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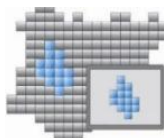
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Vision:

“Provide an independent, efficient and transparent Mining Cadastre System; which grants and administers Mining Licences and Permits in accordance with best International practices”.

Mission:

“To deliver service reliably, effectively and Professionally using objective standards and Procedures in accordance with the provisions of the enabling law”.

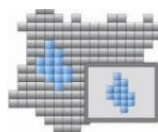


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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Over the years, the Nigeria Mining Cadastre Office (MCO) has achieved tremendous technological advancements. The Office migrated from the polygonal geometry to cadastre block system; **implementation of a functional manual cadastre**. Then to the development and implementation of a computerized cadastre; **implementation of Version 1 of SIGTIM Title management system**. Then adaptation of the Mining Cadastre to the Nigerian Minerals and Mining Act, 2007 (NMMA), via **implementation of Version 2 of SIGTIM**.

Presently, the Office has successfully implemented **a computerized Online Mineral Title administration system; the electronic Mining Cadastre system – eMC+** which is a web-based, real time, online mineral title administration and management system, launched on 1st November, 2022.

The Office has sustained the use of the eMC+, since its installation in December, 2021 hence, by the end of December, 2023, the Office witnessed an exponential increase in both new mineral title and modification application submission, totaling **7,909 (7,245 new mineral title and 664 modification applications)**; this in turn, produced a ripple effect, as reflected in the revenue generated in year 2023; to the tune of **N6.071billion**, the highest so far.

The achievements of the Office and implementation of eMC+, has earned the Office prestigious awards such as; the Winner 2022 NIRA.ng award, 2023 NIRA.ng Presidential award, Nigeria GovTech Public Service Award: Best Federal MDA in “Citizen-Centric Online Service” awarded by Bureau of Public Service Reforms – The

Presidency, 2023 all these brings the Office to the forefront of Federal Government Organizations that have achieved digital innovation.

It is worthy, to note that in spite of all the achievements, the use of the new system, was not devoid of challenges; however, the much anticipated upcoming phase II maintenance period, is set to address all pending challenges of the eMC+.

The year under review witnessed the transition of the Government of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, to the present Government lead by His Excellency, President Bola Ahmed Tinubu (GCFR), with the Eight (8) point, Renewed Hope agenda targeted at addressing Nigeria's socio-economic challenges.

President Bola Ahmed Tinubu restructured the Ministry of Mines and Steel Development (MMSD) into two (2) Ministries namely Ministry of Solid Minerals Development (MSMD) and Ministry of Mines and Steel Development (MMSD).

Mr. Henry Dele Alake was appointed the Honourable Minister of Solid Minerals Development and assumed Office on the 21st August, 2023. On that day, he was welcomed to the Office by the Top Management staff of the Ministry along with some Director-Generals of the Agencies under the Ministry.

On the 3rd of September, 2023, the Honourable Minister swung into swift action with a press release on a seven (7) point agenda for the transformation of the Ministry. This was in order to boost the Ministry's international competitiveness and domestic prosperity. Highlight of the press release included: generation of big data on specific seven priority minerals and their deposits; the creation of Mines Surveillance Task Force and Mines Police; comprehensive review of all mining licenses amongst others.

In compliance to the comprehensive review of all mining licenses, the Honourable Minister approved the revocation of a total of 1,619 Mineral Titles, due to non-compliance with their obligations as spelt out in the Nigerian Mineral and Mining Act, 2007 (NMMA).

The Honourable Minister paid a working visit to the MCO on the 21st November, 2023. During the visit, the Director-General (DG) made a presentation of the challenges the Office was grappling with and also practically showcased eMC+ to the Honourable Minister. Highlight of the challenges included:

- a. Delay in processing of Mineral Title Applications due to absence of tools to excise partial overlap,
- b. Missing Titles in the database – some of such cases occurred during the process of migrating the database from SIGTIM to eMC+, other cases are as a result of lack of system validation; Titles that were successfully migrated to eMC+ need system validation by Mineral Title Holders, once this validation is not done, the system rejects and removes the License by default.
- c. Complexity in the issuance of consent
- d. Title holders unable to file multiple Small Scale Mining Lease's (SSML) on their Exploration License's (EL).
- e. Inability to relate two different points at the same time especially during dispute resolution.

The DG further explained to the Minister, that the Office was liaising with MinDiver and the developers of the software – eMC+, to commence the phase II maintenance period which will address all of the above challenges to enable the effective and efficient operationalization of the eMC+.

The Honourable Minister applauded the achievements of the MCO, however, as the gateway to the mining sector, he admonished the Director-General, to ensure that all the challenges were surmounted in order to restore investor confidence in the sector.

In the year under review, as the gateway to the Mining sector, the Office ensured its participation at both Local and International Mining Conferences, notable amongst which include: Future Mineral Summit – Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, Investing in African Mining Indaba, Cape Town, South Africa, Prospectors and Developers Association of Canada (PDAC), Africa Down Under Conference Perth, Australia, Tianjing Mining Conference, China just to mention a few. At these conferences, mining sector stakeholders are informed and educated about the current developments in the Nigerian Mining sector and encouraged to make Nigeria their next mining destination due to the modalities put in place for the ease of doing business in the Nigerian Mining sector

FIRST QUARTER ACTIVITIES OF THE OFFICE

The year began with the re-appointment of Engr. Obadiah Simon Nkom as Director General of the Nigeria Mining Cadastre Office for a second and final term of four (4) years with effect from 12th January, 2023. He was first appointed on 12th January, 2019 for an initial period of four (4) years.

Attending both local and international mining conferences, serves as a platform, through which the Ministry of Solid Minerals Development (MSMD), enlighten mining sector stakeholders on the progress the Ministry has made in the Nigerian mining sector, emphasizing the fact that Nigeria is indeed a mining destination that is worth venturing to, as such, the Office is part of the Team that accompanies the Honourable Minister MSMD, to these conferences.

In the first quarter of the year under review, International conferences the Office participated at included:



HM-MMSD, Arc. Olamilekan Adegbite with his Team; DG- NMCO, Engr. O. S Nkom; DG NGSA, Dr. Rasaq Garba; PC- MinDiver, Engr. Salim; HM - SSA (Technical) Mr. Olu Adedayo and other VIP Delegates at the Future Minerals Forum holding at the King Abdulaziz International Conference Centre, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia held 11th – 12th January, 2023

Future Minerals Forum 2023 held in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia from 10th – 12th January 2023, with the attendance of HM MMSD, Arc. Olamilekan Adegbite leading the Nigerian delegation of which the DG- MCO, Engr. O. S Nkom, was part of.

Investing in African Mining Indaba Cape Town, South – Africa from the 6th to 9th February with the participation of the Minister of State, MMSD, Gbemisola Saraki, DG- MCO, Engr. O. S. Nkom and Nigerian High Commissioner to South Africa, HE Kabiru Bala at Indaba Mining Conference and other delegates.

Prospectors and Developers Association of Canada (PDAC) International Mining Conference Toronto, Canada, from the 5th to 8th March 2023, with attendance by HM-MMSD, Arc. Olamilekan Adegbite with his Team; DG- NMCO, Engr. O. S Nkom; DG NGSA, Dr. Rasaq Garba; PC- MinDiver, Engr. Salim; HM - SSA (Technical) Mr. Olu Adedayo and other VIP Delegates

The State House invited the Director – General to make a presentation on the achievements and operations of the MCO at the 63rd State House weekly press briefing, on the 19th of January, 2023.

The Office also attended the Ministry of Mines and Steel Development Ministerial Retreat held at the Best Western Plus Hotel, Ibadan, Oyo State from Wednesday 25th - Friday, 27th January, 2023.

At the end of the first quarter, total Mineral Title applications received was 1,673, granted 1,529 Licensed 491. While revenue generated was N788,973,000.00

SECOND QUARTER ACTIVITIES OF THE OFFICE

In a bid for the management of MCO to strategize on how best the mandate of the Office can be achieved in the year, the Second quarter of the year commenced with a one-day retreat at the Bon Hotel Elvis, Wuse II Abuja; with the theme **“Repositioning MCO through Attitude Transformation for Improved Productivity”** organized by the Management on the 3rd of May 2023. Resource persons were drawn from the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC), Independent Corrupt Practices Commission (ICPC) and the Department of State Services (DSS). The Heads of Departments and Units of the Office also made presentations and anchored breakout sessions.

May 10th 2023, the Director – General received the award of the most outstanding Director – General in the Mining Sector issued by Nigerian Union of Journalist (NUJ)/Federal Radio Corporation of Nigeria (FRCN).

To further buttress the intention of the Retreat held by the Office, to ensure efficiency and transparency in the operations of the Office staff re-shuffling and posting was conducted on the 31st of May, 2023, whereby staff at the HQTS were posted to the Zonal Offices and Vice versa.

The Director-General in company of Management staff, paid a courtesy visit to the newly appointed Permanent Secretary, Dr. Mary Ogbe at the Conference room of MMSD on the 8th June, 2023 and briefed her of the operations, achievements and challenges of the Office.



Lagos and Port Harcourt from 15th – 19th and 22nd – 26th May, 2023 respectively.

As outlined in the Terms of Reference for the contract for the Automation and Upgrade of the Nigeria Mining Cadastre Office; the eMC+ maintenance mission week commenced from the 26th – 31st May at the MCO HQTRS conference room.

The Office, represented by Engr Mustapha M Yusuf, participated at the Extractive Industry Transparency Initiative (EITI) Global Conference on Beneficial Ownership (BO) transparency, held on the 13th – 14th June, 2023 in Dakar Senegal.

The Office also attended the 25th annual Africa Energy Forum (AEF) in Kenya on the 20th of June 2023.

At the end of the second quarter, total Mineral Title applications received was 1,582, granted 638; Licensed 730. While revenue generated was N3,083,426,100.00

THIRD QUARTER ACTIVITIES OF THE OFFICE

The Permanent Secretary Dr. Mary Ogbe, embarked on a familiarization tour of the MCO on the 11th July, 2023 and was received by the DG (MCO) Engr. O.S Nkom.

The Executive Governor of Nasarawa State, His Excellency, Engr. Abdullahi A. Sule granted audience to the Director – General, MCO for a courtesy visit at the Government House, Lafia on Friday 21st July 2023.

The new Minister of the Ministry of Solid Minerals Development Mr. Henry Dele Alake was appointed on the 17th August, 2023. He assumed Office on 21st of August, 2023; the Director – General in company of Top management staff of the Ministry was present at the welcoming ceremony of the Honourable Minister, Solid Minerals Development, Mr. Henry Dele Alake, held at the conference room of the Ministry.

In order to brief the new Minister on the functions, activities and achievements of the MCO, the Director-General in company of some management staff visited the Honourable Minister on the 29th August, 2023 to conduct the Ministerial briefing. The Permanent Secretary, Dr. Mary Ogbe, was also present at the briefing.



The Hon. Minister of Solid Minerals Development Mr. Henry Dele Alake, Dr. Mary Ogbe, DG MCO, Engr. Obadiah Simon Nkom and some MCO Management staff at the MCO Ministerial Briefing held in the Minister's Office on Tuesday, 29th August, 2023.

The African Down Under Conference took place at Perth Australia 6th to 8th of September with the attendance of HM, MSMD, Mr. Dele Alake with DG - MCO, Engr. Obadiah Simon Nkom and other delegates.

At the end of the third quarter, total Mineral Title applications received was 1,995, granted 1,136; Licensed 984. While revenue generated was N1,065,854,100.00.

FOURTH QUARTER ACTIVITIES OF THE OFFICE

The 8th edition of the Annual Nigeria Mining week took place from the 16th to 18th October 2023 at the International Conference Centre Abuja, with the Office and other Agencies under the Ministry of Solid Minerals Development in attendance.



The Director – General was awarded as the Distinguished GovTech Trailblazer and MCO honored as best Federal in Citizen online service, at a ceremony held at the International Conference Centre, Abuja on the 13th of October 2023.

DG- MCO, Engr. Obadiah Simon Nkom honoured with the Distinguished GovTech Trail Blazer Award and MCO honoured with Best Federal in Citizen-Centric Online Service Award at the Nigeria GovTech Public Service Awards organized by Bureau of Public Service Reform at the International Conference Centre, Abuja on Friday, 13th October, 2023.

Participation at Local (in house conferences): The Office participated in the following conferences and exhibitions:

National Information Technology Development Agency (NITDA) conference, on Digital Nigeria with its theme: Harnessing Digital Technologies for Job Creation, Inclusive Economic Growth and Sustainability, which took place at the International Conference Centre Abuja, from the 24th to 26th October 2023.

The 2nd edition of the Africa Natural Resources and Energy Investment Summit held at the International Conference Centre Abuja from 31st October to 2nd November 2023.

Abuja Investment Summit and Exposition at the MKO Abiola National Stadium, Abuja from the 14th to 15th November 2023.

The Director (M&C) represented the Office at the West African Mining Host Communities Indaba, which took place at Rock view Hotel from the 15th to 17th November 2023.

The 6th edition of the NIRA award took place on the 17th on November 2023, and the Director – General was honored with the Presidential Award on Special Recognition.

International Conference participation:

The Director – General attended the forum for Geoscience Cooperation and Mining Investment, that held at China Mining Conference in Tianjin, China on Thursday 26th October 2023.

The Mines and Money Conference, took place at the Business Design Centre London, from the 28th to 30th November 2023, with the attendance of Hon Minister, MSMD Mr. Dele Alake, Permanent Secretary, MSMD, Dr. Mary Ogbe, DG- MCO, Engr. Obadiah Simon Nkom, ES, SMDF, Hajiya Fatima Shinkafi and other dignitaries.

At the end of the fourth quarter, total Mineral Title applications received was 1,994, granted 892; Licensed 1,210. While revenue generated was N1,133,010,261.00

eMC+ PERFORMANCE SINCE UNVEILING TO MINING SECTOR STAKEHOLDERS

eMC+ was unveiled to mining sector stake holders on the 1st November, 2022. Fourteen (14) months after, there has been a gradual adoption of the system by stakeholders, as shown in the table below:

1. Total monthly Mineral Title and modification application submissions = 9,495
2. Projection for Unassisted Online Mineral Title and Modification Application Submissions = 150 monthly
3. Actual Unassisted Online Mineral Title and modification application submissions = 3,706
4. Performance against projection = 1,606
5. Percentage of performance against projection = 76.47%

Date/Period under review	Total monthly Mineral Title and Modification application Submissions	Projection for Unassisted Online Mineral Title and Modification application Submissions	Actual Unassisted Online Mineral Title and Modification application Submissions	Performance against projection	Percentage of Performance against projection	Percentage of Unassisted Online Mineral Title application Submissions
November, 2022	783	150	146	-4	-0.19047619	18.65
December, 2022	729	150	213	63	3	29.22
January, 2023	556	150	129	-21	-1	23.20
February, 2023	712	150	329	179	8.523809524	46.21
March, 2023	540	150	219	69	3.285714286	41.29
April, 2023	421	150	178	28	1.333333333	42.28
May, 2023	803	150	297	147	7	37.00
June, 2023	539	150	220	70	3.333333333	40.50
July, 2023	682	150	333	183	8.714285714	48.82
August, 2023	785	150	351	201	9.571428571	44.71
September, 2023	759	150	350	200	9.523809524	46.11
October, 2023	768	150	358	208	9.904761905	46.61
November, 2023	715	150	310	160	7.619047619	43.36
December, 2023	703	150	273	123	5.857142857	38.83
Nov. 2022 - Dec. 2023	9,495	2,100	3,706	1606	76.47619048	39.06

Table:1 - eMC+ Mineral Title and modification application submission Performance against projection

At the end of year 2023, adoption of eMC+, by mining sector stakeholders is 39.06% and the percentage actual performance is 76.47%.

The 2024 projection is actually 50% lower than the percentage actual performance of year 2023. A clear analysis, derived from the table above was done that resulted in the 2024 projection for Unassisted Online Mineral Title and modification application submission as 207 monthly submissions.

1.0 INTRODUCTION

The Federal Government's mining sector reform of 2006, brought about the establishment of the Mining Cadastre Office (MCO) as an Agency in line with the provision of section 5(1) of the Nigerian Minerals and Mining Act (NMMA) 2007. The coming into effect of this Act in 2007 saw the transformation of the Office into an autonomous Agency with the responsibility of Administration and Management of Mineral Titles, which is considered to be the cornerstone of a secured mineral right system.

The Nigeria Mining Cadastre Office (referred to in this report as, "Agency") is headed by a Director General. The Organization's structure comprises, four (4) Departments, namely Concession, Registry, Human Resources and Finance, and Monitoring and Coordination, all headed by Directors; Seven (7) Units and Six (6) Zonal Offices with a Zonal Office established in each of the Six (6) Geo-Political Zones of Nigeria. The Seven (7) Units comprise, Information Technology (ICT), Internal Audit, Legal Services, Press, Procurement, Protocol, Research Development and Sustainability (RDS).

The Office has successfully concluded the implementation of the Project, titled **"Upgrading and Automation of the Mining Cadastre Office for Online Applications, e-Recording, Archiving and Establishment of Mining Cadastre Offices in the Six Geopolitical Zones"**, a mining sector focused reform, executed by the Mineral Sector Support for Economic Diversification (MinDiver) Project; coordinated by the World Bank. Currently at the final maintenance phase.

MCO ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE

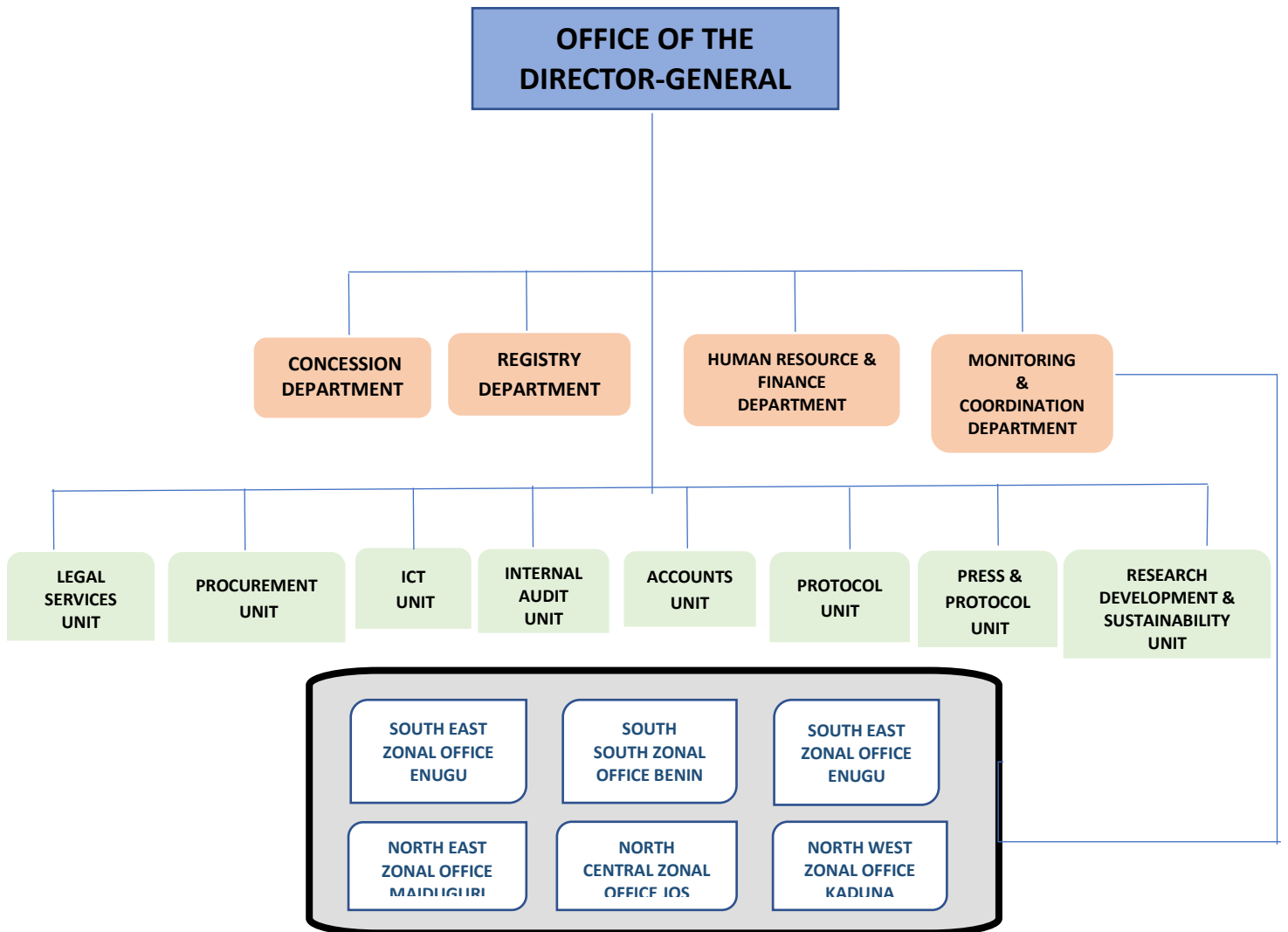


Fig. 1: MCO Organizational Structure

2.0 MINING CADASTRE OFFICE (MCO) MANDATE

The Mining Cadastre Office shall in addition to other functions prescribed under the Nigerian Minerals and Mining Act, 2007 perform the following functions:

- (i) Receive, consider and dispose applications for mineral titles and permits and applications for the transfer, renewal, modification and relinquishment of mineral titles or extension of mineral title concession areas;
- (ii) Grant, issue, suspend and (with the approval of the Minister) revoke mineral titles;
- (iii) Maintain a chronological record of all applications for mineral titles in a Priority Register and General Register and maintain the cadastral registers;
- (iv) Create and maintain a database of all mineral titles and applications; and
- (v) Create and maintain a cartographic database of all mineral titles and applications in both paper and electronic formats (the cadastral maps).

The current position of the Agency's full implementation of these functions as an autonomous body has resulted into an increase in attraction of Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) into the sector thereby generating substantial revenue to Government.

3.0 MILESTONE ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE MCO IN 2023

In the year under review, the notable achievements of the Office include the following:

1. In 2023, the Office generated the highest revenue so far; **N6.071B**.
2. 2023 NIRA.ng Presidential Awards
3. Nigeria GovTech Public Service Award: Best Federal MDA in “Citizen-Centric Online Service” awarded by Bureau of Public Service Reforms – The Presidency, 2023
4. Won all Court cases in the year, 2023.
5. Sustained usage of the unveiled new system – eMC+ by MCO staff and stakeholders.
6. Continuous cleaning of database (due to backlog) and full operationalization moving from SIGTIM programme to eMC+.
7. Exponential increase in Mineral Title Application submission by investors in the mining sector
8. Participation in Numerous Local and International Mining Conferences such as London Mines and Money, Australia Down Under, Prospectors and Developers Association of Canada (PDAC), Investing in African Mining Indaba, Capetown – South Africa etc. Participation in these conferences has served as a dependable platform for attracting foreign investment to the Mining Sector.

9. Revocation of 1,619 mineral titles and implementation of the Revoked titles that have defaulted in terms of payment of their Annual Service Fees and other contraventions of the NMMA, 2007 in the database.
10. Deleting of Expired Mineral Titles from the data base.
11. Withdrawal of provisional grants not collected.
12. Publication of grants of Mineral Titles in both print and electronic media.

4.0 CONCESSION DEPARTMENT

Concession Department is one of the three (3) Technical Departments of the Nigeria Mining Cadastre Office. It is saddled with the following responsibilities, among others;

- i. Receiving, processing, and deposing of application for Mineral titles and permits.
- ii. Record and update receipts of Grant of Initial Service Fee payments on mineral titles.
- iii. Issue mineral titles and permits to qualified applicants.
- iv. Maintain a chronological record of all applications for mineral titles and permits in a priority register which is specifically used to ascertain the registration of the application.
- v. Undertakes such other activities reasonably necessary for carrying out its duties and responsibilities under the provisions of the Act, 2007 and its Regulations, 2011.

This report is a compilation of Applications for Mineral Titles received, granted, and issued in the year 2023. A total of 7,242 applications for Mineral Titles (including Permits) were received in the year under review. Of this number, over 5,000 were evaluated while 2,112 is still pending. 4,195 applications were approved for granting, and 3,591 approved grants were issued while 805 were refused for not meeting up with the requirements of the provisions of the NMMA, 2007 and its Regulations made pursuant to it. A total number of 3,415 mineral titles were signed, and 2,183 were issued.

4.1 TRANSACTIONS FROM JANUARY TO DECEMBER 2023

The summary of the various Mineral title applications received and processed by MCO from January to December 2023 under review as well as graphical representation of these information is as follows:

S/N	TITLE TYPE	APPLICATIONS RECEIVED	GRANTS ISSUED	LICENSES ISSUED
1	EL	4,040	2,174	1,317
2	ML	124	59	51
3	QL	358	233	146
4	SSML	2,279	1,124	669
Total		6,801	3,590	2,183

Table: 2- Showing transactions from January to December 2023

BAR CHART SHOWING ACTIVITIES FROM JANUARY TO DECEMBER 2023

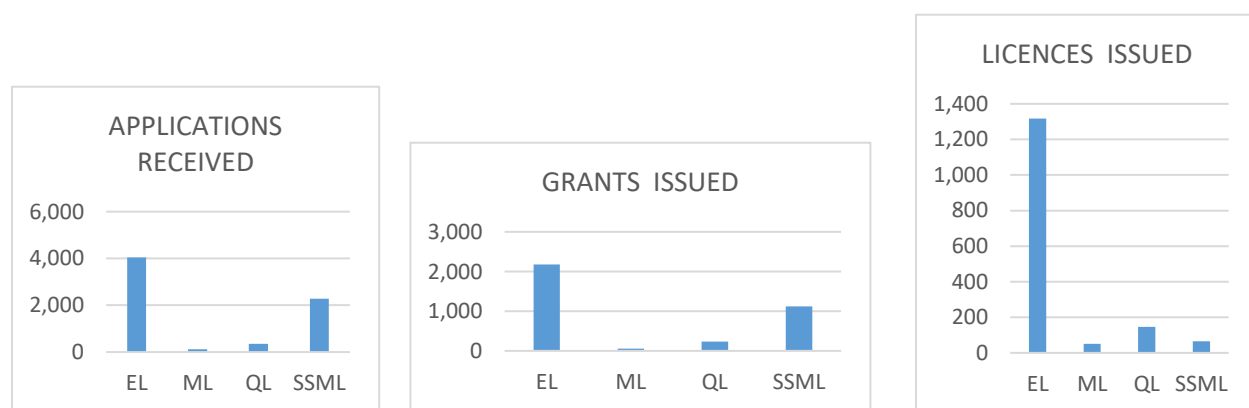


Fig 2: Bar chart Showing transactions from January to December 2023

From January to December 2023, a total number of 6,801 applications for Mineral Titles (excluding the permits RP & WUP) were received and 3,590 were approved for grants and eventually 2,183 issued Licenses in compliance with the

Nigerian Mineral and Mining Act (NMMA) 2007. Note, that 12 applications for Area extension/enlargement was received.

4.2 APPLICATIONS FOR PERMITS FROM JANUARY TO DECEMBER 2023

S/N	TITLE TYPE	APPLICATIONS RECEIVED	PERMITS ISSUED
1	RP	441	405
2	WUP	2	

Table: 3 Applications for Permits 2023

In 2023 a total number of 441 applications for Reconnaissance Permits were received and 405 were approved and issued; while only 2 applications for Water Use Permit were received, approved and issued, in compliance with the Nigerian Mineral and Mining Act, (NMMA) 2007.

4.3 APPLICATIONS FOR MINERAL TITLES RECEIVED IN 2023

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTAL
EL	293	419	275	213	419	275	379	382	359	406	285	335	4040
ML	1	5	6	8	50	3	7	14	1	5	12	12	124
QL	21	20	23	15	37	38	30	37	33	28	38	38	358
RP	44	55	34	28	47	28	26	45	36	36	35	27	441
SSML	164	165	148	101	183	136	196	221	228	232	269	236	2279
WUP	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	2
TOTAL	523	664	486	365	736	480	638	699	657	707	639	648	7245

Table 4: Applications received in 2023

BAR-CHART SHOWING NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS RECEIVED ON MONTHLY BASES FOR 2023

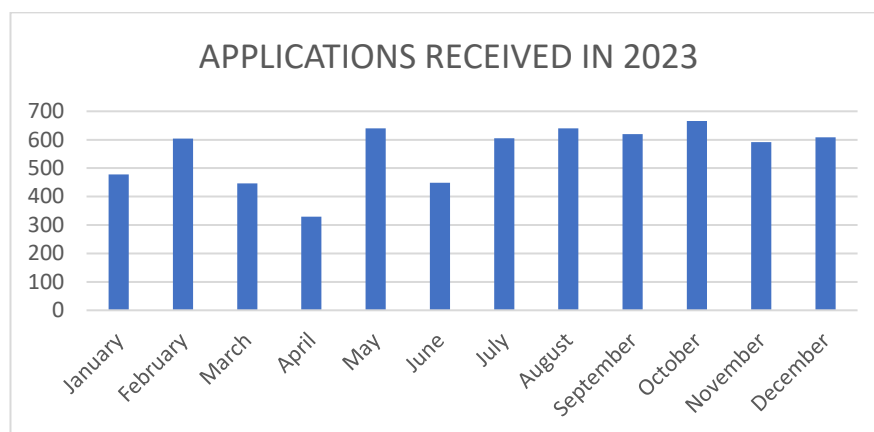


Fig 3: Bar-Chart Showing Number of Mineral Titles received on Monthly bases for 2023

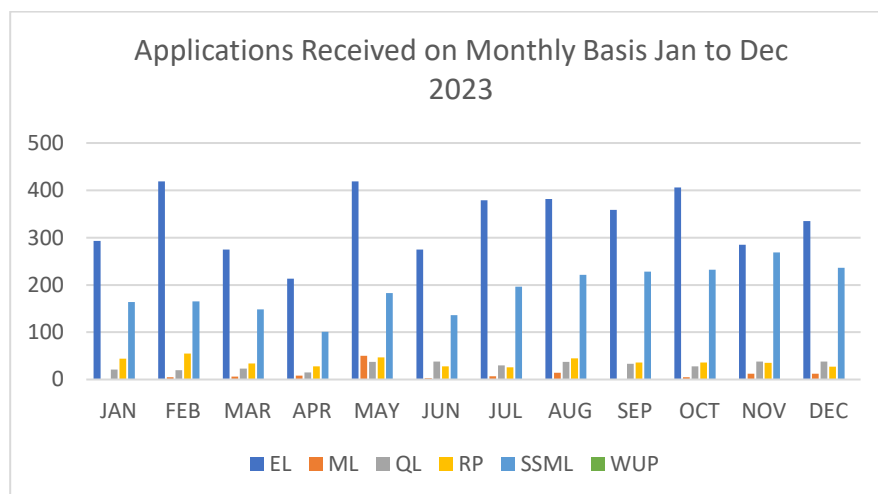


Fig 4: Bar-Chart Showing Number of Mineral Titles received by title type on Monthly bases for 2023

4.4 NUMBER OF APPROVED GRANTS JAN TO DEC 2023

Month	EL	ML	QL	SSML	WUP	TOTAL
January	189	12	12	139	0	352
February	187	4	13	98	0	302
March	484	4	49	338	0	875
April	135	2	1	63	0	201
May	175	34	17	44	0	270
June	88	0	34	45	0	167
July	394	0	39	112	0	545
August	159	0	40	72	0	271
September	155	0	13	151	1	320
October	103	0	15	44	0	162
November	229	3	14	102	0	348
December	213	2	14	153	0	382
Total	2511	61	261	1361	1	4195

Table 5: Table showing the Number of Approved Grants Jan to Dec 2023

4.5 SUMMARY OF GRANTS ISSUED PER MONTH IN 2023

Month	EL	QL	ML	SSML	TOTAL
Jan	91	10	9	32	142
Feb	93	12	5	41	151
Mar	178	14	4	63	259
April	219	13	1	81	314
May	229	18	35	170	452
Jun	214	22	0	67	303
Jul	144	34	0	63	241
Aug	219	9	3	92	323
Sept	144	36	2	105	287
Oct	216	20	0	117	353
Nov	189	18	0	80	287
Dec	238	27	0	213	478
TOTAL	2174	233	59	1124	3590

Table 6: summary of Grants Issued Jan to Dec 2023

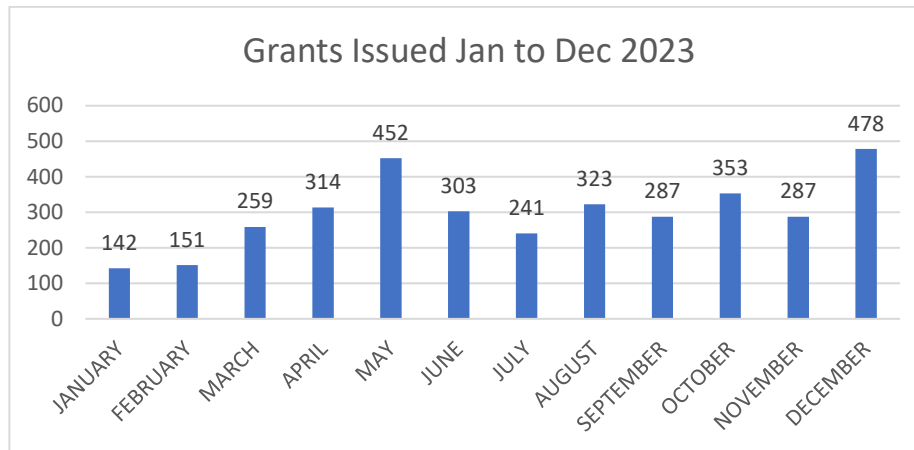


Fig 5: bar-chart Showing Number of Grants Issued per month

A total of 3,590 Mineral Titles were granted in the year 2023. The month of December, had the highest with 478, while February had the least with 151 grants. The average for the year per month was 219.

4.6 SUMMARY OF SIGNED LICENSES PER MONTH IN 2023

Month	EL	ML	QL	SSML	RP	TOTAL
JANUARY	69	3	1	46	0	119
FEBRUARY	146	0	23	91	0	260
MARCH	50	5	3	54	0	112
APRIL	128	8	0	76	0	212
MAY	104	19	0	40	0	163
JUNE	159	11	1	17	167	355
JULY	100	1	58	65	3	227
AUGUST	203	2	22	231	99	557
SEPTEMBER	168	0	12	20	0	200
OCTOBER	292	0	47	161	100	600
NOVEMBER	205	1	31	117	36	390
DECEMBER	90	2	29	99	0	220
TOTAL	1714	52	227	1017	405	3415

Table: 7 Summary of Licenses Signed per Month in 2023

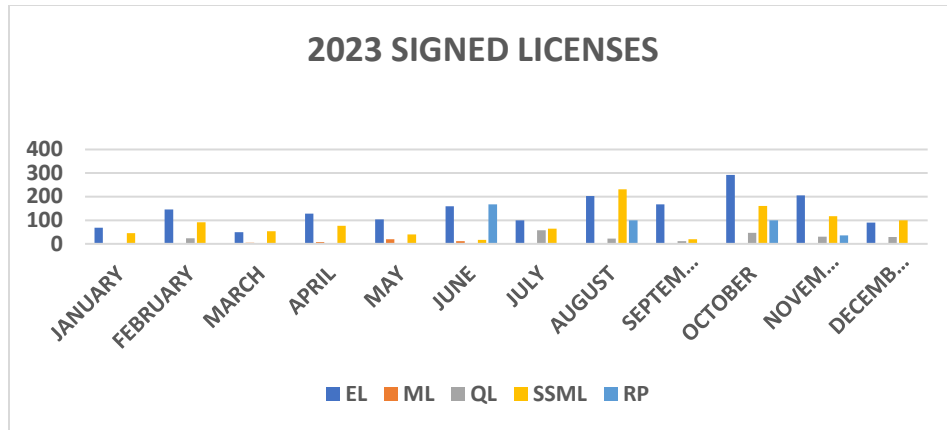


Fig 6: Bar chart showing Licenses signed in 2023

A total of 3,415 **Mineral** Titles were signed in the year 2023. The month of October, had the highest with 600, while March had the least with 112. The average number of Signed Licenses per month was **284**.

4.7 SUMMARY OF ISSUED MINERAL TITLES PER MONTH 2023

Month	EL	QL	ML	SSML	TOTAL
Jan	67	1	3	39	110
Feb	130	20	0	73	223
Mar	39	2	5	47	93
April	119	0	8	60	187
May	96	0	18	23	137
Jun	145	1	11	15	211
Jul	90	35	1	43	172
Aug	166	9	2	171	363
Sept	106	9	0	16	131
Oct	218	34	0	108	367
Nov	110	25	1	50	188
Dec	31	10	2	24	67
TOTAL	1317	146	51	669	2249

Table: 8 Showing Summary of issued mineral Titles per Month in 2023

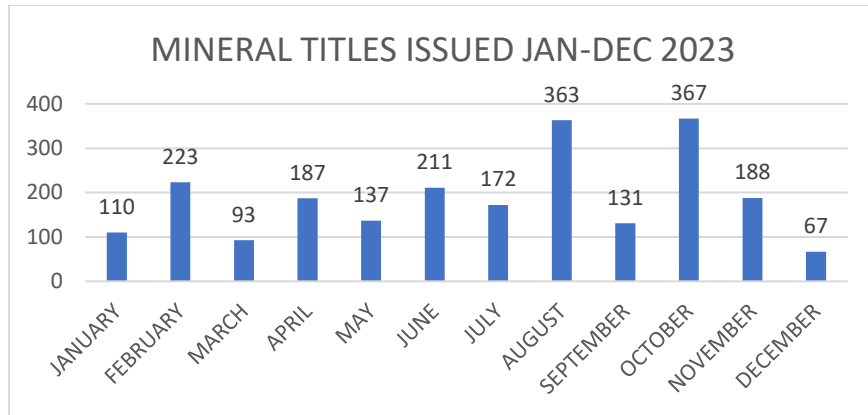


Fig 7: Bar- Chart Showing Number of Issued Mineral Titles in 2023

A total of Mineral Titles **2,249** were issued in the year 2023. The month of October had the highest with **367** while December had the least with **67**. The average number issued per month was **187** Mineral Titles.

4.8 VALID MINERAL TITLES AS AT DECEMBER, 2023

S/N	TITLE TYPE	TOTAL
1	EL	3,356
2	ML	303
3	QL	877
4	SSML	2,160
	TOTAL	6,696

Table 9: showing Valid Mineral Titles as at December 2023



Fig 8: Bar-Chart Showing Number Valid Mineral Titles as at December, 2023

During the year under review, the data base of the Office had a total of 6,740 Valid Mineral Titles disaggregated as follows: EL **3,356**, ML **347**, QL **877** and SSML **2,160**.

4.9 UNITS IN CONCESSION DEPARTMENT

- a. **Information Desk:** The information desk is the first point of contact with the Office, that handles enquiries and provides information relating to mineral titles and application procedures/requirements in accordance with the Nigeria Mineral and Mining Act, 2007 and its regulation, 2011.
- b. **New Application Desk:** The new application desk is saddled with the responsibility of receiving and encoding new applications from applicants for mineral titles.
- c. **Evaluation Desk:** The evaluation desk is the technical section that carries out evaluation, enlargement and processing mineral title applications received.
- d. **Grant/License Desk:** Gives information on Grant/License and also issuance of new grants/licenses to applicants.

5.0 REGISTRY DEPARTMENT

The Registry Department is one of the three (3) technical departments of the Nigeria Mining Cadastre Office (MCO) and is the custodian of all Mineral Title records in the Office. The department is shouldered with the responsibility of record keeping, preparation of Mineral blocks for bidding, and Modification of Mineral Titles (Renewal, Relinquishment, Abandon/Surrender, Consolidation, Transfer, etc.)

During the year under review, the following was achieved:

5.1 DIFFERENT TYPES OF MODIFICATION APPLICATIONS RECEIVED

Types	Total
Renewals	387
Transfers	104
Additional Minerals	37
Conversion	19
Abandon/ Relinquishment	13
Consolidation	3
TOTAL	563

Table 10: Summary of Modification Received in 2023

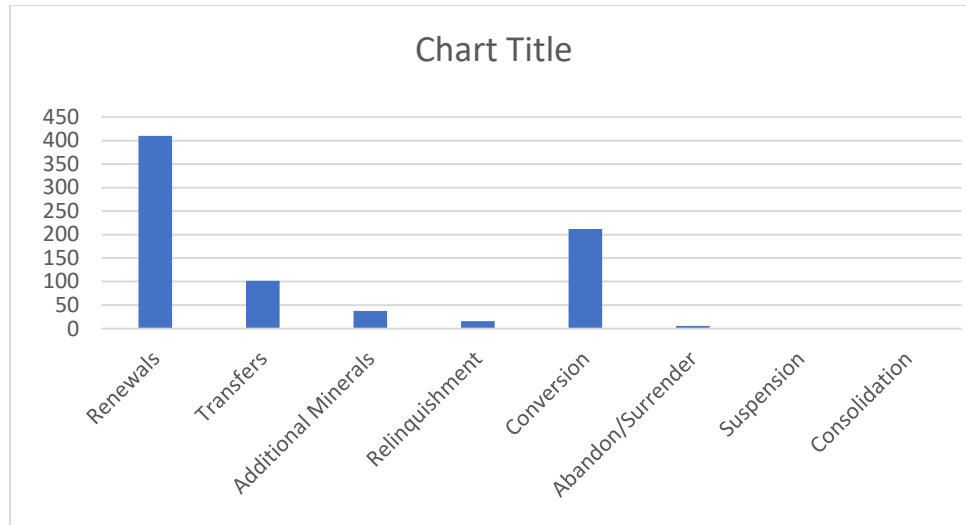


Fig 9: Bar-Chart Showing Number of Different types of Applications for Modifications Received in 2023

A total number of 563 applications for modifications were received in 2023. Within the period under review, the most active form of modification is Renewal followed by Transfers and Additional Minerals with the following number of applications received on them; 387, 104 and 37 respectively.

5.2 SUMMARY OF RENEWAL APPLICATIONS RECEIVED AND APPROVED IN 2023:

S/No.	Type	Applications Received	Approvals
1	EL	252	156
2	ML	0	0
3	QL	60	44
4	SSML	68	47
5	RP	7	5
6	Total	387	252

Table: 11 showing summary of Renewal Applications Received and Approved in 2023

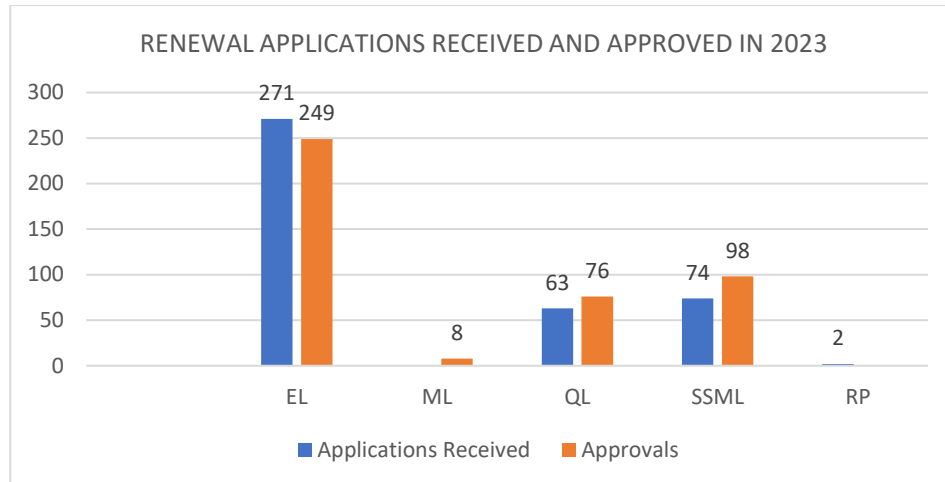


Fig 10: Bar chart showing Renewal Applications Received and Approved in 2023

The table above shows the total number of applications for renewals of Mineral Titles received in 2023. In the same year, approval was obtained for a total of 252 (including approvals for renewal applications filed prior to year 2023). However, other renewal applications still pending are being evaluated or awaiting inputs from the Mines Inspectorate Department of the Ministry.

5.3 MONTHLY RENEWAL APPLICATIONS RECIEVED

MONTHS	EL	ML	QL	SSML	RP	TOTAL
JANUARY	6	0	13	4	1	24
FEBRUARY	14	0	5	7	1	27
MARCH	18	0	5	6	2	31
APRIL	17	0	5	3	0	25
MAY	25	0	6	6	0	37
JUNE	20	0	5	6	0	31
JULY	18	0	4	1	0	23
AUGUST	37	0	3	16	1	57
SEPTEMBER	32	0	1	5	0	38
OCTOBER	30	0	3	3	0	36
NOVEMBER	21	0	4	9	0	34
DECEMBER	14	0	6	2	2	24
TOTAL	252	0	60	68	7	387

Table: 12 Showing Monthly Renewal Applications Received

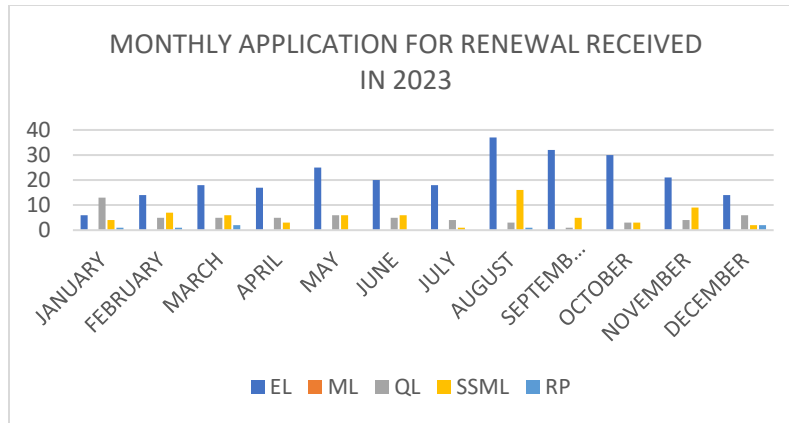


Fig. 11: Bar Chart Showing Renewal Applications Received on A monthly basis

5.4 MONTHLY RENEWAL APPLICATIONS APPROVED IN 2023

MONTHS	EL	ML	QL	SSML	RP	TOTAL
JANUARY	0	0	0	0	0	0
FEBRUARY	6	0	2	0	0	8
MARCH	0	0	1	3	2	6
APRIL	7	0	2	6	2	17
MAY	11	0	4	3	0	18
JUNE	2	0	0	0	0	2
JULY	0	0	2	0	0	2
AUGUST	121	0	32	35	1	189
SEPTEMBER	2	0	0	0	0	2
OCTOBER	6	0	0	0	0	6
NOVEMBER	0	0	0	0	0	0
DECEMBER	1	0	1	0	0	2
TOTAL	156	0	44	47	5	252

Table: 13 Showing Monthly Renewal Applications Approved

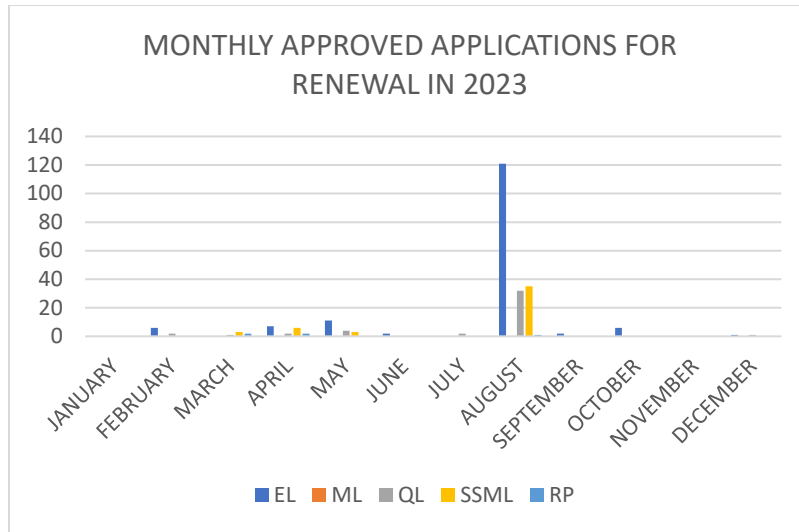


Fig. 12: Bar chart showing renewal applications approved on a monthly basis

5.5 TRANSFERS:

S/No.	Type	Applications Received	Granted	Pending	Refused
1	EL	68	61	7	0
2	ML	05	4	1	0
3	QL	10	10	0	0
4	SSML	21	20	0	1
6	Total	104	95	8	1

Table: 14 showing transfers applications received, granted, pending and refused.

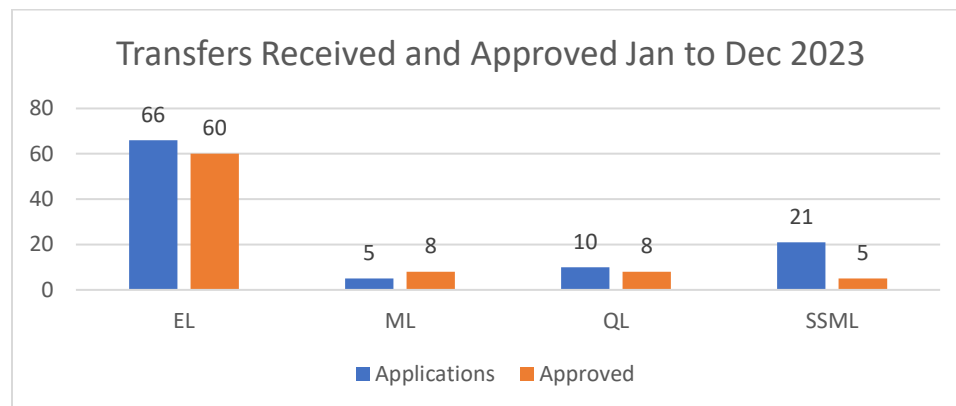


Fig 13: Bar Chart Showing Transfers Applications Received and Approved in 2023.

A total of 104 applications were received for Transfer/Assignment, 95 were approved and endorsed, including approval that was pending from last year.

5.6 REVOCATION:

SUMMARY OF APPROVED REVOCATIONS FOR THE YEAR, 2023

S/N	TYPE	TOTAL
1	EL	528
2	ML	31
3	QL	274
4	SSML	786
Total		1,619

Table 15: Showing Approved Revocations for 2023

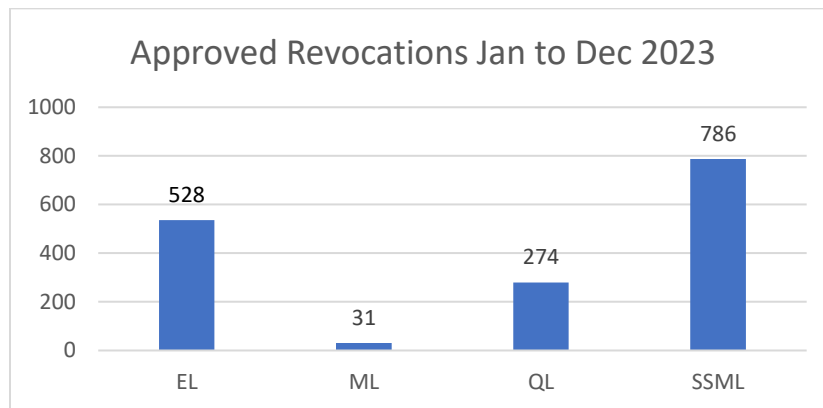


Fig 14: Bar Chart Showing Approved Revocations for 2023

5.7 NOTICE OF INTENTION TO REVOKE DORMANT (INACTIVE) MINERAL TITLES:

S/N	TYPE	TOTAL
1	EL	562
2	ML	20
3	QL	104
4	SSML	277
Total		963

Table 16: Showing notice of intension to revoke dormant (inactive) mineral titles for 2023

5.8 UPDATE ON BITUMEN

In furthering the objective of the economic diversification policy of Government, the Ministry of Solid Minerals Development (MSMD in 2020 renewed its commitment and adopted a strategy that leveraged on private sector participation towards developing the country's Bitumen resources.

2. Government's intention is aimed at ensuring that the Nigeria's Bitumen resources are fully harnessed for domestic industrial and infrastructural development of the country as well as for export purposes.

3. Given the national demand for Bitumen as the main input for asphalt production for road construction and other civil engineering works, and the need to re-invigorate and stimulate investment into the Mining Sector in line with Government's Policy thrust of diversifying the Economy, MMSD in January, 2020 constituted a 9-member Ministerial Committee for the Development of Bitumen Resources (Bitumen Committee). The Committee was inaugurated on the 31st January 2020 by the then Honourable Minister.

4. The Bitumen Committee was chaired by the Director-General, Nigeria Mining Cadastre Office Engr. O. S. Nkom, who was tasked with the overall mandate of determining the criteria for the allocation of the delineated Bitumen blocks and ways of developing the resources to ensure maximum benefit for the country.

5. Nigeria is endowed with large deposits of Bitumen with a reserve estimate of 42 billion barrels which occurs in the Bitumen belt that stretches across Lagos, Ogun, Ondo and Edo States over an area of about 120km by 4km.

6. Given the uniqueness and peculiarities tied to the exploration, development and extraction of Bitumen (Tarsand), the Bitumen Committee observed that the

development of the Bitumen resources requires specialized set of technical activities, as well as huge financial involvement.

7. The Committee noted the need to allocate the delineated Bitumen blocks through a **transparent and competitive bidding process** to only companies that have the requisite experience, technological expertise and financial capacity to adequately carry out the bitumen development to a meaningful extraction level.

8. Consequently, MMSD, based on recommendation of the Bitumen Committee engaged the services of Messrs PricewaterhouseCoopers (**PwC**) in November, 2021 which served as the Transaction Adviser (TA)/ Program Manager for the competitive bidding of the delineated Bitumen blocks to potential investors.

9. In line with the public procurement guidelines, a two-stage bidding process (collectively referred to as the “**Bidding Process**”) was adopted based on the recommendation of the TA for the selection of the successful Bidders for award of the Bitumen blocks for development.

10. The execution of bid activities which lasted for the period of 20months (Nov. 2021 – June 2023) was conducted in accordance with the provisions of the Nigerian Minerals and Mining Act, 2007 and the regulations made pursuant to the Act and consistent with international best practices.

11. In all, a total of 21 bidders made 27 bid submissions for 20 sub-blocks, out of the 40 sub-blocks available for bidding. At the end of the bidding exercise, 17 bidders were successful and approved as preferred bidders for the development of Twenty (20) Sub-blocks of Nigeria’s Bitumen resource.

12. Upon submitting the report of the Bitumen Committee to the Honourable Minister, Mr. Henry Dele Alake he approved the reconstitution of the Bitumen

committee, to develop the criteria for disposing the remaining unsold Bitumen sub-blocks, to competent interested investors through competitive bidding process.

13. In addition to the Ministerial Bitumen Committee, the Honourable Minister approved the setting up of a 5-man standing technical committee, to closely monitor the Bitumen resource development activities, by the Companies granted Bitumen Exploration Licenses and Mining Leases and ensure that, the activities are conducted, in line with the provisions of the Nigerian Minerals and Mining Act, 2007 and the Regulations made pursuant to the Act. These Committees are yet to be inaugurated.

14. Furthermore, the Honourable Minister approved that Messrs PricewaterhouseCoopers Limited (PwC) that served as the Transaction Adviser (TA) for first round of the Bitumen block competitive bidding project be retained as the TA for the second round of the Bitumen block competitive bidding project. Messrs PwC has also been invited to attend the inauguration ceremony of the reconstituted Bitumen Committee.

6.0 MONITORING AND CORDINATION DEPARTMENT

6.1 INTRODUCTION:

The Monitoring and Coordination Department (M & C) is one the largest Technical Departments in the Nigerian Mining Cadastre Office. This has become so, as the Department gave birth to Six Zonal Offices, one each located at the six geo-political zones of Nigeria with a mandate to decentralize the activities at the Head Office and create a client-friendly environment for our numerous investors.

6.2 FUNCTIONS OF THE ZONES:

The Cadastre Zonal Offices were created for administrative convenience with the following purposes:

- i. To receive and register mineral title applications which are correctly submitted in a prescribed manner in the States under their zones.
- ii. To receive and register all modifications within their zones
- iii. To receive all form of complaints arising from mineral applications/titles from Companies, Communities and or individuals.
- iv. To handle other functions that may be assigned to them by DG or the Director (M & C).

6.3 ATIVITIES EXECUTED BY ZONES

The activities of the zones are as found in the following reports submitted by the Zonal heads below:

- i. South-East: Pages 40 – 43
- ii. South-South: Pages 44 – 45
- iii. South-West: Pages 46 – 50
- iv. North-East: Pages 51 – 53

- v. North-Central Pages 54 – 56
- vi. North-West: Pages 57– 60

The statistics of the Zonal Offices' activities are imbedded in their respective reports. It is however, observed that while some of the Zonal Officers took statistics of the activities in the zone, others lumped it in their general report.

CONCLUSION

The full take-off of the Zonal Offices shall be an avenue for providing ease of doing business in the mineral title administration to the grass-roots hence, its importance cannot be over-emphasized.

6.1.0 SOUTH-EAST ENUGU ZONAL

6.1.1 PROGRESS/ACHIEVEMENTS:

Within the period under review, the following twenty-Six (26) items were provided:

- a) Two (2) Sign boards – 1 big and 1 small one, both already mounted;
- b) A **notice board** for Office use was procured;
- c) Car battery (now **replaced**);
- d) Bad brake pads **replaced** and hand break faults **fixed**;
- e) Over-due servicing (**done**);
- f) Wheel balancing and alignment (**done**);
- g) Official **phone line/Phone** acquired with an officially registered no. **0811 916 1189**;
- h) One (1) big Ox fan has been acquired for the Zonal Office Conference Hall;
- i) Three (3) wall clocks were procured;
- j) Fifty (50) plastic Chairs and two (2) tables were bought for use in the Conference Hall;
- k) For conferences and meetings, tea cups and other cutleries/utensils have been bought;
- l) One (1) Projector;
- m) The obsolete desktop computers (1#) was refurbished and put to use;
- n) Materials for bringing water up to the Office have been bought;
- o) All the three (3) bad water systems have been repaired;
- p) We have been buying all the stationeries needed in the Office;
- q) We have been buying diesel for our gen set;

- r) Some materials have been bought to install water in the Office;
- s) The solar systems destroyed by thunderstorm was fixed, **DC Surge is expected to be installed immediately to avoid further damage by thunderstorm** and the batteries have reached/exhausted their lifespan and needed to be replaced;
- t) Internet cable and the server affected by the cutting of a tree branch were also fixed;
- u) We successfully organized a **sensitization seminar** with a good number of stakeholders in attendance; a communique was also raised at the end of the programme;
- v) Visited only one (1) site;
- w) We had one (1) **courtesy visit** to Hon. Commissioner of Environment and Climate Change Enugu State, who also oversees mining activities in the State;
- x) The Office also hosted Ebonyi State Hon. Commissioner for Solid Minerals in the Zonal Office;
- y) Few applications were received in the Office;
- z) Conflict resolution meetings were also held and some of the matters resolved.

6.1.2 Some mails were sent to us to treat within the period under review. The following matters were handled:

S/N	SUBJECT	COMPLAINANT	RESPONDENT	STAGE	REMARKS
a.	Community consent for Quarry Lease at Otam Village in our Community	Ndieze-Echi Devt. Union Izzi LGA of Ebonyi State	Ebons Metals and Solid Minerals LTD (36642 EL)	Concluded/ Grant issued.	License yet to be issued
b.	Letter of complaint/ Request	Noble Joseph Kelechi	Okoye Hyacinth	KIV	Hqters handling
c.	Complaint against Greenfield Metals LTD/ Chief Henry Ahanotu on their illegal/ unlawful conducts in Ekubara Farmland in Amaonye Community	Ekubra Landowners/ Lords Association, Amalokpa Amaonye, Ishiagu, Ivo LGA, Ebonyi State	Greenfield Metals LTD/ Chief Henry Ahanotu (24324 SSML) and 28953 SSML)	KIV	Litigation/ court case
d.	Letter of complaint and an application for the revocation of title for Quarry Lease no. 33617 granted to Tyson Rock Int'l LTD for failure to enter into CDA with Amata Community of Ishiagu, Ivo LGA Ebonyi State and folr lack of Quarry capacity, having abandoned the Quarry Lease for pover two years after obtaining same.	E. D. Joseph & Co. (EBIDANJOE CHAMBERS) Attorneys at Law	Tyson Rock Int'l LTD (33617 QLS)	CDA signed by the community and Tyson Rock Int'l LTD	Concluded
e.	Petition concerning fraudulent consent letter presented by Ifedi Action Mining Nig. LTD	His Royal Highness, Eze J. N. Egwu	Ifedi Action Mining Nig. LTD (34898 QLS)	The Alleged has responded	Meeting slated for 17/01/2024
f.	Letter of Attestation and introduction of Gemrock Integrated Ventures LTD as the only recognized company to quarry on our land	Office of the President General, Okpoto Progressive Union O. P. U.)	Triax Company (Nig) LTD (53180 EL)	Triax Company (Nig) LTD failed to show up to the meeting scheduled on 19/12/2023	Meeting to be re-scheduled
g.	Refutal Letter Re: Protest by Amalokpa Clan of Amaonye Village in Ishiagu Ivo LGA of Ebonyi State against the mining License granted to Greenfield Metals LTD in respect of community	Amaonye Community Devt. Union A. C. D. U Federated, Ishiagu Ivo LGA of Ebonyi State	Greenfield Metals LTD (28953 SSML and 24324 SSML)	KIV	Litigation/ court case

	land delineated by coordinatges 5 55 18N/7 28 50E and 5 55 29N/7 29 44E				
h.	Letter of protest against Palladium Mining LTD over fake community consent/ License acquisition	Emeka Edu & Associates	Palladium Mining LTD (44969 EL)	Re- scheduled meeting date yet to be announced	Community to meet with the companies to harmonize and come up with areas assigned to individual companies
i.	Untitled	Umuosigide Obollo Orie Autonomous Community, Obollo Orie, Udenu LGA Enugu State	Mosra Energy LTD	On-going investigation	
j.	An urgent request for the immediate grant of Quarry Lease to Wanda Quarry Company Nig. LTD and Revocation/ cancellation of Quarry Lease no. 46404 QLS granted to Jinloys Nigeria LTD	V. C. Nwankwo & Co.	Jinloys Nigeria LTD (46404 QLS)	The alleged is yet to collect letter for response	The company consultant has been called to pick up the lettef but is yet to come.
k	Application for Due Process Report on the owner of the License and company covering the following coordinates: E7 29 30 N5 55 15, E7 29 30 N5 55 00, E7 28 00 N5 55 00, E7 28 00 N5 56 00, E7 28 45 N5 56 00, E7 28 45 N5 55 15 belonging to Amony Community, Ishiagu Ivo LGA Ebonyi State measuring about 15 coordinate units	Okechukwu Okafor & Co.	Due Diligence Report	Greenfield Metals LTD (29804 EL) within the area covered by the set of coordinates.	To be processed further by Headquarters

Table 17: List to complaints handled by South East Zonal Office.

Some have been completely resolved, while others are at various stages.

6.2.0 SOUTH-SOUTH BENIN ZONAL OFFICE

The South-South Zonal Office, Benin had a busy year 2023 as the Office was able to register applications, carry out resolution meetings, confirmation of consents, and attend workshops and sensitization meetings. Details below

The Benin Office registered a total of 72 applications for various mineral titles, this includes:

- 17 Exploration Title Applications
- 1 Reconnaissance Permit
- 6 Quarry Lease Applications
- 48 Small Scale Mining Lease Applications

The Office received letters from the head Office in Abuja on various occasions, these letters were often disclaimers and complaints from applicants, title owners or Host communities where the mining activities are carried out.

The Benin Office responds to these letters by calling the parties involved, scheduling a meet and in most cases travel down to the host communities to confirm originality of the consent presented by applicants. The reports and findings from each meeting are transmitted back to the Head Office.

The Zonal Office sent her staff to Abuja for a workshop titled R2D “Repositioning for Development” sometimes in May 2023, the workshop was to prepare all the staff of the Office for the task ahead and as well as know the challenges faced at the various Zonal Offices.

Furthermore, the Office was invited on several occasions by the Edo State

government to sensitize the miners and stakeholders in the state on how to apply for mineral titles, how to settle disputes amongst themselves and ultimately the way forward for the state as regards mining.

The Office received a face lift as blinds, long chair for visitors, a fridge and an air-conditioner were supplied during the year.

The Office is gradually fulfilling her purpose and is confident of a better working year 2024.

6.3.0 SOUTH-WEST IBADAN ZONAL OFFICE

A total of 32 Cases were handled and treated in the Zone in the year under review, below are the breakdown.

6.3.1 CONCLUDED

Thirteen (13) cases were brought to logical conclusion at the Zonal level and Recommendations sent to Headquarters.

6.3.2 REMINDER STAGE

One (1) case is due for Reminder.

6.3.3 PENDING CASES

Four (4) cases are pending.

6.3.4 CASE STILL AT EVALUATION

Four (4) cases still at evaluation

6.3.5 REVOKED, REJECTED, AND RELEASED TITLES

Five (5) cases were either rejected, released or revoked.

6.3.6 NO– RESPONSE CASES

Three (3) cases were slated for meeting, no party avail themselves.

6.3.7 APPRECIATION

One (1) case was just an appreciation letter to the MCO, not a petition.

6.3.8 HEADQUARTER

One (1) case has been handled at the Headquarter but was still sent to the Zone.

Below is the list of complaints handled by the Zone in the year under review:

S/N	COMPLAINANT	SUBJECT	STATUS/REMARKS
01	A U FIELDS	DISCONTENANCE OF PURPORTED CONSENT LETTER ATTACHED TO APPLICATION FOR EXPLORATION MINING LICENSE SUBMITTED BY EL-TAHDAM EXPLORATION LTD (37187EL), ABARSHI EXPLORATION (41407EL) RESPECTIVELY	RECOMMENDATION FROM THE ZONE
02	IJANA PEOPLE	RE: CONFIRMATION OF LANDOWNERS CONSENT TO ENL CONSTRUCTION LTD	PENDING CASE, MEETING RESCHEDULED.
03	LAWVILLE ATTORNEYS	UNAUTHORISED AND ILLEGAL OCCUPATION AND TRESPASS ON IMEKO COMMUNITY LAND BY AKLAND MULTISYSTEMS NIG. LTD (37784EL)	LETTERS SENT FOR MEETING, NONE SHOWED UP.
04	KATA – ONIPOPO FAMILY	UNAUTHORISED AND ILLEGAL OCCUPATION AND TRESPASS ON IMEKO COMMUNITY LAND BY AKLAND MULTISYSTEMS NIG. LTD (37784EL)	LETTERS SENT FOR MEETING, NONE SHOWED UP.
05	K. E NGWOKE & CO	RE: ISSUANCE OF MINING CERTIFICATE TO PRINCE OKEDELE TIMOTHY OPERATING UNDER THE NAME OF PRINCE OLUSEGUN OKEDELE CLEAN MINING INDUSTRIES LTD; OUR APPRECIATION (36942SSML)	NO COMPLAINT JUST APPRECIATION
06	ADELAJA OGUNTIMRIN & ASSOCIATES	RE: GRANT OF EXPLORATION LICENSE/LEASE TO 38117EL FILLED BY ONE ROADBIT LTD, A FICTICIOUS NON-EXISTENT AND UNAUTHORISED COMPANY TO WORK ON THE LAND BELONGING TO THE DESENTANTS OF ERELU ADENUPEBI OF AGBOLENU RULING HOUSE OKWUN-OWU ODOGBOLU L.G. A, OGUN STATE	ALLEGED COMPANY'S APPLICATION STILL IN EVALUATION. (SPA)
07	BAALE ILATE, ONILATE OF ILATE	PETITION AGAINST THE INCONSIDERABLE & ADVERSE ACT(S)/ OPERATION OF OJIBABS NIGERIA LIMITED AND MR TAJUDEEN ABIORO OVER THE COMMUNITY LAND OF ILATE VILLAGE IN OBAFEMI/OWODE L. G. A	REVOKED TITLE
08	J. T. OGUNNIYI & CO	NOTIFICATION OF WRONGFUL USAGE OF CADASTRE LICENSE ISSUED VIDE QUARRY LEASE NO. 24336QLS BY OJIBABAS NIGERIA LIMITED AT ILATE VILLAGE OBAFEMI/OWODE L. G. A. OGUN STATE	REVOKED TITLE
09	ILATE YOUTH C D A COMMUNITY	SAVE US FROM THE CONTINUOUS HARRASMENT AND INTIMIDATION OF OJIBABS NIGERIA LIMITED & MR TAJUDEEN ARIORO (TJ) UNDER THE GUISE OF MINING SAND ON OUR COMMUNITY LAND IN ILATE VILLAGE, OBAFEMI/OWODE L. G. A OGUN STATE	REVOKED TITLE
10	BAALE ARAROMI	PETITION AGAINST CARDOGAN EXPLORATION & PRODUCTION LIMITED WITH APPLICATION NUMBER 44000EL	RECOMMENDATION FROM THE ZONE2

11	FABIYI FAMILY	RE: NOTICE OF UNCONSCIONABLE ATTEMPT BY AN APPLICANT NAMED SHIROKU MINING COMPANY LTD TO HOODWINK AND DECEIVE THE OFFICE INTO GRANTING A LICENSE UPON A SITE WHERE THERE IS NO CONSENT OF THE LAND OWNERS FAMILY	APPLICATION STILL IN EVALUATION
12	SEYI RAHEEM & CO	ILLEGAL AND UNAUTHORISED MINING ON A PARCEL OF LAND AT KOMU, ITESIWAJU L. G. A OF OYO STATE BY ONE HERITAGE MINERAL DEVELOPMENT LTD (EL38243) HERITAGE MINERAL	PENDING CASE
13	EMIRATES LITHIUM PROJECTS LIMITED	RE: LETTER OF COMPLAINT AND REQUEST FOR WITHDRAWAL OF LICENSE	CASE ALREADY HANDLED AT THE HQS – ABUJA.
14	SABIGANNA OF IGANNA KINGDOM	ILLEGAL ENTRANCE ON OUR LAND BY EMIRATES LITHIUM PROJECT LIMITED, AJN GLOBAL RESOURCES LIMITED	REMINDER SENT
15	BAALE ILUA CHIEFTAINCY FAMILY, SAKI OYO STATE.	DISCLAIMER LETTER IN RESPECT TO GREGARIOUS FOCUS MINING NIGERIA LIMITED – EL35993 AND LEBAO MINING NIGERIA LIMITED – EL30715	AN ALLEGED COMPANY (LEBAO) HAS BEEN RELEASED.
16.	BAALE ILUA CHIEFTAINCY FAMILY, SAKI OYO STATE.	PETITION FOR TRESPASS TO GBEPAKAN VILLAGE, ILUA LAND, SAKI WEST LOCAL GOVERNMENT, OYO STATE. 55128SSML WEST AFRICAN NEW ENERGY	APPLICATION STILL UNDER EVALUATION
17.	PLURAL CONCEPT NIGERIA LIMITED	LETTER OF NOTIFICATION	RECOMMENDATION FROM THE ZONE
18.	H.R.H OBA OPOOLA OLAORE FOLAWUYO, ITESIWAJU, OYO STATE.	NON – ISSUANCE OF LANDOWNERS CONCEPT	RECOMMENDATION FROM THE ZONE
19.	SAIGANNA OF IGANNA KINGDOM, IGANNA, OYO STATE	ILLEGAL ENTRANCE ON OUR LAND BY EMIRATES LITHIUM PROJECT LIMITED. 35516EL	RECOMMENDATION FROM THE ZONE
20.	HIS ROYAL MAJESTY, OBA RAFIU OSUOLALE MUSTAPHA,	LETTER OF COMPLAINT AND WITHDRAWAL OF LICENSE	ALLEGED COMPANY’S APPLICATION REJECTED

	ADEEYANI II, OKEHO, KAJOLA, OYO STATE.		
21.	H.R.H OBA ADELERE ADEBARE ADEWUYI. IDIYAN LAND, IBARAPA NORTH LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA, OYO STATE	PETITION AGAINST THE GRANT OF SSML NO. 45508 BELONGING TO EFFECTORY PLUS LIMITED, IN RESPECT OF ALL THAT COORDINATES SITUATE AT IWAJOWA L.G.A OYO STATE AND THE LIKELIHOOD OF BREAKDOWN OF LAW AND ORDER	RECOMMENDATION FROM THE ZONE
22.	AKLAND MULTISYSTEMS NIGERIA LIMITED	RE: UNAUTHORIZED AND ILLEGAL OCCUPATION AND TRESPASS ON IMEKO COMMUNITY LAND BY AKLAND MULTISYSTEMS NIGERIA LIMITED WITH APPLICATION NUMBER 37784EL	NOTICE OF MEETING SENT, NO PARTY SHOWED UP
23.	OBA ODESANMI SALAH ADENIYI	ILLEGAL AND UNLAWFUL APPLICATION MADE WITHOUT MY CONSENT BY NAMRTINA GLOBAL INVESTMENT LIMITED. 36338EL	RECOMMENDATION FROM THE ZONE
24.	OLUDARE ADEJARE & CO	MISREPRESENTATION OF FACTS, TRESPASS AND ILLEGAL ENCROACHMENT; A CALL FOR INVALIDATION OF MINING LICENSE OBTAINED UNDER FALSE PRETENCE. 33054EL	CASE ADJOURNED TO JANUARY.
25.	ABIODUN OGUNDARE FAMILY	LETTER OF COMPLAINT AND REAFFIRMATION OF CONSENT TO 54918SSML MEZZO FORTE PROSPECT LTD	RECOMMENDATION FROM THE ZONE
26.	GRAVIS LEX PRACTICE	DEMAND FOR REJECTION OF CADASTRE APPLICATION BT EMOTISE GLOBAL SERVICES NIGERIA LIMITED IN RESPECT OF OGUNTEDO VILLAGE IN EPE LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA, LAGOS STATE. 36358QLS	RECOMMENDATION FROM THE ZONE
27.	HRM OBA JACOB ADENIYI ADELOWO OMOLE II	SURREPTITIOUSLY CAPTURED WITHOUT THE VALID CONSENT OF THE LOCAL COMMUNITY & IT'S PARAMOUNT RULER. 35152EL	CONCLUDED CASE
28.	OBA NICHOLAS OYELAMI FOLARANMI (JP)	PROTEST AGAINST EXPLORATION LICENSE NO. 40916EL OF AJN GLOBAL RESOURCES LIMITED.	RECOMMENDATION FROM THE ZONE
29.	AKINYELE SANYAOLU & CO	REVOCATION OF MINERAL TITLES 39150EL GRANTED TO CLAIMS & INSURANCE DIAGNOSTICS LIMITED FOR FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH MANDATORY PROVISION OF SECTION 100 OF THE NIGERIAN MINERALS AND MINING ACT 2007	RECOMMENDATION FROM THE ZONE

30.	ASSOCIATION OF LANDOWNERS	PETITION AGAINST WASGWANG GLOBAL INDUSTRIES (37828EL) MALCOMINES MINOR METALS LTD (38244SSML) AND LAWAL ABIODUN SALAIMAN (34184SSML)	CONCLUDED CASE
31.	SABIGANNA OF IGANNA KINGDOM, IGANNA, OYO STATE	ILLEGAL ENTRANCE ON OUR LAND BY NEWSTAR MINERALS LIMITED. 42646EL	APPLICATION STILL IN EVALUATION.
32.	ALFURQON GLOBAL CONCEPTS NIGERIA LIMITED	REPORT OF UNLAWFUL PLACEMENT OF MINERAL TITLE	CASE KEPT IN VIEW NO MEANS OF COMMUNICATING WITH THE PETITIONER.

Table 18: List of complaints handled by South West Zonal Office in 2023

6.4.0 NORTH-EAST MAIDUGURI ZONAL OFFICE

6.4.1 Staff Strength and Commitment

The North-East Zonal staff are four in number. These includes the Zonal Head, Administrative Officer, a Surveyor and driver. The Staff are all punctual and committed to work.

To meet the desired target upon which the Office is being established, there is urgent need to deploy more staff because presently the staffs are limited in number.

6.4.2 Existing Office Facilities/Equipment

- i. **Office Vehicle:** The Office vehicle (Hilux) is in good working order except the four tyres and battery that call for change and the need for general servicing and fuelling the vehicle.
- ii. The 25KVA installed generator is in good working order but the battery is no more working. There is need for a new one.
- iii. **Solar Batteries and Panels:** Due to ongoing renovation of the entire Office complex, some of the panels are transferred temporary to the nearby roof while others are kept pending the completion of the renovation. However, all the batteries and panels are perfectly working.

The renovation contractor has requested for change of iron rod to aluminum rod because the contact of iron rod upon which the solar panels are laid upon now is creating rusting effect thereby damaging the aluminum zinc. MCO/Mindiver is urged to take a good measure.

- iv. **Computer System and printers** are in good order except the continuous need for system upgrade and update.
- v. **Furniture:** All the furniture are in good order

6.4.3 New Facilities/Equipment

Besides the existing facilities, there are also new facilities supplied to the Office by MCO/MINDIVER through the contractor. These facilities/equipment include the following:

- a. Aluminum Burglary Proof
- b. Window blind cotton
- c. Water supply connected to Borno State water board with over-head Tank as the reservoir.
- d. Visitor's chair
- e. Photocopy table
- f. Office file cabinet
- g. Hajer Thermocool Fridge – HR142
- h. SKYRUN Air-condition one Horse Power.

The facilities supplied above are presently in good order.

6.4.4 Office Activities

The Office activities are going on smoothly. However, considering the security challenges confronting the zone particularly in the past, but as peace is being restored now in most of the areas, we believe, very soon activities will rise to the greater height, even as there is continuous sensitization and awareness on the Office existence and its functions.

6.4.5 One Day Retreat Organized by the Head Office

Three staff of the zone as nominated by the management participated in the one-day retreat organized by the Head-Office on 3rd May, 2023, at Bon-Elvis Hotel Abuja. The retreat was aimed at equipping entire staff targeted at moving Mining Cadastre Office forward.

6.4.6 eMC⁺ and Network Instability

This year, the Office experienced poor and unstable network thereby affecting the use of eMC⁺ which totally rely on network availability.

There is urgent need for an I.T expert who will mediate in arresting such kind of challenges. We strongly appeal for intervention.

6.4.7 Correspondence/Email

Most of our correspondence is channels through emails. Presently we no longer receive messages via this email. There is urgent need for email reactivation.

6.5.0 NORTH-CENTRAL JOS ZONAL OFFICE

The North-central Zonal Office has experienced a gradual influx of activities ranging from inquiries about mining sites as well as applications for Mineral titles, conflict resolutions and other official activities.

The Zonal Office is up and running but not without challenges that have really affected the mode of operations and official activities. In spite of all these, we have remained resilient and determined to ensure the aims and objectives of the Zonal Office is achieved, which is principally to bring services to the door steps of stakeholders.

6.5.1 MINERAL TITLE APPLICATIONS RECIEVED.

S/N	STATE	NO. OF MINERAL TITLE APPLICATIONS
1	Niger	2
2	Kwara	2
3	Plateau	1
4	Bauchi	3
5	Benue	2
6	Nassarawa	5
7	Kogi	0
Other States outside the Zone		
1	Ebonyi	3
2	FCT	3
3	Adamawa	12
4	Osun	2
5	Kaduna	1
6	Taraba	1
	Total	37

Table 19: Number of Mineral Title applications received in the North Central Zone in 2023

The above applications have been successfully registered at the North Central Zonal Office Jos. However, the challenges we encountered is associated with

issuance of revenue receipt for investors that made online payment for processing fee and other payments due to Mining Cadastre Office and Centres.

6.5.2 CONFLICT RESOLUTIONS

In the year under review, the Zonal Office had also received about 77 protest/complaint(s) letters from different companies and communities. These letters were all directed to the North-central from the headquarters to investigate and make recommendation to the Director-General.

6.5.3 SUMMARY OF LETTERS RECEIVED FOR CONFLICT/RESOLUTION IN THE NORTH CENTRAL

S/N	STATE	NUMBER OF LETTERS RECEIVED	NUMBER OF FIRST COMMUNICATION	NUMBER OF REMINDERS SENT
1	NIGER	6	6	2
2	KWARA	7	7	4
3	PLATEAU	11	10	6
4	BENUE	18	15	11
5	NASSARAWA	13	10	5
6	KOGI	19	17	13
7	BAUCHI	3	0	0
TOTAL		77	65	41

Table 20: Number of letters received for conflict/resolution in the North Central

Total number of conflicts resolved in the North - Central = 9

Total number of reminders for responses being awaited = 26

Total number of fact-finding missions = 4

So far, the Office has written about 65 letters to all respondents and 41 reminders. Some complainants have reached understanding with the respondents. Over 90% of our correspondence with these companies had been through email addresses and WhatsApp lines provided by the companies.

Currently, North-central has opened a ***Conflict Resolution Register*** to enable it keep track of all transactions. This register will help in effective and efficient way in tracking and ensuring no complain coming to the Zone is left unattended.

6.5.4 COURTESY CALL TO SECURITY AGENCIES AND GOVERNMENT PARASTATALS

On assumption of Office in June 2023, the strategy was to first and foremost ensure there was an adequate publicity and synergy between the Office and major stakeholders in the industry which included and not limited to the traditional council, security agencies and government. It is however important to note that this strategy is not a one-off thing but a continues process. So far, the Office has established a robust working relationship with the under listed through courtesy visits.

1. Courtesy call to His Majesty, Da Jacob Gyang Buba. Gbong Gwom Jos.
Plateau State on the 12th July 2023
2. Courtesy call to The Commandant, Nigerian Security and Civil Defence Corp.
Plateau State on the 13th July 2023
3. Courtesy call to The Director, State Security Service. Plateau State
Command. Plateau State on the 20th July 2023
4. Courtesy call to His Excellency, The Governor of Plateau State. Barr. Caleb
M. Mutfwang on the 25th August 2023

The Office is not relenting in its move to creating more awareness in the entire spectrum of the mining industry within the zone. Preparations are on top gear to ensure expansion of the frontier of our hold in the Zone.

6.6.0 NORTH-WEST KADUNA ZONAL OFFICE

North-West Zonal Office as one of the Six (6) Zonal Offices is located on *the 1st Floor of the National Steel Raw Material Exploration Agency (NSRMEA) Building Complex at No. 18A Rabah Road, Malali Kaduna, Nigeria*, and the following Seven (7) States fall within its jurisdiction: Kaduna (Head Quarter), Kano, Katsina, Kebbi, Jigawa, Sokoto and Zamfara.

6.6.1. STAFF AND STATUTORY INFORMATION

S/NO	NAME	SEX	RANK	GL	REMARKS
1	SAMINU ASHIRU HARUNA	M	PRINCIPAL GEOLOGIST	12	Zonal Cadastre Officer
2	HUSSAINI SULEIMAN	M	SENIOR ACCOUNTANT	10	Head of Account
3	MASARATI BAKARI GIREI	F	ADMIN OFFICER 1	09	Head of Admin
4	MUSTAPHA IDRIS	M	ADMIN OFFICER II	08	Admin Staff
5	SALAU ABDUL MALIK	M	SENIOR SCIENTIFIC OFFICER II	08	Desk Officer Consent /Liaison Officer
6	BAKURA OBED YASHIM	M	SYSTEM ANALYST II	08	In charge of ICT
7	UMAR YUSUF	M	SENIOR DRIVER	06	Driver/Vehicle Maintenance

Table 21: List of North West Zonal Officers

6.6.2. ACHIEVEMENT(S) FOR THE YEAR

- IPPIS Biometric and Pensions Enrolment and Capturing of the North-West Zonal Office Staff at the Headquarters in August 2023.
- Receiving and recording of New Applications
- Receiving and recording of Modification Applications.
- Receipt and Record of Consent Forms.

- Receipt of combined, over Forty (40) Letters and Mails and e-mails from the Headquarters as well as from Clients.
- Treatment of estimated 80% of the Received Letters, Mails and E-mails received from the Headquarters as well as from clients. Kindly find attached a list of a few Letters that have been treated by the North-West Zonal Office in 2023 (fig. A)

LIST OF LETTERS RECIEVED AND TREATED MAILS, BY NORTH WEST ZONAL OFFICE, 2023

S/ N	DESCRIPTION	REMARKS
1	Letter of 'Disclaimer of Consent' was forwarded, on behalf of the Office of Hakim Kwanga, Maginga District, Ngaski LGA, Kebbi State; against EL-033035 belonging to Amea Agro & Mining Export Alliance Ltd; against EL-044611 belonging to Three Crown Mine Ltd	Response received from Amea Agro & Mining Export Alliance Limited
2	Letter of 'Disclaimer of Consent' was forwarded, on behalf of the Office of The Village Head, Old Afaka Ashehu, Rigasa District, Igabi LGA, Kaduna State; against SSML-042314 belonging to Sahalan Civil/Mining Engineering Co. Ltd; against EL-042293 belonging to Abdulhamidu Abdullahi	Response received from Sahalan Civil/Mining Engineering Co. Ltd
3	Letter of 'Disclaimer of Consent' was forwarded, on behalf of the Office of The District Head of Kubai, Shanga LGA, Kebbi State; against EL-039226 belonging to Sahel Mining Group against EL-041276; EL-041766; EL-039844; EL-040147	Response received from Sahel Mining Group Ltd.
4	Letter of 'Disclaimer of Consent' was forwarded, on behalf of the Office of The District Head of Danko, Marafa Danko, Kebbi State against EL-043136 belonging to Shorefield Minerals Ltd	Awaiting response.
5	Letter of 'Disclaimer of Consent' was forwarded, on behalf of Mai Ungwan Fan-Turawa, Jan-Kasa, Rikoka District, Igabi LGA, Kaduna State against EL-044694 belonging to Prosperity Mining Investment Company Ltd	Awaiting Response.
6	Letter of 'Disclaimer of Consent' was forwarded, on behalf of Gashin-Baki Ajen Community, Ayu District, Sanga LGA, Kaduna State against EL-030879 belonging to Caliandre Ltd	Awaiting response.
7	Letter of 'Disclaimer of Consent' was forwarded, on behalf Pastor Obadiah Yamusa of Tattaura Village, Sanga LGA, Kaduna State received via his solicitors, against Hahaibs Nigeria Ltd	Awaiting response.
8	Letter received from Anthony Akika & Co, the Solicitors of Chief Embaga Enjugu, Village Head of Assan-Angi, Lizzi Chiefdom, Eggon LGA, Nassarawa State against Tahir Global Services Ltd	Untreated It falls under Nassarawa State.
9	Letter of 'Disclaimer of Consent' was forwarded on behalf of Ambam Community of Jema'a LGA, Kaduna State, received via their solicitors, against Range Mining Ltd	Awaiting response.
10	Letter of 'Disclaimer of Consent' was forwarded on behalf of Mai Girma Sarkin Maginga of Maginga District, Wara Yauri Emirate, Kebbi State who confirm that only Tawaye Foreign Traders Ltd with EL-053751 are legitimate consent holders.	Awaiting response from Against Amea Agro & Mining Export Alliance Ltd who's Title no EL-033035 falls in the area.

Table: 22 Letters received and treated by, North West Zonal Office, 2023

6.6.3 RESOLUTION(S) - As the awareness and Sensitization of the Zonal Offices has gotten wider in the Six (6) Geopolitical Zones, this signifies the milestone for the

Zonal Offices to improve on the aims and missions behind the establishment of the Nigeria Mining Cadastre Office. However, for even better progress:

- We would like to suggest that the MCO decentralizes the processing of Revenue Receipts.

The North West Zonal Office arguably receives the highest volume of Applications in all Six (6) geo-political Zones and as a result we believe it will be of great benefit if the MCO grants the North-West Zonal Office the privilege of generating Revenue Receipts for its Clients within its Zone, especially with consideration that it hosts at least Two (2) Accountants staff in the Zone.

The ease of processing of Revenue receipts is a major challenge clients have commented on from our everyday interaction with clients during and after Receiving of their Applications.

- The North West Zonal Office is also creating awareness to Investors to capitalise on the opportunity to be able to create their company profiles and submit/upload applications online by themselves.
- To allow clients with applications at the North West Zone to be able to collect grants at the Zonal Office.

6.6.4 APPRECIATION

On behalf of the Staff of the North-West Zonal Office, Kaduna; I thank the Director-General and Management who worked tirelessly for the transition and progress of the Zonal Offices thus far.

7.0 HUMAN RESOURCE, FINANCE AND ACCOUNTS

The Department of Human Resource & Finance is one of the four (4) Departments in the Agency. The Department is divided into two (2) Divisions; Human Resource and Accounts.

A. THE HUMAN RESOURCE DIVISION

The Human Resource Division is saddled with the responsibilities of Appointment, Promotion and Discipline. The Division also handles staff welfare with respect to Health, Training, Sporting/Union activities, Pension and any other related matters as may be assigned by the authority.

7.1 APPOINTMENT:

There was no recruitment of new staff in the year 2023 but the Office was able to secure from the Head of Civil Service of the Federation (HCSF) the revalidation of waiver for Thirty-Nine (39) positions and another Twenty-Five (25) Nos. waiver to recruit new staff;

- ii. Secured Authorised Establishments of 169 positions for year 2023;
- iii. Secured additional/inclusion of over N40,000,000.00 in 2023 Personnel Budget to cater for the proposed 40 staff recruitment.

7.2 STAFF STRENGTH:

Number of Staff at the Head Office is 125 and Number of Staff at the Zonal Office is 44. Total Staff strength is 169.

7.3 PROMOTION:

MCO conducted promotion interview for Seventeen (17) Officers. Three other Officers were also converted from Technical to Officers cadre.

7.4 DISCIPLINE:

No disciplinary action was taken against any staff in the year, 2023.

7.5 POSTING/RETIREMENT:

Three (3) number of Officers, were posted to MCO: (HR&F/Legal Department). The D(HR&F) Mr. Ladan Mustapha was posted out while Mr. Abraham Oloruntoba, DD(Admin) retired meritoriously from the service. Their repatriation allowances have been paid and the retirees were recognised and honoured by the Director General. We also lost a staff Director Concession Department - Ahmed Damagun.

7.6 SALARY/VARIATION/INCREAMENT:

Salary variation and increment in respect of the staff promoted were respectively carried out. The staff salary for the Month of October, 2023 is still, yet to be paid.

7.7 STAFF WELFARE:

Welfare of Staff members and other supporting staff were adequately taken care of throughout the year.

7.8 TRAINING:

Majority of staff could not attend Training due to paucity of funds. However, the Management approved the participation on the Mandatory Training of Workforce Development, programme of Head of Civil Service of the Federation. The management also approved a number of study leave both local and international to boost the human capacity development of staff.

7.9 PENSION MATTERS:

Pencom approved a Desk Officer for MCO, who will facilitate Pension administration of retirees.

7.9.1 ANTI CORRUPTION TRANSPARENCY UNIT (ACTU):

ICPC assigned a desk Officer for MCO to oversee the anti-corruption activities of the agency. The ICPC visited the Agency and ACTU assessment of the Office was conducted.

7.9.2 FACILITY MANAGEMENT:

FUMIGATION: The Offices were fumigated twice in the year under review, in compliance with AEPB Act, 2010. Furthermore, the two (2) rusted galvanized waste bins were replaced with new ones.

RENOVATION: Some renovation works were carried out, which gave room for the creation of more Offices in the main building.

B. ACCOUNTS DIVISION

The Accounts Division is saddled with the responsibilities of recording, analysis and reporting of financial transactions of the Office. The Division also ensures that all revenue generated by the Office is remitted on a monthly basis, to the Ministry of Solid Minerals Development (MSMD) – Federation Account.

7.9.3 OPERATIONAL ACCOUNTS:

The operational accounts of the Office are Capital, Recurrent (Overhead and Personnel) and Revenue; while budget releases concerning Capital and Overhead accounts, resides with the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) and can be accessed through GIFMIS. The administration of Personnel is the exclusive responsibility of Integrated Payroll and Personal Information System (IPPIS). All revenue (with the exception of Internally Generated Revenue (IGR) which is remitted to Federation Account (FA).

Below is the analysis of all the releases, expenditure and revenue generated for the financial year 2023:

In 2023, the Office generated – N6.071b, the highest revenue generated by the Agency so far.

7.9.4 2023 BUDGET PERFORMANCE

S/No.	Budget Items	Appropriation (₦)	Releases (₦)	Expenditure (₦)	% of releases over appropriation
1	Personnel	180,180,894.57	180,180,794.58	180,180,606.58	99.99
2	Overhead	218,649,507.00	182,207,922.50	179,576,906.51	83.33
3	Capital	351,661,114.00	283,089,477.00	282,976,071.21	80.50
Total		750,491,515.58	645,478,194.08	642,733,584.30	86.01

Table 23: Budget performance

7.9.5 REVENUE GENERATION

Below is the monthly summary of revenue generated in the year 2023:

MONTH	TOTAL
January	253,909,500.00
February	228,256,000.00
March	306,807,500.00
April	566,538,000.00
May	2,086,684,600.00
June	430,203,500.00
July	430,021,500.00
August	327,169,100.00
September	308,663,500.00
October	307,617,400.00
November	471,169,861.00
December	354,223,000.00
Total	6,071,263,461.00

Table 24: Revenue generation

7.9.6 LIABILITIES

The total sum of Eighty-Three Million, Seven Hundred and Seventy-Seven Thousand, Three Hundred and Fifteen Naira, Thirty-Seven Kobo (**N83, 777, 315.37**) for individuals and services not paid due to paucity of funds.

7.9.7 2023 CAPITAL EXPENDITURE (SUMMARY)

S/No.	Expenditure items	Amount (₦)
1	Up-grade of the SIGTIM software to web-based/online mineral Title administration and management	12,801,100.00
2	Modern E-record and archiving of Mineral Titles Management system (Continuation)	14,802,750.00
3	Strategic Revenue recovery of Valid Mineral Titles, Gazette of defaulters and revocation	15,910,000.00
4	International/Local Mining Conventions and Exhibition	16,500,000.00
5	Beaconing of Mining Titles sites in selected areas in six Geo-political zones in Nigeria	15,200,000.00
6	Renovation/Refurbishment of MCO HQ building/Office	9,986,982.50
7	Thematic mapping of Mineral Title areas, restricted and protected areas of Nigeria	26,030,000.00
8	Training and empowerment of youths & women in Mining of Solid Mineral in Osun West	19,374,452.00
9	Creating awareness on economic prospect of Artisanal Miners in Uyo Federal Constituency Akwa Ibom	47,719,250.00
10	Strategic training of youths & women in mining communities in Funtua LGA of Katsina State	19,975,560.00
11	Installation of solar street lights in Tudun Iya Funtua LGA of Katsina State	29,999,595.00
12	Supply and Installation of solar street lights in Mararaba Musawa LGA Katsina State	29,950,575.00
	TOTAL	258,250,264.50

Table: 25 capital expenditure

8.0 INTERNAL AUDIT UNIT

The Nigeria Mining Cadastre Office Internal Audit reports for the preceding year. Internal audit duties are an act of verifying already prepared accounting records together with policies and procedures that governed the preparation of such records, in line with financial regulation chapter 17 (b), which states that Internal auditor is exclusively authorized to audit all prepaid vouchers, cashbooks, vote books, Treasury receipts booklet and offer advices where necessary.

In the year under review, the Internal Audit Unit, successfully audited and submitted monthly accounting reports to the Director-General and the Office of Accountant General of the Federation (OAGF).

9.0 PROCUREMENT UNIT

9.1 INTRODUCTION

One of the most important functions of the Procurement Unit is to purchase goods, services or works from external sources. It plays a vital part in the Agencies' overall business strategy, as it requires strategic planning to acquire goods or services, at the best possible cost.

Total budget Appropriation for the year 2023 is N750,491,516.00 (Total Capital project is N 351,661,114.00 out of which N283,089,477.00 was released) (below is the list of all contract executed by the MCO in the 2023 financial Year).

The Unit conducts need assessment of all Departments and Units in the Office, Market Survey and preparation of engineering measurement and evaluation and supervision and valuation of various capital project under 2023 appropriation.

Advertisement was published in two national newspapers, namely Blueprint and Vanguard dated September 4 Monday 2023 and Federal Tenders journal newspaper for invitation to tender for 2023 capital competitive Bidding to the general public.

Evaluation committee and Financial Committee were setup and also inaugurated by DG and Management Staff of MCO.

Parastatal Tender Boards (PTB) consideration and approval was sought and approval was given for all Project under its threshold for the implementation under 2023 Capital Projects.

Ratification of the Honourable Minister MMSD was sought and obtained for the implementation of the MCO's Capital projects under the 2023 Financial Year.

Contract Award letters were issued to the Lowest most responsive evaluated Bidders.

Project implementation was Monitored and execution was given a specific period for completion.

CATEGORY A: WORKS

LOTS	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	LOCATION
MCO/CAP/23/006	Renovation/Refurbishment of MCO Headquarter Building & Annex Office	Abuja HQ
MCO/CAP/23/009	Installation of Solar Street Light in Tudun Iya Funtua LGA Katsina State	Funtua LGA in Katsina State
MCO/CAP/23/016	Supply and Installation of Solar Street Light in Mararaba. Musawa LGA Katsina State.	Musawa LGA in Katsina State

Table 26: Showing works

CATEGORY B: GOODS & SUPPLIES

LOTS	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	LOCATION
MCO/CAP/23/008	Strategic Revenue Recovery of Valid Mineral Titles Gazette of Defaulters and Revocation.	Abuja HQ
MCO/CAP/23/011	Supply of Vehicles for Mining Surveillance in Nasarawa South Senatorial District of Nasarawa State	Nasarawa South

Table 27: Goods and Supplies

CATEGORY C: CONSULTANCY SERVICES

LOTS	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	LOCATION
MCO/CAP/23/001	Upgrade of the SIGTIM software to Web Based/Online Mineral Title Administration and Management	Abuja HQ
MCO/CAP/23/002	Modern E-Record and E-Archiving of Mineral Title Management System	Abuja HQ
MCO/CAP/23/004	Beaconing of Mineral Sites in selected areas in six geo political zones	Nationwide

MCO/CAP/23/005	Geo Data Report Updating from 36 state and FCT Abuja	Nationwide
MCO/CAP/23/007	Thematic Mapping of Mineral Title Areas, Restricted and Protected Areas in Nigeria	Nationwide
MCO/CAP/23/010	Strategic training of Youth and Women in Mining Communities in Funtua Local Government of Katsina	Funtua LGA, Katsina State
MCO/CAP/23/011	Stakeholders Sensitization on the Prevention of Drug Abuse in Funtua/Dandum Constituency.	Funtua/Dandum LGA, of Kastina State
MCO/CAP/23/013	Training and Empowerment of Youth and Women in Mining of Mineral in Osun West Senatorial District of Osun State	Osun West Senatorial District of Osun State.
MCO/CAP/23/014	Up scaling and Advocacy of Limestone Mining Business in Afikpo North LGA Ebonyi State	Afikpo North LGA in Ebonyi Stata
MCO/CAP/23/015	Creating Awareness on the Economic prospect of Artisanal and Small-scale Kaolin Mining in Uyo Federal Constituency, Akwa Ibom State	Uyo, Akwa Ibom

Table 28: Consultancy services

10.0 LEGAL SERVICES UNIT

10.1 INTRODUCTION

The Legal Unit is responsible for representing the Agency in various courts of competent jurisdictions and conducts the Legal check of documents in support of Mineral title applications; e.g., Certificate of Incorporation Form; CAC 2, CAC 7; Attestation, Tax clearance, keeping of the Beneficial Ownership register; amongst others.

Other duties of the Unit involve; Preparation of Contract Agreement and Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) as the case may be, proffering Legal Advisory services in accordance with the Nigerian Minerals and Mining Act, 2007 and its Regulations, Certification of Mineral Titles and responding to Due Diligence/Search upon the payment of the prescribed fees, attending meetings and any other duties as may be assigned by the Director-General.

In the year 2023, the Unit represented and successfully defend the Office in all Litigations instituted against it, mostly as Defendant/Respondent, as the case may be.

10.2 LIST OF CASES, 2023

Below is a list of the ongoing cases that the Unit is actively engaged in.

S/N	SUIT NO.	PARTIES	JUDICIAL DIVISION	MINERAL TITLE NUMBER	STATUS
1.	FHC/AWK/CS/011/2010	OLD AGUATA BEACH LANDLORDS & WORKERS MULTIPURPOSE CO OPERATIVE SOCIETY LTD V. MCO & 4ORS	AWKA		ONGOING
2.	FHC/AB/CS/2020	SALIMOT OLATOKE OYEWOLE & CO VS EMMANUEL ORANAIYE & CO	ABEOKUTA	29633 SSML 31951 SSML 29760 SSML	ONGOING

3.	FHC/B/CS/74/2016	DANGOTE INDUSTRIES & ORS VS BUA INTERNATIONAL LIMITED & ORS	BENIN CITY	18912 ML 18913 ML	ONGOING
4.	FHC/B/7/2016	BUA INTERNATIONAL VS HONOURABLE MINISTER MMSD & 15ORS	BENIN CITY	18912 ML 18913 ML	ONGOING
5.	FHC/ABJ/CS/77/2021	ABASA NIGERIA ENTERPRISES LIMITED VS THE MINISTRY OF MINES AND STEEL DEVELOPMENT & 4ORS	ABUJA	17926 ML 17927 ML 15454 EL 14265 EL 1541 EL 20505 EL	ONGOING
6.	FHC/ABJ/CS/60/2017	EL GADO WORLD WIDE LTD VS. MCO	ABUJA	11541 QL	ONGOING
7.	FHC/ABJ/CS/530/2019	BENUE MINERAL LTD VS MCO & MMSD	ABUJA	103329 EL 9949 EL 10102 EL 10101 EL	ONGOING
8.	FHC/ABJ/CS/1787/2022	ABASA NIGERIA ENTERPRISES LIMITED VS HON. MINISTER OF MMSD & 2ORS	ABUJA	27126 20516	ONGOING
9.	SC/CV/323/2020	GEOTESS NIGERIA LTD V. MCO & 2ORS	ABUJA		ONGOING
10	FHC/ABJ/CS/964/2016	DANGOTE INDUSTRIES LTD & ANOTHER & ATTORNEY GENERAL OF OGUN STATE & 2ORS	ABUJA		ONGOING
11	FHC/ABJ/CS/412/2018	ABASA NIG ENTERPRISES LTD & HON. MINISTER OF MMSD & 2ORS	ABUJA	20525 EL	ONGOING
12	FHC/PH/CS/37/2018	RENNINGTON INDUSTRIES LTD VS FED. MMSD & ORS	CALABAR		ONGOING
13	FHC/B/CS/68/2020	CAS GLOBAL SOLUTION LIMITED VS. BUA INTERNATIONAL LIMITED	BENIN CITY	21747 QL	ONGOING
14	FHC/ABJ/CS/513/2020	OGBONNA IGWE & 3ORS VS MMSD			ONGOING
15	FHC/ABJCS/451/2020	CRUSHED ROCK INDUSTRIES VS MMSD	ABUJA		ONGOING
16	FHC/ABJ/CS/76/2021	ETA-ZUMA GROUP WEST AFRICA VS. MMSD & ORS	ABUJA	20522 EL	ONGOING

17	FHC/KG/CS/25/2017	PRINCE MAHMOUD SANNI ATTA & 1 OR VS. AICO ADO IBRAHIM & COMPANY LTD & 4 ORS	LOKOJA	2541 ML	ONGOING
18	FHC/ABJ/CS/1712/2022	CONSOLIDATED TIN MINES LTD V. MINISTER FOR MINES AND STEEL DEVELOPMENT & 1 OR	ABUJA		ONGOING
19	H/CS/180/2023	IFETAYO OADA OLUSANYA & 1 OR V. DG MINING CADASTRE OFFICE & 4 ORS	SHAGAM U		ONGOING
20	FHC/ABJ/CS/35/2021	WONDERCHILD LTD VS MCO	ABUJA		ONGOING
21	FHC/ABJ/CS/385/2021	IGWEAJA PIUS OGBONNA VS ZOTMANN MINING NIGERIA LTD	ABUJA		ONGOING
22	FHC/ABJ/320/2021	SANDPLEX INTERNATIONAL VS HON MINISTER	ABUJA	31984 QL	ONGOING
23	FHC/ABJ/CS/391/2021	ALH ZAKARI MOHAMMED (Dallatun Bahar) & ORS VS MCO	ABUJA	29412 EL 900 SSML 901 SSML 9958 SSML	ONGOING
24	FHC/J/CS/31/2021	MINING TECH CO. VS MCO & ORS	JOS		ONGOING
25	FHC/AI/CS/24/2013	BIANCORP VENTURES COMPANY LTD & 1 OR VS JETZ MINING COMPANY LTD & 4 ORS	ABAKALIK I	17196 ML	ONGOING
26	FHC/ABJ/CS/2023/2022	ELIPERMANENT SECRETARYE INDUSTRIES LTD VS THE DIRECTOR GENERAL MINING CADASTRE OFFICE	ABUJA	30304 EL	ONGOING
27	FHC/ABJ/CS/559/2023	TAKUSHARA MINING V& 4ORS V MCO	ABUJA	29697 SSML	ONGOING
28	FHC/ABJ/1955/2022	GEXPAM NIGERIA LIMITED V. HON MINISTER MINES AND STEEL FEVELOPMENT & 3 ORS	ABUJA	10977 ML 1672 EL	ONGOING
29	FHC/ABJ/CS/173/2023	TAURUS MINING CO.LTD V. OUTBOUND DEVELOPERS LTD & 6 ORS	ABUJA	17671 QL	ONGOING
30	FHC/KD/CS/94/2023	ANDREW SHEK V. RANGE MINING LTD MCO	KADUNA	25241 EL 40532 ML 40533	ONGOING

31	FHC/AB/CS/79/23	HIGH CHIEF NOBIRU ADEYEMI AWOYADE & 3 ORS V. PRORICH CONSTRUCTION COMPANY LTD & 2 ORS	ABEOKUTA		ONGOING
32.	FHC/ABJ/CS/654/2013	OBYE MINERALOGY	ABUJA	2877 EL 9301 EL	ONGOING
33	ARBITRATION	ABASA NIG ENTERPRISE LTD	ABUJA	20516 EL 27126 QL	ONGOING
34	FHC/KN/CS/416/2023	SA'AB QUARRY & INVESTMENT LIMITED & ANOR V MINISTER FOR MINES & STEEL	KANO	27485 EL	ONGOING
35	FHC/UM/CS/144/2023	JINLOYS NIG LTD V MIN OF SOLID MINERALS & 4ORS	UMUAHIA		ONGOING
36	FHC/KN/CS/344/2023	TURKISH CONSTRUCTION LTD V MCO & ORS	KANO		ONGOING
37	FHC/ABJ/CS/1497	AGRA MINERALS LT V. MINING CADASTRE OFFICE & 3 ORS	ABUJA	4376 EL	ONGOING
38	FHC/ABJ/CS/832/2023	ONUS CHRISTOPHER ONU & CO V MINISTER FMMSD & 3ORS	ABUJA		ONGOING
39	FHC/KD/CS/114/2023	ELDER SUNDAY ALAO & 6ORS V BASIN MINING 2ORS	KADUNA		ONGOING
40	FHC/ABJ/CS/29/2022	MBADIWE OSSAI MULTIPURPOSE COOPERATIVE SOCIETY LIMITED	ASABA	33302	ONGOING
41	FHC/LF/CS/31/2018	MULTIVERSE MINING V NADABO LEAD ZINC & MCO	LAFIA		ONGOING

Table 29: List of Legal Cases

11.0 PRESS UNIT

11.1 INTRODUCTION

The Press Unit of the Nigeria Mining Cadastre Office (NMCO) headed by Assistant Director (AD, Press) and assisted by Senior Information Officer (SIO).

The Unit is saddled with the responsibility of providing media and publicity services for its principal. It brings to the public domain the programmes and activities of the Agency and further manages the relationship between the Agency, the local and the international media.

The Unit, in line with performing the roles mentioned above, has carried out the following activities in the year 2023:

- i. Participation of the DG, Engr. O. S Nkom at the 63rd Session of the State House Briefing which took place on Thursday, 19th January, 2023 at the State House Press Gallery.
- ii. Production and display of official photographs of the President and Honourable Minister at the Headquarters and Zonal Offices.
- iii. The Permanent Secretary (MMSD), Dr. Mary A. Ogbe's familiarization tour to MCO on 11th July, 2023.
- iv. The Unit actively participated at the 8th Nigerian Mining Week held at the International Conference Centre, Abuja from 16th to 18th of October, 2023.
- v. The Minister, Dr. Dele Alake's working visit to MCO on Tuesday, 21st November, 2023.

- vi. Awards given to the Agency as well as awards honouring the Director- General such as the Bureau of Public Service Reforms, Nigeria Internet Registration Association amongst, others were publicized.
- vii. MCO informative app (ongoing) – (for the Front Desk) the developer has been updated on the changes in the Ministry and sent the Minister’s portrait for necessary changes.
- viii. A compilation on press releases, reportage and activities involving the Director-General, Engr. O. S Nkom and the Agency for 2023 is ongoing.
- ix. The Unit organized publicity and media relations for all the events above within and outside the Agency.

11.2 DOCUMENTARIES:

The Unit supervised production of the following documentary and monitored special interviews on the Agency

- i. MCO: Documentary: “The Journey So Far” by Amoi Productions was aired on NTA News 24 on Thursday, 19th January, 2023 by 8.30pm.
- ii. ON THE SPOT: The NTA programme featured DG MCO, Engr. O.S Nkom on 11th August, 2023
- iii. SECURITY SCOPE: Insecurity in the Mining Sector aired on AIT featuring the Director-General on 21st August, 2023.

11.3 UNIT CONSTRAINT

The Unit wishes to state its commitment to protecting the interest of the Agency on all media fronts. It should be noted that the agency Photographer, Mr. Francis Kanwai has been posted to the State House.

12.0 INFORMATION, COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY (ICT) UNIT

The ICT Unit is the Hub of the Nigeria Mining Cadastre Office, right from the establishment of the Agency. The Unit has been a technical service unit ensuring the smooth flow of work.

12.1 SOME OF THE FUNCTIONS PERFORMED BY THE UNIT INCLUDE BUT NOT LIMITED TO:

- a. Maintenance of computer system and other electronic devices
- b. Expanding means of communication: phone, email, video conferencing, social media
- c. Data collection and management
- d. Customer Relations Management/Dissemination of Information
- e. Improvement of Processes
- f. Network installation, configuration, management
- g. Software installation, configuration, management
- h. Hardware installation, maintenance, management, troubleshoot/repair
- i. Server/database administration and control
- j. Web resources/content management such as the Nigeria Mining Cadastre Office website, webmail, eMC+
- k. Social media platform management such as Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter accounts.

12.2 THE FOLLOWING ACTIVITIES WERE CARRIED OUT BY THE ICT UNIT IN THE YEAR 2023:

i. REDESIGNING OF THE MCO WEBSITE

The ICT Unit supervised the redesign of the Nigeria Mining Cadastre Office official website, which is now completed and currently up and running. The website is being managed and updated with the latest events in the Office by the unit, along with social media accounts.

ii. INSTALLATION OF COMPUTERS AND PRINTERS

New computers were installed in Accounts units, and also new Multi-Functional Printers (MFP's), were installed in some Offices. This is to ensure best quality print production that will aid, the smooth running of the Nigeria Mining Cadastre Office since printing is an integral part of the Office daily process.

However, there is urgent need to procure more computer systems, printers, toners and computer accessories to meet up with the current demand of the Office.

iii. eMC+ MAINTENANCE UPGRADE

In collaboration with GAF AG Consultant Company, MinDiver and the MCO, ICT successfully had a maintenance period review with GAF AG representative to perform an in-house review of the eMC+ system in order to get the new functional requirements to include in the new update. During and after these maintenance period, observations were made by the stakeholders and staff and these were relayed back to GAF AG for implementations. This update is currently ongoing and is being rolled out periodically. The ICT Unit also identified bugs on the eMC+ and fixed it.

iv. BANDWIDTH

We have successfully increased our bandwidth from 20MbPermanent Secretary to 40MbPermanent Secretary at the Headquarters and also currently working on that of the Zonal Offices. The aspect of system downtime or slow connectivity has been relatively reduced.

v. DATA CLEANING EXERCISE

Through the year, ICT has been actively involved in the process of data cleaning and synchronization to ensure the MCO database is free from anomalies, errors and inconsistencies during the use of the eMC+ system.

vi. POST-LAUNCHING OF EMC+ FOR ONLINE CADASTRE SYSTEM

The ICT Unit ensured the smooth running of the eMC+ by participating actively in the entire process of staff user account creation, configuration, error troubleshooting and reporting.

vii. PUBLIC USER ACCOUNT REGISTRATION

After the successful launch of the eMC+ system, the ICT Unit has been receiving a lot of requests for user accounts registration from public users both online via email and as well physical walk-in into the Office.

viii. CORRESPONDENCE WITH GAF AG CONSULTANT COMPANY

The ICT Unit has been actively communicating with the GAF AG concerning observations made on the use of the eMC+ and to ensure a proper configuration and integration of services required. In the events of server downtime, they assisted in restoring normalcy to the system by walking the system administrators

through the process. They also collaborated with Layer3 for the smooth running of the system.

ix. REPLACEMENT OF INVERTER BATTERIES AND SOLAR PANELS

The Unit supervised the replacement of inverter batteries and damaged solar panels by MinDiver and also the purchase of two new inverters, to replace the old ones.

x. INSTALLATION OF HARDWARE AND SOFTWARE

The Unit carried out installation of some computers, printers, software, Microsoft Windows OS & Office, network switches, access points etc., in some Departments and Units.

The unit also carried out maintenance and repair of some computer systems in some Units and Departments.

xi. COLLABORATION BETWEEN MCO, LAYER3 AND GALAXY BACKBONE CONNECTIVITY TO PROVIDE BACKUP (FAILOVER) SERVER.

MCO is currently working out modality with Galaxy Backbone and Layer3 to provide a secondary host. This is currently on-going.

xii. Other duties as assigned by the Director-General

13.0 RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY UNIT

The Research, Development and Sustainability Unit, is a strategic component of the Office, established to increase/enhance the capacity of the Office, through creative and systematic work processes, guided by sustainability principles within the scope and limitations of the mandate, of the Nigeria Mining Cadastre Office.

13.1 PURPOSE OF THE UNIT:

Following through, with the vision of the Mining Cadastre Office; provides an independent, efficient and transparent Mining Cadastre system, which grants and administers Mining Licenses and Permits in accordance with best international practices, the Unit:

1. Research – Mining Cadastre systems in line with best international practices,
2. Develop strategy and initiatives based on research,
3. Sustainability – Improve organizational performance while creating social, economic and environmental values, via research and development for the benefit of leadership, management and the entire workforce of the Cadastre to make the organization resilient, using human capacity development tools training opportunities and resources.

13.2 THE ACTIVITIES OF THE UNIT ARE AS FOLLOWS:

- i. Development/Production of communication materials – Reports and Presentations.
- ii. Monthly collation of data from all departments for production of updated records on the status of Mineral Titles and Applications.

- iii. Strategic communication with the Ministry of Mines and Steel Development, other Government Organizations, Civil Society Organizations and the Private sector through letters and emails.
- iv. Representation in events such as conferences, seminars, workshops and webinars.
- v. Strategic Information Management with Zonal Offices with respect to the mandate of the Office - updating Zonal Offices with monthly Signed Licenses for onward transmission to Federal Mines Officers.
- vi. Support in the development of strategic goals of the Office – Development of short- and long-term goals.
- vii. Initiation of in-house eMC+ training.
- viii. Comparative analysis of minerals in the MCO database and the Mineral Map of NGSA
- ix. Provision of different filters of MCO data on demand by different organizations including; Government, NGO's, Individuals, Academia, Investors or Mineral Title Holders etc.
- x. Mandatory orientation of RDS Team.
- xi. Reviewing of MCO past record on Mineral Title Applications received; from the Priority Register and comparison to the SIGTIM database to provide updated database.
- xii. Collating data cleaning exercise and attending to queries on geometric amendment.
- xiii. Development of data for MCO Mineral Title Inventory
- xiv. Conceptualizing and supervising MCO Pavilion during the Nigeria Mining Week and other conferences.

- xv. Conceptualizing MCO sensitization programmes
- xvi. Communication with GAF and MinDiver

13.3 ONGOING RESEARCH

- i. Nigeria and Future Minerals.
- ii. The status of the Mining Industry Globally
- iii. Enquiries and Crisis/Dispute Management
- iv. Waste paper management and audit
- v. The Use of Air Conditioning System, its impact on human health and the environment - Advantages and Disadvantages

14.0 PROTOCOL UNIT

14.1 INTRODUCTION

The Mining Cadastre Office in carrying out its statutory functions of administration and management of mineral/mining rights in the country, attends some important local and international mining conferences; as part of the Honourable Minister's Team on investment promotion.

14.2 FUNCTIONS

The protocol units has its statutory functions i.e responsibilities for visa processing of the Chief Executive and Officers of the agency, participating at the official trips, liaising with Ministry for processing of note verbal at the Foreign Affairs and Embassy etc, seeing off and receiving the Chief Executive at the airport when travelling for official engagement, both local and foreign trips determination of protocol procedures and any other duties that may be assigned from time to time by the Chief Executive.

14.3 ACTIVITIES/EVENTS

Some of the international mining events the Office attends every year are as tabulated below:

S/N	EVENT	DATE	DURATION
1.	Future Mineral Summit – Riyadh, Saudi Arabia	January	5
2.	Investing in African Mining Indaba, Cape Town, South Africa	February,	6
3.	Prospector and Developers Association of Canada (PDAC)	March	7
4.	Africa Down Under Conference Perth, Australia	September	7

5.	Tianjing Mining Conference, China	October	6
6.	Dubai International Mining Conference and Exhibition	Oct/Nov	5
7.	London Mines and Money International Conference	Nov/Dec	4
8.	Regional Mineral Cadastre System Regional Group Meeting rotated amongst the ECOWAS countries	Between March – August	5

Table 30: Some international mining events the Office attended in 2023

15.0 CHALLENGES OF THE OFFICE

The challenges experienced in the operations of the MCO (both Headquarters and Zonal Offices) includes but not limited to the followings:

FINANCE:

- Budgetary constraints as regards running costs of the Head Quarters and Zonal Offices (vehicle maintenance, communication, water & other bills etc).

HUMAN RESOURCE:

- Under-staffing of the Headquarters and Zonal Offices
Delay in receiving reports from Mines Inspectorate to facilitate renewal applications of Mineral titles.

OPERATIONAL RESOURCE:

- Poor logistical support in mobility and field equipment.
Insufficient work tools such as file jackets and other stationaries for adequate filing of application documents.
Disruption of workflow on eMC+ due to inadequate internet bandwidth.
Insufficient computers (desktop/laptops) and printing machines.
Inadequate space for filing-cabinets.
Inadequate proper civic amenities and facilities
Housing the power-generating set in some Zonal Offices
Water supply and storage in some Zonal Offices
Fortifying the Offices' burglary proofs in some Zonal Offices
Lack of Revenue receipt at the Zonal Offices
Lack of still and video camera, drone camera and midgets

16.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

Below is a list of approach to proffer solutions to the challenges listed above:

1. Increased funding for the Office.
2. Capacity building of staff.
3. Employment of more technical staff.
4. Modernization of filling-cabinets, to suite the available space.
5. Increase internet bandwidth.
6. Provision of dedicated communication lines for communication with Mineral Title holders.
7. More Office space.

17.0 CONCLUSION

The Nigeria Mining Cadastre Office aligned its mandate delivery, to ensure implementation of the following Sustainable Development Goals, in line with the Strategic Direction of the organization:

- Goal 3: Good Health and Wellbeing of Human system for efficiency in sustained performance.
- Goal 7: Affordable and clean Energy projects with focus on device energy consumption while in use and human usage culture.
- Goal 8: Decent work and economic growth – Job creation via Establishment of the Zonal Offices and increased Revenue generation
- Goal 13: Climate Action - Deployment of eMC+ ensures less paper, less CO2 emission, creatively creating a performance boosting balance for all stakeholders through the innovation of our mandate delivery models.
- Goal 17: Partnerships – Ensuring transparency by collaborating with organizations such as NEITI, NFIU, NCSDC, NGSA, MID, MEC etc. Relationship with our stakeholders and mining community via sensitization, continuous research, development and sustainability model implementation to keep the organization beneficial and optimal in the delivery of it's mandate.

The Agency has in the course of discharging its statutory responsibilities as provided by section 5 (1) of the NMMA 2007 made the following modest achievements in the year 2023.

- i. 2023 NIRA.ng Presidential Awards.
- ii. Nigeria GovTech Public Service Award: Best Federal MDA in “Citizen-Centric Online Service” awarded by Bureau of Public Service Reforms – The Presidency, 2023.
- iii. 2022 NIRA.ng Award Winner as Best Agency Digital Innovation in Federal Government.
- iv. Completion of e-Recording and Archiving of Mineral Title documents now ready for Integration in the eMC+ online system.
- v. Acquisition, Geo-referencing and Geocoding of Topographic Maps of Nigeria for integration into the Mining Cadastre Digital Database.
- vi. Production of Thematic Mapping of Mineral Title Restricted (Protected) Areas in Nigeria Mining Cadastre for integration into the MCO Digital Database.
- vii. Exponential increase in Mineral Title Application submission by investors in the mining sector.
- viii. Organizational Growth - Establishment, and operationalization of MCO Offices in the Six Geo-Political Zones of the Country.
- ix. Participation in Numerous Local and International Mining Conferences such as London Mines and Money, Australia Down Under, Prospectors and

Developers Association of Canada (PDAC), Investing in African Mining Indaba, Capetown – South Africa etc. Participation in these conferences has served as a dependable platform for attracting foreign investment to the Mining Sector.

- x. Recorded major progress in the upgrade of the cadastre system and currently anticipating the phase II maintenance period.
- xi. Sustained the use of the eMC+ system.
- xii. Issuance of Mineral Titles.
- xiii. Approved the transfer of Mineral Titles to different holders.
- xiv. Approved the renewal of different Mineral Titles.
- xv. Approved and endorsed other types of modifications.
- xvi. Resolved several conflicts arising from consents and concession areas.
- xvii.** Generated N6.07billion in revenue.

PHOTO GALLERY OF MCO YEAR 2023 ACTIVITIES



Cross section of the NMGS, Abuja Chapter EXCO paying Courtesy Visit on the the Director General, Engr. O. S Nkom on his reappointment as the DG of the NMCO on Tuesday, 17th January, 2023



DG- MCO, Engr. O. S Nkom, DG - NGSA Dr. Rasak and other participants at the MMSD Ministerial Retreat held at the Best Western Plus Hotel, Ibadan, Oyo State from Wednesday 25th - Friday, 27th January, 2023



DG- NMCO, Engr. Obadiah Simon Nkom having eMC+ side Business Talk with Mr. Thomas Weissmann and Dr. Tobias Weber of GAF AG at Indaba Conference, Cape Town, South Africa on Wednesday, 8th February, 2023



Cross section of NMCO Management and Members of NMGS, Abuja Chapter participating at the NMGS Seminars at the NMCO Conference Room on Tuesday, 21st February, 2023



HM-MMSD, Arc. Olamilekan Adegbite with his Team; DG- NMCO, Engr. O. S Nkom; DG NGSA, Dr. Rasak Garba; PC- MinDiver, Engr. Salim; HM - SSA (Technical) Mr. Olu Adedayo and other VIP Delegates at PDAC International Mining Conference in Toronto, Canada on Monday, 6th March, 2023



DG- MCO, Engr. O.S. Nkom making presentation at Nigeria Day @PDAC Mining Conference in Toronto, Canada on Tuesday, 7th March, 2023



Cross section of attendees at the World Bank Task Team working visit to Nigeria Mining Cadastre Office (NMCO), DG- NMCO, Engr. O. S Nkom, TTL, Dr. Martin Lokanc with MinDiver Team and NMCO Management Staff at NMCO Conference Room on Wednesday, 22nd March, 2023



Director General- NMCO, Engr. Obadiah Simon Nkom looking on while Senator Umar Tanko Al- Makura sign the Guest Register after a brief Courtesy Visit on Wednesday 19th April, 2023



DG - NMCO, Engr. Obadiah Simon Nkom in a chat in his office with ICPC Team after the meeting on the 2023 Ethics and Integrity Compliance Score Card of NMCO on 20th Thursday April 2023



Cross section of staff at the One Day Review for Development (R4D) Retreat by the Nigeria Mining Cadastre Office with the theme: "Repositioning MCO Through Attitude Transformation for Improved Productivity" holding at Bon Hotel Elvis, on Wednesday 3rd May 2023



DG- MCO, Engr. O. S Nkom receiving his award 'as the Most Outstanding DG in the Mining Sector' from Director HR & A, Ladan Almustapha who represented him at the NUJ- FRCN Abuja Operations Chapel during its Press Week held at the National Press Centre, Area 10, Abuja on Wednesday, 10th May, 2023



DG -MCO, Engr. Obadiah Simon Nkom (m) received in his Office a Delegation of African Union Members on Courtesy Visit to MCO led by the AU Team Leader Dr.(Ms) Marit Kitaw-Ethiopia (2nd L); Tunde Arisekola-Nigeria (1st L); Mkhululi Ncube- Zimbabwe (2nd R) and Adil Mustapha- Morocco (1st R) on Thursday, 11th May, 2023



The Honourable Minister, Solid Minerals, Mr. Oladele Alake in handshake with DG MCO, Engr. O. S Nkom at the Welcome Ceremony held by MMSD for the Minister on Monday, 21st August, 2023



Group Photograph: HM, MSMD, Oladele Alake and Vip Delegates from Nigeria; PS, MSMD, Dr Mary Ogbe; DG, MCO, Engr. Obadiah Simon Nkom and other Delegates at the ongoing African Down Under Conference holding in Perth Australia.



HE, Governor of Nasarawa State, Engr. Abdullahi Sule, HM-MSMD, DR. Oladele Alake, PS-MSMD, Dr. Mary Ogbe, Dg-MCO, Engr Obadiah Simon Nkom, HRH Ibrahim Usman Jubrin and Officials of Ganfeng Ltd at the groundbreaking ceremony of Ganfeng Lithium Industry Limited held on Thursday 12th October, 2023 at Nasarawa State



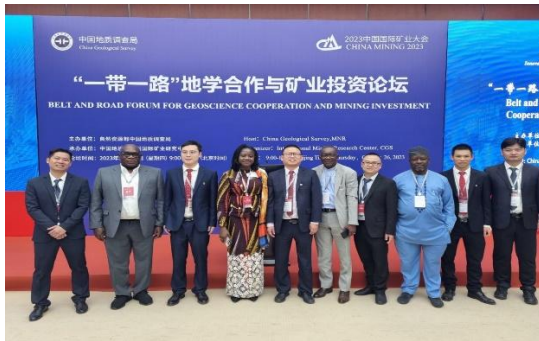
DG-MCO, Engr, O.S Nkom and MCO Management Staff with 2 in 1 Award recognizing the DG as Distinguished Gov Tech Trail Blazer and MCO as Best Federal in Citizen Centric Online Service by Bureau of Public Service Reforms on Friday, 23th October, 2023.



DG-MCO, Engr. O.S Nkom with GM, AG Vision Mining, Mr. Fadi Ghazale and another participant at the just concluded Nigeria Mining week, held at ICC, Abuja from Monday 16th to Wednesday 18th October, 2023



DG-MCO, Engr Obadiah Simon Nkom at the Forum for Geoscience Cooperation and Mining Investment holding at China Mining Conference in Tianjin, China on Thursday, 26th October 2023



China Forum: 4th Left: The Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Solid Minerals Development. Dr Mary A. Ogbe, 2nd left: DG- MCO, Engr O.S Nkom; 3rd right: DG-NGSA Dr, Rasaq Garba with other delegates and Chinese investors at the China Mining Forum Holding in Tianjin, China on Thursdav. 26th October 2023



Hon Minister,MMSD Mr. Oladele Alake,PS, MSMD, Dr. Mary Ogbe, DG-MCO, Engr. O.S NKOM and ES, SMDF, Hajiya FatimaShinkafi at the Mines and Money Conference holding at the Business Design Centre, London on Tuesday, 28th November, 2023.October, 2023