

## PROGRESS REPORT FOR THE THIRD QUARTER (JULY-SEPTEMBER) 2023

### INTRODUCTION

The Mines Environmental Compliance Department has the mandate of enforcing compliance in Mineral Resource Development in Nigeria. To achieve this, the Department carries out the following activities:

- Co-ordination of the activities of State Mineral Resources and Environmental Management Committee (MIREMCO).
- Review of all Plans, Studies, and Reports submitted by Mineral Title Holders.
- Community Development Agreement (CDA) Issues.
- Joint review of Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) of Mining Projects in collaboration with the Federal Ministry of Environment.
- Review of Environmental Protection & Rehabilitation Program (EPRP)
- Coordination of Environmental Protection & Rehabilitation Fund (EPRF).
- Reclamation of abandoned mine sites programme.
- Reviews of mines closure/decommissioning plans.
- Field Monitoring and Environmental Auditing
- Review of Annual Reclamation Statements and
- Review of Fuel Storage Plans by Mineral Title Holders

For the Third Quarter of the year 2023, MEC Department had carried out the following activities.

1. Approval of Twelve (12) number CDAs bringing the total to Two Hundred and Fifty-Two (252) so far approved by the Department. This has helped in the reduction of conflicts in the mining environment.
2. Approval of Eight (8) number Environmental Protection and Rehabilitation Program (EPRP) Reports bringing the total number to Four Hundred and Thirty-Two (432) so far approved by the Department.
3. The total number of Fuel Storage Plans is Forty-One (41) so far approved by the Department.
4. Also between July-September, 2023 the Department in collaboration with the Federal Ministry of Environment had participated in the following exercises;

- **Site Verification Exercises:** Two (2) site verification exercise was attended bringing the total number to Two Hundred and Twenty-Five (225) so far attended.
  - **Panel Review Exercises:** One (1) Panel Review Exercise was attended bringing the total to One Hundred and Twenty (120) so far attended.
5. During the period under review, State inspection reports were submitted from Enugu, Ogun, Benue, Kwara, Bauchi, Gombe, Kogi, Ondo, Ekiti, Enugu, Osun, Ebonyi, Anambra, Cross-River, Delta and Niger States, this has helped the Department to ascertain the level of compliance with Environmental Obligations by Mineral Title Holders.
  6. During the period under review, reports of MIREMCO activities were submitted from Kogi, Kaduna and Gombe States. Also, nomination of a new Chairman (Mr. Anas Muhammad) to replace the former Chairman, Mr. Aminu Bello whose tenure expired on 17th February, 2023 was received from the Office of the Secretary to the State Government (SSG), Zamfara State.
  7. As a tradition to keep staff of the Department abreast of various activities, monthly meetings are held with all the staff of the Department where issues and ideas are discussed to move the Department forward. So far 4 meetings had been held in the Third Quarter of the year, 2023.