

## Geita Gold Mining Limited Educates the Public on Safe Storage of Explosives



*Visitors at the booth getting training on explosives storage.*

From 20<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> June 2024, Geita Gold Mining Limited, a subsidiary of AngloGold Ashanti, participated in the Mining Week, Exhibition, and Conference in Dodoma under the umbrella of the Tanzania Chamber of Mines (TCM). The event was organized by the Federation of Miners' Associations of Tanzania (FEMATA) and the Ministry of Minerals.

Engineer Katambala Abeli of Geita Gold Mining Limited, speaking to journalists at the Jakaya Kikwete Convention Centre in Dodoma emphasized the critical importance of not storing explosives in residential areas. He highlighted the severe risks, including potential explosions triggered by fire, heat, gas fires, or electrical sparks.

“The Mining Week celebrations provide an essential platform for miners to discuss the hazards related to explosives,” said Engineer Abeli. “Explosives are vital for breaking rocks in mines. In fact, without explosives, you can’t effectively break rocks.” He continued, “However, if explosives are not stored in suitable conditions as required by law, they become extremely dangerous and should never be kept in residential areas due to their explosive nature.”

Engineer Abeli pointed out that fire, heat, gas explosions, and vibrations are common triggers for explosive incidents. He stressed that many global explosion incidents stem from improper storage and handling of explosives, resulting in significant harm, including loss of life, severe injuries, and extensive property damage.

Supporting this message, Muki Msami, the Communications and Advocacy Officer of the Tanzania Chamber of Mines, highlighted their ongoing efforts to provide safety education, particularly within mining environments.

“Our mission is to educate on the safe storage of explosive chemicals and ensure overall mine safety,” said Msami. “By teaching miners how to handle these materials safely, we aim to protect both the workers and the surrounding communities.”

This initiative underscores the commitment to safety and education, ensuring that everyone understands the critical importance of proper explosive storage to prevent tragedies and protect lives. In addition to education on storage of explosives, the conference also highlighted on safety in mining areas, chemical management and rescue skills.

The Mining Week, Exhibition, and Conference sought to bring together stakeholders from across the mining sector, including Small-Scale, Medium-Scale, and Large-Scale Miners, as well as other industry enthusiasts. The event allowed for fruitful discussions, exchange of ideas, and exploration of opportunities to drive the growth and sustainability of Tanzania’s mining industry.



**GGML representatives who attended the mining week exhibition in Dodoma.**



**Attendees getting mining safety awareness from GGML representatives.**