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Press Release

**GGML and the Geita Councils Sign Agreement on CSR Development Projects worth Tshs. 9.2 Billion for 2019**

On the 16th August 2019, Geita Gold Mining Limited (GGML), the Geita District Council and Geita Town Council signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) in relation to the GGML’s Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) Plan for 2019. GGML has allocated over Tshs 9.2 billion towards sustainable community projects specifically in the areas of health, environment, education, agriculture and infrastructure.

“We are proud of this incredible milestone and we believe working together with the host communities through an inclusive process will enhance community ownership and commitment to these projects. This will underpin their sustainability,” GGML Vice President Sustainability Simon Shayo said.

In July 2017, the parliament of Tanzania amended the Mining Act 2010 and introduced section 105, which describes the procedure for mineral right holders to prepare and execute their corporate social responsibility (CSR) plans. In 2018 GGML was the first mine in the country to execute its social and economic projects under the new legislation.

“Section 105 (1) of the amended Mining Law directs all Mining Companies to prepare a credible Corporate Social Responsibility plan jointly agreed by the relevant Local Authority in consultation with the Ministers responsible for Local Government Authorities and the Minister responsible for Finance before implementation, and this plan is what we have today,” Geita Regional Commissioner, Eng. Robert Gabriel, said. “We commend GGML for being the first mining company in Tanzania to comply with the law last year and we are looking forward to continuing this impactful cooperation this year.”

The MoU indicates that parties will carry out their obligations in terms of the Act, GGML will implement its plan as agreed and the Councils shall oversee the implementation and provide awareness to the public on projects carried out by the Company under the agreed CSR plan.

The agreed projects this year will see over Tshs. 9.2 billion invested and benefiting the Geita communities in the areas of education, health, environment, sports, agribusiness and SME’s – small & medium business development.

GGML strives to support the Government of Tanzania’s aspirations of sustainable social and economic development in its host communities. The company further endeavours to collaborate with the local authorities as well as the communities in the identification and management of key projects that will support a sustainable future for Geita District and Town councils.

Since its inception, GGML has been working closely with the Geita Town and District Councils to support various community projects in the Geita region as well as national programmes through...
Public-Private Partnerships. Consistent with its core value of providing the Geita community with sustainable socio-economic development that outlasts mining activity, GGML has a comprehensive programme of direct investment in the local Geita community through a series of projects including water supply, education and economic development activities in the agriculture, construction and service sectors. Over Tshs 57 billion has been spent in the last 10 years.

“We are determined to leave a legacy of enduring value for our Geita and Tanzania stakeholders through our direct investments, through the jobs we create, the export revenue we generate and the taxes we pay,” Mr Simon Shayo said. “We are proud of this contribution and will continue to work with all stakeholders to ensure sustained economic development benefit continues to flow from our mining activities.”

Last year GGML spent Tshs 9.2 billion on several community projects in the areas of construction and the furnishing and repair of primary and secondary school infrastructure in Geita region. In the 2019/2020 CSR Plan, GGML maintains its commitment to comply with Tanzania’s new legislation governing the process for agreeing its CSR Plan in advance of its implementation.

GGML continues to remain the most complaint and top taxpayer in the country, currently over Tshs 2.5 Trillion has been paid as tax to the government. The company has employed over 5,000 individuals both directly and through contractors of which 96% are Tanzanian nationals. In 2018 alone, over 76% of total procurement spend was in Tanzania with local businesses.

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