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## **Ministry of Mines and Mineral Resources Press Release (Panama Paper)**

**Freetown, 11 April 2016:** The attention of the Ministry of Mines and Mineral Resources has been drawn to an article published in the 'Panama Papers' titled 'Flaws in Sierra Leone's Diamond Trade.'

We note with grave concern the revelations made in that publication, particularly the aspect relating to Sierra Leone's minerals sector, though the details of the allegations contained therein are not very clear.

The Ministry, in collaboration with the National Minerals Agency, is conducting a thorough investigation into the allegations, and appropriate action will be taken where necessary.

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