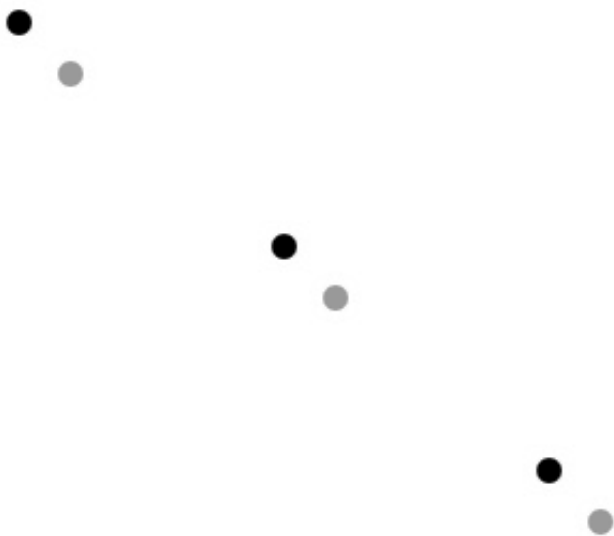

Mining Journal's Supplement on S/Leone

The Deputy Minister of Mines and Mineral Resources, Abdul Ignosi Koroma, formally launched the Mining Journal Special Publication – Sierra Leone Supplement on Tuesday 10th December 2013, in the NMA Conference Room at Wilkinson Road in Freetown.

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In his statement, the Minister highlighted the major reforms undertaken by the Government of

Sierra Leone to promote the development of the minerals sector, which include a review of the mining code and the enactment of a new Mines and Minerals Act in 2009; the establishment of a world-class Mining Cadastre and Administration System and Online Repository; the establishment of the National Minerals Agency with full capacity to regulate the mining industry; the passing of new Mining Environment Protection Regulations; the drafting of a Precious Minerals Trading Bill, among others.

These reforms, he continued, have made Sierra Leone an attractive destination for investment in the minerals sector, and he expressed appreciation to JIC media for showcasing the rich mineral potentials of the country and the major reforms undertaken by government to an international audience. He revealed that several mining events are slated for 2014 to further showcase Sierra Leone's rich mining industry and attract investment, and these include the second West African Mining Investment Summit in early April, during which another supplement will be published and distributed; the Sierra Leone Mining Conference and Exhibition to be organized in Freetown in May; and the Sierra Leone Live Expo event to be organized in London in June, among others.

The Director General of the NMA, Sahr Wondan, noted that the launch was an opportunity to build on the recognition gained at the summit and the various other channels through which the supplement has been distributed, by focussing on the local media and other stakeholders in Sierra Leone to further highlight the potentials and recent developments in our minerals sector, and how this can be translated into profitable investments for companies, whilst at the same time ensure maximum benefits for Sierra Leoneans. It was also an opportunity to recognize the sponsors whose contribution made the publication possible.

A representative of JIC Media, Babatunde Roland-May, highlighted the major contributions made by JIC made to showcase Sierra Leone's economic potential to the outside world, among which are the staging of major international events and promotional publications. He maintained that JIC Media will continue to partner with government institutions to promote investment into all sectors of the economy.

The supplement was first published in June 2013 and was widely distributed at the West African Mining Investment Summit held in London from 4th to 5th June 2013. Since then, it has been widely distributed at various Mines and Money events, and delivered to various Chambers of Commerce around the world, such as Paris, Moscow, Dubai, Lebanon, Turkey, Spain and Portugal. The Supplement has been very well received and, indeed, has impressed with its scope and attention to detail.

The supplement can be accessed at <http://www.mining-journal.com/.../mj-sierra-leone-supplement-...>