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PUBLIC NOTIFICATION ON STRATEGIC MINERALS

The Cabinet on its **3rd October 2023** sitting declared **14 Minerals as Strategic**. This means that any activity touching on the specified minerals including prospecting, mining, trading, dealing or processing was to be undertaken by or in partnership with **The National Mining Corporation (NAMICO)**.

Consequently, the Cabinet Secretary for Mining, Blue Economy and Maritime Affairs on **3rd November 2023** gazetted the 14 Strategic Minerals in the **Gazette Notice Vide No.14732**.

To this end, dealing in Any Strategic Minerals, contrary to the **Mining Act, 2016** and The **Mining (Strategic Minerals) Regulations, 2017** is an offence punishable by law.

Despite the robust measures instituted by the Ministry to safeguard these 14 Strategic Minerals, it has come to our attention that unscrupulous individuals, in total disregard of the law, have been **Prospecting, Mining and Dealing** in Strategic Minerals particularly **Copper, Coltan and Chromite**.

Such acts are in total disregard of the law protecting the Minerals and those individuals operate in total contravention of the laid-down procedures as stipulated in the Mining Act, 2016 and Mining (Strategic Minerals) Regulations, 2017.

This is hereby to notify the general public that anyone found dealing in such minerals against the provision of the Mining Act, 2016 and Strategic Mineral Regulations 2017 shall be dealt with according to the law.

As a Ministry, we are committed to execute the reforms in the Mining Sector to the fullest. This includes total protection of strategic minerals from merchants of impunity who are attempting to plunder our mineral resource through circumventing the law for selfish gains.

Hassan Ali Joho,
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