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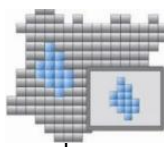
# **ANNUAL ACTIVITIES REPORT**

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## **2024 Annual Activities Report**

**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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## 1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Reminiscing on the achievements of year 2024, the Nigeria Mining Cadastre Office (MCO), since inception in 2007, has graciously continued to live up to its position as the gateway to the mining sector in Nigeria. Undauntedly, the Office has successfully ensured the operationalization of the **computerized Online Mineral Title administration system; the electronic Mining Cadastre system – eMC+** despite the numerous challenges associated with digitalization.

During the much-anticipated phase II maintenance period, major challenges of the eMC+, particularly “overlaps” was addressed thereby making application evaluation less cumbersome and faster. The system became more user friendly, there was increased system validation by Mineral Title Holders, Title holders are able to file multiple Small Scale Mining Lease’s (SSML) on their Exploration License’s (EL).

Both Locally and Internationally, the Office has continued to showcase eMC+ as a successful digital innovation in the Nigerian Mining Sector. eMC+ has stood the test of time. Throughout the year, the Office received numerous invitations from various organizations, to share its success story of digital innovation.

In keeping to his seven (7) point agenda for the transformation of the Ministry, to boost the Ministry’s international competitiveness and domestic prosperity, particularly, comprehensive review of all mining licenses amongst others, the Honorable Minister Dr. Oladele Alake, with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> July, 2024; approved the upward review of New Mineral Title and Modification application processing fees; considering that 2016 was the last time, New Mineral Title and Modification application processing fees were reviewed.

As such the Office observed the various ways in which this policy, impacted the activities of the Office. At the first instance, the Office witnessed a decrease in application submission, however in terms of revenue generation there was an increase.

Another policy implementation, via the relentless efforts of the Honorable Minister, was the revocation of 807 mineral titles; due to non-compliance with their obligations as spelt out in the Nigerian Mineral and Mining Act, 2007 (NMMA), particularly dormancy (in-active mineral titles).

In the year under review, the Office received a total of **5,650** new mineral title and modification applications (disaggregated as **5,050** new mineral title applications and **600** modification applications) as against 7,909 mineral title applications received in 2023.

Within the first two quarters of year 2024, the Office witnessed an average monthly new mineral title and modification submissions of 650 applications. However, following the upward review of application processing fees, by the third quarter the average monthly application received was 250, by the fourth quarter, the shock was waning and stakeholders gradually got used to the new fees and application submission picked up to 392 per month.

In terms of revenue generation, year 2024 turned out to be an exciting year for the Office; as throughout the history of the Office, the year turned out to be the year, the Office generated the highest revenue ever - **N12.578 billion**. Disaggregating this; in the first quarter, revenue generated was – N1,015,777,700.00, second quarter – N2,610,738,400.00. Fee review was with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> July, 2024 so by the third quarter – N3,496,558,200.00 and fourth quarter – N5,454,988,400.00. At the end of the year, total revenue generated by the Office is **N12,578,062,700.00**



In the year under review, as the gateway to the Mining sector, despite paucity of funds, the Office ensured its participation at both Local and International Mining Conferences, notable amongst which include: Future Mineral Summit – Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, where the DG MCO, Engr. O.S. Nkom was made the Chair of the Sustainability Co-ordination group; 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; Nigeria Mining Week, African Natural Resource and Investment Summit (AFNIS) just to mention a few; due to the importance of the Conferences. 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.

In a nut shell, the year has been a very progressive and impactful year

## FIRST QUARTER ACTIVITIES OF THE OFFICE

The activities of the year, kick started with the Office participation at the Future Minerals Forum (FMF) 2024 held in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia from 09<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> January 2024, with the Honorable Minister – Ministry of Solid Mineral Development (MSMD) Mr. Oladele Alake leading the Nigerian delegation. The theme of the Conference was “Creating Resilient and Responsible Mineral Value Chains in Africa, Western and Central Asia”

Immediately after participation at the FMF, the Office participated at the 5<sup>th</sup> Edition, of the meeting of the National Council on Mining and Mineral Resources Development (NCMMRD) held at the Banquet Hall opposite Government House, Ilorin Kwara State from Monday 15<sup>th</sup> – Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> January, 2024 with the theme: " Minerals and Metals Sector: A Panacea for Economic Growth & Diversity". The Office submitted a memorandum on Technological Innovation: A Pivotal Game Changer for the Minerals and Metals Industry case study of; the electronic Mining Cadastre System – eMC+.



DG- MCO, Engr. Obadiah Simon Nkom (8th from left) after the opening ceremony at the 5th National Council on Mining and Mineral Resources Development (NCMMRD) with the theme " Minerals and Metals Sector: A Panacea for Economic Growth & Diversity" holding at the Banquet Hall, opp Government House, Ilorin Kwara State from Monday 15th - Wednesday 17th, January 2024

In a bid to further create awareness on the adoption of the eMC+, the Office organized a meeting on the effective use of eMC+, held at the MCO Conference Room on Monday, 22nd January, 2024 inviting mining sector stakeholders, in attendance of the meeting was the President, Miners Association of Nigeria, Dele Ayanleke, the President Nigeria Mining and Geoscience Society (NMGS) Prof. A. S. Olatunji and other dignitaries.

To further enlighten Self-Regulatory Bodies (SRBS) on Implementation of Preventive Measures on Anti-Money Laundering/Countering the financing of terrorism and proliferation financing (AML/CFT/PF), the Office attended a two-Day workshop at Hawthorn Suites Area 11 Garki from Wednesday 24th - Thursday 25th, January 2024 organized by the Nigerian Financial Intelligence Unit (NFIU).

On Friday 28th January 2024, a brief meeting was held between the Peer reviewer, Mr Franciso Igualada and Mindiver representative Mr Akintunde Babarinde and MCO Management Staff to review the issues and challenges of eMC+ at the MCO Conference room, to highlight gray areas as regards eMC+ pending issues; the purpose was for MinDiver to capture all the issues and include in the maintenance contract to be signed by MinDiver and Messers GAF AG.

The Office participated at the African Mining Indaba, held in Cape Town, South Africa from February 5<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> 2024 with the theme - 'Embracing the power of positive disruption: A bold new future for African mining'. On the side lines of the conference, the Office seized the opportunity to have a physical meeting with Messers GAF AF, with the sole purpose of fine tuning the preparations towards the upcoming Maintenance mission in April/May.

The Prospectors and Developers Association Conference (PDAC) usually holds in March. In the year under review, the Office, also participated at the PDAC, which

held at Sheraton, Toronto, Canada from Tuesday, 5<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> March, 2024. The Honorable Minister - Ministry of Solid Minerals Development, was represented by the Director-General - Engr. Obadiah Simon Nkom who delivered the keynote address. Other delegates in attendance included PC MinDiver, Mr. Salim Salim, DG-MCO, Ambassador Obioma Nzekuji, DG- NGSA, Dr. Rasaq.

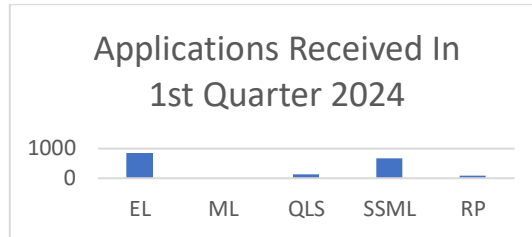
On Tuesday, 26<sup>th</sup> March, 2024 the Office received the Honorable Members of the House Committee on Solid Minerals who visited the Office to perform their Oversight function.

At the end of the first quarter, total Mineral Title applications received was 1,936 (MCO assisted online submission was 1,077 while MCO unassisted online submission was 859), grants 444, Signed Licenses 329. The revenue generated was N1,015,777,700.00

## First Quarter Statistics

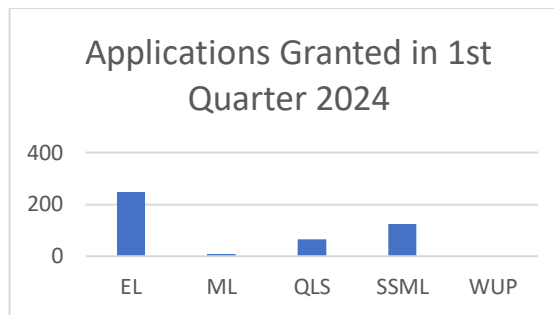
### Applications Received

S/N	TITLES	Q1
1	EL	849
2	ML	0
3	QLS	121
4	SSML	673
5	RP	97
	<b>Total</b>	1740



### Applications Granted

S/N	TITLES	Q1
1	EL	248
2	ML	8
3	QLS	65
4	SSML	123
5	WUP	0
	<b>Total</b>	444



### Licenses Signed

S/N	TITLES	Q1
1	EL	179
2	ML	8
3	QLS	52
4	SSML	108
5	RP	97
	<b>Total</b>	444



Total Revenue Generated in 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter of 2024 – N1,015,777,700.00

## SECOND QUARTER ACTIVITIES OF THE OFFICE

The activities of the second quarter of the year, commenced with the Honorable Minister's approval for the constitution of a committee to review fees, royalties, levies among others payable to the coffers of the Federal Government, from the Solid Mineral sector. The Committee was inaugurated on the 5<sup>th</sup> April, 2024 by the Permanent Secretary MSMD with the DG MCO as the Chairman and DG NGSA, DG NIMG, D(MID), D(ASMD) and D(MECD) as members. The Committee was expected to work from the 5<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> April, 2024.

The Terms of Reference within which the Committee was to work included:

1. Ascertain when fees, royalties' levies etc in the Solid Minerals Sector was last reviewed,
2. Review upward the present rates of fees, royalties, levies etc in the Solid Minerals Sector in tandem with the present economic realities,
3. Make any other recommendation that may assist the Government realize it's plan to make Solid Minerals one of the highest revenue earner other than hydrocarbon.

On Tuesday, 23rd April, 2024, the World Bank Task Team lead by Nora Artaa paid a visit to the Office. The purposed of the visit was to assess the performance of the eMC+ and consider the necessity of the maintenance period by Messers GAF AG. The DG- MCO, Engr. O. S Nkom made a critical presentation and update on Electronic Mining Cadastre plus (eMC+) at the meeting.

The Ministry of Solid Mineral Development organized a one-day Ministerial Step - Down Retreat for Senior Management Staff of the Ministry and its Agencies, with theme: "Delivering on the Eight Point Presidential priorities". The Retreat held

at the Wells Carlton Hotel and Apartment, Asokoro from Friday 26th - Saturday 27th, April, 2024. The Permanent Secretary, MSMD, Dr. Mary Ogbe, presided over the activities of the Retreat amongst the many presentations made, the DG MCO also made a presentation on Financing: Encourage Public Private Partnerships to Finance the Development of Essential Infrastructure Projects such as Transportation, Power and Water; Focus area for Nigeria Mining Cadastre Office: Increased Revenue Generated from Fees.



2nd left: Permanent Secretary, MSMD, Dr. Mary Ogbe, with DG- MCO, Engr. O. S Nkom,(1st left) DG- NGSA, Dr. Rasaq Garba (3rd left) and Registrar, Comeg, Prof Zachius Opafunso at the opening of the 2024 Ministerial Step - Down Retreat holding at the Wells Carlton Hotel and Apartment, Asokoro from Friday 26th - Saturday 27th, April, 2024.

When the Fee Review Committee concluded their work; considering that the fee review boards on change in policy, a meeting with stakeholders was organized, to bring them abreast with the intending policy review, to enable the Ministry harness feedbacks for proper tailored review. Inclusivity encourages people to have a say in the decisions that impact them. As such, on Thursday 2nd May 2024, at the Ministry's conference hall, the Honorable Minister convened a meeting of the Committee with mining sector stakeholders, to enlighten them on the proposed review of fees, royalties, levies among others payable to the coffers of the Federal Government.

The Office also participated at the NEITI 2022-2023 Template(s) Workshop of the Solid Mineral Industry Report and Training on the 2023 EITI standard from 2nd-3rd May 2024 at Dover Hotel Ikeja Lagos. Part II of the workshop for the NEITI 2022-2023 Solid Minerals Industry Report & Training on the 2023 EITI standard continued at De Edge Hotel, GRA Portharcourt on 6th - 7th May 2024.

GAF onsite phase II Maintenance Contract mission commenced 29th April to 3rd May 2024 at MCO conference hall. The Project Manager (GAF) Mr. Thomas Weißmann represented GAF and conducted the mission with staff of MCO.

The Office participated at the official launch of Nigerian Minerals Resource Decision Support System Software held at PTDF Conference Hall, Abuja on Tuesday, 14th May, 2024.

The organizers of the First International Mining Women Conference, Ngozichi Okorie and Emily Ofodile paid a Courtesy visit to MCO on Tuesday, 14th May, 2024 where they interacted with the DG- MCO, Engr. O. S Nkom and Dr. Victoria Enape.

Virtual meeting and presentation with GAF Project Manager Mr Thomas Weißmann and MCO Management Staff, on the follow-up process towards the implementation and improvement of eMC+ system, as part of the activities of the phase II Maintenance Contract was held on Wednesday 15th May 2024 at MCO conference hall.

The Director General- MCO, Engr. Obadiah Simon Nkom, participated at an investment Panel Session at the Nasarawa Investment Summit 2024 from 15th - 16th May, 2024, tagged "The Industrial Renaissance" at the Aliyu Akwe Doma Banquet Hall, Lafia, Nasarawa State on Wednesday, 15th May, 2024.



MCO Management Staff: Director Monitoring & Coordinating Dept, Engr. Mustapha Mani Yusuf; Director Concession Dept, Abdulmajeed Ibrahim Jatau and Head, RDS Unit, Mrs Muhammad Hannatu Indo attended the National Gemstones & Jewellery Show at Chida Event Complex, Utako Abuja on Thursday, 16th May, 2024.

Representative of DG- MCO Director, M & C, Department, Engr. Mustapha Mani Yusuf attended the meeting between Ministry of Solid Minerals Development and Delegation from Ghana National College of Defence Studies Course 1/2023 at the Ministry's Conference Room on Tuesday, 21st May, 2024.

On Wednesday, 22nd May, 2024 DG - MCO, Engr. Obadiah Simon Nkom received in his Office, a delegation on Committee of Expert on Solid Minerals, Kano State on Courtesy Visit led by the Special Adviser Solid Minerals to the Governor, Hon. Aminu Abba Ibrahim to discuss matters of interest with MCO.

The Office participated in the Training of Gender Focal Person for the Ministry of Solid Minerals and Steel Development, which held at Jemmyland Hotel, off Abacha Road, Mararaba, Nasarawa State on Tuesday 28th May, 2024, where the Gender Strategy - 2024 – 2029 was revealed to participants.

On Tuesday, 28th May, 2024; Governor of Borno State, His Excellency, Prof. Babagana Umara Zulum and his Aides received the DG- MCO, Engr. Obadiah Simon Nkom and former DG - MCO, Engr. Mohammed K Amate at the Borno State Governor's Office in Asokoro, Abuja.

The Independent Corrupt Practices & Other Related Offences Commission (ICPC) Team on Friday, 7th June, 2024 visited the Office to deploy the annual Ethics & Integrity Compliance Scorecard (EICS) for the year 2024.

NMCO Team/ Delegates were opportune to participate at the 'Seminar on Development and Management of Mineral Resources for Governmental Officials from Nigeria' In Beijing, China from Thursday, 13<sup>th</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> June, 2024.

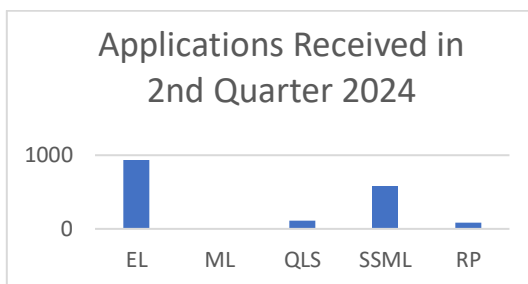
The ECOWAS Consultant, Mr Azuka Pius Ozah; along with delegates from Nigerian Upstream Petroleum Resources Commission (NUPRC) Mr Olusegun Bankole and Mr Madu Hassan Fika paid a courtesy visit to the DG - MCO Engr.O.S Nkom to brief the Office on the proposed establishment of ECOWAS Geo- Extractives Observatory & Cadastre System, on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2024 at MCO conference hall.

At the end of the second quarter, total Mineral Title applications received was 1,972 (MCO assisted online submission was 1,012 while MCO unassisted online submission was 960), grants 1,437, Signed Licenses 642. While revenue generated was N2,610,738,400.00.

## Second Quarter Statistics

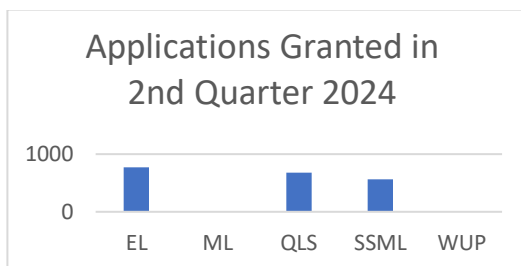
### Applications Received

S/N	TITLES	TOTAL
1	EL	939
2	ML	4
3	QLS	111
4	SSML	583
5	RP	83
	<b>Total</b>	<b>1720</b>



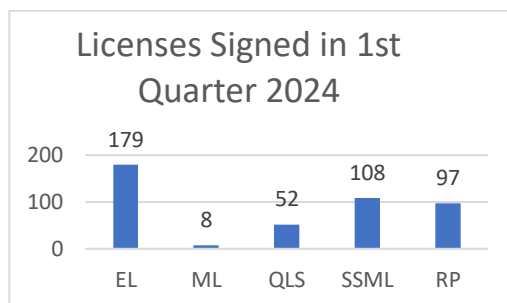
### Applications Granted

S/N	TITLES	TOTAL
1	EL	777
2	ML	12
3	QLS	678
4	SSML	569
5	WUP	1
	<b>Total</b>	<b>1437</b>



### Licenses Signed

S/N	TITLES	TOTAL
1	EL	437
2	ML	7
3	QLS	53
4	SSML	321
5	RP	75
	<b>Total</b>	<b>893</b>



Total Revenue Generated in 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter of 2024 – N 2,610,738,400.00

**THIRD QUARTER ACTIVITIES OF THE OFFICE**

The Office commenced the third quarter of the year with an unfortunate system down time which lasted for a period of two (2) weeks from Monday 1<sup>st</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> July, 2024. This was due to technical glitch experienced by the Cloud Service Provider hosting the Office data. However, on the 15<sup>th</sup> July, 2024 the system was back up again. The glitch was resolved and the database was intact.

Immediately after the unfortunate incidence of the downtime, the Office was glad to participate at the third edition of the African Natural Resource and Investment Summit (AFNIS) organized by the Ministry, which took place at the Banquet Hall, Presidential Villa, Abuja from 16<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024. The President of Nigeria, His Excellency, Bola Ahmed Tinibu was ably represented by the Vice President of Nigeria, Kashim Shettima. The Minister of MSMD was in company of Eight (8) other Nigerian Ministers and Ministers of Natural Resources from other African countries were also in attendance. The theme of the Summit was: “Natural Resources for Economic Development”. There the Office gladly displayed eMC+ and the Vice President had a glimpse of the system.

The Vice President while declaring the Summit open, emphasized the present administration’s commitment to revitalizing the natural resource and energy sector, considering its strategic role in economic growth and sustainable development. The Minister for MSMD in his welcome address emphasized that the Summit also marked the first summit hosted by Nigeria since its emergence as the pioneer Chairman of the African Minerals Strategic Group (AMSG). The Vice President was received at the MSMD pavilion by the DG- MCO, Engr. Obadiah Simon Nkom, who welcomed him to the pavilion and briefed him on the electronic Mining Cadastre system – eMC+.

The DG- MCO, Engr. O. S Nkom along with other delegates from Nigeria were in attendance at the Africa Down-under 2024 Conference, which held from Wednesday, 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> September, 2024 at the Pan Pacific Hotel, Perth Australia. The Australian High Commissioner to Nigeria Ms. Leilani Bin-Juda was also in attendance.

Other activities of the Office included:

Management representatives of Klynveld Peat Marwick Goerdeler (KPMG) Head, Government & Public Sector, Mr. Dimeji Salaudeen and Director, Infrastructure & Major Projects, Mr. Erabor Okogun paid a courtesy visit to the DG-MCO, Engr. Obadiah Simon Nkom on Wednesday, 24<sup>th</sup> July, 2024, where they discussed possible areas of collaboration with the Office.

SCUML of the EFCC once again, organized a One-Day Workshop for Self-Regulatory Bodies (SRBS) on the Implementation of Preventive Measures on Money Laundering and countering proliferation and terrorism on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> July 2024 held at Hawthorn Suits, Garki Abuja. The following Officers: Adamu Markus, Senior Scientific Officer, Aniebiet Akpabio, Senior Geologist and Emem Bassey, Scientific Officer II as Officers receiving both applications for New Mineral Titles and modification represented the Office.

The Office participated at the annual NEITI 2022 - 2023 Solid Minerals Audit Tripartite Reconciliation meeting from 25<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> August, 2024 holding at Black Diamond Hotel, V. I, Lagos, Head (RDS) Mrs. Muhammad H. Indo represented the Office. The exercise continued on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2024 at Alpha Plus Apartments Utako District, Abuja, the Office was represented by Mr Noel Okojie.

The Director General, Engr. O. S Nkom was inducted as a Fellow into the Chartered Institute of Management and Leadership on Thursday, 29<sup>th</sup> August, 2024

at the Conference Hall, Nicon Luxury Hotel, Area 11, Abuja. During the event, Director M & C, Engr. Mustapha Mani Yusuf made contributions at the Conference.

On the 9<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> September, 2024, the Zonal Cadastre Officer North Central Zone along with his staff collaborated with Plateau State Government to hold a Stakeholders Consultative Forum on Emerging Reforms in Nigeria's Mining Sector. The forum held at the Banquet Hall, Government House Little Rayfield Jos, Plateau State.

The Independent Corrupt Practices Commission (ICPC) has the mandate to review, on a periodic basis, the systems, procedures and operations of public and private sector institutions, in order to determine institutional vulnerabilities that can or actually engender corruption in the Organization. As a result; on Tuesday, 10<sup>th</sup> September 2024, representatives from ICPC visited the Office to inaugurate the Anti-Corruption and Transparency Unit (ACTU) of the Office.

National Environmental Standards and Regulations Enforcement Agency (NESREA) North Central Office paid a courtesy call to NMCO North Central Jos. The courtesy call aimed to seek collaboration and synergy between both agencies to improve the standard of mining operations in the environment, on the 13<sup>th</sup> September 2024.

The Director General, Nigeria Mining Cadastre Office, NMCO, Engr. Obadiah Simon Nkom received in his Office, the Australian High Commissioner, Her Excellency, Leilani Bin-Juda and Second Secretary, Anton Bouckley, on a courtesy visit to MCO on Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> September, 2024.



DG, NMCO, Engr. Obadiah Simon Nkom with Australian High Commissioner, Her Excellency, Leilani Bin-Juda and Second Secretary Australian High Commission, Anton Bouckley, Director Concession with MCO Management staff, Mr. Abuldumajeed Jatau Ibrahim, Head, RDS, Mrs Muhammad Hanatu Indo, Head, Protocol, Mr. Dayo Omasa; STA- DG, Mr. Madaki Joseph and MSMD, IPMT Desk Officer, Mrs Fatima Maikore after the Commission's brief meeting held in DG's Office on Friday, 20th September, 2024

The Nigerian Mineral Resources Decision Support System (NMRDSS) maintenance training held at Beak Consultants Office in Freiberg, Germany from Tuesday, 24<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> September, 2024. MCO constituted part of the Nigerian delegates from the mining sector that participated at the training.

The EFCC for the third time running within the year, organized another training for the Designated Non-Financial Business Professionals (DNFBPs) Public and Private Sector Dialogue Forum with the theme: Strengthening the culture of compliance in the DNFBPs Sector on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> September 2024, at Fraser Suites Abuja. Staff that represented the Office included: Ag Dir. Registry Department Surv. Austine Bakoshi; Asst. Dir. Monitoring and Coordination Mr Eche Friday, Bar. Samuel Adetoye and the Information Officer Mr Emem Bassey.

In support of the development of Women in the Office, two female staff Asst. Dir/Head Press Mrs. Sade Fatoke and Geologist, Busola Abiona attended the Women In Mining Conference, tagged Gold and Gemstone Conference & Exhibition on

Thursday, 26<sup>th</sup> September, 2024 which held at Pan African Centre, Ozumba Mbadiwe Avenue, Victoria Island, Lagos State.

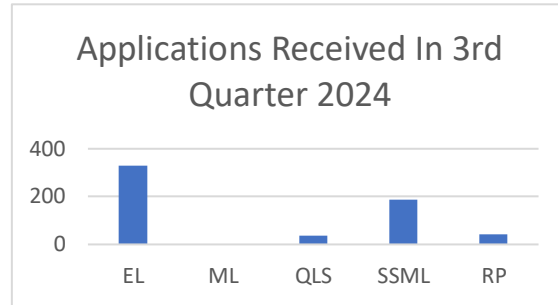
At the end of the third quarter, total Mineral Title applications received was 768 (MCO assisted online submission was 475 while MCO unassisted online submission was 293), grants 535, Signed Licenses 80. While revenue generated was N3,496,558,200.00.



## Third Quarter Statistics

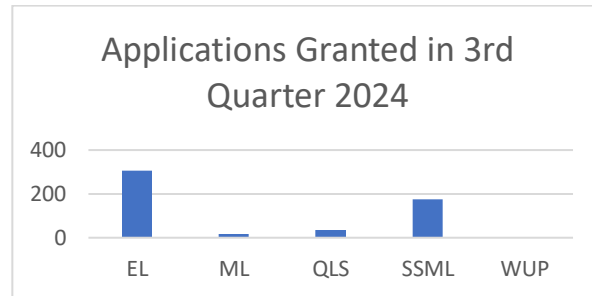
### Applications Received

S/N	TITLES	Q3
1	EL	329
2	ML	0
3	QLS	36
4	SSML	188
5	RP	43
Total		596



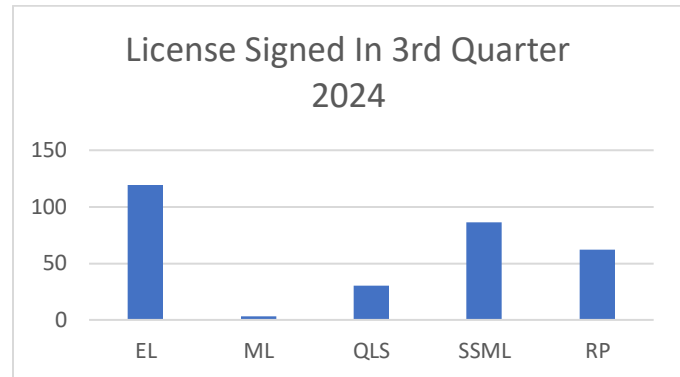
### Applications Granted

S/N	TITLES	Q3
1	EL	307
2	ML	18
3	QLS	35
4	SSML	175
5	WUP	0
Total		535



### Licenses Issued

S/N	TITLES	Q3
1	EL	119
2	ML	3
3	QLS	30
4	SSML	86
5	RP	62
Total		300



Total Revenue Generated in 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter of 2024 – N 3,496,558,200.00.

## FOURTH QUARTER ACTIVITIES OF THE OFFICE

The fourth quarter kicked off with, the President of the Nigerian Mining and Geosciences Society (NMGS) alongside some Executives of the Society on Thursday, 10<sup>th</sup> October, 2024, paying a working visit to the Director General - NMCO, Engr. O. S. Nkom, being the Chairman of the Local Organizing Committee (LOC) of the forthcoming Annual International Conference and Exhibition slated to hold from the 16<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> February, 2025.

Staff who are members of the Nigeria Cartographic Association attended the 45<sup>th</sup> Annual International Conference which held at the Federal University of Technology Minna, Niger State from the 14<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> October, 2024.

The Nigerian Society of Mining Engineers (NSME) held their annual International Conference on Wednesday, 16<sup>th</sup> October, 2024 at the Edo State University, Iyamo, Edo State. Engr. Dauda Ding'an Habila presented a paper on behalf of DG, Engr. O. S. Nkom on the topic: "Appraisal of the Mining Industry: Progress and Challenges" at the Conference.

The Centre for Journalism Innovation and Development (CJID) paid a courtesy visit to the Director-General on Thursday, 17<sup>th</sup> October, 2024 to discuss areas of mutual collaboration.

The DG - NMCO, Engr. O. S. Nkom was honored with the Distinguished Merit and Honor Award by the Nigerian Cartographic Association (NCA) at its 45th AGM and International Conference held at the Federal University of Technology, Minna, Niger State on Thursday, 17th October, 2024.

The expert desk Officers of the Federal Civil Service Strategy Implementation Plan (FCSSIP25) from the Ministry of Solid Minerals Development, at the instance of the Permanent Secretary, organized a one-day Sensitization on the Implementation of the FCSSIP 25 for Staff of the Nigeria Mining Cadastre Office. This held on Wednesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> October, 2024 at Immaculate Diamond Hotel, Wuse II, Abuja

The DG- MCO, Engr. O. S. Nkom participated at the West and Central Africa implementation and public sensitization workshop on African Minerals and Energy Resources Classification and Management System (AMREC) – Pan African Resource Reporting Code (PARC) which took place at Fleur De Lys Hotel Dakar Senegal from 29<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> October 2024. The PARC was developed to enhance competence certification processes in the mineral industry in Africa, to keep in tandem with the specific objective of coherent policies and robust regulatory frame work which are harmonized at the regional and continental levels. At the workshop, the DG made a presentation titled: Digital Nigeria Mining Cadastre Office: The West Africa World Class Institution.

On Monday, 4th November, 2024, the Senate Committee on Solid Minerals Development paid a visit to the MCO. The purpose of the visit was to conduct their statutory Oversight Function of the Office. The DG, Engr. O. S Nkom made a presentation on "The Activities of the Nigeria Mining Cadastre" during the visit.



Director General- MCO, Engr. Obadiah Simon Nkom, welcoming the Chairman, Senate Committee on Solid Minerals Development, Sen. Dr. Ekong Sampson for the Committee Oversight Function visit to MCO on Monday, 4th November, 2024

On the 5<sup>th</sup> November, 2024, the Office launched its Official Twitter Space, with the DG making a presentation on: Unlocking Nigeria's Mining Potential: The Role of the Mining Cadastre Office. Over a thousand (1,000) people, both within and outside the country tuned in to the live program. The main purpose of this was to enlighten Mining sector stakeholders on how the Office performs its role as the gateway to the mining sector via administration and management of mineral titles thereby empowering growth in the solid minerals sector—from licensing to tenement management.

In furtherance to performing their Oversight Functions as well, members of House Committee on Solid Minerals Development (HCSMD) led by its Chairman Hon. Jonathan Gbepwi on Tuesday, 12<sup>th</sup> November, 2024 also paid a visit to the Office. They were received by the DG, Engr. O. S. Nkom, who made a presentation on "The Activities of the Nigeria Mining Cadastre Office".

In a bid to ensure health and safety in the work place, the Solid Mineral Development Fund (SMDF) organized a two (2) days First Aid Training for Staff of the Office from the 13<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> November 2024. The resource persons were representatives from the Nigerian Red Cross Society the training held at the Immaculate Luxury Hotel, Lobito Crescent Wuse 2 Abuja.

As the year gradually comes to a close, one of the prominent activities of the sector normally holds at the end of the year that is the Nigeria Mining Week (NMW). This year marked the 9<sup>th</sup> Edition of the NMW, which took place at the Abuja Intercontinental from the 18<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup>, November, 2024. The events of the week kick started with pre-conference events which included Press briefings, Masterclass: Positioning Mining Companies: Securing Exploration and Mining Financing Background at the start off of the Nigeria Mining Week attended by the PS and other

VIP Delegates. The opening ceremony was graced by the HM, MSMD, Dr. Henry Dele Alake; PS, MSMD Dr. Mary Ogbe, DG-MCO Engr. O. S. Nkom, VIP delegates and other Mining Sector Stakeholders.

Geo-information Society of Nigeria (GEOSON) held their Annual Conference, AGA & GIS-Day Celebration from the 17<sup>th</sup>- 21<sup>st</sup>, November, 2024 at the Armed Forces Officers Mess, Asokoro, Abuja. Engr. Mustapha M. Yusuf, FGEOSON, FNCA, FNATE represented Engr. O.S.Nkom. FGEOSON, FNMGS, FNSE, FNSME, at the 2024 GEOSON.

Considering the two (2) weeks down-time period encountered by the Office, which brought about a near total shot down on the operations of the Office and the need to refresh staff knowledge, on the importance of protecting and keeping official information and documents out of the reach of unscrupulous individuals, a one - Day Cyber Security Training for members of staff, was organized by the DSS on Tuesday, 26<sup>th</sup> November, 2024 at the Conference Room of the Office. Furthermore, Management took the opportunity to get members of Staff to reaffirm their allegiance to the Office upholding ethics of their various professions as it relates to their role/schedule in the Office; a session on Oath of Allegiance and Declaration of Oath of Secrecy was administered to Staff by the Legal Department of the Office.

In furtherance to seeing that staff of the Accounts Department are in tune with the latest accounting soft-ware package particularly Bottom-Up Cash Planning using Government Integrated Financial Management Information System (GIFMIS) a one-day training was conducted for the Accounts Department on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2024, at MCO conference room. The Resource Personnel were Mrs Odutunwase Olufunke and Officer Mrs Bamigbade Olufunmilayo from the Office of the Accountant General of the Federation (OAGF).

The Office participated at the London Mines and Money Conference held at the Business Design Centre Upper Street, London, United Kingdom on Wednesday, 4<sup>th</sup> December, 2024. The HM, MSMD, Dr. Oladele Alake who was in company of Vice Minister for Mining Affairs, Saudi Arabia, Khalid Saleh Al-Mudaifer led the Nigerian delegation; other Senior Management in attendance at the Conference included: DG-MCO, Engr. O. S. Nkom, DG, NGSA, Prof. Ige, ES, SMDF, Hajia Fatima Shikafi, Director, MID, Engr. Ganiu Imam, Director, IPMT Mrs Ester Udo.

The delegation from German International Cooperation Society (GIZ) and Nigerian Financial Intelligence Unit (NFIU) visited the Office on a technical assistance project on Implementation of Nigeria's International Country Risk Guide (ICRG) Action Plan on Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> December, 2024. They were received by the DG and Management Staff.

The Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS), is currently in the process of establishing a Geo-Extractives Observatory and Cadastre system, which will involve developing a platform on which all relevant Geo-data will be uploaded. As a result, ECOWAS contracted a Consultant – Mr. Pius A. Azuka to carry out on the spot assessment of Mining Cadastres in member countries and put up a draft report, on the feasibility of the establishment of the Geo-Extractives Observatory and Cadastre system.

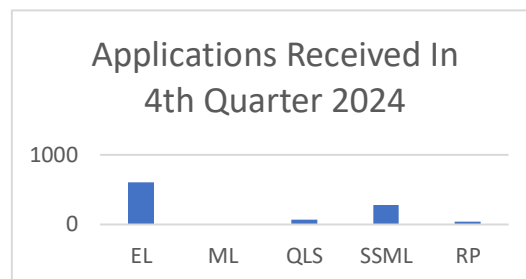
In the light of the above, PS invited the Office to participate at the review of the draft 2<sup>nd</sup> Report to establish the ECOWAS Geo-Extractives Observatory and Cadastre system. The meeting held at Lime Ridge Hotel, Lagos from 19<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> December, 2024. At the meeting the HM MSMD was represented by Dr. Kalu Iroakaz IPMT while Head, RDS, Mrs Muhammad Hannatu Indo represented the Office.

At the end of the fourth quarter, total Mineral Title applications received was 1,176 (MCO assisted online submission was 663 while MCO unassisted online submission was 513), grants 1,220, Signed Licenses 247. While revenue generated was N5,454,988,400.00.

## Fourth Quarter Statistics

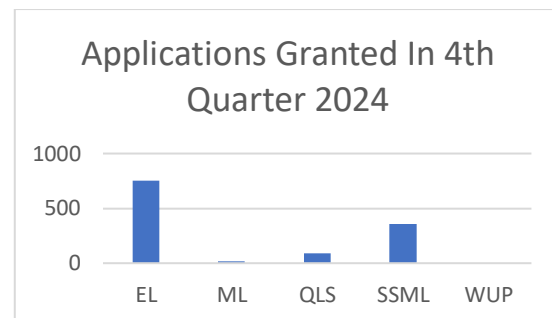
### Applications Received

S/N	TITLES	Q4
1	EL	607
2	ML	0
3	QLS	71
4	SSML	278
5	RP	39
Total		995



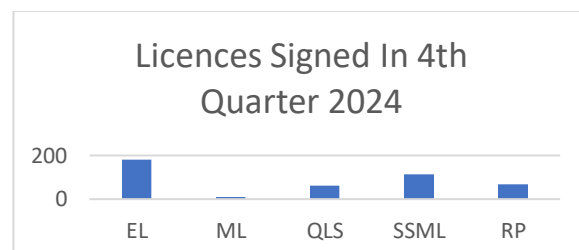
### Applications Granted

S/N	TITLES	Q4
1	EL	754
2	ML	19
3	QLS	88
4	SSML	359
5	WUP	0
Total		1220



### Licenses signed

S/N	TITLES	Q4
1	EL	182
2	ML	10
3	QLS	63
4	SSML	114
5	RP	67
Total		436



Total Revenue Generated in 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter of 2024 – N 5,454,988,400.00.

## eMC+ PERFORMANCE SINCE UNVEILING TO MINING SECTOR STAKEHOLDERS

Two years after the unveiling of eMC+ the adoption of the system by stakeholders has been though; gradual but steady 15,347 applications and 41.52% adoption by mining sector stakeholders. There is need for continuous sensitization to attain significant adoption evidenced by the following summary for 2024:

1. Total year 2024 Mineral Title and modification application submissions = 5,852
2. Projection for Unassisted Online Mineral Title and Modification Application Submissions = 207 monthly
3. Actual Unassisted Online Mineral Title and modification application submissions = 2,625
4. Performance against projection = 141
5. Percentage of performance against projection = 5.68%
6. Percentage of Unassisted Online Mineral Title application submission = 44.86%

S/N	Date/Period under review	Total monthly Mineral Title application Submissions	Projection for Unassisted Online Mineral Title application Submissions	Actual Unassisted Online Mineral Title application Submissions	Performance against projection	Percentage of Performance against Projection	Percentage of Unassisted Online Mineral Title application
1	January	630	207	288	81	39.13043478	45.71
2	February	680	207	312	105	50.72463768	45.88
3	March	626	207	259	52	25.12077295	41.37
4	April	559	207	240	33	15.94202899	42.93
5	May	903	207	452	245	118.3574879	50.06
6	June	510	207	268	61	29.46859903	52.55
7	July	126	207	67	-140	-67.6328502	53.17
8	August	278	207	108	-99	-47.826087	38.85
9	September	364	207	118	-89	-42.9951691	32.42
10	October	356	207	133	-74	-35.7487923	37.36
11	November	362	207	162	-45	-21.7391304	44.75
12	December	458	207	218	11	5.314009662	47.60
<b>Jan. - Dec. 2024</b>		<b>5,852</b>	<b>2,484</b>	<b>2,625</b>	<b>141</b>	<b>5.676328502</b>	<b>44.86</b>

Table:1 – Showing year2024 eMC+ Mineral Title and modification application submission performance

At the end of year 2024, adoption of eMC+, by mining sector stakeholders is 41.52% and the percentage performance against projection 5.67%.



The 2025 projection is actually 0.8% lower than the percentage actual performance of year 2024. A clear analysis, derived from the table above was done that resulted in the 2025 projection for Unassisted Online Mineral Title and modification application submission as 217 monthly submissions.

## 2.0 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).

# MCO ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE

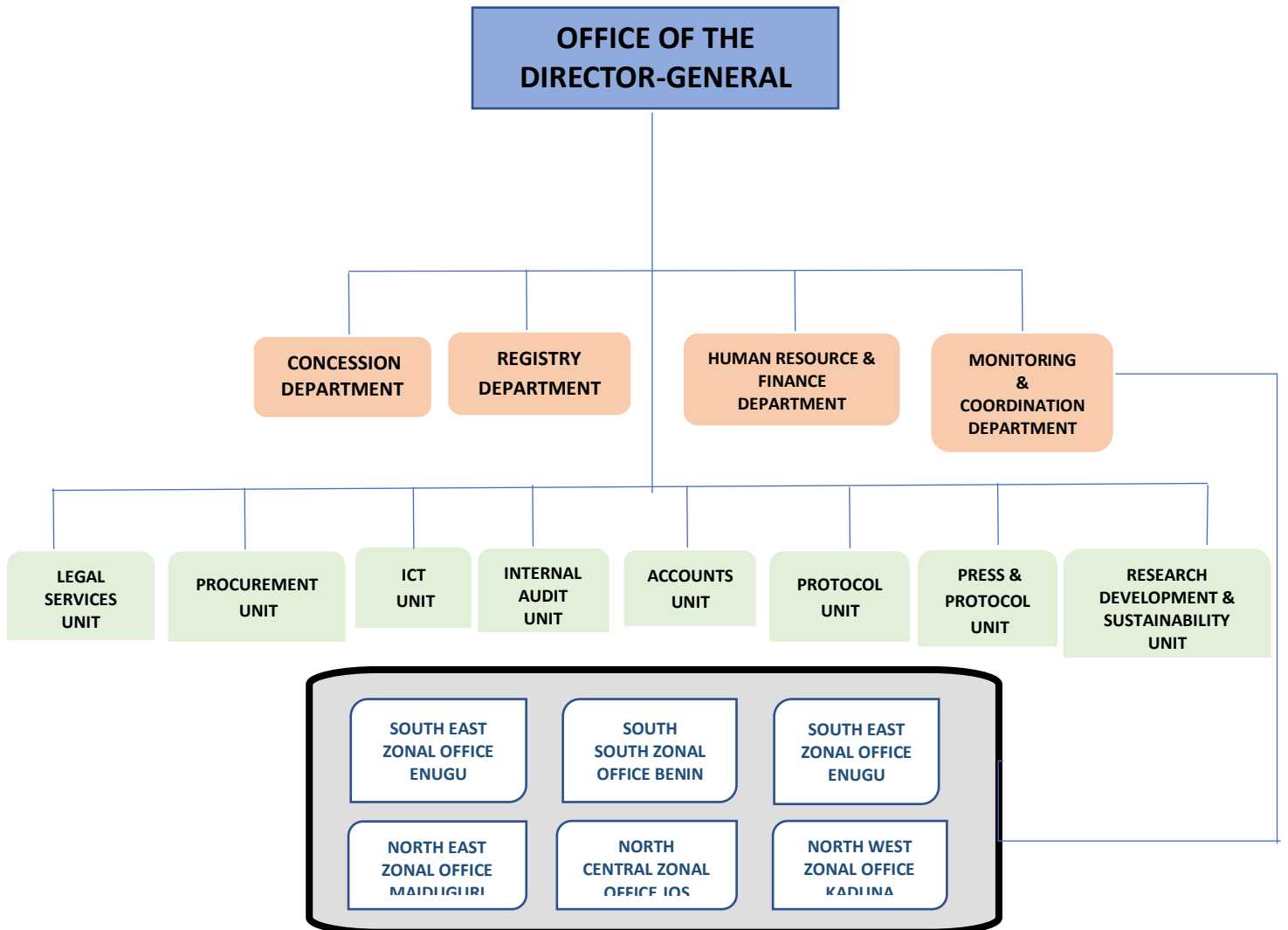


Fig. 1: MCO Organizational Structure

### 3.0 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.

## 4.0 MILESTONE ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE MCO IN 2024

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

1. In 2024, the Office generated the highest revenue so far; **N12.578B**.
2. Won all Court cases in the year, 2024.
3. Sustained usage of the unveiled new system – eMC+ by MCO staff and stakeholders.
4. Continuous cleaning of database (due to backlog) and full operationalization moving from SIGTIM programme to eMC+.
5. Exponential increase in Mineral Title Application submission by investors in the mining sector
6. 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.
7. Revocation of 807 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.
8. Deleting of Expired Mineral Titles from the data base.
9. Gazzetting of grants not collected.
10. Publication of grants of Mineral Titles in both print and electronic media.

## 5.0 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 2024. A total of 5,050 applications for Mineral Titles (including Permits) were received in the year under review. Of this number, over 3,636 were evaluated while 1,414 is still pending. 3,636 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 2,073 mineral titles were signed, and 1,294 were issued.

## 5.1 TRANSACTIONS FROM JANUARY TO DECEMBER 2024

The summary of the various Mineral title applications received and processed by MCO from January to December 2024 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	2,724	1,422	689
2	ML	4	40	22
3	QL	339	231	399
4	SSML	1,721	871	35
Total		4,788	2,564	1,294

Table: 2- Showing transactions from January to December 2024

### BAR CHART SHOWING ACTIVITIES FROM JANUARY TO DECEMBER 2024

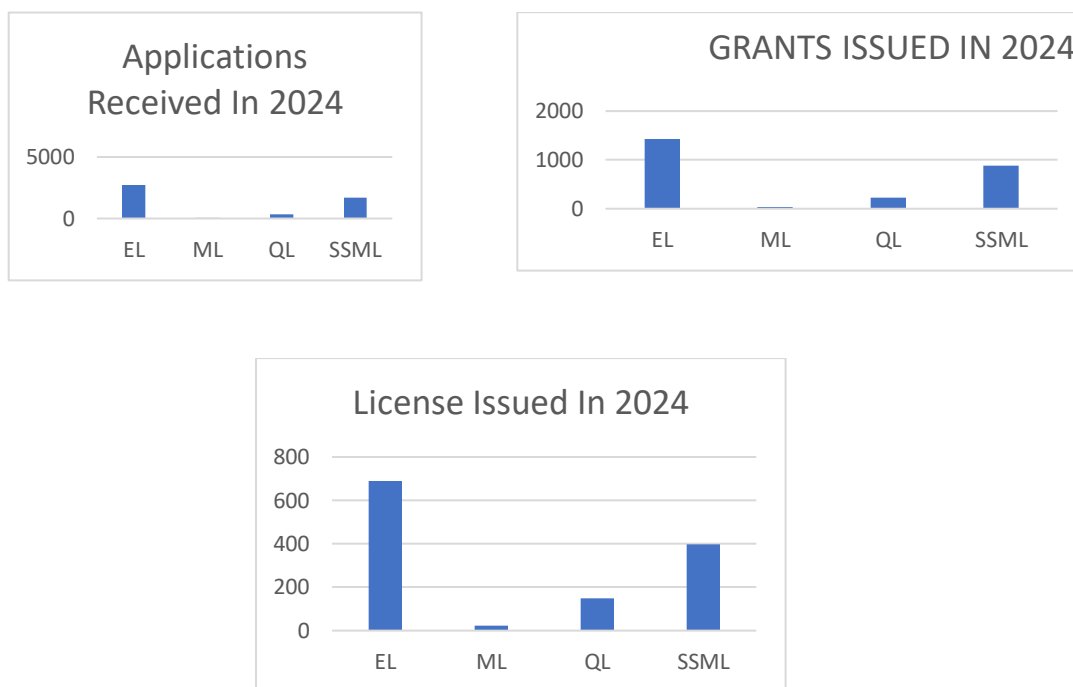


Fig 2: Bar chart Showing transactions from January to December 2024

From January to December 2024, a total number of 4,788 applications for Mineral Titles (excluding the permits RP & WUP) were received and 3,590 were approved for grants and eventually 1,294 issued Licenses in compliance with the Nigerian Mineral and Mining Act (NMMA) 2007. Note, that 12 applications for Area extension/enlargement was received.

## 5.2 APPLICATIONS FOR PERMITS FROM JANUARY TO DECEMBER 2024

S/N	TITLE TYPE	APPLICATIONS RECEIVED	PERMITS ISSUED
1	RP	<b>262</b>	<b>35</b>
2	WUP	<b>0</b>	

Table: 3 Applications for Permits 2024

In 2024 a total number of 262 applications for Reconnaissance Permits were received, while a total of 302 Permits were signed for 2024 inclusive of permits from the previous year; while no application for Water Use Permit was received, in compliance with the Nigerian Mineral and Mining Act, (NMMA) 2007.

## 5.3 APPLICATIONS FOR MINERAL TITLES RECEIVED IN 2024

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTAL
EL	277	309	263	232	470	237	61	97	171	153	186	268	<b>2,724</b>
ML	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>4</b>
QL	60	35	26	38	39	34	8	16	12	35	18	18	<b>339</b>
RP	33	35	29	18	40	25	3	31	9	16	9	14	<b>262</b>
SSML	223	228	222	187	253	143	24	74	90	90	87	100	<b>1,721</b>
WUP	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>593</b>	<b>607</b>	<b>540</b>	<b>479</b>	<b>802</b>	<b>439</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>218</b>	<b>282</b>	<b>294</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>5,050</b>

Table 4: Applications received in 2024



## BAR-CHART SHOWING NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS RECEIVED ON MONTHLY BASES FOR 2024

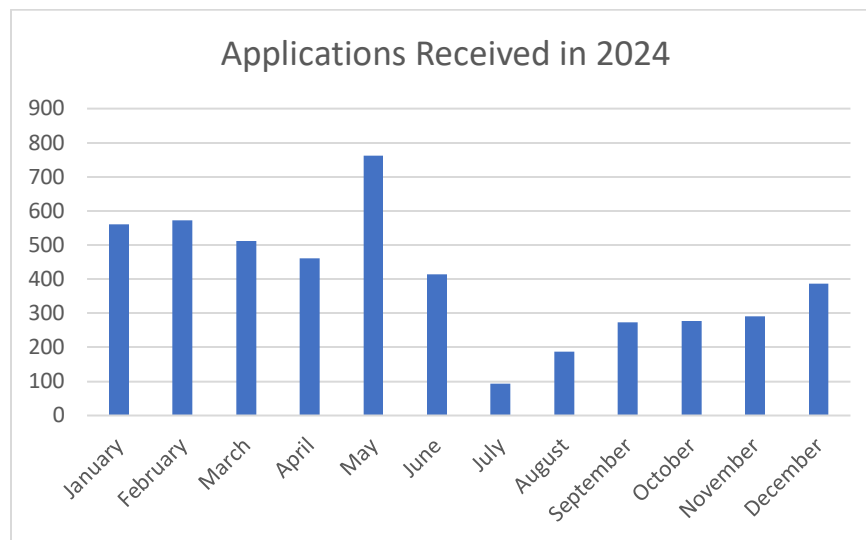


Fig 3: Bar-Chart Showing Number of Mineral Applications received on Monthly bases for 2024

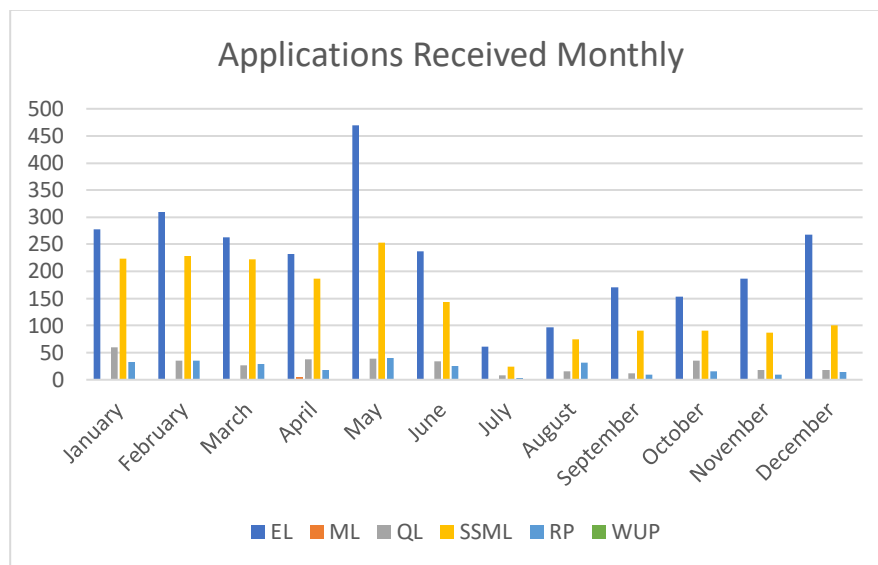


Fig 4: Bar-Chart Showing Number of Mineral Titles received by Title type on Monthly bases for 2024

## 5.4 NUMBER OF APPROVED GRANTS JAN TO DEC 2024

Month	EL	ML	QL	SSML	TOTAL
January	243	0	22	119	384
February	3	0	1	2	6
March	2	8	42	2	54
April	423	4	29	353	809
May	108	1	33	53	195
June	246	7	16	164	433
July	8	6	2	20	36
August	296	12	32	147	487
September	3	0	1	8	12
October	611	9	65	292	977
November	143	10	23	66	242
December	0	0	0	1	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>2086</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>266</b>	<b>1227</b>	<b>3636</b>

Table 5: Table showing the Number of Approved Grants Jan to Dec 2024

## 5.5 SUMMARY OF GRANTS ISSUED PER MONTH IN 2024

Month	EL	ML	QL	SSML	TOTAL
JANUARY	1	0	0	2	3
FEBRUARY	72	0	17	54	143
MARCH	77	0	5	32	114
APRIL	64	9	36	19	128
MAY	185	2	21	159	367
JUNE	127	3	17	109	256
JULY	154	3	16	64	237
AUGUST	117	8	18	87	230
SEPTEMBER	151	2	17	96	266
OCTOBER	178	9	26	81	294
NOVEMBER	223	2	49	139	413
DECEMBER	73	2	9	37	121
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1422</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>231</b>	<b>879</b>	<b>2572</b>

Table 6: summary of Grants Issued Jan to Dec 2024

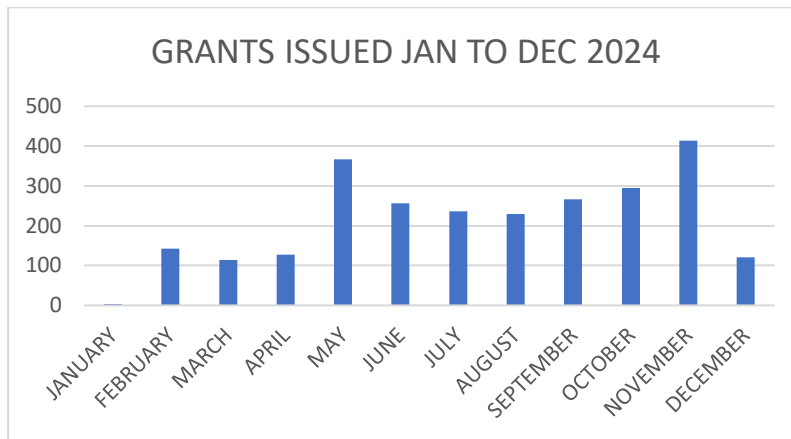


Fig 5: bar-chart Showing Number of Grants Issued per month

A total of 3,636 Mineral Titles were granted in the year 2024. The month of October, had the highest with 977, while December had the least with 1 grant. The average for the year per month was 303.

## 5.6 SUMMARY OF SIGNED LICENSES PER MONTH IN 2024

Month	EL	ML	QL	SSML	RP	TOTAL
JANUARY	172	0	20	103	0	295
FEBRUARY	5	0	1	4	97	107
MARCH	2	8	31	1	0	42
APRIL	292	4	21	240	0	557
MAY	67	1	20	29	75	192
JUNE	78	2	12	52	0	144
JULY	3	2	2	20	62	89
AUGUST	79	1	24	63	0	167
SEPTEMBER	37	0	4	3	0	44
OCTOBER	139	7	45	102	0	293
NOVEMBER	25	3	18	1	67	114
DECEMBER	18	0	0	11	0	29
TOTAL	917	28	198	629	301	2073

Table: 7 Summary of Licenses Signed per Month in 2024

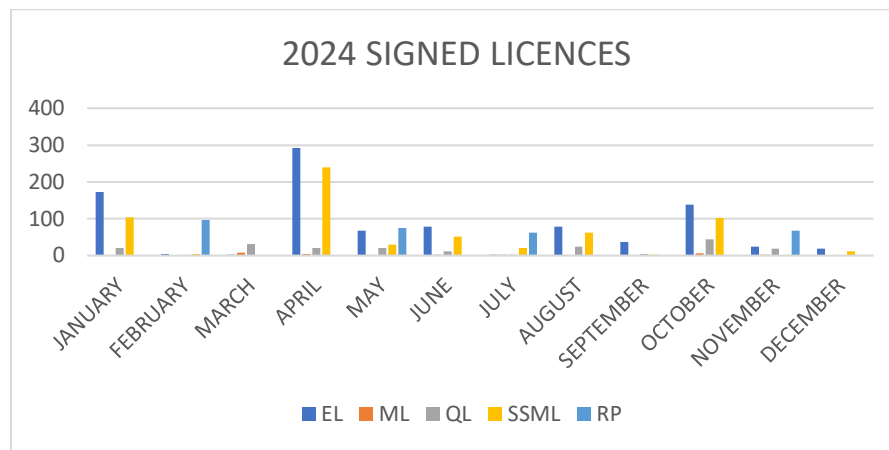


Fig 6: Bar chart showing Licenses signed in 2024

A total of 2,073 **Mineral** Titles were signed in the year 2024. The month of April, had the highest with 557, while December had the least with 29. The average number of Signed Licenses per month was **172**.

## 5.7 SUMMARY OF ISSUED MINERAL TITLES PER MONTH 2024

Month	EL	ML	QL	SSML	RP	TOTAL
JANUARY	72	0	14	37	8	131
FEBRUARY	26	6	1	11	4	48
MARCH	8	0	1	1	0	10
APRIL	30	2	9	11	0	52
MAY	22	5	8	6	0	41
JUNE	19	1	8	19	0	47
JULY	45	2	9	28	0	84
AUGUST	127	1	11	86	0	225
SEPTEMBER	87	2	14	61	0	164
OCTOBER	72	1	10	67	14	164
NOVEMBER	65	2	25	35	6	133
DECEMBER	116	0	39	37	3	195
TOTAL	689	22	149	399	35	1294

Table: 8 Showing Summary of issued mineral Titles per Month in 2024

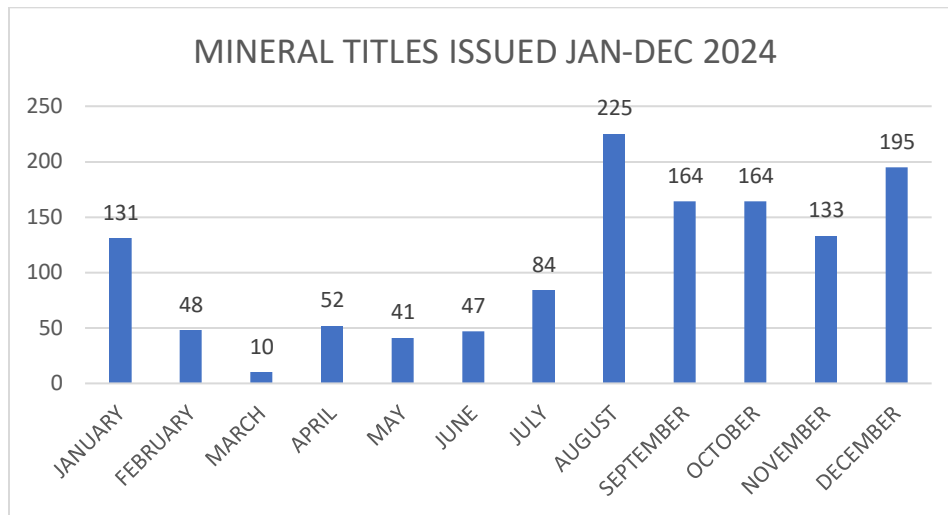


Fig 7: Bar- Chart Showing Number of Issued Mineral Titles in 2024

A total of Mineral Titles **1,294** were issued in the year 2024. The month of August had the highest with **225** while March had the least with **10**. The average number issued per month was **107** Mineral Titles.

#### 5.8 VALID MINERAL TITLES AS AT DECEMBER, 2024

S/N	TITLE TYPE	TOTAL
1	EL	3,738
2	ML	339
3	QL	1,001
4	SSML	2,618
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>7,696</b>

Table 9: showing Valid Mineral Titles as at December 2024



Fig 8: Bar-Chart Showing Number Valid Mineral Titles as at December, 2024

During the year under review, the data base of the Office had a total of 7,696 Valid Mineral Titles disaggregated as follows: EL **3,738**, ML **339**, QL **1001** and SSML **2,618**.

## **5.9 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 Mineral Title 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.

## 6.0 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:

### 6.1 DIFFERENT TYPES OF MODIFICATION APPLICATIONS RECEIVED

Types	Total
Renewals	366
Transfers	104
Additional Minerals	30
Conversion	50
Abandon/ Relinquishment	46
Consolidation	4
TOTAL	600

Table 10: Summary of Modification Received in

2024

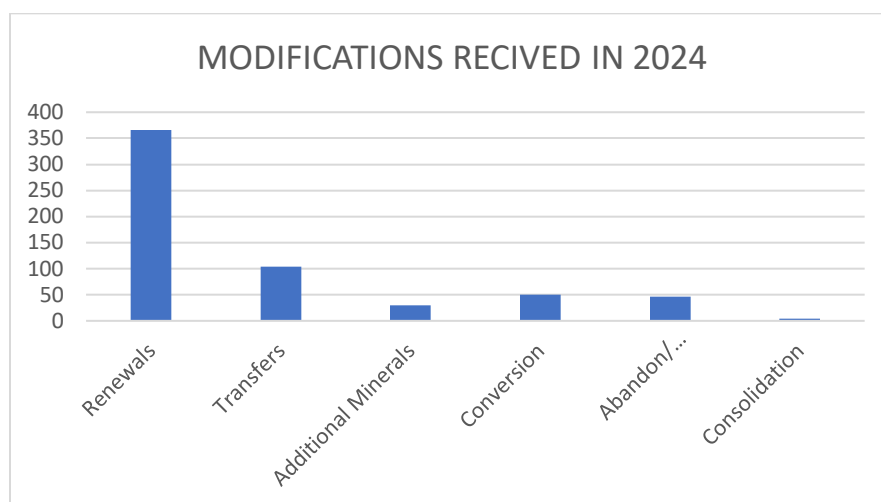


Fig 9: Bar-Chart Showing Number of Different types of Applications for Modifications Received in 2024

A total number of 600 applications for modifications were received in 2024. 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.

## 6.2 SUMMARY OF RENEWAL APPLICATIONS RECEIVED AND APPROVED IN 2024:

S/No.	Type	Applications Received	Approvals
1	EL	245	200
2	ML	0	0
3	QL	66	47
4	SSML	54	52
5	RP	1	6
6	Total	366	305

Table: 11 showing summary of Renewal Applications Received and Approved in 2024



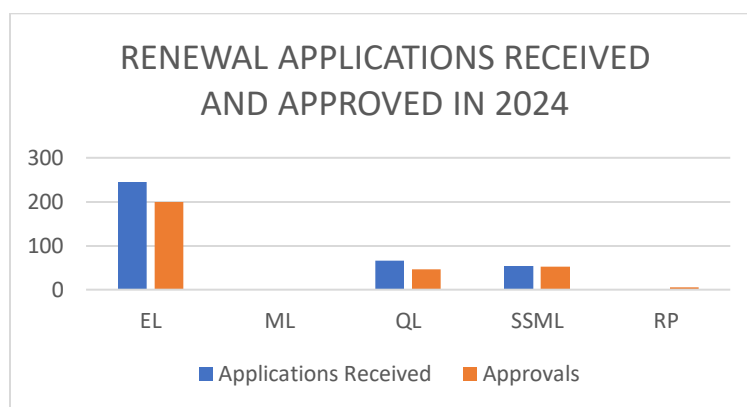


Fig 10: Bar chart showing Renewal Applications Received and Approved in 2024

The table above shows the total number of applications for renewals of Mineral Titles received in 2024. In the same year, approval was obtained for a total of 305 (including approvals for renewal applications filed prior to year 2024). However, other renewal applications still pending are being evaluated or awaiting inputs from the Mines Inspectorate Department of the Ministry.

### 6.3 MONTHLY RENEWAL APPLICATIONS RECEIVED

MONTHS	EL	ML	QL	SSML	RP	TOTAL
JANUARY	6	0	2	6	0	14
FEBRUARY	37	0	3	5	1	46
MARCH	35	0	4	6	0	45
APRIL	37	0	8	4	0	49
MAY	41	0	10	10	0	61
JUNE	13	0	4	4	0	21
JULY	8	0	2	1	0	11
AUGUST	17	0	6	4	0	27
SEPTEMBER	18	0	7	0	0	25
OCTOBER	12	0	5	7	0	24
NOVEMBER	9	0	8	4	0	21
DECEMBER	12	0	7	3	0	22
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>245</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>366</b>

Table: 12 Showing Monthly Renewal Applications Received

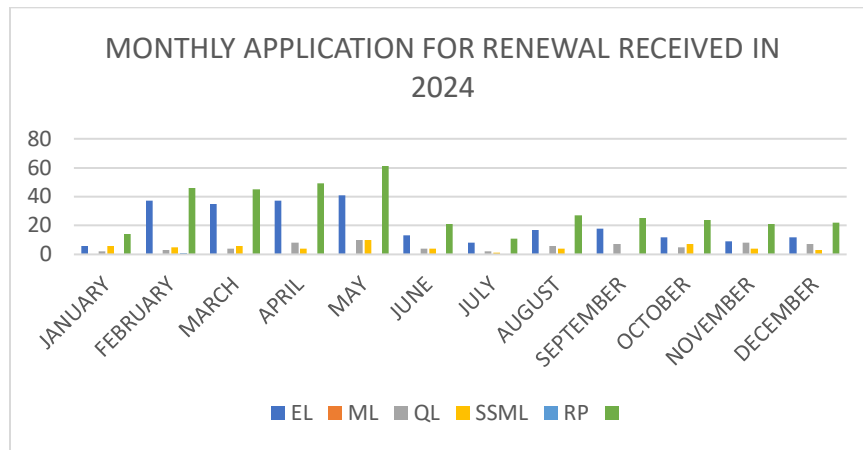


Fig. 11: Bar Chart Showing Renewal Applications Received on A monthly basis

## 6.4 MONTHLY RENEWAL APPLICATIONS APPROVED IN 2024

MONTHS	EL	ML	QL	SSML	RP	TOTAL
JANUARY	8	0	1	0	0	9
FEBRUARY	1	0	1	2	0	4
MARCH	3	0	0	0	1	4
APRIL	12	0	4	1	0	17
MAY	37	0	6	8	0	51
JUNE	24	0	8	6	5	43
JULY	13	0	2	3	0	18
AUGUST	7	0	1	0	0	8
SEPTEMBER	29	0	6	17	0	52
OCTOBER	21	0	5	4	0	30
NOVEMBER	25	0	4	6	0	35
DECEMBER	20	0	9	5	0	34
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>305</b>

Table: 13 Showing Monthly Renewal Applications Approved

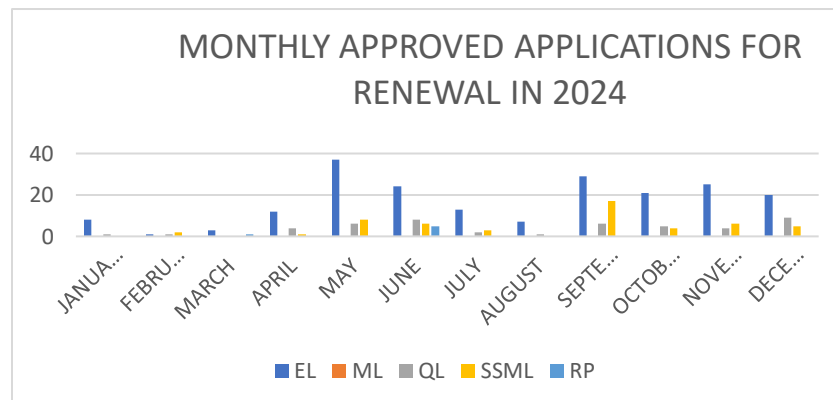


Fig. 12: Bar chart showing renewal applications approved on a monthly basis

## 6.5 TRANSFERS:

S/No.	Type	Applications Received	Granted
1	EL	59	0
2	ML	8	1
3	QL	15	2
4	SSML	22	1
<b>6</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>4</b>

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

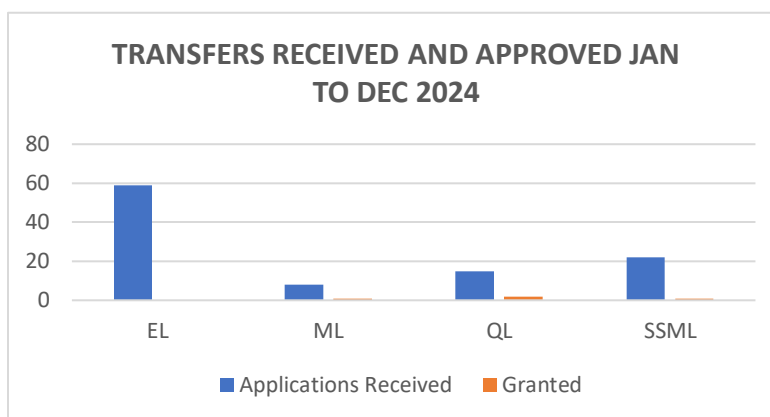


Fig 13: Bar Chart Showing Transfers Applications Received and Approved in 2024.

A total of 104 applications were received for Transfer/Assignment, 4 were approved and endorsed, including approval that was pending from last year.

## 6.6 REVOCATION:

### SUMMARY OF APPROVED REVOCATIONS FOR THE YEAR, 2024

S/N	TYPE	TOTAL
1	EL	450
2	ML	10
3	QL	81
4	SSML	266
<b>Total</b>		<b>807</b>

Table 15: Showing Approved Revocations for 2024

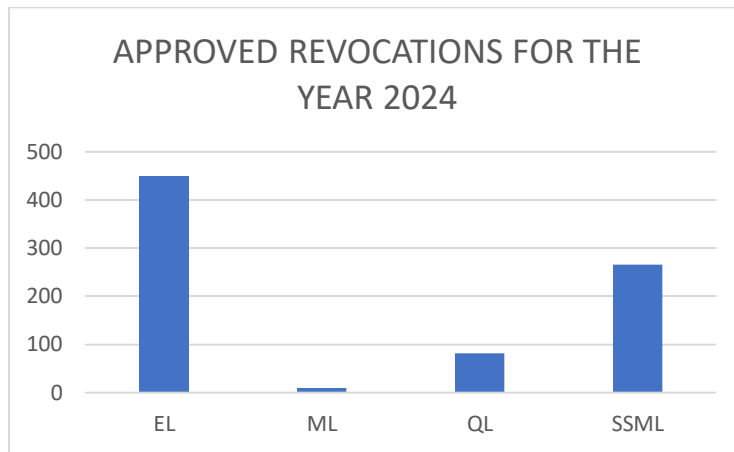


Fig 14: Bar Chart Showing Approved Revocations for 2024

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

S/N	TYPE	TOTAL
1	EL	450
2	ML	10
3	QL	81
4	SSML	266
<b>Total</b>		<b>807</b>

Table 16: Showing notice of intension to revoke dormant (inactive) mineral titles for 2024.

## 7.0 MONITORING AND COORDINATION DEPARTMENT

### 7.0.1 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.

### 7.0.2 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).

TOTAL COMPLAINTS RECEIVED =192

CASES RESOLVED= 40

UNDER PROCESSING=129

### **7.0.3 ACTIVITIES EXECUTED BY ZONES**

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

- i. South-East: Pages 49 – 52
- ii. South-South: Pages 53
- iii. South-West: Pages 54 – 55
- iv. North-East: Pages 56 – 57
- v. North-Central Pages 58 – 60
- vi. North-West: Pages 61 – 65

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.

## **7.1.0 SOUTH-EAST ENUGU ZONAL**

The South East Zonal Office thanks God for a fruitful year. The Office is also grateful to the staff who put in their best to making it happen. We also thank MCO and the Director-General for their support. We look forward for a prosperous 2025. The Office undertook some activities in the year 2024.

The annual report outlines the achievements, challenges, improvements and prayers of the Mining Cadastre Office South East Zonal Office for the year 2024. The document also serves as a reflection on the progress and roadmap to be made for the year 2025.

### **7.1.2. ACHIEVEMENTS**

#### **7.1.3 Resolution of cases**

In 2024, The Mining Cadastre Office South East Zonal Office received some mails from MCO Headquarters, Abuja. These mails were petitions/ complaints written by Host communities, individuals/landlords, solicitors, companies against some companies. A total number of twenty (20) cases was received by the zone in the reporting year.

These mails were filed and acknowledgement letters were sent to the complainants involved. The Office also forwarded letters to the alleged/accused companies involved, with attach letter from the complainants with demands to respond within a period/time as written in the letter. After response letters were received, meetings were scheduled depending on the context of the response and invites which are sent out to the parties involved demanding them to come with their witness (es) to the Office for further investigations. In the course of the year, the Office recorded series of activities/events duly listed below for your perusal and further actions.

- Concluded cases - 11

- Pending cases - 9
- Total - 20**

## **ii. Operational Improvements**

The Zonal Office also recorded some achievements in the course of the year which has helped greatly in the running of the Office and also created a better working environment for the staff. Also, during the year the Mining Cadastre Office South-East Zonal Office made some financial commitments to help in running the Office. Stated here below are the Office items purchases made at south-East Zone in the course of the year

- Purchase of 2 CPU's
- Purchase of keyboard (3)
- Maintenance of the printing machine (toners and repairs).
- Stationeries.
- Repairs of Office furniture.
- Hiring of personnel for cleaning of the Office and environs.

### **7.1.4 CHALLENGES**

The Office faced a lot of challenges during the year 2024, this created some disruptions to the working environment of the Office. These challenges are listed below:

- **Solar System/Solar battery/Solar panel:** The solar battery of the Zonal Office has expired and does not give enough electrical power to run the Office properly. The battery needs to be replaced. Solar panels should be increased; power surge should also be installed to avoid further thunderstorm damage that happened last time.



- **Internet facility:** The internet connection and equipment's of the Office was destroyed in the course of the year by a High-Tension cable that fell on it on the 11<sup>th</sup> of December, 2024. It also affected the electrical lights of the Office and the Office is always dark. The internet satellite dish needs to be relocated to another place. (Find attached)
- **Office Furniture:** Most furniture in the Office is due for replacements.
- **Leakage in the Office:** The walls of the Office have been drained by water and the painting inclusive. The volume of water entering into the Office is quite enormous. The floor is always flooded when it rains and this needs urgent attention to avoid soaking/damaging Office equipment.
- **Water:** The Office lacks a means to get water used in the Office for cleaning and other necessities in the Office.
- **Transfer of Staff:** The Zonal Office has suffered greatly in the ICT Department; the ICT staff was transferred without a replacement.
- Shortage of printing materials has been one of the problems the Office has faced in carrying out some of its duties; especially, printing of letters to dispatch to parties involved in a case. We also need file jackets, etc.
- **Lack of finance:** this has been the major challenge faced by the South-East Zonal Office. There is need for funds for cleaning, security and other contingencies in the Office.

#### 7.1.5 PRAYERS/REQUEST

The prayer of South East Zone is that the MCO graciously considers the needs to help in creating a favourable and efficient working environment for the operation of the environment. It also helps create a better relationship between the Office and the investors in the mining sector. The prayers are as follows:

- **FUNDS:** Sufficient funds should be released to the Zonal Office to help in the day to day running of the Office.
- **FIXING OF THE SOLAR SYSTEM:** The MCO should help the Zone to replace the expired inverter batteries. Beefing-up of the solar panel should be considered. Most importantly power surge should be installed to avert further thunderstorm damage experienced the last time.
- **REPLACEMENTS OF INTERNET EQUIPMENT:** The Office prays that the damaged internet facilities be replaced to enhance the proficiency of the staff in the Zonal Office.
- **CLEANING PERSONNEL:** The Office needs funds for the payment of the cleaners.

#### **7.1.6. CONCLUSION**

As the Office reflects on the successes and challenges of the year 2024, the Office has made significant progress in achieving its mandate. While we were faced with challenges, we also seized opportunities for growth.

Looking forward to next year, we will continue to foster and build our achievements, embrace change where necessary, and also drive for excellence in anything we do. We are also committed to investing and fostering new collaboration in making MCO great.

## 7.2.0 SOUTH-SOUTH BENIN ZONAL OFFICE

### **BREAKDOWN OF PRESENTATION**

A total of 25 (TWENTY- FIVE) Cases were treated in the Zone between the period of **January – December, 2024**. Other Recommendations are still pending at the Headquarters.

### **CHALLENGES:**

The South-South Zonal Office is currently lacking basic amenities to run the Office smoothly, these needs include:

1. Imprest
2. Internet connectivity
3. Additional staff
4. Two air conditionals

NOTE: Lack of imprest to the Zonal Office has resulted to petitioners bearing the logistics for thorough investigation, where some of them could not shoulder the payments and the Office could not sponsor the site as well, the purpose of their petitions is either delayed or not attended to at all.

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

- (A) The Office recommend that the basic facilities as mentioned above should be provided.
- (B) Action should be expedited as regards all the pending cases at the headquarters, and resolutions effected in the data base to enable the Office have a functional face.

### **7.3.0 SOUTH-WEST IBADAN ZONAL OFFICE**

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

#### **7.3.1 CONCLUDED**

Nine (9) cases were brought to logical conclusion at the Zonal level and Recommendations sent to Headquarters.

#### **7.3.2 RESTRICTED AREA**

Two (2) cases fell on restricted areas.

#### **7.3.3 PENDING CASES**

Ten (10) cases are pending.

#### **7.3.4 CASE STILL AT EVALUATION**

Two (2) cases still at evaluation

#### **7.3.5 REVOKED, REJECTED, AND RELEASED TITLES**

Four (4) cases were either rejected, released or revoked.

#### **7.3.6 APPEAL**

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

#### **7.3.7 HEADQUARTER**

Two (2) cases have been handled at the Headquarters

#### **7.3.8 COMMUNICATION**

Six (6) cases were discontinued for lack of means of communicating with the petitioners

#### **7.3.9 KIV**

One (1) case was kept in view since both the petitioner and alleged are in court.

#### **7.4.0 WRONG SUBMISSION**

Two (2) cases fell outside of the Southwestern Zonal Office.

#### **7.4.1 NO NAME**

One (1) case was silent on the identity of the alleged company0

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

## 7.4.2 NORTH-EAST MAIDUGURI ZONAL OFFICE

### 7.4.3 Staff Strength and Commitment

The Staff of the Zonal Office are punctual, dedicated and committed to their work. However, considering the security challenges confronting the Zone particularly in the past, presently peace is being restored in most of the areas that were vulnerable. With the restoration of peace recorded in the Zone more than before, we are persuaded that very soon the North-East Zone environment will be conducive and convenient for mineral title and mining activities.

### 7.4.4 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 fueling 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:** The solar system works but at limited capacity.
- 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

### 7.4.5 OFFICE CHALLENGES/NEEDS

- a) Limited number of staff: The Zonal staff are limited in number and therefore there is need for additional staff such as a mining engineer, geologist, an IT expert, Office secretary etc. Presently, the staff are four (4) number and these include the Head of the Zonal Office, Administrative Officer, a Surveyor and the Office Driver.
- b) The need for vehicle tyres, battery, servicing and fueling.
- c) There is need for generator servicing and fueling.
- d) There is need for photo-copying machine servicing.
- e) There is need for change of solar batteries/inverter because the present one is outdated because it can only be powered in the day time and can no more store energy for night use
- f) Provision for payment of engaged cleaners and security personnel, the security personnel formally engaged by min-diver are no more working again.
- g) There is need for Allocation/impress for running of the Office.

#### **7.4.6 CONCLUSION**

In conclusion, the Director-General's effort on ensuring the sustainability of the established Zonal Offices is worthy of commendation. Furthermore, his attention may wish to be drawn in view of the challenges confronting the North-East Zone and to consider it as point of priority among others.

## 7.5.0 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.

### 1. 7.5.1 SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES IN THE NORTH-CENTRAL OFFICE OF THE NIGERIA MINING CADASTRE OFFICE JOS, PLATEAU STATE

2024 SUMMARY		
S/No.	Items/Activity	No.
1	Letters Received from Headquarters	132
2	Notifications sent	89
3	Reminders sent	60
4	Number of Mineral Titles resolved and Recommended for DG's Approval	34
5	Number of applications for mineral titles received and filed successfully.	101
6	Conflict Resolution meetings held	10
7	Fact-finding Missions	2
8	Courtesy visits	4
9	Sensitization Program	1

Table 17: Summary of Activities of the North Central Office for 2024

### 2. COURTESY VISITS



- a. On 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2024 the Office together with Mines Inspectorate Department visited His Excellency the Executive Governor of Plateau state, Barr. Caleb M. Mutfwang on his invitation, to discuss matters arising from a planned stakeholder's consultative forum in the mining sector.
- b. In September 2024 the Office received the North-Central coordinator of NESREA, Mr. Jude Appiah and his entourage. The visit was to explore ways to collaborate for efficient service delivery.
- c. In October 2024 the Office received Engr. Jim Wayas from Plateau State Internal Revenue Service. The visit was to explore areas of collaboration for enhancement of revenue generation for the state.
- d. During the year under review, the Office also received the MinDiver team on official visit.

**3. A 2-DAY CONSULTATIVE FORUM WITH CRITICAL STAKEHOLDERS ON 'EMERGING REFORMS IN NIGERIAN MINING SECTOR' HELD FROM 9TH TO 10TH SEPTEMBER 2024 IN PLATEAU STATE.**

This program was organized by the Plateau State government with critical input by the North-Central Office of the Nigeria Mining Cadastre Office at its formative stages and at execution.

The program brought together critical stakeholders who raised awareness on their responsibilities and also provided a platform to discuss the impact of the new Federal Government mining sector reforms, and proffered formidable strategies towards achieving better outcomes.

The Forum was declared open by His Excellency the Executive governor of the State, Barr. Caleb Manasseh Mutfwang.

#### **4. CHALLENGES**

- a. Zero funding.
- b. Very limited responsibilities to the public. Currently the only services offered in the Zonal Offices are conflict resolutions and filing of applications.

#### **5. RECOMMENDATIONS:**

- a. There is need to give more responsibilities to the Zones to make them more responsive to the public. This action will be in line with the main objective of establishing the Zonal Offices which is bringing services closer to the people.
  - b. Funding the Zonal Offices will give them the facelift that they deserve as a Federal Government Parastatal.
  - c. There is need for periodic sensitization of stakeholders to reduce the high level of conflicts in field activities.
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## 7.6.0 NORTH-WEST KADUNA ZONAL OFFICE

North-West Zonal Office as one of the Six (6) Zonal Offices is located on *the 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

### 7.6.1. ACHIEVEMENT(S) FOR THE YEAR

- IPPIS verification carried out by MCO delegate from the headquarters to the Zonal Office.
- We welcomed a new MCO staff by the name Halima Sadiya and designation Planning Officer I GL-09/2
- Enrolment into the NHIS
- Conflict Resolutions: engaged numerous stakeholders in conflict resolutions by way of invitation of the parties involved to the Office;
- Site Verification: Still under conflict resolution the Office has also been involved in a couple of site visitations processes such as visits to Kano. Kindly find the attached pictures at the bottom of the report.
- Forwarding of Mineral Titles to various Mines Officers concerned.
- Receiving and recording of New Applications.
- Receiving and recording of Modified 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 2024 (fig. A)

**7.6.2 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 client 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.

- With regards to conflict resolution; these resolutions could be resolved even quicker by allowing the Zonal Offices mandate to immediately take action on certain cases rather than having to wait for directions from the Monitoring and Concession

## **CHALLENGES OF THE ZONAL OFFICE**

Over time the Office is faced with maintenance challenges in regards to the following:

### *Applications:*

- Outdated Contact information on some Investor's Company Profiles can cause delays in treating (and responding) to Letters or e-mails or forwarding of Licences.
- Speed of Processing of Revenue Receipts is another challenge that has been noticed over the year 2024.

### *Office Maintenance:*

- Power Supply has been a major challenge for the Office over the course of the year. The Office Inverter has endured a period of at least Three (3) years of performance, it is also in need of service as one of the Batteries is swollen.
- The Office would like to request at least One (1) extra Desktop to be supplied to the Zonal Office, for the Office Reception area.
- Stipends for Furniture maintenance on some of the Office furniture due to wear and tear over time;
- Replacement of at least Thirteen (13) LED Light Bulbs to improve the Lighting system of the Office and the Toilet.
- The Two (2) HP Printers need to be constantly refilled which due to the high cost of buying brand new Ink Toners.

- Supply of Stationeries such as: Packs of the MCO Letter Headed papers, Pack of white A4 papers, Pack of White and Brown A4 and Letter Envelopes and the MCO Office Folder Files.
- Provision of File Selves to allow files/documents storage, due to filled up cabinets, we store documents on the floor which is not appropriate.
- We are yet to receive Photo frames to Update our Wall with the New Minister, the Honourable Minister of Solid Minerals Development, Mr. Henry Dele Alake and New Governor of Kaduna, Senator Uba Sani.

***Generator and Vehicle Maintenance:***

- A new 62-75AH Battery replacement for the Generator.
- 50 Litres Diesel for the Generator and Servicing (Oil Change).
- Oil change (Service) for Office Official Hilux.
- The four (4) Tyres of the Office Hilux are worn out and need replacement.

***Toilet Maintenance:***

- Stipends to purchase Hand washes, Detergents and Fresheners for Toilet maintenance.

***Security Maintenance***

- We no longer have any security personnel.
- Two (2) Uniform Outfits for the Security Men including Rain coat; Rain boot and Torch light.

**7.6.3 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.

## 8.0 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 AND ADMINISTRATION DIVISION

#### THE HUMAN RESOURCE

The Administrative Department Handles Appointment, Promotion and Discipline as Well as Other Staff Welfare Service, Training, Housing, Pension, Servicom, Health and Sporting Activities.

The Human Resource and Administration Department plays a critical role in managing an organization's workforce and ensuring smooth administrative operations. Here's a breakdown of its overall role and the functions of specific units:

#### Role of Human Resource and Administration Department

1. **Recruitment and Staffing:** Attracting, selecting, and on boarding qualified candidates.
2. **Employee Development:** Facilitating training and professional growth opportunities.
3. **Performance Management:** Evaluating employee performance and providing feedback.
4. **Compensation and Benefits:** Managing salary structures, benefits programs, and payroll.
5. **Employee Relations:** Addressing employee concerns, grievances, and fostering a positive workplace culture.
6. **Compliance:** Ensuring adherence to labour laws and organizational policies.



**7. Organizational Development:** Implementing strategies for improving organizational effectiveness.

### **Functions of Specific Units**

#### **1. Training Unit**

- **Needs Assessment:** Identifying training needs through surveys and performance evaluations.
- **Program Development:** Designing training programs to enhance skills and competencies.
- **Implementation:** Delivering training sessions using various methods (in-person, online, workshops).
- **Evaluation:** Assessing the effectiveness of training initiatives and making necessary adjustments.

#### **2. Welfare Unit**

- **Employee Assistance Programs:** Offering support services for personal issues (counselling, financial advice).
- **Health and Safety:** Promoting workplace health initiatives and ensuring compliance with safety regulations.
- **Work-life Balance Initiatives:** Implementing policies like flexible work hours and wellness programs.
- **Community Engagement:** Organizing social activities and community service projects to enhance employee morale.

#### **3. Appointment, Promotion, and Discipline Unit (APD)**

- **Appointment Processes:** Managing the hiring process, including job offers and on boarding.
- **Promotion Policies:** Establishing criteria and procedures for employee promotions based on performance and merit.
- **Disciplinary Actions:** Implementing disciplinary procedures for misconduct or performance issues, including investigations and documentation.
- **Compliance and Fairness:** Ensuring that all processes are fair, transparent, and in line with organizational policies and legal requirements.

These units work collaboratively to foster a positive work environment, support employee development, and uphold organizational standards.

## STRUCTURE

The Department Is headed by a Director and They Are Divisions Accordingly. There Are Training Division, Welfare Division Appointment, Promotion and Discipline Division, Servicom and Anti-Corruption and Transparency unit (ACTU)

## STAFF STRENGTH

The Department has Eleven Staff with One Corp Member and an Ad-Hoc Staff

Admin	6
Planning Officer	2
Executive Officers	2
Confidential secretary	1
Ad-hoc staff	1
Corp member	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>13</b>

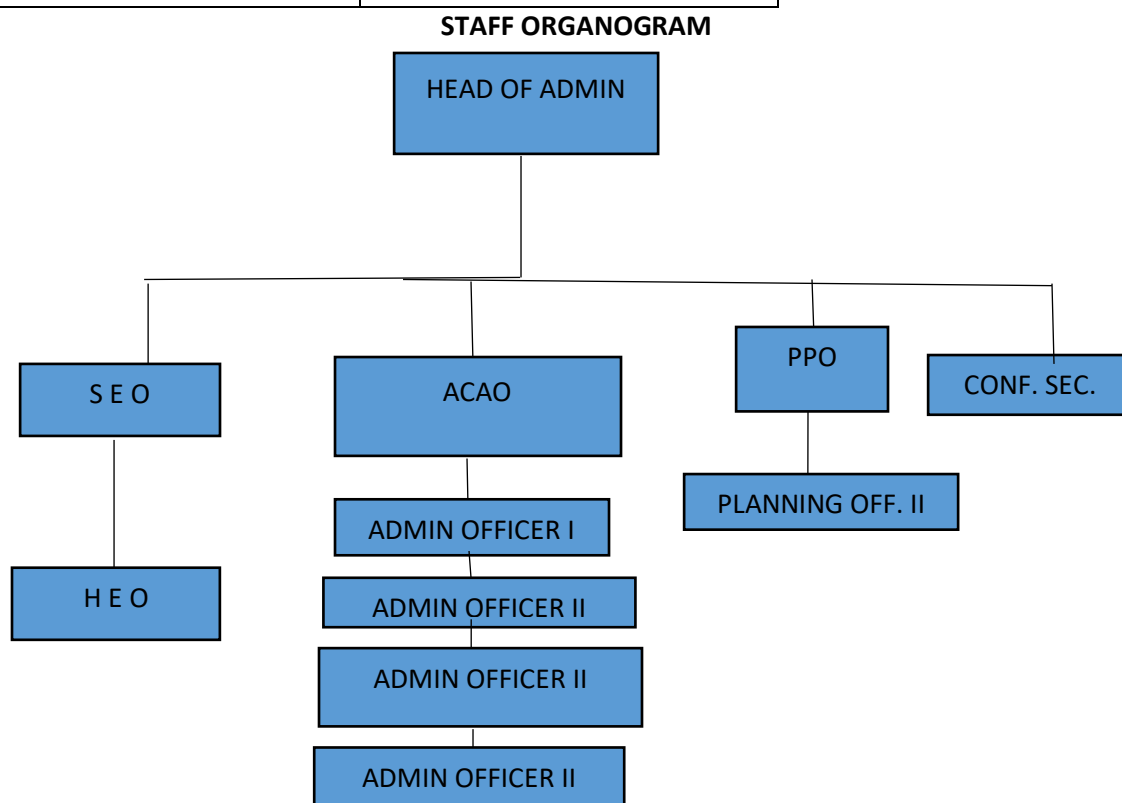


Figure 15 : Organogram Showing Staff of the Human Resource and Finance Department

## **ACHIEVEMENTS**

The Department had achieved the following;

- a) Employment waiver for the year 2022 December and May 2023.
- b) The department had also been conducting promotion exercises yearly.
- c) Creation of customer relation and compliant Officer's desk at the front desk Office.
- d) Establishment of staff canteen.
- e) Visiting of Zonal Office for staff physical verification 2024.
- f) Recruitment of Two (2) Adult drivers
- g) Planning of retirement ceremony for one of the retirees in Registry Department
- h) Introduction of staff Busses to convey Staff to and from the Office.
- i) There has not been any security challenge as a result of capable security outfit engaged by MCO
- j) Fumigation exercise was carried out in 2024
- k) Maintenance of fire extinguishers
- l) Successfully carried out all the quarterly Ministerial Servicom Committee meetings in the Ministry and also attended Two (2) lectures in the Nigeria Geological Survey Agency (NGSA) on "Good Communication"

## **CHALLENGES**

- 1. Funding.
- 2. Lack of work stations.
- 3. Lack of adequate equipment to function.
- 4. Lack of synergy between technical and administrative department.
- 5. Poor staff welfare.
- 6. Lack of staff training.
- 7. Lack of utility vehicle.
- 8. Lack of proper budget line for the department.

## WAY FORWARD

The way forward is the tackling of all the issues mentioned above, favourably in order to carry out the administrative business effectively.

### 8.1 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.

### 8.2 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 2024:

In 2024, the Office generated – N12.071b, the highest revenue generated by the Agency so far.

### 8.3 2024 BUDGET PERFORMANCE

2024	N
<b>Capital Appropriation</b>	510,101,629.00
Amount spent	(NILL)
Balance	<b><u>510,101,629.00</u></b>
<b>Overhead Appropriation</b>	273,303,561.00
Amount spent	(273,253,419.70)

Balance	<b><u>50,141.30 – Moped-up</u></b>
<b>Personnel Appropriation.</b>	277,411,080.38
Amount spent	(277,411,080.30)
Balance	<b><u>8.00</u></b>
<b>Revenue Generated</b>	12,578,062,700.00
Amount transfer to Federation a/c	(12,578,062,700.00)
Balance	<b><u>NILL</u></b>

Table 18: Budget performance

#### 8.4 REVENUE GENERATION

Below is the monthly summary of revenue generated in the year 2024:

MONTH	TOTAL
January	356,378,500.00
February	340,015,500.00
March	319,383,700.00
April	472,006,000.00
May	1,544,163,500.00
June	594,568,900.00
July	420,383,000.00
August	1,828,776,000.00
September	1,247,339,200.00
October	1,086,678,500.00
November	3,170,089,500.00
December	1,198,220,400.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>12,578,062,700.00</b>

Table 19: Revenue generation

#### 8.5 LIABILITIES

The total sum of One Hundred and Twenty-Three Million, Five Hundred and Thirty thousand naira (**N123,530,000.00**) only for individuals and services were not paid because of paucity of funds.

## 9.0 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)

## 10.0 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. In MCO the Unit plays a vital part in the company's overall business strategy as it requires strategic planning to acquire these things at the best possible cost. It should procure from the right source at the right time the right quality of materials in the right quantity.

It starts by qualifying suppliers before initiating negotiations. The collection and monitoring of supplier data are streamlined to ensure that suppliers comply with corporate policies. Important supplier qualification information is collected and supplier proposals are compiled and compared. Best suppliers are selected by assessing supplier qualifications, risk factors, and policy compliance. One of the significant factors for controlling costs is finding the best and reliable vendor.

A team is as efficient as the management that monitors it procurement unit is one of the crucial expenses that a company invests in that determines the profit or loss for a period. Procuring goods over the budget level or under the fixed budget can result in a loss. Hence, the management must monitor the functions of procurement department, where every purchase and transaction is intensively controlled. It is also essential to ensure there are not any malpractices within the team and there are no clerical errors that could tamper the reputation of the organization.

Total budget Appropriation for the year 2024 is N1,060,816,170 (Total Capital project is N 510,101,529 (attached is the list of all contract executed by the MCO in the 2024 financial Year) all awaiting payment.

The need Assessment from all Departments and Units in Mining Cadastre Office (MCO) was prepared, Market Survey and preparation of engineering measurement and evaluation and supervision and valuation of various capital project under 2024 appropriation.

Advertisement was published in three national newspaper Blueprint, Vanguard and Federal Tender Journal dated Monday May 13th 2024 and Federal Tenders journal newspaper for invitation to tender for 2024 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 2024 Capital Projects.

Ratification of the Honorable Minister MMSD was sort and obtained for the implementation of the MCO's Capital projects under the 2024 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.

LOTS	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	LOCATION
MCO/CAP/24/001	Capacity Building and Sensitization in Mining Business in Akwa Ibom South Senatorial District.	Akwa-Ibom South. Akwa Ibom State
MCO/CAP/24/003	Beaconing Of Mineral Sites in Selected Areas in Six Geo Political Zone.	Six Geopolitical Zone
MCO/CAP/24/004	Modern E-Record and E-Archiving of Mineral Title Management System.	Abuja HQ
MCO/CAP/24/005	Strategic Revenue Recovery of Valid Mineral Titles Gazette of Defaulters and Revocation.	Abuja HQ
MCO/CAP/24/006	Thematic Mapping of Mineral Title Areas, Restricted and Protected Areas in Nigeria.	Abuja HQ



MCO/CAP/24/007	Training and Advocacy for Youths and Women in Akwa Ibom South Senatorial District, Akwa Ibom State.	Akwa-Ibom South. Akwa Ibom State
MCO/CAP/24/008	Provision of Solar Street Light in Selected Community in Akwa Ibom South Senatorial District.	Akwa-Ibom South. Akwa Ibom State
MCO/CAP/24/009	Training of Youth in Sand Mining in Akwa Ibom South Senatorial District; Akwa Ibom State.	Akwa-Ibom South. Akwa Ibom State
MCO/CAP/24/010	Training and Empowerment of Youth and Women in Mining of Mineral in Osun West Senatorial District. Osun State.	Osun-West, Osun State
MCO/CAP/24/011	Request for Solar Power Street Light in Bachirawa, Kurkujan, Musawa LGA. Kastina State	Musawa LGA, Kastina State
MCO/CAP/24/012	Repairs of X-Ray Machine at Jada General Hopital Jada LGA, Adamawa State.	Jada LGA, Adamawa State

Table 20: Capital Expenditure

## 11.0 LEGAL SERVICES UNIT

### 11.1 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 2024, the Unit represented and successfully defend the Office in all Litigations instituted against it, mostly as Defendant/Respondent, as the case may be.

## 12.0 PRESS UNIT

### 12.1 INTRODUCTION

The Press Unit of the Nigeria Mining Cadastre Office (NMCO) comprises of Assistant Director (AD Press), who is the Unit head and a Principal Information and Public Relation Officer (PIO) who assist the Head of the Press Unit.

The Unit is saddle 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 local and international media.

The Unit, in line with performing the roles mentioned above, has carried out the following activities in the year 2024:

- Mediating with media organizations for its trust and publicity for the activities of the Agency where necessary.
- The Unit participated at the Africa Natural Resource and Energy Investment Summit (AFNIS) held from 16<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> July 2024 at the Banquet Hall, Presidential Villa Abuja.
- Media coverage of award presentation of Fellow Membership to D-G Engr. Obadiah Simon Nkom by Chartered Institute of Management and leadership held on 29<sup>th</sup> August 2024.
- Media coverage during the 9<sup>th</sup> edition of Nigeria Mining week on 18<sup>th</sup> -20<sup>th</sup> November 2024 held at the Abuja Intercontinental Hotel.
- Participation of the Unit during the Federal Civil Service Strategy and Implementation Plan (FCSSIP25) organised by MSMD on October 23<sup>rd</sup> 2024 held at Immaculate Luxury Hotel.

- Courtesy calls paid on the Agency and the Director-General as well as other meetings were covered by the unit as directed.
- Inauguration of MCO staff on Anti-Corruption transparency unit (ACTU) organised by ICPC.
- Media coverage of DSS training on cyber security for the Agency held on 26<sup>th</sup> November 2024.

## **12.2 DIGITAL MEDIA**

Social Media: The Press Unit has also been effectively engaging the public and stakeholders about the Agency via its social media platform X (twitter), by giving up to date pictorial, events and activities of D.G and the Agency.

## **12.3 UNIT CONSTRAINT**

The Unit wishes to state its commitment to protecting the interest of the Agency on all media fronts. The Unit wishes to also inform that it has been engaging Ad-Hoc staff from the Ministry of Information and National Orientation for video and photographs delivery. However, the main constraints is paucity of funds that is hampering achieving vital materials.

The following constraints urgently needed attention as this is affecting prompt production and archiving of materials.

- Non availability of media equipment such as the following:
  - a) Still and video camera
  - b) Laptops
  - c) Midget
  - d) Drone camera
  - e) Flash
  - f) Hard-drive

- g) Tripod
- h) Printer
- i) Budget for the unit
- Training is needed to keep up with ever changing technology in the media field
  - a) Media reporting
  - b) Advance video and photo editing
  - c) Advance Technology media techniques, among others.

## **13.0 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.

### **13.1 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.
- l. Supervision of the installation of the solar inverter system for power generation in the establishment.

### **13.2 THE FOLLOWING ACTIVITIES WERE CARRIED OUT BY THE ICT UNIT IN THE**

## **YEAR 2024:**

### **i. Management of the MCO Website**

The ICT Unit was actively involved in the management of the Nigeria Mining Cadastre Office official website, regularly updated with the latest events in the Office, along with social media accounts.

### **ii. Installation of Computers and Printers**

The ICT unit replaced some of the old computers being used with the newer and modern ones procured by the Office. The Unit also installed new computers for the new Officers.

Also, new MFPs (Multi-Functional Printers) were installed in some Offices. This is to ensure best quality print production that will aid in 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.

The ICT Unit also identified bugs on the eMC+ and fixed it.

#### **iv. Bandwidth**

We have successfully increased our bandwidth from 20Mbps to 40Mbps 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. Database 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. Installation of New Inverters, Batteries and Solar Panels**

The Unit supervised the purchase, installation, and maintenance of new inverter systems, batteries and solar panels by a contractor and to provide alternative source of power for the entire main building.

**x. Maintenance of Hardware and Software**

The Unit has carried out installation of some computers, printers, software, Microsoft Windows OS & Office, network switches, access points etc., in some Departments and Units. Also, the unit has 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 (fail-over) server.**

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

**xii. Other duties as assigned by the Director-General**

3. The Unit currently has the following challenges:

- a. Lack of adequate Computer Systems, Laptops
- b. Need for Upgrade of Network Switches/Access Points/Routers
- c. Lack of Computer Accessories.
- d. Need for Software/Licenses e.g. Microsoft Windows OS and Office
- e. Need for printers and photocopiers

## **14.0 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.

### **14.1 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.

### **14.2 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. Working with other departments and units as requested.

- iv. Strategic communication with the Ministry of Solid Minerals Development, other Government Organizations, Civil Society Organizations and the Private sector through letters and emails.
- v. Representation in events such as conferences, seminars, workshops and webinars, for example;
  - Two-day workshop for Self- Regulatory Bodies (SRBS) on implementation of preventive measures organized by Nigerian Financial Intelligence Unit (NFIU) 24<sup>th</sup>- 25<sup>th</sup> January 2024
  - Africa Natural Resources and Energy Investment Summit (AFNIS) 16<sup>th</sup>- 17<sup>th</sup> July 2024.
  - Template Workshop for the NEITI 2022-2023 Solid Minerals Industry Report & Training on the 2023 EITI standard 3<sup>rd</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> May 2024.
  - NEITI 2022-2023 Solid Minerals Audit Tripartite Reconciliation meeting 25<sup>th</sup> August 2024
  - Nigeria Mining Week 18<sup>th</sup>- 20<sup>th</sup> November 2024.
- vi. 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.
- vii. Support in the development of strategic goals of the Office – Development of short- and long-term goals.
- viii. Provision of different filters of MCO data on demand by different organizations including; Government, NGO's, Individuals, Academia, Investors or Mineral Title Holders etc.

- ix. Mandatory orientation of RDS Team.
- x. Collating data cleaning exercise and attending to queries on geometric amendment.
- xi. Development of data for MCO Mineral Title Inventory
- xii. Conceptualizing and supervising MCO Pavilion during the Nigeria Mining Week and other conferences.
- xiii. Conceptualizing MCO sensitization programmes
- xiv. Communication with GAF and MinDiver

### **14.3 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

### **RECOMMENDATION**

- i. There is need to have an additional staff to make the work flow easier.

## 15.0 PROTOCOL UNIT

### 15.1 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.

### 15.2 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.

### 15.3 ACTIVITIES/EVENTS

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

S/N	EVENT	DATE	DURATION
1.	Future Minerals Forum (FMF) 2024 held in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia	January	2 days
2.	Investing in African Mining Indaba, Cape Town, South Africa	February	4 days
3.	Prospector and Developers Association of Canada (PDAC)	March,	4 days
4.	Africa Down Under Conference Perth, Australia	September	3 days
5.	West and Central Africa AMREC-PARC	October	3 days

	Implementation and public Sensitisation Workshop		
6.	Mines and Money International Conference	December	2 days

Table 27: Some international mining events the Office attended in 2024

## 16.0 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

## 17.0 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.



## 18.0 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 2024.

- i. Production of Thematic Mapping of Mineral Title Restricted (Protected) Areas in Nigeria Mining Cadastre for integration into the MCO Digital Database.
- ii. Exponential increase in Mineral Title Application submission by investors in the mining sector.
- iii. 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.
- iv. Sustained the use of the eMC+ system.
- v. Issuance of Mineral Titles.
- vi. Approved the transfer of Mineral Titles to different holders.
- vii. Approved the renewal of different Mineral Titles.
- viii. Approved and endorsed other types of modifications.
- ix. Resolved several conflicts arising from consents and concession areas.
- x. Generated N12.578billion in revenue.

## **19.0 YEAR 2024 PHOTO GALLERY OF ACTIVITIES OF THE OFFICE**



PS MSMD, Dr. Mary Ogbe (6<sup>th</sup> from Left), DG- MCO, Engr. Obadiah Simon Nkom (8<sup>th</sup> from left) and other Dignitaries after the opening ceremony at the 5th National Council on Mining and Mineral Resources Development (NCMMRD) held at the Banquet Hall, opp Government House, Ilorin Kwara State from 15<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup>, January



Group photo: DG- MCO, Engr. O. S Nkom; HRH, Emir of Azara, Dr. Kabiru Musa Ibrahim with other Stakeholders and MCO Management staff after a successful stakeholder meeting held on Monday, 22<sup>nd</sup> January, 2024.



MCO staff lead by Surv. Dakup Asst. D(Survey) during a discussion session at the Two-day workshop for Self-Regulatory Bodies (SRBS) on implementation of Preventive Measures organized by Nigerian Financial Intelligence Unit (NFIU) held at Hawthorn Suites Area 11 Garki 24<sup>th</sup> -25<sup>th</sup> January, 2024



Mr. Francisco Igualada and MinDiver representative Mr. Akintunde Babarinde with MCO Management Staff in a meeting reviewing pending issues and challenges on eMC+ at MCO Conference room on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> January, 2024



Group photograph of Nigerian Delegates led by Honourable Minister, MSMD, Dr. Oladele Alake; DG-MCO, Engr. O. S Nkom, ES SMD, Haj. Fatima Shinkafi and other VIPs after signing agreement for the establishment of Africa Minerals Strategy Group (AMSG) being a side event of Indaba Conference on Monday, 5<sup>th</sup> January, 2024.



DG-MCO, Engr O. S Nkom receiving, in his Office, Trade Commissioner of the Deputy High Commission of Canada to Nigeria, Godwin Eni Aigbokhan during a Courtesy visit to MCO on Tuesday, 13<sup>th</sup> February 2024.



L-R: PC MinDiver, Mr. Salim Salim, DG- MCO, Engr. O. S Nkom, Ambassador Obioma Nzekuji, DG- NGSA, Dr. Rasaq and a VIP Nigerian delegate at PDAC 2024 which held at Sheraton Hotel, Toronto, Canada from March 3rd - 7th, 2024.



Group photograph: Chairman House Committee Solid Minerals Hon. Gaza Honathan Gbepwi, DG-MCO Engr. O.S. Nkom with other Honourable Members of the Committee and Management Staff of MCO at the end of Committee Members' oversight visit to MCO on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March, 2024.



2<sup>nd</sup> Left: Permanent Secretary MSMD, Dr. Mary Ogbe, with DG-MCO Engr. O.S. Nkom, (1<sup>st</sup> left) DG-NGSA Dr. Rasaq Garba (3<sup>rd</sup> left) and Registrar, COMEG, Prof. Zacchius Opafunso at the Opening of the 2024 Ministerial Step – Down Retreat held at the Wells Carlton Hotel and Apartment, Asokoro from Friday 26<sup>th</sup> – Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> April, 2024.



Project Manager (GAF) Mr. Thomas Weißmann and MCO Management Staff during a recap meeting with GAF onsite mission as part of the activities of the phase II Maintenance Contract, which commenced 29th April to 3rd May 2024 held at MCO conference hall.





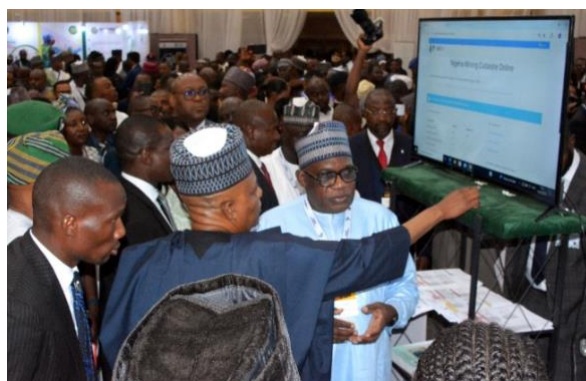
Panelists photograph: DG MCO Engr. O.S. Nkom (2<sup>nd</sup> left); ES SMDF Hajiya Fatima Shinkafi (1<sup>st</sup> right) and other Captains of Industry after the panel session at the Nasarawa Investment Summit 202 from 15<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> May, 2024. Tagged “The Industrial Renaissance” holding at Aliyu Akwe Doma Banquet Hall, Lafia, Nasarawa State.



DG- MCO, Engr. O. S Nkom in a group photograph with MCO special Delegates to China after their presentation of certificates on seminar of Development & Management of Mineral Resources for Government Officials in China from 12th - 25th June, 2024. The presentation held at the Conference room on Wednesday, 3rd July, 2024



Group photograph: Vice President, His Excellency Kashim Shettima; HM, MSMD, Dr. Dele Alake; HMS, Ministry of Environment, Dr. Adekunle Salako; Mining Ministers from Malawi, Sierra- Leone, Chad & Liberia; PS, MSMD, Dr. Mary Ogbe; DG- MCO, Engr. O. S Nkom and other dignitaries at the Opening Ceremony of the Africa Natural Resources and Energy Investment Summit (AFNIS) at the Banquet Hall, Presidential Villa, Abuja on Wednesday, July



His Excellency, the Vice President of Nigeria, Kashim Shettima making observations on the electronic Mining Cadastre System – eMC+ while the DG- MCO, Engr. Obadiiah Simon Nkom



DG- MCO, Engr. Obadiiah Simon Nkom with President NMGS, Prof. Olatunji (left) attending the Opening of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual International Conference of the Nigerian Association of Exploration Geophysicists for Geoscientists and Engineers tagged “Abuja 2024” on Monday, 19<sup>th</sup> August, 2024 holding at Haris Hotel and Suites, Abuja.



Head RDS, Mrs. Muhammad Hannatu Indo with representatives of mining companies conducting records reconciliation at the NEITI 2022 – 2023 Solid Minerals Audit Tripartite Reconciliation meeting on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> August, 2024 which held at Black Diamond Hotel, V. I Lagos.



From left: Australian Minister of Foreign Affairs, Hon. Tim Watts; DG-MCO, Engr. O.S. Nkom and DG-NGSA Prof. Ige during the Opening Ceremony of the African Down under 2024 Conference on Wednesday, 4<sup>th</sup> September, 2024 at the Pan Pacific Hotel, Perth Australia.



DG, NMCO, Engr. Obadiah Simon Nkom with Australian High Commissioner, Her Excellency, Leilani Bin-Juda and Second Secretary Australian High Commission, Anton Bouckley in DG's Office after a brief meeting on Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> September, 2024.



2nd right: DG- MCO, Engr. Obadiah Simon Nkom with other participants in a group photograph at the ongoing West and Central Africa AMREC-PARC Implementation and public sensitization workshop taking place at Fleur De Lys Hotel Dakar Senegal from 29-31 October 2024.



Head, RDS, Mrs Muhammad Hannatu Indo and Mr. Timothy Aguzebe on Day 2 of NEITI 2022- 2023 Solid Minerals Audit Tripartite Reconciliation meeting ongoing at Black Diamond Hotel, V. I, Lagos October, 2023





DG- MCO, Engr. O. S Nkom making presentation on "The Activities of the Nigeria Mining Cadastre" during the Oversight Function visit to MCO by the Senate Committee on Solid Minerals Development held in the Conference Room on Monday, 4th November, 2024



DG- MCO, Engr. O. S Nkom with Chairman, Committee on Solid Minerals Development, Sen. Dr. Sampson (middle) and Vice Chairman, Sen. Kabiru Mustapha (2nd right) and distinguished members of the Committee after performing their Oversight Function visit to MCO on Monday, 4th November, 2024 held at MCO Conference Room



Cross-section of MCO Staff and Resource Personnel during the First Aid Training organized by Solid Mineral Development Fund (SMDF) 13th -14th November 2024 held at Immaculate Luxury Hotel, Lobito Crescent Wuse 2 Abuja.



DG-MCO, Engr. Obadiah Simon Nkom making presentation on "The Role of Mining Cadastre Office" during the ground finale of the 9th Edition of Nigeria Mining Week (NMW), on Wednesday 20th November 2024 at Abuja Continental Hotel.



PS, MSMD, Dr. Mary Ogbe with DG- MCO, Engr. Obadiah Simon Nkom, DG- NGSA, Prof. Ige (2nd left) and other VIP Delegates after the Masterclass session at the Nigeria Mining Week on Monday, 18 November, 2024.



Group Photograph: HM, MSMD, Dr. Henry Dele Alake; HM, MSMD Prince Shuaibu Audu and PS, MSMD Dr. Mary Ogbe with DG-MCO Engr. Obadiah Simon Nkom and other Stakeholders visiting the MCO pavilion during the 9th Edition of Nigeria Mining Week (NMW) held from 18th-20th November 2024 at the Abuja Continental Hotel.



MCO pavilion at the 9<sup>th</sup> Edition of Nigeria Mining Week (NMW) held from 18<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> November 2024 at the Abuja Continental Hotel.



HM, MSMD, Dr. Oladele Alake with Vice Minister for Mining Affairs, Saudi Arabia, Khalid Saleh Al-Mudaifer and DG- MCO, Engr. Obadiah Simon Nkom at the ongoing Mines and Money International Conference holding at Business Design Centre Upper Street, London, United Kingdom on Thursday, 5<sup>th</sup> December, 2024.



L- R: Director, Investment Promotion & Mineral Trade, Mrs Ester Udo; DG- MCO, Engr. O. S Nkom; 4<sup>th</sup> left HM, MSMD, Dr. Oladele Alake with some investors; DG- NGSA, Prof. Ige; ES- SMDF, Hajia Fatima Shikafi and SA to HM, Mr. Kehinde Bamigbetan at the Nigerian Exhibition Booth during the ongoing Mines and Money Conference holding at Business Design Centre Upper Street, London, United Kingdom from 3<sup>rd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> December, 2024.



Cross section of MCO Finance & Account Staff during a training on Bottom-Up Cash Planning using Government Integrated Financial Management Information System (GIFMIS) held at MCO Conference hall on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December, 2024.



DG-MCO, Engr. O. S. Nkom in group photograph with the GIZ and NFUI Team and MCO staff after the meeting held at the Conference Room on the Implementation of Nigeria's International Country Risk Guide (ICRG) on Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> December, 2024





DG-MCO, Engr. O. S. Nkom at the 2024 FRCN Annual Lecture and Awards ceremony held at the NICON Luxury Hotel, Abuja on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December, 2024



L-R ECOWAS Consultant Mr. Pius A. Azuka, Head (RDS) Mrs. Muhammad Hannatu Indo Rep HM/IPMT MSMD, Dr. Kalu Iroakai and Liberian Cadastre Officer, Mr. James Yamoah at the National Experts Review meeting on the Draft 2<sup>nd</sup> Report to establish the ECOWAS Geo-Extractives Observatory held at Lime Ridge Hotel Lagos from 18<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup> December, 2024



Photo of participants from ECOWAS countries during a session of the review of the draft 2<sup>nd</sup> Report to establish the ECOWAS Geo-Extractives Observatory and Cadastre System held at Lime Ridge Hotel Lagos from 19<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> December, 2024