tanzania, the global shortage of technical skills, the commitment of the Mining Companies to develop the Tanzania skills pool has necessitated the need for the

Chamber in collaboration with VETA to develop a sustainable training institution to bridge the ever growing skills deficiency between the training available in the country, and the need for the 21st century mining technology requirement. The project aims at developing the 21st Century artisan; the 'hands-on' people. The project which is located at Moshi VETA Centre will cost US Dollars 2.8 million on completion.

Lake Zone Health Initiative

The proposed Lake Zone initiative is a call for collective action to scale up and improve health programs in the Lake Zone. The initiative aims to address public health issues such as the reduction of HIV/AIDS and malaria infection rates, child and maternal health, enhancement of health responsibility, and reductions in lost time work due to illness, with overall goal to build healthier communities

Mererani Small scale Mining Disaster

As has been in the past, when the vagaries of small scale mining manifested again at Mererani, members quickly mobilized the necessary support to rescue and/or removing the dead bodies from the pits. The Chamber made a donation of TShs 12.2 million towards rescue efforts. The Chamber takes the opportunity to express the most profound gratitude to members who made a donation and participated in the rescue efforts.

Safety Initiatives

The Safety and Environment subcommittee organized the emergency Response Summit with the view to identifying available resources among the mines.

Social Development Initiatives

The mining industry has been criticized for unfair compensation to communities paving way for mining activities. The Chamber has initiated deliberate efforts to implement

programs whose aim is to educate and update committee members on issues related to relocation and compensations through presentations, seminars and workshops.

Security initiatives

The Security subcommittee has been in the forefront in mobilizing support for community policing or Neighborhood Watch programme. This programme was initiated by the Ministry of Public Security and organized by the community in order to reduce residential crime. The mission of community Policing Program is to promote safety, security and quality of life for all residents in the community.

Exploration

The Exploration subcommittee engaged the Commissioner of Minerals on various issues affecting exploration community particularly the delays being experienced in granting Prospecting Licenses (PL) to members and illegal mining activities which pose problems to explorers upon granting of a PL.

The meetings were used as a platform to underscore the importance of consultation between the Chamber and Ministry in a manner that will enlighten the Ministry on issues that impinge on the development of the industry thereby promoting further growth of the mineral sector.

Cooperation with other Chambers: Mining Industry Association of Southern Africa (MIASA)

The Chamber made various consultations as a member of the Mining Industry Associations of Southern Africa (MIASA) and has continued to be an active member. MIASA continues to execute its role of contributing and influencing the adoption of appropriate mining policies among the member states of SADC. In the past eight years MIASA interacted with the SADC structures at various levels, in that regard.

The current members of MIASA are; Chamber of Minerals and Energy of Tanzania, Chamber of Mines of South Africa, Chamber of Mines of Zambia, Chamber of Mines of Namibia, Chamber of Mines of Zimbabwe, Chamber of Mines Botswana.

Future Outlook

In the light of the above mentioned activities and initiatives the Chairman concluded by mentioning that during the coming year the Chamber would work towards achieving the following objectives:

- Continue with efforts in building a good information data base on economic contribution of the industry and other data relevant to the industry for the benefit of the members as well as to facilitate meaningful dialogue with government and other institutions, and enable swift response to critical issues.
- Conducting mining awareness Workshops as well as organize mine visits for various groups and work towards restoring mining industry's image, integrity and credibility through a strategic communication plan.
- Complete the IMTT project.
- To participate fully in the Mineral Policy review process.

NEW TCME MEMBERS

Three new members have joined the Chamber during 2008 namely: Mantra Resources Limited, Tanzoz (Tanzania) Limited, and MDN (Tanzania), all exploration members.

NEWS ABOUT MERCURY

UNEP Governing Council 25 (GC 25) agreed that the International Negotiating Committee, taking into account, inter alia, the principles of the Rio Declaration on Environment and Development, is to develop a comprehensive and suitable approach to mercury, including provisions to:

.. specify the objectives of the instrument; reduce the supply of mercury and enhance its capacity for environmentally sound storage;

..acknowledged the need to manage mercury in an efficient, effective and coherent manner;

..agreed to further international action consisting of elaboration of a legally binding instrument on mercury, which could include both binding and voluntary approaches, together with interim activities, to reduce risks to human health and the environment;

...reduce demand in products and processes, international trade and atmospheric emissions;

..address mercury-containing waste; to specify arrangements for capacity building; and address compliance;

..agreed that the INC should consider the following: flexibility; approaches tailored to specific sectors; technical and economic availability of mercury-free alternatives; achieving cooperation and coordination to avoid unnecessary duplication of proposed actions with provisions in other agreements; prioritization for action; possible co-benefits; and risks to human health;