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## **SUSPENSION OF PROCESSING OF APPLICATIONS FOR MINERAL RIGHTS**

**Freetown, 7<sup>th</sup> August 2018.** The Ministry of Mines and Mineral Resources and the National Minerals Agency hereby inform the public that, in view of ongoing reforms under the New Direction to transform the minerals sector and ensure that it delivers maximum benefits to Sierra Leoneans, the National Minerals Agency has suspended the processing of applications for mineral rights.

This measure is to enable the Agency to clean up the mineral rights map and implement a vetting process that will ensure that Government only gives mineral rights to credible investors with proven track record.

The NMA will inform the public when this process is completed, and normal processing of applications, via a thorough vetting process, will resume.

We regret any inconvenience this may cause.

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