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BOSS MINING



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Ville de Lubumbashi, Province du
Haut-Katanga, République
Démocratique du Congo.

STATEMENT

Boss Mining – Landslide resulting from illegal artisanal mining activities at the SAAFI site (PE469), Lualaba Province: the company urges the authorities to take the necessary measures

Boss Mining SAS (hereinafter “Boss Mining”), a subsidiary of ERG Africa and a joint-venture with La Générale des Carrières et des Mines S.A. (“Gécamines”), operating in Lualaba Province, Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC), deeply regrets the tragic landslide resulting from illegal artisanal mining activities that occurred on 11 March 2026 at the SAAFI site, located within its mining concession in the Kakanda area (PE 469), and which has led to fatalities and injuries.

Boss Mining strongly condemns the presence of illegal operations within its concession. These activities are neither controlled nor authorised by Boss Mining and have been the subject of all required regulatory notifications and formal complaints submitted to the competent authorities, including the Ministry of Mines, Ministry of Environment, Ministry of Interior, the National Commission Against Mining Fraud as well as the relevant provincial and local authorities.

Boss Mining has, since 2022, been formally alerting its local partners and the relevant authorities regarding: (i) the significant risks posed by the heavy presence of illegal semi-mechanised and unauthorised artisanal mining activities operating within its concession; and (ii) the fact that Boss Mining personnel have been denied access to this site due to the presence of unauthorised armed individuals preventing lawful access and protecting said illegal activities. These repeated notifications have, to date, not resulted in the restoration of control over the affected areas.

Despite these legal actions and repeated notifications, Boss Mining’s concession — as well as other ERG Africa assets located in Lualaba Province, namely COMIDE Sarl and Swanmines SAS — continue to be affected by the presence of illegal mining activities, which threaten the lives of artisanal miners, ERG Africa employees and local communities and lead to environmental damages.

The Company denies any wrongdoing and / or responsibility in relation to this incident and urges the authorities to take the necessary measures to remove illegal activities, restore lawful access to these areas, secure the affected sites and ensure the safety of our employees, stakeholders and surrounding communities. The Company extends its sincere condolences to the families of the victims.

ERG Africa acknowledges that legal and well-regulated artisanal mining plays an important socio-economic role in the DRC. However, illegal and unregulated mining activities — such as those to which Boss Mining's concession has been and continues to be subjected — pose grave risks to the safety and well-being of local communities and must be brought to an end by the relevant DRC authorities. In this regard, the Company supports all efforts aimed at promoting the formalisation and integration of such activities into the applicable legal framework, with a view to improving safety, transparency, and the well-being of local communities.

Boss Mining reaffirms its unwavering commitment to the safety of all persons, the protection of its operational perimeter, and the responsible management of its activities and will continue to fully cooperate with the authorities.

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