Introduction of the Lubumbashi – Ndola – Walvis Bay Copper Forum

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Objectives

The objective of the Copper Forum is to coordinate cooperation initiatives related to copper between Namibia, Zambia and the DRC. Specifically, the Forum shall amongst others strive to do the following:

- Promote copper value addition industries.
- Provide market intelligence on international copper prices, current and forecast.
- Promote technical cooperation in the fields of exploration, mining and mineral processing of copper.
- Co-ordinate and network the existing Mining School systems for the development of education, skills and training at all levels and the establishment of R&D and Centres of Excellence in mining.
- Facilitate the adoption of “best practice” available in the industry, industry benchmarking, and the exploitation and value addition for copper.
- Promote partnerships with the business sector and the public sector.

Copper Forum Areas of Cooperation

- Ongopolo was until recently, smelting part of copper concentrate production from Kansanshi mine in Zambia.
- Ongopolo is smelting copper concentrates from Dikulishi mine.
- Ongopolo may smelt copper concentrate from Lumwana mine under construction by Equinox Copper Ventures Limited, to start production in 2008.
- Ongopolo has at one time purchased washed coal from Maamba Collieries in Zambia for the Tsumeb smelter.
- Ongopolo (Namibia), ZAMEFA (Zambia) and Gecamines (DRC) constitute the Working Group to develop the project concept of establishing a large scale copper smelter & refinery in Zambia. Zambia, DRC and Namibia have the potential to produce up to 1,000,000 t/y of LME grade copper.
- With improved & new infrastructure (Bridge at Sesheke/Katim Mulilo), Namibia offers Zambia and DRC a direct export route through the Trans-Caprivi highway to the port of Walvis Bay.
- Ongopolo pyrite copper concentrate is available to Zambian copper producers for sulphuric acid production.
- Exchange of technical expertise in geology, mining, mineral processing and value addition.

Copper Forum Structure

Zambia

- Dr. Moses Banda, Economic Advisor to the President.
- Delax Chilumbu, Ministry of Mines & Vice Secretary to the Forum.
- Fred Business, General Manager, Chamber of Mines of Zambia.
- Emmanuel Mutati, President, Chamber of Mines of Zambia.

Namibia

- Christophe Kanionio Matuku, Secrétaire Général, Ministry of Mines.
- Henry Mutombo, Deputy GM, Kilimoto.
- Ilunga Senga, Technical Director, Gecamines.
- Kaputo Kalubi, Chief Geologist, Gecamines.
- Joseph Ikoli Yombo Yapeke, Directeur et Secrétaire du Forum/section RDC.
- Kabwe Sabwa, GM Chamber of Mines of DRC.
- Professor Dr. Marcel Lenge.
- Anvil Mining Representative.
- Mr. Raphaël NGOY, Directeur Technique, COMISA.
- Mr. KANIKA NAWEJ, Directeur/Mines.

DRC

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- 9. Mr. Raphaël NGOY, Directeur Technique, COMISA.
- 10. Mr. KANIKA NAWEJ, Directeur/Mines.
1. Rod Webster, MD, Ongopolo
2. Hans Nolte, GM, Ongopolo
3. Veston Malango, General Manager, Chamber of Mines of Namibia & Secretary to the Copper Forum
4. E. Shivolo, Mining Commissioner, Ministry of Mines and Energy

I thank you for your attention