



STATEMENT

Boss Mining provides clarifications regarding inaccurate reports circulating on social media following an incident that occurred in the Kakanda area.

Boss Mining SAS ("**Boss Mining**" or the "**Company**"), a subsidiary of Eurasian Resources Group ("ERG") in partnership with La Générale des Carrières et des Mines S.A. ("**Gécamines**"), operating in Lualaba Province, Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC), extends its sincere condolences to the families of the victims of the incident involving a minibus that occurred on 21 August 2026 within its mining concession in the Kakanda area (PE 469). The Company also expresses its solidarity with all those affected by this incident.

In response to various social media posts and comments concerning the incident of 21 August, Boss Mining wishes to provide the following clarifications and correct certain inaccurate information relating to the Company and its operations.

Boss Mining wishes to clarify that it had no involvement whatsoever in the organisation, movement, or activities of the delegation concerned and bears no responsibility in connection therewith. The vehicle concerned was present and travelling within the concession without prior authorisation of Boss Mining.

Boss Mining remains in a care and maintenance phase. Consequently, assertions that the Company's concession or facilities are "abandoned" are factually incorrect and misrepresent the status of the site and its assets.

Boss Mining further notes reports alleging that the delegation was travelling to a ceremony associated with the commencement of artisanal mining activities on the site. The Company understands that the delegation were travelling to a site outside the Boss Mining concessions. The Company categorically states that it had no prior knowledge of, or association with any such initiative and did not provide any approval or consent in relation thereto. The company does not authorise and will not permit any unauthorised artisanal mining activities within its concession.

The Company wishes to reiterate its position on artisanal mining. As a subsidiary of ERG, Boss Mining recognises that legal, regulated and responsible artisanal mining can play an important socio-economic role in the DRC. However, illegal and unregulated mining activities, including those that continue to affect Boss Mining's concession, pose significant safety, environmental and social risks to local communities, and should be addressed by the competent DRC local authorities in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.

In line with this position, ERG Africa signed in February 2026 a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Entreprise Générale du Cobalt (EGC), a subsidiary of Gécamines, to enhance the formalisation, professionalisation and accountability of artisanal and small-scale mining. The MoU aimed to establish a structured model that will improve the working conditions of artisanal miners and reduce the risks associated with informal mining (including human rights risks). An initiative that fully aligns with the priorities of the His Excellency, Félix-Antoine Tshisekedi Tshilombo, President of the DRC, the DRC Government and the Ministry of Mines, in support of a more formalised and transparent mining sector that delivers sustainable and inclusive growth.

Since 2022, Boss Mining has continued to alert its local partners and the competent authorities regarding: (i) the risks associated with the significant presence of illegal and semi-mechanised artisanal mining activities operating unlawfully within its concession and (ii) the fact that Boss Mining personnel have limited to no access to this site due to the presence of illegal miners and unauthorised armed individuals preventing lawful access and protecting said illegal activities.

Upon being informed of the incident, Boss Mining nevertheless provided assistance as part of the emergency response measures. The rescued persons received medical care at the Boss Mining hospital, which serves as the referral hospital for the Kakanda area. This assistance was provided solely on humanitarian grounds and in fulfillment of the Company's responsibilities towards the communities in which it operates. Such assistance should not be construed as evidence of, nor imply any involvement by Boss Mining in the organisation of, participation in, or in circumstances giving rise to the incident.

Boss Mining reaffirms its unwavering commitment to the safety of all persons and the protection of its operational perimeter and finally calls for caution in the dissemination of unverified information.

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