



**OBSERVATIONS FROM THE VETTING  
COMMITTEE**

**INTER-MINISTERIAL  
COMMITTEE ON ILLEGAL  
MINING**

**DECEMBER 2018**

# OBSERVATIONS

- 931 concession documents were submitted
- 848 or 91% were vetted
- Of these, 339 were partially endorsed
- 499 are pending endorsement.



# OBSERVATIONS

- To qualify for full endorsement the following should be satisfied:
  - Acquisition of insurance policy for workers;
  - Acquisition of water use permit;
  - Registration of workers for social security payments;
  - Usage of Personal Protection Equipment;
  - Safety and environmental stewardship; and
  - Non-usage of foreigners as workers.




# OBSERVATIONS

- Nationwide, 165 companies, groups and enterprises satisfied these conditions
- 184 had problems with the TIN
- Four (4) with Mineral rights agreements (licenses)
- 420 had issues with EPA permit and
- 665 had problems with the Operating Permit.



# CHALLENGES

- Forged Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) documents;
  - Groups in which some members could not be traced;
  - Supposed owners who do not have their names on registration documents;
  - Linkage gap between enterprise TIN and that of owners;
  - Few leaders or one leader claiming ownership from Group ownership;
  - Re-assigning of concessions without re-routing it through the Minerals Commission;
  - Mining without appropriate permits;
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# CHALLENGES

- Change of company ownership at the Registrar General's Office that does not reflect on the license;
- Impersonation attempts;
- Minors used to obtain mineral licenses in the quest to have more concessions;
- Falsified group membership in order to acquire mineral license;
- Extensive mining outside legal concessions;
- Non-availability of EPA and Operating Permits; and
- Incomplete mineral agreements.



Thank you

