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Boss Mining SAS, an ERG Group Entity, Inaugurates a New Primary School in Lualaba Province, Expanding Access to Education

Kakanda, July 16, 2026 – Boss Mining SAS (“Boss Mining”), part of Eurasian Resources Group (ERG) operating in joint venture with Gécamines SA, inaugurated and officially handed over Kisanfu Primary School to the Kakanda Community in Lualaba Province. This new infrastructure development provides children from communities surrounding Kakanda with direct and sustainable access to education, marking an important milestone in ERG’s ongoing commitment to sustainable social development in Lualaba Province.

The inauguration ceremony brought together representatives of the Provincial Ministries of Education and Mines, traditional and local authorities, community leaders, the school’s management and teaching staff, students, and employees of Boss Mining.

Education is one of the fundamental pillars of sustainable development. It is within this framework that the project was designed under the 2024-2028 Cahier des Charges (Community Development Agreement). It reflects Boss Mining’s commitment to turning its obligations into tangible achievements.

The facility includes six fully equipped classrooms with an average capacity of 48 students each (288 places in total), two fully furnished administrative offices, a multipurpose space, and sanitation facilities. Designed to operate autonomously, the school has been equipped with a solar-powered electrification system as well as a standpipe providing access to water for both the school and the surrounding community. Through this school, Boss Mining is helping to improve learning conditions for students in Kakanda and neighboring localities. Beyond improving access to education, the project also generated employment opportunities for local workers during construction, contributing to the local economy.

Speaking at the ceremony, Mr. Christian Panga, Boss Mining Chief of Operations, emphasized: “Despite a challenging operational environment, particularly due to the site’s care and maintenance status and the security challenges posed by illegal mining activities affecting its operations, Boss Mining remains committed to investing in high-impact social initiatives that contribute to the sustainable and inclusive development of local communities.”

Through this initiative and the other projects it implements for the benefit of local populations, Boss Mining continues to position itself as a key and driving force in the socio-economic development of surrounding communities.

Representing the Provincial Ministry of Mines, Cédric Ilunga Mukalayi, Special Advisor, welcomed the initiative and stated: “As a community, it is our responsibility to fully recognize the considerable efforts that have gone into the realization of this project. Let us preserve it, protect it, and use it with the utmost care to ensure its long-term sustainability.”

On behalf of the beneficiary communities, Jean-Paul Laku Memba, Territory Administrator, thanked Boss Mining, stating: “Although it has not yet re-commenced production due to the challenging security situation, Boss Mining is already taking concrete steps to support the development of our community. This initiative demonstrates its willingness to build a win-win partnership based on dialogue, trust, and shared development.”

The project was formally handed over through the signing of a transfer protocol by representatives of the Provincial Ministries of Education and Mines, community leaders and Boss Mining. The school is now under the management of the competent educational authorities, with the participation of local stakeholders to ensure its sustainable operation.

The Kisanfu Primary School contributes to the Congolese Government’s vision of expanding access to quality primary education while illustrating ERG’s broader approach to responsible mining, creating long-term economic and social value that extends well beyond the life of its operations.

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About ERG:

Eurasian Resources Group (ERG) is a leading diversified natural resources group headquartered in Luxembourg, with integrated mining, processing, energy, logistics, and marketing operations. The Group has around 67,000 employees and sells products in more than 40 countries. The Group’s main shareholder (40% stake) is the Government of the Republic of Kazakhstan.

ERG is one of the world’s largest producers of cobalt and ferrochrome and is a large international supplier of copper and iron ore. In Eurasia, it is a leading supplier of alumina and is the only producer of high-grade aluminium in Kazakhstan.

Overall, in Kazakhstan, the Group operates many of the country’s leading production entities, including Kazchrome, Sokolov-Sarbai Iron Ore Mining Production Association (SSGPO), Kazakhstan Aluminium Smelter, Aluminium of Kazakhstan, Eurasian Energy Corporation, and others. The Group is a key power supplier and a large railway operator in Central Asia.

ERG Africa also forms a core part of the Group’s international asset portfolio. ERG Africa is represented in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) by its principal entities – Metalkol, Frontier, Boss Mining and COMIDE. In the DRC, Frontier is the cornerstone of the Group’s copper business and Metalkol is a major tailings reprocessing operation, which has become one of the

world's largest producers of cobalt and a major producer of copper. The Group also has a copper and cobalt business in Zambia and development projects in South Africa and Zimbabwe which are focused on other minerals and products. In addition, the Group has its own supply chain on the continent through its logistics company SABOT.

In Brazil, ERG is developing BAMIN, an integrated mining and logistics project in the State of Bahia, which comprises the Pedra de Ferro high-grade iron ore mine, the Porto Sul deep-water port and the associated stretch of the new FIOLE broad-gauge railway.

