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DENKYIRA DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION (DDA) CALLS FOR REVIEW OF L.I. 2462

1. The Denkyira Development Association (DDA) has noted with concern recent press reports that a mining firm has filed an application with the Minerals Commission for a permit to mine within the borders of the Kakum Forest Reserve. Whilst acknowledging the quick rebuttal and release by the Minerals Commission that it had refused the application, DDA is of the conviction that the Legislative Instrument (L.I) 2462 which formed the basis of the application must be reviewed by Parliament.
2. As a community organization dedicated to the preservation and sustainable development of the Denkyira State, which is partly covered by the Kakum National Park, DDA strongly expresses disapproval of any activity that may pose a threat to our precious natural resources.
3. The Denkyira Development Association firmly believes that the Kakum Forest Reserve, renowned for its rich biodiversity and cultural heritage, is an ecological treasure that demands our utmost protection. The Association notes that the reserve plays an indispensable role in supporting Ghana's tourism industry, attracting visitors from all over the world who come to admire its breathtaking beauty, and the canopy walkway and immerse themselves in its natural wonders.
4. We express our concern regarding the long-term impact of this legislation and therefore, we call upon the Parliament of Ghana to conduct a thorough review of LI -2462 to ensure that it aligns with the principles of sustainable development and provides adequate protection for our cherished natural resources. We further implore the Minerals Commission to stick to its earlier stance so that no portion of the park is leased to any individual or company for the purpose of mining activities. ***DDA will vigorously resist any form of mining in the Kakum Forest Reserve.***
5. DDA extends an open invitation to all stakeholders, including Government Agencies, the Traditional Council, Civil Society Organizations, Environmentalists, and Concerned Citizens, to collaborate and engage in productive dialogue to find equitable solutions that balance the needs of development, while preserving our natural heritage. We firmly believe that by working together, we can find alternatives that promote sustainable economic growth without compromising the integrity of our environment.
6. Denkyira Development Association is a non-profit making, non-denominational, and non-partisan and seeks the common good and total development of the Denkyira State. We seek to promote sustainable development practices, protect the environment, and uplift the welfare of the people in our community.

Signed

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