

## ***East & Central Africa Mining Forum launching in Rwanda this October with high-level, ministerial keynotes***

*"Rwanda provides a compelling place for such interaction to take place."*

The Rwanda Mines, Petroleum and Gas Board (RMB) is hosting the new **East & Central Africa Mining Forum** conference and exhibition that will be held in Kigali from 28-29 October.

"We are opening up our mining sector in a way that has not been done in the past" says Hon. Francis Gatare, CEO of the RMB, "providing as much geological information as possible and we have recently revised our regulatory framework from policy to mining code and regulation - to not only make it competitive for companies to operate in but to also provide a platform that will make it easy for companies to comply with regulatory requirements."

The two-day event will focus on the opportunities in the regional mining industry; providing access to best practices; gaining insights into reliable, cost effective technologies; and fast-tracking financial support. Industry participation will include junior mining operators and exploration companies; stakeholders from the mining equipment, technology and service (METS) sector; transport and logistics firms to help cross-border cooperation; and financiers, who will help provide the right financial model and tools for projects of any scale.

Hon. Gatare will deliver the welcome address during the opening session, which will also include keynote addresses from the mining ministers from the region.

"Geology tends to be regional" he explains, "there is no single country that has a monopoly on its own geological endowments; they tend to be regional and similar in many regards. This makes it important to share geological information across the region. It's also very important for the country to share experiences and in turn start to see mineral resources as regional projects, especially when you begin to think about processing on a competitive level that would bring in economic returns."

Opening session highlights include:

### ***Opening Ceremony theme: Creating an appetite for robust investment within the East & Central African mining space***

- Welcome from the organisers  
Emmanuelle Nicholls, Group Director: Mining, Spintelligent, South Africa
- *Mining in action: The catalyst for Africa's progression and development*  
H.E. Amb. Albert Mudenda Muchanga, Commissioner for Trade and Industry, African Union Commission, Ethiopia (invited)
- *Exploring synergies and building collaboration with the "Global Capital of Cobalt"*  
Simon Tuma Waku, President, Chamber of Mines, DRC
- *Keynote Address: A vision for the "new Ethiopia": The investment game changer that will transform mining in Ethiopia and the region*

H.E. Samuel Hurkato, Minister of Mines, Petroleum and Natural Gas, Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia

- *Keynote Address: Engaging leaders of the industry: Encouraging greater public-private collaboration*  
Hon. Gabriel Thokuj Deng, Ministry of Mining, Republic of South Sudan
- *Welcome address – "Rwanda: Africa's up and coming mining destination"*  
Hon. Francis Gatare, Chief Executive Officer, Rwanda Mines, Petroleum & Gas Board, Rwanda

The full interview with RMB's Hon. Francis Gatare can be viewed on the event website: <http://www.miningforumafrika.com/RWANDA-Focused-on-building-its-mining-potential>

### **Industry support**

The industry is excited about this new regional mining forum with Ivanhoe Mines confirmed as participating mining operator and BARRON and LuNa Smelter confirmed as gold sponsors. CMD Gears-Ferry Capitain, Minelab and Spectrometer Technology are bronze sponsors.

**East & Central Africa Mining Forum** is organised by Spintelligent, a multi-award-winning Cape Town-based exhibition and conference producer across the continent in the infrastructure, energy and mining sectors. Other well-known events by Spintelligent include DRC Mining Week, Nigeria Mining Week, African Utility Week and POWERGEN Africa, Future Energy East Africa and Future Energy Nigeria. Spintelligent is part of the UK-based Clarion Events Group.

### **East & Central Africa Mining Forum dates and location:**

**Strategic conference and exhibition:** 28-29 October 2019

**Venue:** Radisson Blu Hotel & Convention Centre, Kigali, Rwanda

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