

## PARTICIPATION OF GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS IN ACTIVITIES OF MINERAL RIGHT HOLDERS

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**Freetown, 12 February 2019:** The Ministry of Mines and Mineral Resources notes with grave concern several reports, pronouncements and publications on mainstream and social media, relating to activities undertaken by Mineral Right Holders involving Government functionaries, without reference to the Ministry.

The Ministry hereby announces for the information of the general public that only the Ministry of Mines and Mineral Resources and its implementing Agency the National Minerals Agency (NMA) have the mandate to regulate and make public pronouncements on mining matters on behalf of the Government of Sierra Leone.

The Ministry therefore advises all mineral right holders and other stakeholders to henceforth direct all requests for the participation of Government functionaries in their activities, to the Ministry or the NMA. Government functionaries are also advised to contact the Ministry of Mines and the NMA for clarification or correct information whenever they are requested by mineral right holders to participate in their activities.

The cooperation of all is solicited.

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