

Ministers Meet with Bolore and LMC

A high powered government delegation comprising the Minister of Mines and Mineral Resources, Hon. Minkailu Mansaray, the Minister of Transport and Aviation, Hon. Balogun Koroma, the Minister of Trade and Industry, Hon. Usman Boie Kamara, officials from the NMA and the police yesterday held meetings with local transport owners and managements of London Mining Company (LMC) and Bolore African Logistics (BAL) in Lunsar to gather information on the current standoff between local transport owners and BAL regarding contract for haulage of iron ore for LMC.

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The purpose of the meeting was for government to get first hand information from all stakeholders, so as to be able to make an informed decision to amicably resolve the impasse between the local transport owners and BAL. Without prejudice to the outcome of the consultations, the ministers stressed the importance of adherence to the provisions of the Local Content Policy (LCP) in the award of contract and employment to ensure that Sierra Leoneans actively participate in, and benefit from, mining operations in the country. They made it clear that government is committed to promoting investment and developing the mining sector, but that it also has a responsibility to promote the interest and welfare of its citizens. They assured all sides that with the information gathered, government will make a decision that will ensure a win-win situation, whereby the LCP will be implemented without compromising the efficiency of mining operations.

Other members of the delegation were the Deputy Director of Mines, Peter Bangura, the NMA Communications Manager, Ibrahim Satti Kamara, and the Northern Region Police Commander.