

## GGML was once again the main sponsor of the 5<sup>th</sup> National Mining Technology Exhibition 2022



**GGML Managing Director Terry Strong (centre in blue suit), AngloGold Ashanti's Vice President of Sustainability for Tanzania and Ghana, Simon Shayo (left), and GGML staff from various departments of the company at the fifth National Mining Technology Exhibition - Geita. GGML has been the main sponsor of the exhibition for five consecutive years.**

After more than ten days, with 450 exhibitors and over 10,000 visitors at the Investment Zone (EPZA) in Geita, this year's National Mining Technology Exhibition came to an end on 8<sup>th</sup> October. In its fifth year as the main sponsor of the National Mining Technology Exhibition, which has become an integral part of the Geita calendar, GGML remains closely associated with the event.

The 5<sup>th</sup> National Mining Technology Exhibition, which ran from 27<sup>th</sup> September to 8<sup>th</sup> October and attracted visitors from the region and beyond, showcased technologies for the mining industry, and GGML hosted business clinics for start-ups, SMEs (small to medium enterprises) and established companies interested in the many opportunities available at the mine.

The event provided an opportunity for exhibitors from a wide range of industry sectors, including GGML, to interact with the public, especially small-scale miners, and introduced them to new technologies and advances in the mining sector.

Simon Shayo, Vice President of Sustainability for Tanzania and Ghana at AngloGold Ashanti, paid high praise to the company for its role as the main sponsor of the exhibition. He commended the Geita Regional Government, the Tanzania Trade Development Authority (TANTRADE) and other participants for their foresight in establishing an annual mining technology exhibition.

*"We are proud to have been involved from the beginning as one of the main sponsors, but we also know that other stakeholders at home and abroad who are not even involved in the mining sector, such as banks, have recognised the importance of participating not only as sponsors but also as exhibitors of their products and services,"* said Simon Shayo.

Mr Shayo said, *"The aim of GGML is to continue to participate and be ever-present to ensure that these exhibitions become large, productive and have an international reach. This call is not just for the mining industry."*



**Engineer Ruth Mugurusi from the Drilling and Blasting Department briefed the guest of honour at the opening ceremony of the fifth National Mining Technology Exhibition, Minister of Minerals Dr Dotto Biteko (right), who visited the GGML exhibition stand. To his left, AngloGold Ashanti's Vice President of Sustainability for Tanzania and Ghana, Simon Shayo.**

He also commended the government for addressing concerns raised by mining industry participants and leading by example in the collection of tax revenue. He explained that GGML's parent company, AngloGold Ashanti, continued to place a high value on the mine and has made significant investments.

He pointed to the company's expenditure of Tshs 310.5 billion in 2021 and Tshs 388.7 billion in 2022 to fund mine development, research activities and new deposits at the three underground mines, Nyankanga, Star and Comet and Geita Hills respectively. The Nyamulilima open pit mine was another option.

The Minister of Minerals, Dr. Dotto Biteko, in his opening speech applauded GGML for leading the way in its Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) while showing the mining sector in its approach to diversity and inclusion.

He said, "GGML has brought many women in this exhibition to show that the sector is not gender specific and only for men, but everyone can benefit from the sector."

At the closing ceremony, the Managing Director Terry Strong praised the government led by President Samia Suluhu Hassan for the success of these exhibitions and creating an enabling environment for the private sector.

He said, "The mining sector is a major contributor to the developing economy and with a better investment environment, the sector will help achieve the government's target of contributing 10% to the country's gross income by 2025."

He concluded, "Geita Gold Mining Limited will continue to work with government, the community and other stakeholders across the country to support Tanzania's Development Vision 2025, long-term strategic development goals and scaling up investment."