



ZIMBABWE

MINISTRY OF MINES AND MINING DEVELOPMENT

**PRESS STATEMENT ON BAN OF EXPORT OF RAW MINERALS
AND LITHIUM CONCENTRATE**

The Ministry of Mines and Mining Development wishes to advise all stakeholders that Government has suspended export of all raw minerals and lithium concentrates with immediate effect until further notice. This suspension includes all minerals currently in transit. To this effect, ZIMRA, MMCZ and Regulators are advised to observe the suspension without exception. Government expects cooperation of the Mining Industry on this measure which has been taken in the National Interest.

The Ministry of Mines and Mining Development will be engaging the industry in the near future on new expectations and way forward.

The Ministry of Mines and Mining Development wishes to advise all stakeholders in the mining sector that Government remains committed to ensuring transparency, in-country value addition and beneficiation, compliance, and accountability in the exportation of Zimbabwe's mineral resources. The Ministry hereby outlines the mandatory requirements governing the export of all other minerals.

1. Eligibility to Export

Only mining companies holding valid mining titles and approved beneficiation plants will be authorised to export minerals. Agents and third-party traders are not authorised to export minerals on behalf of mining title holders.

2. Mandatory Supporting Documentation

In addition to other supporting documents for export permit applications, applicants must also attach the following:

a. Recommendation letter from the relevant Provincial Mining Office, clearly stating:

- Beneficiation capacity
- Compliance status with Ministry regulations and statutory requirements

- b. The applicant should declare mineral composition of the export consignment.

The Ministry will at any time test to verify the mineral composition of each consignment. No application will be processed without full compliance with the above requirements

3. Regulatory Compliance

All stakeholders are advised that ZIMRA, MMCZ, and other regulatory authorities will strictly enforce these requirements. Any mineral exports not supported by valid export permits and complete documentation shall be denied clearance.

Continuation of an expired or already exhausted export permit is a serious offence that warrants withdrawal of export permit and mining title. Government reiterates that these measures are being implemented in the national interest, to enhance mineral accountability, promote beneficiation, and maximise value retention within Zimbabwe.

The Ministry will continue engaging stakeholders to ensure smooth implementation of these measures and to support compliant operators.

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