

Public Notice to all Mining and Quarrying Companies

The Management of Rwanda Mines, Petroleum and Gas Board (RMB) is delighted to announce the release of comprehensive national health and safety standards by the Rwanda Standards Board (RSB) for mining and quarry operations. These standards aim at enhancing safety measures across the mining sector. With immediate effect, all mining and quarrying operations are required to adopt these new national standards, and compliance with specialized standards is equally crucial to uphold safety and operational integrity.

The new safety standards are divided into four distinct parts, tailored to address specific facets of mining and quarrying practices:

1. RS 117-2: 2024 Mining and quarrying — Health and safety requirements— Part 2: General requirements
2. RS 117-3: 2024 Mining and quarrying — Health and safety requirements — Part 3: Open pit/surface mining
3. RS 117-4: 2024 Mining and quarrying —Health and safety requirements — Part 4: Underground mining
4. RS 117-5: 2024 Mining and quarrying — Health and safety requirements — Part 5: Blasting

The aforementioned national standards were published in the Official Gazette n° Special of 08/05/2024. It is essential for every mining and quarry company to procure their own copy of the general requirements and any additional copies pertinent to their specific operations.

These standards can be purchased directly from RSB website at <https://www.rsb.gov.rw> under the footer section (Standards Catalogue) or via the following link: <https://portal.rsb.gov.rw/webstore.php?s=117-&igg=RkJrTndaM0EzcA>.

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