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Sector Policy Letter: Focus on MINES

New Mining Code : Major Innovations

The Group of Analysis Laboratories : Relaunching of the Activities

The background image shows two men in dark suits and white shirts with dark ties, standing in front of a large industrial mining facility. They are wearing yellow scarves with text and a logo. The man on the left is looking towards the man on the right, who is looking down. The facility behind them consists of several large cylindrical silos and complex metal scaffolding structures under a clear sky.

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**"The mining sector,
a lever for territorial
development"**

Towards a Sector Policy Letter and Results-based Management

WAEMU countries have engaged in a reform of the Harmonized Public Finance Management Framework which is due to enter into force in 2017. This reform will shift from a culture of resources-based budgeting, hitherto used by West African States, to a culture of program-based, results-focused budgeting.



Geology Director (DMG), the Mining Operations Control and Surveillance Director (DCSOM), the Prospection and Mining Promotion Director (DPPM), the relevant ministries and a team from the *École Polytechnique de Montreal* (EPM) supporting the Ministry in the planning and drafting of the Sector Policy Letter.

The Mines Subcommittee is composed of the representatives of the various ministries and public agencies involved in the proposed policy. Its mandate is to develop a Draft Policy Letter for the Mine Sector. The process is supervised by a Steering Committee and a Technical Committee established by ministerial act, on February 23, 2016.

A Mining Policy in Line with other Sector Policies

It is Senegal's objective to have a Sector Policy Letter that is consistent with other sector policies and the guidelines of the *Plan Sénégal Emergent* (PSE) and the new Mining Code.

In anticipation of this change, each ministry must have a Sector Policy Letter by December 2016, at the latest. To date, the Ministry of Industry and Mines has a Mining Policy Statement that dates back to March 6, 2003 and restates various objectives for the development of the sector.

To assist ministries in this process, a Methodological Guide for Development Sector Policy

Letters (GMELPSD) was prepared by the Ministry of Economy, Finance and Planning.

Establishment of a Project Team

In this respect, the Minister of Industry and Mines officially established, on February 2, 2016, the Mines Subcommittee in the presence of the Mines and

These include:

- gaining a better understanding of the context and issues as well as programs and policies on the development of mineral resources in Senegal;
- drafting a Policy Letter on the inclusive and participatory development of the mining sector that takes into account the concerns of the various ministries and stakeholders involved;
- developing a national strategy for the sector that preserves the State's interests while taking into account the concerns of the various stakeholders, including local authorities and the mining industry; and
- developing an action plan and a monitoring and evaluation framework for the efficient implementation of the sector policy.

Work Progress

Since last February, the Mines Subcommittee has been meeting on a monthly basis. It is assisted in its analysis and reflection by the EPM. The Subcommittee first defined its terms of reference and launched a sector analysis.

A sector analysis report, tracing various existing studies and offering an overview of the issues and challenges facing the mining sector, completes the sector analysis.

Consultation with stakeholders

In June this year a consultation activity was organized with various stakeholders, including representatives of the mining industry, the private sector, artisanal mines, women



associations and civil society organizations. This consultation helped fuel the reflection on the formulation of the Mine component of the Sector Policy Letter for Industry and Mines.

Formulation of the Sector Policy Letter

Based on its analysis of the sector and the general guidelines of the PSE, the Mines Subcommittee then focused on the formulation of the Letter as such.

At the end of that phase, a draft letter for the Mines component of the sector policy was submitted to the Technical Committee and the Steering Committee for their review and approval.

A Sector Policy Letter by the End of the Year

The approval process is following its course through various administrative and political bodies. The objective of the Ministry of Industry and Mines is

to provide Senegal with a Sector Policy Letter that is in line with new WAEMU requirements, the broad guidelines of the PSE and the draft Mining Code, by the end of 2016.

The Mines Subcommittee has so far issued Development Sector Policy Letters in accordance with the steps outlined in the Methodological Guide for the Development Sector Policy Letters Preparation (GMELPSD):

- **A Stakeholder Consultation Report**, conducted in June 2016;
- **A support document** for the formulation of the Development Sector Policy Letter on the profile of the mining sector in Senegal;
- **A draft Sector Policy Development Letter (LPSD)** based on four areas of intervention which was submitted to the Technical Committee and the Steering Committee for review and approval.