

ORDER No. 082 /PM of 09 JUN 2025 to  
lay down the organisation and functioning of the Mining Agreement  
Negotiation Framework

**THE PRIME MINISTER, HEAD OF GOVERNMENT,**

- Mindful of ~~the Constitution~~;
- Mindful of Law No. 2018/012 of 11 July 2018 on the Financial Regime of the State and other Entities;
- Mindful of Law No. 2023/014 of 19 December 2023 relating to the Mining Code;
- Mindful of Decree No. 2018/190 of 2 March 2018 to amend and supplement some provisions of Decree No. 2011/408 of 9 December 2011 to organise the Government;
- Mindful of Decree No. 92/089 of 4 May 1992 to specify the duties of the Prime Minister, as amended and supplemented by Decree No. 95/145 bis of 4 August 1995;
- Mindful of Decree No. 2012/432 of 1 October 2012 to organise the Ministry of Mines, Industry and Technological Development;
- Mindful of Decree No. 2019/001 of 4 January 2019 to appoint a Prime Minister, Head of Government;
- Mindful of Decree No. 2019/002 of 4 January 2019 to reorganise the Government;
- Mindful of Decree No. 2020/749 of 14 December 2020 to set up the National Mining Corporation,

**HEREBY ORDERS AS FOLLOWS:**

**CHAPTER I**

**GENERAL PROVISIONS**

**ARTICLE 1.-** This Order lays down the organisation and functioning of the Mining Agreement Negotiation Framework, provided for in Section 40, sub-

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section 2 of Law No. 2023/014 of 19 December 2023 relating to the Mining Code, hereinafter referred to as “**the Negotiation Framework**”.

**ARTICLE 2.-** The Negotiation Framework shall be placed under the supervision of the National Mining Corporation.

**ARTICLE 3.-** The mission of the Negotiation Framework shall be to negotiate mining agreements in Cameroon on behalf of the State.

In this regard, it shall:

- ensure the feasibility, sustainability and profitability of mining projects;
- ensure that negotiated mining agreements comply with the provisions of the Mining Code as well as laws and regulations in force;
- guarantee the protection of the State's economic and social interests in mining agreements;
- negotiate favourable rates for the State in the production sharing margin provided for by the law in force;
- safeguard and guarantee the best employment conditions for Cameroonians working on mining projects;
- ensure that measures that safeguard hygiene, health and environmental protection are taken into consideration in mining agreements;
- ensure that all other measures protecting the interests of the State are included in mining agreements.

## **CHAPTER II** **ORGANISATION AND FUNCTIONING**

### **SECTION I** **ORGANISATION**

**ARTICLE 4.-** (1) The Negotiation Framework shall be composed as follows:

**Chairperson:** The General Manager of the National Mining Corporation

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**Members:**

- three (3) representatives of the Ministry in charge of mines:
  - the Director of Mines;
  - the Director of Geology;
  - the Head of the Legal Affairs Division.
- two (2) representatives of the Ministry of Finance:
  - one (1) representative of the Directorate General of Taxation;
  - one (1) representative of the Directorate General of Customs;
- one (1) representative of the Ministry in charge of land tenure;
- one (1) representative of the Ministry in charge of the environment;
- one (1) representative of the Ministry in charge of labour;
- one (1) representative of the Ministry in charge of employment;
- one (1) representative of each Council in the area where the envisaged mining site is located;
- three (3) representatives of the National Mining Corporation.

(2) Members of the Negotiation Framework shall be appointed by the Government services and bodies to which they belong.

(3) The Chairperson may invite any natural or legal person to take part in a session in an advisory capacity, by virtue of their competence on the issues featuring on the agenda.

(4) The composition of the Negotiation Framework shall be established by the General Manager of the National Mining Corporation.

**ARTICLE 5.** - For the discharge of its duties, the Negotiation Framework shall have a Technical Secretariat and a pool of experts.

**ARTICLE 6.** - (1) The Technical Secretariat of the Negotiation Framework shall be responsible for:

- the practical organisation of negotiations;
- drawing up documents to be submitted to the members of the Negotiation Framework;



- reviewing the draft Mining Agreement;
- drawing up the presentation memo of the draft Mining Agreement;
- compiling, managing, and archiving the documents of the Negotiation Framework;
- drawing up the report on deliberations;
- carrying out any other tasks assigned to it by the Negotiation Framework.

(2) The National Mining Corporation shall manage the Technical Secretariat of the Negotiation Framework.

**ARTICLE 7.** - (1) The pool of experts shall assist the Negotiation Framework in preparing its technical, financial and legal deliberations.

(2) Experts shall be recruited at the discretion of the General Manager of the National Mining Corporation, who shall determine their term of office and remuneration. They may not exceed 5 (five) in number.

## **SECTION II** **FUNCTIONING**

**ARTICLE 8.** (1) The Negotiation Framework shall meet as and when necessary, when convened by its Chairperson. It may validly deliberate only when at least two-thirds (2/3) of its members are present or represented.

(2) The decisions of the Negotiation Framework shall be taken by a simple majority of members present or represented. In the event of a tie, the Chairperson shall have the casting vote.

**ARTICLE 9.** - (1) Any member who is unavoidably absent during a session of the Negotiation Framework may be represented by another member.

(2) No member shall represent more than one member at any given session.

(3) Any member present or represented at a session of the Negotiation Framework shall be considered as having been duly convened.

**ARTICLE 10.** - Where the Chairperson is unavoidably absent, the Negotiation Framework shall elect a session Chairperson from among its members, by a simple majority of members present or represented.

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**ARTICLE 11.** - (1) The Negotiation Framework shall deliberate on all the items featuring on the agenda proposed either by the Chairperson or at the request of two-thirds (2/3) of its members.

(2) Convening notices together with a draft agenda and files to be examined shall be forwarded to members at least seven (7) days prior to the scheduled date of the session.

(3) At the end of the negotiations, a report including the draft Mining Agreement shall be forwarded to the Minister in charge of mines.

### CHAPTER III

#### MISCELLANEOUS AND FINAL PROVISIONS

**ARTICLE 12.-** (1) The Chairperson, members of the Negotiation Framework, rapporteur and the persons invited in an advisory capacity shall be entitled to a session allowance, the amount of which shall be determined pursuant to the regulations in force.

(2) They may also be entitled to the reimbursement of expenses incurred within the framework of sessions of the Negotiation Framework, upon presentation of supporting documents.

**ARTICLE 13.** - The running expenses of the Negotiation Framework shall be borne by the budget of the National Mining Corporation.

**ARTICLE 14.** - This Order, which takes effect from the date of signature, shall be registered, published according to the procedure of urgency and inserted in the Official Gazette in English and French /-

Yaounde, 09 JUIN 2025

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