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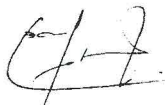
FOREWORD

Zambia is endowed with a variety of mineral resources and has a history of mining which spans over 100 years. Mining has and will continue to play a major role in the economic development of the country. Government is thus committed to ensuring a vibrant, well organized private sector and public-private partnership led mining sector contributing significantly towards GDP and providing reliable employment leading to wealth creation in the country. To achieve this, the principal objective of Government policy on mining is to create an environment in which small and large scale exploration, mining and value addition industries operate efficiently and profitably for effective contribution to economic development and wealth creation.

The role of the Ministry of Mines, Energy and Water Development is to promote and regulate the development of both small and large scale mines in order to enhance the sector's contribution to economic development.

The review of the Mining Policy has been dictated by a number of important developments which have taken place since 1995 when Government last reviewed and articulated its policy direction for the mining sector. The most significant development has been the transfer of ownership of the mining industry to the private sector following the completion of the privatisation of the copper-mining industry in March 2000. The challenges and lessons learnt during and after privatization of the mining industry have led to policy reforms that are contained in this revised policy framework.

The formulation of this Mineral Resources Development Policy was done in consultation with all stakeholders to ensure shared vision on how our mineral resources should be exploited for the benefit of all. The Policy will thus facilitate creation of an environment for the growth of a vibrant mining sector creating lasting benefits for the people of Zambia. The Mineral Resources Development Policy will serve as an outline of the direction Government and indeed the people of Zambia want to take with regard to the development of the mining industry. The success of the policy will be judged by the extent to which it will facilitate the creation of a vibrant mining sector making a contribution to the GDP and wealth creation commensurate with its position as a leading economic sector.



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