

ORDER No. 091 /PM OF 25 JUN 2025
to lay down conditions for the organization and functioning of the Inter-ministerial Committee for the review of mining titles, permits and licences.

THE PRIME MINISTER, HEAD OF GOVERNMENT,

Mindful of the Constitution;
Mindful of Law No. 76/25 of 14 December 1976 to establish regulations governing surveys and records;
Mindful of Law No. 85/09 of 4 July 1985 to lay down the procedure governing expropriation for public purposes and conditions for compensation;
Mindful of Law No. 96/12 of 5 August 1996 relating to environmental management;
Mindful of Law No. 98/015 of 14 July 1998 to regulate establishments classified as dangerous, unhealthy or obnoxious;
Mindful of Ordinance No. 74/1 of 6 July 1974 to establish rules governing land tenure;
Mindful of Ordinance No. 74/2 of 6 July 1974 to establish rules governing State lands;
Mindful of Law No. 2002/003 of 19 April 2002 on the General Tax Code and its subsequent amendments;
Mindful of Law No. 2018/012 of 11 July 2018 relating to the fiscal regime of the State and other public entities;
Mindful of Law No. 2019/012 of 19 July 2019 to lay down the general framework for radiological and nuclear safety, nuclear security, civil liability and safeguards enforcement;
Mindful of Law No. 2019/024 of 24 December 2019 to institute the General Code of Regional and Local Authorities;
Mindful of Law No. 2023/014 of 19 December 2023 relating to the Mining Code;
Mindful of Decree No. 92/089 of 4 May 1992 to specify the duties of the Prime Minister, as amended and supplemented by Decree No. 95/145 of 4 August 1995;
Mindful of Decree No. 2011/408 of 9 December 2011 to organize the Government, as amended and supplemented by Decree No. 2018/190 of 2 March 2018;
Mindful of Decree No. 2012/432 of 1 October 2012 to organize the Ministry of Mines, Industry and Technological Development;
Mindful of Decree No. 2019/001 of 4 January 2019 to appoint a Prime Minister, Head of Government;
Mindful of Decree No. 2020/749 of 14 December 2020 to set up the National Mining Corporation;
Mindful of Decree No. 2024/05061/PM of 18 November 2024 to define the conditions for the granting of mining titles, permits and licences,

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HEREBY ORDERS AS FOLLOWS:

CHAPTER I **GENERAL PROVISIONS**

ARTICLE 1.- (1) This order lays down conditions for the organization and functioning of the Inter-ministerial Committee for the review of mining titles, permits and licences, hereinafter referred to as "**the Committee**".

(2) It is established pursuant to the provisions of Article 18(3) of Decree No. 2024/05061/PM of 18 November 2024 mentioned above.

ARTICLE 2.- (1) The Committee shall be an inter-ministerial body that examines applications for mining titles, permits and licences. As such, it shall particularly be responsible for:

- ensuring that applications comply with the laws and regulations in force, particularly in the areas of mining, land tenure, forestry, agriculture, environment, social affairs, pastoral farming and silviculture;
- examining any cases of overlap between mining titles, permits and licences applied for and forest concessions, protected zones and exclusion zones, and proposing solutions to guarantee a peaceful and harmonious co-existence of mining and forestry activities, in compliance with environmental protection rules;
- issuing a reasoned opinion on the draft instrument before the procedure continues.

(2) The Committee shall not have jurisdiction over applications relating to mining agreements or artisanal mining licence for mineral substances and quarry substances, which fall within the remit of the negotiation framework set up at SONAMINES and the Councils respectively.

CHAPTER II **ORGANIZATION AND FUNCTIONING**

ARTICLE 3.- (1) The Committee shall be supervised by the Minister in charge of mines and shall be composed as follows:

Chairperson: Secretary General of the Ministry in charge of mines;

Members:

- the Director in charge of mines;
- the Director in charge of Geology;
- one (1) representative of the Ministry in charge of state property;
- one (1) representative of the Ministry in charge of environment;
- one (1) representative of the Ministry in charge of social affairs;
- one (1) representative of the Ministry in charge of forestry;

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- one (1) representative of the Ministry in charge of agriculture;
- one (1) representative of the Ministry in charge of livestock and fisheries;
- one (1) representative of the National Mining Corporation.

(2) The Chairperson may invite any private individual or corporate body, based on their expertise or experience on the subject matter, to take part in the Committee's deliberations in an advisory capacity.

ARTICLE 4.- (1) The Committee shall meet, as and when necessary, when convened by its Chairperson.

(2) Convening notices, together with the draft agenda and documents to be examined, if any, shall be sent to members at least five (5) days prior to the date of the meeting, except in cases of urgency.

(3) The Committee may validly deliberate only if at least two-thirds (2/3) of its members are present.

(4) Decisions of the Committee shall be made by a simple majority of members present. In the event of a tie, the Chairperson shall have the casting vote.

(5) A report shall be forwarded to the Minister in charge of mines at the end of each meeting.

ARTICLE 5.- For the discharge of its duties, the Committee shall have a Secretariat. It shall be responsible for:

- preparing files to be submitted to the Committee;
- identifying and making proposals to the Committee on actions to be implemented to properly carry out its tasks;
- implementing the instructions and /or recommendations of the Committee;
- drafting minutes and reports of Committee meetings;
- keeping the Committee's documents;
- carrying out any other tasks entrusted to it by the Committee.

ARTICLE 6.- (1) The Secretariat of the Committee shall be composed as follows:

Coordinator: the Sub-Director of the Mining Registry;

Rapporteurs:

- the Sub-Director of Mining Activities;
- the Sub-Director of Geological Prospecting.

(2) The Secretariat of the Committee shall meet, as and when necessary, when convened by its Coordinator. Reports of its sessions shall be forwarded to the Chairperson of the Committee at the request of its Coordinator.

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ARTICLE 7.- (1) The composition of the Committee and its Secretariat shall be established by decision of the Minister in charge of mines.

(2) Should a member of the Committee or Secretariat lose his position as staff of the administrative body, structure or organization for which he was designated, he shall automatically lose his position as member, coordinator of the secretariat or rapporteur. He shall be replaced under the same conditions in which he was appointed.

CHAPTER III **MISCELLANEOUS AND FINAL PROVISIONS**

ARTICLE 8.- (1) The chairperson, members of the Committee, coordinator of the secretariat, rapporteurs and the persons invited in an advisory capacity shall be entitled to a session allowance, the amount of which shall be laid down in accordance with the regulations in force.

(2) They may also claim reimbursement for expenses incurred in the holding of sessions of the Committee and/or the Secretariat, upon presentation of supporting evidence.

ARTICLE 9.- (1) The operating costs of the Committee shall be charged to the budget of the Ministry in charge of mines.

(2) The Chairperson of the Committee shall be the authorizing officer for the budget. He shall recommend the designation of a controller to carry out accounting tasks.

ARTICLE 10.- At the end of each year, the committee shall send an activity report, together with proposals, to the Minister in charge of mines, who shall forward it to the Prime Minister, Head of Government, within two weeks.

ARTICLE 11.- This order shall be registered, published according to the procedure of urgency, and inserted in the Official Gazette in English and French.

Yaounde, 25 JUN 2025

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**PRIME MINISTER,
HEAD OF GOVERNMENT**

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