

NOTICE TO ALL MINING OPERATORS

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Based on weather forecasts issued by Meteo Rwanda, indicating that the country is expected to enter an unusual El Niño season characterised by heavy rainfall beginning in September 2026, the Rwanda Mines, Petroleum and Gas Board (RMB) hereby warns all mining operators to take the necessary precautions to prevent accidents that may result from these heavy rains. In addition to the existing safety measures in place at mining sites, all licence holders are required to undertake the following actions:

- Install proper roofing or covering over all mine shafts and entrances to prevent any conditions that could lead to accidents within the mine;
- Before work commences each day, the mining operations technician must inspect the working areas to ensure that there are no hazards that could cause accidents. A daily inspection report must be prepared and kept at the offices of the company or cooperative for any further inspection;
- All workers must wear Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) at all times while on duty;
- All underground mine workings must have at least two exit routes. Any workings that do not meet this requirement must suspend operations during the rainy season to prevent accidents;
- Establish a stand by rescue team where one has not yet been put in place;
- Report to the relevant authorities any hazard that cannot be immediately eliminated and is suspected of causing accidents, so that joint preventive measures can be taken. Such areas must be closed off and clearly marked with warning signs to prevent access;
- Conduct a comprehensive risk assessment of the entire mine on daily basis and implement appropriate safety measures in accordance with occupational health and safety standards for mines approved by the Rwanda Standards Board (RSB);
- Prevent and discourage any activities that may facilitate illegal mining within your mining area by ensuring adequate security measures, preventing your employees from participating in such activities, and reporting any incidents to the relevant authorities to support efforts to stop them;
- Inspect all areas that may allow erosion or runoff to enter underground workings, and assess all locations where cracks, unstable ground, or geological weaknesses could result in mine collapse or ground failure on daily basis.